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S. 2296

AN ACT

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Defense Au-
 5 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026”.

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TITLE LXIV—PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

- Sec. 5401. Foreign information manipulation and interference strategy.
- Sec. 5402. Lifting the prohibition on use of Federal funds for World's Fair pavilions and exhibits.

TITLE LXV—DIPLOMATIC SECURITY AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS

- Sec. 5501. Report concerning Department of State consular officers joining Coast Guard and Navy missions to Pacific island countries.
- Sec. 5502. Report on security conditions in Damascus, Syria, required for the reopening of the United States diplomatic mission.
- Sec. 5503. Embassies, consulates, and other diplomatic installations return to standards report.
- Sec. 5504. Visa operations report.
- Sec. 5505. Reauthorization of overtime pay for protective services.

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- Sec. 5551. Submission of federally funded research and development center reports to Congress.
- Sec. 5552. Quarterly report on diplomatic pouch access.
- Sec. 5553. Report on utility of instituting a processing fee for ITAR license applications.
- Sec. 5554. HAVANA Act payment fix.
- Sec. 5555. Establishing an inner Mongolia section within the United States embassy in Beijing.
- Sec. 5556. Report on United States Mission Australia staffing.
- Sec. 5557. Facilitating regulatory exchanges with allies and partners.
- Sec. 5558. Pilot program to audit barriers to commerce in developing partner countries.
- Sec. 5559. Strategy for promoting supply chain diversification.
- Sec. 5560. Extensions.
- Sec. 5561. Permitting for international bridges and land ports of entry.
- Sec. 5562. Updating counterterrorism reports.

1 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES.**

2 In this Act, the term “congressional defense commit-
3 tees” has the meaning given that term in section
4 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code.

5 **SEC. 4. BUDGETARY EFFECTS OF THIS ACT.**

6 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purposes
7 of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of
8 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest state-
9 ment titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation”
10 for this Act, jointly submitted for printing in the Congres-
11 sional Record by the Chairmen of the House and Senate
12 Budget Committees, provided that such statement has
13 been submitted prior to the vote on passage in the House
14 acting first on the conference report or amendment be-
15 tween the Houses.

16 **DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF**
17 **DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS**
18 **TITLE I—PROCUREMENT**
19 **Subtitle A—Authorization of**
20 **Appropriations**

21 **SEC. 101. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
23 fiscal year 2026 for procurement for the Army, the Navy
24 and the Marine Corps, the Air Force and the Space Force,
25 and Defense-wide activities, as specified in the funding
26 table in section 4101.

1 **Subtitle B—Army Programs**

2 **SEC. 111. STRATEGY FOR ARMY TACTICAL WHEELED VEHI-** 3 **CLE PROGRAM.**

4 Section 112(a) of the National Defense Authorization
5 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 7013 note; Public
6 Law 118–31) is amended by inserting “2027,” after “fis-
7 cal years 2025,”.

8 **Subtitle C—Navy Programs**

9 **SEC. 121. PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY FOR COLUMBIA-** 10 **CLASS SUBMARINE PROGRAM.**

11 (a) **PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY.**—Beginning in fiscal
12 year 2026, the Secretary of the Navy may enter into one
13 or more contracts for the procurement of not more than
14 five Columbia-class submarines.

15 (b) **CONDITION FOR OUT-YEAR CONTRACT PAY-**
16 **MENTS.**—A contract entered into under subsection (a)
17 shall provide that any obligation of the United States to
18 make a payment under the contract for a fiscal year after
19 fiscal year 2026 is subject to the availability of appropria-
20 tions or funds for that purpose for such later fiscal year.

21 (c) **LIMITATION ON TERMINATION LIABILITY.**—A
22 contract for the construction of Columbia-class sub-
23 marines entered into under subsection (a) shall include a
24 clause that limits the liability of the United States to the
25 contractor for any termination of the contract. The max-

1 imum liability of the United States under the clause shall
2 be limited to the total amount of funding obligated to the
3 contract at the time of termination.

4 **SEC. 122. PROCUREMENT AUTHORITIES FOR MEDIUM**
5 **LANDING SHIPS.**

6 (a) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—During fiscal years 2026
8 and 2027, the Secretary of the Navy may enter into
9 one or more contracts for the procurement of not
10 more than 15 Medium Landing Ships.

11 (2) PROCUREMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH EX-
12 ISTING CONTRACTS.—The ships authorized to be
13 procured under paragraph (1) may be procured as
14 additions to existing contracts covering the Medium
15 Landing Ship program.

16 (b) CERTIFICATION REQUIRED.—A contract may not
17 be entered into under subsection (a) unless the Secretary
18 of the Navy certifies to the congressional defense commit-
19 tees, in writing, not later than 30 days before entry into
20 the contract, each of the following, which shall be prepared
21 by the milestone decision authority (as defined in section
22 4251(e) of title 10, United States Code) for the Medium
23 Landing Ship program:

1 (1) The use of such a contract is consistent
2 with the Department of the Navy's projected force
3 structure requirements for such ships.

4 (2) The use of such a contract will result in sig-
5 nificant savings compared to the total anticipated
6 costs of carrying out the program through annual
7 contracts.

8 (3) There is a reasonable expectation that
9 throughout the contemplated contract period the
10 Secretary of the Navy will request funding for the
11 contract at the level required to avoid contract can-
12 cellation.

13 (4) There is a stable design for the property to
14 be acquired and the technical risks associated with
15 such property are not excessive.

16 (5) The estimates of the cost of the contract
17 and the anticipated cost avoidance through the use
18 of the contract are realistic.

19 (6) During the fiscal year in which the contract
20 is to be awarded—

21 (A) sufficient funds will be available to
22 perform the contract in such fiscal year; and

23 (B) the future-years defense program sub-
24 mitted to Congress under section 221 of title
25 10, United States Code, for such fiscal year will

1 include the funding required to execute the pro-
 2 gram without cancellation.

3 (c) **AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCE PROCUREMENT.**—The
 4 Secretary of the Navy may enter into one or more con-
 5 tracts for advance procurement associated with the ships
 6 for which authorization to enter into a contract is provided
 7 under subsection (a), and for systems and subsystems as-
 8 sociated with such ships in economic order quantities when
 9 cost savings are achievable.

10 (d) **CONDITION FOR OUT-YEAR CONTRACT PAY-**
 11 **MENTS.**—A contract entered into under subsection (a)
 12 shall provide that any obligation of the United States to
 13 make a payment under the contract for a fiscal year is
 14 subject to the availability of appropriations for that pur-
 15 pose for such fiscal year.

16 **SEC. 123. RECAPITALIZATION OF NAVY WATERBORNE SE-**
 17 **CURITY BARRIERS; MODIFICATION OF PROHI-**
 18 **BITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
 19 **LEGACY WATERBORNE SECURITY BARRIERS.**

20 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 130 of the John S.
 21 McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
 22 Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 132 Stat. 1665), as
 23 most recently amended by section 123 of the Servicemem-
 24 ber Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense

1 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–
2 159), is further amended—

3 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**RE-**
4 **CAPITALIZATION**” after “**BARRIERS**”;

5 (2) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) by striking “subsections (b) and (c)”
7 and inserting “subsection (b)”; and

8 (B) by striking “through 2025” and in-
9 serting “through 2026”;

10 (3) by striking subsection (b);

11 (4) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
12 subsections (b) and (c), respectively;

13 (5) in subsection (c), as so redesignated, by
14 striking “subsection (c)(2)” and inserting “sub-
15 section (b)(2)”; and

16 (6) by adding at the end the following new sub-
17 section (d):

18 “(d) RECAPITALIZATION.—

19 “(1) PLAN SUBMISSION.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April
21 1, 2026, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit
22 to the congressional defense committees a re-
23 capitalization plan to replace legacy waterborne
24 security barriers for Navy ports.

1 “(B) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by
2 subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

3 “(i) A Navy requirements document
4 that specifies key performance parameters
5 and key system attributes for new water-
6 borne security barriers for Navy ports.

7 “(ii) A certification that the level of
8 capability specified under clause (i) will ex-
9 ceed that of legacy waterborne security
10 barriers for Navy ports.

11 “(iii) The acquisition strategy for the
12 recapitalization of waterborne security bar-
13 riers for Navy ports, which shall meet or
14 exceed the requirements specified under
15 clause (i).

16 “(iv) A certification that any contract
17 for new waterborne security barriers for a
18 Navy port will be awarded in accordance
19 with the requirements for full and open
20 competition set forth in sections 3201
21 through 3205 of title 10, United States
22 Code.

23 “(2) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of the
24 Navy shall implement the plan required by para-
25 graph (1) by not later than September 30, 2027.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of contents
 2 in section 2(b) of the John S. McCain National Defense
 3 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, and at the begin-
 4 ning of title I of division A of such Act, are each amended
 5 by striking the item relating to section 130 and inserting
 6 the following new item:

“Sec. 130. Prohibition on availability of funds for Navy port waterborne secu-
 rity barriers; recapitalization.”.

7 **SEC. 124. MODIFICATION TO LIMITATIONS ON NAVY ME-**
 8 **DIUM AND LARGE UNMANNED SURFACE VES-**
 9 **SELS.**

10 (a) REPEAL.—Section 122 of the William M. (Mac)
 11 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
 12 Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3425) is re-
 13 pealed.

14 (b) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of the Navy may
 15 not award a detail design or construction contract or other
 16 agreement, or obligate funds from a procurement account,
 17 for a covered program unless such contract or other agree-
 18 ment includes a requirement for an operational dem-
 19 onstration of not less than 720 continuous hours without
 20 preventative maintenance, corrective maintenance, emer-
 21 gent repair, or any other form of repair or maintenance,
 22 on any of the following:

23 (1) The main propulsion system, including the
 24 fuel and lube oil systems.

1 (2) The electrical generation and distribution
2 system.

3 (c) CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary of the Navy may
4 not accept delivery of articles constructed under a contract
5 or other agreement for a covered program until the Sec-
6 retary certifies to the congressional defense committees
7 that the operational demonstration described in subsection
8 (b) has been successfully completed.

9 (d) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of the Navy may
10 not make contract financing payments for a contract or
11 other agreement entered into for a covered program great-
12 er than 90 percent for small businesses and 80 percent
13 for all other businesses until the certification described in
14 subsection (c) is submitted.

15 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) COVERED PROGRAM.—The term “covered
17 program” means a program for—

18 (A) medium unmanned surface vessels; or

19 (B) large unmanned surface vessels.

20 (2) OPERATIONAL DEMONSTRATION.—The term
21 “operational demonstration” means a land-based or
22 sea-based test of the systems concerned in vessel-
23 representative form, fit, and function.

1 **SEC. 125. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
2 **TAGOS SHIP PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **LIMITATION.**—None of the funds authorized to
4 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available
5 for fiscal year 2026 for the Navy may be obligated or ex-
6 pended for the scope of work, including priced or unpriced
7 options, for the construction, advance procurement, or
8 long-lead material of any ships in the TAGOS surveillance
9 towed-array sensor system ship program unless the Sec-
10 retary of the Navy submits the report described in sub-
11 section (b) to the Committee on Armed Service of the Sen-
12 ate and the Committee on Armed Services of the House
13 of Representatives not later than 90 days after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act.

15 (b) **REPORT.**—The Secretary of the Navy shall sub-
16 mit to the Committee on Armed Service of the Senate and
17 the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives a report on the following:

19 (1) Progress made on basic and functional de-
20 sign completion for TAGOS surveillance towed-array
21 sensor system ships and how compliance with section
22 8669c of title 10, United States Code, will be main-
23 tained.

24 (2) The accuracy, timeliness, and completeness
25 of the Navy's provisioning of contract baseline de-
26 sign, general arrangement drawings, and other gov-

1 ernment-furnished information to the prime con-
2 tractor for such ships.

3 (3) The ability of the functional design of such
4 ships to meet program requirements, including speed
5 requirements.

6 (4) The adherence of the Navy to performance-
7 based requirements and the ability of the prime con-
8 tractor for such ships to make design choices to
9 meet those requirements, commensurate with its re-
10 sponsibility for cost and schedule in the contract
11 structure.

12 (5) Alternative solutions to meeting the general
13 set of Navy requirements for anti-submarine warfare
14 covered by such ships, including unmanned solu-
15 tions.

16 **SEC. 126. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS RELAT-**
17 **ING TO AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE SHIP RE-**
18 **QUIREMENT.**

19 (a) PLAN REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Navy
20 shall submit with the defense budget materials for fiscal
21 year 2027 (as submitted to Congress in support of the
22 budget of the President under section 1105(a) of title 31,
23 United States Code) a 30-year shipbuilding plan that
24 meets the requirement under section 8062(b) of title 10,

1 United States Code, to maintain 31 amphibious warfare
2 ships.

3 (b) CERTIFICATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
4 Defense shall submit with the defense budget materials
5 for fiscal year 2027 (as submitted to Congress in support
6 of the budget of the President under section 1105(a) of
7 title 31, United States Code) a certification as to whether
8 such materials support the requirement under section
9 8062(b) of title 10, United States Code, to maintain 31
10 amphibious warfare ships.

11 (c) LIMITATION.—

12 (1) PLAN.—If the Secretary of the Navy does
13 not submit the 30-year shipbuilding plan described
14 in subsection (a) as required by such subsection, not
15 more than 75 percent of the funds authorized to be
16 appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available
17 for fiscal year 2026 for Administration and Service-
18 Wide Activities, Operation and Maintenance, Navy,
19 may be obligated or expended until the date on
20 which the Secretary of the Navy submits to the con-
21 gressional defense committees such plan.

22 (2) CERTIFICATION.—If the Secretary of De-
23 fense does not submit the certification described in
24 subsection (a) as required by such subsection, or
25 certifies that the materials described in such sub-

1 section do not support the requirement described in
 2 such subsection, not more than 75 percent of the
 3 funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or
 4 otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for Of-
 5 fice of the Secretary of Defense, Operation and
 6 Maintenance, Defense-Wide, may be obligated or ex-
 7 pended until the date on which the Secretary of De-
 8 fense submits to the congressional defense commit-
 9 tees defense budget materials that support the re-
 10 quirement under section 8062(b) of title 10, United
 11 States Code, to maintain 31 amphibious warfare
 12 ships.

13 (d) AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE SHIP DEFINED.—In this
 14 section, the term “amphibious warfare ship” has the
 15 meaning given that term in section 8062(h) of title 10,
 16 United States Code.

17 **SEC. 127. TEMPORARY UNAVAILABILITY OF AMPHIBIOUS**
 18 **WARFARE SHIPS.**

19 Section 8062(b) of title 10, United States Code, is
 20 amended—

21 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “The naval”; and
 22 (2) by adding at the end the following new
 23 paragraph:

24 “(2) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘tem-
 25 porarily unavailable’ with respect to an amphibious war-

1 fare ship means that the ship has not surpassed its
 2 planned availability by a margin of—

3 “(A) greater than 100 percent of the nominal
 4 duration of that availability in 2026 or 2027;

5 “(B) greater than 75 percent of the nominal
 6 duration of that availability in 2028 or 2029;

7 “(C) greater than 50 percent of the nominal
 8 duration of that availability in 2030 or 2031; and

9 “(D) greater than 25 percent of the nominal
 10 duration of that availability in 2032 or any year
 11 thereafter.”.

12 **Subtitle D—Air Force Programs**

13 **SEC. 131. B-21 BOMBER AIRCRAFT PROGRAM ACCOUNT-** 14 **ABILITY MATRICES.**

15 (a) SUBMITTAL OF MATRICES.—Concurrent with the
 16 President’s annual budget request submitted to Congress
 17 under section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, for
 18 fiscal year 2027, the Secretary of the Air Force shall sub-
 19 mit to the congressional defense committees and the
 20 Comptroller General of the United States—

21 (1) the matrices described in subsection (b) re-
 22 lating to the B-21 bomber aircraft program; and

23 (2) the estimate, as of the date of such submis-
 24 sion, for the program’s average procurement unit
 25 cost, acquisition unit cost, and life-cycle costs.

1 (b) MATRICES DESCRIBED.—The matrices described
2 in this subsection are the following:

3 (1) PROGRAM GOALS AND EXECUTION.—A ma-
4 trix that identifies, in six-month increments, plans
5 for and progress in achieving key milestones and
6 events, and specific performance metric goals and
7 actuals for the development, production, and
8 sustainment of the B-21 bomber aircraft program,
9 which shall be subdivided, at a minimum, according
10 to the following:

11 (A) Technology readiness levels of major
12 components, and associated risks and key dem-
13 onstration events through maturity (technology
14 readiness level 7) for baseline and moderniza-
15 tion efforts.

16 (B) Engine design maturity, and plans and
17 progress of engine test events.

18 (C) Software development progress and re-
19 lated metrics, including—

20 (i) percent of capabilities complete
21 and system features complete; and

22 (ii) software quality metrics.

23 (D) Manufacturing progress and related
24 metrics for the prime contractor and key sup-
25 pliers, including—

1 (i) manufacturing readiness levels
2 through level 8;

3 (ii) touch labor hours; and

4 (iii) scrap, rework, and repair.

5 (E) System verification and key ground
6 and flight test events for developmental and
7 operational testing, including—

8 (i) percent complete;

9 (ii) time on condition;

10 (iii) sorties; and

11 (iv) test points.

12 (F) Aircraft reliability, availability, and
13 maintainability metrics, including—

14 (i) mean time to repair;

15 (ii) operational availability;

16 (iii) mission capable; and

17 (iv) cost per flying hour.

18 (G) Operations and sustainment plans and
19 progress, including—

20 (i) main operating base setup;

21 (ii) training system deliveries;

22 (iii) depot maintenance; and

23 (iv) technology data packages.

24 (2) COST.—A matrix expressing, in six-month
25 increments, the total cost for the Air Force service

1 cost position for the engineering and manufacturing
 2 development phase and production lots of the B-21
 3 bomber aircraft, and a matrix expressing the total
 4 cost for the prime contractor's estimate for such
 5 phase and production lots, each of which shall be
 6 phased over the entire engineering and manufac-
 7 turing development period and subdivided according
 8 to the costs of the following:

9 (A) Air vehicle.

10 (B) Propulsion.

11 (C) Mission systems.

12 (D) Vehicle subsystems.

13 (E) Air vehicle software.

14 (F) Systems engineering.

15 (G) Program management.

16 (H) System test and evaluation.

17 (I) Support and training systems.

18 (J) Contract fee.

19 (K) Engineering changes.

20 (L) Direct mission support, including con-
 21 gressional general reductions.

22 (M) Government testing.

23 (c) SEMIANNUAL UPDATE OF MATRICES.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
 25 after the date on which the Secretary of the Air

1 Force submits the matrices required by subsection
2 (a), concurrent with the submittal of each annual
3 budget request to Congress under section 1105 of
4 title 31, United States Code, thereafter, and not
5 later than 180 days after each such submittal, the
6 Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the con-
7 gressional defense committees and the Comptroller
8 General updates to the matrices described in sub-
9 section (b).

10 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each update submitted under
11 paragraph (1) shall detail progress made toward the
12 goals identified in the matrix described in subsection
13 (b)(1) and provide updated cost estimates.

14 (d) ASSESSMENT BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF
15 THE UNITED STATES.—Not less frequently than annually,
16 the Comptroller General shall—

17 (1) review the sufficiency of each matrix re-
18 ceived under this section; and

19 (2) submit to the congressional defense commit-
20 tees an assessment of such matrix, including by
21 identifying cost, schedule, or performance trends.

22 (e) REPEAL.—Section 238 of the National Defense
23 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–
24 328; 130 Stat. 2067) is repealed.

1 **SEC. 132. BOMBER AIRCRAFT FORCE STRUCTURE AND**
2 **TRANSITION ROADMAP.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
5 Air Force shall submit to the congressional defense com-
6 mittees a comprehensive roadmap detailing the planned
7 force structure, basing, modernization, and transition
8 strategy for the bomber aircraft fleet of the Air Force
9 through fiscal year 2040.

10 (b) ELEMENTS.—The roadmap required by sub-
11 section (a) shall include the following:

12 (1) A detailed schedule and rationale for the
13 planned divestment of B–1 bomber aircraft, includ-
14 ing location-specific retirements, infrastructure dis-
15 position, and mitigation of any resulting capability
16 gaps.

17 (2) A transition plan for the operational field-
18 ing of B–21 bomber aircraft, including basing deci-
19 sions, training and sustainment plans, operational
20 concepts, and anticipated initial operational capa-
21 bility and full operational capability timelines.

22 (3) A strategy for integrating units of the Air
23 National Guard and the Air Force Reserve into B–
24 21 bomber aircraft operations, including planned
25 force structure, association, training, and mobiliza-
26 tion models.

1 (4) An update on—

2 (A) modernization efforts for B–52 bomber
3 aircraft, including engine replacement, radar
4 upgrades, and digital integration efforts; and

5 (B) the expected service life and mission
6 profile of B–52 bomber aircraft through the
7 2050s.

8 (5) A detailed timeline with key milestones for
9 each of the elements described in paragraphs (1)
10 through (4), including programmatic decision points,
11 resourcing requirements, risk assessments, and co-
12 ordination with other components of the Air Force
13 Global Strike Command and the Air Combat Com-
14 mand.

15 (c) OBJECTIVE.—The roadmap required by sub-
16 section (a) shall support a deliberate and balanced transi-
17 tion to a modernized, dual-capable bomber aircraft force
18 that ensures long-range strike capacity, survivability, and
19 deterrence in both nuclear and conventional mission sets,
20 with a minimum of 100 B–21 bomber aircraft as directed
21 by prior Acts of Congress.

22 (d) FORM.—The roadmap required by subsection (a)
23 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
24 a classified annex.

1 **SEC. 133. REQUIREMENT FOR AN INTELLIGENCE, SURVEIL-**
2 **LANCE, AND RECONNAISSANCE ROADMAP**
3 **FOR THE AIR FORCE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
6 Air Force shall submit to the congressional defense com-
7 mittees a comprehensive roadmap detailing the strategic
8 plan for the development, acquisition, modernization, and
9 integration of intelligence, surveillance, and reconnais-
10 sance (ISR) capabilities of the Air Force.

11 (b) ELEMENTS.—The roadmap required by sub-
12 section (a) shall include the following:

13 (1) A strategic assessment of current (as of the
14 date on which the roadmap is submitted) and pro-
15 jected intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance
16 requirements for the Air Force across all domains,
17 including air, space, and cyberspace.

18 (2) An inventory of current (as of the date on
19 which the roadmap is submitted) intelligence, sur-
20 veillance, and reconnaissance platforms, sensors, and
21 associated data-processing systems, including the
22 mission capabilities, operational status, and expected
23 service life for each.

24 (3) A plan for the modernization or divestment
25 of legacy airborne intelligence, surveillance, and re-

1 connaissance systems, with justification for each de-
2 cision.

3 (4) A detailed outline of planned investments
4 and capabilities in emerging intelligence, surveil-
5 lance, and reconnaissance technologies, including—

6 (A) artificial intelligence;

7 (B) machine learning;

8 (C) space-based intelligence, surveillance,
9 and reconnaissance; and

10 (D) autonomous or remotely piloted plat-
11 forms.

12 (5) An assessment of the integration of intel-
13 ligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance data into
14 command and control networks, including interoper-
15 ability with joint, interagency, and allied partners.

16 (6) A risk assessment identifying potential ca-
17 pability gaps, threats, and mitigation strategies.

18 (7) A description of the roles and responsibil-
19 ities of the components of the intelligence, surveil-
20 lance, and reconnaissance effort of the Air Force in
21 implementing the roadmap.

22 (8) A proposed timeline and milestones for the
23 implementation of the roadmap over the next ten fis-
24 cal years.

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

4 **SEC. 134. ANNUAL REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

5 **UNIFIED DATALINK STRATEGY.**

6 Section 1527 of the National Defense Authorization
 7 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C.
 8 2223 note) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
 10 section (d); and

11 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
 12 lowing new subsection (c):

13 “(c) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than 180 days
 14 after the date of the enactment of the National Defense
 15 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, and not less fre-
 16 quently than once each year thereafter through December
 17 31, 2032, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate
 18 congressional committees an annual report on the imple-
 19 mentation of the strategy.”.

20 **SEC. 135. PLAN FOR OPEN MISSION SYSTEMS OF F-35 AIR-**

21 **CRAFT.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
 23 develop a plan to establish an open mission systems com-
 24 puting environment that is controlled by the Federal Gov-

1 ernment on the F-35 aircraft of the Department of De-
2 fense.

3 (b) ELEMENTS.—The plan required under subsection
4 (a) shall do the following:

5 (1) Enable the portability of software applica-
6 tions between the F-35 aircraft, the F-22 aircraft,
7 and the Next Generation Air Dominance initiative of
8 the Air Force.

9 (2) Enable the integration of new open mission
10 system software, or changes to existing open mission
11 system software, with minimal integration work re-
12 quired by the prime contractor of the air vehicle.

13 (3) Eliminate or minimize aircraft airworthiness
14 impacts due to software changes within the open
15 mission systems computing environment.

16 (4) Enable the rapid upgrade of onboard proc-
17 essors.

18 (5) Leverage a Federal Government reference
19 architecture.

20 (6) Ensure control by the Federal Government
21 over the airworthiness and security processes, as well
22 as ownership by the Federal Government of the open
23 mission system technical documentation and data
24 rights.

(7) Be capable of connection to all relevant aircraft apertures sufficient to meet current and future combat requirements, including cockpit connectivity via ethernet.

(8) Leverage modern commercial software languages and techniques necessary to support reliable, high-throughput, and low-latency use-cases.

(9) Be applicable across all blocks and variants of the F-35 aircraft.

(c) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than July 1, 2026, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that includes the plan required under subsection (a).

(2) FORM.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex.

SEC. 136. MODIFICATION OF PROHIBITION ON RETIREMENT OF F-15E AIRCRAFT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9062(l)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “September 30, 2029” and inserting “September 30, 2027”; and

1 (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “68 F-
2 15E aircraft” and inserting “34 F-15E aircraft”.

3 (b) REPEAL.—Section 150 of the Servicemember
4 Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Au-
5 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118-
6 159; 138 Stat. 1812) is amended—

7 (1) by striking subsection (a);

8 (2) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as
9 subsections (a) and (b), respectively; and

10 (3) in the section heading, by striking “**PROHI-**
11 **BITION ON RETIREMENT OF F-15E AIRCRAFT**
12 **AND**”.

13 **SEC. 137. PROHIBITION ON RETIREMENT OF A-10 AIR-**
14 **CRAFT.**

15 (a) PROHIBITION.—None of the funds authorized to
16 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available
17 for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Defense may
18 be obligated or expended to retire, prepare to retire, or
19 otherwise divest A-10 aircraft to an inventory level below
20 103.

21 (b) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of the Air
22 Force may waive the prohibition under subsection (a) with
23 respect to a specific unit if—

24 (1) the Secretary submits to the congressional
25 defense committees a written certification that a de-

1 tailed recapitalization plan has been developed for
 2 the affected unit, including follow on mission assign-
 3 ments, aircraft reallocation, personnel adjustments,
 4 and community impact mitigation; and

5 (2) a period of 30 days has elapsed following
 6 the date of such submission.

7 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) A-10 AIRCRAFT.—The term “A-10 air-
 9 craft” means any aircraft of the Air Force des-
 10 ignated A-10 Thunderbolt II.

11 (2) RETIRE.—The term “retire” includes the
 12 permanent removal of an aircraft from the oper-
 13 ational inventory, reassignment to storage, or place-
 14 ment into backup aircraft inventory or excess status.

15 **SEC. 138. EXTENSION OF LIMITATIONS AND MINIMUM IN-**
 16 **VENTORY REQUIREMENT RELATING TO RQ-4**
 17 **AIRCRAFT.**

18 Section 9062(m)(1) of title 10, United States Code,
 19 is amended, in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
 20 by striking “September 30, 2029” and inserting “Sep-
 21 tember 30, 2030”.

22 **SEC. 139. EXPANSION OF AIR REFUELER FLEET.**

23 (a) PRIMARY MISSION AIRCRAFT INVENTORY.—Not-
 24 withstanding any limit on primary mission aircraft inven-
 25 tory established before the date of the enactment of this

1 Act, Secretary of the Air Force shall retain operational
2 KC-135 Stratotankers as primary mission aircraft inven-
3 tory as such aircraft are replaced by KC-46 aircraft in
4 order to meet air refueling requirements of the Air Force
5 and the United States Transportation Command.

6 (b) REASSIGNMENT.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air
8 Force shall reassign KC-135 Stratotankers that are
9 retained as primary mission aircraft inventory and
10 replaced by KC-46 aircraft to Air Refueling Wings
11 that have the capacity to expand their primary mis-
12 sion aircraft inventory fleet of KC-135
13 Stratotankers.

14 (2) CRITERIA.—The Secretary of the Air Force
15 shall reassign KC-135 Stratotankers under para-
16 graph (1) based on the ability of an Air Refueling
17 Wing to—

18 (A) man the additional aircraft; and

19 (B) support pilot training requirements.

20 **SEC. 140. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO C-130 AIRCRAFT.**

21 (a) EXTENSION OF MINIMUM INVENTORY REQUIRE-
22 MENT.—Section 146(a)(3)(B) of the James M. Inhofe Na-
23 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023
24 (Public Law 117-263; 136 Stat. 2455), as most recently
25 amended by section 145(a) of the Servicemember Quality

1 of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization
2 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat.
3 1810), is further amended by striking “2025” and insert-
4 ing “2028”.

5 (b) EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON REDUCTION OF
6 C–130 AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED TO NATIONAL GUARD.—Sec-
7 tion 146(b)(1) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense
8 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–
9 263; 136 Stat. 2455), as most recently amended by sec-
10 tion 145(b) of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improve-
11 ment and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
12 Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 1810), is fur-
13 ther amended by striking “2025” and inserting “2028”.

14 (c) REPORT REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180
15 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annu-
16 ally thereafter through fiscal year 2028, the Secretary of
17 the Air Force shall submit to the congressional defense
18 committees a report detailing the following:

19 (1) The total number and variant types of C–
20 130 aircraft in the inventory of the Air Force.

21 (2) Any planned retirements, divestments, or
22 reductions to the fleet of such aircraft.

23 (3) Modernization and recapitalization efforts,
24 including block upgrades and procurement sched-
25 ules.

1 (4) Planned basing actions for fielding C-130J
2 aircraft to recapitalize C-130H aircraft.

3 **SEC. 141. INFORMATION ON FUTURE LARGE AND OVER-**
4 **SIZED AIR CARGO TRANSPORTATION SERV-**
5 **ICES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall so-
7 licit from industry information on acquiring services of an
8 airplane that—

9 (1) is, as of June 2025, under development as
10 a civilian aircraft;

11 (2) would be capable of carrying space launch
12 vehicles and other Department of Defense articles
13 not more than 300 feet long that cannot be or, as
14 of June 2025, are not readily transported in an air-
15 plane due to cargo dimensions;

16 (3) could enter service not later than December
17 31, 2035;

18 (4) could provide and supplement large and
19 oversized fixed wing air cargo transportation services
20 to support the readiness and logistical needs of the
21 Department by December 31, 2035, and thereafter;
22 and

23 (5) could provide to the Department at least
24 2,000 hours and not more than 7,500 hours of air-
25 plane time for at least two and not more than five

1 years beginning when such airplane could enter serv-
2 ice.

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than April 1, 2026, the Sec-
4 retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense
5 committees a report on the results of the solicitation re-
6 quired by subsection (a).

7 **SEC. 142. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN RE-**
8 **DUCTIONS TO B-1 BOMBER AIRCRAFT**
9 **SQUADRONS.**

10 Subsection (d)(1) of section 133 of the National De-
11 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law
12 117–81; 135 Stat. 1574), as most recently amended by
13 section 146 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improve-
14 ment and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
15 Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 1810), is fur-
16 ther amended by striking “September 30, 2026” and in-
17 serting “September 30, 2030”.

18 **SEC. 143. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN REDUCTIONS TO IN-**
19 **VENTORY OF E-3 AIRBORNE WARNING AND**
20 **CONTROL SYSTEM AIRCRAFT.**

21 (a) PROHIBITION.—None of the funds authorized to
22 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available
23 for fiscal year 2026 for the Air Force may be obligated
24 or expended to retire, prepare to retire, or place in storage
25 or in backup aircraft inventory any E–3 aircraft if such

1 actions would reduce the total aircraft inventory for such
2 aircraft below 16.

3 (b) EXCEPTION FOR PLAN.—If the Secretary of the
4 Air Force submits to the congressional defense committees
5 a plan for maintaining readiness and ensuring there is no
6 lapse in mission capabilities, the prohibition under sub-
7 section (a) shall not apply to actions taken to reduce the
8 total aircraft inventory for E–3 aircraft to below 16, be-
9 ginning 30 days after the date on which the plan is so
10 submitted.

11 (c) EXCEPTION FOR E–7 AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT.—If the Secretary of the Air Force procures enough
12 E–7 Wedgetail aircraft to accomplish the required mission
13 load, the prohibition under subsection (a) shall not apply
14 to actions taken to reduce the total aircraft inventory for
15 E–3 aircraft to below 16 after the date on which such E–
16 7 Wedgetail aircraft are delivered.

18 **TITLE II—RESEARCH, DEVELOP-** 19 **MENT, TEST, AND EVALUA-** 20 **TION**

21 **Subtitle A—Authorization of** 22 **Appropriations**

23 **SEC. 201. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

24 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
25 fiscal year 2026 for the use of the Department of Defense

1 for research, development, test, and evaluation, as speci-
 2 fied in the funding table in section 4201.

3 **Subtitle B—Program Require-**
 4 **ments, Restrictions, and Limita-**
 5 **tions**

6 **SEC. 211. MODIFICATIONS TO DEFENSE RESEARCH CAPAC-**
 7 **ITY BUILDING PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—For fiscal year 2026 and each fis-
 9 cal year thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure
 10 that all funding opportunities executed in Program Ele-
 11 ment 0601228D8Z, or successor program element, shall
 12 include separate funding solicitations each focused to-
 13 ward—

14 (1) Historically Black Colleges and Universities
 15 and Tribal Colleges and Universities; and

16 (2) Minority-Serving Institutions that are not
 17 described in paragraph (1).

18 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) The term “Historically Black College or
 20 University” has the meaning given the term “part B
 21 institution” in section 322 of the Higher Education
 22 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061).

23 (2) The term “Minority-Serving Institution”
 24 means an eligible institution described in section

1 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
2 U.S.C. 1067q(a)).

3 (3) The term “Tribal College or University”
4 has the meaning given the term in section 316(b) of
5 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
6 1059c(b)).

7 **SEC. 212. PROGRAM FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE RE-**
8 **SEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUA-**
9 **TION CENTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
10 **FENSE.**

11 (a) MAKING PERMANENT AND IMPROVING PILOT
12 PROGRAM FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE RESEARCH,
13 DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION CENTERS OF
14 THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—Chapter 305 of title
15 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
16 the following new section:

17 **“§ 4145. Program for the enhancement of the re-**
18 **search, development, test, and evaluation**
19 **centers of the Department of Defense**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense and
21 the Secretaries of the military departments shall jointly
22 carry out a program to demonstrate methods for the more
23 effective development of technology and management of
24 functions at eligible centers.

1 “(b) ELIGIBLE CENTERS.—For purposes of the pro-
 2 gram, the eligible centers are—

3 “(1) the science and technology reinvention lab-
 4 oratories, as designated by section 4121(b) of this
 5 title;

6 “(2) the test and evaluation centers which are
 7 activities specified as part of the Major Range and
 8 Test Facility Base in Department of Defense Direc-
 9 tive 3200.11;

10 “(3) the Defense Advanced Research Projects
 11 Agency;

12 “(4) the Defense Innovation Unit;

13 “(5) the Strategic Capabilities Office (SCO);
 14 and

15 “(6) the Office of Strategic Capital.

16 “(c) PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
 18 the head of each eligible center shall submit to the
 19 Assistant Secretary concerned a proposal on, and
 20 implement, alternative and innovative methods of ef-
 21 fective management and operations of eligible cen-
 22 ters, rapid project delivery, support, experimen-
 23 tation, prototyping, and partnership with universities
 24 and private sector entities—

1 “(A) to generate greater value and effi-
2 ciencies in research and development activities;

3 “(B) to enable more efficient and effective
4 operations of supporting activities, such as—

5 “(i) facility management, construc-
6 tion, and repair;

7 “(ii) business operations;

8 “(iii) personnel management policies
9 and practices; and

10 “(iv) intramural and public outreach;

11 and

12 “(C) to enable more rapid deployment of
13 warfighter capabilities.

14 “(2) IMPLEMENTATION.—(A) The head of an
15 eligible center described in paragraph (1) or (2) of
16 subsection (b) shall implement each method pro-
17 posed under paragraph (1) of this subsection unless
18 such method is disapproved in writing by the Assist-
19 ant Secretary concerned within 60 days of receiving
20 a proposal from an eligible center.

21 “(B) The Director of the Defense Advanced Re-
22 search Projects Agency, the Defense Innovation
23 Unit, the Strategic Capabilities Office and the Office
24 of Strategic Capital shall implement each method
25 proposed under paragraph (1) unless such method is

1 disapproved in writing by the Deputy Secretary of
2 Defense within 60 days of receiving a proposal from
3 the Director.

4 “(C) In this paragraph, the term ‘Assistant
5 Secretary concerned’ means—

6 “(i) the Assistant Secretary of the Air
7 Force for Acquisition, with respect to matters
8 concerning the Air Force;

9 “(ii) the Assistant Secretary of the Army
10 for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, with
11 respect to matters concerning the Army; and

12 “(iii) the Assistant Secretary of the Navy
13 for Research, Development, and Acquisition,
14 with respect to matters concerning the Navy.

15 “(d) WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR DEMONSTRATION AND
16 IMPLEMENTATION.—The head of an eligible center may
17 waive any regulation, restriction, requirement, guidance,
18 policy, procedure, or departmental instruction that would
19 affect the implementation of a method proposed under
20 subsection (c)(1), unless such implementation would be
21 prohibited by a provision of a Federal statute or common
22 law.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 233 of the Na-
24 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017

1 (Public Law 114–328; 10 U.S.C. 4141 note prec.) is re-
2 pealed.

3 **SEC. 213. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR ASSIGNMENT TO**
4 **DEFENSE ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS**
5 **AGENCY OF PRIVATE SECTOR PERSONNEL**
6 **WITH CRITICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOP-**
7 **MENT EXPERTISE.**

8 Section 232(e) of the Carl Levin and Howard P.
9 “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for
10 Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 10 U.S.C. 4091
11 note prec.) is amended by striking “September 30, 2025”
12 and inserting “September 30, 2030”.

13 **SEC. 214. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR CERTAIN**
14 **NAVY SOFTWARE.**

15 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
16 this Act may be obligated or expended for the autonomy
17 baseline manager or the common control system of the
18 Navy unless—

19 (1) the Secretary of the Navy submits to the
20 congressional defense committees—

21 (A) the original baseline schedule of key
22 capability deliverables and the current schedule
23 as of the date of submission;

24 (B) the original cost estimate and the cur-
25 rent cost estimate as of the date of submission,

1 including the total funding received for the pro-
2 gram;

3 (C) all reports of test and experimentation
4 events, including a comparison of performance
5 to alternative industry capabilities;

6 (D) the unaltered assessment of the De-
7 fense Innovation Unit on a market assessment
8 of industry capabilities compared to the capa-
9 bilities of the autonomy baseline manager and
10 the common control system of the Navy; and

11 (E) an assessment that the program is de-
12 livering new capabilities at a pace and quality
13 that meets or exceeds industry capabilities; and

14 (2) the Chief of Naval Operations validates to
15 the congressional defense committees that the pro-
16 gram meets operational user needs of the Navy.

17 **SEC. 215. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
18 **UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR RE-**
19 **SEARCH AND ENGINEERING.**

20 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
21 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
22 operation and maintenance, Defense-wide, and available to
23 the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research
24 and Engineering for travel purposes, not more than 80
25 percent may be obligated or expended until the date on

1 which the Under Secretary submits to the congressional
 2 defense committees the report required by section 245(d)
 3 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and
 4 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025
 5 (Public Law 118–159).

6 **SEC. 216. PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTS BETWEEN CERTAIN**
 7 **FOREIGN ENTITIES AND INSTITUTIONS OF**
 8 **HIGHER EDUCATION CONDUCTING DEPART-**
 9 **MENT OF DEFENSE-FUNDED RESEARCH.**

10 (a) PROHIBITION.—Beginning on January 1, 2027,
 11 a covered institution may not enter into a contract with
 12 a covered nation or a foreign entity of concern.

13 (b) WAIVERS.—

14 (1) AUTHORITY.—Subject to the provisions of
 15 this subsection and subsection (c), the Secretary of
 16 Defense may, or their designee, pursuant to a re-
 17 quest submitted under paragraph (2) of this sub-
 18 section, issue a waiver of the prohibition set forth in
 19 subsection (a).

20 (2) SUBMISSION.—

21 (A) FIRST WAIVER REQUESTS.—

22 (i) IN GENERAL.—A covered institu-
 23 tion that desires to enter into a contract
 24 with a foreign entity of concern or a cov-
 25 ered nation may submit to the Secretary of

1 Defense, not later than 120 days before
2 the institution enters into such a contract,
3 a request to waive the prohibition set forth
4 in subsection (a) with respect to such con-
5 tract.

6 (ii) CONTENTS OF WAIVER RE-
7 QUEST.—A waiver request submitted by a
8 covered institution under clause (i) shall
9 include—

10 (I) the complete and unredacted
11 text of the proposed contract for
12 which the waiver is being requested,
13 and if such original contract is not in
14 English, a translated copy of the text
15 into English (in a manner that com-
16 plies with subsection (e)); and

17 (II) a statement that—

18 (aa) is signed by the Presi-
19 dent or compliance officer of the
20 institution designated in accord-
21 ance with subsection (f); and

22 (bb) includes information
23 that demonstrates that such con-
24 tract is for the benefit of the in-
25 stitution's mission and students

1 and will promote the security,
2 stability, and economic vitality of
3 the United States.

4 (B) RENEWAL WAIVER REQUESTS.—

5 (i) IN GENERAL.—A covered institu-
6 tion that has entered into a contract pur-
7 suant to a waiver issued under this section,
8 the term of which is longer than the 1-year
9 waiver period and the terms and conditions
10 of which remain the same as the proposed
11 contract submitted as part of the request
12 for such waiver, may submit, not later
13 than 120 days before the expiration of
14 such waiver period, a request for a renewal
15 of such waiver for the remainder of the
16 contract term, but not to exceed a 4-year
17 period (which shall include any information
18 requested by the Secretary).

19 (ii) TERMINATION.—If a covered in-
20 stitution fails to submit a request under
21 clause (i) or is not granted a renewal
22 under such clause, such institution shall
23 terminate such contract on the last day of
24 the original 1-year waiver period.

1 (3) WAIVER ISSUANCE.—The Secretary of De-
2 fense—

3 (A) not later than 60 days before a covered
4 institution enters into a contract pursuant to a
5 waiver request under paragraph (2)(A), or be-
6 fore a contract described in paragraph (2)(B)(i)
7 is renewed pursuant to a renewal request under
8 such paragraph, shall notify the covered institu-
9 tion—

10 (i) if the waiver or renewal will be
11 issued by the Secretary; and

12 (ii) in a case in which the waiver or
13 renewal will be issued, the date on which
14 the 1-year waiver period starts;

15 (B) may only issue a waiver under this
16 subsection to a covered institution if the Sec-
17 retary of Defense determines that the contract
18 for which the waiver is being requested will
19 both—

20 (i) benefit the institution's mission
21 and students; and

22 (ii) promote the security, stability,
23 and economic vitality of the United States;
24 and

1 (C) shall, when making the determination
2 described in subparagraph (B)(ii), base such
3 determination on the following factors:

4 (i) The reasons for which the foreign
5 entity of concern or covered nation has
6 been so designated, and why those reasons
7 do not apply to the contract for which
8 waiver is being sought.

9 (ii) The foreign entity of concern or
10 covered nation's history of involvement
11 with covered institutions.

12 (iii) The degree to which such a con-
13 tract could provide access to information
14 or technology which could materially ben-
15 efit the national security of a covered na-
16 tion or harm the national security of the
17 United States.

18 (4) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—Not later
19 than 15 calendar days prior to issuing a waiver
20 under this subsection, the Secretary of Defense shall
21 submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the
22 Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the
23 House of Representatives written notice of the intent
24 of the Secretary to issue such waiver together with
25 a justification for such waiver.

1 (5) APPLICATION OF WAIVERS.—A waiver
2 issued under this subsection to a covered institution
3 with respect to a contract shall only—

4 (A) waive the prohibition under subsection
5 (a) for a 1-year period, or for the remainder of
6 the term of the contract, but not to exceed 4
7 years; and

8 (B) apply to the terms and conditions of
9 the proposed contract submitted as part of the
10 request for such waiver.

11 (c) CONTRACTS PRIOR TO DATE OF ENACTMENT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a covered in-
13 stitution that entered into contract with a covered
14 nation or foreign entity of concern prior to January
15 1, 2027, and which contract remains in effect on
16 such date, the Secretary shall notify the congres-
17 sional defense committees within 90 days of enact-
18 ment of this Act.

19 (2) RENEWAL.—A covered institution that has
20 entered into a contract described in paragraph (1),
21 the term of which is longer than the waiver period
22 described in subparagraph (B) of such paragraph
23 and the terms and conditions of which remain the
24 same as the contract submitted as part of the re-
25 quest required under subparagraph (A) of such

1 paragraph, may submit a request for renewal of the
2 waiver issued under such paragraph in accordance
3 with subsection (c)(2)(B).

4 (d) DESIGNATION DURING CONTRACT TERM.—In
5 the case of a covered institution that enters into a contract
6 with a foreign source that is not a covered nation or a
7 foreign entity of concern but which, during the term of
8 such contract, is redesignated as a covered nation or for-
9 eign entity of concern, such institution shall terminate
10 such contract not later than 120 days after the Secretary
11 notifies the covered institution of such designation or im-
12 mediately requests a waiver.

13 (e) TRANSLATION REQUIREMENT.—Any information
14 required to be disclosed under this section with respect
15 to a contract that is not in English shall be translated,
16 for purposes of such disclosure, by a person that is not
17 an affiliated entity or agent of the covered nation or for-
18 eign entity of concern involved with such contract.

19 (f) COMPLIANCE OFFICER.—Each covered institution
20 applying for a waiver under subsection (c), shall identify
21 a compliance officer, who shall—

22 (1) be a current employee or legally authorized
23 agent of such institution; and

24 (2) be responsible, on behalf of such institution,
25 for personally certifying—

1 (A) compliance with the prohibition under
2 this section; and

3 (B) the truth and accuracy of any informa-
4 tion contained in such a waiver request.

5 (g) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Section 1286(f) of the John
6 S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
7 Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232;10 U.S.C. 4001 note)
8 is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and on the
10 periodic reviews conducted pursuant to subsection
11 (e)” and inserting “, on the periodic reviews con-
12 ducted pursuant to subsection (e), and the waivers
13 issued under section 216 of the National Defense
14 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026”; and

15 (2) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the
16 following new subparagraph:

17 “(C) With respect to waivers described in
18 paragraph (1), the following:

19 “(i) The terms and contents of any
20 waivers issued under section 216 of the
21 National Defense Authorization Act for
22 Fiscal Year 2026 in the period covered by
23 the report;

24 “(ii) any trends in—

1 “(I) the number of waivers issued
 2 under such section over time; and
 3 “(II) the types of contracts to
 4 which such waivers pertain; and
 5 “(iii) the processes used by the Sec-
 6 retary to verify that covered institutions
 7 (as defined in such section) are in compli-
 8 ance with the requirements of such sec-
 9 tion.”.

10 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B),
 12 the term “contract” means—

13 (i) any agreement or memorandum of un-
 14 derstanding for the acquisition, by purchase,
 15 lease, or barter, of property or services by or
 16 from a covered nation or foreign entity of con-
 17 cern; or

18 (ii) any affiliation, agreement, or similar
 19 transaction with a covered nation or foreign en-
 20 tity of concern that involves the use or ex-
 21 change of the name, likeness, time, services, or
 22 resources of a covered institution.

23 (B) The term “contract” does not include—

24 (i) an agreement solely or primarily for the
 25 purposes of conducting a study-abroad program

1 wherein students at covered institutions in the
2 United States travel to a covered nation to
3 study;

4 (ii) an arms-length agreement for the ac-
5 quisition by purchase, lease, or barter of prop-
6 erty or services for the covered institution from
7 a foreign entity of concern; or

8 (iii) an agreement pertaining to a pre-ex-
9 isting campus or other satellite facility of a cov-
10 ered institution located in a covered nation or
11 a joint facility of a covered institution and an-
12 other entity located in a covered nation, unless
13 that facility could provide access to information
14 or technology which could materially benefit the
15 national security of a covered nation or harm
16 the national security of the United States.

17 (2) The term “covered institution” means an
18 institution of higher education that conducts re-
19 search funded by the Department of Defense.

20 (3) The term “covered nation” has the meaning
21 given that term in section 4872(d) of title 10,
22 United States Code.

23 (4) The term “foreign entity of concern” means
24 any person or entity—

(A) listed on the Department of Commerce’s Entity List (Supplement No. 4 to part 744 of the Export Administration Regulations), or successor list;

(B) included in 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 (Public Law 115–283;10 U.S.C. 113 note); or

(C) identified on the list published under section 1286(c)(9)(A) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232;10 U.S.C. 4001 note).

(5) The term “institution of higher education” has the meaning given that term in section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

SEC. 217. WESTERN REGIONAL RANGE COMPLEX DEMONSTRATION.

(a) DEMONSTRATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall carry out a demonstration of a joint multi-domain kinetic and non-kinetic testing and training environment across military departments by interconnecting existing

1 ranges and training sites in the western States to improve
2 joint multi-domain training and further testing, research,
3 and development.

4 (b) USE OF EXISTING RANGES AND CAPABILITIES.—

5 The demonstration carried out pursuant to subsection (a)
6 shall use existing ranges and range capability, unless ca-
7 pability gaps are identified in the process of planning spe-
8 cific demonstration activities.

9 (c) ACTIVITIES.—The demonstration carried out pur-
10 suant to subsection (a) shall include the following:

11 (1) Electromagnetic spectrum operations.

12 (2) Electromagnetic warfare.

13 (3) Operations that blend kinetic and non-ki-
14 netic effects.

15 (4) Operations in the information environment.

16 (5) Joint All Domain Command and Control
17 (JADC2).

18 (6) Information warfare, including the fol-
19 lowing:

20 (A) Intelligence, surveillance, and recon-
21 naissance.

22 (B) Offensive and defense cyber oper-
23 ations.

24 (C) Electromagnetic warfare.

25 (D) Space operations.

1 (E) Psychological operations.

2 (F) Public affairs.

3 (G) Weather operations.

4 (d) TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION OF INITIAL DEM-
5 ONSTRATION.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Sec-
6 retary shall seek to complete an initial demonstration,
7 interconnecting two or more ranges or testing sites of two
8 or more military departments in the western States, sub-
9 ject to availability of appropriations, not later than one
10 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

11 (e) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the
12 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall pro-
13 vide the congressional defense committees a briefing on—

14 (1) a phased implementation plan and design to
15 connect ranges and testing sites in the western
16 States, including the initial demonstration required
17 by subsection (d);

18 (2) how the design architecture of the plan is
19 in alignment with recommendations of the 2020 De-
20 partment of Defense Electromagnetic Spectrum Su-
21 periority Strategy; and

22 (3) how the design architecture will support
23 high-periodicity training, testing, research, and de-
24 velopment.

25 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT.—The term
 2 “information environment” means the aggregate of
 3 individuals, organizations, and systems that collect,
 4 process, and disseminate, or act on information.

5 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 6 the Secretary of Defense.

7 (g) TERMINATION.—This section shall terminate on
 8 September 30, 2028.

9 **SEC. 218. MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENT FOR DEPART-**
 10 **MENT OF DEFENSE POLICIES FOR MANAGE-**
 11 **MENT AND CERTIFICATION OF LINK 16 MILI-**
 12 **TARY TACTICAL DATA LINK NETWORK.**

13 Section 228(b) of the National Defense Authorization
 14 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C.
 15 4571 note) is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “the Ne-
 17 vada Test and Training Range, Restricted Area
 18 2508, Warning Area 151/470, Warning Area 386,
 19 and the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex” and
 20 inserting “military special use airspace including all
 21 prohibited areas, restricted areas, warning areas,
 22 and military operational areas”;

23 (2) in paragraph (2), in the matter before sub-
 24 paragraph (A), by striking “training, and large-scale
 25 exercises.” and inserting “regular training, and

1 large-scale exercises. Under such processes, approval
2 of Link 16 operations shall be presumed and denial
3 of Link 16 operations shall be accompanied with
4 substantiated evidence demonstrating compromise of
5 safety due to electromagnetic interference.”; and

6 (3) in paragraph (5), by inserting “regular” be-
7 fore “training”.

8 **SEC. 219. ADVANCED ROBOTIC AUTOMATION FOR MUNI-**
9 **TIONS MANUFACTURING.**

10 (a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the
11 Army shall carry out a program to support the maturation
12 and expansion of robotic automation capabilities for muni-
13 tions manufacturing at government-owned, contractor-op-
14 erated production facilities.

15 (b) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the program
16 under subsection (a) shall include the following:

17 (1) The design and integration of inherently
18 safe, scalable robotic load, assemble, and pack
19 (LAP) systems for munitions production.

20 (2) The demonstration of increased throughput
21 and production capacity, while reducing manual han-
22 dling of energetic materials.

23 (3) The development of cyber-hardened data in-
24 frastructure for secure integration of factory-floor
25 operations with enterprise systems.

1 (4) Support for workforce upskilling and train-
 2 ing in robotics, automation, and advanced manufac-
 3 turing technologies.

4 (5) The evaluation of applicability across mul-
 5 tiple munition types and organic industrial base
 6 sites.

7 (c) COORDINATION.—In carrying out the program
 8 under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Army shall co-
 9 ordinate with the Joint Program Executive Office Arma-
 10 ments and Ammunition and other relevant components of
 11 the Department of the Army.

12 (d) BRIEFING.—Not later than March 1, 2026, the
 13 Secretary of Defense shall provide the congressional de-
 14 fense committees a briefing on the program carried out
 15 under subsection (a). Such briefing shall cover—

16 (1) the progress made under the program;

17 (2) lessons learned; and

18 (3) recommendations for the wider adoption of
 19 robotic automation technologies within the defense
 20 industrial base.

21 **SEC. 220. DUAL-USE AND DEFENSE ADVANCED MANUFAC-**
 22 **TURING INNOVATION HUBS.**

23 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense
 24 shall establish one or more dual-use advanced manufac-
 25 turing hubs that co-locate and share resources among pub-

1 lie and private stakeholders from industry, academia, gov-
2 ernment, nongovernment agencies, and workforce and eco-
3 nomic development resources. The hub or hubs should
4 span the full spectrum of advanced manufacturing capa-
5 bilities and cover the full development timeline between
6 prototyping and fielding.

7 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—A hub established under sub-
8 section (a) shall—

9 (1) utilize, to the maximum extent possible, the
10 Department of Defense Manufacturing Innovation
11 Institutes (MII) and encourage the MIIs to coordi-
12 nate efforts in a joint manner;

13 (2) provide shared advanced manufacturing in-
14 frastructure and equipment, such as high-speed
15 metal printers and material testing laboratories;

16 (3) establish a process to provide advanced
17 manufacturing capability, including on shared classi-
18 fied space as needed;

19 (4) utilize, to the maximum extent possible, the
20 Defense Logistics Agency’s Joint Additive Manufac-
21 turing Model Exchange (JAMMEX) as a central
22 data repository for technical data packages for ad-
23 vanced manufacturing;

24 (5) build on the Defense Innovation Unit’s Blue
25 Manufacturing Initiative and Blue Manufacturing

1 Marketplace to match hardware and software manu-
2 facturers in defense technology with advanced manu-
3 facturing providers; and

4 (6) meet annual production benchmarks for de-
5 fense applications.

6 (c) RECOMMENDATION.—Not later than September
7 30, 2026, the Under Secretary of Defense shall submit
8 to the congressional defense committees a recommenda-
9 tion for the appropriate number of regional hubs to be
10 established under subsection (a) for the Department of
11 Defense to meet its sustainment needs and such require-
12 ments, specifications, and capabilities as the regional hubs
13 may require.

14 **SEC. 220A. ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND ADDITIVE**
15 **MANUFACTURING PROGRAMS.**

16 (a) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ADVANCED MANU-
17 FACTURING PROGRAM.—Not later than December 31,
18 2027, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the
19 Secretaries of the military departments, shall aim to qual-
20 ify and approve for manufacturing and delivery not fewer
21 than 1,000,000 parts or components of the Department
22 of Defense that use advanced manufacturing techniques,
23 with funding subject to the availability of appropriations
24 or other funds. In doing so, the Secretary shall ensure that
25 expedited processes for adoption of advanced manufac-

1 turing products are utilized across the components of the
2 Department of Defense and lifecycle phases for new and
3 existing systems.

4 (b) PROGRAM TO ADDITIVELY MANUFACTURE CER-
5 TAIN TYPES OF UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS.—Not later
6 than September 30, 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall
7 carry out a program to certify new materials and processes
8 to manufacture 25 to 100 percent of the parts of one of
9 each type of the following unmanned aerial system (UAS)
10 categories using advanced or additive manufacturing tech-
11 niques:

12 (1) Small unmanned aerial systems used as tac-
13 tical loitering munitions.

14 (2) Small unmanned aerial systems used for
15 surveillance and reconnaissance missions.

16 (3) Small unmanned aerial systems used for lo-
17 gistics missions.

18 (c) PROGRAM TO CERTIFY ADDITIVELY MANUFAC-
19 TURED PARTS FOR MILITARY SYSTEMS WITH DIMIN-
20 ISHING MANUFACTURING SOURCES AND MATERIAL
21 SHORTAGES.—

22 (1) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—Not later than Sep-
23 tember 30, 2026, the Under Secretary of Defense
24 for Acquisition and Sustainment shall, in coordina-
25 tion with the Under Secretary of Defense for Re-

1 search and Engineering and the Secretaries of the
2 military departments, carry out a program to
3 produce replacement parts for military systems with
4 diminishing manufacturing sources and material
5 shortages using advanced or additive manufacturing
6 techniques.

7 (2) TESTED PARTS.—In carrying out the pro-
8 gram required by paragraph (1), the Under Sec-
9 retary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment
10 shall select not less than five parts for test, evalua-
11 tion, and certification under the program.

12 (3) TEST AND EVALUATION.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the
14 program required by paragraph (1), the Under
15 Secretary shall use additive manufacturing
16 techniques to manufacture the parts selected
17 pursuant to paragraph (2) and then test and
18 evaluate the manufactured parts.

19 (B) EVALUATION.—Evaluation under sub-
20 paragraph (A) shall be based on performance
21 rather than specifications.

22 (4) SHARING OF RESULTS AND DATA.—In car-
23 rying out the program required by paragraph (1),
24 the Under Secretary shall share test data across all
25 military departments and establish mechanisms for

1 data reciprocity for test and evaluation results for
2 additively manufactured parts across all military de-
3 partments.

4 (5) LIST OF OBSOLETE PARTS.—The Under
5 Secretary shall, in coordination with the Secretaries
6 of the military departments, make a list of all parts
7 for military systems with diminishing manufacturing
8 sources and material shortages.

9 (6) NEW LICENSING AGREEMENTS.—The
10 Under Secretary shall, in coordination with the Sec-
11 retaries of the military departments, create new li-
12 censing agreements with owners of intellectual prop-
13 erty for the platforms with parts included in the list
14 required by paragraph (5) that allow additive manu-
15 facture of the parts.

16 (d) PROGRAM TO ADDITIVELY MANUFACTURE
17 METAL PARTS.—

18 (1) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Under Sec-
19 retary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment
20 shall carry out a program across all military depart-
21 ments to additively manufacture three commonly
22 used metal parts of each military department, such
23 as titanium, stainless steel, and aluminum.

24 (2) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—Not later than
25 September 30, 2026, the Under Secretary shall—

1 (A) complete an assessment to determine
2 how to additively manufacture 10 metal parts
3 of each military department, with a preference
4 for parts that require long lead times to manu-
5 facture or have sole-source suppliers; and

6 (B) submit to the congressional defense
7 committees a report on the findings of the
8 Under Secretary with respect to the assessment
9 completed under subparagraph (A).

10 (e) PROGRAM TO ADDITIVELY MANUFACTURE PARTS
11 FOR GROUND COMBAT SYSTEMS.—The Under Secretary
12 of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall, in co-
13 ordination with the Secretary of the Army and the Direc-
14 tor of the Defense Logistics Agency—

15 (1) identify sustainment vulnerabilities in the
16 ground equipment supply chain of the Army, includ-
17 ing at the manufacturing arsenals and maintenance
18 depots of the Army that comprise the Organic In-
19 dustrial Base, where additive manufacturing could
20 be used to repair, upgrade, or modernize ground
21 combat systems;

22 (2) choose not less than five parts that have
23 long lead times for fabricating the greatest degree of
24 customized specifications or have the most limited

1 quantity in inventory and additively manufacture re-
 2 placement parts for them;

3 (3) create a critical parts list identifying parts
 4 and components across ground combat systems with
 5 long lead times eligible to be additively manufac-
 6 tured; and

7 (4) develop plans, in coordination with Army
 8 Development Command, to integrate additive manu-
 9 facturing techniques and technologies in the design,
 10 production, and sustainment of next-generation com-
 11 bat vehicles and their technologies. The developed
 12 technologies should prioritize interoperability across
 13 military platforms and integration with other mili-
 14 tary services.

15 **SEC. 220B. IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO ADVANCED MAN-**
 16 **UFACTURING.**

17 (a) LEADERSHIP CHANGES.—

18 (1) JOINT DEFENSE MANUFACTURING TECH-
 19 NOLOGY PANEL.—Section 4842(b)(1) of title 10,
 20 United States Code, is amended by striking “The
 21 Chair of” and all that follows through “programs.”
 22 and inserting the following: “The Panel shall be co-
 23 chaired by the Under Secretary of Defense for Ac-
 24 quisition and Sustainment and the Under Secretary
 25 of Defense for Research and Engineering.”.

(2) JOINT ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING WORK-
 ING GROUP.—The Joint Additive Manufacturing
 Working Group shall be co-chaired by the Under
 Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
 Sustainment and the Under Secretary of Defense for
 Research and Engineering.

(3) CONSORTIUM ON ADDITIVE MANUFAC-
 TURING FOR DEFENSE CAPABILITY DEVELOP-
 MENT.—Section 223 of the National Defense Au-
 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C.
 4841 note) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
 section (d); and

(B) by inserting after subsection (b) the
 following new subsection (c):

“(c) CO-CHAIRS.—The Consortium shall be co-
 chaired by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition
 and Sustainment and the Under Secretary of Defense for
 Research and Engineering.”.

(b) ADVANCED MANUFACTURING GUIDANCE AND
 MANUAL.—

(1) GUIDANCE, DOD I UPDATE, AND MANUAL
 REQUIRED.—Not later than September 30, 2026,
 the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
 Sustainment and the Under Secretary of Defense for

1 Research and Engineering, in consultation with the
2 Secretaries of the military departments, shall—

3 (A) develop guidance to incorporate inno-
4 vations in advanced manufacturing in such a
5 way that the Department of Defense can better
6 and faster deliver capabilities, sustain oper-
7 ations, and protect the warfighter with the lat-
8 est technology while still ensuring quality, reli-
9 ability, and compatibility;

10 (B) update Department of Defense In-
11 struction 5000.93 (relating to use of additive
12 manufacturing in the Department of Defense)
13 dated June 10, 2021, to waive the requirement
14 to maintain records of all additively produced
15 end-items put into operational use where the
16 additively produced part meets or exceeds per-
17 formance of the traditionally manufactured end-
18 item;

19 (C) create a manual in accordance with
20 such instruction that gets at the technical
21 standards required to qualify parts, compo-
22 nents, or products that use advanced manufac-
23 turing technologies and techniques; and

24 (D) not later than March 1, 2026, provide
25 the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-

1 ate and the House of Representatives a briefing
2 on plans to update the guidance developed
3 under subparagraph (A) and the updates made
4 under subparagraph (B).

5 (2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In carrying out para-
6 graph (1), the Under Secretary of Defense for Ac-
7 quisition and Sustainment and the Under Secretary
8 of Defense for Research and Engineering shall con-
9 sider the 2016 Department of Defense Additive
10 Manufacturing Roadmap, the 2021 Department of
11 Defense Additive Manufacturing Strategy, the 2022
12 National Strategy for Advanced Manufacturing, and
13 Department of Defense Instruction 5000.93.

14 (3) ALIGNMENT.—The Under Secretary of De-
15 fense for Acquisition and Sustainment and the
16 Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engi-
17 neering shall ensure that the guidance on the use of
18 advanced manufacturing required by paragraph
19 (1)(A)—

20 (A) aligns with Department of Defense ac-
21 quisition to prioritize flexibility, interoperability,
22 and domestic sourcing; and

23 (B) requires the Department to prefer
24 United States manufacturers and equipment

1 and document a justification whenever the De-
2 partment uses a foreign source; and

3 (C) requires the Department to partner
4 with and direct funds to the Department's
5 Manufacturing Innovation Institutes whenever
6 feasible.

7 (4) ELEMENTS.—

8 (A) GUIDANCE.—The guidance required by
9 paragraph (1)(A) shall include guidance for all
10 types of advanced manufacturing, including the
11 following:

12 (i) Additive manufacturing.

13 (ii) Advanced materials.

14 (iii) Advanced composite materials.

15 (iv) Robotics and automation.

16 (v) Laser, machining, and welding.

17 (vi) Nanotechnology.

18 (vii) Network and information tech-
19 nology integration.

20 (B) MANUAL.—(i) The guidance required
21 by subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) shall uti-
22 lize expedited qualification and testing proce-
23 dures established in section 865 of the National
24 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025
25 and result in a manual under subparagraph (C)

1 of such paragraph to establish standardized
2 processes to qualify parts and components pro-
3 duced by advanced manufacturing techniques
4 and technologies based on performance, rather
5 than specifications for testing and evaluation.

6 (ii) The process described in clause (i)
7 shall include a methodology for standardizing
8 technical production specifications, testing proc-
9 esses, and data reciprocity to share and accept
10 test results of the same additively manufactured
11 parts across all military departments.

12 (iii) The process described in clause (i)
13 shall include test and evaluation results that fa-
14 cilitate data reciprocity across military depart-
15 ments, removing the need for each military de-
16 partment to independently validate the same
17 parts another military department has already
18 validated.

19 (iv) The manual shall include steps to
20 allow for streamlined incremental qualification,
21 rather than complete requalification, when the
22 design and manufacturing process incorporates
23 changes.

24 (v) The process described in clause (i) shall
25 explore the option for third-party, external cer-

1 tification for companies that cannot afford or
2 do not have the in-house expertise to do this on
3 their own but have the technology that the De-
4 partment needs.

5 (C) ADVANCED MATERIALS AND AD-
6 VANCED COMPOSITE MATERIALS RESEARCH.—
7 The guidance required by paragraph (1)(A) and
8 the manual required by paragraph (1)(C)—

9 (i) shall cover requirements for devel-
10 opment, test, and evaluation of the mate-
11 rial properties of advanced materials and
12 advanced composite materials used in ad-
13 vanced manufacturing, including metals,
14 polymers, ceramics, composites, and hybrid
15 metals;

16 (ii) should include how to incorporate
17 integrated computational materials engi-
18 neering to predict the material properties
19 and the distribution of those properties in
20 additively manufactured parts and scale-up
21 additive manufacturing; and

22 (iii) shall include a list of rec-
23 ommendations for the types of amounts of
24 critical metals to stockpile for the Depart-
25 ment's use in additive manufacturing,

1 which should be accessible to users of the
2 Defense Logistics Agency's Joint Additive
3 Manufacturing Model Exchange
4 (JAMMEX).

5 (D) CYBERSECURITY.—(i) The guidance
6 required by paragraph (1)(A) and the manual
7 required by paragraph (1)(C) shall include cy-
8 bersecurity standards and guidelines for ad-
9 vanced manufacturing developed in consultation
10 with the Chief Information Officer.

11 (ii) The guidance and manual should ad-
12 dress the unique challenges that advanced man-
13 ufacturing poses to Department information
14 networks.

15 (iii) The guidance and manual shall in-
16 clude matters relating to cybersecurity compli-
17 ance.

18 (iv) The guidance and manual shall call for
19 periodic security and compliance reviews.

20 (E) MODELING AND SIMULATION.—The
21 guidance and manual required by paragraph
22 (1)—

23 (i) shall include software-driven, arti-
24 ficial intelligence-enabled modeling and
25 simulation techniques for design, develop-

1 ment, test, and evaluation to the maximum
2 extent possible; and

3 (ii) should include integrating mod-
4 eling and simulation at every level, from
5 enterprise to individual operation, includ-
6 ing utilizing digital engineering.

7 (F) INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.—(i) The
8 guidance required by paragraph (1)(A) and the
9 manual required by paragraph (1)(C) shall in-
10 clude processes and contracting mechanisms to
11 protect and manage intellectual property.

12 (ii) The processes and contracting mecha-
13 nisms described in clause (i) shall be designed
14 to incentivize innovation while allowing the De-
15 partment to additively manufacture parts and
16 products for military systems at scale and on
17 demand in case of contingency or crisis. This
18 can include new licensing agreements with
19 terms and conditions that allow for innovative
20 intellectual property strategies.

21 (iii) The guidance and manual shall in-
22 clude considerations to incorporate the Defense
23 Logistics Agency’s Joint Additive Manufac-
24 turing Model Exchange (JAMMEX).

1 (G) QUALITY ASSURANCE.—(i) The guid-
2 ance required by paragraph (1)(A) and the
3 manual required by paragraph (1)(C) shall in-
4 clude processes, materials, and technologies to
5 ensure continuous quality control throughout
6 the entire manufacturing process and post-pro-
7 duction.

8 (ii) The guidance and manual shall incor-
9 porate the process window qualification method-
10 ology, which is designed to be machine-agnostic,
11 or independent of specific machine brands or
12 software providers, as well as the following:

13 (I) Real-time process monitoring
14 leveraging machine sensors and software
15 analytics to detect and instantly mitigate
16 deviations prevents defects and unauthor-
17 ized parameter changes.

18 (II) Integration of machine learning
19 algorithms that analyze production data in
20 real-time allows the identification of anom-
21 alies indicative of potential quality or secu-
22 rity threats, enabling proactive mitigation.

23 (III) Software-defined quality assur-
24 ance protocols enforce standardized, re-
25 peatable verification processes, greatly im-

1 proving reliability and simplifying security
2 audits.

3 (H) PROLIFERATION OF ADDITIVE MANU-
4 FACTURING CAPABILITIES.—The guidance re-
5 quired by paragraph (1) shall include a plan
6 that includes phasing and funding requirements
7 to proliferate advanced manufacturing tech-
8 nologies and techniques across the entire De-
9 partment, at the enterprise level to tactical
10 operational units. This guidance shall—

11 (i) identify end-user access and oper-
12 ational needs for advanced manufacturing
13 and associated resourcing, infrastructure,
14 and basing requirements;

15 (ii) establish logistics models for pro-
16 duction of additively manufactured parts in
17 the continental United States and at for-
18 ward operating locations;

19 (iii) improve supply chain risk man-
20 agement; and

21 (iv) stimulate supply chain agility
22 within the Department.

23 (I) TRAINING.—The guidance required by
24 paragraph (1)(A) shall include training pro-
25 gram requirements, phasing, and sequencing to

1 ensure each warfighter is equipped with the
2 knowledge and skills to use advanced manufac-
3 turing techniques and technologies efficiently
4 and safely. The guidance shall—

5 (i) outline which military occupational
6 specialty career fields to train in advanced
7 manufacturing equipment, techniques, and
8 procedures with each military service and
9 the degree of proficiency and training time
10 required;

11 (ii) explore partnerships to establish
12 apprenticeships and skilled technician
13 training pipelines to support Department
14 of Defense research and development pro-
15 grams and programs of record; and

16 (iii) consider creating new initiatives
17 within existing transition assistance pro-
18 grams to create pathways for members of
19 the Armed Forces to receive the training
20 necessary to adapt their military skills to
21 civilian jobs in advanced manufacturing.

22 (5) MANUAL REQUIRED.—The manual created
23 under paragraph (1)(C) shall be a service-agnostic,
24 vendor-agnostic manual on advanced manufacturing

1 techniques and technologies for the Department of
2 Defense—

3 (A) to standardize across the military de-
4 partments the technical parameters for manu-
5 facturing parts and products using advanced
6 manufacturing techniques;

7 (B) to outline the categories and levels of
8 risk associated with such parts and products,
9 including distinguishing between safety-critical
10 and non-safety-critical parts and providing ex-
11 pedited approvals for low-risk parts through
12 standardized material datasets and pre-qualified
13 manufacturing protocols;

14 (C) to lay out the processes for qualifica-
15 tion and certification across categories of such
16 parts and products;

17 (D) to establish data reciprocity for test
18 and evaluation data across all military depart-
19 ments with respect to qualifying such parts and
20 products;

21 (E) to utilize the Defense Logistics Agen-
22 cy's Joint Additive Manufacturing Model Ex-
23 change (JAMMEX) as the central data reposi-
24 tory for technical data packages for advanced
25 manufacturing; and

(F) to incorporate new proposed qualification approaches proposed by industry consortiums, Manufacturing Innovation Institutes, and Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs.

(6) TIMELINE.—

(A) INITIAL.—The Secretary shall ensure that the guidance required by paragraph (1)(A) goes into effect in fiscal year 2026 by providing guidance with respect to the top three essential metals each military department needs to maintain its operational platforms.

(B) SUBSEQUENT.—The Secretary shall ensure that the guidance required by paragraph (1)(A) goes into effect not later than January 1, 2027, for all essential metals not covered by subparagraph (A).

(7) ADVANCED MANUFACTURING DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “advanced manufacturing” means a manufacturing process using the following:

(A) Additive manufacturing.

(B) Wire-arc additive manufacturing.

(C) Powder bed fusion manufacturing.

1 (D) Other manufacturing capabilities simi-
2 lar to those listed in subparagraphs (A) through
3 (C).

4 **SEC. 220C. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
5 **FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION**
6 **WITH CERTAIN ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS.**

7 (a) LIMITATION.—Except as provided in subsection
8 (b), none of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
9 this Act or otherwise made available for the Department
10 of Defense for fiscal year 2026 may be obligated or ex-
11 pended to award a grant or contract to an institution of
12 higher education for the specific purposes of conducting
13 fundamental research in collaboration with a covered enti-
14 ty.

15 (b) WAIVER.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary of
17 Defense for Science and Technology may waive the
18 limitation under subsection (a), on a case-by-case
19 basis, with respect to an individual grant or contract
20 for an institution of higher education if the Assist-
21 ant Secretary determines that such a waiver is in
22 the national security interests of the United States.

23 (2) CONGRESSIONAL NOTICE.—Not later than
24 30 days after the date on which an award is made
25 by the Department of Defense involving an institu-

1 tion of higher education with respect to which a
2 waiver is made under paragraph (1), the Assistant
3 Secretary of Defense for Science and Technology
4 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services
5 of the Senate and the House of Representatives no-
6 tice of such waiver.

7 (c) REPORT ANNEX.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—On an annual basis, as a
9 classified or controlled unclassified information
10 annex to the annual report required by section
11 1286(f) of the John S McCain National Defense Au-
12 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law
13 115–232; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note), the Secretary of
14 Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed
15 Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-
16 tives a report annex on the compliance of the De-
17 partment of Defense and institutions of higher edu-
18 cation with the requirements of this section.

19 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report annex submitted
20 pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include, for each
21 waiver issued under subsection (b) during the period
22 covered by the report—

23 (A) a justification for the waiver; and

24 (B) a detailed description of the type and
25 extent of any collaboration between an institu-

tion of higher education and a covered entity allowed pursuant to the waiver, including identification of the institution of higher education and the covered entities involved, the type of technology involved, the duration of the collaboration, and terms and conditions on intellectual property assignment, as applicable, under the collaboration agreement.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “collaboration” means coordinated activity between an institution of higher education and a covered entity and includes—

(A) sharing of research facilities, resources, or data;

(B) sharing of technical know-how;

(C) any financial or in-kind contribution intended to produce a research product;

(D) sponsorship or facilitation of research fellowships, visas, or residence permits;

(E) joint ventures, partnerships, or other formalized agreements for the purpose of conducting research or sharing resources, data, or technology;

1 (F) inclusion of researchers as consultants,
2 advisors, or members of advisory or review
3 boards; and

4 (G) such other activities as may be deter-
5 mined by the Secretary of Defense.

6 (2) The term “covered entity”—

7 (A) means an academic institution that is
8 included in the most recently updated list devel-
9 oped pursuant to 1286(c)(9) of the John S.
10 McCain National Defense Authorization Act for
11 Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10
12 U.S.C. 4001 note); and

13 (B) includes any individual employed by
14 such an academic institution.

15 (3) The term “fundamental research” has the
16 meaning given that term in National Security Deci-
17 sion Directive-189 (NSSD-189), National Policy on
18 the Transfer of Scientific, Technical and Engineer-
19 ing Information, dated September 21, 1985, or any
20 successor document.

21 (4) The term “institution of higher education”
22 has the meaning given that term in section 102 of
23 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)
24 and includes—

(A) any department, program, project, faculty, researcher, or other individual, entity, or activity of such institution; and

(B) any branch of such institution within or outside the United States.

Subtitle C—Plans, Reports, and Other Matters

SEC. 221. CATALYST PATHFINDER PROGRAM.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than January 1, 2027, the Secretary of the Army shall establish a soldier-inspired innovation program—

(1) that creates partnerships between operational units of the Army and leading national research universities to provide a unique platform for university-based researchers and small businesses to collaborate directly with soldiers on cutting-edge applied research and development; and

(2) to integrate soldiers into the early-stage problem identification process and include them in the solution development process to ensure technical solutions are meeting soldier needs and enhancing lethality.

(b) DESIGNATION.—The program established pursuant to subsection (a) shall be known as the “Catalyst Pathfinder Program” (in this section the “Program”).

1 (c) ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the Program, the
2 Secretary shall—

3 (1) establish activities at all active-duty divi-
4 sions of the Army to accelerate the incorporation of
5 soldier insights into capability development;

6 (2) establish policies that streamline collabora-
7 tion between soldiers, Army Futures Command, and
8 academic institutions;

9 (3) establish a governance board that includes
10 representatives from the research, development, test,
11 and evaluation, acquisition, requirements, industry,
12 and academic communities;

13 (4) promote transition of successful Program
14 projects to Army programs; and

15 (5) implement an adaptive experimentation
16 force capability to support technology experimen-
17 tation activities throughout the solution development
18 cycle

19 (d) TREATMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Program shall
20 be treated as a research, development, test, and evaluation
21 activity in the Army's input to the Future Year Defense
22 Program.

1 **SEC. 222. EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR ANNUAL REPORTS**
2 **ON CRITICAL TECHNOLOGY AREAS SUP-**
3 **PORTIVE OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE STRAT-**
4 **EGY.**

5 Section 217(c)(1) of the William M. (Mac) Thorn-
6 berry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
7 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note) is
8 amended, in the matter before subparagraph (A), by strik-
9 ing “December 1, 2025” and inserting “December 1,
10 2030”.

11 **SEC. 223. EVALUATION OF ADDITIONAL TEST CORRIDORS**
12 **FOR HYPERSONIC AND LONG-RANGE WEAP-**
13 **ONS.**

14 (a) EVALUATION REQUIRED.—To assess impact ef-
15 fectiveness and increase the cadence of testing and train-
16 ing for long-range and hypersonic systems, the Secretary
17 of Defense shall, acting through the Under Secretary of
18 Defense for Research and Engineering and the Director
19 of the Test Resource Management Center and in consulta-
20 tion with requirements owners of long-range and
21 hypersonic systems of the Armed Forces, evaluate—

22 (1) the comparative advantages of episodic and
23 permanent special activity airspace designated by
24 the Federal Aviation Administration for use by the
25 Department of Defense suitable for the test and
26 training of long-range and hypersonic systems; and

1 (2) requirements for continental test ranges, in-
2 cluding—

3 (A) attributes, including live, virtual, and
4 constructive capabilities;

5 (B) scheduling and availability;

6 (C) safety;

7 (D) end strength;

8 (E) facilities, infrastructure, radar, and re-
9 lated systems;

10 (F) launch locations including—

11 (i) Bearpaw Air Traffic Control As-
12 signed Airspace, Montana;

13 (ii) Mountain Home Range Complex,
14 Idaho;

15 (iii) Fallon Range Training Complex,
16 Nevada;

17 (iv) Utah Test and Training Range,
18 Utah;

19 (v) Nevada Test and Training Range,
20 Nevada;

21 (vi) Green River Test Complex, Utah;
22 and

23 (vii) White Sands Missile Range, New
24 Mexico;

1 (G) impact areas within the White Sands
2 Missile Range, New Mexico; and

3 (H) such other characteristics as the Sec-
4 retary considers appropriate.

5 (b) BRIEFING.—Not later than December 1, 2026,
6 the Secretary shall provide to the Committee on Armed
7 Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Serv-
8 ices of the House of Representatives a briefing on the find-
9 ings of the Secretary with respect to the evaluation con-
10 ducted pursuant to subsection (a), including an assess-
11 ment of the completion date.

12 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) The term “impact area” means the point at
14 which a test terminates.

15 (2) The term “launch location” means the point
16 from which a test is initiated.

17 **SEC. 224. TECHNICAL CORRECTION.**

18 Chapter 9 of title 10, United States Code, is amended
19 by redesignating the section 222e that was added by sec-
20 tion 211 of the National Defense Authorization Act for
21 Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) as section 222f.

22 **SEC. 225. CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED PROGRAMS FOR**
23 **TEST AND EVALUATION OVERSIGHT.**

24 (a) REQUIREMENT.—The Director of Operational
25 Test and Evaluation shall include in the annual report re-

1 quired by section 139(h) of title 10, United States Code,
2 an assessment of the operational and live fire test and
3 evaluation activities for—

- 4 (1) Golden Dome software development;
- 5 (2) the Joint Fires Network; and
- 6 (3) the Cryptographic Modernization Program.

7 (b) ALTERNATE PATHWAY.—For any effort under
8 subsection (a) assigned to the software acquisition path-
9 way pursuant to section 3603 of title 10, United States
10 Code, the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation
11 shall assess the effort in accordance with the alternative
12 test and evaluation pathway established in this Act.

13 **SEC. 226. PROHIBITION ON MODIFICATION OF INDIRECT**
14 **COST RATES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER**
15 **EDUCATION AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZA-**
16 **TIONS.**

17 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense may
18 not change or modify indirect cost rates (otherwise known
19 as facilities and administration cost rates) for Department
20 of Defense grants and contracts awarded to institutions
21 of higher education and nonprofit organizations (as those
22 terms are defined in part 200 of title 2, Code of Federal
23 Regulations) until the Secretary makes the certification
24 described under subsection (b).

1 (b) CERTIFICATION.—A certification under this sub-
2 section is a certification to the congressional defense com-
3 mittees that the Department of Defense—

4 (1) working with the extramural research com-
5 munity, including representatives from universities,
6 university associations, independent research insti-
7 tutes, and private foundations, has developed an al-
8 ternative indirect cost model that has—

9 (A) reduced the indirect cost rate for all
10 applicable institutions of higher education and
11 nonprofit organizations (compared to indirect
12 rates for fiscal year 2025); and

13 (B) optimized payment of legitimate and
14 essential indirect costs involved in conducting
15 Department of Defense research to ensure
16 transparency and efficiency for Department of
17 Defense-funded grants and contracts; and

18 (2) established an implementation plan with
19 adequate transition time to change budgeting and
20 accounting processes for affected institutions of
21 higher education and nonprofit organizations.

1 **SEC. 227. ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION FOR**
2 **ADVANCED MANUFACTURING TECHNIQUES,**
3 **TECHNOLOGIES, AND ADOPTION.**

4 The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
5 Sustainment and the Under Secretary of Defense for Re-
6 search and Engineering shall establish a working group
7 to coordinate and support international activities that fa-
8 cilitate information-sharing, enhance interoperability, ex-
9 plore joint research and development opportunities, iden-
10 tify technology licensing requirements, incorporate ad-
11 vanced manufacturing capabilities into combined trainings
12 and exercises, and set technical expertise and training
13 standards for advanced manufacturing techniques, tech-
14 nologies, and adoption. The countries involved should be
15 those with which the United States has reciprocal defense
16 procurement agreements or security of supply arrange-
17 ments.

18 **Subtitle D—Biotechnology**

19 **SEC. 231. BIOTECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT OFFICE.**

20 (a) DESIGNATION OF SENIOR OFFICIAL.—Not later
21 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
22 the Secretary of Defense shall designate a senior official,
23 with relevant biotechnology experience, from a position
24 within the Department of Defense that was in effect on
25 the day before the date of the enactment of this Act—

1 (1) to be the senior official for biotechnology
2 issues;

3 (2) to be the head the Biotechnology Manage-
4 ment Office established under subsection (b); and

5 (3) to carry out the responsibilities for the of-
6 fice in subsection (c).

7 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY MANAGE-
8 MENT OFFICE.—Not later than 120 days after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
10 shall, with input from the senior official designated under
11 subsection (a), charter and establish, under the authority,
12 direction, and control of the Deputy Secretary of Defense,
13 a Biotechnology Management Office to foster the develop-
14 ment, acquisition and sustainment of broad-based bio-
15 technology capabilities for the Department.

16 (c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The office established under
17 subsection (b) shall be responsible for the following:

18 (1) Maintaining and executing the Defense Bio-
19 technology Strategy required by section
20 **【BAG25949】**, including development and execution
21 of a long-term research, development, acquisition,
22 and sustainment roadmap.

23 (2) Updating policies and guidance within the
24 Department relating to the acquisition, adoption,

1 and transition of biotechnology-based products into
2 Department use.

3 (3) Coordinating with activities across the De-
4 partment, the Federal Government, industry, aca-
5 demia, and international partners relating to bio-
6 technology.

7 (4) Proposing options for streamlining the regu-
8 latory or acquisition process of the Department.

9 (5) Conducting, as may be needed, global com-
10 petition analyses, net assessment or forecasting to
11 support decisionmakers on biotechnology advances.

12 (6) Supporting the development of public-pri-
13 vate partnerships with academia, industry, and other
14 State and local government partners, including
15 through the development or fostering of regionally
16 focused innovation ecosystems.

17 (7) Identifying biotechnology workforce and
18 training gaps across the workforce of the Depart-
19 ment.

20 (8) Such other responsibilities as the Secretary
21 considers appropriate.

22 (d) SUNSET.—The office established pursuant to sub-
23 section (a) shall terminate on September 30, 2035.

24 (e) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the des-
25 ignation of the senior official pursuant to subsection (a),

1 the Secretary shall provide to the congressional defense
2 committees a briefing on the proposed scope of the charter
3 for the office to be established pursuant to subsection (b),
4 as well as implementation plans for preliminary activities
5 the office will pursue during the proceeding one-year pe-
6 riod.

7 **SEC. 232. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BIOTECHNOLOGY**
8 **STRATEGY.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 1, 2026, the
10 Secretary of Defense shall, in coordination with the Under
11 Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering and
12 the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
13 Sustainment, submit to the Committee on Armed Services
14 of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of
15 the House of Representatives a strategy on the national
16 security implications of emerging biotechnologies, includ-
17 ing the future role that biotechnology will play in defense,
18 and means to improve industry, interagency, and inter-
19 national relationships in this sector.

20 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required pursuant to
21 subsection (a) shall include the following elements:

22 (1) How the Department of Defense will de-
23 velop and expand a network of commercial facilities
24 for the biomanufacture of products that are critical
25 for defense needs.

1 (2) Review and update of military specifications
2 in order to better incorporate or substitute current
3 products with biotechnology-based products.

4 (3) Updated plans and policies for the Depart-
5 ment to enter into advance market commitments
6 and offtake agreements for biotechnology products
7 that have defense applications.

8 (4) A description of how the Department could
9 better incorporate military-relevant applications of
10 emerging biotechnology into wargaming exercises,
11 tabletop exercises, or other net assessment analyses.

12 (5) The benefits and costs of issuing a research
13 grand challenge, or a series of challenges, that focus
14 on making biotechnology predictably engineerable
15 and how the Department would implement such re-
16 search grand challenge, or challenges.

17 (6) Development of a biotechnology regulation
18 science and technology program within the Depart-
19 ment, including development of digital infrastructure
20 to support simplified regulation and the development
21 of biometrology tools.

22 (7) Updated plans and policies for inter-govern-
23 mental support that the Department could provide
24 in encouraging member countries of the North At-
25 lantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to aggregate de-

1 mand and pool purchasing power for biotechnology
2 products.

3 (8) Review of plans and guidance on how the
4 Department can work to develop, integrate, and dis-
5 seminate biotechnology research initiatives across
6 member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Or-
7 ganization, and how the Department might coordi-
8 nate with international stakeholders to utilize the
9 combined research capabilities of such member coun-
10 tries to drive a biotechnology development approach.

11 **SEC. 233. DEFINING GUIDELINES AND POLICIES ON THE**
12 **USE OF BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR THE ARMED**
13 **FORCES.**

14 (a) GUIDELINES AND POLICIES REQUIRED.—Not
15 later than one year after the date of the enactment of this
16 Act, the Secretary of Defense shall, after coordinating
17 with the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and En-
18 gineering, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition
19 and Sustainment, the Under Secretary of Defense for Pol-
20 icy and external stakeholders, including representation
21 from industry and academia, develop guidelines and poli-
22 cies on the ethical and responsible development and de-
23 ployment of biotechnology within the Department of De-
24 fense and the Armed Forces.

1 (b) ELEMENTS.—The guidelines and policies devel-
2 oped pursuant to subsection (a) shall include the following:

3 (1) Definitions of ethical and responsible devel-
4 opment and use of biotechnology.

5 (2) Guidelines relating to ethical and respon-
6 sible development and use of biotechnology.

7 (3) Policies relating to informed consent of
8 members of the Armed Forces participating in bio-
9 technology development.

10 (4) Policies relating to reversibility and heri-
11 table treatment of potential biotechnology applica-
12 tions.

13 (5) Policies relating to biotechnologies and their
14 potential effects on the environment.

15 (6) Policies relating to human performance en-
16 hancement.

17 (7) Policies relating to the compliance and obli-
18 gations of the Department to the United Nations Bi-
19 ological Weapons Convention, and other inter-
20 national agreements pertaining to the laws of armed
21 conflict.

22 (8) Such other matters as the Secretary con-
23 siders appropriate.

24 (c) REPORT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—No later than one year after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
3 shall submit to the congressional defense committees
4 a report outlining the guidelines and policies devel-
5 oped pursuant to subsection (a), including the meth-
6 odologies through which the guidelines and policies
7 were developed.

8 (2) FORM.—The report submitted pursuant to
9 paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified
10 form, but may include a classified annex.

11 (d) BIENNIAL BRIEFINGS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than two years
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act and not
14 less frequently than once every two years thereafter
15 until November 1, 2031, the Secretary shall provide
16 to the congressional defense committees a briefing
17 on the implementation of the guidelines and policies
18 developed pursuant to subsection (a), including a
19 discussion of any adjustments made to the policies
20 and such recommendations for legislative or admin-
21 istrative action as the Secretary may have to ensure
22 their successful implementation.

23 (2) FINAL BRIEFING.—The final briefing pro-
24 vided pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be provided

1 during the 60-day period ending on November 1,
2 2031.

3 **SEC. 234. ENHANCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL BIODEFENSE**
4 **CAPACITY.**

5 (a) CLARIFICATION OF ROLES AND RESPONSIBIL-
6 ITIES.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
8 shall direct the Assistant Secretary of Defense for
9 Nuclear Deterrence, Chemical and Biological De-
10 fense Programs, in consultation with the Director of
11 the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, to enter into
12 memoranda of understanding with other depart-
13 ments and agencies of the Federal Government to
14 clarify the roles and responsibilities of those depart-
15 ments and agencies for building biodefense capabili-
16 ties internationally in execution of national security
17 and other policies of the Federal Government, with
18 the Secretary focused on working with defense coun-
19 terparts in countries that are allies of the United
20 States.

21 (2) ELEMENTS OF MEMORANDA OF UNDER-
22 STANDING.—The memoranda of understanding en-
23 tered into under paragraph (1) shall address how
24 each relevant department or agency selects partner

1 countries and the feasibility of coordinating efforts
2 with each such country.

3 (b) DEVELOPMENT OF BIODEFENSE CAPABILI-
4 TIES.—The Secretary of Defense, acting through the As-
5 sistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear Deterrence,
6 Chemical and Biological Defense programs, shall provide
7 to the Director of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency
8 global authority to support development of biodefense ca-
9 pabilities and capacities in countries that are allies of the
10 United States, subject to review and input on an as-needed
11 basis by leadership of the Department of Defense and the
12 relevant combatant commands.

13 **TITLE III—OPERATION AND** 14 **MAINTENANCE**

15 **Subtitle A—Authorization of** 16 **Appropriations**

17 **SEC. 301. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
19 fiscal year 2026 for the use of the Armed Forces and other
20 activities and agencies of the Department of Defense for
21 expenses, not otherwise provided for, for operation and
22 maintenance, as specified in the funding table in section
23 4301.

Subtitle B—Energy and Environment

SEC. 311. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE GUIDELINES REGARD- ING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT OF 1969.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall rescind all existing Department of Defense directives regarding the implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) (in this section referred to as “NEPA”) 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.

(b) ELEMENTS OF NEW NEPA DIRECTIVE.—The new directive required under subsection (a) shall ensure that all components of the Department of Defense comply with the requirements under NEPA, including the updated guidelines established under title III of division C of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (Public Law 118–5; 137 Stat. 38).

(c) DESIGNATION REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall designate an appropriate official of the Department of Defense responsible for imple-

1 menting the NEPA directive established under subsection
2 (a) and ensuring the timely execution of all reviews re-
3 quired under NEPA without unnecessary regulatory
4 delays.

5 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
6 tion shall be construed to amend or override any provision
7 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42
8 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

9 **SEC. 312. REQUIREMENT TO SUPPORT TRAINING ON WILD-**
10 **FIRE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE.**

11 Section 351 of the National Defense Authorization
12 Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 32 U.S.C.
13 501 note) is amended, in the matter preceding paragraph
14 (1), by striking “may” and inserting “shall”.

15 **SEC. 313. USE OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS BY DE-**
16 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

17 (a) EXPEDITIONARY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYS-
18 TEMS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
20 may use expeditionary solid waste disposal systems
21 for the destruction of illicit contraband, including
22 seized counterfeit materials, unauthorized military
23 gear, and classified materials.

(2) AVAILABILITY OF SYSTEMS.—The expeditionary solid waste disposal systems units deployed under subsection (a) shall be—

(A) equipped to support operations related to border security and the elimination of contraband; and

(B) made available to military installations, forward operating bases, and partner security forces as needed to assist in countering infiltration and unauthorized use of military assets of the United States.

(b) PROHIBITION ON USE OF OPEN-AIR BURN PITS TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN MATERIAL.—The Secretary of Defense may not use open-air burn pits for the disposal of illicit contraband, classified military equipment, or hazardous waste materials.

SEC. 314. MODIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY AND USE OF ENERGY COST SAVINGS.

Section 2912 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking “The amount” and inserting “(1) The amount”;

(B) by striking “additional operational energy” and all that follows through the period at

1 the end and inserting “operational energy ini-
2 tiatives.”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following new
4 paragraph:

5 “(2) The Secretary of Defense shall design oper-
6 ational energy initiatives under paragraph (1) to advance
7 the objectives of the Department in the areas of energy
8 resilience and fuel efficiency.

9 “(3) Operational energy initiatives carried out under
10 paragraph (1) may directly contribute to enhanced mission
11 and combat capabilities, fund operational environment
12 training activities, or establish programs to incentivize de-
13 monstrable reductions in energy expenditures within the
14 department, agency, or instrumentality credited with
15 achieving the energy cost savings under subsection (a).”;

16 (2) in subsection (e)(1), by striking “The Sec-
17 retary of Defense may transfer amounts described in
18 subsection (a) that remain available for obligation”
19 and inserting “Not later than 60 days after being
20 notified of amounts described in subsection (a) that
21 remain available for obligation, the Secretary of De-
22 fense shall transfer such amounts”; and

23 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
24 section:

1 “(f) OPERATIONAL ENERGY COST SAVINGS DE-
2 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘operational energy cost
3 savings’ means the monetary savings achieved through
4 measures to reduce energy expenditures relative to the
5 amount that would have been necessary to sustain an
6 equivalent level of capability in the absence of such meas-
7 ures.”.

8 **SEC. 315. AUTHORITY OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO**
9 **DESTROY OR DISPOSE OF PERFLUOROALKYL**
10 **OR POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may de-
12 stroy or dispose of a perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl sub-
13 stance using innovative technologies that—

14 (1) are cost effective; and

15 (2) are permitted or approved by a Federal or
16 State agency that regulates the destruction or dis-
17 posal of such a substance.

18 (b) UPDATE OF GUIDANCE.—The Secretary shall up-
19 date the PFAS Destruction and Disposal Guidance of the
20 Department of Defense, or any successor similar guidance,
21 to reflect the requirements under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 316. MODIFICATION TO RESTRICTION ON PROCURE-**
 2 **MENT OR PURCHASING OF PERSONAL PRO-**
 3 **TECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR FIREFIGHTERS**
 4 **CONTAINING PERFLUOROALKYL SUB-**
 5 **STANCES OR POLYFLUOROALKYL SUB-**
 6 **STANCES.**

7 Section 345 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense
 8 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–
 9 263; 10 U.S.C. 3201 note prec.) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “if such equip-
 11 ment contains an intentionally added perfluoroalkyl
 12 substance or polyfluoroalkyl substance” and insert-
 13 ing “unless such equipment meets the specifications
 14 set forth in Standard 1970 of the National Fire Pro-
 15 tection Association”; and

16 (2) in subsection (d)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “does not
 18 contain intentionally added perfluoroalkyl sub-
 19 stances or polyfluoroalkyl substances” and in-
 20 serting “meets the specifications set forth in
 21 Standard 1970 of the National Fire Protection
 22 Association”; and

23 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “does not
 24 contain intentionally added perfluoroalkyl sub-
 25 stances or polyfluoroalkyl substances” and in-
 26 serting “meets the specifications set forth in

1 Standard 1970 of the National Fire Protection
2 Association”.

3 **SEC. 317. PROVISION OF BOTTLED WATER TO COMMU-**
4 **NITIES WITH PRIVATE DRINKING WATER**
5 **CONTAMINATED WITH PERFLUOROALKYL**
6 **AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES FROM**
7 **ACTIVITIES OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), on and
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
10 of Defense shall provide bottled water to communities with
11 private drinking water wells where contamination from
12 perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances resulting
13 from activities of the Department of Defense has, at one
14 point in time, exceeded the maximum contaminant level
15 for such substances established by the Environmental Pro-
16 tection Agency if the Secretary, as of the day before the
17 date of the enactment of this Act, provided bottled water
18 to the community because of such contamination.

19 (b) TERMINATION OF REQUIREMENT.—The Sec-
20 retary is not required to provide bottled water to a com-
21 munity under subsection (a) if all impacted households in
22 the community are connected to a municipal drinking
23 water distribution system or the Secretary has successfully
24 remediated the contamination from perfluoroalkyl and

1 polyfluoroalkyl substances to meet or exceed both Federal
2 and state drinking water standards for such substances.

3 **SEC. 318. REPEAL OF PROHIBITION ON PROCUREMENT BY**
4 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF CERTAIN**
5 **ITEMS CONTAINING PERFLUOROOCTANE**
6 **SULFONATE OR PERFLUOROOCTANOIC ACID.**

7 Section 333 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry Na-
8 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
9 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 3062 note) is repealed.

10 **SEC. 319. REPEAL OF TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON INCIN-**
11 **ERATION BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF**
12 **PERFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES,**
13 **POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES, AND**
14 **AQUEOUS FILM FORMING FOAM.**

15 Section 343 of the National Defense Authorization
16 Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C.
17 2701 note) is repealed.

18 **SEC. 320. INTERIM RESPONSES TO ADDRESS RELEASES OR**
19 **THREATENED RELEASES OF**
20 **PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL**
21 **SUBSTANCES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, con-
23 sistent with the Comprehensive Environmental Response,
24 Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601
25 et seq.), shall take actions specified in subsection (b) to

1 address any release or threatened release of perfluoroalkyl
2 and polyfluoroalkyl substances at a covered facility.

3 (b) ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN.—

4 (1) CONDUCT OF PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT
5 AND SITE INSPECTION.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—If a preliminary assess-
7 ment or site investigation for perfluoroalkyl and
8 polyfluoroalkyl substances has not been con-
9 ducted at a covered facility, the Secretary shall
10 conduct expeditiously such assessment or inves-
11 tigation, as the case may be, to determine
12 whether there has been a release or there is a
13 threatened release of perfluoroalkyl or
14 polyfluoroalkyl substances at the facility.

15 (B) PRESUMED RELEASE.—Each covered
16 facility that has or has had a fire training pit
17 or similar facility shall be presumed, for pur-
18 poses of subparagraph (A), to have had a re-
19 lease of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl sub-
20 stances.

21 (2) CONSIDERATION OF INTERIM RESPONSE AC-
22 TIONS.—

23 (A) DETERMINATION OF POTENTIAL IN-
24 TERIM RESPONSE ACTIONS.—A preliminary as-
25 sessment or site investigation under paragraph

1 (1)(A) shall include, along with any other mat-
2 ters required pursuant to the Comprehensive
3 Environmental Response, Compensation, and
4 Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.),
5 a description and analysis of potential interim
6 response actions that can be taken to reduce
7 immediate public exposure to the release of
8 perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, in-
9 cluding preventing an imminent and substantial
10 endangerment.

11 (B) ACTIONS INCLUDED.—Interim re-
12 sponse actions to be considered under subpara-
13 graph (A) shall include the following:

14 (i) Provision of bottled water.

15 (ii) Connection to public water sys-
16 tems for members of the public using pri-
17 vate wells.

18 (iii) Provision of filtration systems for
19 public water systems.

20 (iv) Provision of filtration systems for
21 private residences.

22 (3) REVIEW.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
24 make the preliminary assessment or site inves-
25 tigation conducted under paragraph (1)(A) with

1 respect to a covered facility available for review
2 to the Administrator of the Environmental Pro-
3 tection Agency, the relevant State environ-
4 mental regulatory agencies, any Indian tribal
5 government whose tribal lands may be affected
6 by the release or threatened release of
7 perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances,
8 and members of the public.

9 (B) REVIEW PERIOD.—The period for re-
10 view under subparagraph (A) shall be not less
11 than 60 days and shall be extended if the Ad-
12 ministrator requests additional review time.

13 (4) EXPEDITED IMPLEMENTATION.—The Sec-
14 retary of Defense shall expedite the implementation
15 of any interim response actions selected by the Sec-
16 retary for implementation pursuant to the consider-
17 ation conducted under paragraph (2) and the review
18 under paragraph (3), with special priority provided
19 to covered facilities located within a sole or principal
20 drinking water source as designated by the Adminis-
21 trator of the Environmental Protection Agency
22 under section 1424(e) of the Safe Drinking Water
23 Act (42 U.S.C. 300h–3(e)).

24 (c) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

1 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 270 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on
4 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
5 resentatives a report containing an identification of
6 the following:

7 (A) Which covered facilities have had a
8 preliminary assessment or site investigation
9 completed pursuant to subsection (b)(1)(A).

10 (B) Which covered facilities have had a
11 preliminary assessment or site investigation ini-
12 tiated pursuant to subsection (b)(1)(A) but not
13 completed by the time the report is due to be
14 submitted, and when such assessment or inves-
15 tigation is projected to be completed.

16 (C) Which covered facilities have not had
17 a preliminary assessment or site investigation
18 initiated pursuant to subsection (b)(1)(A) but
19 are required to have one pursuant to such sub-
20 section.

21 (D) Which covered facilities are not re-
22 quired to have a preliminary assessment or site
23 investigation conducted pursuant to subsection
24 (b)(1)(A).

(2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than one year 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—

(A) which covered facilities have had interim response actions selected for implementation under subsection (b);

(B) what those interim response actions are;

(C) the projected initiation dates for those interim response actions;

(D) the projected completion dates for those interim response actions; and

(E) an explanation as to why any interim response action considered in the preliminary assessment or site investigation conducted pursuant to subsection (b)(1)(A) was not adopted.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COVERED FACILITY.—The term “covered facility” means a facility subject to section 2701(c) of title 10, United States Code.

(2) RELEASE; RESPONSE.—The terms “release” and “response” have the meanings given those terms in section 101 of the Comprehensive Environmental

Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980
(42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.).

Subtitle C—Logistics and Sustainment

SEC. 321. SURFACE SHIP SUSTAINMENT AND READINESS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with this section, the Secretary of the Navy shall implement processes to improve the materiel condition and combat readiness of Navy surface ships maintained and repaired at private shipyards by ensuring a stable and responsive industrial base capable of meeting operational and combat surge demands.

(b) REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORITIES.—

(1) TYPE COMMANDER LEADERSHIP.—

(A) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary of the Navy shall designate type commanders as the primary authorities for surface ship maintenance.

(B) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Type commanders designated under subparagraph (A) shall—

(i) lead the sustainment of surface ships;

(ii) oversee all maintenance and repair activities at private shipyards; and

1 (iii) be responsible for setting prior-
 2 ities, approving contracts, and ensuring
 3 fleet readiness.

4 (C) REGIONAL MAINTENANCE CENTERS.—
 5 The Secretary of the Navy shall ensure that re-
 6 gional maintenance centers act in a supporting
 7 role under the direction of type commanders.

8 (2) DECISION-MAKING BY KEY PERSONNEL.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—For each ship under-
 10 going maintenance at a private shipyard, the
 11 project manager, the port engineer, and the
 12 ship commanding officer—

13 (i) may jointly decide what work is
 14 done during the maintenance period, in-
 15 cluding the ability to adjust priorities with-
 16 in agreed budgets and schedules; and

17 (ii) shall report directly to the type
 18 commander concerned.

19 (B) CONTRACTING OFFICERS.—Con-
 20 tracting officers shall support the decisions de-
 21 scribed in subparagraph (A)(i) by managing
 22 funds and contracts.

23 (3) STABLE WORKFORCE AND INFRASTRUC-
 24 TURE.—The Secretary of the Navy shall provide a
 25 stable, predictable workload to private shipyards and

1 other critical suppliers through a multi-year, multi-
2 ship contract by ship class—

3 (A) to allow the shipyard and other critical
4 suppliers to maintain a stable workforce;

5 (B) to promote investment in the necessary
6 facilities; and

7 (C) to prevent layoffs and rehiring cycles
8 that reduce efficiency.

9 (4) SHIP-SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS.—The Sec-
10 retary of the Navy shall ensure that specific ship-
11 yards shall have multi-year contracts for specified
12 ships for repeated maintenance work to improve
13 knowledge of ship condition and accelerate repairs,
14 with excusable deviations such as homeport changes.

15 (5) COLLABORATIVE PLANNING.—The Sec-
16 retary of the Navy shall ensure that shipyards, alter-
17 ations installation teams (when assigned), and Navy
18 teams, including project managers and port engi-
19 neers, work together in continuous maintenance ac-
20 tivities to plan maintenance and ensure realistic
21 schedules and priorities.

22 (6) ROLES FOR LARGE AND SMALL SHIP-
23 YARDS.—The Secretary of the Navy shall ensure
24 that—

1 (A) criteria for multi-year awards place
2 heavy emphasis on strong teaming between
3 large and small shipyard businesses;

4 (B) large and small shipyards establish
5 multi-year teaming relationships and work in
6 both the planning and execution phases of
7 scheduled availabilities and emergency repairs;
8 and

9 (C) small shipyards have guaranteed work
10 percentages and planning responsibilities.

11 (7) PARTS AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary of
12 the Navy shall establish rotatable pools and procure
13 spare parts ahead of time to create a pool of parts
14 that can be quickly used for repairs.

15 (8) TRAINING.—The Secretary of the Navy
16 shall train program managers and port engineers for
17 specific ship classes prior to assigning such individ-
18 uals to complex maintenance availabilities.

19 (9) FUNDING FOR WORKFORCE AND FACILI-
20 TIES.—The Secretary of the Navy may allocate
21 funds annually to private shipyards to sustain a
22 minimum workforce and maintain repair facilities, in
23 such amounts and under such conditions as the Sec-
24 retary determines appropriate.

1 (10) SMALL BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS.—The
2 Secretary of the Navy shall issue guidance to ad-
3 dress set-aside requirements for small businesses
4 that enables the roles for large and small shipyards
5 described in paragraph (6).

6 (c) IMPLEMENTATION FLEXIBILITY.—In carrying
7 out this section, the Secretary of the Navy may—

8 (1) determine specific methods, contract types,
9 funding levels, and operational details consistent
10 with the requirements and authorities under this
11 section; and

12 (2) adapt existing processes or develop new ap-
13 proaches to carry out such requirements and au-
14 thorities.

15 (d) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
17 of the Navy shall submit to the congressional defense com-
18 mittees a report detailing the following:

19 (1) How the Navy will implement the require-
20 ments of this section, including with respect to the
21 roles of type commanders, regional maintenance cen-
22 ters, project managers, port engineers, ship com-
23 manding officers, and contracting officers.

1 (2) The planned funding approach for work-
2 force stability, shipyard assignments, and spare
3 parts procurement.

4 (3) A timeline for initial implementation, in-
5 cluding any pilot programs, and full deployment
6 across all regional maintenance centers.

7 (4) Metrics to measure success, such as on-time
8 completion of maintenance, cost control, and readi-
9 ness improvements.

10 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) PORT ENGINEER.—The term “port engi-
12 neer” means the technical expert on a ship’s condi-
13 tion who advises on repairs and standards.

14 (2) PROJECT MANAGER.—The term “project
15 manager” means the individual responsible for over-
16 seeing a ship’s maintenance period.

17 (3) REGIONAL MAINTENANCE CENTER.—The
18 term “regional maintenance center” means an orga-
19 nization of the Navy that supports ship maintenance
20 in a specific region, such as in Norfolk, Virginia,
21 San Diego, California, Mayport, Florida, Everett,
22 Washington, and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

23 (4) SHIP COMMANDING OFFICER.—The term
24 “ship commanding officer” means the commanding

1 officer of a Navy surface ship undergoing mainte-
2 nance.

3 (5) TYPE COMMANDER.—The term “type com-
4 mander” means the flag officer in charge of a sur-
5 face force, such as Commander, Naval Surface
6 Force Atlantic, and Commander, Naval Surface
7 Force, Pacific Fleet.

8 (f) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on Janu-
9 ary 1, 2031.

10 **SEC. 322. TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENT FOR SURFACE**
11 **SHIP MAINTENANCE.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Navy shall
13 investigate, and, as feasible, qualify, approve, integrate,
14 and fully adopt into contract requirements advanced tech-
15 nologies and processes for Navy surface ship maintenance
16 on an expedited timeline to enhance readiness, reduce
17 costs, and address delays in maintenance and repair activi-
18 ties.

19 (b) SPECIFIED ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES AND
20 PROCESSES.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Sec-
21 retary of the Navy shall prioritize qualification of the fol-
22 lowing:

23 (1) Automated weld inspection for robotic weld
24 defect detection.

- 1 (2) Real-time sustainment monitoring for sen-
2 sor-based health tracking.
- 3 (3) Advanced blast and painting for automated
4 hull coating systems.
- 5 (4) Press connect fittings for no-hot-work pipe
6 repairs.
- 7 (5) Robotic tank inspection for confined space
8 condition assessments.
- 9 (6) Additive manufacturing for on-demand 3D-
10 printed parts.
- 11 (7) Augmented reality support for augmented
12 reality-guided repairs.
- 13 (8) Cold spray repair for metal surface restora-
14 tion.
- 15 (9) Predictive maintenance algorithms for arti-
16 ficial intelligence-driven failure prediction.
- 17 (10) Automated nondestructive testing for
18 robotic material evaluation.
- 19 (11) Autonomous underwater vehicles for hull
20 inspection submersibles.
- 21 (12) Digital twin technology for virtual ship
22 modeling.
- 23 (13) High-pressure waterjet cleaning for rust
24 and paint removal.

(14) Modular maintenance platforms for standardized repair setups.

(15) Smart coatings for self-healing, anti-fouling surfaces.

(16) Laser ablation for laser-based surface preparation.

(17) Drone-based inspection for uncrewed structural surveys.

(18) Electrochemical corrosion mitigation for corrosion prevention systems.

(19) Smart pigging for internal pipe diagnostics.

(20) Modular overhaul kits for pre-packaged repair solutions.

(21) Plasma coating for durable surface protection.

(22) High-velocity oxygen fuel coating for high-velocity wear protection.

(23) Portable diagnostics for handheld troubleshooting tools.

(c) OPEN QUALIFICATION PROCESS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Navy shall establish a process for private entities to submit proposals for advanced technologies or processes not specified in subsection (b).

1 (2) EVALUATION.—The Secretary of the Navy
2 shall evaluate any proposal submitted pursuant to
3 the process established under paragraph (1) not
4 later than 90 days after the date of such submission.

5 (3) PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS.—A proposal
6 submitted pursuant to the process established under
7 paragraph (1) shall demonstrate potential to im-
8 prove maintenance efficiency, safety, or cost-effec-
9 tiveness.

10 (4) QUALIFICATION DECISION.—The Secretary
11 of the Navy shall make a qualification decision with
12 respect to a proposal submitted pursuant to the
13 process established under paragraph (1) based on
14 technical merit and the need of the Navy.

15 (d) THIRD-PARTY REVIEW.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—For any advanced tech-
17 nology or process included in a proposal submitted
18 pursuant to the process established under subsection
19 (c) and not selected for qualification or approval, the
20 Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
21 Sustainment shall enter into a contract with an
22 independent third-party reviewer to assess the deci-
23 sion.

24 (2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—A contract entered
25 into under paragraph (1) shall require the inde-

1 pendent third-party reviewer to, not later than 90
2 days after the date of the decision concerned, submit
3 to Congress an unaltered report that—

4 (A) evaluates the rationale of the Sec-
5 retary;

6 (B) states agreement or disagreement with
7 the decision and rationale; and

8 (C) includes recommendations if applica-
9 ble.

10 (e) PRIORITY.—The Secretary of the Navy may
11 prioritize advanced technologies and processes under this
12 section based on operational needs, budget constraints,
13 and compatibility with existing systems, if the Secretary
14 includes justifications for such prioritization in the report
15 required by subsection (g).

16 (f) UPDATES.—The Secretary of the Navy shall up-
17 date policies, specifications, guidance, and contracts to in-
18 tegrate and fully adopt advanced technologies and proc-
19 esses as required by subsection (a).

20 (g) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
22 of the Navy shall submit to Congress a report detailing
23 timelines to qualify and approve each advanced technology
24 or process specified in subsection (b) and any additional
25 advanced technologies or processes identified pursuant to

1 the process established under subsection (c), including es-
 2 timated implementation dates or justifications for non-
 3 pursuit.

4 **SEC. 323. DELEGATION TO UNITED STATES TRANSPOR-**
 5 **TATION COMMAND OF MITIGATING**
 6 **VULNERABILITIES AND RISKS ASSOCIATED**
 7 **WITH CONTESTED LOGISTICS FOR DEPART-**
 8 **MENT OF DEFENSE.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date rec-
 10 ommended under subsection (c)(2)(B)(v), the United
 11 States Transportation Command shall be responsible
 12 for—

13 (1) mitigating vulnerabilities and risks associ-
 14 ated with contested logistics for the Department of
 15 Defense on a global basis; and

16 (2) planning and operations of the Joint De-
 17 ployment and Distribution Enterprise (in this sec-
 18 tion referred to as the “JDDE”) relating to con-
 19 tested logistics across all domains, including the
 20 movement of forces and material from the source of
 21 supply to the designated point of need of the com-
 22 mander of the combatant command receiving sup-
 23 port.

24 (b) REQUIRED COORDINATION.—In carrying out the
 25 responsibilities under subsection (a), the Commander of

1 the United States Transportation Command shall coordi-
2 nate with the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the
3 Joint Chiefs of Staff, the secretaries of the military de-
4 partments, the commanders of the combatant commands,
5 the Director of the Defense Logistics Agency, the Director
6 of National Intelligence, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
7 rity, and the Secretary of Transportation.

8 (c) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
11 Commander of the United States Transportation
12 Command, in coordination with the Secretary of De-
13 fense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the
14 Secretary of each military department, the com-
15 manders of the combatant commands, the Director
16 of the Defense Logistics Agency, the Director of Na-
17 tional Intelligence, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
18 rity, and the Secretary of Transportation shall sub-
19 mit to the congressional defense committees a report
20 that provides an in-depth gap assessment on the
21 ability of the JDDE to project, maneuver, and sus-
22 tain the joint force in contested environments and
23 provide recommendations to resolve or mitigate
24 those gaps.

1 (2) ELEMENTS OF REPORT.—The report re-
2 quired under paragraph (1) shall—

3 (A) be oriented on—

4 (i) mitigating risks;

5 (ii) improving the ability of the JDDE
6 to operate in contested environments; and

7 (iii) establishing the Commander of
8 United States Transportation Command to
9 be the element responsible for global con-
10 tested logistics; and

11 (B) include—

12 (i) a description of the organizational
13 responsibilities of elements of the JDDE
14 as of the date of the report and the ability
15 of the JDDE to project, maneuver, and
16 sustain the joint force;

17 (ii) a description of the intent and ca-
18 pability of adversaries to the United States
19 to disrupt the ability of the JDDE to
20 project, maneuver, and sustain the joint
21 force;

22 (iii) a description of the responsibil-
23 ities to protect the operations of the
24 JDDE, to include physical protection and

1 protection of command and control systems
2 of the JDDE from cyber threats;

3 (iv) recommendations for changes in
4 statutes, authorities, resources, responsibil-
5 ities, and processes within the JDDE to
6 establish the Commander of United States
7 Transportation Command to be the ele-
8 ment responsible for global contested logis-
9 tics; and

10 (v) a recommended date, not later
11 than one year after the date on which the
12 report is submitted to the congressional de-
13 fense committees, for the United States
14 Transportation Command to assume re-
15 sponsibility for contested logistics from the
16 source of supply to the designated point of
17 need of the commander of the combatant
18 command receiving support.

19 (3) FORM.—The report required under para-
20 graph (1) may be submitted in classified form, but
21 if so, shall include an unclassified executive sum-
22 mary.

23 (d) BRIEFINGS.—

24 (1) INTERIM BRIEFING.—Not later than 180
25 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the

1 Commander of the United States Transportation
2 Command shall provide to the congressional defense
3 committees an interim briefing on the development
4 of the report required under subsection (c).

5 (2) FINAL BRIEFING.—Not later than one year
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
7 Commander of the United States Transportation
8 Command shall provide to the congressional defense
9 committees a final briefing on the report required
10 under subsection (c).

11 (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Except to the extent
12 that, before January 1, 2026, a responsibility specified in
13 subsection (a) was a specific function of one of agencies
14 or components specified in subsection (b), nothing under
15 this section shall be construed as—

16 (1) limiting any other function of those agencies
17 or components; or

18 (2) requiring the transfer of any function, per-
19 sonnel, or asset from those agencies or components
20 to the United States Transportation Command.

21 (f) CONTESTED LOGISTICS DEFINED.—In this sec-
22 tion, the term “contested logistics” means logistics that
23 occur under conditions in which an adversary or compet-
24 itor deliberately seeks or has sought to deny, disrupt, de-

1 stroy, or defeat friendly force logistics operations, facili-
2 ties, and activities across any of the multiple domains.

3 **SEC. 324. REQUIREMENTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

4 **AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS NEAR COMMERCIAL**
5 **AIRPORTS.**

6 (a) RISK MITIGATION.—The Secretary of Defense
7 shall require all aircraft of the Department of Defense
8 that operate near commercial airports to be equipped with
9 position broadcast technology and shall direct the develop-
10 ment of standard operating procedures that maximize the
11 use of such technology.

12 (b) COORDINATION WITH FEDERAL AVIATION AD-
13 MINISTRATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall develop
14 a program for sharing aviation safety data for aircraft of
15 the Department of Defense, to include near misses and
16 mishaps, with the Federal Aviation Administration.

17 (c) REPORTS ON NEAR MISSES.—

18 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
20 retary shall submit to the Committees on Armed
21 Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-
22 tives a report on the number of near misses that air-
23 craft of the Department have had with commercial
24 aircraft during the 10-year period preceding such
25 date of enactment.

1 (2) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than one year
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
3 nually thereafter through 2030, the Secretary shall
4 submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
5 Senate and the House of Representatives a report on
6 the number of near misses that aircraft of the De-
7 partment have had with commercial aircraft during
8 the previous fiscal year.

9 (3) ELEMENTS.—Each report under this sub-
10 section shall include, with respect to each near miss
11 covered under the report, the following:

12 (A) The date, time, and location of the
13 near miss.

14 (B) A description of all aircraft involved in
15 the near miss.

16 (C) Any changes to protocols, standard op-
17 erating procedures, or policy, as appropriate,
18 that were made based on the near miss.

19 (4) FORM OF REPORT.—Each report under this
20 subsection shall be submitted in unclassified form,
21 but may include a classified annex.

1 **SEC. 325. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF SEMIANNUAL**
2 **BRIEFINGS ON OPERATIONAL STATUS OF AM-**
3 **PHIBIOUS WARSHIP FLEET.**

4 Section 352 of the National Defense Authorization
5 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat.
6 229) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “September
8 30, 2026” and inserting “September 30, 2028”; and

9 (2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
10 following new paragraph:

11 “(6) Details regarding the maintenance and
12 service life extension plan for the amphibious war-
13 ship that retains an operationally available amphib-
14 ious warship until the end of the Obligation and
15 Work Limiting Date for the construction contract
16 for a replacement amphibious warship, as necessary
17 to meet the requirements under section 8062 of title
18 10, United States Code.”.

19 **SEC. 326. PROHIBITION ON CLOSURE OF ARMY ORGANIC**
20 **INDUSTRIAL BASE SITES.**

21 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense shall
22 not take any action to close, mothball, divest, deactivate,
23 or otherwise render inoperable any facility that is part of
24 the organic industrial base of the Army, including any
25 depot, arsenal, ammunition plant, manufacturing center,

1 or facility of a center of industrial and technical excellence,
2 unless—

3 (1) a similar or replacement facility has already
4 been created; and

5 (2) the action is authorized—

6 (A) in accordance with the provisions of
7 this section; or

8 (B) pursuant to an Act of Congress.

9 (b) SCOPE.—The prohibition in subsection (a) applies
10 to all facilities operated or maintained as part of the or-
11 ganic industrial base of the Army, whether Government-
12 owned and Government-operated or Government-owned
13 and contractor-operated.

14 (c) EXCEPTION FOR SAFETY.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
16 may suspend operations or limit access to a facility
17 covered by this section if such action is necessary to
18 address an imminent threat to the health and safety
19 of personnel or to mitigate substantial environmental
20 hazards.

21 (2) REPORT REQUIRED.—The Secretary of De-
22 fense shall submit to the congressional defense com-
23 mittees a report that describes any action taken
24 under paragraph (1) not later than 15 days after

1 the date on which such suspension of operations or
2 limitation of access is initiated.

3 (d) NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
5 may waive the prohibition under subsection (a) if the
6 Secretary determines that such a waiver is necessary
7 to address a critical national security interest of the
8 United States.

9 (2) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—Not later than
10 30 days prior to exercising the waiver under para-
11 graph (1), the Secretary shall submit to the congres-
12 sional defense committees—

13 (A) a written notification of the intent to
14 waive the prohibition;

15 (B) a detailed justification for the waiver,
16 including an assessment of the national security
17 interest at stake;

18 (C) an evaluation of potential impacts to
19 the readiness, industrial base capacity, and
20 surge requirements of the Army; and

21 (D) a description of any mitigation meas-
22 ures to be implemented.

23 (e) REPORTS REQUIRED.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-

1 nually thereafter for five years, the Secretary of the
2 Army shall submit to the congressional defense com-
3 mittees a report on the status of all facilities in the
4 organic industrial base of the Army.

5 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by para-
6 graph (a) shall include—

7 (A) a list of all facilities in the organic in-
8 dustrial base of the Army and the operational
9 status of each facility;

10 (B) any planned changes in mission, work-
11 load, or operating status of each facility;

12 (C) any planned investments or divest-
13 ments that may affect the capability or capacity
14 of any such facility; and

15 (D) a description of any action by the Sec-
16 retary of Defense taken pursuant to subsection
17 (c) or (d) during the one-year period preceding
18 submission of the report.

19 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) MOTHBALL.—The term “mothball” means
21 placing a facility in inactive status while maintaining
22 it in a condition such that it could be reactivated at
23 some future time.

24 (2) ORGANIC INDUSTRIAL BASE OF THE
25 ARMY.— The term “organic industrial base of the

1 Army” means the network of Government-owned fa-
 2 cilities that provide manufacturing, maintenance,
 3 storage, and readiness support for Army materiel
 4 and munitions, including the facilities listed in the
 5 Army Organic Industrial Base Modernization Imple-
 6 mentation Plan, dated April 12, 2022.

7 **SEC. 327. ESTABLISHMENT OF DEFENSE PERSONAL PROP-**
 8 **ERTY MANAGEMENT OFFICE UNDER OFFICE**
 9 **OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**
 10 **FOR PERSONNEL AND READINESS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
 12 date of the enactment of this Act—

13 (1) the Defense Personal Property Management
 14 Office of the Department of Defense shall be estab-
 15 lished within the Office of the Under Secretary of
 16 Defense for Personnel and Readiness; and

17 (2) the Office of the Under Secretary of De-
 18 fense for Personnel and Readiness shall assume re-
 19 sponsibility for all functions, personnel, and other
 20 matters of the Defense Personal Property Manage-
 21 ment Office.

22 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 30 days after the
 23 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
 24 shall prescribe regulations to implement subsection (a).

1 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 60 days after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of De-
3 fense for Personnel and Readiness shall brief the Commit-
4 tees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of
5 Representatives on the plan and timeline for the imple-
6 mentation of subsection (a).

7 **SEC. 328. INTEGRATION OF COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE**
8 **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES**
9 **INTO LOGISTICS OPERATIONS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall fa-
11 cilitate the integration of currently available and suitable
12 commercial artificial intelligence capabilities specifically
13 designed to assist with logistics tracking, planning, oper-
14 ations, and analytics into two relevant and suitable exer-
15 cises of the Department of Defense to be conducted during
16 fiscal year 2026.

17 (b) COMMERCIAL PRODUCT.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in
19 coordination with the commander of the combatant
20 command or commands overseeing the exercise se-
21 lected under subsection (a), shall identify for such
22 exercise a commercially available artificial intel-
23 ligence product that is specifically designed to ad-
24 dress logistics needs of the Department of Defense

1 and meets the critical data security protocols out-
2 lined in subsection (c).

3 (2) CAPABILITY OF PARTNER.—In selecting a
4 commercial product under paragraph (1), the Sec-
5 retary of Defense and the commander of the com-
6 batant command or commands concerned shall—

7 (A) ensure that the commercial product ac-
8 quired for such demonstration includes provi-
9 sion of capability to respond to potential soft-
10 ware changes in an agile and rapid manner to
11 ensure seamless integration and adaptability
12 during the exercise; and

13 (B) prioritize the consideration of a prod-
14 uct provided by a small or nontraditional soft-
15 ware focused firm.

16 (c) DATA SECURITY.—The Secretary of Defense shall
17 ensure that all necessary approvals are expedited to facili-
18 tate the secure use of data of the Department of Defense
19 by commercial artificial intelligence providers during the
20 exercises selected under subsection (a), including—

21 (1) compliance with applicable cybersecurity
22 policies and regulations of the Department; and

23 (2) verification of measures to protect classified
24 and sensitive information.

1 (d) INTERIM BRIEFING.—Not later than March 1,
2 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall provide an interim
3 briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-
4 ate and the House of Representatives that includes—

5 (1) identification of the specific exercises se-
6 lected for demonstration, including the combatant
7 commanders participating in this demonstration and
8 identification of a point of contact within the com-
9 batant command responsible;

10 (2) identification of the specific commercial ar-
11 tificial intelligence tool or tools to be demonstrated,
12 including the contractual mean or other agreement
13 used to facilitate the use of the commercial artificial
14 intelligence tool;

15 (3) notional timelines and resource needs for
16 each demonstration; and

17 (4) metrics to be used to assess the efficacy of
18 such tools used in each demonstration.

19 (e) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the con-
20 clusion of the exercises selected under subsection (a), the
21 commander of the combatant command overseeing the ex-
22 ercise shall provide the congressional defense committees
23 a briefing that includes the following:

(1) An overview of the integration and use of commercial artificial intelligence capabilities during the exercise.

(2) An assessment of the impact of such technologies on unit readiness and operational success.

(3) Recommendations for further integration or development of artificial intelligence capabilities in future exercises and operations of the Department of Defense.

SEC. 329. PILOT PROGRAM ON ARSENAL WORKLOAD SUSTAINMENT.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PILOT PROGRAM.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a pilot program to be known as the “Arsenal Workload Sustainment Pilot Program” (in this section referred to as the “pilot program”).

(b) DURATION.—The pilot program shall be conducted for a period of five years.

(c) PREFERENCES FOR PROCUREMENT ACTIONS OR SOLICITATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the pilot program, the Secretary of Defense shall give a preference to any procurement action or solicitation by a non-public partner who will enter into a public-pri-

1 vate partnership with the Secretary in the source se-
2 lection process if such non-public partner will use an
3 arsenal of the Department of the Army that is
4 owned and operated by the United States Govern-
5 ment as a partner in any type of contractual agree-
6 ment with the United States Government.

7 (2) FURTHER PREFERENCE.—In selecting non-
8 public partners under paragraph (1), the Secretary
9 of Defense shall give a preference to non-public part-
10 ners that ensure an equitable workshare is per-
11 formed under the partnership by employees of the
12 Department of Defense to protect critical skills in
13 the organic industrial base.

14 (d) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 90 days after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
16 shall prescribe regulations governing how a non-public
17 partner shall be given a preference required under sub-
18 section (c).

19 (e) REPORT REQUIRED.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
22 retary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate
23 congressional committees a report on the activities
24 carried out under the pilot program, including a de-
25 scription of any operational challenges identified.

1 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
2 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

3 (A) A breakout, by relevant budget ac-
4 counts, of workload at an arsenal of the De-
5 partment of the Army that is owned and oper-
6 ated by the United States Government that was
7 achieved in the prior fiscal year, whether di-
8 rectly or through public-private partnerships
9 under the pilot program.

10 (B) An assessment of relevant budget ac-
11 counts where such an arsenal can be utilized to
12 meet future procurement needs of the Depart-
13 ment of Defense, irrespective of cost.

14 (C) An outlook of expected workload at
15 each such arsenal during the period covered by
16 the future-years defense program submitted to
17 Congress under section 221 of title 10, United
18 States Code.

19 (D) The capital investments required to be
20 made at each such arsenal to ensure compliance
21 and operational capacity.

22 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
24 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
25 mittees” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Armed Services and
 2 the Subcommittee on Defense of the Committee
 3 on Appropriations of the Senate; and

4 (B) the Committee on Armed Services and
 5 the Subcommittee on Defense of the Committee
 6 on Appropriations of the House of Representa-
 7 tives.

8 (2) NON-PUBLIC PARTNER.—The term “non-
 9 public partner” means a corporation, individual, uni-
 10 versity, or nonprofit organization that is not part of
 11 the United States Government.

12 **Subtitle D—Reports**

13 **SEC. 331. MODIFICATION OF REPORT ON IMPROVED OVER-** 14 **SIGHT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SHIPYARD** 15 **INFRASTRUCTURE OPTIMIZATION PROGRAM** 16 **OF THE NAVY.**

17 Section 355(c)(2)(A) of the National Defense Au-
 18 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–
 19 81; 10 U.S.C. 8013 note) is amended by inserting before
 20 the semicolon the following: “, and the incorporation of
 21 digital infrastructure (including hardware, software, and
 22 cloud storage) and platforms into such program”.

1 **SEC. 332. MODIFICATION OF READINESS REPORT TO IN-**
 2 **CLUDE SUMMARY COUNT OF CERTAIN MIS-**
 3 **HAPS.**

4 Section 482(b)(8) of title 10, United States Code, is
 5 amended by striking “Class A, Class B, and Class C mis-
 6 haps” and inserting “Class A and Class B mishaps, and
 7 a summary count of all Class C mishaps,”.

8 **SEC. 333. ANNUAL REPORT ON FUNDING AND STATUS OF**
 9 **INTERIM REMEDIAL ACTIONS OF DEPART-**
 10 **MENT OF DEFENSE RELATING TO**
 11 **PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL**
 12 **SUBSTANCES.**

13 (a) ANNUAL REPORT.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 160 of title 10,
 15 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
 16 end the following new section:

17 **“§ 2717. Annual report on perfluoroalkyl and**
 18 **polyfluoroalkyl substances**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
 20 date of the enactment of this section, and annually there-
 21 after, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Com-
 22 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House
 23 of Representatives a report on the funding and status of
 24 interim remedial actions of the Department of Defense re-
 25 lating to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (in
 26 this section referred to as ‘PFAS’).

1 “(b) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by sub-
2 section (a) shall include information regarding the fol-
3 lowing:

4 “(1) The total amounts budgeted and obligated,
5 for the current fiscal year and for any prior fiscal
6 year, per site at each installation of the Department
7 of Defense, for interim remedial actions of the De-
8 partment relating to PFAS.

9 “(2) In the case of each report after the initial
10 report, the total amounts budgeted, obligated, and
11 expended, per site at each installation, on such ac-
12 tions since the previous report.

13 “(3) The general and operating status of in-
14 terim remedial actions related to PFAS per site at
15 each installation, including—

16 “(A) a list of all announced or selected in-
17 terim remedial actions, and for each such ac-
18 tion, the function and role of the action with re-
19 spect to addressing PFAS at the installation;

20 “(B) for each action listed, a phase-specific
21 status update, including whether—

22 “(i) the design is pending, in
23 progress, or completed;

24 “(ii) contracting is pending, in solici-
25 tation, awarded, or delayed;

1 “(iii) construction or execution has
2 begun, is in progress, is completed, or is
3 delayed;

4 “(iv) the action is currently operating,
5 including an assessment of the duration of
6 such action and any performance metrics
7 available;

8 “(C) identification of actions that are one-
9 time in nature (such as soil removal and dis-
10 posal), and the status of each action;

11 “(D) timelines for completion of each
12 phase, including original projected timelines
13 and any updates;

14 “(E) for any phase delayed by more than
15 one year beyond the original projection, a site-
16 specific explanation for the delay; and

17 “(F) identification of any administrative,
18 regulatory, funding, or other barriers contrib-
19 uting to delays or budgetary effects, along with
20 the plan of the Secretary to address each such
21 barrier.”.

22 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
23 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
24 by inserting after the item relating to section 2716
25 the following:

“2717. Annual report on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.”.

1 (b) REQUIRED REMEDiation ACCELERATION
2 STRATEGY.—Not later than 180 days after the date of
3 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall
4 submit to the congressional defense committees a
5 perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances remediation
6 acceleration strategy, which shall include—

7 (1) criteria for prioritizing military installations
8 based on risk to human health, environmental im-
9 pact, and proximity to affected communities;

10 (2) timelines for completing each phase of the
11 cleanup process under the Comprehensive Environ-
12 mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
13 of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.);

14 (3) a plan for deploying additional resources,
15 technologies, or personnel to reduce delays, including
16 an identification of—

17 (A) the number of laboratories that are ac-
18 credited by the Environmental Laboratory Ac-
19 creditation Program of the Department of De-
20 fense to test for PFAS; and

21 (B) the number of laboratories that are in
22 the process of being so accredited; and

23 (4) benchmarks for evaluating performance of
24 each military department or defense agency on re-

1 sponse efforts relating to perfluoroalkyl and
2 polyfluoroalkyl substances.

3 (c) PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY.—

4 (1) DASHBOARD.—Not later than one year
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
6 retary of Defense shall make publicly available an
7 accessible online dashboard that includes the actions
8 of the Department of Defense relating to
9 perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

10 (2) ELEMENTS.—The dashboard required
11 under paragraph (1) shall include a summary of—

12 (A) site-by-site funding levels and expendi-
13 tures at each installation of the Department;

14 (B) the status of remediation and inves-
15 tigation efforts;

16 (C) projected and actual completion
17 timelines; and

18 (D) points of contact for community en-
19 gagement.

20 (3) UPDATE.—The Secretary shall update the
21 dashboard required under paragraph (1) not less
22 frequently than semiannually.

Subtitle E—Other Matters

SEC. 341. PROVISION OF SPORTS FOODS AND THIRD-PARTY CERTIFIED DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS TO MEM- BERS OF THE UNITED STATES SPECIAL OP- ERATIONS COMMAND.

(a) USE OF AMOUNTS.—The Secretary of Defense may use amounts appropriated to the Department of Defense for Major Force Program 11 for the procurement of sports foods and third-party certified dietary supplements and the distribution of such foods and supplements to members of the United States Special Operations Command (in this section referred to as the “USSOCOM”).

(b) ACQUISITION AND DISTRIBUTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall authorize the USSOCOM to acquire sports foods and third-party certified dietary supplements and to distribute such foods and supplements to members of the USSOCOM, subject to the requirements under subsection (c).

(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to—

(A) augment morale, welfare, and recreation funds or activities; or

(B) augment or replace the budget or services of dining facilities of the Department.

1 (c) CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall ensure the Com-
2 mander of the USSOCOM establishes requirements for
3 the procurement and distribution of sports foods and
4 third-party certified dietary supplements under this sec-
5 tion and shall require compliance with Department of De-
6 fense Instruction 6130.06 (relating to the use of use of
7 dietary supplements in the Department of Defense) and
8 the Prohibited Dietary Supplement Ingredients List of the
9 Department of Defense, or successor similar instruction
10 or list, to ensure that—

11 (1) dietary supplements procured under this
12 section are certified by a non-Department third-
13 party certifying organization that has been vetted by
14 the Operation Supplement Safety program of the
15 Department for end-product quality assurance, con-
16 firming no contaminants, ingredients, substances, or
17 their synonyms prohibited by the Department;

18 (2) sports foods procured under this section are
19 free of ingredients, substances, and their synonyms
20 prohibited by the Department; and

21 (3) under the program guidance and oversight
22 of a primary care sports medicine physician, sports
23 foods and third-party certified dietary supplements
24 are acquired by units of the USSOCOM and distrib-
25 uted by credentialed and privileged registered (per-

1 formance) dietitians or medical clinicians with pre-
 2 scribing authority (such as a medical doctor, doctor
 3 of osteopathic medicine, physician assistant, or nurse
 4 practitioner) assigned to or supporting the
 5 USSOCOM at the operational unit level.

6 (d) REPORT.—Not later than September 30, 2026,
 7 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional
 8 defense committees a report that assesses the feasibility
 9 and advisability of expanding the authority under this sec-
 10 tion for the procurement and distribution of sports foods
 11 and third-party certified dietary supplements to include
 12 the military departments.

13 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) DIETARY SUPPLEMENT.—The term “dietary
 15 supplement” has the meaning given that term in
 16 section 201(ff) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
 17 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 321(ff)) and requires nutrition
 18 labeling in the form of a “Supplement Facts Panel”.

19 (2) SPORTS FOODS.—The term “sports foods”
 20 means food products—

21 (A) intended to deliver essential energy
 22 (calories) and nutrients at the right time to
 23 members of the USSOCOM to ensure critical
 24 combat and medical readiness; and

1 (B) containing nutrition labeling in the
2 form of a “Nutrition Facts Panel”.

3 **SEC. 342. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS TO ESTABLISH OR**
4 **EXPAND SPACE FORCE SPECIAL OPERATIONS**
5 **COMPONENT COMMAND.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to
7 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available
8 for Major Force Program 11 for the United States Special
9 Operations Command shall be obligated or expended to es-
10 tablish or expand a Space Force Special Operations Com-
11 ponent Command until the date that is 30 days after the
12 date on which the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Spe-
13 cial Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict and the Com-
14 mander of the United States Special Operations Com-
15 mand, in consultation with the Chief of Space Operations,
16 jointly submit to the Committees on Armed Services of
17 the Senate and the House of Representatives the report
18 required by subsection (b).

19 (b) REPORT.—The report required under this sub-
20 section shall include, at a minimum, the following:

21 (1) An articulation of the requirement for a
22 Space Force Special Operations Component Com-
23 mand.

24 (2) A funding profile, across the future-years
25 defense program submitted under section 221 of

1 title 10, United States Code, for the establishment
2 of a Space Force Special Operations Component
3 Command, including a delineation of funds required
4 under Major Force Program 2 and Major Force
5 Program 11.

6 (3) A timeline and conditions for achieving ini-
7 tial and full operational capability for a Space Force
8 Special Operations Component Command.

9 (4) An identification of the military, civilian,
10 and contractor personnel required for a Space Force
11 Special Operations Component Command at initial
12 and full operational capability.

13 (5) An identification of the facilities require-
14 ments for a Space Force Special Operations Compo-
15 nent Command at initial and full operational capa-
16 bility.

17 (6) An explanation of how and when the Sec-
18 retary of Defense and the Assistant Secretary of De-
19 fense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Con-
20 flict have documented approval for the establishment
21 of a Space Force Special Operations Component
22 Command.

23 (7) An explanation of the administrative and
24 command relationships between a Space Force Spe-
25 cial Operations Component Command and the

1 United States Special Operations Command, United
2 States Space Command, and the Space Force.

3 (8) Any other matters determined relevant by
4 the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Oper-
5 ations and Low-Intensity Conflict and the Com-
6 mander of the United States Special Operations
7 Command.

8 **SEC. 343. REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTS RELATING TO**
9 **PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION MOVING**
10 **PROCESS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—For any renegotiation of the con-
12 tract under the Global Household Goods Contract in place
13 as of the date of the enactment of this Act, or negotiation
14 of a new contract under the Global Household Goods Con-
15 tract or any successor program or contract, the Secretary
16 of Defense shall require that the following oversight mech-
17 anisms are included in the final contract agreement:

18 (1) The prime contractor shall submit to the
19 Secretary a summary document outlining the key
20 terms and conditions of each subcontract agreement
21 related to capacity, performance, and compliance
22 with the contract requirements, which shall include
23 the following:

1 (A) The guaranteed capacity of each sub-
2 contractor (including location, volume, and peak
3 season commitment).

4 (B) Performance metrics and service level
5 agreements applicable to each subcontractor.

6 (C) Provisions for monitoring and enforce-
7 ing subcontractor performance.

8 (D) Termination clauses and penalties for
9 noncompliance.

10 (E) Data sharing and security require-
11 ments.

12 (2) Each subcontractor shall provide to the
13 prime contractor, upon request, certifications and
14 copies of training completion relating to compliance
15 with requirements under the contract.

16 (3) The prime contractor shall submit to the
17 Secretary regular performance reports on its sub-
18 contractors, including metrics related to on-time
19 pickup, on-time delivery, damage claim rates, cus-
20 tomer satisfaction, and compliance with contract re-
21 quirements.

22 (4) The prime contractor shall submit to the
23 Secretary a subcontractor management plan out-
24 lining its processes for selecting, monitoring, and
25 managing subcontractors, including a description of

1 how the prime contractor ensures subcontractor
2 compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and
3 contract requirements.

4 (5) The prime contractor shall maintain a ro-
5 bust risk management plan that addresses potential
6 disruptions to the subcontractor network, such as fi-
7 nancial instability, natural disasters, or labor dis-
8 putes.

9 (6) Not less frequently than monthly, the prime
10 contractor shall submit to the Secretary the subcon-
11 tractor rating system used by the prime contractor,
12 with current scoring results under such system.

13 (7) The prime contractor shall submit to the
14 Secretary the subcontractor rates for each move
15 under the contract.

16 (8) The prime contractor shall establish clear
17 escalation procedures for addressing subcontractor
18 performance issues, including steps for resolving dis-
19 putes, implementing corrective actions, and termi-
20 nating non-performing subcontractors.

21 (9) The Federal Government shall be permitted
22 to audit subcontractor records with reasonable notice
23 to the prime contractor.

24 (10) The contract shall incorporate a fixed-price
25 contract line item number for monthly overhead,

1 separating it from the rates associated with the costs
2 of moves.

3 (11) The prime contractor shall establish a
4 database that the Secretary can access on a real-
5 time basis to ensure compliance with this section.

6 (b) CONSIDERATIONS FOR SUCCESSOR CON-
7 TRACTS.—For any successor contract to the Global
8 Household Goods Contract entered into after the date of
9 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall consider,
10 during development of an acquisition strategy and execu-
11 tion strategy, in addition to the requirements under sub-
12 section (a), the following:

13 (1) The incorporation of a fixed-price contract
14 line item number for monthly overhead, separating
15 it from the rates associated with the costs of moves.

16 (2) Contracts under the Federal Acquisition
17 Regulation for lanes that account for more than one
18 percent of total permanent change of station move
19 volume and tender of service contracts for the re-
20 maining lanes.

21 (3) Tiered incentive awards for higher levels of
22 capacity.

23 (4) The establishment of a database that the
24 Secretary can access on a real-time basis to ensure
25 compliance with this section.

1 (c) INCORPORATION OF PROPOSALS.—The Secretary
 2 may incorporate any proposal of the prime contractor into
 3 a final contract negotiated or renegotiated under this sec-
 4 tion that ensures advertised performance capabilities are
 5 met.

6 **SEC. 344. LIMITATION ON TRANSFORMATION BY THE ARMY**
 7 **OF PRIMARY HELICOPTER TRAINING PRO-**
 8 **GRAM AT FORT RUCKER, ALABAMA.**

9 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
 10 this Act for fiscal year 2026 to the Army may be obligated
 11 or expended for the solicitation for proposals or to award
 12 a contract for the implementation of any transformation
 13 of the Initial Entry Rotary Wing training program at Fort
 14 Rucker, Alabama, until—

15 (1) the completion of the Part 141 Helicopter
 16 Flight School Training Pilot proof of concept plan
 17 conducted by the Department of the Army and the
 18 Federal Aviation Administration, including—

19 (A) all three phases of Initial Entry Rotary
 20 Wing Training Phases 1 & 2 and Phase 3
 21 Warfighter Tactical Training Phase; and

22 (B) the evaluation of the effectiveness of
 23 the training pilot, which shall include the re-
 24 sults of six classes of eight students each (48

1 students total) and is scheduled to be completed
2 in May 2026;

3 (2) the Secretary of the Army (in this section
4 referred to as the “Secretary”) has fully assessed
5 and validated the outcomes of such training pilot, in-
6 cluding cost, operational effectiveness, safety, and
7 training efficacy;

8 (3) the Secretary submits to the congressional
9 defense committees a report detailing the results of
10 such training pilot and the rationale for any pro-
11 posed changes to training systems or platforms re-
12 sulting from such training pilot;

13 (4) an independent assessment of the business
14 case analysis and implementation plan for such
15 transformation has been conducted by the Office of
16 Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation of the Of-
17 fice of the Secretary of Defense, which shall in-
18 clude—

19 (A) an analysis of the cost to produce an
20 aviator qualified under Initial Entry Rotary
21 Wing Training Phases 1 & 2 utilizing the cur-
22 rent training model and aircraft as well as the
23 cost to produce such an aviator utilizing the
24 helicopter flight school training proof of concept
25 model and aircraft;

1 (B) an assessment of the risks and benefits
2 of outsourcing Initial Entry Rotary Wing train-
3 ing requirements;

4 (C) total costs for the existing training
5 ecosystem for Initial Entry Rotary Wing; and

6 (D) an identification of measures taken to
7 mitigate costs and enhance training within the
8 existing training ecosystem;

9 (5) the Secretary submits to the congressional
10 defense committees a report containing the results of
11 such assessment and a detailed justification of how
12 the findings from such assessment support pro-
13 ceeding with any such transformation; and

14 (6) the Secretary briefs the congressional de-
15 fense committees on—

16 (A) the outcomes and findings of the train-
17 ing pilot specified in paragraph (1);

18 (B) an assessment of the cost-effectiveness
19 and operational and training readiness resulting
20 from the training pilot;

21 (C) any recommendations for future pro-
22 curement or contracting activity related to
23 training initiatives similar to the training pilot;
24 and

1 (D) the course of action proposed by the
2 Secretary relating to any such transformation.

3 **SEC. 345. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN AIRCRAFT FROM AIR**
4 **FORCE TO ARIZONA AVIATION HISTORICAL**
5 **GROUP, PHOENIX, ARIZONA.**

6 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of the Air Force (in
7 this section referred to as the “Secretary”) may convey
8 to the Arizona Aviation Historical Group, Phoenix, Ari-
9 zona (in this section referred to as the “Group”), all right,
10 title, and interest of the United States in five T–37B
11 trainer aircraft and any available spare parts for such air-
12 craft that the Secretary has determined are surplus to
13 need.

14 (b) **CONVEYANCE AT NO COST TO THE UNITED**
15 **STATES.**—The conveyance of an aircraft under subsection
16 (a) shall be made at no cost to the United States. Any
17 costs associated with such conveyance, costs of deter-
18 mining compliance with terms of the conveyance, and costs
19 of operation and maintenance of the aircraft conveyed
20 shall be borne by the Group.

1 **SEC. 346. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS BY THE ARMY**
2 **UNTIL SUBMITTAL OF PLAN TO INTEGRATE**
3 **JOINT MUNITIONS COMMAND AND ARMY**
4 **SUSTAINMENT COMMAND.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to
6 be appropriated to the Army for fiscal year 2026 may be
7 used to restructure the commands of the Army until the
8 Secretary submits to the Committees on Armed Services
9 of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report
10 regarding the proposed plan of the Secretary to integrate
11 the Joint Munitions Command and the Army Sustainment
12 Command.

13 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
14 (a) shall include the following:

15 (1) A detailed comparison of the old organiza-
16 tional structures of the commands of the Army com-
17 pared with the proposed new integration construct
18 for such organizational structures, including any
19 changes to reporting chains, leadership roles, and
20 workforce.

21 (2) The planned timeline for implementation of
22 such integration.

23 (3) Any plans for changing the numbers, duty
24 locations, or responsibilities of personnel under the
25 Joint Munitions Command and the Army
26 Sustainment Command.

1 (4) A mission justification for the proposed in-
2 tegration.

3 (5) An assessment of the short-term and long-
4 term impacts of the proposed integration on the
5 readiness of the Army and the Department of De-
6 fense to conduct the missions of the Joint Munitions
7 Command and the Army Sustainment Command
8 and the plan of the Army for mitigating those im-
9 pacts.

10 **SEC. 347. LIMITATION ON USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS OF THE**
11 **AIR FORCE UNTIL ACQUISITION STRATEGY**
12 **SUBMITTED TO MAINTAIN AIRBORNE COM-**
13 **MAND POST CAPABILITY.**

14 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
15 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
16 operation and maintenance, Air Force, and available to
17 the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force for travel pur-
18 poses, not more than 80 percent may be obligated or ex-
19 pended until the date on which the Secretary, in consulta-
20 tion with the Commander of the United States Strategic
21 Command, submits to the congressional defense commit-
22 tees a report on the acquisition strategy of the Air Force
23 to maintain the Airborne Command Post capability, in-
24 cluding—

1 (1) options to expand production of the C-
 2 130J-30 Super Hercules to provide additional air-
 3 frames to preserve the Airborne Command Post ca-
 4 pability; and

5 (2) an outline of the future relationship of the
 6 Airborne Command Post capability with the Sec-
 7 ondary Launch Platform-Airborne effort.

8 **SEC. 348. PILOT PROGRAM FOR CONTRACTED AMPHIBIOUS**
 9 **AIR RESOURCES FOR THE AREA OF RESPON-**
 10 **SIBILITY OF THE UNITED STATES INDO-PA-**
 11 **CIFIC COMMAND.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in con-
 13 junction with the Secretary of the Navy and the Com-
 14 mander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command, may
 15 establish and maintain a pilot program for the contracted
 16 operation of a fleet of commercial amphibious aviation re-
 17 sources to be made available to the commanders of the
 18 combatant commands and the commanders of other com-
 19 ponents of the Department of Defense for mission tasking
 20 within the area of responsibility of the United States Indo-
 21 Pacific Command.

22 (b) FIELDING AND ADJUDICATING MISSION RE-
 23 QUESTS.—The Commander of the United States Indo-Pa-
 24 cific Command shall establish a process to field and adju-

1 dicade mission requests pursuant to the pilot program
2 under subsection (a) in a timely manner.

3 (c) SUNSET.—The authority to carry out the pilot
4 program under subsection (a) shall terminate on the date
5 that is three years after the date of the enactment of this
6 Act.

7 **SEC. 349. NAMING OF CERTAIN ASSETS OF THE DEPART-**
8 **MENT OF DEFENSE IN THE COMMONWEALTH**
9 **OF VIRGINIA.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
12 shall implement the naming recommendations for assets
13 of the Department of Defense in the Commonwealth of
14 Virginia that were adopted by the Commission.

15 (b) PROHIBITION RELATING TO OVERRIDING REC-
16 OMMENDATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense may not
17 change the name of an asset of the Department of Defense
18 in the Commonwealth of Virginia that was adopted by the
19 Commission to any name other than the name that was
20 adopted.

21 (c) COMMISSION DEFINED.—In this section, the term
22 “Commission” means the commission established under
23 section 370(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry Na-
24 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
25 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 113 note).

1 **SEC. 350. MODIFICATION OF PROTECTION OF CERTAIN FA-**
 2 **CILITIES AND ASSETS FROM INCURSIONS.**

3 Section 130i of title 10, United States Code, is
 4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) by striking “any provision of title 18”
 7 and inserting “sections 32, 1030, and 1367 and
 8 chapters 119 and 206 of title 18”; and

9 (B) by striking “officers and civilian em-
 10 ployees” and inserting “officers, civilian em-
 11 ployees, and contractors”;

12 (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

13 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “De-
 14 tect” and inserting “During the operation of
 15 the unmanned aircraft system or unmanned air-
 16 craft, detect”; and

17 (B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting be-
 18 fore the period at the end the following: “, in-
 19 cluding through the use of remote identification
 20 broadcast or other means”;

21 (3) in subsection (c)—

22 (A) by striking “Any unmanned” and in-
 23 serting “(1) Any unmanned”; and

24 (B) by adding at the end the following new
 25 paragraph:

1 “(2) Any forfeiture conducted under paragraph (1)
 2 shall be made subject to the requirements for civil, crimi-
 3 nal, or administrative forfeiture, as the case may be, under
 4 applicable law or regulation.”;

5 (4) in subsection (d), by adding at the end the
 6 following:

7 “(3)(A) The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that
 8 the regulations prescribed or guidance issued under para-
 9 graph (1) require that, when taking an action described
 10 in subsection (a)(1), all due consideration is given to—

11 “(i) mitigating impacts on privacy and civil lib-
 12 erties under the First and Fourth Amendments to
 13 the Constitution of the United States;

14 “(ii) mitigating damage to, or loss of, real and
 15 personal property;

16 “(iii) mitigating any risk of personal injury or
 17 death; and

18 “(iv) when practicable, obtaining the identifica-
 19 tion of or issuing a warning to the operator of an
 20 unmanned aircraft system or unmanned aircraft
 21 prior to taking action under subparagraphs (C)
 22 through (F) of subsection (b)(1), unless doing so
 23 would—

24 “(I) endanger the safety of members of the
 25 armed forces or civilians;

1 “(II) create a flight risk or result in the
2 destruction of evidence; or

3 “(III) seriously jeopardize an investigation,
4 criminal proceeding, or legal proceeding pursu-
5 ant to subsection (c).

6 “(B) Nothing in this paragraph may be construed to
7 limit the inherent right to self defense of a member of
8 the armed forces.”;

9 (5) in subsection (e)—

10 (A) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
11 ing the following:

12 “(1) the interception, acquisition, maintenance,
13 or use of, or access to, communications to or from
14 an unmanned aircraft system under this section is
15 conducted in a manner consistent with the First and
16 Fourth Amendments to the Constitution of the
17 United States and applicable provisions of Federal
18 law;”;

19 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “a func-
20 tion of the Department of Defense” and insert-
21 ing “an action described in subsection (b)(1)”;

22 (C) by striking paragraph (3) and insert-
23 ing the following:

24 “(3) records of such communications are main-
25 tained only for as long as necessary, and in no event

1 for more than 180 days unless the Secretary of De-
2 fense determines that maintenance of such records—

3 “(A) is necessary to investigate or pros-
4 ecute a violation of law or to directly support
5 an ongoing security operation; or

6 “(B) is required under Federal law or for
7 the purpose of any litigation;”; and

8 (D) in paragraph (4)—

9 (i) by striking subparagraph (A) and
10 inserting the following:

11 “(A) is necessary to support an ongoing
12 action described in subsection (b)(1);”;

13 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
14 “; or” and inserting a semicolon;

15 (iii) by redesignating subparagraph
16 (C) as subparagraph (D);

17 (iv) by inserting after subparagraph
18 (B) the following new subparagraph:

19 “(C) is necessary to support the counter
20 unmanned aircraft systems activities of another
21 Federal agency with authority to mitigate the
22 threat of unmanned aircraft systems or un-
23 manned aircraft in mitigating such threats; or”;
24 and

1 (v) in subparagraph (D), as redesignated by clause (iii), by striking the period
2 at the end and inserting “; and”;
3

4 (6) by redesignating subsections (f), (g), (h),
5 (i), and (j) as subsections (g), (h), (j), (k), (l), respectively;
6

7 (7) by inserting after subsection (e) the following:
8

9 “(f) CLAIMS.—Claims for loss of property, injury, or
10 death pursuant to actions under subsection (b) may be
11 made consistent with chapter 171 of title 28, and chapter
12 163 of this title, as applicable.”;

13 (8) in subsection (h), as redesignated by paragraph (6), by striking “March 1, 2018” and inserting “March 1, 2026”;
15

16 (9) by inserting after subsection (h), as so redesignated, the following:
17

18 “(i) ANNUAL REPORT.—(1) Not later than 180 days
19 after the date of the enactment of this subsection, and
20 annually thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit
21 to the appropriate congressional committees and publish
22 on a publicly available website a report summarizing all
23 detection and mitigation activities conducted under this
24 section during the previous year to counter unmanned air-
25 craft systems.

1 “(2) Each report under paragraph (1) shall include—

2 “(A) information on any violation of, or failure
3 to comply with, this section by personnel authorized
4 to conduct detection and mitigation activities, in-
5 cluding a description of any such violation or failure;

6 “(B) data on the number of detection activities
7 conducted, the number of mitigation activities con-
8 ducted, and the number of instances of communica-
9 tions interception from an unmanned aircraft sys-
10 tem;

11 “(C) whether any unmanned aircraft that expe-
12 rienced mitigation was engaged in or attempting to
13 engage in activities protected under the First
14 Amendment to the Constitution of the United
15 States;

16 “(D) whether any unmanned aircraft or un-
17 manned aircraft system was properly or improperly
18 seized, disabled, damaged, or destroyed and an iden-
19 tification of any methods used to seize, disable, dam-
20 age, or destroy such aircraft or system; and

21 “(E) a description of the efforts of the Federal
22 Government to protect privacy and civil liberties
23 when carrying out detection and mitigation activities
24 under this section to counter unmanned aircraft sys-
25 tems.

1 “(3) Each report required under paragraph (1) shall
 2 be submitted and published in unclassified form, but may
 3 include a classified annex.”.

4 (10) by striking subsection (k), as so redesign-
 5 nated, and inserting the following:

6 “(k) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on De-
 7 cember 31, 2030.”; and

8 (11) in subsection (l), as so redesignated—

9 (A) in paragraph (1)—

10 (i) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
 11 “the Committee on Homeland Security and
 12 Governmental Affairs,” after “the Com-
 13 mittee on the Judiciary,”; and

14 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting
 15 “the Committee on Homeland Security,”
 16 after “the Committee on the Judiciary,”;
 17 and

18 (B) in paragraph (3)—

19 (i) in subparagraph (C), by redesign-
 20 ating clauses (i) through (ix) as sub-
 21 clauses (I) through (IX), respectively, and
 22 moving those subclauses, as so redesign-
 23 nated, two ems to the right;

24 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs
 25 (A) through (C) as clauses (i), (ii), and

(iii), respectively, and moving those clauses, as so redesignated, two ems to the right; and

(iii) in the matter preceding clause (i), as redesignated by clause (ii), by striking “means any facility or asset that—” and inserting “means—
“(A) any facility or asset that—”;

(iv) in clause (iii), as redesignated by clause (ii)—

(I) in subclause (VIII), as redesignated by clause (i), by striking “; or” and inserting a semicolon;

(II) in subclause (IX), as so redesignated, by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(III) by adding at the end the following new subclauses:

“(X) protection of the buildings, grounds, and property to which the public are not permitted regular, unrestricted access and that are under the jurisdiction, custody, or control of the Department of Defense and the

1 persons on that property pursuant to
2 section 2672 of this title;

3 “(XI) assistance to Federal,
4 State, or local officials in responding
5 to incidents involving nuclear, radio-
6 logical, biological, or chemical weap-
7 ons, high-yield explosives, or related
8 materials or technologies, as well as
9 support pursuant to section 282 of
10 this title or the Robert T. Stafford
11 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-
12 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq); or

13 “(XII) activities listed in section
14 2692(b) of this title; or”; and

15 (v) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(B) any personnel associated with a facil-
17 ity or asset specified under subparagraph (A)
18 while engaged in direct support of a mission of
19 the Department of Defense specified in clause
20 (iii) of such subparagraph.”.

1 **TITLE IV—MILITARY**
2 **PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATIONS**
3 **Subtitle A—Active Forces**

4 **SEC. 401. END STRENGTHS FOR ACTIVE FORCES.**

5 The Armed Forces are authorized strengths for active
6 duty personnel as of September 30, 2026, as follows:

- 7 (1) The Army, 454,000.
8 (2) The Navy, 344,600.
9 (3) The Marine Corps, 172,300.
10 (4) The Air Force, 321,500.
11 (5) The Space Force, 10,400.

12 **Subtitle B—Reserve Forces**

13 **SEC. 411. END STRENGTHS FOR SELECTED RESERVE.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Armed Forces are authorized
15 strengths for Selected Reserve personnel of the reserve
16 components as of September 30, 2026, as follows:

- 17 (1) The Army National Guard of the United
18 States, 328,000.
19 (2) The Army Reserve, 172,000.
20 (3) The Navy Reserve, 57,500.
21 (4) The Marine Corps Reserve, 33,600.
22 (5) The Air National Guard of the United
23 States, 106,300.
24 (6) The Air Force Reserve, 67,500.
25 (7) The Coast Guard Reserve, 7,000.

1 (b) END STRENGTH REDUCTIONS.—The end
2 strengths prescribed by subsection (a) for the Selected Re-
3 serve of any reserve component shall be proportionately
4 reduced by—

5 (1) the total authorized strength of units orga-
6 nized to serve as units of the Selected Reserve of
7 such component which are on active duty (other
8 than for training) at the end of the fiscal year; and
9 (2) the total number of individual members not
10 in units organized to serve as units of the Selected
11 Reserve of such component who are on active duty
12 (other than for training or for unsatisfactory partici-
13 pation in training) without their consent at the end
14 of the fiscal year.

15 (c) END STRENGTH INCREASES.—Whenever units or
16 individual members of the Selected Reserve for any reserve
17 component are released from active duty during any fiscal
18 year, the end strength prescribed for such fiscal year for
19 the Selected Reserve of such reserve component shall be
20 increased proportionately by the total authorized strengths
21 of such units and by the total number of such individual
22 members.

1 **SEC. 412. END STRENGTHS FOR RESERVES ON ACTIVE**
2 **DUTY IN SUPPORT OF THE RESERVES.**

3 Within the end strengths prescribed in section
4 411(a), the reserve components of the Armed Forces are
5 authorized, as of September 30, 2026, the following num-
6 ber of Reserves to be serving on full-time active duty or
7 full-time duty, in the case of members of the National
8 Guard, for the purpose of organizing, administering, re-
9 cruiting, instructing, or training the reserve components:

10 (1) The Army National Guard of the United
11 States, 30,845.

12 (2) The Army Reserve, 16,511.

13 (3) The Navy Reserve, 10,132.

14 (4) The Marine Corps Reserve, 2,400.

15 (5) The Air National Guard of the United
16 States, 25,982.

17 (6) The Air Force Reserve, 6,311.

18 **SEC. 413. END STRENGTHS FOR MILITARY TECHNICIANS**
19 **(DUAL STATUS).**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The minimum number of military
21 technicians (dual status) as of the last day of fiscal year
22 2026 for the reserve components of the Army and the Air
23 Force (notwithstanding section 129 of title 10, United
24 States Code) shall be the following:

25 (1) For the Army National Guard of the United
26 States, 22,294.

1 (2) For the Army Reserve, 6,492.

2 (3) For the Air National Guard of the United
3 States, 10,744.

4 (4) For the Air Force Reserve, 6,697.

5 (b) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF TEMPORARY MILI-
6 TARY TECHNICIANS (DUAL STATUS).—The number of
7 temporary military technicians (dual status) employed
8 under the authority of subsection (a) may not exceed 25
9 percent of the total authorized number specified in such
10 subsection.

11 (c) LIMITATION.—Under no circumstances may a
12 military technician (dual status) employed under the au-
13 thority of this section be coerced by a State into accepting
14 an offer of realignment or conversion to any other military
15 status, including as a member of the Active, Guard, and
16 Reserve component. If a military technician (dual status)
17 declines to participate in such realignment or conversion,
18 no further action will be taken against the individual or
19 the individual's position.

20 **SEC. 414. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RESERVE PERSONNEL AU-**
21 **THORIZED TO BE ON ACTIVE DUTY FOR**
22 **OPERATIONAL SUPPORT.**

23 During fiscal year 2026, the maximum number of
24 members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces
25 who may be serving at any time on full-time operational

1 support duty under section 115(b) of title 10, United
2 States Code, is the following:

3 (1) The Army National Guard of the United
4 States, 17,000.

5 (2) The Army Reserve, 13,000.

6 (3) The Navy Reserve, 6,200.

7 (4) The Marine Corps Reserve, 3,000.

8 (5) The Air National Guard of the United
9 States, 16,000.

10 (6) The Air Force Reserve, 14,000.

11 **Subtitle C—Authorization of**
12 **Appropriations**

13 **SEC. 421. MILITARY PERSONNEL.**

14 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds
15 are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year
16 2026 for the use of the Armed Forces and other activities
17 and agencies of the Department of Defense for expenses,
18 not otherwise provided for, for military personnel, as spec-
19 ified in the funding table in section 4401.

20 (b) CONSTRUCTION OF AUTHORIZATION.—The au-
21 thorization of appropriations in the subsection (a) super-
22 sedes any other authorization of appropriations (definite
23 or indefinite) for such purpose for fiscal year 2026.

1 **TITLE V—MILITARY PERSONNEL**
 2 **POLICY**
 3 **Subtitle A—Officer Personnel**
 4 **Policy**

5 **SEC. 501. STATUTORY ADJUSTMENT TO REFLECT TRANS-**
 6 **FER OF CERTAIN GENERAL OFFICER BILLETS**
 7 **FROM THE AIR FORCE TO THE SPACE FORCE.**

8 Section 526(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
 9 amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “171” and in-
 11 serting “168”; and

12 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking “21” and in-
 13 serting “24”.

14 **SEC. 502. NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF JUDGE ADVOCATES**
 15 **GENERAL.**

16 (a) ARMY.—Section 7037 of title 10, United States
 17 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
 18 subsection:

19 “(f) If the Judge Advocate General is removed from
 20 office before the end of the term of the Judge Advocate
 21 General as specified in subsection (a), the Secretary of De-
 22 fense shall, not later than five days before the removal
 23 takes effect, submit to the Committees on Armed Services
 24 of the Senate and the House of Representatives notice

1 that the Judge Advocate General is being removed and
2 a statement of the reason for the removal.”.

3 (b) NAVY.—Section 8088 of title 10, United States
4 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
5 subsection:

6 “(f) If the Judge Advocate General is removed from
7 office before the end of the term of the Judge Advocate
8 General as specified in subsection (b), the Secretary of De-
9 fense shall, not later than five days before the removal
10 takes effect, submit to the Committees on Armed Services
11 of the Senate and the House of Representatives notice
12 that the Judge Advocate General is being removed and
13 a statement of the reason for the removal.”.

14 (c) AIR FORCE.—Section 9037 of title 10, United
15 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
16 lowing new subsection:

17 “(g) If the Judge Advocate General is removed from
18 office before the end of the term of the Judge Advocate
19 General as specified in subsection (a), the Secretary of De-
20 fense shall, not later than five days before the removal
21 takes effect, submit to the Committees on Armed Services
22 of the Senate and the House of Representatives notice
23 that the Judge Advocate General is being removed and
24 a statement of the reason for the removal.”.

1 **SEC. 503. QUALIFICATIONS FOR JUDGE ADVOCATES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 806 of title 10, United
3 States Code (article 6 of the Uniform Code of Military
4 Justice) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsections (a) through (d)
6 as subsections (b) through (e), respectively;

7 (2) by inserting before subsection (b), as redes-
8 ignated by paragraph (1), the following new sub-
9 section:

10 “(a)(1) Judge advocates subject to this chapter must
11 be—

12 “(A) admitted to the practice of law before the
13 highest court of a State, Territory, Commonwealth,
14 or the District of Columbia, and maintain an active
15 license to practice before such court;

16 “(B) subject to the jurisdiction’s disciplinary
17 review process; and

18 “(C) in compliance with such other require-
19 ments as the cognizant authority has set to remain
20 eligible to practice law.

21 “(2) The Judge Advocates General of the Army,
22 Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard and the Staff Judge
23 Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps may
24 suspend the authority of judge advocates in their respec-
25 tive services to perform legal duties if such officers become
26 noncompliant with the requirements in paragraph (1).

1 Judge advocates and legal officers suspended or disbarred
 2 from the practice of law within a jurisdiction shall not per-
 3 form legal duties.”.

4 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

5 (A) TRIAL COUNSEL AND DEFENSE COUN-
 6 SEL.—Section 827(b) of title 10, United States
 7 Code (article 27(b) of the Uniform Code of
 8 Military Justice) is amended by amending para-
 9 graph (1) to read as follows:

10 “(1) must be a judge advocate who is qualified
 11 under section 806(a)(1) of this title (article 6(a)(1));
 12 and”.

13 (B) SPECIAL TRIAL COUNSEL.—Section
 14 824a(b)(1) of title 10, United States Code (ar-
 15 ticle 24a(b)(1) of the Uniform Code of Military
 16 Justice) is amended by amending subparagraph
 17 (A) to read as follows:

18 “(A) is a judge advocate who is qualified under
 19 section 806(a)(1) of this title (article 6(a)(1)); and”.

20 **SEC. 504. MODIFICATION OF WAIVER AUTHORITY RELATED**
 21 **TO JOINT QUALIFIED OFFICER REQUIRE-**
 22 **MENT PRIOR TO PROMOTION TO GENERAL**
 23 **OR FLAG GRADE.**

24 Section 619a(b)(3) of title 10, United States Code,
 25 is amended—

- 1 (1) by striking subparagraph (A); and
 2 (2) redesignating subparagraphs (B) and (C) as
 3 subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively.

4 **SEC. 505. NOTIFICATION OF REMOVAL OF OFFICERS FROM**
 5 **SELECTION BOARD REPORTS AND PRO-**
 6 **MOTION LISTS.**

7 (a) REGULAR COMPONENTS.—

8 (1) SELECTION BOARD REPORTS.—Section
 9 618(d) of title 10, United States Code, is amended
 10 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:
 11 “(3) The Secretary of Defense shall notify the con-
 12 gressional defense committees of the removal of the name
 13 of an officer from the report of a selection board by the
 14 President or the Secretary or Deputy Secretary of Defense
 15 under paragraph (1) or paragraph (2), respectively, for
 16 any reason other than misconduct—

17 “(A) not later than 30 days after the name of
 18 an officer is removed; and

19 “(B) prior to submission to the Senate of a pro-
 20 motion list with respect to such report pursuant to
 21 section 624(c) of this title.”.

22 (2) PROMOTION LISTS.—Section 629(a) of title
 23 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at
 24 the end the following: “The President shall notify
 25 the congressional defense committees not later than

1 30 days after removing the name of an officer from
2 such list for any reason other than misconduct.”.

3 (b) RESERVE COMPONENTS.—Section 14111(b) of
4 title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
5 end the following new paragraph:

6 “(3) The Secretary of Defense shall notify the con-
7 gressional defense committees of the removal of the name
8 of an officer from the report of a selection board by the
9 President or the Secretary or Deputy Secretary of Defense
10 under paragraph (1) or paragraph (2), respectively, for
11 any reason other than misconduct—

12 “(A) not later than 30 days after the name of
13 an officer is removed; and

14 “(B) prior to submission to the Senate of a pro-
15 motion list with respect to such report pursuant to
16 section 12203 of this title.”.

17 **SEC. 506. SPACE FORCE GENERAL OFFICER MANAGEMENT.**

18 (a) DISTRIBUTION OF COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ON
19 ACTIVE SERVICE IN GENERAL OFFICER GRADES.—Sec-
20 tion 525 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (a)—

22 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
23 by inserting “or the Space Force officer list”
24 after “officer on the active duty list”; and

25 (B) in paragraph (5)—

1 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
2 “officers in the grade of general” and in-
3 serting “officers on sustained duty orders
4 in the grade of general”;

5 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
6 “officers in a grade above” and inserting
7 “officers on sustained duty orders in a
8 grade above”; and

9 (iii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
10 “officers in the grade” and inserting “offi-
11 cers on sustained duty orders in the
12 grade”; and

13 (2) in subsection (h), by adding at the end the
14 following new paragraph:

15 “(3) The limitations of this section do not apply to
16 a Space Force general officer serving in a Space Force
17 active status but not on sustained duty orders, and who
18 is on active service for a period in excess of 365 days but
19 not to exceed three years. Unless authorized by the Sec-
20 retary of Defense, the number of Space Force general offi-
21 cers covered by this subsection and not serving in a joint
22 duty assignment for purposes of chapter 38 of this title
23 may not exceed two. Not later than 30 days after author-
24 izing more than two Space Force general officers covered
25 by this subsection, the Secretary of Defense shall provide

1 the notification required in accordance with paragraph
2 (2).”.

3 (b) AUTHORIZED STRENGTH OF SPACE FORCE GEN-
4 ERAL OFFICERS ON ACTIVE SERVICE.—Section 526 of
5 such title is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (c)—

7 (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting
8 “AND OF THE SPACE FORCE” after “COMPO-
9 NENTS”;

10 (B) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or of
11 the Space Force” after “a reserve component”;

12 (C) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end
13 the following new subparagraph:

14 “(D) The Secretary of the Air Force may au-
15 thorize not more than two of the general officers au-
16 thorized to serve in the Space Force under section
17 20110 of this title to serve on active service for a
18 period of at least 180 days and not longer than 365
19 days.”; and

20 (D) in paragraph (3)(A), by inserting “, or
21 a Space Force general officer in a Space Force
22 active status not on sustained duty,” after “a
23 reserve component”; and

24 (2) in subsection (d)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “officer;
2 or” and inserting “officer;”;

3 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-
4 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following new
6 paragraph:

7 “(3) a Space Force officer in the grade of brig-
8 adier general or above who is pending transition off
9 of sustained duty orders, but only during the 60-day
10 period preceding the end date of such orders.”.

11 (c) STRENGTH IN GRADE: SPACE FORCE GENERAL
12 OFFICERS IN A SPACE FORCE ACTIVE STATUS NOT ON
13 SUSTAINED DUTY.—Chapter 2003 of such title is amend-
14 ed by adding at the end the following new section:

15 **“§ 20110. Strength in grade: Space Force general offi-
16 cers in a Space Force active status, not
17 on sustained duty**

18 “(a) AUTHORIZED STRENGTH.—The authorized
19 strength of general officers in the Space Force serving in
20 a Space Force active status but not on sustained duty is
21 five.

22 “(b) EXCLUSIONS.—The following Space Force gen-
23 eral officers shall not be counted for purposes of this sec-
24 tion:

1 “(1) Those counted under section 526 of this
2 title.

3 “(2) Those serving in a joint duty assignment
4 for purposes of chapter 38 of this title, except that
5 the number of officers who may be excluded under
6 this paragraph may not exceed two.

7 “(c) PERMANENT GRADE.—A Space Force general
8 officer may not be reduced in permanent grade because
9 of a reduction in the number authorized under subsection
10 (a).

11 “(d) TEMPORARY EXCLUSION.—The limitations of
12 subsection (a) do not apply to an officer released from a
13 joint duty assignment or other non-joint active service as-
14 signment, but only during the 60-day period beginning on
15 the date the officer departs the joint duty or other active
16 service assignment. The Secretary of Defense may author-
17 ize the Secretary of the Air Force to extend the 60-day
18 period by an additional 120 days, except that not more
19 than three Space Force officers may be covered by an ex-
20 tension under this subsection at the same time.”.

1 **SEC. 507. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN FISCAL YEAR PER-**
 2 **CENTAGE LIMITATION FOR REDUCTION OR**
 3 **WAIVER OF SERVICE-IN-GRADE REQUIRE-**
 4 **MENT FOR GENERAL AND FLAG OFFICERS TO**
 5 **BE RETIRED IN PAY GRADES O-7 AND O-8.**

6 During the period beginning on the date of the enact-
 7 ment of this Act and ending on September 30, 2027, the
 8 percentage limitation in section 1370(b)(5)(C) of title 10,
 9 United States Code, shall be equal to 15 percent of the
 10 authorized active-duty strength for that fiscal year for of-
 11 ficers of that Armed Force in the applicable grade.

12 **Subtitle B—Reserve Component** 13 **Management**

14 **SEC. 511. EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY TO WAIVE LIMITA-**
 15 **TIONS ON RELEASE OF RESERVES FROM AC-**
 16 **TIVE DUTY WITHIN TWO YEARS OF RETIRE-**
 17 **MENT ELIGIBILITY.**

18 Section 12686(b) of title 10, United States Code, is
 19 amended by striking “an order to active duty that specifies
 20 a period of less than 180 days” and inserting “an order
 21 to active duty that specifies a period of less than 365
 22 days”.

23 **SEC. 512. DISESTABLISHMENT OF NAVY RESERVE CENTER**
 24 **SYSTEM.**

25 The Secretary of the Navy (or a designee of the Sec-
 26 retary) shall—

1 (1) direct the disestablishment of the Navy Re-
2 serve Center system;

3 (2) transfer all Navy reserve administrative
4 readiness functions to the responsibility and cog-
5 nizance of Navy reserve unit commanding officers or
6 Navy reserve community directors, as appropriate;
7 and

8 (3) reassign each member of an active or re-
9 serve component of the Navy assigned to the Navy
10 Reserve Center system as of the date of the enact-
11 ment of this Act within the active or reserve compo-
12 nent of the member or transfer the member to the
13 inactive reserve, as applicable.

14 **SEC. 513. NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL AUTHORITIES.**

15 (a) ARMY NATIONAL GUARD.—Under regulations
16 prescribed by the Secretary of the Army—

17 (1) an officer of the Army National Guard who
18 fills a vacancy in a federally recognized unit of the
19 Army National Guard may be transferred from the
20 active Army National Guard to the inactive Army
21 National Guard;

22 (2) an officer of the Army National Guard
23 transferred to the inactive Army National Guard
24 pursuant to paragraph (1) may be transferred from
25 the inactive Army National Guard to the active

1 Army National Guard to fill a vacancy in a federally
2 recognized unit;

3 (3) a warrant officer of the Army National
4 Guard who fills a vacancy in a federally recognized
5 unit of the Army National Guard may be transferred
6 from the active Army National Guard to the inactive
7 Army National Guard; and

8 (4) a warrant officer of the Army National
9 Guard transferred to the inactive Army National
10 Guard pursuant to paragraph (1) may be trans-
11 ferred from the inactive Army National Guard to the
12 active Army National Guard to fill a vacancy in a
13 federally recognized unit.

14 (b) AIR NATIONAL GUARD.—Under regulations pre-
15 scribed by the Secretary of the Air Force—

16 (1) an officer of the Air National Guard who
17 fills a vacancy in a federally recognized unit of the
18 Air National Guard may be transferred from the ac-
19 tive Air National Guard to the inactive Air National
20 Guard; and

21 (2) an officer of the Air National Guard trans-
22 ferred to the inactive Air National Guard pursuant
23 to paragraph (1) may be transferred from the inac-
24 tive Air National Guard to the active Air National

1 Guard to fill a vacancy in a federally recognized
2 unit.

3 **SEC. 514. NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL DISASTER RE-**
4 **SPONSE DUTY.**

5 Chapter 3 of title 32, United States Code, is amend-
6 ed—

7 (1) by redesignating section 329 as section 330;
8 and

9 (2) by inserting after section 328 the following
10 new section:

11 **“§ 329. Active Guard and Reserve duty: disaster re-**
12 **sponse duty**

13 “(a) DISASTER RESPONSE AUTHORITY.—When a
14 Governor has declared an emergency due to a disaster, the
15 Secretary of Defense may authorize the Governor to direct
16 National Guard personnel serving under section 328 of
17 this title to perform duties in response to, or in prepara-
18 tion for, such disaster.

19 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The disaster response duty
20 described in subsection (a)—

21 “(1) may be performed to the extent that the
22 performance of the duty does not interfere with the
23 performance of the member’s primary Active Guard
24 and Reserve duties of organizing, administering, re-

1 cruiting, instructing, and training the reserve com-
2 ponents; and

3 “(2) shall not exceed 14 days per person per
4 calendar year unless the President has declared a
5 disaster under title IV of the Robert T. Stafford
6 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
7 U.S.C. 5170 et seq.).

8 “(c) LIABILITY.—A member described in subsection
9 (a) is not an instrumentality of the United States with
10 respect to any act or omission in carrying out a disaster
11 response duty pursuant to this section. The United States
12 shall not be responsible for any claim or judgment arising
13 from the use of National Guard personnel under this sec-
14 tion.

15 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 “(1) The term ‘disaster response duty’ means
17 duty performed by a member of the National Guard
18 at the direction of the Governor of the State and
19 pursuant to an emergency declaration by such Gov-
20 ernor in response to a disaster or in preparation for
21 an imminent disaster.

22 “(2) The term ‘State’ means each of the several
23 States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam,
24 and the United States Virgin Islands.”.

1 **SEC. 515. TREATMENT OF FUNDS RECEIVED BY NATIONAL**
2 **GUARD BUREAU AS REIMBURSEMENT FROM**
3 **STATES.**

4 Section 710 of title 32, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 section:

7 “(g) TREATMENT OF REIMBURSED FUNDS.—Any
8 funds received by the National Guard Bureau from a
9 State, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of
10 Columbia, Guam, or the Virgin Islands as reimbursement
11 under this section for the use of military property—

12 “(1) shall be credited to—

13 “(A) the appropriation, fund, or account
14 used in incurring the obligation; or

15 “(B) an appropriate appropriation, fund,
16 or account currently available for the purposes
17 for which the expenditures were made; and

18 “(2) may only be used by the Department of
19 Defense for the repair, maintenance, or other similar
20 functions related directly to assets used by National
21 Guard units while operating under State active duty
22 status.”.

1 **SEC. 516. LIMITATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE AUTHORITY**
 2 **TO TRANSFER SPACE FUNCTIONS OF THE AIR**
 3 **NATIONAL GUARD TO THE SPACE FORCE.**

4 Section 514 of the National Defense Authorization
 5 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C.
 6 20001 note) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsection (k) as sub-
 8 section (l); and

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (j) the fol-
 10 lowing new subsection:

11 “(k) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this sec-
 12 tion shall be construed as—

13 “(1) authorizing the transfer of a member of
 14 the Air National Guard of the United States other
 15 than on a one-time basis as specified in subsection
 16 (c); or

17 “(2) setting future precedent with respect to
 18 waiving the applicability of any provision of title
 19 32.”.

20 **Subtitle C—General Service**
 21 **Authorities and Military Records**

22 **SEC. 521. CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL.**

23 Section 8081 of title 10, United States Code, is
 24 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
 25 section:

1 “(c) The Chief of Naval Personnel shall be respon-
 2 sible for overall management, oversight, and administra-
 3 tion of Navy military and civilian employees.”.

4 **SEC. 522. ENHANCED EFFICIENCY AND SERVICE DISCRE-**
 5 **TION FOR DISABILITY EVALUATION SYSTEM**
 6 **REVIEWS.**

7 (a) SECRETARIAL DISCRETION AND STATEMENTS OF
 8 CONTENTION FOR APPEALS TO PHYSICAL EVALUATION
 9 BOARD DETERMINATIONS OF FITNESS FOR DUTY.—Sec-
 10 tion 524 of the National Defense Authorization Act for
 11 Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 1071
 12 note) is amended—

13 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
 14 striking “Not later than 90 days after the date of
 15 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary” and insert-
 16 ing “The Secretary”;

17 (2) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the
 18 following: “The Secretary concerned may require
 19 submission of a statement of contention as part of
 20 the appeal submission.”; and

21 (3) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-
 22 lows:

23 “(2) If the member submits a formal appeal,
 24 the Secretary concerned shall conduct a fitness for
 25 duty determination consisting of either a records re-

1 view or an impartial appellate hearing, as deter-
 2 mined by the Secretary.”.

3 (b) STATEMENTS OF CONTENTION FOR PHYSICAL
 4 EVALUATION BOARDS.—Section 1214 of title 10, United
 5 States Code, is amended by striking “if he demands it.”
 6 and inserting “if the member demands it. The Secretary
 7 concerned may require submission of a statement of con-
 8 tention as part of the demand.”.

9 **SEC. 523. TECHNICAL CORRECTION RELATED TO CON-**
 10 **VALESCENT LEAVE FOR ACADEMY CADETS**
 11 **AND MIDSHIPMEN.**

12 Section 702 of title 10, United States Code, is
 13 amended—

14 (1) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), and
 15 (e) as subsections (d), (e), and (f), respectively;

16 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
 17 lowing new subsection:

18 “(c) CONVALESCENT LEAVE.—An academy cadet or
 19 midshipman diagnosed with a medical condition is allowed
 20 convalescent leave under section 701(m) of this title.”; and

21 (3) in subsection (d), as redesignated by para-
 22 graph (1), by striking “Sections 701” and inserting
 23 “Except as provided under subsection (c), sections
 24 701”.

1 **SEC. 524. RECOGNITION OF REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT**
 2 **CREW.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
 4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretaries of the
 5 military departments, in consultation with the Secretary
 6 of Veterans Affairs, shall establish a status identifier or
 7 equivalent recognition to denote the combat participation
 8 of remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) crew members who con-
 9 duct operations in direct support of combat missions. The
 10 identifier shall be designed to enable appropriate consider-
 11 ation by the Department of Veterans Affairs in the admin-
 12 istration of benefits and services that account for combat-
 13 related service, consistent with how traditional combat
 14 designators are treated.

15 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
 16 tion shall be construed to require the Department of De-
 17 fense to categorize service described in subsection (a) as
 18 equivalent to service involving physical presence in a com-
 19 bat zone.

20 **Subtitle D—Military Justice and**
 21 **Other Legal Matters**

22 **SEC. 531. NOTIFICATION OF MILITARY SEX OFFENDERS AT**
 23 **MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
 25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
 26 shall establish and implement a policy to ensure that reg-

1 istered sex offenders that reside or work on military instal-
 2 lations are identified to the respective military community,
 3 including, as necessary, through agreements with State
 4 and local law enforcement agencies.

5 (b) REPORT ON DESIGNATION OF DEPARTMENT OF
 6 DEFENSE AS JURISDICTION UNDER SORNA.—Not later
 7 than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
 8 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees
 9 on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
 10 resentatives a report assessing the advisability and desir-
 11 ability of designating the Department of Defense as a ju-
 12 risdiction for purposes of notification requirements under
 13 the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (title
 14 I of Public Law 109–248; 42 U.S.C. 16901 et seq.).

15 **SEC. 532. QUARTERLY REPORTS ON SEXUAL ASSAULT PRE-**
 16 **VENTION AND RESPONSE EFFORTS.**

17 (a) QUARTERLY REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later
 18 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
 19 and every 90 days thereafter, the Secretary of Defense
 20 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
 21 port on the activities, progress, and performance metrics
 22 of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office
 23 (SAPRO) for the preceding quarter.

24 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each report submitted under sub-
 25 section (a) shall include the following elements:

1 (1) Updates on the implementation status of
2 ongoing and new SAPRO initiatives, including any
3 reforms mandated by statute, executive order, or in-
4 ternal Department of Defense directive.

5 (2) Metrics on reported sexual assault cases,
6 broken down by military service and component, in-
7 cluding status of case processing and outcomes.

8 (3) Updates on the staffing, resourcing, and ac-
9 tivities of the Office of Special Trial Counsel.

10 (4) Performance metrics and outcome-based
11 evaluations of prevention programs and training ef-
12 fectiveness.

13 (5) Progress towards meeting the Department's
14 goals related to survivor care, victim advocacy, and
15 commander accountability.

16 (6) Interagency coordination and alignment
17 with civilian best practices or recommendations from
18 external advisory bodies.

19 (7) Any challenges, shortfalls, or recommenda-
20 tions for legislative or policy changes to improve ef-
21 fectiveness.

22 (c) FORM.—Each report shall be submitted in unclas-
23 sified form, but may contain a classified annex if nec-
24 essary.

1 **Subtitle E—Member Education,** 2 **Training, and Transition**

3 **SEC. 541. MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS.**

4 (a) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.—Section
 5 7442(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by
 6 striking “9 ranked or unranked alternates” and inserting
 7 “up to 14 ranked or unranked alternates”.

8 (b) UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY.—Section
 9 8454 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

10 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**num-**
 11 **ber**” and inserting “**appointment; numbers,**
 12 **territorial distribution**”; and

13 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “9 ranked or
 14 unranked alternates” and inserting “up to 14
 15 ranked or unranked alternates”.

16 (c) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.—Section
 17 9442(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by
 18 striking “9 ranked or unranked alternates” and inserting
 19 “up to 14 ranked or unranked alternates”.

20 **SEC. 542. ASYNCHRONOUS INSTRUCTION IN DISTANCE** 21 **EDUCATION OPTION FOR PROFESSIONAL** 22 **MILITARY EDUCATION.**

23 Subsection (c)(1) of section 2154 of title 10, United
 24 States Code, as added by section 555 of the Servicemem-
 25 ber Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense

1 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–
 2 159; 138 Stat. 1896), is amended by inserting “asyn-
 3 chronously and” after “course of instruction”.

4 **SEC. 543. ARMY UNIVERSITY.**

5 Chapter 751 of title 10, United States Code, is
 6 amended by inserting after section 7406 the following new
 7 section:

8 **“§ 7407. Army University**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is an Army University.
 10 The Army University shall integrate all of the professional
 11 military education institutions within the Army into a sin-
 12 gle educational structure to provide economic policy, gov-
 13 ernance, and innovation to such institutions.

14 “(b) COMPONENT CENTERS AND SCHOOLS.—Compo-
 15 nent centers and schools of the Army University include
 16 the following:

17 “(1) The Army War College.

18 “(2) The United States Army Command and
 19 General Staff College.

20 “(3) The Army Warrant Officer Career College.

21 “(4) The Army Management Staff College.

22 “(5) The Western Hemisphere Institute for Se-
 23 curity Cooperation.

1 “(6) Any additional colleges, centers of excel-
 2 lence, and schools that the Secretary of the Army
 3 determines appropriate.”.

4 **SEC. 544. INTEGRATION OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**
 5 **STRATEGIC THINKERS PROGRAM.**

6 (a) INTEGRATION WITH PROFESSIONAL MILITARY
 7 EDUCATION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
 9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
 10 retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional
 11 defense committees a report detailing the Depart-
 12 ment of Defense’s plan to obtain Military Education
 13 Level One (MEL–1) credit for the Strategic Think-
 14 ers Program (STP).

15 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
 16 paragraph (1) shall include—

17 (A) a detailed assessment of how the STP
 18 enhances strategic thought and decision-making
 19 among military and civilian leaders;

20 (B) a history of the utilization of past
 21 graduates of the STP;

22 (C) a plan to identify specific positions in
 23 the Department that will best utilize the skills
 24 and abilities of future program graduates;

1 (D) a description of the measures to obtain
2 MEL–1 credit for completing STP, including
3 recommendations on current authorities that
4 could be utilized to grant MEL–1 credit to pro-
5 gram graduates;

6 (E) recommendations for expanding par-
7 ticipation among military officers and civilian
8 officials; and

9 (F) an implementation timeline and associ-
10 ated resourcing requirements.

11 (b) IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT.—The Sec-
12 retary of Defense shall designate an appropriate office
13 within the Department to manage the STP and implement
14 MEL–1 credit for STP completion. The designated office
15 shall provide an annual briefing to the congressional de-
16 fense committees on the status of awarding MEL–1 credit,
17 program effectiveness, and any legislative or funding ad-
18 justments necessary to support continued program suc-
19 cess.

20 **SEC. 545. IMPROVEMENTS TO INFORMATION-SHARING TO**
21 **SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS RETIRING OR SEPA-**
22 **RATING FROM THE ARMED FORCES.**

23 (a) OPT-OUT SHARING.—Section 570F of the Na-
24 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020
25 (Public Law 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 1142 note) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (c)—

2 (A) by striking “out the form to indicate
3 an email address” and inserting the following:
4 “out the form to indicate—
5 “(1) an email address”;

6 (B) in paragraph (1), as designated by
7 subparagraph (A), by striking the period at the
8 end and inserting “; and”;

9 (C) by adding at the end the following new
10 paragraph:

11 “(2) if the individual would like to opt-out of
12 the transmittal of the individual’s information to
13 and through a State veterans agency as described in
14 subsection (a).”; and

15 (2) by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-
16 lows:

17 “(d) OPT-OUT OF INFORMATION SHARING.—Infor-
18 mation on an individual shall be transmitted to and
19 through a State veterans agency as described in subsection
20 (a) unless the individual indicates pursuant to subsection
21 (c)(2) that the individual would like to opt out of such
22 transmittal.”.

23 (b) STORAGE AND TRANSFER OF INFORMATION.—
24 Such section is further amended by adding at the end the
25 following new subsection:

1 “(e) STORAGE AND TRANSFER OF INFORMATION.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
3 shall seek to enter into memoranda of understanding
4 or other agreements with the State veterans agencies
5 described in subsection (a) to create or modify a De-
6 partment system to store and transfer information
7 under this section to information systems of such
8 State veterans agencies.

9 “(2) COMPLIANCE.—The Secretary shall ensure
10 that any agreement entered into under paragraph
11 (1) is in compliance with—

12 “(A) applicable provisions of law relating
13 to privacy and personally identifiable informa-
14 tion; and

15 “(B) applicable policies relating to cyberse-
16 curity of Department information systems and
17 State information systems.”.

18 (c) LIMITATION ON USE OF INFORMATION.—Such
19 section is further amended by adding at the end the fol-
20 lowing new subsection:

21 “(f) LIMITATION ON USE OF INFORMATION.—Infor-
22 mation transferred under this section may only be used
23 by a State for the purpose of providing or connecting vet-
24 erans to benefits or services as described in subsection
25 (a).”.

1 **SEC. 546. MANDATORY TRAINING ON GOVERNMENT ETHICS**
 2 **AND NATIONAL SECURITY LAW.**

3 (a) ANNUAL TRAINING ON GOVERNMENT ETHICS
 4 AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.—The Secretaries of the
 5 military departments shall ensure that all members of the
 6 Armed Forces in their respective departments are trained
 7 annually in government ethics and standards of conduct.

8 (b) TRAINING ON THE LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT
 9 AND RULES OF ENGAGEMENT.—The Secretaries of the
 10 military departments shall ensure that all members of the
 11 Armed Forces in their respective departments are trained
 12 on the following topics, including within 90 days of a mo-
 13 bilization or deployment, as applicable:

- 14 (1) The law of armed conflict.
- 15 (2) Rules of engagement.
- 16 (3) Defense support for civil authorities.
- 17 (4) Standing rules for the use of force.
- 18 (5) The Code of Conduct.

19 **SEC. 547. PROHIBITION ON CONSIDERATION OF RACE, SEX,**
 20 **COLOR, ETHNICITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR**
 21 **RELIGION IN SERVICE ACADEMY ADMISSIONS**
 22 **DECISIONS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Service Academies may not
 24 consider race, sex, color, ethnicity, national origin, or reli-
 25 gion in admissions decisions.

1 (b) SERVICE ACADEMY DEFINED.—In this section,
2 the term “Service Academy” has the meaning given the
3 term in section 347 of title 10, United States Code.

4 **SEC. 548. PROHIBITION ON PARTICIPATION OF MALES IN**
5 **ATHLETIC PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES AT THE**
6 **MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES THAT ARE**
7 **DESIGNATED FOR WOMEN OR GIRLS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
9 ensure that the United States Military Academy, the
10 United States Naval Academy, and the United States Air
11 Force Academy do not permit a person whose sex is male
12 to participate in an athletic program or activity that is
13 designated for women or girls.

14 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
15 tion shall be construed to prohibit a recipient from permit-
16 ting males to train or practice with an athletic program
17 or activity that is designated for women or girls so long
18 as no female is deprived of a roster spot on a team or
19 sport, opportunity to participate in a practice or competi-
20 tion, scholarship, admission to an educational institution,
21 or any other benefit that accompanies participating in the
22 athletic program or activity.

23 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

24 (1) the term “athletic programs and activities”
25 includes all programs or activities that are provided

1 conditional upon participation with any athletic
2 team; and

3 (2) the term “sex” means a person’s reproduc-
4 tive biology and genetics at birth.

5 **SEC. 549. PATHWAY FOR CADETS AND MIDSHIPMEN TO**
6 **PLAY PROFESSIONAL SPORTS.**

7 (a) REPEAL OF CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS.—Section
8 553 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authoriza-
9 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 136
10 Stat. 2592), and the amendments made by such section,
11 are repealed.

12 (b) AUTHORITY.—

13 (1) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.—Sec-
14 tion 7448(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
15 amended—

16 (A) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, ex-
17 cept as provided under paragraph (5),” after
18 “That”; and

19 (B) by adding at the end the following new
20 paragraph:

21 “(5) That, upon graduation, a cadet may seek
22 employment as a professional athlete or Olympic
23 athlete if the cadet is drafted or signs a free agent
24 contract with a professional sports entity, in which
25 case the cadet will incur a five-year service obliga-

tion upon employment as a professional or Olympic athlete and will, if no longer employed as a professional or Olympic athlete, return as a regular officer in the active component for a five-year service obligation. If the cadet is ineligible to return to active service, the cadet shall repay the government for the cost of his or her education.”.

(2) UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY.—Section 8459(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, except as provided under paragraph (5),” after “That”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(5) That, upon graduation, a midshipman may seek employment as a professional athlete or Olympic athlete if the midshipman is drafted or signs a free agent contract with a professional sports entity, in which case the midshipman will incur a five-year service obligation upon employment as a professional or Olympic athlete and will, if no longer employed as a professional or Olympic athlete, return as a regular officer in the active component for a five-year service obligation. If the midshipman is ineligible to

1 return to active service, the midshipman shall repay
2 the government for the cost of his or her edu-
3 cation.”.

4 (3) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.—
5 Section 9448(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (A) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, ex-
8 cept as provided under paragraph (5),” after
9 “That”; and

10 (B) by adding at the end the following new
11 paragraph:

12 “(5) That, upon graduation, a cadet may seek
13 employment as a professional athlete or Olympic
14 athlete if the cadet is drafted or signs a free agent
15 contract with a professional sports entity, in which
16 case the cadet will incur a five-year service obliga-
17 tion upon employment as a professional or Olympic
18 athlete and will, if no longer employed as a profes-
19 sional or Olympic athlete, return as a regular officer
20 in the active component for a five-year service obli-
21 gation. If the cadet is ineligible to return to active
22 service, the cadet shall repay the government for the
23 cost of his or her education.”.

1 **SEC. 550. FACTORS FOR COUNSELING PATHWAYS UNDER**
2 **TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

3 Section 1142(c)(1) of title 10, United States Code,
4 is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subparagraph (M) as sub-
6 paragraph (R); and

7 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (L) the fol-
8 lowing new subparagraphs:

9 “(M) Child care requirements of the member
10 (including whether a dependent of the member is en-
11 rolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program).

12 “(N) The employment status of other adults in
13 the household of the member.

14 “(O) The location of the duty station of the
15 member (including whether the member was sepa-
16 rated from family while on duty).

17 “(P) The effects of operating tempo and per-
18 sonnel tempo on the member and the household of
19 the member.”.

1 **Subtitle F—Military Family Readiness and Dependents’ Education**

3 **PART I—DEPENDENTS’ EDUCATION**

4 **SEC. 551. CERTAIN ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL**
 5 **AGENCIES THAT BENEFIT DEPENDENTS OF**
 6 **MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.**

7 (a) CONTINUATION OF AUTHORITY TO ASSIST LOCAL
 8 EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES THAT BENEFIT DEPENDENTS
 9 OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND DEPARTMENT
 10 OF DEFENSE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES.—

11 (1) ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOLS WITH SIGNIFI-
 12 CANT NUMBERS OF MILITARY DEPENDENT STU-
 13 DENTS.—Of the amount authorized to be appro-
 14 priated for fiscal year 2026 by section 301 and
 15 available for operation and maintenance for Defense-
 16 wide activities as specified in the funding table in
 17 section 4301, \$50,000,000 shall be available only for
 18 the purpose of providing assistance to local edu-
 19 cational agencies under subsection (a) of section 572
 20 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
 21 Year 2006 (Public Law 109–163; 20 U.S.C. 7703b).

22 (2) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY DEFINED.—
 23 In this subsection, the term “local educational agen-
 24 cy” has the meaning given that term in section

1 7013(9) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
2 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7713(9)).

3 (b) IMPACT AID FOR CHILDREN WITH SEVERE DIS-
4 ABILITIES.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount authorized to
6 be appropriated for fiscal year 2026 pursuant to sec-
7 tion 301 and available for operation and mainte-
8 nance for Defense-wide activities as specified in the
9 funding table in section 4301, \$10,000,000 shall be
10 available for payments under section 363 of the
11 Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization
12 Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (as enacted into law by
13 Public Law 106–398; 114 Stat. 1654A–77; 20
14 U.S.C. 7703a).

15 (2) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT.—Of the amount au-
16 thorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2026 pur-
17 suant to section 301 and available for operation and
18 maintenance for Defense-wide activities as specified
19 in the funding table in section 4301, \$20,000,000
20 shall be available for use by the Secretary of Defense
21 to make payments to local educational agencies de-
22 termined by the Secretary to have higher concentra-
23 tions of military children with severe disabilities.

24 (3) REPORT.—Not later than September 30,
25 2026, the Secretary shall brief the Committees on

1 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
2 resentatives on the Department's evaluation of each
3 local educational agency with higher concentrations
4 of military children with severe disabilities and sub-
5 sequent determination of the amounts of impact aid
6 each such agency shall receive.

7 **SEC. 552. MANAGEMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION IN**
8 **SCHOOLS OPERATED BY DEPARTMENT OF**
9 **DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY.**

10 (a) IMPROVEMENTS TO STAFFING.—The Secretary of
11 Defense, acting through the Director of the Department
12 of Defense Education Activity, shall implement the fol-
13 lowing measures to improve staffing of special education
14 teachers and staff at schools operated by the Activity:

15 (1) Require the inclusion, in the staffing model
16 for a school, of service minutes required by the indi-
17 vidualized education programs of students attending
18 the school to more effectively determine appropriate
19 staffing for the school.

20 (2) Collect the following data on underutilized
21 special education staff members:

22 (A) When such staff members are re-
23 quested to transfer to a school with greater
24 needs for such staff members.

1 (B) How many requests for such transfers
2 the Activity receives.

3 (C) Whether such requests are approved or
4 denied, and at what locations.

5 (D) Once such a request is received, the
6 likelihood that the transfer occurs.

7 (3) Collect data on the turnover of special edu-
8 cation teachers and staff, including reasons for de-
9 parture.

10 (4) Review access to and requirements for crisis
11 training, publicize Activity-wide policies with respect
12 to such training for consistency, and expand such
13 training to relevant special education teachers and
14 staff, such as paraeducators, who are not required,
15 as of the date of the enactment of this Act, to re-
16 ceive such training.

17 (5) Require district and regional administrators
18 to track training requirements for special education
19 teachers and staff to ensure that such teachers and
20 staff are meeting such requirements.

21 (b) CLARIFICATION OF GUIDANCE.—The Secretary,
22 acting through the Director, shall implement the following
23 measures to improve and clarify guidance relating to spe-
24 cial education provided by schools operated by the Depart-
25 ment of Defense Education Activity:

1 (1) Review the list of types of disabilities recog-
2 nized by the Activity as of the date of the enactment
3 of this Act and determine if that list meets the most
4 recent best practices for special education.

5 (2) Standardize and implement instructions for
6 providing special education materials to students
7 across schools operated by the Activity.

8 (3) Develop and implement a plan for standard-
9 izing special education training across the Activity.

10 (4) Standardize reading intervention guidance
11 and requirements across schools operated by the Ac-
12 tivity, including by requiring each school and district
13 operated by the Activity to have the same resources
14 and instructions, and provide clear guidance on how
15 to access additional support materials if required.

16 (c) BRIEFINGS REQUIRED.—

17 (1) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than April 1,
18 2026, the Director shall brief the Committees on
19 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
20 resentatives on the following:

21 (A) Coordination by the Department of
22 Defense Education Activity with the Edu-
23 cational and Developmental Intervention Serv-
24 ices programs of the military departments to
25 determine what medical services the military de-

partments are required to provide based on the needs of students attending schools operated by the Activity.

(B) A description of the process in effect as of the date of the briefing, if any, to resolve a dispute with respect to required services under a student's individualized education program.

(C) A description of issues pending, and resolutions of previous issues, under that process.

(D) An assessment of how support instructional specialists can better assist teachers with developing curriculum for special education students.

(E) A description of how the Activity provides services in the case of civilian or military dependents with severe medical or special education requirements that a school cannot meet, including any data on how many such cases arise an annual basis and in what locations.

(F) A description of the process in effect as of the date of the briefing for reassigning a family from a school located outside the United States if the education needs of a child in the

1 family cannot be met at that school and data,
2 for the 5 school years preceding the briefing, on
3 where such reassignments have been done and
4 the frequency of such reassignments.

5 (G) An assessment of the pay scale for
6 special education teachers and staff in effect as
7 of the date of the briefing, an identification of
8 the last time the pay scale was updated, a de-
9 scription of how the pay scale is determined,
10 and a statement of how often the pay scale is
11 updated.

12 (H) Data on school and district-level re-
13 quests for additional reading intervention cur-
14 riculum, including the locations of such re-
15 quests and whether such requests were ap-
16 proved or denied.

17 (2) SEMI-ANNUAL BRIEFINGS.—The Director
18 shall brief the Committees on Armed Services of the
19 Senate and the House of Representatives on the
20 progress made in implementing the measures de-
21 scribed in subsection (a)—

22 (A) not later than 180 days after the date
23 of the enactment of this Act; and

1 (B) every 180 days thereafter until the Di-
 2 rector certifies that each such measure has been
 3 implemented.

4 **SEC. 553. ENROLLMENT OF CHILDREN OF CERTAIN AMER-**
 5 **ICAN RED CROSS EMPLOYEES IN DEFENSE**
 6 **DEPENDENTS' EDUCATION SYSTEM.**

7 Section 1404(d)(1) of the Defense Dependents' Edu-
 8 cation Act of 1978 (20 U.S.C. 923(d)(1)) is amended by
 9 adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

10 “(D) Children of employees of the American
 11 Red Cross who—

12 “(i) are performing, on a full-time basis,
 13 services for the Armed Forces, including emer-
 14 gency services; and

15 “(ii) reside in an overseas area supported
 16 by a school of the defense dependents' edu-
 17 cation system.”.

18 **SEC. 554. REGULATIONS ON THE USE OF PORTABLE ELEC-**
 19 **TRONIC MOBILE DEVICES IN DEPARTMENT**
 20 **OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY SCHOOLS.**

21 (a) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—Not later than 180
 22 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
 23 retary of Defense, acting through the Director of the De-
 24 partment of Defense Education Activity, shall update ex-
 25 isting regulations on student use of portable electronic mo-

1 bile devices in Department of Defense Education Activity
2 (DODEA) schools to prohibit disruption in the learning
3 environment by minimizing the use of such mobile devices
4 to the greatest extent practicable and to standardize such
5 regulations across all DODEA schools.

6 (b) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 60 days
7 after completion of the updated regulations required under
8 subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall brief the
9 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
10 House of Representatives on the updated regulations, in-
11 cluding—

12 (1) relevant evidence taken into consideration
13 on the use of portable electronic mobile devices in
14 and around the classroom on learning outcomes and
15 social dynamics;

16 (2) a description of how the regulations have
17 standardized policies across all DODEA schools;

18 (3) an assessment of the influence, if any, of
19 public-school policies on mobile devices at school or
20 in the classroom; and

21 (4) any other matters the Secretary determines
22 relevant.

1 **SEC. 555. ADMINISTRATION OF COLLEGE ADMISSIONS**
2 **TESTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
3 **EDUCATION ACTIVITY.**

4 The Director of the Department of Defense Edu-
5 cation Activity shall require schools operated by the Activ-
6 ity—

7 (1) to offer to administer and, if such an offer
8 is accepted, administer at least one college admis-
9 sions test to each student in the eleventh grade; and

10 (2) to provide the parents of each such student
11 with the option for the student to take a college ad-
12 missions test of the parents' choice, including any
13 test that the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

14 **SEC. 556. SUPPORT FOR EXPANDING EARLY CHILD CARE**
15 **OPTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
16 **FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may—

18 (1) direct the Secretaries of the military depart-
19 ments—

20 (A) to identify gaps between existing early
21 child care needs and available eligible child care
22 providers;

23 (B) to use resources of the Department of
24 Defense to support eligible child care providers
25 in recruitment and retention of employees, in-

cluding through professional development and financial incentives for such employees; and

(C) to seek to enter into an interagency partnership with a Federal agency with the ability to place national service participants and volunteers trained in education services, including senior volunteer programs, at military child development centers in accordance with applicable national service laws and with all the benefits accorded to such participants and volunteers; and

(2) provide training and resource subsidies to eligible child care providers and networks of such providers.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ELIGIBLE CHILD CARE PROVIDER.—The term “eligible child care provider” has the meaning given that term in section 658P of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858n).

(2) MILITARY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER.—The term “military child development center” has the meaning given that term in section 1800 of title 10, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 557. IMPROVED COUNSELING AND ACCESS TO INFOR-**
2 **MATION RELATING TO FOSTER CARE FOR**
3 **MILITARY FAMILIES.**

4 (a) TRAINING FOR COUNSELORS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
6 shall require all counselors assigned to a Family Ad-
7 vocacy Program or Military and Family Life pro-
8 gram at a military installation in the United States
9 to be trained in the requirements and resources re-
10 lating to foster care of the State in which the instal-
11 lation is located.

12 (2) FOSTER CARE LIAISONS.—A counselor who
13 has received training under paragraph (1) shall be
14 known as a “foster care liaison”.

15 (b) INCLUSION OF FOSTER CARE INFORMATION ON
16 MILITARY ONESOURCE.—The Secretary shall require
17 Military OneSource to include a mechanism for military
18 families to obtain information on foster care, including the
19 requirements and resources relating to foster care of each
20 State.

21 (c) CONSULTATION WITH ADMINISTRATION FOR
22 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.—The Secretary shall seek
23 guidance from the Administration for Children and Fami-
24 lies of the Department of Health and Human Services
25 with respect to obtaining resources relating to foster care

1 for military families, including curricula for training under
2 paragraph (1).

3 **SEC. 558. PILOT PROGRAM ON RECRUITMENT AND RETEN-**
4 **TION OF EMPLOYEES FOR CHILD DEVELOP-**
5 **MENT PROGRAMS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may de-
7 velop and implement a pilot program to assess the effec-
8 tiveness of increasing compensation or other benefits for
9 employees of child development programs on military in-
10 stallations in improving the ability of such programs to
11 recruit and retain such employees.

12 (b) COMPENSATION.—If the Secretary implements
13 the pilot program authorized by subsection (a), the Sec-
14 retary shall provide for the payment of compensation to
15 employees of child development programs under the pilot
16 program at a fair and competitive wage that maintains
17 sustainable and high-quality child care conditions.

18 (c) SELECTION OF LOCATIONS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary implements
20 the pilot program authorized by subsection (a), the
21 Secretary shall select not fewer than three military
22 installations for purposes of carrying out the pilot
23 program.

24 (2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In selecting military in-
25 stallations under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall

1 consider military installations with child development
2 programs—

3 (A) with a shortage of qualified employees;

4 or

5 (B) subject to other conditions identified
6 by the Secretary that affect the ability of the
7 programs to operate at full capacity.

8 (d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may prescribe
9 such regulations as are necessary to carry out this section.

10 (e) DURATION OF PILOT PROGRAM.—If the Sec-
11 retary implements the pilot program authorized by sub-
12 section (a), the pilot program shall—

13 (1) commence on the date on which the Sec-
14 retary prescribes regulations under subsection (d);
15 and

16 (2) terminate on the date that is 3 years after
17 the date described in paragraph (1).

18 (f) BRIEFINGS REQUIRED.—

19 (1) INITIAL BRIEFING.—If the Secretary imple-
20 ments the pilot program authorized by subsection
21 (a), the Secretary shall, when the pilot program
22 commences in accordance with subsection (e)(1),
23 brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-
24 ate and the House of Representatives on—

1 (A) the military installations selected
2 under subsection (c) for purposes of carrying
3 out the pilot program;

4 (B) the data that informed those selec-
5 tions; and

6 (C) the compensation or other benefits to
7 be offered under the pilot program.

8 (2) FINAL BRIEFING.—If the Secretary imple-
9 ments the pilot program authorized by subsection
10 (a), the Secretary shall, not later than 180 days be-
11 fore the pilot program terminates in accordance with
12 subsection (e)(2), brief the Committees on Armed
13 Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-
14 tives on the outcomes and findings of the pilot pro-
15 gram, including—

16 (A) data collected and analyses conducted
17 under the pilot program with respect to the re-
18 lationship between increased compensation for
19 employees of child development programs and
20 improved recruitment or retention of those em-
21 ployees; and

22 (B) any recommendations with respect to
23 increases in compensation or other benefits for
24 employees of child development programs across

1 the Department of Defense as a result of the
2 pilot program.

3 (g) CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM DEFINED.—In
4 this section, the term “child development program” means
5 a program to provide child care services for children, be-
6 tween birth through 12 years of age, of members of the
7 Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department
8 of Defense.

9 **SEC. 559. REPORT ON UNMET NEED FOR CHILD CARE IN**
10 **AREAS WITH SIGNIFICANT POPULATIONS OF**
11 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30,
13 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appro-
14 priate committees of Congress a report on the unmet need
15 for child care in areas with populations of members of the
16 Armed Forces that includes—

17 (1) an assessment of—

18 (A) the unmet need for each military in-
19 stallation, specifically those families who have
20 no childcare at all;

21 (B) the military families on the waitlist for
22 a child development center on an installation
23 who may be using a family childcare home or
24 fee assistance until they can get off of the
25 waitlist; and

1 (C) areas where there may be significant
 2 challenges providing care to dependents under
 3 the age of 5;

4 (2) a review of the efforts of the Department of
 5 Defense to recruit and retain eligible child care pro-
 6 viders; and

7 (3) a plan for meeting the unmet need for child
 8 care.

9 (b) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
 10 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
 11 tees of Congress” means—

12 (1) the Committee on Armed Services of the
 13 Senate; and

14 (2) the Committee on Armed Services of the
 15 House of Representatives.

16 **PART II—OTHER MATTERS**

17 **SEC. 561. LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR GUARDIANSHIP TRANS-** 18 **FERS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of each military de-
 20 partment shall provide to members of the Armed Forces
 21 serving on active duty access to legal services provided by
 22 an attorney specializing in guardianship transfers in each
 23 State in which a military installation is located.

24 (b) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than Sep-
 25 tember 1, 2026, the Secretary of each military department

1 shall brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-
 2 ate and the House of Representatives on the following:

3 (1) A plan for implementing the requirement to
 4 provide access to legal services described in sub-
 5 section (a).

6 (2) Any challenges associated with implementa-
 7 tion of that requirement.

8 (3) Data on the number of members of the
 9 Armed Forces with guardianship of incapacitated
 10 adult dependents or a plan to gather such data.

11 (4) Any other matters the Secretary considers
 12 relevant.

13 **Subtitle G—Junior Reserve** 14 **Officers’ Training Corps**

15 **SEC. 571. JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAINING CORPS**

16 **INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS.**

17 The Secretary concerned may not issue a policy under
 18 section 2031(d)(1)(B) of title 10, United States Code,
 19 that requires a former officer or noncommissioned officer
 20 to have more than 8 years of service to serve as a Junior
 21 Reserve Officers’ Training Corps instructor.

1 **SEC. 572. TEMPORARY AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE BONUSES**
2 **TO JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING**
3 **CORPS INSTRUCTORS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary concerned may pay
5 to a member or former member of the Armed Forces
6 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary a one-time bonus
7 of not more than \$10,000 if the member or former mem-
8 ber—

9 (1) agrees to be an instructor for the Junior
10 Reserve Officers' Training Corps under section
11 2031(d) of title 10, United States Code; and

12 (2) serves as such an instructor for not less
13 than one academic year.

14 (b) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than one year
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
16 thereafter until the termination date described in sub-
17 section (c), the Secretary of Defense shall brief the con-
18 gressional defense committees on—

19 (1) the use of the authority provided by sub-
20 section (a); and

21 (2) the effectiveness of bonuses provided under
22 subsection (a) on increasing the number of instruc-
23 tors for the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

24 (c) TERMINATION.—The authority provided by sub-
25 section (a) terminates on the date that is five years after
26 the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (d) SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.—In this sec-
 2 tion, the term “Secretary concerned” has the meaning
 3 given that term in section 101 of title 10, United States
 4 Code.

5 **SEC. 573. NUMBER OF JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAIN-**
 6 **ING CORPS UNITS.**

7 Section 545(a) of the Servicemember Quality of Life
 8 Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for
 9 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) is amended to
 10 read as follows:

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2031 of title 10, United
 12 States Code, is amended, in the first subsection designated
 13 subsection (i), by striking ‘support not fewer than 3,400,
 14 and not more than 4,000, units’ and inserting ‘support
 15 not fewer than 3,600, and not more than 4,200, units’.”.

16 **Subtitle H—Decorations and Other**
 17 **Awards, Miscellaneous Reports,**
 18 **and Other Matters**

19 **SEC. 581. HONORARY PROMOTIONS ON THE INITIATIVE OF**
 20 **THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

21 Section 1563a of title 10, United States Code, is
 22 amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a)—

24 (A) in paragraph (1)—

1 (i) by striking “the Secretary may
2 make an honorary promotion (whether or
3 not posthumous) of a former” and insert-
4 ing “the Secretary of a military depart-
5 ment is authorized to make an honorary
6 promotion, including a posthumous hon-
7 orary promotion, for a former”; and

8 (ii) by striking “if the Secretary de-
9 termines that the promotion is merited”;
10 and

11 (B) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-
12 ing the following:

13 “(2) The honorary grade given to a member described
14 in paragraph (1) shall be commensurate with such mem-
15 ber’s contributions to the armed forces or the national de-
16 fense.

17 “(3) The authority shall not be used to award an hon-
18 orary promotion solely on the basis that an individual de-
19 scribed in paragraph (1) was recommended for such pro-
20 motion prior to separating from service.

21 “(4) The Secretaries of the military departments are
22 only authorized to make an honorary promotion under
23 paragraph (1) upon receipt of a favorable recommendation
24 by a board of at least three independent officers convened

1 specifically for the purpose of reviewing the proposed hon-
 2 orary promotion.”;

3 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “The Sec-
 4 retary” and inserting “The Secretaries of the mili-
 5 tary departments”; and

6 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “Secretary”
 7 and inserting “Secretaries of the military depart-
 8 ments”.

9 **SEC. 582. NATIONAL WEEK OF MILITARY RECRUITMENT.**

10 (a) DESIGNATION.—Chapter 1 of title 36, United
 11 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 12 lowing new section:

13 **“§ 149. National Week of Military Recruitment**

14 “(a) DESIGNATION.—The last full week of September
 15 is the National Week of Military Recruitment.

16 “(b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to
 17 issue each year a proclamation calling on the people of
 18 the United States to observe the National Week of Mili-
 19 tary Recruitment with appropriate ceremonies and activi-
 20 ties.”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 22 for chapter 1 of title 36, United States Code, is amended
 23 by inserting after the item relating to section 148 the fol-
 24 lowing new item:

“149. National Week of Military Recruitment.”.

1 **SEC. 583. CLARIFYING THE CALCULATION OF ENLIST-**
 2 **MENTS FOR PERSONS WHOSE SCORE ON THE**
 3 **ARMED FORCES QUALIFICATION TEST IS**
 4 **BELOW A PRESCRIBED LEVEL FOR THE FU-**
 5 **TURE SERVICEMEMBER PREPARATORY**
 6 **COURSE.**

7 Section 546 of the National Defense Authorization
 8 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C.
 9 520 note) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the
 11 following new paragraph:

12 “(4) EFFECT OF COURSE GRADUATION.—The
 13 Secretary concerned may exclude from the popu-
 14 lation to be considered for purposes of determining
 15 the percentage limitations imposed by section 520(a)
 16 of title 10, United States Code, any enlisted person
 17 who has graduated from a future servicemember
 18 preparatory course established pursuant to this sec-
 19 tion with a score on the Armed Forces Qualification
 20 Test that is at or above the thirty-first percentile,
 21 provided that—

22 “(A) the Armed Forces Qualifications Test
 23 score that is at or above the thirty-first per-
 24 centile is obtained within the same fiscal year
 25 in which the individual was originally enlisted
 26 to serve on active duty; and

1 “(B) such score is obtained during the pe-
2 riod the individual was originally enlisted to
3 serve on active duty, as determined by the Sec-
4 retary concerned.”; and
5 (2) in subsection (d)—

6 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
7 through (6) as paragraphs (3) through (8), re-
8 spectively;

9 (B) by inserting before paragraph (3), as
10 redesignated by subparagraph (A), the following
11 new paragraphs:

12 “(1) Percentage of nonprior service enlisted ac-
13 cessions scoring below the thirty-first percentile on
14 the Armed Forces Qualification Test upon original
15 enlistment.

16 “(2) Percentage of nonprior service enlisted ac-
17 cessions scoring below the thirty-first percentile on
18 the Armed Forces Qualification Test following grad-
19 uation from the preparatory course or subsequent
20 reclassification, as applicable.”; and

21 (C) in paragraph (5), as so redesignated,
22 by striking “preparatory” and inserting “pre-
23 paratory”.

1 **SEC. 584. RECRUITER ACCESS TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS.**

2 Section 503(c)(1)(A) of chapter 31 of title 10, United
3 States Code, is amended—

4 (1) by amending clause (i) to read as follows:

5 “(i) shall provide military recruiters the same
6 access to the campus of each secondary school
7 served by the local educational agency for the pur-
8 pose of recruiting students who are at least 17 years
9 of age that is provided to any prospective employer,
10 institution of higher education, or other recruiter;”;

11 (2) in clause (ii), by striking “provide to mili-
12 tary recruiters access to” and inserting “facilitate
13 upon request made by military recruiters for military
14 recruiting purposes not fewer than four in-person re-
15 cruitment events per academic year, across different
16 grading periods, which may include”; and

17 (3) by amending clause (iii) to read as follows:

18 “(iii) shall provide to military recruiters within
19 60 days of the commencement of the academic year,
20 and thereafter within 30 days of a recruiter request,
21 access to secondary school student names, academic
22 grade, addresses, electronic mail addresses (which
23 shall be the electronic mail addresses provided by
24 the school, if available), and telephone and mobile
25 phone listings, notwithstanding subsection (a)(5) of

1 section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act
2 (20 U.S.C. 1232g).”.

3 **SEC. 585. COMPLIANCE WITH TRAVEL CHARGE CARD DEAC-**
4 **TIVATION REQUIREMENTS.**

5 (a) **POLICY COMPLIANCE.**—Not later than 60 days
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
7 of Defense shall ensure that Department of Defense poli-
8 cies and procedures are consistent with section 3(h)(1)(H)
9 of the Government Charge Card Abuse Prevention Act of
10 2012 (Public Law 112–194; 5 U.S.C. 5701 note) and re-
11 lated implementing guidance, regarding the prompt deac-
12 tivation and closure of government-issued travel charge
13 card accounts upon the separation, retirement, or termi-
14 nation of military or civilian personnel.

15 (b) **COMPTROLLER REVIEW.**—Not later than 180
16 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under
17 Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) shall submit to the
18 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
19 House of Representatives a report describing—

20 (1) actions taken to verify consistent implemen-
21 tation of deactivation and closure policies for govern-
22 ment-issued travel charge cards across the military
23 departments and defense agencies;

24 (2) any gaps or inconsistencies identified in the
25 execution of current policy; and

1 (3) recommendations, if any, to improve compli-
 2 ance, oversight, or prevention of unauthorized card
 3 use following personnel separation.

4 **TITLE VI—COMPENSATION AND**
 5 **OTHER PERSONNEL BENEFITS**
 6 **Subtitle A—Pay and Allowances**

7 **SEC. 601. MODIFICATIONS TO CALCULATION OF BASIC AL-**
 8 **LOWANCE FOR SUBSISTENCE FOR ENLISTED**
 9 **MEMBERS.**

10 Section 402 of title 37, United States Code, is
 11 amended—

12 (1) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
 14 ing the following new paragraph (1):

15 “(1)(A) The monthly rate of basic allowance for sub-
 16 sistence to be in effect for an enlisted member for a year
 17 (beginning on January 1 of that year) shall be—

18 “(i) except as provided by clause (ii), equal to
 19 the monthly cost of a liberal food plan for a male
 20 in the United States who is between 19 and 50 years
 21 of age, as determined by the Secretary of Agri-
 22 culture each October 1; and

23 “(ii) in the case of such a member who is sub-
 24 ject to monthly deduction from pay for meals under
 25 section 1011(b) of this title, the amount computed

1 under clause (i) reduced by the amount of such de-
 2 duction from pay, in accordance with policies pre-
 3 scribed by the Secretary of Defense.

4 “(B) The monthly rate of basic allowance for subsist-
 5 ence to be in effect for an enlisted member for a year
 6 under subparagraph (A)(i) may not decrease relative to
 7 the rate in effect for the preceding year.”; and

8 (B) by striking paragraph (3); and

9 (2) in subsection (d), in the matter preceding
 10 paragraph (1), by striking “subsection (b)(1)” and
 11 inserting “subsection (b)(1)(A)(i)”.

12 **SEC. 602. INCLUSION OF DESCRIPTIONS OF TYPES OF PAY**
 13 **ON PAY STATEMENTS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 19 of title 37, United
 15 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 16 lowing new section:

17 **“§ 1016. Pay statements: descriptions of types of pay**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
 19 ensure that each pay statement issued to a member of the
 20 Armed Forces includes, for each type of pay, allowance,
 21 and deduction listed on the statement, a brief and plain-
 22 language description of—

23 “(1) the statutory or regulatory authority under
 24 which the pay, allowance, or deduction is made;

1 “(2) the purpose of the pay, allowance, or de-
2 duction;

3 “(3) the criteria for determining eligibility of
4 the member for the pay, allowance, or deduction;
5 and

6 “(4) possible changes in the eligibility of the
7 member for the pay, allowance, or deduction, includ-
8 ing the circumstances under which the pay, allow-
9 ance, or deduction may be suspended, expire, or
10 modified.

11 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The descriptions required to
12 be included on a pay statement under paragraph (1) shall
13 be—

14 “(1) accessible directly on the pay statement;
15 and

16 “(2) presented in language easily understood by
17 individuals without specialized knowledge of military
18 finance, accounting, or law.”.

19 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The requirements of section
20 1016 of title 37, United States Code, as added by sub-
21 section (a), shall apply with respect to pay statements
22 issued on or after the date that is 180 days after the date
23 of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 603. INCREASED AWARENESS AND IMPROVED CAL-**
2 **CULATION OF RATES FOR BASIC ALLOWANCE**
3 **FOR HOUSING.**

4 (a) INCREASING AWARENESS.—The Secretary of De-
5 fense shall seek to improve transparency of the calculation
6 of the basic allowance for housing under section 403 of
7 title 37, United States Code, by—

8 (1) developing a clear, accessible document that
9 explains how rates of the basic allowance for housing
10 are determined, including methodology and types of
11 data sources used, which shall be—

12 (A) reviewed and updated not less fre-
13 quently than annually and as rates and calcula-
14 tion methods change; and

15 (B) made available on a publicly accessible
16 internet website and distributed across all rel-
17 evant components of the Department of De-
18 fense; and

19 (2) providing to members of the Armed Forces
20 when such members experience a permanent change
21 of station, permanent change of assignment, change
22 in dependency status, change in grade, or any other
23 event that may impact their eligibility for or rate of
24 basic allowance for housing—

25 (A) the information included in the docu-
26 ment developed under paragraph (1); and

1 (B) an explanation of the type of rental
2 housing the rate of basic allowance for housing
3 received by such members is intended to sup-
4 port in each locality.

5 (b) DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE METHOD-
6 OLOGY.—Consistent with the recommendations of the
7 14th Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation issued
8 under section 1008(b) of title 37, United States Code, the
9 Secretary shall—

10 (1) develop a methodology to compute rates of
11 the basic allowance for housing using an approach
12 based on the number of bedrooms in a housing unit
13 and incorporating available and verified occupied
14 rental market data;

15 (2) conduct a pilot program using the method-
16 ology developed under paragraph (1); and

17 (3) using that methodology, set notional rates
18 for the basic allowance for housing for 2026 and
19 2027 for a minimum of 10 military housing areas.

20 (c) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than February
21 1, 2027, the Secretary shall provide a briefing to the Com-
22 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House
23 of Representatives that includes—

1 (1) a comparison of the notional rates set under
2 subsection (b)(3) with the actual rates for basic al-
3 lowance for housing for 2026 and 2027;

4 (2) a comparison of the advantages and dis-
5 advantages of—

6 (A) the methodology used as of the date of
7 the enactment of this Act for setting rates for
8 the basic allowance for housing; and

9 (B) using the methodology developed under
10 subsection (b)(1) for setting such rates;

11 (3) a determination of whether the methodology
12 developed under subsection (b)(1) is more or less
13 likely than the methodology described in paragraph
14 (2)(A) to ensure that rates for the basic allowance
15 for housing are set based upon a 95 percent statis-
16 tical confidence that the estimated median rent is
17 within 10 percent of the actual median rent in local
18 military housing areas;

19 (4) a cost estimate for 2027 under both the
20 methodology described in paragraph (2)(A) and the
21 methodology developed under subsection (b)(1);

22 (5) an identification of any additional legislative
23 authority required to fully implement the method-
24 ology developed under subsection (b)(1); and

1 (6) the recommendation of the Secretary with
2 respect to whether to implement the use of the
3 methodology developed under subsection (b)(1) and
4 the timing for such implementation.

5 **SEC. 604. MILITARY COMPENSATION EDUCATIONAL CAM-**
6 **PAIGN.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with the recommenda-
8 tions of the 14th Quadrennial Review of Military Com-
9 pensation issued under section 1008(b) of title 37, United
10 States Code, and not later than 180 days after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
12 shall commence a 12-month educational campaign to im-
13 prove the understanding and awareness of members of the
14 Armed Forces and their families with respect to the major
15 components of monetary and nonmonetary military com-
16 pensation.

17 (b) ELEMENTS.—At a minimum, the campaign re-
18 quired by subsection (a) shall address—

19 (1) the elements of regular military compensa-
20 tion (RMC), as defined in section 101(25) of title
21 37, United States Code;

22 (2) special and incentive pays;

23 (3) the calculation of retired pay for length of
24 service;

1 (4) educational assistance programs and bene-
2 fits;

3 (5) health care for members of the Armed
4 Forces serving in active components and their fami-
5 lies; and

6 (6) nonmonetary benefits.

7 **Subtitle B—Special and Incentive** 8 **Pay**

9 **SEC. 611. REVIEWS OF DESIGNATIONS OF IMMINENT DAN-** 10 **GER PAY AREAS.**

11 (a) INITIAL REVIEW.—Not later than March 1, 2026,
12 the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secre-
13 taries of the military departments, shall—

14 (1) commence a review of each area designated
15 under section 351(a)(3) of title 37, United States
16 Code, to determine whether the area is one in which
17 a member of the uniformed services is subject to im-
18 minent danger of physical injury due to threat con-
19 ditions; and

20 (2) submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
21 ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives
22 a report on the review, including any changes to des-
23 ignations under that section that result from the re-
24 view.

25 (b) SUBSEQUENT REVIEWS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1,
2 2031, and every 5 years thereafter, the Secretary of
3 Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the
4 military departments, shall conduct a review de-
5 scribed in subsection (a)(1).

6 (2) REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later than 60
7 days after completing a review under paragraph (1),
8 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Com-
9 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
10 House of Representatives a report on the review, in-
11 cluding any changes to designations under that sec-
12 tion that result from the review.

13 (c) REPORTS ON DESIGNATION CHANGES BETWEEN
14 REPORTS.—If, at any time between the submission of re-
15 ports required by subsections (a)(2) and (b)(2), the Sec-
16 retary of Defense or the Secretary of a military depart-
17 ment conducts a review of areas designated under section
18 351(a)(3) of title 37, United States Code, and makes a
19 change to any such designation, that Secretary shall sub-
20 mit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate
21 and the House of Representatives a report on the review
22 and the change not later than 60 days after the change
23 is made.

1 **SEC. 612. IMPLEMENTATION OF AVIATION INCENTIVE PAY**
2 **FOR MEMBERS OF RESERVE COMPONENTS.**

3 Section 602(d) of the National Defense Authorization
4 Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 37 U.S.C.
5 357 note) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (2)—

7 (A) by striking “In making” and inserting
8 the following:

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In making”; and

10 (B) by adding at the end the following new
11 subparagraphs:

12 “(B) AVIATION INCENTIVE PAY EVALUA-
13 TION.—Not later than June 1, 2026, the Sec-
14 retary shall complete the evaluation required by
15 subparagraph (A) with respect to aviation in-
16 centive pay under section 334 of title 37,
17 United States Code. In conducting that evalua-
18 tion, the Secretary shall make a specific deter-
19 mination with respect to the percentage of such
20 aviation incentive pay, if any, that is paid spe-
21 cifically to maintain skill certification or pro-
22 ficiency under section 357 of title 37, United
23 States Code.

24 “(C) SPECIAL AND INCENTIVE PAY FRAME-
25 WORK.—Not later than June 1, 2026, the Sec-
26 retary shall submit to the Committees on

1 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of
2 Representatives a detailed report on the special
3 and incentive pay assessment framework, re-
4 quired by the Senate report accompanying the
5 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
6 Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31), that includes
7 the Secretary’s plan and timeline for imple-
8 menting such framework.”; and

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

11 “(3) INITIATION OF PAYMENTS.—Not later
12 than January 1, 2027, the Secretary concerned shall
13 begin making aviation incentive payments under sec-
14 tion 357 of title 37, United States Code, pursuant
15 to the determination made under paragraph
16 (2)(B).”.

17 **SEC. 613. PILOT PROGRAM ON IMPROVING RETENTION OF**
18 **MEMBERS WITH DEGREES IN THEIR FIELDS**
19 **OF SPECIALTY.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall es-
21 tablish a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advis-
22 ability of paying incentive pay to certain enlisted members
23 of the Armed Forces with degrees in their fields of spe-
24 cialty to improve the retention of such members.

1 (b) PAYMENT OF INCENTIVE PAY.—Under the pilot
2 program required by subsection (a), the Secretary con-
3 cerned may pay monthly incentive pay to a member of the
4 Armed Forces who—

5 (1) is an enlisted member;

6 (2) has less than 4 years of service in the
7 Armed Forces;

8 (3) has a degree in the member's field of spe-
9 cialty, as determined by the Secretary concerned;
10 and

11 (4) commits to reenlisting.

12 (c) TERMINATION.—The pilot program required by
13 subsection (a) shall terminate on the date that is 5 years
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

15 (d) REPORT REQUIRED.—After the termination
16 under subsection (c) of the pilot program required by sub-
17 section (a), the Secretary shall submit to the congressional
18 defense committees a report on the effectiveness of the
19 pilot program in retaining highly qualified members that
20 includes an assessment of—

21 (1) the effect of the pilot program on retention
22 rates;

23 (2) satisfaction of members with the pilot pro-
24 gram; and

1 (3) the overall cost-effectiveness of the pilot
2 program.

3 (e) SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.—In this sec-
4 tion, the term “Secretary concerned” has the meaning
5 given that term in section 101 of title 10, United States
6 Code.

7 **Subtitle C—Other Matters**

8 **SEC. 621. EXTENSION OF ENHANCED AUTHORITY FOR SE-** 9 **LECTIVE EARLY RETIREMENT AND EARLY** 10 **DISCHARGES.**

11 Section 638a(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code,
12 is amended by striking “December 31, 2025” and insert-
13 ing “December 31, 2030”.

14 **SEC. 622. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY EARLY RETIREMENT** 15 **AUTHORITY.**

16 Section 4403(i) of the National Defense Authoriza-
17 tion Act for Fiscal Year 1993 (Public Law 102–484; 10
18 U.S.C. 1293 note) is amended by striking “December 31,
19 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2030”.

20 **SEC. 623. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE VOL-** 21 **UNTARY SEPARATION PAY AND BENEFITS.**

22 Section 1175a(k)(1) of title 10, United States Code,
23 is amended by striking “December 31, 2025” and insert-
24 ing “December 31, 2030”.

1 **SEC. 624. DESIGNATION OF UNITED STATES ARMY GARRI-**
2 **SON KWAJALEIN ATOLL AS REMOTE AND ISO-**
3 **LATED MILITARY INSTALLATION.**

4 (a) DESIGNATION.—Not later than 30 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary
6 of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and the Secretary
7 of the Army, in coordination with the Commander of the
8 United States Army Pacific, shall designate United States
9 Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll as a remote and isolated
10 military installation.

11 (b) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days after the
12 date on which the designation described in subsection (a)
13 is completed, the Secretary of the Army shall submit a
14 notification to the congressional defense committees con-
15 firming completion of the designation.

16 (c) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days
17 after the date on which the Secretary of the Army submits
18 the notification described in subsection (b), the Com-
19 mander of the United States Army Pacific shall brief the
20 congressional defense committees on adjustments to De-
21 partment of Defense resourcing for and support to United
22 States Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll as a result of the
23 designation described in subsection (a).

24 (d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “remote
25 and isolated military installation” means a military instal-
26 lation determined to be remote and isolated pursuant to

1 the criteria set forth in Department of Defense Instruc-
2 tions 1015.10 and 1015.18, dated July 6, 2009, and May
3 30, 2024, respectively.

4 **SEC. 625. DESIGNATION OF CREECH AIR FORCE BASE AS A**
5 **REMOTE OR ISOLATED INSTALLATION.**

6 The Secretary of Defense shall designate Creech Air
7 Force Base, Indian Springs, Nevada, as a remote or iso-
8 lated installation.

9 **SEC. 626. PROVISION OF COUNSELING ON HOUSING FOR**
10 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

11 Section 992 of title 10, United States Code, is
12 amended—

13 (1) in subsection (b)(2), by adding at the end
14 the following new subparagraph:

15 “(C) The Secretary concerned may, subject to the ap-
16 plicable requirements of this section, enter into contracts
17 to provide counseling under this paragraph with individ-
18 uals and organizations that provide counseling with re-
19 spect to housing, including—

20 “(i) organizations that are certified under sec-
21 tion 106(e) of the Housing and Urban Development
22 Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701x(e)); and

23 “(ii) other individuals and organizations the
24 Secretary concerned determines are qualified to pro-

1 vide helpful, unbiased counseling with respect to
2 housing.”; and

3 (2) in subsection (f)(3), by striking “and mort-
4 gages” and inserting “mortgages, and other finan-
5 cial products related to the purchase or lease of a
6 primary residence (and information on fees related
7 to such products)”.

8 **SEC. 627. PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENT-FUNDED**
9 **TRANSPORTATION FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS**
10 **OF THE ARMED FORCES STATIONED OVER-**
11 **SEAS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall es-
13 tablish a program to provide Government-funded trans-
14 portation for unaccompanied members of the Armed
15 Forces from designated overseas locations to the members’
16 homes of record, or to other locations of comparable or
17 lesser cost, in accordance with this section.

18 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—Transportation under this section
19 may be provided to a member of the Armed Forces who—

20 (1) is assigned to an overseas duty location des-
21 ignated by the Secretary for purposes of this section;

22 (2) is serving an unaccompanied tour of at least
23 24 consecutive months at such location, including
24 any authorized extensions; and

1 (3) is otherwise eligible in accordance with im-
2 plementing regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

3 (c) TRANSPORTATION MODE.—Transportation under
4 this section may be provided using military air in accord-
5 ance with established space-available policies or through
6 commercial air travel, as determined appropriate by the
7 Secretary.

8 (d) LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary may prescribe lim-
9 itations on the number of authorized trips per overseas
10 tour, and may restrict travel during certain periods at the
11 beginning or end of such tours.

12 (e) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary shall pre-
13 scribe regulations to implement this section, including the
14 designation of eligible overseas duty locations and speci-
15 fied destinations.

16 (f) ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS.—Transportation pro-
17 vided under this section shall be subject to applicable re-
18 strictions, including compliance with the Department of
19 Defense Foreign Clearance Guide, and limitations on the
20 use of Government travel cards for any leisure-related ex-
21 penses.

1 **SEC. 628. PROHIBITION ON PROCUREMENT AND COM-**
2 **MISSARY SALES OF SEAFOOD ORIGINATING**
3 **OR PROCESSED IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC**
4 **OF CHINA.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION ON PROCUREMENT OF SEAFOOD
6 ORIGINATING OR PROCESSED IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUB-
7 LIC OF CHINA FOR MILITARY DINING FACILITIES.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by para-
9 graph (2) or (3), the Secretary of Defense may not
10 enter into a contract for the procurement of seafood
11 that originates or is processed in the People's Re-
12 public of China for use in military dining facilities,
13 including galleys onboard United States naval ves-
14 sels.

15 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—

16 (A) UNDUE BURDEN.—The Secretary of
17 Defense, or a designee of the Secretary, may
18 grant exceptions to the prohibition under para-
19 graph (1) to facilities on military installations
20 located outside of the United States if such pro-
21 hibition would unduly burden or prevent sea-
22 food from being served at such facility.

23 (B) UNITED STATES VESSELS VISITING
24 FOREIGN PORTS.—The Secretary of Defense, or
25 a designee of the Secretary, may grant excep-

1 tions to the prohibition under paragraph (1) to
2 United States vessels visiting foreign ports.

3 (3) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may
4 waive the prohibition under paragraph (1).

5 (b) PROHIBITION ON SALES OF SEAFOOD ORIGI-
6 NATING IN THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AT COM-
7 MISSARY STORES.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2484 of title 10,
9 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
10 end the following new subsection:

11 “(1) PROHIBITION ON SALES OF SEAFOOD ORIGI-
12 NATING IN THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by
14 paragraph (2), raw or processed seafood or seafood
15 products originating in the People’s Republic of
16 China may not be sold at commissary stores.

17 “(2) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may
18 waive the prohibition under paragraph (1).”.

19 (2) BRIEFING ON COMPLIANCE.—Section
20 2481(c)(4) of such title is amended—

21 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking “;
22 and” and inserting a semicolon;

23 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as
24 subparagraph (F); and

1 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (D)
2 the following new subparagraph (E):

3 “(E) an assessment of compliance with the
4 prohibition under section 2484(l) of this title;
5 and”.

6 (3) TRANSITION RULES.—

7 (A) APPLICABILITY.—The prohibition
8 under subsection (l) of section 2484 of title 10,
9 United States Code, as added by paragraph (1),
10 shall apply on and after the date that is 30
11 days after the date of the enactment of this
12 Act.

13 (B) DISPOSAL OF REMAINING STOCK.—
14 The Director of the Defense Commissary Agen-
15 cy may determine how to dispose of any stock
16 covered by the prohibition under subsection (l)
17 of section 2484 of title 10, United States Code,
18 as added by paragraph (1), that remains as of
19 the date described in subparagraph (A).

20 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The prohibitions under this
21 section, and the amendments made by this section, shall
22 take effect 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
23 Act.

1 **SEC. 629. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE STUDY**
2 **ON CASUALTY ASSISTANCE AND LONG-TERM**
3 **CARE PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1, 2027,
5 the Comptroller General of the United States shall con-
6 duct a study on the structure and execution of the casualty
7 assistance and long-term care programs of the Armed
8 Forces.

9 (b) ELEMENTS.—In conducting the study required by
10 subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall assess op-
11 tions—

12 (1) to improve the standardization of the selec-
13 tion and management of casualty assistance officers
14 across the Armed Forces, including standardized
15 tour lengths similar to military recruiters;

16 (2) to improve the standardization, quality, and
17 proficiency of training for casualty assistance offi-
18 cers across the Armed Forces in requisite policies,
19 procedures, and knowledge of entitlements, benefits,
20 and financial obligations surviving families may en-
21 counter;

22 (3) to develop a Defense-wide survivor contact
23 registry allowing surviving families to voluntarily
24 provide contact information to ensure periodic check-
25 ins with surviving families during significant mile-

1 stones following the death of a member of the
2 Armed Forces; and

3 (4) to develop an integrated Defense-wide long-
4 term care program for surviving families, modeled
5 on the Army's Survivor Outreach Services, that pro-
6 vides information about survivor entitlements and
7 access to expert case managers and counselors.

8 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
9 after completing the study required by subsection (a), the
10 Comptroller General shall submit to the Committees on
11 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-
12 atives a report that includes—

13 (1) the results of the study;

14 (2) recommendations relating to the options as-
15 sessed under subsection (b); and

16 (3) a plan for implementing those recommenda-
17 tions.

1 **TITLE VII—HEALTH CARE**
2 **PROVISIONS**
3 **Subtitle A—TRICARE, Brain**
4 **Health, and Other Health Care**
5 **Benefits**

6 **SEC. 701. INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS IN**
7 **NOTIFICATIONS TO MODIFY SCOPE OF SERV-**
8 **ICES PROVIDED AT MILITARY MEDICAL**
9 **TREATMENT FACILITIES.**

10 Section 1073d(f)(2) of title 10, United States Code,
11 is amended—

12 (1) by striking “information demonstrating”;

13 (2) by striking “the extent” and all that follows
14 through the period at the end and inserting “the fol-
15 lowing:”; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(A) An endorsement from the Chairman of the
18 Joint Chiefs of Staff that the proposed modification
19 will have no effect on operational requirements of
20 the armed forces.

21 “(B) An endorsement from the Surgeon Gen-
22 eral of the military department concerned that the
23 proposed modification will have no effect on the
24 training or readiness of military medical personnel
25 in the military department concerned.

1 “(C) An assessment from the Director of the
 2 Defense Health Agency that explains how members
 3 of the armed forces and covered beneficiaries receiv-
 4 ing services at the facility will continue to receive
 5 care.”.

6 **SEC. 702. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HEARING AIDS**
 7 **TO INCLUDE CHILDREN OF RETIRED MEM-**
 8 **BERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES EN-**
 9 **ROLLED IN FAMILY COVERAGE UNDER**
 10 **TRICARE SELECT.**

11 Section 1077(a)(16)(B)(ii) of title 10, United States
 12 Code, is amended by inserting “or TRICARE Select” be-
 13 fore the period at the end.

14 **SEC. 703. ASSESSMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SO-**
 15 **CIAL HEALTH CONDITIONS OF MILITARY**
 16 **PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES ASSIGNED**
 17 **TO CREECH AIR FORCE BASE, NEVADA.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air Force,
 19 in coordination with the Director of the Defense Health
 20 Agency, shall assess the behavioral health and social
 21 health conditions of members of the Air Force assigned
 22 to Creech Air Force Base, Nevada, and their families re-
 23 lated to such assignment.

24 (b) TOOLS USED.—In carrying out the assessment
 25 required under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Air

1 Force shall use tools such as site assistance visits, behav-
2 ioral health epidemiological consultations, and community-
3 wide assessments.

4 (c) ELEMENTS OF ASSESSMENT.—The assessment
5 required under subsection (a) shall—

6 (1) establish the behavioral health and social
7 health outcomes that impact individual, family, and
8 unit readiness at Creech Air Force Base;

9 (2) identify factors, to include unique social and
10 occupational stressors, affecting the behavioral
11 health and social health of members of the Air Force
12 and their families stationed at Creech Air Force
13 Base; and

14 (3) make recommendations to address those
15 factors and to improve the health and readiness of
16 members of the Air Force and their families sta-
17 tioned at Creech Air Force Base, and in doing so,
18 advancing the readiness of the Air Force.

19 (d) BRIEFING.—Not later than March 1, 2026, the
20 Secretary of the Air Force shall brief the Committees on
21 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-
22 atives on the methods used to conduct the assessment re-
23 quired under subsection (a) and on the findings and rec-
24 ommendations of the assessment.

1 **SEC. 704. AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE SEXUAL ASSAULT MED-**
2 **ICAL FORENSIC EXAMINATIONS ON A NONRE-**
3 **IMBURSABLE BASIS TO CERTAIN OTHERWISE**
4 **INELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FORENSIC EXAMINA-**
6 **TIONS.**—The Secretary of Defense, in accordance with
7 regulations prescribed by the Secretary, shall authorize
8 medical personnel of the Department of Defense to pro-
9 vide sexual assault medical forensic examinations, in a
10 military medical treatment facility on a nonreimbursable
11 basis, to an individual who—

12 (1) is not otherwise eligible for health care from
13 the Department;

14 (2) reports a sexual assault offense for which
15 the Defense Criminal Investigative Service may ini-
16 tiate an investigation; and

17 (3) is eligible for a forensic examination in ac-
18 cordance with those regulations.

19 (b) **ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.**—The regulations pre-
20 scribed under subsection (a) may provide for the handling,
21 storage, and transfer to law enforcement of a completed
22 sexual assault medical forensic examination kit.

1 **SEC. 705. FERTILITY TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS**
 2 **OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES AND DEPEND-**
 3 **ENTS.**

4 (a) FERTILITY TREATMENT.—Chapter 55 of title 10,
 5 United States Code, is amended by inserting after section
 6 1074o the following new section:

7 **“§ 1074p Fertility treatment for certain active duty**
 8 **members of the uniformed services and**
 9 **their dependents**

10 “(a) COVERAGE.—The Secretary of Defense shall en-
 11 sure that fertility-related care for a member of the uni-
 12 formed services on active duty (or a dependent of such
 13 a member) shall be covered under TRICARE Prime and
 14 TRICARE Select.

15 “(b) IN VITRO FERTILIZATION.—In the case of in
 16 vitro fertilization treatment furnished to an individual
 17 pursuant to subsection (a), coverage under such sub-
 18 section shall include—

19 “(1) not fewer than three completed oocyte re-
 20 trievals; and

21 “(2) unlimited embryo transfers provided in ac-
 22 cordance with the guidelines of the American Society
 23 for Reproductive Medicine, using single embryo
 24 transfer when recommended and medically appro-
 25 priate.

26 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) The term ‘infertility’ means a disease, con-
2 dition, or status characterized by—

3 “(A) the failure to establish a pregnancy
4 or to carry a pregnancy to live birth after reg-
5 ular, unprotected sexual intercourse in accord-
6 ance with the guidelines of the American Soci-
7 ety for Reproductive Medicine;

8 “(B) the inability of an individual to repro-
9 duce without medical intervention either as a
10 single individual or with the partner of the indi-
11 vidual; or

12 “(C) the findings of a licensed physician
13 based on the medical, sexual, and reproductive
14 history, age, physical findings, or diagnostic
15 testing of the individual.

16 “(2) The term ‘fertility-related care’ means—

17 “(A) the diagnosis of infertility; and

18 “(B) fertility treatment.

19 “(3) The term ‘fertility treatment’ includes the
20 following:

21 “(A) In vitro fertilization or other treat-
22 ments or procedures in which human oocytes,
23 embryos, or sperm are handled when clinically
24 appropriate.

25 “(B) Sperm retrieval.

1 “(C) Egg retrieval.

2 “(D) Preservation of human oocytes, em-
3 bryos, or sperm.

4 “(E) Artificial insemination, including
5 intravaginal insemination, intracervical insemi-
6 nation, and intrauterine insemination.

7 “(F) Transfer of reproductive genetic ma-
8 terial.

9 “(G) Medications as prescribed or nec-
10 essary for fertility.

11 “(H) Fertility treatment coordination.

12 “(I) Such other information, referrals,
13 treatments, procedures, testing, medications,
14 laboratory services, technologies, and services
15 facilitating reproduction as determined appro-
16 priate by the Secretary of Defense.”.

17 (b) PROGRAM ON FERTILITY TREATMENT COORDI-
18 NATION.—Chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, is
19 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

20 **“§ 1110c Program on fertility-related care coordina-**
21 **tion**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
23 establish a program on the coordination of fertility-related
24 care by the Secretary for purposes of ensuring patients
25 receive timely fertility-related care.

1 “(b) TRAINING AND SUPPORT.—In carrying out the
 2 program established under subsection (a), the Secretary
 3 shall provide to community health care providers training
 4 and support with respect to the unique needs of members
 5 of the uniformed services and the dependents of such
 6 members.

7 “(c) FERTILITY-RELATED CARE DEFINED.—In this
 8 section, the term ‘fertility-related care’ has the meaning
 9 given that term in section 1074p(c) of this title.”.

10 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1079(a) of
 11 title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
 12 end the following new paragraph:

13 “(21) Fertility-related care shall be provided in
 14 accordance with section 1074p of this title.”.

15 (d) EXCLUSION FROM CONTRACTS FOR FORMER
 16 MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS.—Section 1086 of
 17 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (c), in the matter preceding
 19 paragraph (1), by striking “subsection (d)” and in-
 20 serting “subsections (d) and (j)”; and

21 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 22 section:

23 “(j) A plan contracted for under subsection (a) may
 24 not include coverage for services under section 1074p of
 25 this title for former members of the uniformed services

1 or dependents of former members of the uniformed serv-
 2 ices.”.

3 (e) REGULATIONS.—Not later than one year after the
 4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
 5 shall prescribe regulations or subregulatory guidance re-
 6 garding the implementation of the amendments made by
 7 this section.

8 (f) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this
 9 section shall apply with respect to services provided on or
 10 after October 1, 2027.

11 (g) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
 12 tion or the amendments made by this section shall be con-
 13 strued—

14 (1) to provide new benefits to or alter existing
 15 benefits for former members of the uniformed serv-
 16 ices or the dependents of former members of the
 17 uniformed services; or

18 (2) to authorize the Secretary of Defense to
 19 make payments related to human cloning, artificial
 20 womb technology, or international surrogacy.

21 **SEC. 706. RESTRICTION ON PERFORMANCE OF SEX**
 22 **CHANGE SURGERIES.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 55 of title 10, United
 24 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1093
 25 the following new section:

1 **“§ 1093a Performance of sex change surgeries: re-**
 2 **strictions**

3 “(a) RESTRICTION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Funds
 4 available to the Department of Defense may not be used
 5 to perform or facilitate sex change surgeries.

6 “(b) RESTRICTION ON USE OF FACILITIES.—No
 7 military medical treatment facility or other facility of the
 8 Department of Defense may be used to perform or facili-
 9 tate a sex change surgery.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 11 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
 12 after the item relating to section 1093 the following new
 13 item:

“1093a. Performance of sex change surgeries: restrictions.”.

14 **Subtitle B—Health Care**
 15 **Administration**

16 **SEC. 711. CODIFICATION OF POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF**
 17 **THE DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1073c of title 10, United
 19 States Code, is amended—

20 (1) by redesignating subsections (a) through (j)
 21 as subsections (b) through (k), respectively;

22 (2) by inserting before subsection (b), as redes-
 23 igned by paragraph (1), the following:

1 “(a) DIRECTOR OF THE DEFENSE HEALTH AGEN-
 2 CY.—(1) There is in the Defense Health Agency a Direc-
 3 tor.

4 “(2) The Director of the Defense Health Agency
 5 shall—

6 “(A) be a military officer and hold a rank that
 7 is the same or greater than the rank of any officer
 8 serving as the Surgeon General of a military depart-
 9 ment under section 7036, 8031, or 9036 of this title;
 10 and

11 “(B) be a joint qualified officer in accordance
 12 with section 661 of this title.”;

13 (3) in subsection (b), as redesignated by para-
 14 graph (1)—

15 (A) in paragraph (1), in the matter pre-
 16 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “, by not
 17 later than September 30, 2021”;

18 (B) in paragraph (2), in the matter pre-
 19 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “, com-
 20 mencing when the Director begins to exercise
 21 responsibilities under that paragraph,”; and

22 (C) in paragraph (6), by striking “sub-
 23 sections (b) and (c)” and inserting “subsections
 24 (c) and (d)”;

1 (4) in subsection (f), as so redesignated, in the
 2 matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “Not
 3 later than September 30, 2024, and subject to sub-
 4 section (f)” and inserting “Subject to subsection
 5 (g)”;

6 (5) in subsection (g), as so redesignated, in the
 7 matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “sub-
 8 section (e)” and inserting “subsection (f)”; and

9 (6) in subsection (h), as so redesignated, by
 10 striking “subsection (e)(1)” and inserting “sub-
 11 section (f)(1)”.

12 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
 13 1091a(b)(2) of such title is amended by striking “section
 14 1073c(i)” and inserting “section 1073c(k)”.

15 **SEC. 712. ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICIES FOR PRIORITY AS-**
 16 **SIGNMENT OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL OF DE-**
 17 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall es-
 19 tablish policies for the priority assignment of medical per-
 20 sonnel of the Department of Defense.

21 (b) APPLICATION TO MILITARY DEPARTMENTS.—
 22 The Secretary of each military department shall assign
 23 medical personnel within that military department con-
 24 sistent with the policies established under subsection (a)

1 and in coordination with the Director of the Defense
2 Health Agency.

3 (c) REASSIGNMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—If, in the judgment of the
5 Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of a military de-
6 partment fails to comply with the assignment prior-
7 ities established under subsection (a), the Secretary
8 may authorize the Director of the Defense Health
9 Agency to reassign medical personnel of that mili-
10 tary department in accordance with the policies es-
11 tablished under subsection (a).

12 (2) BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days after
13 the effective date of any reassignment under para-
14 graph (1), the Director of the Defense Health Agen-
15 cy shall brief the Committees on Armed Services of
16 the Senate and the House of Representatives on
17 such reassignment.

18 **SEC. 713. GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP**

19 **DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

20 (a) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM REQUIRED.—Not-
21 withstanding section 1104 of title 10, United States Code,
22 the Secretary of Defense shall seek to establish a dem-
23 onstration program to expand partnerships between cov-
24 ered medical facilities of the Department of Defense and
25 the Department of Veterans Affairs.

1 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the demonstration
2 program under subsection (a) is to increase case volume
3 for graduate medical education programs of the Depart-
4 ment of Defense.

5 (c) PARAMETERS.—In seeking to establish a dem-
6 onstration program under subsection (a), the Secretary of
7 Defense shall make efforts to ensure the following:

8 (1) Credentialing and privileging of medical
9 personnel as necessary to work in any covered med-
10 ical facility.

11 (2) Expedited access to installations of the De-
12 partment of Defense for the purpose of providing
13 medical care under the demonstration program to
14 non-Department of Defense beneficiaries.

15 (3) Inclusion of “in-kind” or non-cash payment
16 or reimbursement for expenses incurred under the
17 demonstration program.

18 (d) ANNUAL BRIEFING.—Not later than December 1,
19 2026, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Defense
20 shall provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the
21 Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing on the
22 implementation of this section.

23 (e) COVERED MEDICAL FACILITY DEFINED.—In this
24 section, the term “covered medical facility” means—

1 (1) a medical facility of the Department of De-
 2 fense with a certified graduate medical education
 3 program; and

4 (2) any medical facility of the Department of
 5 Veterans Affairs.

6 (f) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on Sep-
 7 tember 30, 2032.

8 **SEC. 714. MODIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICAL**
 9 **MALPRACTICE CLAIMS BY MEMBERS OF THE**
 10 **UNIFORMED SERVICES.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2733a of title 10, United
 12 States Code, is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “subsection
 14 (h)” and inserting “subsection (i)”;

15 (2) in subsection (b)(6), by striking “subsection
 16 (h)” and inserting “subsection (i)”;

17 (3) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “subsection
 18 (h)” and inserting “subsection (i)”;

19 (4) by re-designating subsections (g) through
 20 (k) as subsections (h) through (l), respectively; and

21 (5) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-
 22 lowing new subsection:

23 “(g) APPEALS.—(1) Any appeal from the denial of
 24 a claim under this section shall be considered by a third-

1 party review board jointly established by the Judge Advo-
2 cates General of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force.

3 “(2) The third-party review board established under
4 paragraph (1) shall consist of not more than five members,
5 all of whom possess sufficient legal or medical background,
6 or both.

7 “(3) A claimant under this section that seeks an ap-
8 peal under paragraph (1) may submit the appeal directly
9 to the third-party review board established under such
10 paragraph.

11 “(4) In considering an appeal from the denial of a
12 claim under this section, the third-party review board es-
13 tablished under paragraph (1) shall, at the request of the
14 claimant, allow for a hearing on the merits of the appeal
15 in an adversarial nature.

16 “(5) The Secretary of Defense shall provide to a
17 claimant seeking an appeal under paragraph (1) a copy
18 of any response to the appeal that is submitted on behalf
19 of the Department of Defense.

20 “(6) The third-party review board established under
21 paragraph (1) shall not consist of any member of the uni-
22 formed services or civilian employee of the Department of
23 Defense.”.

24 (b) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS.—Not later than
25 180 days after the effective date described in subsection

1 (d), the Judge Advocates General of the Army, the Navy,
2 and the Air Force shall jointly appoint members to the
3 board established under subsection (g)(1) of section 2733a
4 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection
5 (a)(5).

6 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the es-
7 tablishment of the board required under subsection (g)(1)
8 of section 2733a of title 10, United States Code, as added
9 by subsection (a)(5), the Secretary of Defense shall submit
10 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
11 the House of Representatives a report indicating—

- 12 (1) the membership of the board;
- 13 (2) the qualifying background of each member
14 of the board; and
- 15 (3) a statement indicating the independence of
16 each member of the board from the Department of
17 Defense.

18 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section, and the amend-
19 ments made by this section, shall take effect on the date
20 that is 10 years after the date of the enactment of this
21 Act.

1 **SEC. 715. IMPROVEMENT OF TRANSITION OF MEDICS IN**
2 **THE ARMED FORCES TO THE CIVILIAN WORK-**
3 **FORCE IN HEALTH CARE OCCUPATIONS.**

4 (a) **RECOMMENDATIONS REQUIRED.**—The Secretary
5 concerned, in consultation with each of the States
6 (through the Defense-State Liaison Office of the Depart-
7 ment of Defense), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the
8 Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Sec-
9 retary of Labor, shall develop recommendations to improve
10 the transition of medics under the jurisdiction of the Sec-
11 retary concerned into the civilian workforce in health care
12 occupations, including as certified nurse aides, licensed
13 practical nurses, or medical assistants.

14 (b) **CONSIDERATIONS.**—In carrying out subsection
15 (a), the Secretary concerned shall—

16 (1) identify any barriers—

17 (A) to improving the ability of the Sec-
18 retary concerned to determine and communicate
19 how the military credentials and experience of
20 a medic separating from the Armed Forces
21 translate to credentialed civilian employment in
22 health care occupations;

23 (B) that exist to the standardization
24 among the Armed Forces of military medic cre-
25 dentials and experience and the alignment of

1 such credentials and experience to credentialed
2 civilian employment in health care occupations;

3 (C) that exist to ensuring members of the
4 Armed Forces with military medic credentials
5 and experience have earned the equivalent civil-
6 ian credential prior to separation from the
7 Armed Forces in addition to receiving their
8 military credentials;

9 (D) to the increased establishment and up-
10 take of accelerated or bridge programs to assist
11 separating members of the Armed Forces in
12 translating military credentials and experience
13 into civilian health care credentials and employ-
14 ment;

15 (E) to increasing the availability and ac-
16 cessibility of preparatory activities under the
17 SkillBridge program established under section
18 1143(e) of title 10, United States Code, in the
19 health care sector for members of the Armed
20 Forces preparing for separation, to include—

21 (i) the approval timeline for sepa-
22 rating members to participate in
23 SkillBridge programs in the health care
24 sector; and

1 (ii) requirements to return to their
2 duty station for out-processing; and

3 (F) to providing information on civilian
4 health care credentials and employment under
5 the Transition Assistance Program to medics
6 separating from the Armed Forces, including
7 information on State-by-State licensing and
8 credentialing; and

9 (2) consider the potential impact of—

10 (A) clarification by States through legisla-
11 tion, actions of State licensing boards, or ac-
12 tions of State credentialing boards of the civil-
13 ian equivalents of certain military credentials
14 and experience in health care;

15 (B) implementation, including through
16 State-provided incentives, of accelerated pro-
17 grams to bridge military medic credentials and
18 experience with civilian health care credentials
19 and licenses;

20 (C) financial support or incentives by
21 States to increase the availability and accessi-
22 bility of such programs;

23 (D) requiring the military departments to
24 align military health care credentials with civil-
25 ian equivalents; and

1 (E) requiring the Department of Veterans
2 Affairs and the Department of Labor to track
3 and report the number of separated members of
4 the Armed Forces with health care-related mili-
5 tary credentials and experience who continue in
6 the civilian health care sector, including the
7 type of employment they pursue.

8 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary concerned shall
10 submit to the relevant committees of Congress a report
11 containing—

12 (1) the recommendations developed under sub-
13 section (a); and

14 (2) a plan to implement those recommenda-
15 tions.

16 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) MEDIC.—The term “medic” means a mem-
18 ber of the Armed Forces acting in a clinical health
19 care-related occupation while serving in the Armed
20 Forces.

21 (2) RELEVANT COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—
22 The term “relevant committees of Congress”
23 means—

24 (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the
25 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-

1 portation, the Committee on Health, Education,
2 Labor, and Pensions, and the Committee on
3 Veterans' Affairs of the Senate; and

4 (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the
5 Committee on Education and the Workforce,
6 and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the
7 House of Representatives.

8 (3) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
9 retary concerned” means—

10 (A) the Secretary of Defense, with respect
11 to matters concerning the Department of De-
12 fense; and

13 (B) the Secretary of Homeland Security,
14 with respect to matters concerning the Coast
15 Guard when it is not operating as a service in
16 the Department of the Navy.

17 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
18 the several States, the District of Columbia, the
19 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States
20 Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, or the
21 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
22 that have a Defense-State Liaison Office.

23 (5) TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—The
24 term “Transition Assistance Program” means the
25 program of the Department of Defense for pre-sepa-

1 ration counseling, employment assistance, and other
 2 transitional services provided under sections 1142
 3 and 1144 of title 10, United States Code.

4 **SEC. 716. IMPROVEMENT OF PROVIDER DIRECTORY ACCU-**
 5 **RACY FOR SPECIALTY CARE PROVIDERS**
 6 **UNDER THE TRICARE PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—By not later than five years after
 8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the
 9 Defense Health Agency (in this section referred to as the
 10 “Director”) shall ensure that the accuracy of the provider
 11 directory under the TRICARE program for all specialty
 12 care provider types reaches an average accuracy across all
 13 specialty care providers of not less than 70 percent.

14 (b) MEASUREMENT OF ACCURACY.—Average accu-
 15 racy under subsection (a) shall be measured biannually
 16 and shall be disaggregated by provider type for each spe-
 17 cialty care provider group.

18 (c) INCLUSION IN CONTRACTS.—The Director shall
 19 ensure that each managed care contract under the
 20 TRICARE program includes requirements that the man-
 21 aged care contractor comply with the accuracy require-
 22 ment under subsection (a), including by requiring each
 23 such contractor to—

24 (1) conduct comprehensive outreach campaigns,
 25 to include electronic and non-electronic means, and

1 mass email campaigns to network providers pro-
2 viding—

3 (A) information relating to T-5 Contract
4 penalties associated with inaccurate provider di-
5 rectory information;

6 (B) resources; and

7 (C) direct links for providers to update
8 their directory information;

9 (2) make it a condition of joining the
10 TRICARE network managed by such contractor for
11 providers to validate their provider directory infor-
12 mation not less frequently than quarterly;

13 (3) ensure that when providers file for reim-
14 bursement, such providers are prompted to review
15 and verify their directory accuracy; and

16 (4) create a mechanism by which beneficiaries
17 under the TRICARE program can report provider
18 directory inaccuracy to the contractor.

19 (d) OTHER METHODS.—The Director shall carry out
20 any other methods that the Director finds useful for the
21 improvement of provider directory accuracy.

22 (e) TESTING OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION.—Not
23 less frequently than quarterly, the Inspector General of
24 the Department of Defense shall conduct random tests,
25 encompassing all specialty care provider types, of the accu-

1 racy of information relating to specialty care providers
2 contained in the provider directory under the TRICARE
3 program.

4 (f) REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
7 nually thereafter, the Director shall submit a report
8 and provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed
9 Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-
10 tives on progress towards reaching the average accu-
11 racy target required under subsection (a).

12 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report under paragraph
13 (1) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

14 (A) A description of the techniques that
15 are most effective in improving accuracy of pro-
16 vider directories.

17 (B) An identification of the authorities or
18 tools that the Defense Health Agency lacks for
19 improving such accuracy.

20 (C) An identification of challenges specific
21 to each specialty care provider type that limit
22 such accuracy.

23 (D) An assessment of the impact of efforts
24 of the Defense Health Agency towards improv-
25 ing such accuracy on providers either leaving

1 the TRICARE program or on the willingness of
2 non-network providers to join the TRICARE
3 program.

4 (g) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW.—Not later
5 than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
6 and annually thereafter, the Comptroller General of the
7 United States shall—

8 (1) conduct a holistic review of provider direc-
9 tory accuracy under the TRICARE program to
10 measure the progress of the Director towards meet-
11 ing the requirement under subsection (a); and

12 (2) submit to Congress a report on the review
13 conducted under paragraph (1).

14 **SEC. 717. REVIEW OF DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS UNDER**
15 **PROCESSES AND FORMS RELATING TO**
16 **HEALTH CARE PROVIDER CREDENTIALING**
17 **AND PRIVILEGING OF DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
18 **FENSE.**

19 (a) REVIEW.—Not later than 180 days after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
21 shall review all processes and forms relating to health care
22 provider credentialing and privileging of covered appli-
23 cants to—

24 (1) identify questions, required disclosures, or
25 other information required to be provided by the ap-

1 plicant that asks or requires the applicant to disclose
2 mental, behavioral, psychological, or other related
3 health conditions of the applicant, including require-
4 ments contained in—

5 (A) applications for credentialing, peer ref-
6 erence, or competency assessment; and

7 (B) employee manuals, guidance, and poli-
8 cies of the Department of Defense governing
9 the requirements for credentialing, privileging,
10 or employment of health care providers;

11 (2) review and compare credentialing, peer ref-
12 erence, and competency assessment forms for health
13 care providers across the military departments and
14 the Defense Health Agency, including a review of—

15 (A) which forms require disclosure of men-
16 tal, behavioral, psychological, or other related
17 health conditions; and

18 (B) whether such disclosure of mental, be-
19 havioral, psychological, or other related health
20 conditions include past and current diagnoses
21 and treatment.

22 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
23 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
24 shall submit to Congress a report containing the following:

1 (1) The findings of the review require under
2 subsection (a).

3 (2) A detailed plan outlining steps the Sec-
4 retary has taken or will take, including a timeline
5 for completion of such steps, to update the processes
6 and forms reviewed under such subsection to refrain
7 from requiring disclosures of mental, behavioral,
8 psychological, or other related health conditions
9 when there is no current impairment, including an
10 identification of the steps the Secretary will take to
11 engage advocates outside the Department of Defense
12 who have subject matter expertise.

13 (c) COVERED APPLICANT DEFINED.—In this section,
14 the term “covered applicant” means an applicant for a
15 position as a health care provider who—

16 (1) is required to go through a credentialing
17 and privileging process; and

18 (2) provides care—

19 (A) at a military medical treatment facility
20 or other clinic of the Department of Defense; or

21 (B) through the civilian network of the
22 TRICARE program (as defined in section 1072
23 of title 10, United States Code).

1 **SEC. 718. PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES AT FORT**
2 **LEONARD WOOD, MISSOURI.**

3 (a) **ASSESSMENT.**—The Secretary of Defense, in con-
4 sultation with the Secretary of the Army, shall conduct
5 an assessment of the adequacy of health care services
6 available to covered beneficiaries under the TRICARE
7 program located at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

8 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The assessment required by sub-
9 section (a) shall include the following elements:

10 (1) An evaluation of the ability of the local area
11 to provide adequate access to care for the covered
12 beneficiary population surrounding Fort Leonard
13 Wood.

14 (2) An evaluation of potential impacts to access
15 and quality of care for such beneficiaries if the Gen-
16 eral Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital were
17 to be realigned, downgraded, or have its scope of
18 services reduced.

19 (3) An evaluation of the ability to establish ad-
20 ditional partnerships with the Department of Vet-
21 erans Affairs for the provision of health care service
22 at the General Leonard Wood Army Community
23 Hospital.

24 (4) Such other matters as the Secretary con-
25 siders relevant for determining the continued viabil-

1 ity of the General Leonard Wood Army Community
2 Hospital.

3 (c) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense may
4 not close, downgrade, or reduce the scope of care offered
5 by the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital
6 unless—

7 (1) the Secretary—

8 (A) completes the assessment required by
9 subsection (a) and delivers such assessment to
10 the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-
11 ate and the House of Representatives; and

12 (B) certifies to the Committees on Armed
13 Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
14 resentatives that any such changes would not
15 reduce or degrade the health care services avail-
16 able to covered beneficiaries and the local com-
17 munity; and

18 (2) the Chief of Staff of the Army certifies to
19 the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate
20 and the House of Representatives that there will be
21 no degradation of medical readiness of units as-
22 signed to Fort Leonard Wood as a result of any
23 changes to the status of the General Leonard Wood
24 Army Community Hospital.

Subtitle C—Reports and Other Matters

SEC. 721. STRATEGIC INFECTIOUS DISEASE MEDICAL RE- SEARCH PLAN.

(a) PLAN.—Not later than 90 days after the date on which the President submits a budget for fiscal year 2027 to Congress pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of each military department, shall submit to the congressional defense committees a comprehensive, strategic infectious disease medical research plan (referred to in this section as the “Plan”).

(b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The Plan shall describe—

(1) all infectious disease medical research conducted by the Department of Defense, including the coordination process, to ensure that such research is linked to—

(A) military readiness;

(B) joint force requirements; and

(C) relevance to individuals eligible for care at military medical treatment facilities or through the TRICARE program (as defined in section 1072(7) of title 10, United States Code);

1 (2) the infectious disease research projects
2 funded under the Defense Health Program Account
3 under section 1100 of title 10, United States Code,
4 including projects under—

5 (A) the Congressional Directed Medical
6 Research Program of the Department of De-
7 fense;

8 (B) the Defense Advanced Research
9 Projects Agency;

10 (C) the United States Army Medical Re-
11 search Institute of Infectious Diseases;

12 (D) the Chemical and Biological Defense
13 Program; and

14 (E) the Defense Threat Reduction Agency;

15 (3) the process for ensuring synergy across the
16 military medical research community—

17 (A) to address gaps in military infectious
18 disease research;

19 (B) to minimize duplication of research;

20 (C) to promote collaboration within re-
21 search focus areas; and

22 (D) to leverage and modernize the existing
23 medical research and development infrastruc-
24 ture of the Department of Defense; and

1 (4) the efforts of the Secretary to coordinate
2 with other Federal departments and agencies to in-
3 crease awareness of complementary infectious dis-
4 ease research efforts that are being carried out by
5 the Federal Government.

6 (c) BUDGET DISPLAY INFORMATION.—The Secretary
7 shall submit to the President, in conjunction with the ma-
8 terials of the Department of Defense supporting the fiscal
9 year 2027 budget request submitted to Congress by the
10 President pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United
11 States Code, and annually thereafter in conjunction with
12 each subsequent budget request through fiscal year 2032,
13 a detailed budget for carrying out the Plan that includes—

14 (1) the resources necessary for infectious dis-
15 ease medical research to carry out the activities de-
16 scribed in subsection (b) for the applicable fiscal
17 year and the 4 following fiscal years, disaggregated
18 by the activities described in paragraphs (1) through
19 (4) of subsection (b);

20 (2) with respect to procurement accounts—

21 (A) amounts displayed by account, budget
22 activity, line number, line item, and line item
23 title; and

24 (B) a description of the requirements for
25 such amounts specific to the Plan;

1 (3) with respect to research, development, test,
2 and evaluation accounts—

3 (A) amounts displayed by account, budget
4 activity, line number, program element, and
5 program element title; and

6 (B) a description of the requirements for
7 such amounts specific to the Plan;

8 (4) with respect to operation and maintenance
9 accounts—

10 (A) amounts displayed by account title,
11 budget activity title, line number, and sub-
12 activity group title; and

13 (B) a description of the specific manner in
14 which such amounts will be used;

15 (5) with respect to military personnel ac-
16 counts—

17 (A) amounts displayed by account, budget
18 activity, budget subactivity, and budget sub-
19 activity title; and

20 (B) a description of the requirements for
21 such amounts specific to the Plan;

22 (6) with respect to each project under military
23 construction accounts, the country, location, project
24 title, and project amount by fiscal year;

1 (7) with respect to the activities described in
2 subsection (b)—

3 (A) amounts displayed by account title,
4 budget activity title, line number, and sub-
5 activity group title; and

6 (B) a description of the specific manner in
7 which such amounts will be used;

8 (8) with respect to each military department—

9 (A) amounts displayed by account title,
10 budget activity title, line number, and sub-
11 activity group title; and

12 (B) a description of the specific manner in
13 which such amounts will be used;

14 (9) with respect to the amounts described in
15 each of paragraphs (2)(A), (3)(A), (4)(A), (5)(A),
16 (6), (7)(A), and (8)(A) for a fiscal year—

17 (A) a comparison between—

18 (i) the amount requested in the budg-
19 et of the President for such fiscal year;
20 and

21 (ii) the amount projected in the pre-
22 viously submitted budget request of the
23 President for such fiscal year;

1 (B) a detailed summary of the amounts
 2 obligated for the Plan during the most recently
 3 concluded fiscal year; and

4 (C) a detailed comparison between—

5 (i) the amounts obligated for the Plan
 6 during the most recently concluded fiscal
 7 year; and

8 (ii) the amounts requested for the
 9 Plan in the budget of the President for the
 10 applicable fiscal year.

11 **SEC. 722. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR JOINT DEPART-**
 12 **MENT OF DEFENSE—DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
 13 **ERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL FACILITY DEM-**
 14 **ONSTRATION FUND.**

15 Section 1704(e) of the National Defense Authoriza-
 16 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123
 17 Stat. 2573), as most recently amended by section 1421
 18 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and
 19 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025
 20 (Public Law 118–159), is amended by striking “Sep-
 21 tember 30, 2026” and inserting “September 30, 2027”.

1 **SEC. 723. PILOT PROGRAM ON WASTEWATER SURVEIL-**
2 **LANCE SYSTEM OF DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
3 **FENSE.**

4 (a) **PILOT PROGRAM REQUIRED.**—Commencing not
5 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of
6 this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall carry out a pilot
7 program under which the Secretary shall develop and im-
8 plement a comprehensive wastewater surveillance system
9 at not fewer than four installations of a military depart-
10 ment at which the Secretary seeks to improve the testing,
11 identification, and analysis of usage of covered drugs and
12 to identify the prevalence of infectious diseases among
13 members of the Armed Forces at the installation (in this
14 section referred to as the “pilot program”).

15 (b) **TECHNOLOGIES AND DATA SYSTEM USED.**—In
16 carrying out the pilot program, the Secretary shall ensure
17 the system developed and implemented under subsection
18 (a) is comprised of appropriate technologies and a uniform
19 data system across the Department of Defense.

20 (c) **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.**—In carrying out the
21 pilot program, the Secretary shall establish, at a min-
22 imum—

23 (1) at least one wastewater surveillance system
24 for monitoring of use of covered drugs at one instal-
25 lation; and

1 (2) at least one wastewater surveillance system
2 for monitoring of infectious diseases at one installa-
3 tion.

4 (d) DURATION.—The pilot program shall be carried
5 out during a two-year period beginning on the date of the
6 commencement of the pilot program.

7 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the termi-
8 nation of the pilot program, the Secretary shall submit
9 to the congressional defense committees a report that in-
10 cludes the following:

11 (1) A summary of the findings from the waste-
12 water surveillance system under the pilot program.

13 (2) Recommendations for interventions or policy
14 changes based on trends observed under the pilot
15 program.

16 (3) An assessment of the effectiveness of the
17 pilot program in enhancing force health protection
18 and readiness.

19 (f) COVERED DRUG DEFINED.—In this section, the
20 term “covered drug”—

21 (1) except as provided in paragraph (2), means
22 a drug included on schedule I or schedule II estab-
23 lished under section 202 of the Controlled Sub-
24 stances Act (21 U.S.C. 812); and

25 (2) does not include a drug that—

1 (A) was newly included on such schedule I
2 or schedule II;

3 (B) was previously approved under section
4 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
5 Act (21 U.S.C. 355); and

6 (C) received such approval not later than
7 20 years before the date of the enactment of
8 this Act.

9 **SEC. 724. IMPROVEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF CARE FOR**
10 **VETERANS FROM FACILITIES AND PRO-**
11 **VIDERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

12 (a) **OUTREACH ON AVAILABLE CARE.**—Not less fre-
13 quently than annually, the Secretary of Defense and the
14 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall conduct outreach to
15 increase awareness among veterans enrolled in the system
16 of annual patient enrollment of the Department of Vet-
17 erans Affairs established and operated under section
18 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code, of the ability of
19 those veterans to receive care at military medical treat-
20 ment facilities.

21 (b) **TRAINING ON REFERRALS.**—The Secretary of
22 Veterans Affairs shall ensure training for staff and con-
23 tractors involved in scheduling, or assisting in scheduling,
24 appointments for care under the community care program

1 specifically includes training regarding options for referral
2 to facilities and providers of the Department of Defense.

3 (c) PREFERRED PROVIDERS.—Subsection (g) of sec-
4 tion 1703 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in the subsection heading, by inserting
6 “AND PREFERRED PROVIDERS” after “NETWORK”;
7 and

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

10 “(3) The Secretary shall consider providers under
11 subsection (c)(2) to be preferred providers under this sec-
12 tion.”.

13 (d) ACTION PLANS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
15 and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall develop
16 and implement action plans at covered facilities—

17 (A) to expand the partnership between the
18 Department of Defense and the Department of
19 Veterans Affairs with respect to the provision of
20 health care;

21 (B) to improve communication between the
22 Department of Veterans Affairs and pertinent
23 command and director leadership of military
24 medical treatment facilities;

1 (C) to increase utilization of military med-
2 ical treatment facilities with excess capacity;

3 (D) to increase case volume and complexity
4 for graduate medical education programs of the
5 Department of Defense and the Department of
6 Veterans Affairs;

7 (E) to improve resource sharing agree-
8 ments or permits, as applicable, between the
9 Department of Defense and the Department of
10 Veterans Affairs, which would also ensure less-
11 ened barriers to shared facility spaces; and

12 (F) to increase access to care for veterans
13 described in subsection (a) in areas in which a
14 military medical treatment facility is located
15 that is identified by the Secretary of Defense as
16 having excess capacity.

17 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The action
18 plans required under paragraph (1) shall include the
19 following:

20 (A) Cross-credentialing and privileging of
21 health care providers, including nurses, medical
22 technicians, and other support staff, to jointly
23 care for beneficiaries in medical facilities of the
24 Department of Defense and the Department of
25 Veterans Affairs.

1 (B) Expediting access to installations of
2 the Department of Defense for staff and bene-
3 ficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

4 (C) Including in-kind or non-cash payment
5 or reimbursement options for expenses incurred
6 by either the Department of Defense or the De-
7 partment of Veterans Affairs.

8 (D) Allowing eligible veterans to seek cer-
9 tain services at military medical treatment fa-
10 cilities without referral or preauthorization from
11 the Department of Veterans Affairs, for which
12 reimbursement to the Department of Defense
13 will be made .

14 (E) The designation of a coordinator with-
15 in each covered facility to serve as a liaison be-
16 tween the Department of Defense and the De-
17 partment of Veterans Affairs and to lead the
18 implementation of such action plan.

19 (F) A mechanism for monitoring the effec-
20 tiveness of such action plan on an ongoing
21 basis, to include establishing relevant perform-
22 ance goals and collecting data to assess
23 progress towards those goals.

24 (G) Prioritize the integration of relevant
25 information technology and other systems or

1 processes to enable seamless information shar-
2 ing, referrals and ancillary orders, payment
3 methodologies and billing processes, and work-
4 load attribution when Department of Veterans
5 Affairs personnel provide services at Depart-
6 ment of Defense facilities or when Department
7 of Defense personnel provide services at De-
8 partment of Veterans Affairs facilities.

9 (H) Any other matter that the Secretary of
10 Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
11 consider appropriate.

12 (3) APPROVAL OF ACTION PLANS.—Before im-
13 plementing any action plan required under para-
14 graph (1) at a covered facility or covered facilities,
15 the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Vet-
16 erans Affairs shall ensure that approval for the ac-
17 tion plan is obtained from—

18 (A) the co-chairs of the Department of
19 Veterans Affairs-Department of Defense Joint
20 Executive Committee established under section
21 320 of title 38, United States Code;

22 (B) the local installation commander for
23 the covered facility of the Department of De-
24 fense; and

1 (C) the director of the relevant medical
2 center of the Department of Veterans Affairs
3 with respect to any covered facility or covered
4 facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

5 (4) REPORTS.—

6 (A) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 90
7 days after the date of the enactment of this
8 Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary
9 of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the appro-
10 priate committees of Congress a report con-
11 taining the action plans required under para-
12 graph (1).

13 (B) SUBSEQUENT REPORT.—Not later
14 than one year after submitting the report re-
15 quired under subparagraph (A), the Secretary
16 of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Af-
17 fairs shall submit to the appropriate committees
18 of Congress a report containing—

19 (i) a status update on the progress of
20 implementing the action plans required
21 under paragraph (1); and

22 (ii) recommendations for developing
23 subsequent action plans for each facility
24 with respect to which there is a sharing
25 agreement in place.

1 (e) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO SHARING AGREE-
2 MENTS.—

3 (1) LEAD COORDINATOR.—The Secretary of
4 Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
5 ensure that there is a lead coordinator at each facil-
6 ity of the Department of Defense or the Department
7 of Veterans Affairs, as the case may be, with respect
8 to which there is a sharing agreement in place.

9 (2) LIST OF AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary of
10 Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
11 maintain on a publicly available website a list of all
12 sharing agreements in place between medical facili-
13 ties of the Department of Defense and the Depart-
14 ment of Veterans Affairs.

15 (f) TREATMENT OF EXISTING LAWS REGARDING
16 SHARING OF HEALTH CARE RESOURCES.—The Secretary
17 of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
18 carry out this section notwithstanding any limitation or
19 requirement under section 1104 of title 10, United States
20 Code, or section 8111 of title 38, United States Code.

21 (g) FUNDING.—The Secretary of Defense and the
22 Secretary of Veterans Affairs may use funds available in
23 the DOD–VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund estab-
24 lished under section 8111(d)(2) of title 38, United States
25 Code, to implement this section.

1 (h) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
2 tion or the amendments made by this section shall be con-
3 strued to require veterans to seek care in facilities of the
4 Department of Defense.

5 (i) EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENTS
6 OF PENSION.—Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United
7 States Code, is amended by striking “November 30, 2031”
8 and inserting “April 30, 2032”.

9 (j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
11 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
12 gress” means—

13 (A) the Committee on Armed Services and
14 the Committee on Veterans Affairs of the Sen-
15 ate; and

16 (B) the Committee on Armed Services and
17 the Committee on Veterans Affairs of the
18 House of Representatives.

19 (2) COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM.—The term
20 “community care program” means the Veterans
21 Community Care Program under section 1703 of
22 title 38, United States Code.

23 (3) COVERED FACILITY.—The term “covered
24 facility” means—

1 (A) a military medical treatment facility
 2 has defined in section 1073c(j) of title 10,
 3 United States Code; or

4 (B) a medical facility of the Department of
 5 Veterans Affairs located nearby a military med-
 6 ical treatment facility described in subpara-
 7 graph (A).

8 (4) SHARING AGREEMENT.—The term “sharing
 9 agreement” means an agreement for sharing of
 10 health-care resources between the Department of
 11 Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs
 12 under section 1104 of title 10, United States Code,
 13 or section 8111 of title 38, United States Code.

14 (5) VETERAN.—The term “veteran” has the
 15 meaning given that term in section 101 of title 38,
 16 United States Code.

17 **SEC. 725. MILITARY-CIVILIAN MEDICAL SURGE PROGRAM.**

18 Section 1096 of title 10, United States Code, is
 19 amended—

20 (1) in the section heading, by adding at the end
 21 the following “; **medical surge program**”; and

22 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 23 section:

24 “(e) MEDICAL SURGE PROGRAM.—(1) The Secretary
 25 of Defense, in collaboration with the Secretary of Health

1 and Human Services, shall carry out a program of record
2 known as the Military-Civilian Medical Surge Program
3 to—

4 “(A) support locations that the Secretary of
5 Defense selects under paragraph (3)(B); and

6 “(B) enhance the interoperability and medical
7 surge capability and capacity of the National Dis-
8 aster Medical System in response to a declaration or
9 other action described in subparagraphs (A) through
10 (E) of paragraph (4).

11 “(2)(A) The Secretary of Defense, acting through the
12 National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health
13 at the Uniformed Services University of the Health
14 Sciences (or such successor center), shall oversee the oper-
15 ation, staffing, and deployment of the Program.

16 “(B) In carrying out the Program, the Secretary
17 shall maintain requirements for staffing, specialized train-
18 ing, research, and education regarding patient regulation,
19 movement, definitive care, and other matters the Sec-
20 retary determines critical to sustaining the health of mem-
21 bers of the armed forces.

22 “(3)(A) In carrying out the Program, the Secretary
23 shall establish partnerships at locations selected under
24 subparagraph (B) with public, private, and nonprofit
25 health care organizations, health care institutions, health

1 care entities, academic medical centers of institutions of
2 higher education, and hospitals that the Secretary deter-
3 mines—

4 “(i) are critical in mobilizing a civilian medical
5 response in support of a wartime contingency or
6 other catastrophic event in the United States; and

7 “(ii) have demonstrated technical proficiency in
8 critical national security domains, including high-
9 consequence infectious disease and special pathogen
10 preparedness, and matters relating to defense, con-
11 tainment, management, care, and transportation.

12 “(B)(i) The Secretary shall select not fewer than
13 eight locations that are operationally relevant to the mis-
14 sions of the Department of Defense under the National
15 Disaster Medical System and are aeromedical or other
16 transport hubs or logistics centers in the United States
17 for partnerships under subparagraph (A).

18 “(ii) The Secretary may select more than eight loca-
19 tions under clause (i), including locations outside of the
20 continental United States, if the Secretary determines
21 such additional locations cover areas of strategic and oper-
22 ational relevance to the Department of Defense.

23 “(4) The Secretary shall ensure that the partnerships
24 under paragraph (3)(A) allow for civilian medical per-
25 sonnel to quickly and effectively mobilize direct support

1 to military medical treatment facilities and provide sup-
2 port to other requirements of the military health system
3 pursuant to the following:

4 “(A) A declaration of a national emergency
5 under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C.
6 1621 et seq.).

7 “(B) A public health emergency declared under
8 section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42
9 U.S.C. 247d).

10 “(C) A declaration of war by Congress.

11 “(D) The exercise for the President of executive
12 powers under the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C.
13 1541 et seq.).

14 “(E) Any other emergency or major disaster as
15 declared by the President.

16 “(5)(A) Not later than July 1, 2026, and annually
17 thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee
18 on Armed Services and the Committee on Health, Edu-
19 cation, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Com-
20 mittee on Armed Services and the Committee on Energy
21 and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report
22 on the status, readiness, and operational capabilities of the
23 Program.

24 “(B) Each report required under subparagraph (A)
25 shall include an assessment of personnel readiness, re-

1 source availability, interagency coordination efforts, and
 2 recommendations for continued improvements to the Pro-
 3 gram.

4 “(6) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to
 5 authorize the Department of Defense to control, direct,
 6 limit, or otherwise affect the authorities of the Secretary
 7 of Health and Human Services with respect to leadership
 8 and administration of the National Disaster Medical Sys-
 9 tem, public health and medical preparedness and response,
 10 staffing levels, or resource allocation.

11 “(7) In this subsection:

12 “(A) The term ‘institution of higher education’
 13 means a four-year institution of higher education (as
 14 defined in section 101(a) of the Higher Education
 15 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a))).

16 “(B) The term ‘National Disaster Medical Sys-
 17 tem’ means the system established under section
 18 2812 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
 19 300hh–11).

20 “(C) The term ‘Program’ means the Military-
 21 Civilian Medical Surge Program established under
 22 paragraph (1).”.

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TITLE VIII—ACQUISITION POLICY, ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT, AND RELATED MATTERS

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1 **TITLE VIII—ACQUISITION POL-**
 2 **ICY, ACQUISITION MANAGE-**
 3 **MENT, AND RELATED MAT-**
 4 **TERS**

5 **Subtitle A—Acquisition Policy and**
 6 **Management**

7 **SEC. 801. TRANSITION OF PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER**
 8 **ROLE TO PORTFOLIO ACQUISITION EXECU-**
 9 **TIVE.**

10 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 1737(a) of title 10, United
 11 States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (4) and
 12 inserting the following:

13 “(4) The term ‘portfolio acquisition executive’
 14 refers to the member of the acquisition workforce re-
 15 sponsible for the overall management of require-
 16 ments, programming, and acquisition of defense ac-
 17 quisition capabilities. These capabilities are assigned
 18 by the service acquisition executive or component ac-
 19 quisition executive. The portfolio acquisition execu-
 20 tive has direct control over all necessary officials and
 21 functional support, including the ability to provide
 22 input into performance evaluations, to the maximum
 23 extent practicable. This authority provides them with
 24 all necessary authority to develop, procure, and sus-
 25 tain military capabilities. For purposes of managing

1 requirements, the portfolio acquisition executive is
 2 subject to the authority, direction, and control of the
 3 chief of the military service, while remaining under
 4 the overall authority, direction, and control of the
 5 service acquisition executive or component acquisi-
 6 tion executive. The Secretary of Defense shall ensure
 7 a minimum of non-statutory guidance and approvals
 8 issued by officials external to the portfolio acquisi-
 9 tion executives.”.

10 (b) CRITICAL ACQUISITION POSITIONS.—Section
 11 1731(a)(1)(B)(i) of title 10, United States Code, is
 12 amended by striking “Program executive officer” and in-
 13 serting “Portfolio acquisition executive”.

14 (c) POSITION QUALIFICATIONS.—Section 1735(c) of
 15 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

16 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking “PRO-
 17 GRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICERS” and inserting “PORT-
 18 FOLIO ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE”; and

19 (2) by striking “program executive officer” and
 20 inserting “portfolio acquisition executive”.

21 (d) GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN AC-
 22 QUISITION FUNCTIONS.—Section 1706(a) of title 10,
 23 United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “Program ex-
 2 ecutive officer” and inserting “Portfolio acquisition
 3 executive”; and

4 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “Deputy pro-
 5 gram executive officer” and inserting “Deputy port-
 6 folio acquisition executive”.

7 (e) DUTIES RELATED TO CADRE OF INTELLECTUAL
 8 PROPERTY EXPERTS.—Section 1707(c) of title 10, United
 9 States Code, is amended by striking “program executive
 10 officer” and inserting “portfolio acquisition executive”.

11 (f) PORTFOLIO ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE OFFICE .—
 12 Section 1509 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense
 13 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–
 14 263; 10 U.S.C. 167b) is amended—

15 (1) by striking “program executive office” each
 16 place that it appears and inserting “portfolio acqui-
 17 sition executive office”; and

18 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “PROGRAM
 19 EXECUTIVE OFFICE” in the subsection heading and
 20 inserting “PORTFOLIO ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE OF-
 21 FICE”.

22 (g) TECHNOLOGY RELEASE AND FOREIGN DISCLO-
 23 SURE REFORM INITIATIVE.—Section 918(a)(2)(D)(ii) of
 24 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
 25 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C. 301 note) is amend-

1 ed by striking “program executive officer” and inserting
 2 “portfolio acquisition executive”.

3 (h) SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT AND SOFTWARE AC-
 4 QUISTION TRAINING AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS.—
 5 Section 862 of the National Defense Authorization Act for
 6 Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 1741
 7 note) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)(2)(A), by striking “pro-
 9 gram executive officers” and inserting “portfolio ac-
 10 quisition executives”; and

11 (2) in subsection (c)(1)—

12 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking
 13 “PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER” and inserting
 14 “PORTFOLIO ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE”; and

15 (B) by striking “program executive officer”
 16 and inserting “portfolio acquisition executive”.

17 (i) AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH DIFFERENT MINIMUM
 18 REQUIREMENTS.—Section 1764(b)(2) of title 10, United
 19 States Code, is amended by striking “Program executive
 20 officer” and inserting “Portfolio acquisition executive”.

21 (j) PRIZES FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ACHIEVE-
 22 MENTS.—Section 4025(g)(2)(C) of title 10, United States
 23 Code, is amended by striking “program executive officer”
 24 both places it appears and inserting “portfolio acquisition
 25 executive”.

1 (k) RATING CHAINS FOR SYSTEM PROGRAM MAN-
 2 AGERS.—Section 323 of the National Defense Authoriza-
 3 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112–239; 126
 4 Stat. 1696) is amended by striking “program executive
 5 officer” and inserting “portfolio acquisition executive”.

6 (l) SPACE SYSTEM ACQUISITION AND THE ADAPTIVE
 7 ACQUISITION FRAMEWORK.—Section 807 of the William
 8 M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act
 9 for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C.
 10 9081 note) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (b)(1)—

12 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking
 13 “PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER” and inserting
 14 “PORTFOLIO ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE”; and

15 (B) by striking “program executive officer”
 16 and inserting “portfolio acquisition executive”;
 17 and

18 (2) in subsection (e)(6)—

19 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking
 20 “PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER” and inserting
 21 “PORTFOLIO ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE”; and

22 (B) by striking “program executive officer”
 23 and inserting “portfolio acquisition executive”.

1 **SEC. 802. CAPSTONE REQUIREMENTS.**

2 Chapter 221 of title 10, United States Code, is
3 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

4 **“§ 3209. Capstone requirements**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of each military
6 department shall establish a capstone requirement ap-
7 proach for three or more portfolio acquisition executives
8 for which that official has responsibility to enable greater
9 speed, agility, and innovation in fielding military capabili-
10 ties. Each such capstone requirement shall be established
11 in consultation with the Joint Requirements Oversight
12 Council.

13 “(b) ELEMENTS.—Under the capstone requirements
14 for an acquisition portfolio, the Secretary of the military
15 department shall—

16 “(1) develop a general set of requirements for
17 the acquisition portfolio in accordance with sub-
18 section (c) under which programs or projects may be
19 initiated;

20 “(2) authorize the portfolio acquisition execu-
21 tive or similar portfolio manager for the portfolio to
22 change the scope and requirements for programs
23 within the portfolio, subject to subsection (d);

24 “(3) assign representatives of operational forces
25 to the acquisition portfolio and authorize them to
26 perform the functions specified in subsection (e);

1 “(4) maximize commercial market research, the
2 use of commercial and nondevelopmental items, and
3 minimum viable products to shape capability scope
4 and requirements;

5 “(5) authorize the portfolio acquisition execu-
6 tive or similar portfolio manager to resource and ac-
7 quire commercial or non-developmental items under
8 the capstone requirement by validating the need with
9 the representatives assigned under paragraph (3);

10 “(6) manage information technology require-
11 ments using dynamically prioritized lists of user
12 needs rather than large static requirements docu-
13 ments; and

14 “(7) iteratively define, prioritize, and refine re-
15 quirements at the portfolio, program, and iteration
16 levels based on user input, previous deliveries, and
17 continuous commercial market research.

18 “(c) CAPSTONE SET OF REQUIREMENTS.—The cap-
19 stone set of requirements for an acquisition portfolio de-
20 veloped under subsection (b)(1) shall be designed—

21 “(1) to guide the iterative delivery of an inte-
22 grated suite of capabilities to maximize operational
23 impact;

1 “(2) to provide enduring themes based on stra-
2 tegic needs and relevant concepts of operation, not
3 system-specific;

4 “(3) to include measures of force effectiveness
5 for a force mix of capabilities to be measured
6 against; and

7 “(4) to include kill chains, effects chains, vi-
8 gnettes of operational scenarios, the effect of timely
9 delivery of capability, and related mission engineer-
10 ing initiatives across the Department of Defense.

11 “(d) AUTHORITY TO REVISE PROGRAMS WITHIN A
12 PORTFOLIO.—The authority under subsection (b)(2)—

13 “(1) shall be carried out in consultation with
14 operational commands and the Joint Requirements
15 Oversight Council; and

16 “(2) does not include authority to change key
17 performance parameters for a major defense acquisi-
18 tion program.

19 “(e) FUNCTIONS OF OPERATIONAL REPRESENTA-
20 TIVES.—An operational representative assigned to an ac-
21 quisition portfolio under subsection (b)(3) shall be pro-
22 vided authority—

23 “(1) to shape the vision and priorities for key
24 capability areas;

1 “(2) to provide the acquisition community and
2 developers insights into operations;

3 “(3) to provide feedback on interim develop-
4 ments;

5 “(4) to validate the suitability of existing com-
6 mercial or non-developmental items, or the likelihood
7 that the commercial market may be enticed to
8 produce those items, or, as a last resort, validate
9 that no commercial vendor will ever produce a suit-
10 able product and a developmental program is nec-
11 essary;

12 “(5) to foster collaboration among the acquisi-
13 tion community, developers, and users of the capa-
14 bility to be fielded; and

15 “(6) to provide advice to the portfolio acquisi-
16 tion executive or similar portfolio manager.”.

17 **SEC. 803. MODIFICATION TO ACQUISITION STRATEGY.**

18 (1) Section 4211 of title 10, United States
19 Code, is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “the Under
21 Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
22 Sustainment, or the milestone decision authority,
23 when the milestone decision authority is the service
24 acquisition executive of the military department that
25 is managing the program,” and inserting “the port-

1 folio acquisition executive, or the decision authority,
2 when the decision authority is the service acquisition
3 executive of the military department or the Under
4 Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
5 Sustainment,”;

6 (2) in subsection (c)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1)—

8 (i) by striking “the Under Secretary,
9 or the milestone decision authority, when
10 the milestone decision authority is the
11 service acquisition executive of the military
12 department that is managing the pro-
13 gram,” and inserting “the portfolio acqui-
14 sition executive, or the decision authority,
15 when the decision authority is the service
16 acquisition executive of the military depart-
17 ment or the Under Secretary of Defense
18 for Acquisition and Sustainment,”;

19 (ii) by amending subparagraph (A) to
20 read as follows:

21 “(A) the strategy clearly describes the pro-
22 posed business case and capability management
23 approach for the program or system, and to the
24 maximum extent practicable, describes how a
25 portfolio of capabilities within an enduring set

1 of requirements will be developed, procured, and
2 fielded rather than detailing a specific end-
3 item;” and

4 (iii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
5 “how the strategy is designed to be imple-
6 mented with available resources, such as
7 time, funding, and management capacity”
8 and inserting “the resources, such as time,
9 funding, and management capacity re-
10 quired to deliver the capability”; and

11 (B) by amending paragraph (2) to read as
12 follows:

13 “(2) Each strategy shall, where appropriate,
14 consider the following:

15 “(A) An approach that delivers required
16 capabilities in increments, each depending on
17 available mature technology, and that recog-
18 nizes up front the need for future capability im-
19 provements or transitions to alternative end-
20 items through use of continuous competition.

21 “(B) Requirements related to logistics,
22 maintenance, and sustainment in accordance
23 with sections 2464 and 2466 of this title, and
24 the acquisition of technical data, computer soft-
25 ware, and associated licenses, to enable such re-

quirements in accordance with sections 3771 through 3775 of this title.

“(C) A process for collaborative interaction and market research with the science and technology community, including Department of Defense science and technology reinvention laboratories, government innovation cells, academia, small businesses, nontraditional defense contractors, and other contractors.

“(D) Identification of enterprise-wide designs and standards in support of an architecture that provides for an integrated suite of capabilities that focuses on simplicity of implementation and speed of delivery.

“(E) Overarching roadmaps that create integrated strategic schedules of legacy systems and new capabilities and a mapping of enduring requirements to elements of the portfolio of capabilities.

“(F) A contracting strategy that develops long-term partnerships with multiple companies to actively contribute to architectures, development, production, and sustainment across the portfolio of capabilities by decomposing large

1 systems into smaller sets of projects across time
 2 and technical component.

3 “(G) An assignment of roles and respon-
 4 sibilities to the acquisition workforce within the
 5 portfolio acquisition executive, identification of
 6 external stakeholder dependencies, and the need
 7 for subject matter expert inputs at critical
 8 points in the program, including the need for
 9 special hiring authority or advisory and assist-
 10 ance services.

11 “(H) A process of testing and experimen-
 12 tation with the test community and end users
 13 to ensure continuous user feedback, acceptance,
 14 and development of concepts of operations.”;
 15 and

16 (4) by striking subsections (d) and (e) and in-
 17 serting the following:

18 “(d) REVIEW.—The decision authority shall review
 19 and approve, as appropriate, the acquisition strategy for
 20 a major defense acquisition program or major system
 21 prior to the acquisition decision memorandum and ensure
 22 that the strategy is updated at regular intervals to incor-
 23 porate significant changes to program requirements,
 24 resourcing, or acquisition decisions.

1 “(e) DECISION AUTHORITY DEFINED.—In this sec-
 2 tion, the term ‘decision authority’, with respect to a major
 3 defense acquisition program or major system, means the
 4 official within the Department of Defense designated with
 5 the overall responsibility and authority for acquisition de-
 6 cisions for the program or system, including authority to
 7 approve entry of the program or system into the next
 8 phase of the acquisition process.”.

9 **SEC. 804. MODIFICATIONS TO MODULAR OPEN SYSTEMS**

10 **APPROACH.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4401 of title 10, United
 12 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

13 **“§ 4401. Definitions**

14 “In this chapter:

15 “(1) The term ‘authorized third party’ means
 16 an entity approved by the Department of Defense to
 17 access developer resources for integration or
 18 sustainment.

19 “(2) The term ‘industry standards’ means wide-
 20 ly adopted technical standards or protocols from rec-
 21 ognized organizations.

22 “(3) The term ‘machine-readable format’ means
 23 a format that can be easily processed by a computer
 24 without human intervention.

25 “(4) The term ‘major system component’ —

1 “(A) means a high-level subsystem or as-
2 sembly, including hardware, software, or an in-
3 tegrated assembly of both, that can be mounted
4 or installed on a major system platform through
5 modular system interfaces; and

6 “(B) includes a subsystem or assembly
7 that is likely to have additional capability re-
8 quirements, is likely to change because of evol-
9 ving technology or threat, is needed for inter-
10 operability, facilitates incremental deployment
11 of capabilities, or is expected to be replaced by
12 another major system component.

13 “(5) The term ‘major system platform’ means
14 the highest level structure of a system that is not
15 physically mounted or installed onto a higher level
16 structure and on which a major system component
17 can be physically mounted or installed.

18 “(6) The term ‘modular open systems approach
19 (MOSA)’ means a system design approach using
20 modular systems, enabling innovation and competi-
21 tion in the development, sustainment, or upgrade of
22 weapon systems.

23 “(7) The term ‘modular system’ refers to a
24 weapon system or weapon system component that—

1 “(A) is able to execute independently with-
 2 out relying on the execution of other specific
 3 systems or components;

4 “(B) can communicate across component
 5 boundaries and through modular system inter-
 6 faces; and

7 “(C) functions as a module that can be
 8 separated, recombined, and connected with
 9 other weapon systems or weapon systems com-
 10 ponents in order to achieve various effects, mis-
 11 sions, or capabilities.

12 “(8) The term ‘modular systems interfaces’
 13 means a shared boundary between modular systems,
 14 defined by various physical, logical, and functional
 15 characteristics, such as electrical, mechanical,
 16 fluidic, optical, radio frequency, data, networking, or
 17 software elements, that is free of proprietary restric-
 18 tions and documented via a machine-readable for-
 19 mat, including—

20 “(A) software-defined interface syntax and
 21 properties, specifically governing how values are
 22 validly passed to and received;

23 “(B) definition of the relationship between
 24 the delivered interface and interfaces available

1 in the repositories established pursuant to sec-
2 tion 4403 of this title; and

3 “(C) test cases, including example code,
4 demonstrating the proper use of the modular
5 systems interface.

6 “(9) The term ‘operational data’ means govern-
7 ment-owned data generated by or necessary for sys-
8 tem operation, maintenance, or enhancement.”.

9 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—Section 4402 of title 10,
10 United States Code, is amended by striking subsections
11 (a) through (f) and inserting the following:

12 “(a) PROGRAM COMPLIANCE AND MOSA IMPLEMEN-
13 TATION.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that
14 every major defense acquisition program (as defined in
15 section 4201 of this title) submits a modular open systems
16 approach (MOSA) implementation plan within its acquisi-
17 tion strategy, detailing compliance with this section. Other
18 defense acquisition programs shall incorporate MOSA to
19 the maximum extent practicable.

20 “(2) In the case of a major defense acquisition pro-
21 gram that uses a modular open system approach, the ac-
22 quisition strategy required under section 4211 of this title
23 shall—

24 “(A) clearly describe the modular open system
25 approach to be used for the program;

1 “(B) differentiate between the major system
2 platform and major system components being devel-
3 oped under the program, as well as major system
4 components developed outside the program that will
5 be integrated into the major defense acquisition pro-
6 gram;

7 “(C) clearly describe the evolution of major sys-
8 tem components that are anticipated to be added,
9 removed, or replaced in subsequent increments;

10 “(D) clearly describe security classification re-
11 quirements for each major system component as re-
12 lated to the modular system interface for that com-
13 ponent;

14 “(E) clearly describe how intellectual property
15 and related issues, such as technical data
16 deliverables, that are necessary to support a modular
17 open system approach, will be addressed; and

18 “(F) clearly describe the approach to systems
19 integration and systems-level configuration manage-
20 ment to ensure mission and information assurance.

21 “(3) Contracts for covered programs shall include en-
22 forceable clauses requiring delivery of data rights con-
23 sistent with sections 3771 through 3775 of this title and
24 modular systems interfaces as specified in subsection (c).

1 “(b) WAIVERS AND EXCEPTIONS.—The Secretary of
2 Defense may waive specific MOSA requirements, or devi-
3 ate from the requirements in subsection (c), for a program
4 only if—

5 “(1) deviation would demonstrably impair na-
6 tional security or operational capability; and

7 “(2) a detailed justification is submitted to the
8 congressional defense committees not later than 30
9 days after issuing the waiver.

10 “(c) MOSA REQUIREMENTS.—(1) All covered pro-
11 grams shall require the use of modular systems, includ-
12 ing—

13 “(A) modular systems interfaces published to
14 the repositories established pursuant to section 4403
15 of this title;

16 “(B) delivery of sufficient data rights to share
17 developer resources with authorized third parties for
18 government purposes, as determined by the Sec-
19 retary of Defense;

20 “(C) allowing for the use of existing industry
21 standards for interfaces where applicable;

22 “(D) government ownership of operational data
23 in a usable, nonproprietary format, extractable with-
24 out original equipment manufacturer dependency;
25 and

1 “(E) system designs allowing integration of new
2 or substitute modules with minimal manual reconfig-
3 uration, provided they conform to relevant modular
4 systems interfaces published to the repositories.

5 “(2) The Secretary of Defense, secretaries of military
6 departments, and commanders of combatant commands
7 with acquisition authorities shall not—

8 “(A) unless required for operational compat-
9 ibility with existing legacy systems, mandate specific
10 internal technical implementations, data structures,
11 defense specific standards, or formats beyond the
12 necessity that there are modular systems with mod-
13 ular systems interfaces published to the relevant re-
14 pository; or

15 “(B) permit contracts restricting government
16 control over developer resources or operational data,
17 or locking the government into a single vendor, ab-
18 sent a national security exemption.

19 “(3) Contractors providing modular systems shall
20 upload required modular systems interface data to an ap-
21 propriate repository. Contract closeout shall not occur
22 until such uploads are verified by the contracting officer.

23 “(d) IMPLEMENTATION AND FLEXIBILITY.—(1) Not
24 later than one year after the date of the enactment of this
25 subsection, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition

1 and Sustainment shall issue regulations and guidance to
2 implement this section across military departments, De-
3 fense agencies, and combatant commands.

4 “(2) The requirements of this section shall not apply
5 to programs with approved acquisition strategies at the
6 time of the date of the enactment of this subsection.

7 “(3) Requirements shall not prescribe specific tech-
8 nologies or limit contractor innovation, provided interface
9 documentation obligations are met, nor exclude new en-
10 trants or small businesses capable of compliance.

11 “(4) Requirements shall not force the use of industry
12 or consensus-based standards except as necessary to inter-
13 face with existing systems using such standards.”.

14 (c) REPOSITORIES AND INTERFACE ACCESS.—Sec-
15 tion 4403 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by
16 striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting the fol-
17 lowing new paragraphs:

18 “(1) establish a federated set of digital reposi-
19 tories within the Department of Defense to store
20 modular systems interfaces required under sub-
21 section (c) of section 4402 of this title, which
22 shall—

23 “(A) feature authentication and access
24 controls to protect sensitive data;

1 “(B) enable contractors to publish and
2 manage their contributions (at approved access
3 levels) with accountability and version control;

4 “(C) be searchable and accessible to au-
5 thorized Department of Defense components
6 and contractors based on access levels; and

7 “(D) incorporate cybersecurity measures
8 consistent with Department of Defense stand-
9 ards;

10 “(2) ensure distribution of interfaces to pro-
11 mote interoperability, consistent with the require-
12 ments of section 3771 of this title, by—

13 “(A) providing access to interfaces and rel-
14 evant documentation in the repository estab-
15 lished in paragraph (1) to authorized Federal
16 Government and nongovernmental entities; and

17 “(B) restricting nongovernmental entities
18 that receive access under subparagraph (A)
19 from further release, disclosure, or use such
20 data except as authorized;”.

21 **SEC. 805. ALTERNATIVE TEST AND EVALUATION PATHWAY**
22 **FOR DESIGNATED DEFENSE ACQUISITION**
23 **PROGRAMS.**

24 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Defense shall
25 issue guidance to establish an alternative test and evalua-

1 tion (T&E) pathway for certain Department of Defense
2 acquisition programs to enhance agility, accelerate deliv-
3 ery of capabilities, and ensure data-driven decisionmaking,
4 while maintaining independent oversight of evaluation out-
5 comes.

6 (b) ALTERNATIVE TEST AND EVALUATION PATH-
7 WAY.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish an alter-
8 native test and evaluation pathway for covered programs
9 that includes the following requirements:

10 (1) For each covered program, the military de-
11 partment concerned, through its service test activi-
12 ties, shall—

13 (A) design and execute a unified test and
14 evaluation strategy that aligns developmental
15 testing (DT) and operational testing (OT) to a
16 single set of test objectives that build system
17 understanding throughout the test program to
18 more effectively support capability delivery
19 within rapid prototyping and iterative updates
20 with early and continuous operational feedback;

21 (B) develop and execute a test data strat-
22 egy, updated as needed, that includes—

23 (i) collection of raw data from system
24 components during test events and oper-
25 ational activities, including submission of

1 industry derived data from their develop-
 2 ment and testing evolutions;

3 (ii) evaluation criteria to assess the
 4 mission effects and suitability of the sys-
 5 tem based on the data to be collected, in-
 6 cluding from live-fire test events, if appli-
 7 cable;

8 (iii) a process for independently vali-
 9 dating industry test results, if needed;

10 (iv) provision of resources for auto-
 11 mated data collection, storage, and access;
 12 and

13 (v) automated analytics tools to assess
 14 performance trends, reliability, and main-
 15 tenance needs;

16 (C) incorporate, to the maximum extent
 17 practicable, best practices such as—

18 (i) hardware-in-the-loop testing to
 19 validate system integration;

20 (ii) continuous data collection from
 21 prototypes and fielded systems to refine
 22 designs and update lifecycle costs;

23 (iii) test subsystem prototypes
 24 throughout system development to assess

1 their contribution to the mission effect of
2 the fielded system; and

3 (iv) integration of supporting or com-
4 plementary data from digital twins or
5 other model-based systems engineering
6 tools;

7 (D) define general test and evaluation ob-
8 jectives and data needs while allowing detailed
9 execution plans to evolve based on test results
10 and emerging requirements, avoiding rigid mile-
11 stone-driven schedules; and

12 (E) ensure all raw test data and associated
13 analytics are owned by the government, stored
14 in accessible repositories, and available to au-
15 thorized Department entities, including the Di-
16 rector of Operational Test & Evaluation
17 (DOT&E), throughout the program lifecycle.

18 (2) Covered programs under this pathway shall
19 be exempt from—

20 (A) the requirement to develop and submit
21 a Test and Evaluation Master Plan (TEMP)
22 under Department of Defense Instruction
23 5000.02 or other policies, provided a unified
24 test and evaluation strategy and data strategy

1 under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph
2 (1) are implemented;

3 (B) milestone-specific operational test
4 events, such as Initial Operational Test and
5 Evaluation (IOT&E), mandated under section
6 4171 of title 10, United States Code, or related
7 regulations; and

8 (C) any other test and evaluation docu-
9 mentation or approval processes that the Sec-
10 retary determines are inconsistent with the
11 agile and iterative nature of this pathway.

12 (c) ROLE OF THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONAL TEST
13 AND EVALUATION.—For covered programs under the al-
14 ternative test and evaluation pathway designated for over-
15 sight by the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation,
16 the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation shall—

17 (1) provide independent evaluation of test data
18 across all phases of the program lifecycle, includ-
19 ing—

20 (A) assessing the sufficiency of the pro-
21 gram's test and evaluation strategy and data
22 strategy to demonstrate military effectiveness;

23 (B) evaluating whether the program col-
24 lects and analyzes sufficient raw data, learns
25 from test results at a pace relevant to oper-

1 ational needs, and converges on military effec-
2 tiveness based on data trends;

3 (C) identifying deficiencies in test and
4 evaluation strategies that risk system perform-
5 ance, suitability, or survivability; and

6 (D) providing continuous oversight through
7 ongoing analysis of test data;

8 (2) have unrestricted access to all raw test
9 data, data repositories, and analytics maintained by
10 military departments for covered programs;

11 (3) not require of covered programs—

12 (A) specific test plans, execution methods,
13 or documentation formats or require pre-ap-
14 proval of test and evaluation activities as a con-
15 dition of testing, data collection, or evaluation;
16 or

17 (B) Director of Operational Test and Eval-
18 uation-approved Test and Evaluation Master
19 Plans or other pre-execution documentation
20 under existing policies; and

21 (4) include in its annual report to Congress
22 under section 139(h) of title 10, United States Code,
23 a summary of the adequacy of data strategies, rates
24 of learning, and risks that aligns with the evaluation
25 processes established in this section.

1 (d) GUIDANCE REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
3 of Defense, in consultation with the Secretaries of the
4 military departments and the Director of Operational Test
5 and Evaluation, shall issue guidance to implement the al-
6 ternative test and evaluation pathway, including standards
7 for data strategies and modern testing practices and pro-
8 cedures to support evaluation by the Director of Oper-
9 ational Test and Evaluation under subsection (c)(2).

10 (e) REPORT.—Not later than three years after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
12 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
13 port on the implementation of this section, including an
14 assessment of the effectiveness of the pathway in accel-
15 erating capability delivery and improving system perform-
16 ance and any recommendations for expanding or modi-
17 fying the pathway.

18 (f) COVERED PROGRAM DEFINED.—In this section,
19 the term “covered program” means a defense acquisition
20 program that is—

21 (1) designated under the Software Acquisition
22 Pathway pursuant to section 3603 of title 10,
23 United States Code, initiated on or after the date of
24 the enactment of this Act; and

1 (2) designated by the Secretary of Defense on
2 or after the issuance of guidance under subsection
3 (d).

4 **SEC. 806. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MEMBER OF COST AC-**
5 **COUNTING STANDARDS BOARD.**

6 The Department of Defense representative on the
7 Cost Accounting Standards Board pursuant to section
8 1501 of title 41, United States Code, shall be the Director
9 of Defense Pricing, Contracting, and Acquisition Policy or
10 its successor organization.

11 **SEC. 807. COMBATANT COMMAND EXPERIMENTATION AU-**
12 **THORITY.**

13 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Each commander of a combatant
14 command shall have the authority to conduct experimen-
15 tation, prototyping, and technology demonstrations to sup-
16 port the development and testing of innovative tech-
17 nologies and capability solutions to address operational
18 needs identified by the combatant command.

19 (b) **PROCEDURES.**—For activities carried out under
20 subsection (a), the commander of a combatant command
21 may use—

22 (1) operation and maintenance funds, including
23 for the purchase of items having an investment item
24 unit cost not greater than the Office of the Under
25 Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) guidance regard-

1 ing threshold for determination of expense and in-
2 vestment costs; and

3 (2) special contracting authorities described in
4 section 843 of the National Defense Authorization
5 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10
6 U.S.C. 3601 note), provided that the procedures de-
7 scribed in such section are followed.

8 (c) RECOMMENDATION FOR FOLLOW-ON PRODUC-
9 TION.—Upon completion of an experiment, prototype, or
10 technology demonstration, if a combatant command sub-
11 mits a written determination that the demonstrated tech-
12 nology or capability successfully meets the operational
13 need of the combatant command, the written determina-
14 tion may be used to fulfill the following requirements:

15 (1) A justification for using other than competi-
16 tive procedures under section 3204 of title 10,
17 United States Code, or follow-on production authori-
18 ties under section 4022 of such title, to acquire the
19 technology or capability which was successfully dem-
20 onstrated.

21 (2) A validated capability needs statement or
22 other requirement document.

1 **Subtitle B—Amendments to Gen-**
 2 **eral Contracting Authorities,**
 3 **Procedures, and Limitations**

4 **SEC. 821. MODIFICATION TO NONTRADITIONAL DEFENSE**
 5 **CONTRACTOR DEFINITIONS.**

6 Section 3014 of title 10, United States Code, is
 7 amended—

8 (1) by striking “means an entity that is not
 9 currently performing” and inserting the following:
 10 “means an entity that—

11 “(1) is not currently performing”; and

12 (2) by striking “such section.” and inserting
 13 the following: “such section; or

14 “(2) does not qualify as a covered segment as
 15 defined under the Defense Federal Acquisition Reg-
 16 ulation Supplement 231.205–18 or successor regula-
 17 tion.”.

18 **SEC. 822. FINANCING FOR COVERED ACTIVITIES.**

19 (a) **FINANCING COSTS.**—Financing costs incurred for
 20 a covered activity shall be allowable and allocable as a di-
 21 rect or an indirect overhead cost for contracts and sub-
 22 contracts of the Department of Defense, provided such
 23 costs are—

24 (1) reasonable in amount and consistent with
 25 prevailing market rates for similar financing; and

1 (2) incurred to pay a financing entity.

2 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

3 (1) The term “covered activity” means an activ-
4 ity taken by a prime contractor or subcontractor—

5 (A) to manage an inventory of completed
6 products or components used in production;

7 (B) to improve inventory management of
8 products or components necessary for
9 sustainment or maintenance;

10 (C) to materially expand the capacity of
11 production or sustainment and maintenance
12 through capital expenditures; or

13 (D) to carry out any other purpose identi-
14 fied by the Secretary of Defense.

15 (2) The term “financing costs” means interest
16 on borrowings, bond discounts, and costs of financ-
17 ing and refinancing capital.

18 (3) The term “financing entity” means any cor-
19 poration, limited liability company, partnership,
20 trust, or other organization that is created under
21 Federal or State law and that, as part of its regular
22 business activities, extends credit, loans, or other
23 forms of financing to other persons or entities, pro-
24 vided that such legal entity is not owned by, con-

1 trolled by, or under common control with the person
2 or entity receiving such financing.

3 **SEC. 823. EXEMPTIONS FOR NONTRADITIONAL DEFENSE**
4 **CONTRACTORS.**

5 Nontraditional defense contractors, as defined by sec-
6 tion 3014 of title 10, United States Code, shall not be
7 subject to any of the following requirements:

8 (1) Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation
9 Supplement 252.242–7006, or successor regulation.

10 (2) Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation
11 Supplement 252.234–7002, or successor regulation.

12 (3) Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation
13 Supplement 252.215–7002, or successor regulation.

14 (4) Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation
15 Supplement 252.242–7004, or successor regulation.

16 (5) Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation
17 Supplement 252.245–7003, or successor regulation.

18 (6) Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation
19 Supplement 252.244–7001, or successor regulation.

20 (7) Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation
21 Supplement 252.242–7005, or successor regulation.

22 (8) Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation
23 Supplement 215.407, or successor regulation.

24 (9) Section 3702 of title 10, United States
25 Code.

1 (10) Part 31 of the Federal Acquisition Regula-
2 tion, or successor regulation.

3 **SEC. 824. MODIFICATIONS TO TREATMENT OF CERTAIN**
4 **PRODUCTS AND SERVICES AS COMMERCIAL**
5 **PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES.**

6 Section 3457 of title 10, United States Code, is
7 amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

9 (A) by inserting “(1)” before “Notwith-
10 standing”;

11 (B) by striking “may be treated” and in-
12 serting “shall be treated”; and

13 (C) by adding at the end the following new
14 paragraph:

15 “(2) The requirement under paragraph (1) may be
16 waived or modified with a written determination approved
17 by the head of contracting activity, delegable to no lower
18 than the senior contracting official. The written deter-
19 mination shall include a justification for why commercial
20 procedures should be waived or modified, such as tailored
21 market research demonstrating that potential suppliers
22 could not effectively provide the required product or serv-
23 ices under commercial procedures.”;

24 (2) by striking subsection (b);

1 (3) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
2 section (b); and

3 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 section:

5 “(c) PREFERENCE INAPPLICABLE.—The authority
6 under subsection (a)(1) shall not be construed to give pref-
7 erence to the purchase of a product or service pursuant
8 to section 3453 of this title solely on the basis that such
9 offered product or service is deemed commercial as a re-
10 sult of the exercise of such authority.”.

11 **SEC. 825. MODIFICATIONS TO COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS**
12 **AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3453 of title 10, United
14 States Code, is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “procurement
16 officials in that agency,” and inserting “acquisition
17 officials in that agency, including consultants, re-
18 searchers, and any individuals providing advisory
19 services to acquisition officials,”;

20 (2) in subsection (c), by redesignating para-
21 graphs (3) through (5) as paragraphs (4) through
22 (6), respectively;

23 (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
24 lowing new paragraph:

1 “(3) The head of an agency shall establish a process
2 for determinations regarding the non-availability of com-
3 mercial products or services, including that—

4 “(A) a defense unique-development product or
5 service may not be procured until the head of the
6 agency determines that the market research con-
7 ducted in accordance with paragraph (2) of this sec-
8 tion resulted in no commercial product, commercial
9 service, or nondevelopmental item suitable to meet
10 the agency’s needs; and

11 “(B) prior to acquiring a defense-unique devel-
12 opment product or service, a program manager shall,
13 consistent with the policies and regulations of the
14 Department of Defense, submit a written memo-
15 randum summarizing why a defense-development
16 unique product is required based on results of the
17 determination in subparagraph (A), which shall be
18 signed by the program executive officer.”; and

19 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
20 section:

21 “(f) DEFINITION.—The term ‘defense-unique devel-
22 opment’ means a Department of Defense financed product
23 or service to provide a defense-unique capability that does
24 not repurpose a commercial product, commercial service,
25 or nondevelopmental item.”.

1 (b) DETERMINATIONS.—Section 3456 of title 10,
2 United States Code, is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (a), by amending paragraph
4 (2) to read as follows:

5 “(2) assist military departments and Defense
6 Agencies with performing market research and satis-
7 fying the requirements under section 3453 of this
8 title pertaining to market research and the deter-
9 mination regarding the non-availability of commer-
10 cial products or services and analysis used to deter-
11 mine the reasonableness of price for the purposes of
12 procurements by the Department of Defense.”; and

13 (2) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting after the
14 first sentence the following: “The contracting officer
15 should consider the results summarized in the
16 memorandum issued by the program manager in ac-
17 cordance with the requirement in section
18 3453(c)(3)(B) of this title when issuing the written
19 commercial or noncommercial determination.”.

20 **SEC. 826. MODIFICATIONS TO COMMERCIAL SOLUTIONS**
21 **OPENINGS.**

22 Section 3458 of title 10, United States Code, is
23 amended—

24 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
25 lows:

1 “(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense and the
 2 Secretaries of the military departments may acquire com-
 3 mercial products, commercial services, and nondevelop-
 4 mental items through a competitive selection of proposals
 5 resulting from a general solicitation and the peer review,
 6 technical review, or operational review (as appropriate) of
 7 such proposals, and may issue, without further justifica-
 8 tion, follow-on contract awards or agreements, including
 9 sole source awards or agreements, to the recipient.”;

10 (2) by striking subsection (e);

11 (3) by redesignating subsection (c) and (d) as
 12 subsections (d) and (e), respectively;

13 (4) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
 14 lowing new subsection:

15 “(c) SOLE-SOURCE FOLLOW-ON.—The Secretary of
 16 Defense and the Secretaries of the military departments
 17 may issue follow-on contract awards or agreements, in-
 18 cluding sole source awards, for any products, services, or
 19 items acquired through the competitive procedures de-
 20 scribed under subsection (a) subject to approval require-
 21 ments in sections 3204 or 4022 of this title.”.

22 (5) in subsection (d), as redesignated by para-
 23 graph (2) of this section—

24 (A) by striking paragraph (1); and

1 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and
2 (3) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively.

3 **SEC. 827. MODIFICATIONS TO OTHER TRANSACTIONS.**

4 Section 4022 of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)(2)(B)(ii), by striking “at
7 least 30 days before” and inserting “at the time”;
8 and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 section:

11 “(j) **AUTHORITY TO AWARD A PRODUCTION TRANS-**
12 **ACTION TO RAPIDLY FIELD AN EXISTING CAPABILITY.—**

13 A production transaction may be awarded, with or without
14 the use of competitive procedures, to acquire emergent and
15 proven technologies and field production quantities of new
16 or upgraded systems that do not require additional devel-
17 opment and have been demonstrated in a relevant environ-
18 ment when the appropriate service or component acquisi-
19 tion executive determines in writing that exceptional cir-
20 cumstances justify the use of such a transaction to address
21 a high priority warfighter need. The Secretary of Defense
22 shall provide the written determination to the congres-
23 sional defense committees at the time such authority is
24 exercised.”.

1 **SEC. 828. MODIFICATIONS TO PROCUREMENT FOR EXPERI-**
 2 **MENTAL PURPOSES.**

3 Section 4023 of title 10, United States Code, is
 4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “ordnance,
 6 signal, chemical activity, transportation, energy,
 7 medical, space flight, telecommunications, and aero-
 8 nautical supplies, including parts and accessories,
 9 and designs thereof,” and inserting “demonstrations,
 10 prototypes, products, supplies, parts, accessories,
 11 auxiliary services, and design for defense-related ar-
 12 ticles”; and

13 (2) in subsection (b)—

14 (A) by inserting “or modified” after “may
 15 be made”; and

16 (B) by inserting “prototyping,” after
 17 “greater than necessary for”.

18 **SEC. 829. CONSUMPTION-BASED SOLUTIONS.**

19 Chapter 253 of title 10, United States Code, is
 20 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

21 **“§ 3605. Authority to acquire consumption-based so-**
 22 **lutions**

23 “(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Defense and the
 24 Secretaries of the military departments may acquire tech-
 25 nology-supported capabilities through consumption-based
 26 solutions.

1 “(b) GUIDANCE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of De-
2 fense shall amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regu-
3 lation Supplement to implement the authority under sub-
4 section (a), including creating a new subcategory of serv-
5 ices under part 237 of the Defense Federal Acquisition
6 Regulation Supplement , entitled ‘Consumption-based so-
7 lutions’ that—

8 “(1) is any combination of hardware, equip-
9 ment, software, labor, or services that together pro-
10 vides a seamless capability;

11 “(2) has the ability to be metered and billed
12 based on actual usage;

13 “(3) has predetermined pricing at fixed price
14 units;

15 “(4) requires the awardee to notify the Depart-
16 ment of Defense contracting officer when consump-
17 tion under the contract reaches 75 percent and 90
18 percent of the funded amount, respectively, of the
19 contract; and

20 “(5) treats modifications to a contract entered
21 into under the authority established in subsection
22 (a) to add new features or capabilities in an amount
23 less than or equal to 25 percent of the total value
24 of such contract, as originally awarded, as competi-
25 tive procurements under chapter 221 of this title.

1 “(c) FUNDING.—Amounts authorized to be appro-
 2 priated for acquisitions using the authority under sub-
 3 section (a)—

4 “(1) may be used for expenses for—

5 “(A) research, development, test and eval-
 6 uation;

7 “(B) procurement;

8 “(C) production;

9 “(D) modification; and

10 “(E) operation and maintenance; and

11 “(2) may be used to enter into incrementally
 12 funded contracts or other agreements, including ad-
 13 vanced payments.

14 “(d) CONSUMPTION-BASED SOLUTION DEFINED.—In
 15 this section, the term ‘consumption-based solution’ means
 16 a model under which a technology-supported capability is
 17 provided to the Department of Defense and may utilize
 18 any combination of software, hardware or equipment,
 19 data, and labor or services that provides a capability that
 20 is metered and billed based on actual usage at fixed price
 21 units.

22 “(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
 23 tion shall be construed to prohibit the use of the authority
 24 created under this section in combination with another

1 contract type provided for under the Defense Federal Ac-
 2 quisition Regulation Supplement.”.

3 **SEC. 830. MODIFICATIONS TO PROHIBITION ON CON-**
 4 **TRACTING WITH PERSONS THAT HAVE FOS-**
 5 **SIL FUEL OPERATIONS WITH THE GOVERN-**
 6 **MENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION OR THE**
 7 **RUSSIAN ENERGY SECTOR.**

8 Section 804 of the National Defense Authorization
 9 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C.
 10 4651 note prec.) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

12 (A) by striking “not less than 50 percent”
 13 and inserting “majority”; and

14 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “op-
 15 erates” and inserting “has fossil fuel business
 16 operations”;

17 (2) in subsection (b)(3), by inserting “, includ-
 18 ing by general license,” after “Department of the
 19 Treasury”; and

20 (3) in subsection (e)—

21 (A) in paragraph (2)—

22 (i) by redesignating clauses (ii) and
 23 (iii) as clauses (iii) and (iv), respectively;
 24 and

(ii) by inserting after clause (i) the following new clause:

“(ii) 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 this section;” and

(B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “that has fossil fuel business operations” after “person”.

SEC. 831. MODIFICATIONS TO RELATIONSHIP OF OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW TO PROCUREMENT OF COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES.

Section 3452 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking subsections (b) through (e) and inserting the following new subsections:

“(b) **APPLICABILITY OF DEFENSE-UNIQUE STATUTES TO CONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES.**—The Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement shall include a list of defense-unique contract clause requirements based on statute, executive orders, or acquisition policies that are applicable to contracts for the procurement of commercial products

1 and commercial services entered into by the Department
2 of Defense.

3 “(c) APPLICABILITY OF DEFENSE-UNIQUE STAT-
4 UTES TO SUBCONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS
5 AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES.—(1) The Defense Federal
6 Acquisition Regulation Supplement shall include a list of
7 defense-unique contract clause requirements based on
8 statute, executive orders, or acquisition policies that are
9 applicable to subcontracts for the procurement of commer-
10 cial products and commercial services.

11 “(2) In this subsection—

12 “(A) the term ‘other supply agreements’ means
13 any agreement entered into by a contractor or sub-
14 contractor for the supply of products, materials, or
15 services that are intended for use in the performance
16 of multiple contracts with the Department of De-
17 fense or other parties and are not identifiable to any
18 particular contract; and

19 “(B) the term ‘subcontract’—

20 “(i) includes a transfer of commercial
21 products and commercial services between divi-
22 sions, subsidiaries, or affiliates of a contractor
23 or subcontractor; and

24 “(ii) does not include other supply agree-
25 ments.

1 “(3) This subsection does not authorize the waiver
 2 of the applicability of any provision of law or contract
 3 clause requirement with respect to any first-tier sub-
 4 contract under a contract with a prime contractor reselling
 5 or distributing commercial products and commercial serv-
 6 ices of another contractor without adding value.

7 “(d) APPLICABILITY OF DEFENSE-UNIQUE STAT-
 8 UTES TO CONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE,
 9 OFF-THE-SHELF ITEMS.—The Defense Federal Acquisi-
 10 tion Regulation Supplement shall include a list of defense-
 11 unique contract clause requirements based on statute, ex-
 12 ecutive orders, or acquisition policies that are applicable
 13 to subcontracts for the procurement of commercially avail-
 14 able off-the-shelf items entered into by the Department
 15 of Defense.”.

16 **SEC. 832. LIMITATION ON REQUIRED FLOWDOWN OF CON-**
 17 **TRACT CLAUSES TO SUBCONTRACTORS PRO-**
 18 **VIDING COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS OR COM-**
 19 **MERCIAL SERVICES.**

20 Chapter 247 of title 10, United States Code, is
 21 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“§ 3459. Limitation on required flowdown of contract**
 2 **clauses to subcontractors providing com-**
 3 **mercial products or commercial services**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may
 5 not require that a clause be included in a subcontract for
 6 the acquisition of commercial products or commercial serv-
 7 ices other than a clause required by a provision of law
 8 that is on the lists required by section 3452 of this title
 9 or unless otherwise applicable pursuant to subsection (e)
 10 of such section.

11 “(b) APPLICABILITY TO OTHER SUPPLY AGREE-
 12 MENTS.—The Secretary of Defense shall not require the
 13 flowdown of any contract clauses to other supply agree-
 14 ments unless otherwise applicable pursuant to subsection
 15 (e) of section 3452 of this title.

16 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘other
 17 supply agreement’ and ‘subcontract’ have the meanings
 18 provided in subsection (c)(2) of section 3452 of this title.”.

19 **SEC. 833. REFERENCES IN CONTRACTS TO DEPARTMENT**
 20 **OF DEFENSE POLICY DOCUMENTS, INSTRUC-**
 21 **TIONS, AND MANUALS.**

22 It shall be the policy of the Department of Defense
 23 that references to Department of Defense policy docu-
 24 ments, instructions, and manuals in contracts shall con-
 25 tain a specific version or date. If the version or date of
 26 a policy document, instruction, or manual is not ref-

1 referenced, the contractor will comply with the version of the
2 document in effect at the time the solicitation is issued.
3 Updated versions of referenced policy documents, instruc-
4 tions, and manuals shall not apply unless mutually agreed.

5 **SEC. 834. UNINSURABLE RISK ON CERTAIN CONTRACTS.**

6 (a) CONSIDERATION OF RISK OF LOSS.—The Sec-
7 retary of Defense shall ensure that due consideration is
8 given to a contractor for equitable adjustments resulting
9 from the loss of work in process on a covered contract.

10 (b) LIMITATIONS.—Considerations limiting the con-
11 tractor’s assumption of the risk of loss in subsection (a)
12 shall not apply to loss caused by the willful misconduct
13 or lack of good faith on the part of any of the contractor’s
14 directors or officers, managers, superintendents, or other
15 equivalent representatives.

16 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) COVERED CONTRACT.—The term “covered
18 contract” means any classified, fixed-price type con-
19 tract, entered into with the Department of Defense
20 on or after the date of the enactment of this section
21 where, due to the classified nature of the underlying
22 program—

23 (A) the contractor cannot get a third-party
24 commercial insurance provider to insure the
25 work in process; or

1 (B) the third-party commercial insurance
2 provider cannot process the contractor's claim.

3 (2) LACK OF GOOD FAITH.—The term “lack of
4 good faith” has the meaning given the term in sec-
5 tion 252.228–7001 of the Department of Defense
6 Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regulation,
7 or any successor regulation.

8 (3) WILLFUL MISCONDUCT.—The term “willful
9 misconduct” has the meaning given the term in sec-
10 tion 252.228–7001 of the Department of Defense
11 Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regulation,
12 or any successor regulation.

13 (4) WORK IN PROCESS.—The term “work in
14 process”—

15 (A) means an item at any stage of produc-
16 tion or manufacture at any time from the initi-
17 ation of contract performance until delivery to
18 and acceptance by the government; and

19 (B) specifically includes a “covered air-
20 craft” as that term is defined in section
21 252.228–7001 of the Department of Defense
22 Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regula-
23 tion, or any successor regulation.

24 (d) CONFORMING REGULATIONS.—Not later than
25 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the

1 Secretary of Defense shall revise the Department of De-
 2 fense Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regulation
 3 to conform with the changes made by this section.

4 **SEC. 835. REPORTING OF PRICE INCREASES.**

5 (a) REPORTING OF INCREASES ABOVE SPECIFIED
 6 PRICES.—Chapter 271 of title 10, United States Code, is
 7 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

8 **“§ 3709. Reporting of increases above specified prices**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An offeror shall be required to
 10 report to the relevant contracting officer not later than
 11 30 days after becoming aware that the price of a product
 12 or service under a covered contract reaches or exceeds—

13 “(1) 25 percent above the price specified in the
 14 contract bid or the government paid for that product
 15 or service the previous calendar year; or

16 “(2) 50 percent above the price paid for such
 17 a product or service 5 years earlier.

18 “(b) COVERED CONTRACT DEFINED.—In this sec-
 19 tion, the term ‘covered contract’ means a cost-reimburse-
 20 ment contract awarded without competition under section
 21 3204 of this title and as defined under section 6.302 of
 22 the Federal Acquisition Regulation.”.

23 (b) INCLUSION OF NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION
 24 IN FAPIIS.—Chapter 271 of title 10, United States Code,

1 as amended by subsection (a), is further amended by add-
 2 ing at the end the following new section:

3 **“§ 3710. Inclusion of noncompliance information in**
 4 **Federal Awardee Performance and Integ-**
 5 **riety Information System**

6 “The Director of the Defense Contract Audit Agency
 7 or the relevant service acquisition executive shall report
 8 in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Infor-
 9 mation System (FAPIS) housed within the System for
 10 Award Management the following information:

11 “(1) Contractors who fail to report price in-
 12 creases as required under 3705(a)(2) of this title.

13 “(2) Updated findings from audits conducted
 14 by the Agency regarding noncompliance with the re-
 15 quirement.

16 “(3) With respect to unreported product or
 17 service price increases, the product or service’s Na-
 18 tional Stock Number, order quantity, unit cost, total
 19 cost, purchasing or reimbursing entity, and date of
 20 the order.”.

21 **SEC. 836. INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTINUED OPERATIONAL**
 22 **READINESS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 363 of title 10, United
 24 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 25 lowing new section:

1 **“§ 4664. Instructions for continued operational readi-**
2 **ness**

3 “(a) REQUIREMENT TO DELIVER INSTRUCTIONS.—

4 (1) The Secretary of Defense (referred to in this section
5 as the ‘Secretary’) may not enter into a contract or agree-
6 ment for the procurement, sustainment, or subsequent
7 modifications of covered defense equipment unless the con-
8 tract or agreement requires that the contractor deliver, or
9 offer as a negotiated price option, Instructions for Contin-
10 ued Operational Readiness (‘ICOR’) to the Secretary upon
11 delivery of the equipment.

12 “(2) The Secretary may grant an exception to para-
13 graph (1) if the product support strategy and associated
14 business case analysis for the covered defense equipment
15 indicates that the Government does not have a justified
16 need for ICOR, consistent, when applicable, with section
17 3771 of this title.

18 “(3) The contractor shall deliver the ICOR to the De-
19 partment of Defense (referred to in this section as the
20 ‘Department’) and provide the Secretary with the rights
21 to diagnose, maintain, and repair the covered defense
22 equipment.

23 “(4) The Secretary shall withhold payment to the
24 contractor under the contract or agreement until the Sec-
25 retary accepts the ICOR as complete under subsection
26 (c)(2).

1 “(5) When ICOR are required to be delivered under
2 a contract or agreement, the Secretary shall ensure that
3 updated ICOR data is required as necessary in subsequent
4 contracts or agreements or included as priced options to
5 reflect modifications in data deliverables.

6 “(b) CONTENTS OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTINUED
7 OPERATIONAL READINESS.—A contractor for covered de-
8 fense equipment shall include in the ICOR, at a minimum,
9 data that is necessary for operations, maintenance, instal-
10 lation, and training, form fit, and function data, and any
11 additional data required for operational readiness, which
12 may include—

13 “(1) recommended methods, techniques, inspec-
14 tions, processes, procedures, maintenance manuals,
15 service bulletins, diagnostic procedures, proprietary
16 systems, special tooling, special testing procedures,
17 and equipment necessary to maintain, repair, and
18 sustain the covered defense equipment in a condition
19 for safe and effective operation, including diagnostic
20 protocols, troubleshooting guides, and overhaul in-
21 structions, consistent with the maintenance practices
22 of the contractor or those of the authorized mainte-
23 nance providers of the contractor;

24 “(2) an operational limitations section (‘OLS’)
25 that includes mandatory schedules for replacement

1 of life-limited components, inspection intervals, and
2 other sustainment requirements critical to equip-
3 ment reliability and safety, approved by the Sec-
4 retary;

5 “(3) engineering drawings, schematics, soft-
6 ware, and wiring diagrams;

7 “(4) a complete list of replacement parts, com-
8 ponents, and specialized equipment required for
9 maintenance and repair, including part numbers,
10 specifications, and sources, to ensure availability to
11 authorized maintenance providers;

12 “(5) procedures for documenting maintenance
13 actions, life-limited component replacements, and
14 compliance with the OLS, including standardized
15 formats for maintenance logs to ensure traceability
16 and verification of operational readiness; and

17 “(6) clear identification of maintenance infor-
18 mation essential for safe operation, distinguished
19 from non-safety-related service enhancements, to fa-
20 cilitate compliance with operational readiness re-
21 quirements.

22 “(c) SUBMISSION, ACCEPTANCE, AND UPDATES.—(1)
23 A contractor shall submit the ICOR to the Secretary as
24 a contract deliverable prior to equipment delivery or within
25 a timeframe specified by the contract.

1 “(2) The Secretary shall review and accept the ICOR,
2 verifying that they provide sufficient information to main-
3 tain the operational readiness of the equipment.

4 “(3) In accordance with design changes and contract
5 modifications approved by the Secretary and in a manner
6 that is in accordance with subsection (a), the contractor
7 shall deliver updates to the ICOR for approval by the Sec-
8 retary whenever modifications, upgrades, safety issues, or
9 new sustainment requirements are identified.

10 “(d) MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PROVIDERS.—A
11 contractor shall not impose restrictions on the use of the
12 ICOR by authorized maintenance providers of the Depart-
13 ment, including requirements to use only contractor-sup-
14 plied parts, unless such restrictions are explicitly approved
15 by the Secretary as necessary for safety or operational re-
16 liability.

17 “(e) CONDITIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE MAINTENANCE
18 AND REPAIR.—(1) Notwithstanding restrictions approved
19 by the Secretary pursuant to subsection (d), the Secretary
20 may authorize alternative maintenance or repair actions
21 for covered defense equipment, if any of the following con-
22 ditions are met:

23 “(A) A program cannot reasonably obtain suffi-
24 cient data to maintain operational readiness.

1 “(B) The contractor fails to deliver complete
2 and current ICOR.

3 “(C) The contractor cannot deliver required
4 parts, repairs, or ICOR within a timeframe that
5 meets operational needs, as defined by the Secretary,
6 resulting in unacceptable readiness degradation.

7 “(D) The contractor discontinues support for a
8 component or software critical to the equipment’s
9 operation without providing a viable substitute or
10 sufficient ICOR to enable sustainment of the equip-
11 ment by the Department.

12 “(E) An urgent operational or logistical cir-
13 cumstance, such as wartime conditions, active com-
14 bat, or disrupted logistics, necessitates immediate re-
15 pair or part production to maintain mission readi-
16 ness.

17 “(F) The Secretary determines alternative
18 maintenance or repair actions would result in signifi-
19 cant cost savings.

20 “(2) If an alternative action is authorized under para-
21 graph (1), the Secretary may—

22 “(A) issue a written determination citing the
23 relevant condition described in paragraph (1), in-
24 cluding evidence of contractor practices that prevent
25 delivery of or restrict license rights to the ICOR in

1 a manner that may impede competition, consistent
2 with antitrust laws; and

3 “(B) authorize data delivery for the alternative
4 action.

5 “(3) If time permits, the Secretary shall notify the
6 contractor if any of the conditions described in paragraph
7 (1) are met and shall provide the contractor with not more
8 than 30 days to address the issue before the alternative
9 action is taken.

10 “(4) Alternative maintenance or repair actions may
11 include, but is not limited to, reverse engineering, use of
12 existing technical data, fabrication of parts by the Depart-
13 ment or third-party providers, or advanced manufacturing,
14 as necessary to restore operational readiness. This provi-
15 sion does not restrict the ability of the Secretary to employ
16 these practices in other contexts.

17 “(f) CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES.—(1) A con-
18 tractor shall ensure the ICOR contains sufficient informa-
19 tion to maintain the operational readiness of the equip-
20 ment, including updates to address safety or performance
21 issues and necessary information on systems or compo-
22 nents produced by subcontractors.

23 “(2) A contractor shall promptly notify the Secretary
24 of any safety-related deficiencies in the ICOR and provide
25 corrected materials at no additional cost.

1 “(3) If a contractor fails to comply with the require-
2 ments of this section, the Secretary may withhold contract
3 payment, enforce contract penalties, take corrective ac-
4 tion, reduce contractor performance ratings, or exclude
5 the contractor from future contracts or agreements with
6 the Department.

7 “(g) OVERSIGHT.—(1) The Secretary shall establish
8 procedures to verify contractor compliance with the re-
9 quirements of this section, including periodic audits of the
10 content and availability and maintenance of ICOR.

11 “(2) The Secretary shall maintain a centralized re-
12 pository of ICOR for covered defense equipment, acces-
13 sible to maintenance providers authorized by the Sec-
14 retary, to ensure consistent application.

15 “(h) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the
16 date of the enactment of this section, and every year there-
17 after, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional de-
18 fense committees a list of the items designated as excluded
19 commercial items to which the requirement to deliver
20 ICOR does not apply.

21 “(i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 “(1) The term ‘covered defense equipment’
23 means any system, subsystem, or component pro-
24 cured by the Secretary, including aircraft, ships,
25 ground vehicles, electronic systems, and other sys-

1 tems, that require contractor-provided maintenance
2 or repair data to ensure operational readiness, ex-
3 cluding any excluded commercial items.

4 “(2) The term ‘excluded commercial item’
5 means an unmodified product customarily used by
6 the general public or by nongovernmental entities or
7 sold, leased, or licensed to the general public and
8 maintained under standard commercial practices, as
9 designated by the Secretary.

10 “(3) The terms ‘Instructions for Continued
11 Operational Readiness’ and ‘ICOR’ mean contractor-
12 provided technical data, software, and other infor-
13 mation, including maintenance instructions and
14 manuals, operational limitations, parts identification,
15 record-keeping procedures, safety-related provisions,
16 engineering drawings, schematics, software, service
17 bulletins, wiring diagrams, diagnostic procedures,
18 and other data or information necessary to maintain
19 and repair covered defense equipment in a condition
20 for safe and effective operation.”.

21 (b) COMPLIANCE OVERSIGHT.—Not later than two
22 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, and
23 every two years thereafter, the Comptroller General of the
24 United States shall submit to the congressional defense
25 committees a report that assesses—

1 (1) the compliance of the Secretary of Defense
2 with section 4664 of title 10, United States Code, as
3 added by subsection (a);

4 (2) the effectiveness of the requirements of sec-
5 tion 4664 in ensuring operational readiness and re-
6 ducing sustainment costs;

7 (3) contractor compliance with the requirements
8 of section 4664;

9 (4) the frequency and impact of the conditions
10 described in section 4664(e)(1); and

11 (5) recommendations for improving the mainte-
12 nance and repair capabilities of the Department of
13 Defense.

14 (c) IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE.—Not later than
15 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
16 Secretary of Defense shall issue guidance to implement
17 this section that includes—

18 (1) procedures for integrating the requirements
19 of section 4664 of title 10, United States Code, as
20 added by subsection (a), into acquisition contracts
21 and agreements of the Department of Defense;

22 (2) the criteria for designating items as ex-
23 cluded commercial items, as defined in section
24 4664(i);

(3) processes for reviewing, accepting, and updating instructions for continued operational readiness (as defined in section 4664(i)) and operational limitations sections, in accordance with section 4664;

(4) mechanisms for tracking contractor compliance and resolving disputes over instructions for continued operational readiness and compensation; and

(5) directions for the operation, repair, and maintenance of defense equipment that government-owned, government-operated entities of the Department of Defense can use if the contract or agreement for the defense equipment does not require the delivery of ICOR.

(d) **APPLICABILITY.**—Section 4664 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), applies to contracts and agreements for covered defense equipment, as defined in subsection (i) of that section, entered into on or after one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 837. INDEMNIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS AGAINST
NUCLEAR AND UNUSUALLY HAZARDOUS
RISKS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The review of requests submitted by a contractor to a Department of Defense contracting

1 officer pursuant to Public Law 85–804 (50 U.S.C. 1431
2 et seq.) for indemnification against nuclear and unusually
3 hazardous risks, including those involving the procurement
4 of commercial nuclear technology, shall include, to the
5 maximum extent practicable, input from the Defense Con-
6 tract Management Agency, including reviews of insurance
7 markets and coverage availability from the Contractor In-
8 surance/Pension Review group.

9 (b) DEADLINE.— The review of all indemnification
10 requests submitted by contractors as described in sub-
11 section (a) shall be completed with a final decision on ap-
12 proval or denial, including an executed Memorandum of
13 Decision, within 90 days.

14 (c) DELEGATION.—The Secretary of each military
15 department should delegate authority to provide indem-
16 nification under Public Law 85–804 (50 U.S.C. 1431 et
17 seq.) for contracts relating to advanced nuclear energy
18 systems or components to such subordinate officials, com-
19 mands, or agencies as the Secretary determines appro-
20 priate to ensure timely and effective program execution.

1 **SEC. 838. LATE SUBMISSION OF COST AND PRICING DATA**
2 **AS INVALID DEFENSE TO CONTRACT PRICE**
3 **REDUCTIONS FOR DEFECTIVE COST OR PRIC-**
4 **ING DATA.**

5 Section 3706(c) of title 10, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “; or” and in-
8 serting a semicolon;

9 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking the period and
10 inserting “; or”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end of the following:

12 “(5) the cost or pricing data were obtained by
13 or otherwise made available to the prime contractor
14 or subcontractor more than 30 days before, but sub-
15 mitted to the head of the agency after, the date of
16 agreement on the price of the contract or, if applica-
17 ble consistent with subsection (a)(2), such other date
18 agreed upon between the parties.”.

19 **SEC. 839. MODIFICATIONS TO SUBMISSIONS OF COST OR**
20 **PRICING DATA.**

21 Section 3702(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
22 amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (1)—

24 (A) by striking “June 30, 2018” each
25 place it appears and inserting “June 30, 2026”;

1 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking
 2 “\$2,000,000” and inserting “\$10,000,000”;
 3 and
 4 (C) in subparagraph (B), by striking
 5 “\$750,000” and inserting “\$2,000,000”;
 6 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$2,000,000”
 7 and inserting “\$10,000,000”; and
 8 (3) in subparagraph (3)(A), by striking
 9 “\$2,000,000” and inserting “\$10,000,000”.

10 **Subtitle C—Industrial Base** 11 **Matters**

12 **SEC. 841. REPEAL OF LIMITATIONS ON CERTAIN DEPART-** 13 **MENT OF DEFENSE EXECUTIVE AGENT AU-** 14 **THORITY.**

15 Section 1792 of the John S. McCain National De-
 16 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law
 17 115–232; 132 Stat. 2238; 50 U.S.C. 4531 note) and sec-
 18 tion 226 of the National Defense Authorization Act for
 19 Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 50 U.S.C. 4531
 20 note) are repealed.

21 **SEC. 842. SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM INDUS-** 22 **TRIAL BASE REMEDIATION PLAN.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1, 2026, the
 24 Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
 25 Sustainment, acting through the Director of the Joint

1 Production Accelerator Cell of the Department of Defense
2 and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base
3 Policy, shall submit to the congressional defense commit-
4 tees a strategy for ensuring that the defense industrial
5 base of the United States can meet requirements for small
6 unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS).

7 (b) COORDINATION.—In developing the strategy re-
8 quired under subsection (a), the Under Secretary of De-
9 fense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall coordinate
10 with the following officials:

11 (1) The Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Re-
12 search, Development, and Acquisition.

13 (2) The Assistant Secretary of the Army for
14 Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology.

15 (3) The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force
16 for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

17 (4) The Director of the Defense Advanced Re-
18 search Projects Agency.

19 (5) The Director of the Defense Innovation
20 Unit.

21 (c) ELEMENTS.—The strategy under subsection (a)
22 shall include the following elements:

23 (1) An assessment of emerging technologies or
24 manufacturing processes that would support the
25 modernization or expansion of the defense industrial

1 base of the United States to meet requirements for
2 production of sUAS components and finished arti-
3 cles.

4 (2) A plan to prioritize Government funding for
5 the following:

6 (A) Onshoring production for sUAS com-
7 ponents.

8 (B) Private manufacturing facilities for
9 sUAS components.

10 (C) Government-owned, contractor-oper-
11 ated manufacturing facilities for sUAS compo-
12 nents.

13 (D) Government-owned, Government-oper-
14 ated manufacturing facilities for sUAS compo-
15 nents.

16 (d) REVIEW AND REPORT.—

17 (1) REVIEW.—Not later than March 1, 2026,
18 the Secretary of Defense shall seek to enter into a
19 contract with a federally funded research and devel-
20 opment center to conduct a review of the defense in-
21 dustrial base of the United States for sUAS compo-
22 nents and finished articles that includes the fol-
23 lowing:

24 (A) An assessment of the capacity and ca-
25 pability of the existing sUAS industrial base,

1 including the supply base and personnel of such
2 manufacturers, to support the expansion of the
3 sUAS industrial base.

4 (B) The capability and capacity of poten-
5 tial new entrants to the sUAS industrial base,
6 including private entities that might be sub-
7 sidized by the Federal Government.

8 (C) An assessment of the process for quali-
9 fying vendors, including potential new entrants
10 and existing vendors proposing new manufac-
11 turing processes.

12 (D) An assessment of the capacity and ca-
13 pability of the sUAS industrial base to support
14 the demands of existing programs.

15 (E) An assessment of the capacity and ca-
16 pability of the sUAS industrial base to support
17 potential future demands of programs.

18 (F) A mapping of programs and potential
19 future sUAS programs for manufacturer
20 throughput.

21 (G) Identification of current and potential
22 shortfalls in critical materials, such as rare
23 earth elements and lithium.

1 (H) A broad assessment of commercial sec-
2 tor, civil sector, and Department of Defense de-
3 mands on the sUAS industrial base.

4 (2) REPORT.—

5 (A) SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—Not later
6 than September 30, 2026, a federally funded
7 research and development center that enters
8 into a contract under this subsection shall sub-
9 mit to the Secretary of Defense a report on the
10 results of the review conducted under para-
11 graph (1).

12 (B) CONGRESS.—Not later than 30 days
13 after receipt of the report described in subpara-
14 graph (A), the Secretary of Defense shall sub-
15 mit the report, along with any comments of the
16 Secretary, to the congressional defense commit-
17 tees.

18 (e) SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM COMPO-
19 NENTS DEFINED.—The term “small unmanned aircraft
20 system components” refers to critical components used in
21 the manufacture and operation of unmanned aircraft sys-
22 tems for small unmanned aircraft, as those terms are de-
23 fined in section 44801 of title 49, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 843. APPLICATION OF NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER**
 2 **FOR STRATEGIC MATERIALS SOURCING RE-**
 3 **QUIREMENT TO SENSITIVE MATERIALS.**

4 Section 4872 of title 10, United States Code, is
 5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) by striking “subsection (c) or sub-
 8 section (e)” and inserting “subsections (c) and
 9 (e)”; and

10 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “sub-
 11 section (c)” and inserting “subsections (c) and
 12 (e)”; and

13 (2) in subsection (e)—

14 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “of the
 15 Secretary”; and

16 (B) by adding at the end the following new
 17 paragraph:

18 “(3) APPLICATION OF NATIONAL SECURITY
 19 WAIVER FOR STRATEGIC MATERIALS.—If the Sec-
 20 retary of Defense or the authorized delegate has
 21 made a determination under subsection (k) of sec-
 22 tion 4863 of this title for a national security waiver
 23 of the restrictions under subsection (a) of that sec-
 24 tion for a specific end item, the Secretary or author-
 25 ized delegate may apply that waiver to the restric-

1 tions under subsection (a) of this section for the
 2 same covered material and end item.”.

3 **SEC. 844. PROHIBITION ON ACQUISITION OF CLOTHING**
 4 **AND FABRIC FROM COUNTRIES OF CONCERN**
 5 **UNDER DOMESTIC-SOURCING WAIVERS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4862 of title 10, United
 7 States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (c), by striking “Subsection
 9 (a)” and inserting “(1) Except as provided by para-
 10 graph (2), subsection (a)”;

11 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
 12 lowing new paragraph:

13 “(2) If the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of
 14 the military department concerned applies the exception
 15 set forth in this subsection for the procurement of any
 16 clothing and the materials and components thereof or any
 17 item listed in subsection (b)(1)(D), no contract may be
 18 awarded for the procurement of any such items produced
 19 in the People’s Republic of China, Iran, the Democratic
 20 People’s Republic of Korea, or the Russian Federation.”.

21 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-
 22 section (a) shall apply only with respect to agreements en-
 23 tered into on or after the date of the enactment of this
 24 Act.

1 **SEC. 845. MITIGATION OF RISKS RELATED TO FOREIGN**
2 **OWNERSHIP, CONTROL, OR INFLUENCE OF**
3 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CONTRACTORS**
4 **OR SUBCONTRACTORS.**

5 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
6 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
7 Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide, for the Office
8 of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Se-
9 curity for travel expenses, not more than 90 percent may
10 be obligated or expended until the Secretary of Defense—

11 (1) certifies to the congressional defense com-
12 mittees that the requirements under section 847 of
13 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
14 Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 4819
15 note) have been implemented; and

16 (2) submits a plan and timeline for continued
17 implementation of such requirements, including de-
18 tails on how the Department of Defense plans to en-
19 sure, beyond self-certification, that contractors and
20 subcontractors are completing any assessment and
21 mitigation requirements, including enforcement pen-
22 alties if appropriate.

1 **SEC. 846. PROHIBITION OF PROCUREMENT OF MOLYB-**
2 **DENUM, GALLIUM, OR GERMANIUM FROM**
3 **NON-ALLIED FOREIGN NATIONS AND AU-**
4 **THORIZATION FOR PRODUCTION FROM RE-**
5 **COVERED MATERIAL.**

6 (a) AMENDMENTS RELATED TO MOLYBDENUM.—

7 (1) DEFINITION OF COVERED MATERIAL.—Sec-
8 tion 4872(f)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is
9 amended—

10 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking “;
11 and” and inserting a semicolon;

12 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking the
13 period and inserting “; and”; and

14 (C) by adding at the end the following new
15 subparagraph:

16 “(F) molybdenum.”.

17 (2) EXCEPTIONS TO PROHIBITION.—Section
18 4872(e)(3) of title 10, United States Code, is
19 amended –

20 (A) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “or
21 samarium-cobalt magnet” after “neodymium-
22 iron-boron magnet”; and

23 (B) by adding at the end the following new
24 subparagraph:

25 “(i) tantalum, tungsten, or molyb-
26 denum produced from recycled scrap if the

1 contractor demonstrates that the scrap was
 2 produced outside of a covered nation and
 3 the melting of the scrap and further proc-
 4 essing and manufacturing of the material
 5 takes place in the United States or in the
 6 country of a qualifying foreign government,
 7 as defined in section 4863(m)(11) of this
 8 title.”.

9 (b) AMENDMENTS RELATED TO GALLIUM AND
 10 GERMAINUM.—

11 (1) DEFINITION OF COVERED MATERIAL.—Sec-
 12 tion 4872(f)(1) of title 10, United States Code, as
 13 amended by subsection (a)(1), is further amended—

14 (A) in subparagraph (E), by striking “;
 15 and” and inserting a semicolon;

16 (B) in subparagraph (F), as added by sub-
 17 section (a), by striking the period at the end
 18 and inserting a semicolon; and

19 (C) by adding at the end the following new
 20 subparagraphs:

21 “(G) germanium; and

22 “(H) gallium.”.

23 (2) EXCEPTIONS TO PROHIBITION.—Section
 24 4872(c)(3)(D) of title 10, United States Code, as
 25 added by subsection (a)(2) is amended by striking

1 “or molybdenum” and inserting “molybdenum,
2 gallium, or germanium”.

3 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
4 by paragraphs (1) and (2) shall take effect on the
5 date that is one year after the date of the enactment
6 of this Act.

7 **SEC. 847. SOURCING OPTIONS FOR CERTAIN CRITICAL**
8 **PRODUCTS.**

9 (a) MULTIPLE SOURCING.—As soon as practicable,
10 but not later than fiscal year 2031, the Secretary of De-
11 fense shall ensure that the Department of Defense main-
12 tains multiple sources for products in the following critical
13 sectors:

- 14 (1) Castings and forgings.
- 15 (2) Missiles and munitions.
- 16 (3) Energy storage and batteries.
- 17 (4) Strategic and critical materials.
- 18 (5) Microelectronics.
- 19 (6) Any other critical sector as determined by
20 the Secretary.

21 (b) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive
22 the requirement under subsection (a) if the Secretary de-
23 termines that maintaining multiple sources is unfeasible.
24 The Secretary shall notify the Committees on Armed Serv-

ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than 30 days after issuing such a waiver.

**SEC. 848. PROHIBITING THE PURCHASE OF PHOTOVOLTAIC
MODULES OR INVERTERS FROM FOREIGN
ENTITIES OF CONCERN.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to enter into a contract for the procurement of photovoltaic modules manufactured by a foreign entity of concern (as defined by section 9901(8) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (15 U.S.C. 4651(8))).

(b) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense may waive subsection (a) if the Secretary—

(1) determines that there is no alternative source of photovoltaic cells, modules, or inverters other than from a foreign entity of concern;

(2) determines there is no national security risk posed by the use of photovoltaic cells, modules, or inverters manufactured by a foreign entity of concern; and

(3) submits a certification of such determination in writing to the congressional defense committees not later than 30 days before entering into a contract described under such subsection.

1 (c) LIMITATION.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) shall apply
3 only to contracts regarding the direct procurement
4 by the Department of Defense of photovoltaic mod-
5 ules or inverters and shall not apply to contracts in-
6 volving any third party financing arrangements, in-
7 cluding energy savings contracts and those involving
8 privatized military housing or assets that enhance
9 combat capability.

10 (2) DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE FOR ASSETS
11 THAT ENHANCE COMBAT CAPABILITY.—The prohibi-
12 tion under subsection (a) shall not apply to assets
13 that enhance combat capability for a period of one
14 year following the date of the enactment of this Act,
15 in order for the Department of Defense to determine
16 alternate supply chains for such assets.

17 (d) EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.—The
18 prohibition under subsection (a) shall not apply if the op-
19 eration, procurement, or contracting action is for the pur-
20 poses of intelligence, electronic warfare, and information
21 warfare operations, testing, analysis, and training.

22 **SEC. 849. MODERNIZATION OF ARMY ARSENALS.**

23 (a) AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE.—The
24 Secretary of the Army is authorized and directed to accel-

1 erate the modernization of the Army's organic industrial
2 base to meet the munitions requirements of the Army.

3 (b) FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE.—The Sec-
4 retary of the Army shall prioritize utilizing or modifying
5 existing facilities, as well as existing environmental per-
6 mits, security arrangements, and personnel required for
7 the production of sensitive military munitions, to establish
8 the production lines for the following items:

9 (1) A secondary domestic source of military-
10 grade nitrocellulose.

11 (2) Any of 13 precursor chemicals used widely
12 across the Joint Program Executive Office Arma-
13 ments & Ammunition portfolio that are currently
14 sourced solely from the People's Republic of China.

15 (3) Any of the 300 chemicals identified as sin-
16 gle point failures by the Joint Program Executive
17 Office Armaments & Ammunition.

18 (4) Multiple calibers of ammunition, serviced by
19 a load and pack facility.

20 (5) A combination of the above options.

21 (c) LOCATION.—The production line or lines de-
22 scribed in subsection (b) shall be established at each Army
23 organic industrial base installation that—

(e) FUNDS.—The Secretary of the Army may use such funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act that are available to establish the production line or lines described in subsection (b).

Section 4817 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-sections:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may use the authorities provided by this section with respect to upstream, mid-stream, and downstream supply chains, including material, material production, components, subassemblies, and finished products, test-

1 ing and qualification, infrastructure, facility con-
2 struction and improvement, and equipment needed
3 directly for the following:

4 “(A) Castings and forgings.

5 “(B) Kinetic capabilities, including sen-
6 sors, targeting systems, and delivery platforms.

7 “(C) Microelectronics.

8 “(D) Machine tools, including but not lim-
9 ited to subtractive, additive, convergent, stamp-
10 ing, forging, abrasives, metrology, and other
11 production equipment.

12 “(E) Critical minerals, materials, and
13 chemicals.

14 “(F) Workforce for the defense industrial
15 base.

16 “(G) Advanced manufacturing capacity, in-
17 cluding echelon manufacturing forward in the
18 Indo-Pacific Command theater.

19 “(H) Unmanned vehicles, including sub-
20 surface, surface, land, air one-way, attritables,
21 and launch and recovery platforms.

22 “(I) Manned aircraft.

23 “(J) Ground systems.

24 “(K) Power sources.

1 “(L) Ship and submarine, including assem-
2 bly and automation technologies and capabili-
3 ties, new or modernized infrastructure for new
4 construction or maintenance and sustainment
5 and battle damage repair.

6 “(M) Other materiel solutions required to
7 support Indo-Pacific Command operational
8 plans as required.

9 “(N) Defense space systems.

10 “(2) PROHIBITION ON USE IN COVERED COUN-
11 TRIES.—The Secretary may not use the authorities
12 provided by this section for any activity in a covered
13 country.

14 “(3) USE OF AUTHORITIES FOR OTHER PUR-
15 POSES.—The Secretary may not use the authorities
16 provided by this section for a purpose not described
17 in paragraph (1) unless, not less than 30 days be-
18 fore doing so, the Secretary—

19 “(A) determines that—

20 “(i) the use of the authority for that
21 purpose is essential to the national security
22 interests of the United States; and

23 “(ii) without the use of the authority
24 for that purpose, United States industry
25 cannot reasonably be expected to provide

1 the capability needed in a timely manner;
2 and

3 “(B) submits to the congressional defense
4 committees a report on the determination that
5 includes appropriate explanatory material.

6 “(h) GRANTS AND OTHER INCENTIVES FOR DOMES-
7 TIC INDUSTRIAL BASE CAPABILITIES.—To create, main-
8 tain, protect, expand, or restore domestic industrial base
9 capabilities essential for the national security interests of
10 the United States, the Secretary may make provision
11 for—

12 “(1) use of contracts, grants, or other trans-
13 action authorities, including cooperative agreements;

14 “(2) incentives for the private sector to develop
15 capabilities in areas of national security interest;

16 “(3) making awards to third party entities to
17 support investments in small- and medium-sized en-
18 tities working in areas of national security interest,
19 including debt and equity investments, that would
20 benefit missions of the Department of Defense; and

21 “(4) subsidies to offset market manipulation or
22 ensure allied and domestic viability of grants made
23 from other market uncertainties.

24 “(i) DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE PURCHASE COM-
25 MITMENT PROGRAM.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To create, maintain, pro-
2 tect, expand, or restore industrial base capabilities
3 essential for the national security interests of the
4 United States, the Secretary may make provision for
5 purchase commitments for—

6 “(A) Federal Government use or resale of
7 an industrial resource or a critical technology
8 item;

9 “(B) the encouragement of exploration, de-
10 velopment, and mining of strategic and critical
11 materials;

12 “(C) development of other materials and
13 components;

14 “(D) the development of production capa-
15 bilities; and

16 “(E) the increased use of emerging tech-
17 nologies in defense program applications and
18 the rapid transition of emerging technologies—

19 “(i) from Federal Government-spon-
20 sored research and development to com-
21 mercial applications; and

22 “(ii) from commercial research and
23 development to national defense applica-
24 tions.

25 “(2) EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN LIMITATIONS.—

1 “(A) PURCHASES.—Except as provided by
2 subparagraph (B), purchase commitments
3 under paragraph (1) may be made without re-
4 gard to the limitations of existing law (other
5 than section 1341 of title 31), for such quan-
6 tities, and on such terms and conditions, includ-
7 ing advance payments, and for such periods,
8 but not extending beyond a date that is not
9 more than 10 years from the date on which
10 such purchase was initially made, as the Sec-
11 retary deems necessary.

12 “(B) LIMITATION.—Purchases commit-
13 ments under paragraph (1) involving higher
14 than established ceiling prices (or if no such es-
15 tablished ceiling prices exist, currently pre-
16 vailing market prices) or that result in an an-
17 ticipated loss on resale shall not be made, un-
18 less it is determined that supply of the mate-
19 rials could not be effectively increased or
20 provisioned at lower prices or on terms more fa-
21 vorable to the Federal Government, or that
22 such purchases are necessary to assure the
23 availability to the United States of overseas
24 supplies.

25 “(3) FINDINGS OF SECRETARY.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
2 take the actions described in subparagraph (B),
3 if the Secretary finds that—

4 “(i) under generally fair and equitable
5 ceiling prices, for any raw or nonprocessed
6 material or component, there will result a
7 decrease in supplies from high-cost sources
8 of such material and that the continuation
9 of such supplies is necessary to carry out
10 the objectives of this section; or

11 “(ii) an increase in cost of transpor-
12 tation is temporary in character and
13 threatens to impair maximum production
14 or supply in any area at stable prices of
15 any materials.

16 “(B) SUBSIDY PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED.—
17 Upon a finding under subparagraph (A), the
18 Secretary may make provision for subsidy pay-
19 ments on any such produced material from
20 other than covered countries, in such amounts
21 and in such manner (including purchase com-
22 mitments of such material or component and its
23 resale at a loss, and on such terms and condi-
24 tions, as the Secretary determines to be nec-
25 essary to ensure that supplies from such high-

1 cost sources are continued, or that maximum
2 production or supply in such area at stable
3 prices of such materials is maintained, as the
4 case may be.

5 “(4) INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT IN INDUS-
6 TRIAL FACILITIES.—If the Secretary determines that
7 such action will aid the national security interests of
8 the United States, the Secretary is authorized—

9 “(A) to procure and install additional
10 equipment, facilities, processes or improvements
11 to plants, factories, and other industrial facili-
12 ties owned by the Federal Government;

13 “(B) to procure and install equipment in-
14 cluding owned by the Federal Government in
15 plants, factories, and other industrial facilities
16 owned by private persons;

17 “(C) to provide for constructing new facili-
18 ties, the modification, or expansion of privately
19 owned facilities, including the modification or
20 improvement of production processes, when tak-
21 ing actions under this subsection or subsection
22 (h);

23 “(D) to sell or otherwise transfer equip-
24 ment owned by the Federal Government and in-
25 stalled under this subsection to the owners of

1 such plants, factories, or other industrial facili-
2 ties;

3 “(E) to construct facilities for the purposes
4 described in section subsection (g)(1); and

5 “(F) to apply contracts, grants, or other
6 transactions authorities.

7 “(5) EXCESS METALS, MINERALS, MATERIALS,
8 AND COMPONENTS.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Metals, minerals, ma-
10 terials, and components acquired pursuant to
11 this subsection which, in the judgment of the
12 Secretary, are excess to the needs of programs
13 under this section, shall be transferred to the
14 National Defense Stockpile established by the
15 Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling
16 Act (50 U.S.C. 98 et seq.), or other national re-
17 serves if available, when the Secretary deems
18 such action to be in the public interest.

19 “(B) TRANSFERS AT NO CHARGE.—Trans-
20 fers made pursuant to this paragraph shall be
21 made without charge against or reimbursement
22 from funds appropriated for the purposes of the
23 Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling
24 Act (50 U.S.C. 98 et seq.), or other national re-
25 serves if available, except that costs incident to

1 such transfer, other than acquisition costs, shall
2 be paid or reimbursed from such funds.

3 “(6) SUBSTITUTES.—When, in the judgment of
4 the Secretary, it will aid the national security inter-
5 ests of the United States, the Secretary may make
6 provision for the development and qualification a of
7 substitutes for strategic and critical materials, com-
8 ponents, critical technology items, and other indus-
9 trial resources.

10 “(j) STRENGTHENING DOMESTIC PRODUCTIVE CA-
11 PACITY.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may provide
13 appropriate incentives to develop, maintain, mod-
14 ernize, restore, and expand the productive capacities
15 of sources for strategic and critical materials, com-
16 ponents, critical technology items, and industrial re-
17 sources essential for the execution of the national se-
18 curity strategy of the United States.

19 “(2) STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL MATERIALS,
20 COMPONENTS, AND CRITICAL TECHNOLOGY ITEMS.—

21 “(A) MAINTENANCE OF RELIABLE
22 SOURCES OF SUPPLY.—The Secretary shall take
23 appropriate actions to ensure that strategic and
24 critical materials, components, critical tech-
25 nology items, and industrial resources are avail-

1 able from reliable sources when needed to meet
2 defense requirements during peacetime, grad-
3 uated mobilization, and national emergency.

4 “(B) APPROPRIATE ACTION.—For pur-
5 poses of this paragraph, appropriate action may
6 include—

7 “(i) restricting contract solicitations
8 to reliable sources;

9 “(ii) stockpiling or placing into re-
10 serve strategic and critical materials, com-
11 ponents, and critical technology items;

12 “(iii) planning for necessary long-lead
13 times for acquiring such materials, compo-
14 nents, and items; or

15 “(iv) developing and qualifying sub-
16 stitutes for such materials, components,
17 and items.

18 “(k) ANNUAL REPORT.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
20 after the date of the enactment of the National De-
21 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, and
22 annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to
23 the congressional defense committee a report evalu-
24 ating investments made and any other activities car-

ried out using amounts in the Fund during the year
preceding submission of the report.

“(2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by
paragraph (1) shall include—

“(A) measures of effectiveness of the in-
vestments and activities described in that para-
graph in meeting the needs of the Department
of Defense and the defense industrial base;

“(B) an evaluation of the return on invest-
ment of all ongoing investments from the Fund;
and

“(C) a description of efforts to coordinate
activities carried out using amounts in the
Fund with activities to support the defense in-
dustrial base carried out under other authori-
ties.

“(3) ADVICE.—In preparing a report required
by paragraph (1), the Secretary shall take into ac-
count the advice of the defense industry and such
other individuals as the Secretary considers relevant.

“(l) COORDINATION WITH OTHER DEFENSE INDUS-
TRIAL BASE ACTIVITIES.—Not later than 90 days after
the date of the enactment of the National Defense Author-
ization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, the Secretary shall sub-
mit to the congressional defense committees a report de-

1 tailing how activities carried out under this section will
2 be coordinated with—

3 “(1) activities carried out using amounts in the
4 Defense Production Act Fund under section 304 of
5 the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C.
6 4534);

7 “(2) activities of the Office of Strategic Capital;
8 and

9 “(3) any other efforts designed to enhance the
10 defense industrial base.

11 “(m) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 “(1) CHOKEPOINT.—The term ‘chokepoint’
13 means a situation in which—

14 “(A) components of the munitions supply
15 chains, including all elements of the munitions
16 supply chain such as chemicals, casings, or
17 other materials, are produced by only one reli-
18 able source; or

19 “(B) the increased production of a compo-
20 nent would significantly increase total output of
21 munitions.

22 “(2) COVERED COUNTRY.—The term ‘covered
23 country’ means—

24 “(A) the Russian Federation;

1 “(B) the Democratic People’s Republic of
2 Korea;

3 “(C) the Islamic Republic of Iran; and

4 “(D) the People’s Republic of China.

5 “(3) RELIABLE SOURCE.—The term ‘reliable
6 source’ means a citizen or business entity organized
7 under the laws of—

8 “(A) the United States or any territory or
9 possession of the United States;

10 “(B) a country of the national technology
11 and industrial base, as defined in section 4801;
12 or

13 “(C) a qualifying country, as defined in
14 section 225.003 of the Defense Federal Acquisi-
15 tion Regulation Supplement or any successor
16 document.

17 “(4) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means
18 the Secretary of Defense.

19 “(5) STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL MATERIALS.—
20 The term ‘strategic and critical materials’ has the
21 meaning given that term in section 12(1) of the
22 Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50
23 U.S.C. 98h–3(1)).”.

1 **SEC. 849B. REPORT ON UNITED STATES BOOT INDUSTRIAL**
2 **BASE AND BERRY AMENDMENT COMPLIANCE.**

3 (a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 90 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
5 of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense com-
6 mittees a report on the United States boot industrial base,
7 including a comprehensive plan for the Department of De-
8 fense to fully comply with the requirements under section
9 4862 of title 10, United States Code (commonly referred
10 to as the “Berry Amendment”) by not later than fiscal
11 year 2028.

12 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The report required under sub-
13 section (a) shall include the following elements:

14 (1) A detailed description of current and surge
15 manufacturing capacity for Berry-compliant, govern-
16 ment-issued boots, including suppliers of leather,
17 textiles, soles, and components, as well as risks to
18 supply chain resilience and small business participa-
19 tion. Surge manufacturing capacity includes all
20 major domestic manufacturers of boots including
21 those not currently supplying Berry-compliant boots.

22 (2) A market survey of domestic boot manufac-
23 turers regarding interest in producing Berry-compli-
24 ant boots if there were to be a requirement that all
25 members of the Armed Forces are required to only
26 wear Berry-compliant boots.

(3) A time-phased schedule of actions, milestones, and resources required to achieve full Berry Amendment compliance for combat footwear across all military services by fiscal year 2028.

(4) An assessment of how current policies allowing the wear of “optional combat boots” that are not Berry-compliant undermine the intent of the Berry Amendment and weaken the United States industrial base, and recommendations for coming into compliance.

(5) A plan to implement and enforce narrowly tailored availability and medical exemptions, as authorized under section 4862(c) of title 10, United States Code, with controls to prevent overuse.

(6) Steps to expand industrial capacity for Berry-compliant government-issued boots through multiyear contracting, demand forecasting, inventory planning, and attracting new Berry-compliant suppliers by requiring that optional boots must be Berry-compliant.

Subtitle D—Small Business Matters

SEC. 851. APEX ACCELERATORS.

(a) PURPOSES.—Section 4952 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “; and” and
2 inserting a semicolon;

3 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at
4 the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following new
6 paragraph:

7 “(3) to foster innovation for the defense indus-
8 trial base and to diversify and expand the defense
9 industrial base.”.

10 (b) INCREASED FUNDING LIMIT FOR BUREAU OF IN-
11 DIAN AFFAIRS SERVICE AREAS.—Section 4955(a)(4) of
12 title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking
13 “\$1,000,000” and inserting “\$1,500,000”.

14 (c) APEX CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.—The Under
15 Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment
16 may establish APEX centers of excellence to allow APEX
17 centers to provide specialized expertise to business entities
18 outside of the geographic bounds of the center. In carrying
19 out this program, the Under Secretary may utilize the cost
20 sharing waiver to enter into a cooperative agreement
21 under section 4954 of title 10, United States Code.

Subtitle E—Other Matters

SEC. 861. CLARIFICATION OF PROCUREMENT PROHIBITION RELATED TO ACQUISITION OF MATERIALS MINED, REFINED, AND SEPARATED IN CER- TAIN COUNTRIES.

Section 844(a) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry
National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
(Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3766) is amended—

(1) by striking “Section 2533c” and inserting
“Section 4872”; and

(2) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-
lows:

“(1) in subsection (a)—

“(A) in paragraph (1), by striking ‘; or’
and inserting a semicolon;

“(B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking the
period at the end and inserting ‘; or’; and

“(C) by adding at the end the following
new paragraph:

“(3) enter into a contract for any covered mate-
rial mined, refined, or separated in any covered na-
tion.’ ”.

1 **SEC. 862. INDEPENDENT STUDY ON THE ACQUISITION**
2 **WORKFORCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
3 **FENSE.**

4 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 90 days after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
6 shall seek to enter into a contract or other agreement with
7 a qualified organization to conduct an independent exam-
8 ination of the acquisition workforce of the Department of
9 Defense.

10 (b) PURPOSE.—The study required under subsection
11 (a) shall include an assessment and comprehensive review
12 of—

13 (1) the effectiveness of the acquisition work-
14 force in managing procurements and facilitating
15 positive acquisition outcomes for the warfighter, in-
16 cluding through the use of process performance
17 measures or other business health metrics;

18 (2) the process and authorities for recruiting
19 and retaining the workforce, including a comparison
20 of pay scales with other Federal agency and com-
21 mercial analogues, the use of specialization within
22 the acquisition field, and the use of career incentives
23 or other specialized opportunities, such as job-broad-
24 ening assignments or external training opportunities;

25 (3) current training of the workforce, including
26 training offered by and the structure of Defense Ac-

1 quisition University and the Eisenhower School at
2 National Defense University, as well as commercially
3 available training or identification of certification or
4 stackable micro-certification opportunities;

5 (4) the size and mix of the acquisition work-
6 force, including for acquisition-adjacent fields such
7 as industrial security, counterintelligence, and fi-
8 nance;

9 (5) the workload and span of control over con-
10 tracting actions, based on contract award value and
11 total number of individual awards;

12 (6) the dependencies between contracting ac-
13 tions and the impact on the industrial security needs
14 to support National Industrial Security Program re-
15 quirements, including additional compliance costs,
16 increased workload for security-related action, trans-
17 parency on needs and requirements between the ac-
18 quisition and security communities, and mechanisms
19 to improve communication on needs and require-
20 ments between acquisition and security profes-
21 sionals;

22 (7) the role of the acquisition workforce and its
23 communication and integration with the require-
24 ments and budget communities; and

1 (8) the data, productivity tools, and other infor-
2 mation systems available to support acquisition
3 workloads, including the availability of commercial
4 tools.

5 (c) FINAL REPORT.—Following the completion of the
6 study under subsection (a), the qualified organization that
7 conducts the study shall submit to the Secretary of De-
8 fense a report on the results of the study. The report shall
9 include—

10 (1) a summary of the research and other activi-
11 ties carried out as part of the study; and

12 (2) recommendations to improve all aspects of
13 acquisition workforce, including recruiting, retention,
14 training, management, and workforce mix.

15 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than Decem-
16 ber 31, 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to
17 the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
18 House of Representatives an unaltered version of the re-
19 port required under subsection (c), together with the Sec-
20 retary’s assessment of the findings and recommendations
21 of the study, including a plan for implementing the rec-
22 ommendations.

1 **SEC. 863. EXPEDITED ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM FOR SUPPLY**
2 **CHAIN ILLUMINATION.**

3 (a) ELIGIBILITY FOR EXPEDITED INTERIM NA-
4 TIONAL SECURITY WAIVER.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—If a contractor, through the
6 use of supply chain illumination policies, procedures,
7 or analytical tools, discovers an item in the supply
8 chain that is non-compliant with the restrictions out-
9 lined in subsection (d) but promptly discloses that
10 discovery to the program office, the contractor shall
11 be eligible for an expedited interim national security
12 waiver in accordance with subsection (b) to deliver
13 a capability, provided that the program manager is
14 satisfied with the contractor's corrective plan de-
15 scribed in subsection (e).

16 (2) DISCLOSURES.—Disclosures that are eligi-
17 ble under paragraph (1) include any disclosures
18 made by the contractor to the program office, in-
19 cluding disclosures resulting from supply chain illu-
20 mination efforts conducted by the contractor, a sub-
21 contractor, or by a third-party entity acting on be-
22 half of the contractor or sub-contractor to increase
23 supply chain transparency. Discoveries of non-com-
24 pliance by the United States Government do not
25 constitute eligible disclosures under paragraph (1).

26 (b) INTERIM NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—A waiver described under
2 this subsection is a waiver issued by the Secretary
3 of Defense or the Secretary concerned (as defined in
4 section 101 of title 10, United States Code) to a re-
5 striction outlined under subsection (d) allowing a
6 contractor to—

7 (A) accept delivery of an end item that
8 contains non-conforming items if the program
9 manager determines the non-confirming part
10 does not represent a security, safety, or flight
11 risk; and

12 (B) make payment for the delivery of the
13 end item.

14 (2) DELEGATION.—The authority to issue a
15 waiver under paragraph (1) may be delegated—

16 (A) in the case of a waiver for one or more
17 acquisition programs within a military depart-
18 ment, to the senior acquisition executive of that
19 military department; and

20 (B) in the case of a waiver applicable to
21 more than one military department, to the Dep-
22 uty Secretary of Defense or the Under Sec-
23 retary of Defense for Acquisition and
24 Sustainment.

1 (c) REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERIM NATIONAL SECU-
2 RITY WAIVERS.—

3 (1) WRITTEN DETERMINATION.—An interim
4 national security waiver shall be issued through a
5 written determination that includes the following:

6 (A) The preliminary facts and cir-
7 cumstances regarding the identified non-compli-
8 ant parts and the likely cause for non-compli-
9 ance.

10 (B) The types of parts to which the in-
11 terim waiver applies, including any additional
12 parts currently being evaluated for potential
13 non-compliance with the defense sourcing re-
14 striction statutes based on the findings in sub-
15 paragraph (A).

16 (C) A determination that the non-compli-
17 ant parts and any additional parts being evalu-
18 ated for potential non-compliance do not rep-
19 resent a security, safety, or flight risk.

20 (D) An assessment of program risk due to
21 non-compliance to include an overall risk level
22 determination that if exceeded would require a
23 new interim national security waiver.

24 (2) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Any interim
25 national security waiver determination shall be sub-

1 mitted to the congressional defense committees with-
2 in five days of the date of issuance.

3 (3) DURATION.—The authority to issue an in-
4 terim national security waiver under this subsection
5 shall expire not later than January 1, 2027.

6 (d) SUPPLY CHAIN RESTRICTIONS.—For the pur-
7 poses of this section, non-compliant components are those
8 that are covered by the following provisions of law:

9 (1) Section 4863 of title 10, United States
10 Code, relating to a requirement to buy strategic ma-
11 terials critical to national security from American
12 sources.

13 (2) Section 1211 of the National Defense Au-
14 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law
15 109–163; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4651), relating to a
16 prohibition on procurements from Chinese military
17 companies.

18 (3) Section 4873 of title 10, United States
19 Code, relating to additional requirements pertaining
20 to printed circuit boards.

21 (4) Section 154 of the National Defense Au-
22 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law
23 118–31; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4651), relating to a
24 prohibition on availability of funds for procurement
25 of certain batteries.

1 (5) Section 244 of the National Defense Au-
2 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law
3 118–31; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4651), relating to a
4 limitation on sourcing chemical materials for muni-
5 tions from certain countries.

6 (6) Section 805 the National Defense Author-
7 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–
8 31; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4651), relating to a prohi-
9 bition on procurements related to entities identified
10 as Chinese military companies operating in the
11 United States.

12 (e) CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY.—A contractor re-
13 ceiving a waiver under this section shall retain the respon-
14 sibility to develop and implement a corrective plan to en-
15 sure future compliance and demonstrate the noncompli-
16 ance was neither willful nor knowing. The contractor shall
17 use reasonably expedient means to qualify an alternative
18 compliant supplier, where available, for procurements of
19 items that are to be incorporated into future deliveries of
20 end items.

21 (f) SUNSET.—The authority under this section shall
22 expire on January 1, 2027.

23 (g) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than April 1, 2026, and
24 April 1, 2027, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisi-
25 tion and Sustainment shall provide a briefing to the Com-

1 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of
2 Representatives on expedited acceptances authorized
3 under this section and corrective action plans of contrac-
4 tors to ensure future compliance with existing authorities.

5 **SEC. 864. SIMULTANEOUS CONFLICTS CRITICAL MUNI-**
6 **TIONS REPORT.**

7 (a) REPORT.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
10 retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional
11 defense committees a report that details the stock-
12 piles of critical munitions required to fight simulta-
13 neous conflicts in different theaters.

14 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
15 paragraph (1) shall include the following elements:

16 (A) An estimate of the amount of each
17 critical munition that would be required over
18 the course of simultaneous conflicts, modeled on
19 the assumption that a contingency operation in
20 any one of the western Pacific, Europe, Middle
21 East, or Korean Peninsula theaters would in-
22 crease the likelihood of a contingency operation
23 in the other theaters, including consideration of
24 the prepositioning of stockpiles and the risk
25 posed by moving stocks out of each theater.

1 (B) The number of days before the joint
2 force would exhaust its current stockpiles of
3 critical munitions during simultaneous conflicts.

4 (C) An estimate of the time required for
5 the industrial base to replenish critical munition
6 inventories during a simultaneous conflict, tak-
7 ing into account the Out-Year Unconstrained
8 Total Munitions Requirement directed by sec-
9 tion 222c of title 10, United States Code, and
10 the study required by section 1705 of the
11 James M. Inhofe National Defense Authoriza-
12 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law
13 117–263; 136 Stat. 2968), but not the assump-
14 tions mandated by Department of Defense In-
15 struction 3000.04, entitled “DoD Munitions
16 Requirements Process”.

17 (D) Production requirements for each crit-
18 ical munition needed to address the shortfall be-
19 tween current production rates and those re-
20 quired to meet the requirements determined
21 pursuant to subparagraph (A).

22 (E) The lessons learned from the war in
23 Ukraine with respect to munition consumption
24 rates.

1 (F) Consideration of the projected muni-
2 tions stockpiles of the military forces of the
3 Russian Federation, the People's Republic of
4 China, Iran, and the Democratic Republic of
5 Korea, and forces affiliated with such military
6 forces.

7 (G) An exploration of the projected muni-
8 tions stockpiles of the relevant United States al-
9 lies in each theater and opportunities for them
10 to enhance their contributions to burden-shar-
11 ing.

12 (b) PLAN.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
14 the Secretary of Defense submits the report required
15 by subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the
16 congressional defense committees a plan to imple-
17 ment critical munitions requirements to fight simul-
18 taneous conflicts in the next budget cycle. The plan
19 shall include a description of what would be required
20 of industry and United States arsenals and depots
21 to meet such requirements.

22 (2) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the re-
23 quirement under paragraph (1) if the Secretary sub-
24 mits to the congressional defense committees a re-
25 port with a justification for the decision not to im-

plement the results of the report required by subsection (a) into the requirements process for the next budget cycle. The report shall include an assessment of the gap between current requirements for critical munitions and those requirements identified in the report required by subsection (a).

(c) CRITICAL MUNITIONS DEFINED.—In this section, the term “critical munitions” includes those designated on the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff’s critical munitions list.

**SEC. 865. PERMANENT EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF
DEMONSTRATION AND PROTOTYPING PROGRAM TO ADVANCE INTERNATIONAL PRODUCT SUPPORT CAPABILITIES IN A CONTESTED LOGISTICS ENVIRONMENT.**

Section 842 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C. 2341 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

(B) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as subparagraph (C);

(C) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following new subparagraph:

1 “(B) commercially advanced digital manu-
 2 facturing facilities for rapid, distributed parts
 3 production closer to the point of use; and”;
 4 (2) by striking subsection (g); and
 5 (3) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-
 6 section (g).

7 **SEC. 866. ESTIMATE OF ALLY AND PARTNER DEMAND FOR**
 8 **UNITED STATES-PRODUCED MUNITIONS AND**
 9 **SPECIFIED EXPENDABLES.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall es-
 11 tablish an annual requirement for the production of an
 12 estimate of the demand by United States allies and part-
 13 ners for United States-produced munitions and specified
 14 expendables across the future-years defense plan.

15 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each estimate required under sub-
 16 section (a)—

17 (1) shall be disaggregated by specific munitions
 18 type and ally or partner; and

19 (2) shall include analytical inputs, such as—

20 (A) information set forth in all approved
 21 letters of offer and acceptance from foreign
 22 military sales cases;

23 (B) assessments of all letters of request
 24 from foreign military sales cases;

(C) estimates based on an operational analysis of foreign partner munitions needs for critical operational or contingency planning scenarios;

(D) estimates based on an analysis of wargaming results that include foreign partner contributions in the relevant scenario; and

(E) estimates based on bilateral or multilateral discussions between the United States Government and foreign governments.

(c) GUIDANCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1, 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall issue guidance for the development and collection of data necessary to support the production of the estimate required by subsection (a).

(2) ELEMENTS.—The guidance required by paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) a consideration of the manner in which the requirement for such an estimate may be leveraged to support operational and contingency planning activities, wargaming, and net assessment activities; and

(B) an analysis of the effect of the addition of such an estimate to the Out-Year Un-

1 constrained Total Munitions Requirement re-
2 quired by section 222c of title 10, United
3 States Code.

4 (d) ASSESSMENT OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 30,
6 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall conduct an as-
7 sessment of existing relevant Department of Defense
8 information systems of record to determine whether
9 any such system, or combination of such systems,
10 may be used or modified to collect and analyze data
11 necessary to support the production of the estimate
12 required by subsection (a) on an ongoing basis.

13 (2) CONSIDERATION.—The assessment required
14 by paragraph (1) shall take into consideration—

15 (A) the cost and technical challenges of
16 adopting or adapting a system described in that
17 paragraph, or combination of such systems, for
18 the purpose described in that paragraph; and

19 (B) the estimated cost and technical chal-
20 lenges of establishing a new information system
21 of record for such purpose.

22 (e) SPECIFIED EXPENDABLES DEFINED.—In this
23 section, the term “specific expendables” includes—

24 (1) chaff;

25 (2) flares;

- 1 (3) sonobouys;
- 2 (4) decoys;
- 3 (5) disposable jammers; and
- 4 (6) any other expendable the Secretary of De-
- 5 fense considers appropriate.

6 **SEC. 867. REFORM OF CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE IN-**
 7 **FORMATION REQUIREMENTS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
 9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
 10 shall revise subpart 242.15 of the Defense Federal Acqui-
 11 sition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to modify con-
 12 tractor performance information requirements to establish
 13 an objective, fact-based, and simplified system for report-
 14 ing contractor performance. The revised system shall—

15 (1) focus exclusively on negative performance
 16 events that are verifiable and measurable to reduce
 17 subjectivity and inconsistency in evaluations;

18 (2) reduce the administrative burden on con-
 19 tracting officers by limiting reporting to prior con-
 20 tractor failures or poor performance; and

21 (3) ensure the government can identify and
 22 avoid contractors with a history of poor performance
 23 or bad actions.

24 (b) REVISION OF CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE IN-
 25 FORMATION REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than 180 days

1 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
2 of Defense shall revise subpart 242.15 of the DFARS and
3 related guidance, including the Contractor Performance
4 Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) to provide for the
5 following requirements related to contract performance in-
6 formation:

7 (1) ELIMINATION OF SUBJECTIVE PERFORM-
8 ANCE RATINGS.—(A) Subjective performance ratings
9 for contracts subject to this section shall be elimi-
10 nated.

11 (B) Performance evaluations shall be limited to
12 the reporting and scoring of negative performance
13 events as described in subsections (c) and (d).

14 (2) SCOPE OF REPORTING.—(A) Contracting
15 officers shall report only negative performance
16 events with verifiable data which have a material im-
17 pact on contract performance or government inter-
18 ests, including events involving subcontractors.

19 (B) Reporting shall exclude positive or neutral
20 performance assessments, except as necessary to
21 provide context for a negative performance event.

22 (3) FREQUENCY AND TIMING.—(A) Contracting
23 officers shall report negative performance events
24 within 30 days of identifying and verifying the event.

1 (B) Annual or periodic performance evaluations
2 shall not be required unless a negative performance
3 event occurs.

4 (4) USE IN SOURCE SELECTION.—(A) Negative
5 performance events and their associated scores, as
6 calculated under subsection (c), shall be considered
7 in source selection evaluations to assess contractor
8 risk and responsibility.

9 (B) The absence of negative performance events
10 for a contractor, including nontraditional defense
11 contractors or new entrants, shall not be considered
12 a deficiency in past performance evaluations. Such
13 contractors shall be evaluated based on technical ca-
14 pability, price, and other relevant factors.

15 (c) SCORING MECHANISM FOR NEGATIVE PERFORM-
16 ANCE EVENTS.—Not later than 180 days after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
18 shall revise subpart 242.15 of the DFARS and related
19 guidance, including the Contractor Performance Assess-
20 ment Reporting System (CPARS) to provide for the fol-
21 lowing requirements related to a scoring mechanism for
22 negative performance events:

23 (1) STANDARDIZED SCORING MECHANISM.—To
24 ensure fair and equitable evaluation of contractors,
25 a standardized scoring mechanism shall normalize

1 negative performance events based on the number of
2 transactions and the dollar volume of contracts per-
3 formed by the contractor.

4 (2) APPLICATION OF SCORES.—(A) The com-
5 posite score shall be reported in CPARS alongside
6 the negative performance events and used in source
7 selection to assess past performance risk.

8 (B) Scores shall be calculated automatically by
9 the CPARS system based on data entered by con-
10 tracting officers, including the number of trans-
11 actions and contract dollar value.

12 (3) TRANSPARENCY.—(A) Contractors shall
13 have access to their composite scores and the under-
14 lying data (number of events, transactions, and dol-
15 lar volume) through CPARS.

16 (B) Contractors may submit comments or
17 rebuttals to reported events or scores, which shall be
18 maintained in CPARS for consideration in source se-
19 lection.

20 (d) KEY ISSUES OF NEGATIVE PERFORMANCE.—Not
21 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of
22 this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall revise subpart
23 242.15 of the DFARS and related guidance, including the
24 Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System

1 (CPARS) to provide for the following requirements related
2 to key issues of negative performance:

3 (1) MANDATORY REPORTING.—Contracting offi-
4 cers shall report the following negative performance
5 events, based on verifiable data or objective evalua-
6 tions:

7 (A) DELIVERY OF DEFECTIVE PROD-
8 UCTS.—Delivery of products failing to meet
9 contract requirements, as verified by govern-
10 ment inspection reports, quality assurance
11 records, or testing results.

12 (B) DELINQUENT DELIVERIES.—Failure to
13 meet contract delivery schedules, as documented
14 in contract milestones, delivery orders, or gov-
15 ernment correspondence.

16 (C) IMPROPER MARKINGS OR RIGHTS AS-
17 SERTIONS ON TECHNICAL DATA DELIVERIES.—
18 Incorrect or unauthorized markings on tech-
19 nical data or software, or improper assertions
20 of restrictive rights, as verified by government
21 review or legal findings.

22 (D) DEFECTIVE PRICING.—Submission of
23 inaccurate, incomplete, or misleading cost or
24 pricing data, as identified through audits by the

1 Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) or
2 other authorities.

3 (E) FAILURE TO FLOW DOWN REQUIRED
4 CLAUSES TO SUBCONTRACTORS.—Failure to in-
5 clude mandatory contract clauses in sub-
6 contracts, as verified by contract reviews or au-
7 dits.

8 (F) FALSE CLAIMS OR MISREPRESENTA-
9 TIONS.—Submission of false claims, fraudulent
10 invoices, or misrepresentations, as substantiated
11 by investigations, legal findings, or government
12 records.

13 (G) NON-COMPLIANCE WITH SAFETY OR
14 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.—Failure to com-
15 ply with safety, environmental, or other regu-
16 latory requirements, as documented by govern-
17 ment inspections or citations.

18 (H) SIGNIFICANT CYBERSECURITY
19 BREACHES OR FAILURES.—Failure to meet cy-
20 bersecurity requirements or significant breaches
21 caused by contractor negligence, as verified by
22 government assessments or incident reports.

23 (e) ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS.—The
24 Secretary of Defense may establish additional negative
25 performance indicators, provided they are—

(1) based on verifiable data or objective evaluations; and

(2) published in the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) with clear criteria for identification and reporting.

(f) IMPLEMENTATION.—

(1) TEMPLATES.— Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall issue revised regulations under revise subpart 242.15 of the DFARS to include standardized templates for reporting negative performance events and calculating composite scores.

(2) TRAINING AND GUIDANCE.—

(A) TRAINING.—The Secretary of Defense shall develop and provide training for contracting officers on—

(i) identifying, verifying, and reporting negative performance events; and

(ii) entering data for transaction counts and contract dollar values to support the scoring mechanism.

(B) GUIDANCE.—Guidance shall emphasize the use of objective evidence and the exclusion of subjective judgments, including—

- 1 (i) standardized templates for report-
- 2 ing negative performance events;
- 3 (ii) guidelines for weighting negative
- 4 performance scores in source selection; and
- 5 (iii) procedures for quality assurance
- 6 reviews and contractor dispute resolution.

7 (3) SYSTEM MODIFICATIONS.—Not later than
8 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
9 the Secretary of Defense shall modify the CPARS
10 system to—

11 (A) support the categorization of negative
12 performance events;

13 (B) eliminate fields for subjective ratings;

14 (C) automatically calculate composite
15 scores based on reported data;

16 (D) include a mechanism for contractors to
17 review and respond to reported events and
18 scores; and

19 (E) integrate with the Federal Awardee
20 Performance and Integrity Information System
21 (FAPIIS) for seamless data sharing.

22 (4) TRANSITION PERIOD.—

23 (A) EXISTING CPARS EVALUATIONS.—For
24 contracts awarded prior to the effective date of
25 the revised regulations, contracting officers may

1 complete existing CPARS evaluations under the
2 prior system until the contract is closed or ter-
3 minated.

4 (B) NEW EVALUATIONS.—New evaluations
5 for contracts awarded after the date of the re-
6 vised implementing regulations shall comply
7 with this section.

8 (g) REPORTING AND OVERSIGHT.—

9 (1) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
11 Defense shall submit a report to the Committees on
12 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
13 resentatives on the implementation of the revised
14 Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting Sys-
15 tem required by this section.

16 (2) GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE RE-
17 VIEW.—Not later than 3 years after the date of the
18 enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of
19 the United States shall conduct a review of the re-
20 vised contractor performance information system to
21 assess—

22 (A) its effectiveness in achieving the pur-
23 poses outlined in subsection (a);

24 (B) the accuracy and fairness of the scor-
25 ing mechanism; and

1 (C) the system’s impact on competition
2 and nontraditional defense contractor participa-
3 tion.

4 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) NEGATIVE PERFORMANCE EVENT.—The
6 term “negative performance event” means a
7 verifiable instance of contractor failure or poor per-
8 formance, as described in subsection (d).

9 (2) NONTRADITIONAL DEFENSE CON-
10 TRACTOR.—The term “nontraditional defense con-
11 tractor” has the meaning given the term in section
12 3014 of title 10, United States Code.

13 (3) VERIFIABLE DATA.—The term “verifiable
14 data” means objective evidence documented in con-
15 tract records, inspection reports, audits, correspond-
16 ence, or other government records.

17 **SEC. 868. REPEALS OF EXISTING LAW TO STREAMLINE THE**
18 **DEFENSE ACQUISITION PROCESS.**

19 The following provisions are hereby repealed:

20 (1) Section 3070 of title 10, United States
21 Code.

22 (2) Section 874 of the National Defense Au-
23 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law
24 115–91; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3101).

1 (3) Section 810 of the National Defense Au-
2 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
3 114–92; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3101).

4 (4) Section 3106 of title 10, United States
5 Code.

6 (5) Section 8688 of title 10, United States
7 Code.

8 (6) Subsections (a)–(c) of section 804 of the
9 Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act
10 for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122
11 Stat. 4356).

12 (7) Section 822 of the National Defense Au-
13 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (Public Law
14 104–106; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3201).

15 (8) Section 892 of the National Defense Au-
16 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law
17 110–181; 10 U.S.C. 3201 note).

18 (9) Section 805 of the National Defense Au-
19 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Public Law
20 108–136; 10 U.S.C. 3201 note).

21 (10) Section 823 of the National Defense Au-
22 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law
23 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 3204 note).

1 (11) Section 802 of the National Defense Au-
2 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law
3 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 3206 note).

4 (12) Section 3208 of title 10, United States
5 Code.

6 (13) Section 852 of the Carl Levin and Howard
7 P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization
8 Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 10
9 U.S.C. note prec. 3241).

10 (14) Subsections (a)–(f) of section 866 of the
11 Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for
12 Fiscal Year 2011 (Public Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C.
13 note prec. 3241).

14 (15) Section 143 of the Duncan Hunter Na-
15 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
16 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
17 3241).

18 (16) Section 254 of the Duncan Hunter Na-
19 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
20 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
21 3241).

22 (17) Section 886 of the National Defense Au-
23 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law
24 110–181; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3241).

1 (18) Section 851 of the Ronald W. Reagan Na-
2 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
3 2005 (Public Law 108–375; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
4 3241).

5 (19) Section 314 of the Bob Stump National
6 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003
7 (Public Law 107–314; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3241).

8 (20) Section 826 of the Floyd D. Spence Na-
9 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
10 2001 (Public Law 106–398; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
11 3241).

12 (21) Section 806 of the Strom Thurmond Na-
13 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
14 1999 (Public Law 105–261; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
15 3241).

16 (22) Section 368 of the National Defense Au-
17 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law
18 112–81; 10 U.S.C. 3303 note).

19 (23) Section 875 of the National Defense Au-
20 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law
21 117–81; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3344).

22 (24) Section 816 of the National Defense Au-
23 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law
24 109–163; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3344).

1 (25) Section 3373 of title 10, United States
2 Code.

3 (26) Section 883 of the James M. Inhofe Na-
4 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
5 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 10 U.S.C. 3372 note).

6 (27) Section 3455 of title 10, United States
7 Code.

8 (28) Section 3678 of title 10, United States
9 Code.

10 (29) Section 133 of the Bob Stump National
11 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003
12 (Public Law 107–314; 10 U.S.C. 3678 note).

13 (30) Section 891 of the William M. (Mac)
14 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
15 Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C.
16 3804 note).

17 (31) Section 380 of the National Defense Au-
18 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law
19 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note).

20 (32) Section 1056 of the National Defense Au-
21 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
22 114–92; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note).

23 (33) Section 1603 of the National Defense Au-
24 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law
25 113–66; 10 U.S.C. 4007 note).

1 (34) Section 1089 of the National Defense Au-
2 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law
3 115–91; 10 U.S.C. 4025 note).

4 (35) Section 812 of the National Defense Au-
5 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law
6 106–65; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4061).

7 (36) Section 235 of the National Defense Au-
8 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law
9 114–328; 10 U.S.C. 4126 note).

10 (37) Section 227 of the National Defense Au-
11 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law
12 118–31; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4141).

13 (38) Section 252 of the National Defense Au-
14 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law
15 116–92; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4141).

16 (39) Section 1043 of the National Defense Au-
17 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law
18 111–84; 10 U.S.C. 4174 note).

19 (40) Section 828 of the National Defense Au-
20 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
21 114–92; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4201).

22 (41) Section 1252 of the Defense Procurement
23 Reform Act of 1984 (Public Law 98–525; 10 U.S.C.
24 4205 note).

1 (42) Section 812 of the Ike Skelton National
2 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011
3 (Public Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4211).

4 (43) Section 806 of the National Defense Au-
5 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law
6 109–163; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4211).

7 (44) Section 818 of the John Warner National
8 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007
9 (Public Law 109–364; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4231).

10 (45) Section 802(d)(2) of the National Defense
11 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
12 114–92; 10 U.S.C. 4251 note).

13 (46) Section 4271 of title 10, United States
14 Code.

15 (47) Section 814 of the Duncan Hunter Na-
16 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
17 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 10 U.S.C. 4271 note).

18 (48) Section 925(b) of the National Defense
19 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law
20 114–328; 10 U.S.C. 4271 note).

21 (49) Section 812 of the John Warner National
22 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007
23 (Public Law 109–364; 10 U.S.C. 4325 note).

24 (50) Section 4423 of title 10, United States
25 Code.

1 (51) Section 831(b) of the Ike Skelton National
2 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011
3 (Public Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4501).

4 (52) Section 863(a)–(h) of the Ike Skelton Na-
5 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
6 2011 (Public Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
7 4501).

8 (53) Section 832 of the John Warner National
9 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007
10 (Public Law 109–364; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4501).

11 (54) Section 883(e) of the National Defense
12 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
13 114–92; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4571).

14 (55) Section 938 of the National Defense Au-
15 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law
16 113–66; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4571).

17 (56) Section 1272 of the National Defense Au-
18 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law
19 115–91; 10 U.S.C. 4571 note).

20 (57) Section 2867 of the National Defense Au-
21 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law
22 112–81; 10 U.S.C. 4571 note).

23 (58) Section 215 of the Ike Skelton National
24 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011
25 (Public Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C. 4571 note).

1 (59) Section 881 of the National Defense Au-
2 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law
3 110–181; 10 U.S.C. 4571 note).

4 (60) Section 804 of the Bob Stump National
5 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003
6 (Public Law 107–314; 10 U.S.C. 4571 note).

7 (61) Chapter 345 of title 10, United States
8 Code.

9 (62) Section 378 of the National Defense Au-
10 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law
11 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 113 note).

12 (63) Section 846(a) of the William M. (Mac)
13 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
14 Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C.
15 4811 note).

16 (64) Section 932 of the Ike Skelton National
17 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011
18 (Public Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C. 2224 note).

19 (65) Section 849 of the National Defense Au-
20 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law
21 115–91; 131 Stat. 1487).

22 (66) Section 804 of the National Defense Au-
23 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law
24 111–84; 123 Stat. 2402).

1 (67) Section 881 of the National Defense Au-
2 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
3 114–92; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4601).

4 (68) Section 802 of the Ronald W. Reagan Na-
5 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
6 2005 (Public Law 108–375; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
7 3062).

8 (69) Section 913 of the Department of Defense
9 Authorization Act, 1986 (Public Law 99–145; 10
10 U.S.C. note prec. 3201).

11 (70) Section 821 of the National Defense Au-
12 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law
13 110–181; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3451).

14 (71) Section 824(a) of the Ike Skelton National
15 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011
16 (Public Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C. 3774 note).

17 (72) Section 805 of the National Defense Au-
18 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law
19 110–181; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3451).

20 (73) Section 844(b) of the National Defense
21 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
22 114–92; 10 U.S.C. 3453 note).

23 (74) Section 238(b) of the National Defense
24 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law
25 110–181; 10 U.S.C. 4841 note).

1 (75) Subtitle D of title II of the National De-
2 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Pub-
3 lic Law 109–163; 119 Stat. 3175).

4 (76) Section 214 of the National Defense Au-
5 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law
6 110–181; 10 U.S.C. 4841 note).

7 (77) Section 218 of the William M. (Mac)
8 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
9 Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C.
10 8013 note).

11 (78) Section 229 of the National Defense Au-
12 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law
13 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note).

14 (79) Section 232 of the National Defense Au-
15 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law
16 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note).

17 (80) Section 222 of the John S. McCain Na-
18 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
19 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. 4014 note).

20 (81) Section 230 of the John S. McCain Na-
21 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
22 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
23 4061).

24 (82) Section 843 of the John S. McCain Na-
25 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year

1 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
2 4171).

3 (83) Section 938 of the National Defense Au-
4 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law
5 113–66; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4571).

6 (84) Section 1651 of the National Defense Au-
7 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law
8 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 4571 note).

9 (85) Section 1064 of the John S. McCain Na-
10 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
11 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. 4571 note).

12 (86) Section 854 of the Carl Levin and Howard
13 P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization
14 Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 10
15 U.S.C. 4571 note).

16 **SEC. 869. ENHANCEMENT OF DEFENSE SUPPLY CHAIN RE-**
17 **SILIENCE AND SECONDARY SOURCE QUALI-**
18 **FICATION.**

19 Section 865 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Im-
20 provement and National Defense Authorization Act for
21 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 4811
22 note) is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (b)—

24 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “; and”
25 and inserting a semicolon;

1 (B) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
2 paragraph (4); and

3 (C) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
4 following new paragraph:

5 “(3) produce all critical readiness parts and
6 systems, including those identified as having sole-
7 source dependencies, excessive lead times, unreason-
8 able pricing, or other supply chain deficiencies;
9 and”;

10 (2) in subsection (d)—

11 (A) in paragraph (7), by striking “; and”
12 and inserting a semicolon;

13 (B) in paragraph (8), by striking the pe-
14 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

15 (C) by adding at the end the following new
16 paragraph:

17 “(9) the Department of Defense avoids duplica-
18 tion of review processes for the approval of aircraft
19 parts and components and repairs that have already
20 been approved by a civil aviation authority under a
21 Parts Manufacturer Approval (PMA) or Designated
22 Engineering Representative (DER) spare or repair
23 certification and approval processes unless a written
24 justification is approved by the commander of a sys-

1 tems command of a military service and reported to
2 the congressional defense committees.”;

3 (3) by redesignating subsections (f) through (j)
4 as subsections (g) through (k), respectively;

5 (4) by inserting after subsection (e) insert the
6 following new subsection:

7 “(f) **EXPEDITED QUALIFICATION PANELS.**—Each
8 military department shall establish an Expedited Quali-
9 fication Panel (EQP). The EQP shall develop standard-
10 ized templates for Source Approval Requests (SARs) and
11 review expedited SARs or PMAs within 14 days, issuing
12 conditional approvals (valid for 12 months) or full approv-
13 als based on tiered risk criteria, and leverage designated
14 engineering representatives or equivalent third-party cer-
15 tified engineers when appropriate.”; and

16 (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-
17 section:

18 “(l) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

19 “(1) The term ‘critical readiness parts and sys-
20 tems’ has the meaning given the term in section
21 4324 of title 10, United States Code.

22 “(2) The term ‘non-safety critical items, or
23 non-mission critical items’ includes the following
24 items:

1 “(A) Major risk parts or systems whose
2 failure causes structural damage or significant
3 mission degradation and requires finite element
4 modeling, fracture analysis, comparison to similar
5 parts, or similar methods.

6 “(B) Minor risk parts and systems that
7 only have form, fit, and function requirements
8 verified by dimensional coordinate measuring
9 machines, go/no-go gauges, or similar methods.

10 “(C) Low risk parts and systems that are
11 consumable or non-critical, requiring material
12 certification, visual inspections, or similar methods.
13 ods.

14 “(3) The term ‘safety critical items or mission
15 critical items’ means parts or systems whose failure
16 causes loss of control, catastrophic failure, or loss of
17 life, and require full qualification, simulation, and
18 physical testing with Engineering Support Activity
19 witnessing.”.

20 **SEC. 870. ENHANCED PRODUCT SUPPORT MANAGEMENT**
21 **FOR INTEGRATED SUSTAINMENT OF WEAPON**
22 **SYSTEMS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4324 of title 10, United
24 States Code, is amended—

25 (1) in subsection (b)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “in coordination with operational commands and users” after “appropriate metrics”; and

(B) by striking subparagraph (I) and redesignating subparagraph (J) as subparagraph (I);

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

“(1) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall require that each covered system be supported by a product support manager that shall integrate sustainment activities across the Portfolio Acquisition Executive, materiel and systems commands, sustainment working capital funds, and other elements of the sustainment enterprise by establishing a coordinated process to ensure weapon system readiness and affordability throughout the lifecycle.”;

(B) in paragraph (2) by striking subparagraphs (B) through (I) and inserting the following new subparagraphs:

“(B) adopt predictive analytics and simulation and modeling tools to improve material availability and reliability, increase operational

1 availability rates, and reduce operation and
2 sustainment costs;

3 “(C) select, transfer, direct, and coordinate
4 product support integrators and product sup-
5 port providers across materiel commands, de-
6 pots, sustainment working capital funds, and
7 commercial entities to execute the product sup-
8 port strategy and maintain updated parts cata-
9 logging and provisioning;

10 “(D) review and recommend resource allo-
11 cations across product support integrators and
12 product support providers to meet performance
13 requirements of the product support strategy;

14 “(E) prevent and resolve all diminishing
15 manufacturing supply and material shortages
16 and critical readiness parts and systems issues;

17 “(F) manage the end-to-end coordination
18 of qualification, certification, and test of alter-
19 native sources of supply;

20 “(G) ensure evaluation of offerors on a so-
21 licitation includes—

22 “(i) a parts selection plan that enables
23 interoperability, maintainability, and com-
24 mercially supportable designs;

1 “(ii) updated logistics product data
2 and maintenance manuals; and

3 “(iii) data rights and data ordering
4 consistent with the intellectual property
5 management plan in the life cycle
6 sustainment plan;

7 “(H) inspect, accept, and manage data de-
8 liveries and conformance of such data with con-
9 figuration changes in consultation with Defense
10 Contract Management Agency; and

11 “(I) update the product support strategy
12 continuously as required, at a minimum every
13 five years.”; and

14 (C) by adding at the end the following
15 paragraphs:

16 “(3) ORGANIZATION.—Each Portfolio Acquisi-
17 tion Executive shall establish a Major Program
18 Manager to manage sustainment activities for in-
19 service systems and oversee all product support
20 managers of covered systems to ensure an expert
21 focus on sustainment.

22 “(4) CAREER MANAGEMENT.—The Secretary of
23 Defense shall establish a formal career path for
24 product support managers, including selection cri-
25 teria, training programs, and certification require-

ments, aligned with the standards set forth in chapter 87 of this title. Product support managers shall be selected from military and civilian personnel with demonstrated expertise in sustainment, logistics, supply chain, or engineering, and incentivized with career progression opportunities equivalent to acquisition program managers.

“(5) LIAISON OFFICER PROGRAM.—Each sustainment working capital fund entity shall establish a liaison officer program to serve as the dedicated point of contact to align working capital fund management with product support manager activities for all covered systems.”; and

(3) in subsection (d)—

(A) in paragraph (5) by inserting “any acquisition or in-service program that is” after “The term ‘covered system’ means”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(9) CRITICAL READINESS PARTS AND SYSTEMS.—The term ‘critical readiness parts and systems’ means all parts and systems causing parts causing Mission Impaired Capability Awaiting Parts (MICAP), Not Mission Capable Supply (NMCS), or Casualty Report (CASREP) 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.”.

SEC. 871. MODIFICATIONS TO CURRENT DEFENSE ACQUISITION REQUIREMENTS.

(a) MODIFICATIONS TO TITLE 10.—Title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 1749(f)(1), by striking “on a reimbursable basis”;

(2) in section 2222(i)(1)(A)—

(A) in clause (vi), by adding “or real estate system” after “An installations management”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new clauses:

“(ix) A budget system.

“(x) A retail system.

“(xi) A health care system.

“(xii) A travel and expense system.

“(xiii) A payroll system.

“(xiv) A supply chain management system.

“(xv) A enterprise resource planning system.

1 “(xvi) A contractor management sys-
2 tem.”;

3 (3) in section 3012(3)(B), by striking “lowest
4 overall cost alternative” and inserting “best value”;

5 (4) in section 3069—

6 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “if that
7 head of an agency” and all that follows through
8 “a complete end item”;

9 (B) by striking subsections (b) and (d);
10 and

11 (C) by redesignating—

12 (i) subsection (c) as subsection (b);

13 and

14 (ii) subsection (e) as subsection (c);

15 (5) in section 3204(e)—

16 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking subpara-
17 graph (B) and inserting the following:

18 “(B) the justification is approved—

19 “(i) in the case of a contract for an
20 amount exceeding the simplified acquisition
21 threshold (but not more than
22 \$100,000,000)—

23 “(I) by the competition advocate
24 for the contracting activity (without
25 further delegation); or

1 “(II) by an official referred to in
2 clause (ii) or (iii);

3 “(ii) in the case of a contract for an
4 amount exceeding \$100,000,000 (but not
5 more than \$500,000,000)—

6 “(I) by the head of the con-
7 tracting activity (without further dele-
8 gation);

9 “(II) by an official referred to in
10 clause (iii); or

11 “(III) for the Defense Advanced
12 Research Projects Agency, the De-
13 fense Innovation Unit, or the Missile
14 Defense Agency, by the director of the
15 agency; or

16 “(iii) in the case of a contract for an
17 amount exceeding \$500,000,000—

18 “(I) by the senior procurement
19 executive for the agency as designated
20 for the purpose of section 1702(c) of
21 title 41 (without further delegation);

22 “(II) in the case of the Under
23 Secretary of Defense for Acquisition
24 and Sustainment, acting in the capac-
25 ity as the senior procurement execu-

1 tive for the Department of Defense,
 2 by the delegate of the Under Sec-
 3 retary as designated pursuant to
 4 paragraph (6); or

5 “(III) for the Defense Advanced
 6 Research Projects Agency, the De-
 7 fense Innovation Unit, or the Missile
 8 Defense Agency, by the director of the
 9 agency; and”; and

10 (B) in paragraph (6)—

11 (i) by striking “(A) The authority of
 12 the head” and all that follows through
 13 “(B) The authority of the Under Sec-
 14 retary” and inserting “The authority of
 15 the Under Secretary”;

16 (ii) by redesignating clauses (i) and
 17 (ii) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respec-
 18 tively; and

19 (iii) by redesignating subclauses (I)
 20 and (II) as clauses (i) and (ii), respec-
 21 tively;

22 (6) in section 3226(d), by amending paragraph
 23 (2) to read as follows:

24 “(2) Funds described in paragraph (1) may be
 25 used—

1 “(A) to cover any increased program costs iden-
 2 tified by a revised cost analysis or target developed
 3 pursuant to subsection (b);

4 “(B) to acquire additional end items in accord-
 5 ance with section 3069 of this title; or

6 “(C) to cover the cost of risk reduction and
 7 process improvements.”;

8 (7) in section 3243(d)—

9 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “sub-
 10 ject to paragraph (2),”;

11 (B) by striking paragraph (2); and

12 (C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
 13 paragraph (2);

14 (8) in section 3374(a)—

15 (A) in the heading, by striking “CERTAIN
 16 REDUCED” after “ALLOWED PROFIT TO RE-
 17 FLECT”;

18 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “and”;

19 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-
 20 riod and inserting “; and”; and

21 (D) by adding at the end the following new
 22 paragraph:

23 “(3) the increased cost risk of the contractor
 24 with respect to any costs incurred prior to the award

1 of the undefinitized contractual action when such
 2 costs—

3 “(A) would otherwise have been directly
 4 chargeable under the contract post-award; and

5 “(B) were incurred to meet—

6 “(i) the anticipated contract delivery
 7 schedule of the agency; or

8 “(ii) the anticipated contract price
 9 targets of the agency.”;

10 (9) in section 3703(a)(1)(A), by striking “com-
 11 petition that results in at least two or more respon-
 12 sive and viable competing bids” and inserting “price
 13 competition”;

14 (10) in section 3705, by amending subsection
 15 (b) to read as follows:

16 “(b) ALTERNATIVE SOURCES REQUIRED.—In the
 17 event the contracting officer is unable to determine pro-
 18 posed prices are fair and reasonable by any other means,
 19 an offeror who fails to make a good faith effort to comply
 20 with a reasonable request to submit data in accordance
 21 with subsection (a) is ineligible for award unless the head
 22 of the agency initiates the assessment of the offeror as
 23 a source of supply for industrial capabilities under the au-
 24 thorities provided by sections 865 and 882 of the Service-
 25 member Quality of Life Improvement and National De-

1 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law
2 118–159).”;

3 (11) in section 4201—

4 (A) in subsection (a)(2)—

5 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
6 “\$300,000,000 (based on fiscal year 1990
7 constant dollars)” and inserting
8 “\$1,000,000,000 (based on fiscal year
9 2024 constant dollars)”; and

10 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
11 “\$1,800,000,000 (based on fiscal year
12 1990 constant dollars)” and inserting
13 “\$5,000,000,000 (based on fiscal year
14 2024 constant dollars)”; and

15 (B) in subsection (b), by adding at the end
16 the following new paragraph:

17 “(3) An acquisition program for software and
18 covered hardware as described by section 3603 of
19 this title.”;

20 (12) in section 4882, by striking “the Presi-
21 dent, through the head of any department,” each
22 place it appears and inserting “the Secretary of De-
23 fense”; and

24 (13) in section 4884, by striking “The Presi-
25 dent” and inserting “The Secretary of Defense”.

1 (14) in section 4231—

2 (A) by striking subsection (a);

3 (B) by redesignating subsections (b) and
4 (c) as subsections (c) and (d), respectively;

5 (C) by inserting before subsection (c), as
6 redesignated by subparagraph (B), the fol-
7 lowing new subsections:

8 “(a) CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN LOW-
9 RATE INITIAL PRODUCTION.—(1) The number of low-rate
10 initial production lots associated with a major defense ac-
11 quisition program may not be more than one if—

12 “(A) the milestone decision authority author-
13 ized the use of a fixed-price type contract at the
14 time of Milestone B approval; and

15 “(B) the scope of the work covered by the fixed-
16 price type contract includes the development and the
17 low-rate initial production of items for the major de-
18 fense acquisition program.

19 “(2) The acquisition executive of the applicable serv-
20 ice, or a designee of the executive, may waive the limita-
21 tion under paragraph (1) if—

22 “(A) the waiver authority is not delegated to
23 the contracting officer; and

24 “(B) written notification of the waiver, which
25 includes the associated rationale, is provided to the

1 congressional defense committees not later than 30
2 days after the date on which the waiver is issued.

3 “(b) CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN SHIP-
4 BUILDING CONTRACTS.—(1) With respect to a fixed-price
5 type contract for the procurement of shipbuilding associ-
6 ated with a major defense acquisition program, the num-
7 ber of ships to be procured under the contract, including
8 all options, may not be more than two ships if the scope
9 of the work covered by the contract includes the detail de-
10 sign for the ship and the construction of items for the
11 launch and eventual delivery of the completed ship.

12 “(2) The Secretary concerned may waive the limita-
13 tion under paragraph (1) if, not later than 30 days after
14 the date on which the waiver is issued, the Secretary sub-
15 mits to the congressional defense committees a written no-
16 tification of the waiver that includes a certification that
17 the basic and functional design of any ship to be procured
18 under the contract described in paragraph (1) is com-
19 plete.”; and

20 (D) by adding at the end the following new
21 subsection:

22 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 “(1) The term ‘basic and functional design’ has
24 the meaning given such term in section 8669c of
25 this title.

1 “(2) The term ‘construction’ means steel cut-
2 ting, module fabrication, assembly, outfitting, keel
3 laying, and module erection.

4 “(3) The term ‘detail design’ means design
5 using computer-aided modeling to enable the genera-
6 tion of work instructions that show detailed system
7 information and support construction, including—

8 “(A) guidance for subcontractors and sup-
9 pliers;

10 “(B) installation drawings;

11 “(C) schedules;

12 “(D) material lists; and

13 “(E) lists of prefabricated materials and
14 parts.

15 “(4) The term ‘major defense acquisition pro-
16 gram’ has the meaning given such term in section
17 4201 of this title.

18 “(5) The term ‘Milestone B approval’ has the
19 meaning given such term in section 4172 of this
20 title.

21 “(6) The term ‘milestone decision authority’
22 has the meaning given such term in section 4211 of
23 this title.”.

24 (b) MODIFICATIONS TO NATIONAL DEFENSE AU-
25 THORIZATION ACTS.—

(1) JOHN S. MCCAIN NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019.—Section 890 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3701) is amended—

(A) in the heading, by striking “**PILOT**”;

(B) by striking “pilot” each place it appears;

(C) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “minimal reporting” and inserting “no unique reporting”; and

(D) by striking subsections (c) and (d).

(2) SERVICEMEMBER QUALITY OF LIFE IMPROVEMENT AND NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.—Section 864(d) of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) is amended—

(A) in the subsection heading, by striking “CAPACITY-BASED” and inserting “CAPABILITY-BASED”; and

(B) in paragraph (4), by striking “increased capacity” and inserting “increased capability”.

1 **SEC. 872. MINIMUM PRODUCTION LEVELS FOR MUNITIONS.**

2 Section 222c of title 10, United States Code, is
3 amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
5 following new paragraph:

6 “(3) The minimum production levels.”;

7 (2) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
8 section (g); and

9 (3) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
10 lowing new subsection:

11 “(f) MINIMUM PRODUCTION LEVELS.—(1) The Sec-
12 retary of Defense, in coordination with the Under Sec-
13 retary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment and the
14 chiefs of staff of the armed forces, shall annually deter-
15 mine the minimum production level for each variant of
16 munitions required to meet the Out-Year Unconstrained
17 Total Munitions Requirement reported under subsection
18 (a)(1).

19 “(2) The minimum production level for each munition
20 shall be calculated based on the Total Out-Year Uncon-
21 strained Total Munitions Requirement, as specified in sub-
22 section (c)(6), and shall account for the following:

23 “(A) The inventory objective requirements for
24 each category listed in paragraphs (1) through (5)
25 of subsection (c) and paragraph (8) of such sub-
26 section.

1 “(B) The out-year worldwide inventory reported
2 under subsection (c)(7).

3 “(C) The time required to meet the Out-Year
4 Unconstrained Total Munitions Requirement, as re-
5 ported pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-
6 section (e).

7 “(3) The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the
8 minimum production levels determined under this sub-
9 section are incorporated into the planning, programming,
10 budgeting, and execution process of the Department of
11 Defense to align munitions procurement with the Out-
12 Year Unconstrained Total Munitions Requirement.”.

13 **SEC. 873. PROCESSES FOR INCENTIVIZING CONTRACTOR**
14 **EXPANSION OF SOURCES OF SUPPLY.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—For critical readiness parts and
16 systems, the Secretary of Defense shall enhance military
17 readiness by incentivizing the design activity to expand
18 sources of supply for critical readiness parts and systems,
19 through expedited qualification processes, advanced manu-
20 facturing techniques, and risk-informed certification.

21 (b) CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPPLIER
22 DIVERSIFICATION.—

23 (1) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense
24 shall ensure that all new or modified contracts with
25 a prime contractor shall include contracting incen-

1 tives to expand sources of supply with each design
2 activity at any tier of the supply chain for systems
3 with critical readiness parts and systems.

4 (2) MANDATORY AMSC RECLASSIFICATION.—

5 For any identified critical readiness part or system,
6 the design activity shall, not later than 60 days after
7 notification by the Department of Defense, conduct
8 a review and propose reclassification of the Acquisi-
9 tion Method Suffix Code (AMSC) to reduce sole-
10 source dependency for any part or system with a
11 lead time greater than, unless the Secretary of De-
12 fense grants a waiver based on national security or
13 operational necessity.

14 (3) IMPLEMENTATION.—The design activity

15 shall submit supplier diversification plans not later
16 than 90 days after contract award, detailing pro-
17 posed supplier qualifications and projected benefits.

18 (4) ENFORCEMENT.—Noncompliance shall re-

19 sult in corrective action requests, reduced contractor
20 performance ratings, or contract termination.

21 (c) EXPEDITED QUALIFICATION.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense

23 shall expedite qualification procedures for critical
24 readiness parts and systems in collaboration with

1 the design activity at any tier of the contract supply
2 chain.

3 (2) DELEGATION.—The Secretary of Defense
4 may delegate authority to designated engineering
5 representatives (DERs) of the Federal Aviation Ad-
6 ministration or equivalent third-party certified engi-
7 neers for specific tasks for parts approved through
8 the Federal Aviation Administration’s Parts Manu-
9 facturer Approval (PMA) processes.

10 (d) ENHANCED USE OF SIMULATION FOR CERTIFI-
11 CATION.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
13 shall mandate the use of simulation-based
14 verification for certifying critical readiness parts and
15 systems, reducing reliance on physical testing for
16 non-safety critical items, or non-mission critical
17 items, as those terms are defined in section 865 of
18 the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and
19 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
20 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 4811 note).

21 (2) SUBMISSION OF SIMULATION-BASED EVI-
22 DENCE.—Design activities or DERs shall submit to
23 the Department upon request simulation-based evi-
24 dence, such as structural/strength analysis reports
25 and fault trees.

1 (3) ACCEPTANCE OF SIMULATION-BASED EVI-
2 DENCE.—Engineering Support Activities (ESAs)
3 shall accept simulation data as primary evidence for
4 non-safety critical items, or non-mission critical
5 items, with conditional approvals issued within 14
6 days for critical readiness parts and systems.

7 (4) SIMULATION VALIDATION FRAMEWORK.—
8 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
9 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall es-
10 tablish a Department-wide simulation validation
11 framework incorporating third-party lab testing.

12 (e) DATA RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT AND REVERSE EN-
13 GINEERING.—If a design activity is unwilling or unable
14 to initiate expedited qualification or source alternative
15 suppliers for critical readiness parts and systems within
16 30 days of notification, the Secretary of Defense shall—

17 (1) review and enforce government access to
18 technical data deliverables to enable alternative
19 sourcing under subchapter I of chapter 275 of title
20 10, United States Code; or

21 (2) initiate reverse engineering to qualify new
22 suppliers using the pilot program established under
23 section 882 of the Servicemember Quality of Life
24 Improvement and National Defense Authorization

1 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10
2 U.S.C. 3771 note).

3 (f) REPORT.—Not later than December 31, 2027, the
4 Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional de-
5 fense committees report detailing—

6 (1) the number of critical readiness parts and
7 systems addressed through AMSC reclassification,
8 supplier diversification, and reverse engineering;

9 (2) the implementation status of expedited tem-
10 plates, simulation use, and fast-track processes;

11 (3) compliance by design activities, including
12 enforcement actions and data rights disputes; and

13 (4) the impact on critical readiness parts and
14 system resolution times and readiness metrics.

15 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) The term “critical readiness parts and sys-
17 tems” has the meaning given the term in section
18 4324 of title 10, United States Code.

19 (2) The term “design activity” has the meaning
20 given the term in Revision C to Military Standard
21 31000 (MIL–STD–31000C), entitled “Technical
22 Data Packages”, or successor document.

1 **SEC. 874. DUTY-FREE ENTRY OF SUPPLIES PROCURED BY**
2 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

3 (a) ISSUANCE OF DUTY-FREE ENTRY CERTIFI-
4 CATES.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by para-
6 graph (2), the Secretary of Defense shall issue a
7 duty-free entry certificate for any of the following
8 supplies imported pursuant to a procurement con-
9 tract entered into by the Department of Defense:

10 (A) An end product or component im-
11 ported from a country with which the United
12 States has a memorandum of understanding for
13 reciprocal procurement of defense items in ef-
14 fect under section 4851 of title 10, United
15 States Code.

16 (B) A defense item that is an eligible prod-
17 uct as defined in section 308 of the Trade
18 Agreements Act of 1979 (19 U.S.C. 2518).

19 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—Paragraph (1) does not
20 apply with respect to a product or component de-
21 scribed in that paragraph if—

22 (A) the product or component is eligible
23 for duty-free treatment under the column 1 spe-
24 cial rate of duty column of the Harmonized
25 Tariff Schedule of the United States; or

1 (B) the product or component has already
2 entered the customs territory of the United
3 States and the contractor already has paid the
4 duty with respect to the product or component.

5 (b) TRACKING OF SUPPLY CHAIN.—The Secretary
6 shall—

7 (1) track the impact of economic fluctuations,
8 include tariffs, supply chain disruptions and infla-
9 tion, on all major prime contracts entered into by
10 the Department of Defense; and

11 (2) not later than January 30, 2026, submit to
12 the congressional defense committees a report that
13 includes—

14 (A) an assessment of cost increases to both
15 the Department and contractors as a result of
16 tariffs imposed under the International Emer-
17 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et
18 seq.) and section 232 of the Trade Expansion
19 Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1862);

20 (B) an assessment of the effects of such
21 tariffs on supply chains and lead times for
22 major defense platforms; and

23 (C) a summary of agreements entered into
24 under section 4851 of title 10, United States

1 Code, and an assessment of the application of
2 those agreements to the defense supply chain.

3 (c) REPORT ON DUTY-FREE ENTRY CERTIFI-
4 CATES.—Not later than January 30, 2026, and annually
5 thereafter until January 30, 2030, the Secretary, acting
6 through the Director of the Defense Contract Manage-
7 ment Agency, shall submit to the congressional defense
8 committees a report on articles classified under sub-
9 heading 9808.00.30 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of
10 the United States that includes—

11 (1) a summary of such articles for which the
12 Secretary issued a duty-free entry certificate; and

13 (2) a summary of such articles for which a
14 duty-free entry certificate was requested and denied.

15 **SEC. 875. OTHER TRANSACTION AUTHORITY REPORTING.**

16 Any project carried out by the Department of De-
17 fense using other transaction authority under section 4021
18 of title 10, United States Code, shall be reported in the
19 same manner as other Department of Defense expendi-
20 tures for inclusion in the searchable public website estab-
21 lished by the Federal Funding Accountability and Trans-
22 parency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note; Public Law
23 109–282).

1 **SEC. 876. ASSESSMENT OF COMPETITIVE EFFECTS OF DE-**
2 **FENSE CONTRACTOR TRANSACTIONS.**

3 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Depart-
4 ment” means the Department of Defense.

5 (b) RETROSPECTIVE REVIEWS OF APPROVED MERG-
6 ERS.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall
7 conduct an assessment of the competitive effects of de-
8 fense contractor mergers and acquisitions during the 10-
9 year period ending on the date of enactment of this Act
10 that includes—

11 (1) company compliance with recommended
12 remedies;

13 (2) effectiveness of remedies to address com-
14 petition concerns, industrial base sustainability, and
15 national security risks raised by the Department of
16 Justice, Federal Trade Commission, and Depart-
17 ment in the merger review process;

18 (3) information sharing between the Depart-
19 ment of Justice, Federal Trade Commission, and the
20 Department in the merger and acquisition review
21 process;

22 (4) Department processes for measuring the
23 impacts of vertical integration on competition, in-
24 cluding data collection and ability to access industry
25 information to assess anticompetitive practices; and

(5) implementation of previous Government Accountability Office, Department, and Defense Science Board recommendations to enhance competition.

SEC. 877. EVALUATION OF TP-LINK TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR DESIGNATION AS COVERED TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES.

(a) EVALUATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense shall evaluate telecommunications equipment and services manufactured or provided by TP-Link Technologies Co., Ltd. and its subsidiaries to determine whether such equipment and services should be designated as covered telecommunications equipment or services under section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 41 U.S.C. 3901 note prec.).

(b) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than December 1, 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall brief the congressional defense committees on the determination made under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 878. COUNTRY-OF-ORIGIN DISCLOSURE REQUIRE-**
2 **MENTS FOR GENERIC DRUGS PURCHASED BY**
3 **THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

4 The Department of Defense may not procure for re-
5 sale any generic drug unless the seller of such generic drug
6 discloses the country the generic drug was manufactured
7 in and the country of origin for all active pharmaceutical
8 ingredients and key starting materials.

9 **SEC. 879. PHASE-OUT OF COMPUTER AND PRINTER ACQUI-**
10 **SITIONS INVOLVING ENTITIES OWNED OR**
11 **CONTROLLED BY CHINA.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may not
13 directly or indirectly acquire any computer or printer if
14 the manufacturer is a covered Chinese entity.

15 (b) PROHIBITION ON INDIRECT SALES.—The Sec-
16 retary of Defense shall ensure that the prohibition under
17 subsection (a) also applies to indirect sales through ex-
18 empt subsidiaries. No covered entity may use an exempt
19 subsidiary to circumvent the prohibition on the acquisition
20 of computers, unified communication devices, or printers.

21 (c) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply only
22 with respect to contracts or other agreements entered into,
23 renewed, or extended in accordance with the percentage
24 thresholds specified in subsection (d), for end user com-
25 puting devices such as laptops, desktops, and other phys-
26 ical computing equipment. This section shall not apply to

1 contracts or other agreements for cloud-based services, in-
2 cluding virtual desktops, or cellular telephones.

3 (d) REQUIRED PERCENTAGES.—The percentage
4 thresholds referred to in subsection (c) are, for both com-
5 puters and printers, as follows:

6 (1) Not less than 10 percent of the Depart-
7 ment’s total procurement beginning in fiscal year
8 2026.

9 (2) Not less than 25 percent of the Depart-
10 ment’s total procurement beginning in fiscal year
11 2027.

12 (3) Not less than 50 percent of the Depart-
13 ment’s total procurement beginning in fiscal year
14 2028.

15 (4) 100 percent of the Department’s total pro-
16 curement beginning in fiscal year 2029.

17 (e) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may allow
18 acquisition of items not for operational use, to conduct
19 testing, evaluation, exfiltration, and reverse engineering
20 missions on adversarial products and capabilities.

21 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) COMPUTER.—The term “computer”—

23 (A) means an electronic, magnetic, optical,
24 electrochemical, or other high speed data proc-
25 essing device performing logical, arithmetic, or

1 storage functions, and includes any data stor-
2 age facility or communications facility directly
3 related to or operating in conjunction with such
4 device; and

5 (B) does not include an automated type-
6 writer or typesetter, a portable handheld calcu-
7 lator, or other similar device.

8 (2) COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—The term “coun-
9 try of concern” means the Government of the Peo-
10 ple’s Republic of China.

11 (3) COVERED CHINESE ENTITY.—The term
12 “covered Chinese entity” means an entity that the
13 Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Direc-
14 tor of the National Intelligence or the Director of
15 the Federal Bureau of Investigation, determines to
16 be—

17 (A) an entity whose ultimate parent com-
18 pany is domiciled in the People’s Republic of
19 China and therefore required to comply with
20 China’s 2015 National Security Law, China’s
21 2017 National Intelligence Law, and other Chi-
22 nese laws that require such ultimate parent
23 company to cooperate with Chinese national de-
24 fense and national intelligence agencies; or

1 (B) an entity or parent company of any
2 entity in which a country of concern has an
3 ownership stake.

4 (4) MANUFACTURER.—The term “manufac-
5 turer” means—

6 (A) the entity that transforms raw mate-
7 rials, miscellaneous parts, or components into
8 the end item;

9 (B) any entity that subcontracts with the
10 entity described in subparagraph (A) for the en-
11 tity described in such subparagraph to trans-
12 form raw materials, miscellaneous parts, or
13 components into the end item;

14 (C) any entity that otherwise directs the
15 entity described in subparagraph (A) to trans-
16 form raw materials, miscellaneous parts, or
17 components into the end item; or

18 (D) any parent company, subsidiary, or af-
19 filiate of the entity described in subparagraph
20 (A).

21 (5) PRINTER.—The term “printer”—

22 (A) means desktop printers, multifunction
23 printer copiers, and printer/fax combinations
24 taken out of service that may or may not be de-
25 signed to reside on a work surface, and include

various print technologies, including laser and light-emitting diode (electrographic), ink jet, dot matrix, thermal, and digital sublimation, and “multi-function” or “all-in-one” devices that perform different tasks, including copying, scanning, faxing, and printing;

(B) includes floor-standing printers, printers with optional floor stand, or household printers; and

(C) does not include point of sale (POS) receipt printers, calculators with printing capabilities, label makers, or non-standalone printers that are embedded into products that are not covered by the definition in subparagraphs (A) and (B).

SEC. 880. PROHIBITION ON OPERATION, PROCUREMENT, AND CONTRACTING RELATED TO FOREIGN-MADE ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING MACHINES.

(a) PROHIBITION ON AGENCY OPERATION OR PROCUREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense may not operate, or enter into or renew a contract for the procurement of—

(1) a covered additive manufacturing machine that—

1 (A) is manufactured in a covered foreign
2 country or by an entity domiciled in a covered
3 foreign country;

4 (B) uses operating software developed in a
5 covered foreign country or by an entity domi-
6 ciled in a covered foreign country; or

7 (C) uses network connectivity or data stor-
8 age located in or administered by an entity
9 domiciled in a covered foreign country; or

10 (2) a system or systems that incorporates,
11 interfaces with, or otherwise uses additive manufac-
12 turing systems or machines described in paragraph
13 (1).

14 (b) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition under subsection
15 (a) does not apply to the operation or procurement of ad-
16 ditive manufacturing systems or machines for the pur-
17 poses of testing, analysis, and training related to intel-
18 ligence, electronic warfare, and information warfare oper-
19 ations.

20 (c) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive
21 the prohibition under subsection (a) on a case-by-case
22 basis by certifying in writing to the congressional defense
23 committees that the operation or procurement of additive
24 manufacturing systems or machines is required in the na-
25 tional interest of the United States.

1 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING MACHINE.—

3 The term “additive manufacturing machine” means
4 a system of integrated hardware and software used
5 to realize an additive manufacturing process, includ-
6 ing the deposition of material and the associated
7 post-processing steps as applicable.

8 (2) ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING PROCESS.—The
9 term “additive manufacturing process” means a
10 process of joining materials to make parts from 3D
11 model data, usually layer upon layer, as opposed to
12 subtractive manufacturing methodologies.

13 (3) COVERED ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING COM-
14 PANY.—The term “covered additive manufacturing
15 company” means any of the following:

16 (A) Any entity that produces or provides
17 additive manufacturing machines and is in-
18 cluded on—

19 (i) the Consolidated Screening List
20 maintained by the International Trade Ad-
21 ministration of the Department of Com-
22 merce; or

23 (ii) the civil-military fusion list main-
24 tained under section 1260H of the William
25 M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense

1 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
2 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 113
3 note).

4 (B) Any entity that produces or provides
5 additive manufacturing machines and—

6 (i) is domiciled in a covered foreign
7 country; or

8 (ii) is subject to unmitigated foreign
9 ownership, control, or influence by a cov-
10 ered foreign country, as determined by the
11 Secretary of Defense in accordance with
12 the National Industrial Security Program
13 or any successor to such program.

14 (4) COVERED ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING MA-
15 CHINE.—The term “covered additive manufacturing
16 machine” means additive manufacturing machines
17 and any related services and equipment manufac-
18 tured by a covered additive manufacturing company.

19 (5) COVERED FOREIGN COUNTRY.—The term
20 “covered foreign country” means the People’s Re-
21 public of China, Iran, the Democratic People’s Re-
22 public of Korea, and the Russian Federation.

1 **SEC. 881. PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH CERTAIN**
2 **BIOTECHNOLOGY PROVIDERS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The head of an executive agency
4 may not—

5 (1) procure or obtain any biotechnology equip-
6 ment or service produced or provided by a bio-
7 technology company of concern; or

8 (2) enter into a contract or extend or renew a
9 contract with any entity that—

10 (A) uses biotechnology equipment or serv-
11 ices produced or provided by a biotechnology
12 company of concern and acquired after the ap-
13 plicable effective date in subsection (c) in per-
14 formance of the contract with the executive
15 agency; or

16 (B) enters into any contract the perform-
17 ance of which such entity knows or has reason
18 to believe will require, in performance of the
19 contract with the executive agency, the use of
20 biotechnology equipment or services produced or
21 provided by a biotechnology company of concern
22 and acquired after the applicable effective date
23 in subsection (c).

24 (b) PROHIBITION ON LOAN AND GRANT FUNDS.—
25 The head of an executive agency may not obligate or ex-

1 pend loan or grant funds to, and a loan or grant recipient
 2 may not use loan or grant funds to—

3 (1) procure, obtain, or use any biotechnology
 4 equipment or services produced or provided by a bio-
 5 technology company of concern; or

6 (2) enter into a contract or extend or renew a
 7 contract with an entity described in subsection
 8 (a)(2).

9 (c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

10 (1) CERTAIN ENTITIES.—With respect to the
 11 biotechnology companies of concern covered by sub-
 12 section (f)(2)(A), the prohibitions under subsections
 13 (a) and (b) shall take effect 60 days after the Fed-
 14 eral Acquisition Regulation is revised pursuant to
 15 subsection (h).

16 (2) OTHER ENTITIES.—With respect to the bio-
 17 technology companies of concern covered by sub-
 18 section (f)(2)(B), the prohibitions under subsections
 19 (a) and (b) shall take effect 180 days after the Fed-
 20 eral Acquisition Regulation is revised pursuant to
 21 subsection (h).

22 (3) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

23 (A) EXCLUSIONS.—Prior to the date that
 24 is 5 years after a revision to the Federal Acqui-
 25 sition Regulation pursuant to subsection (h)

that identifies a biotechnology company of concern covered by subsection (f)(2), subsections (a)(2) and (b)(2) shall not apply to biotechnology equipment or services produced or provided under a contract or agreement, including previously negotiated contract options, entered into before the effective date under paragraph (2).

(B) SAFE HARBOR.—The term “biotechnology equipment or services produced or provided by a biotechnology company of concern” shall not be construed to refer to any biotechnology equipment or services that were formerly, but are no longer, produced or provided by biotechnology companies of concern.

(d) WAIVER AUTHORITIES.—

(1) SPECIFIC BIOTECHNOLOGY EXCEPTION.—

(A) WAIVER.—The head of the applicable executive agency may waive the prohibition under subsections (a) and (b) on a case-by-case basis—

(i) with the approval of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense; and

1 (ii) if such head submits a notification
2 and justification to the appropriate con-
3 gressional committees not later than 30
4 days after granting such waiver.

5 (B) DURATION.—

6 (i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided
7 in clause (ii), a waiver granted under sub-
8 paragraph (A) shall last for a period of not
9 more than 365 days.

10 (ii) EXTENSION.—The head of the ap-
11 plicable executive agency, with the ap-
12 proval of the Director of the Office of
13 Management and Budget, and in coordina-
14 tion with the Secretary of Defense, may
15 extend a waiver granted under subpara-
16 graph (A) one time, for a period up to 180
17 days after the date on which the waiver
18 would otherwise expire, if such an exten-
19 sion is in the national security interests of
20 the United States and if such head sub-
21 mits a notification and justification to the
22 appropriate congressional committees not
23 later than 10 days after granting such
24 waiver extension.

1 (2) OVERSEAS HEALTH CARE SERVICES.—The
2 head of an executive agency may waive the prohibi-
3 tions under subsections (a) and (b) with respect to
4 a contract, subcontract, or transaction for the acqui-
5 sition or provision of health care services overseas on
6 a case-by-case basis—

7 (A) if the head of such executive agency
8 determines that the waiver is—

9 (i) necessary to support the mission or
10 activities of the employees of such execu-
11 tive agency described in subsection
12 (e)(2)(A); and

13 (ii) in the interest of the United
14 States;

15 (B) with the approval of the Director of
16 the Office of Management and Budget, in con-
17 sultation with the Secretary of Defense; and

18 (C) if such head submits a notification and
19 justification to the appropriate congressional
20 committees not later than 30 days after grant-
21 ing such waiver.

22 (e) EXCEPTIONS.—The prohibitions under sub-
23 sections (a) and (b) shall not apply to—

24 (1) any activity subject to the reporting require-
25 ments under title V of the National Security Act of

1 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.) or any authorized in-
2 telligence activities of the United States;

3 (2) the acquisition or provision of health care
4 services overseas for—

5 (A) employees of the United States, includ-
6 ing members of the uniformed services (as de-
7 fined in section 101(a) of title 10, United
8 States Code), whose official duty stations are
9 located overseas or are on permissive temporary
10 duty travel overseas; or

11 (B) employees of contractors or sub-
12 contractors of the United States—

13 (i) who are performing under a con-
14 tract that directly supports the missions or
15 activities of individuals described in sub-
16 paragraph (A); and

17 (ii) whose primary duty stations are
18 located overseas or are on permissive tem-
19 porary duty travel overseas;

20 (3) the acquisition, use, or distribution of
21 human multiomic data, lawfully compiled, that is
22 commercially or publicly available; or

23 (4) the procurement of medical counter-
24 measures, medical products, and related supplies, in-
25 cluding ancillary medical supplies, in direct response

1 to a public health emergency declared pursuant to
2 section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42
3 U.S.C. 247d).

4 (f) EVALUATION OF CERTAIN BIOTECHNOLOGY EN-
5 TITIES.—

6 (1) ENTITY CONSIDERATION.—Not later than
7 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
8 the Director of the Office of Management and Budg-
9 et shall publish a list of the entities that constitute
10 biotechnology companies of concern based on a list
11 of suggested entities that shall be provided by the
12 Secretary of Defense in coordination with the Attor-
13 ney General, the Secretary of Health and Human
14 Services, the Secretary of Commerce, the Director of
15 National Intelligence, the Secretary of Homeland Se-
16 curity, the Secretary of State, and the National
17 Cyber Director.

18 (2) BIOTECHNOLOGY COMPANIES OF CONCERN
19 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “biotechnology
20 company of concern” means—

21 (A) an entity that is identified in the an-
22 nual list published in the Federal Register by
23 the Department of Defense of Chinese military
24 companies operating in the United States pur-
25 suant to section 1260H of the William M.

(Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3965; 10 U.S.C. 113 note);

(B) any entity that is determined by the process established in paragraph (1) to meet the following criteria—

(i) is subject to the administrative governance structure, direction, control, or operates on behalf of the government of a foreign adversary;

(ii) is to any extent involved in the manufacturing, distribution, provision, or procurement of a biotechnology equipment or service; and

(iii) poses a risk to the national security of the United States based on—

(I) engaging in joint research with, being supported by, or being affiliated with a foreign adversary’s military, internal security forces, or intelligence agencies;

(II) providing multiomic data obtained via biotechnology equipment or services to the government of a foreign adversary; or

1 (III) obtaining human multiomic
2 data via the biotechnology equipment
3 or services without express and in-
4 formed consent; and

5 (C) any subsidiary, parent, affiliate, or
6 successor of an entity described in subpara-
7 graphs (A) or (B), provided it meets the criteria
8 set forth in subparagraph (B)(i).

9 (3) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after
10 publication of the list pursuant to paragraph (1),
11 and any update to the list pursuant to paragraph
12 (4), the Director of the Office of Management and
13 Budget, in coordination with the Secretary of De-
14 fense, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Health
15 and Human Services, the Secretary of Commerce,
16 the Director of National Intelligence, the Secretary
17 of Homeland Security, the Secretary of State, and
18 the National Cyber Director, shall establish guidance
19 as necessary to implement the requirements of this
20 section.

21 (4) UPDATES.—The Director of the Office of
22 Management and Budget, in coordination with or
23 based on a recommendation provided by the Sec-
24 retary of Defense, the Attorney General, the Sec-
25 retary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary

1 of Commerce, the Director of National Intelligence,
2 the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary
3 of State, and the National Cyber Director, shall pe-
4 riodically, though not less than annually, review and,
5 as appropriate, modify the list of biotechnology com-
6 panies of concern, and notify the appropriate con-
7 gressional committees of any such modifications.

8 (5) NOTICE OF A DESIGNATION AND REVIEW.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—A notice of a designa-
10 tion as a biotechnology company of concern
11 under paragraph (2)(B) shall be issued to any
12 biotechnology company of concern named in the
13 designation—

14 (i) advising that a designation has
15 been made;

16 (ii) identifying the criteria relied upon
17 under such subparagraph and, to the ex-
18 tent consistent with national security and
19 law enforcement interests, the information
20 that formed the basis for the designation;

21 (iii) advising that, within 90 days
22 after receipt of notice, the biotechnology
23 company of concern may submit informa-
24 tion and arguments in opposition to the
25 designation;

1 (iv) describing the procedures gov-
2 erning the review and possible issuance of
3 a designation pursuant to paragraph (1);
4 and

5 (v) where practicable, identifying miti-
6 gation steps that could be taken by the
7 biotechnology company of concern that
8 may result in the rescission of the designa-
9 tion.

10 (B) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION RE-
11 QUIREMENTS.—

12 (i) NOTICE OF DESIGNATION.—The
13 Director of the Office of Management and
14 Budget shall submit the notice required
15 under subparagraph (A) to the Committee
16 on Homeland Security and Governmental
17 Affairs of the Senate and the Committee
18 on Oversight and Government Reform of
19 the House of Representatives.

20 (ii) INFORMATION AND ARGUMENT IN
21 OPPOSITION TO DESIGNATIONS.—Not later
22 than 7 days after receiving any informa-
23 tion and arguments in opposition to a des-
24 ignation pursuant to subparagraph (A)(iii),
25 the Director of the Office of Management

1 and Budget shall submit such information
2 to the Committee on Homeland Security
3 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate
4 and the Committee on Oversight and Gov-
5 ernment Reform of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives.

7 (6) NO IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE.—Any
8 designation made under paragraph (1) or paragraph
9 (4) shall not be made publicly available until the Di-
10 rector of the Office of Management and Budget, in
11 coordination with appropriate agencies, reviews all
12 information submitted under paragraph (5)(A)(iii)
13 and issues a final determination that a company
14 shall remain listed as a biotechnology company of
15 concern.

16 (g) EVALUATION OF NATIONAL SECURITY RISKS
17 POSED BY FOREIGN ADVERSARY ACQUISITION OF AMER-
18 ICAN MULTIOMIC DATA.—

19 (1) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 270 days
20 after the enactment of this Act, the Director of Na-
21 tional Intelligence, in consultation with the Secretary
22 of Defense, the Attorney General of the United
23 States, the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
24 ices, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of
25 Homeland Security, the Secretary of State, and the

1 National Cyber Director, shall complete an assess-
2 ment of risks to national security posed by human
3 multiomic data from United States citizens that is
4 collected or stored by a foreign adversary from the
5 provision of biotechnology equipment or services.

6 (2) REPORT REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 30
7 days after the completion of the assessment devel-
8 oped under paragraph (1), the Director of National
9 Intelligence shall submit a report with such assess-
10 ment to the appropriate congressional committees.

11 (3) FORM.—The report required under para-
12 graph (2) shall be in unclassified form, but may in-
13 clude a classified annex.

14 (h) REGULATIONS.—Not later than one year after
15 the date of establishment of guidance required under sub-
16 section (f)(3), and as necessary for subsequent updates,
17 the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council shall revise
18 the Federal Acquisition Regulation as necessary to imple-
19 ment the requirements of this section.

20 (i) REPORTING ON INTELLIGENCE ON NEFARIOUS
21 ACTIVITIES OF BIOTECHNOLOGY COMPANIES WITH
22 HUMAN MULTIOMIC DATA.—Not later than 180 days
23 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
24 thereafter, the Director of National Intelligence, in con-
25 sultation with the heads of executive agencies, shall submit

1 to the appropriate congressional committees a report on
2 any intelligence in possession of such agencies related to
3 nefarious activities conducted by biotechnology companies
4 with human multiomic data. The report shall include in-
5 formation pertaining to potential threats to national secu-
6 rity or public safety from the selling, reselling, licensing,
7 trading, transferring, sharing, or otherwise providing or
8 making available to any foreign country of any forms of
9 multiomic data of a United States citizen.

10 (j) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—No additional funds
11 are authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of car-
12 rying out this section.

13 (k) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
15 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
16 mittees” means—

17 (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the
18 Select Committee on Intelligence, the Com-
19 mittee on Homeland Security and Govern-
20 mental Affairs, the Committee on Health, Edu-
21 cation, Labor, and Pensions, and the Com-
22 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

23 (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the
24 Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,
25 the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Com-

mittee on Oversight and Government Reform,
the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and
the Select Committee on Strategic Competition
between the United States and the Chinese
Communist Party of the House of Representa-
tives.

(2) BIOTECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT OR SERV-
ICE.—The term “biotechnology equipment or serv-
ice” means—

(A) equipment, including genetic sequenc-
ers, or any other instrument, apparatus, ma-
chine, or device, including components and ac-
cessories thereof, that is designed for use in the
research, development, production, or analysis
of biological materials as well as any software,
firmware, or other digital components that are
specifically designed for use in, and necessary
for the operation of, such equipment;

(B) any service for the research, develop-
ment, production, analysis, detection, or provi-
sion of information, including data storage and
transmission related to biological materials, in-
cluding—

(i) advising, consulting, or support
services with respect to the use or imple-

1 mentation of an instrument, apparatus,
2 machine, or device described in subpara-
3 graph (A); and

4 (ii) disease detection, genealogical in-
5 formation, and related services; and

6 (C) any other service, instrument, appa-
7 ratus, machine, component, accessory, device,
8 software, or firmware that is designed for use
9 in the research, development, production, or
10 analysis of biological materials that the Direc-
11 tor of the Office of Management and Budget, in
12 consultation with the heads of executive agen-
13 cies, as determined appropriate by the Director
14 of the Office of Management and Budget, de-
15 termines appropriate in the interest of national
16 security.

17 (3) CONTRACT.—Except as the term is used
18 under subsection (b)(2) and subsection (c)(3), the
19 term “contract” means any contract subject to the
20 Federal Acquisition Regulation issued under section
21 1303(a)(1) of title 41, United States Code.

22 (4) CONTROL.—The term “control” has the
23 meaning given to that term in section 800.208 of
24 title 31, Code of Federal Regulations, or any suc-
25 cessor regulations.

1 (5) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive
2 agency” has the meaning given the term “Executive
3 agency” in section 105 of title 5, United States
4 Code.

5 (6) FOREIGN ADVERSARY.—The term “foreign
6 adversary” has the meaning given the term “covered
7 nation” in section 4872(f) of title 10, United States
8 Code.

9 (7) MULTIOMIC.—The term “multiomic” means
10 data types that include genomics, epigenomics,
11 transcriptomics, proteomics, and metabolomics.

12 (8) OVERSEAS.—The term “overseas” means
13 any area outside of the United States, the Common-
14 wealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory or possession
15 of the United States.

16 **SEC. 882. SKYFOUNDRY PROGRAM.**

17 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

18 (1) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
19 Defense shall establish a program to encourage the
20 rapid development, testing, and scalable manufac-
21 turing of small unmanned aircraft systems and com-
22 ponents, with potential expansion to associated
23 energetics and other autonomous systems as deter-
24 mined by the Secretary, leveraging existing com-

1 petencies within the commercial sector and the De-
2 partment of Defense organic industrial base.

3 (2) DESIGNATION.—The program established
4 pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be known as the
5 “SkyFoundry Program” (in this section the “Pro-
6 gram”).

7 (3) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary of De-
8 fense shall—

9 (A) administer the Program through the
10 Secretary of the Army; and

11 (B) establish the Program as part of the
12 Defense Industrial Resilience Consortium.

13 (b) ALTERNATIVE ACQUISITION MECHANISM.—In
14 carrying out the Program, the Secretary of Defense shall
15 prioritize alternative acquisition mechanisms to accelerate
16 development and production, including—

17 (1) other transaction authority under section
18 4022 of title 10, United States Code;

19 (2) middle tier of acquisition pathway for rapid
20 prototyping and rapid fielding as authorized by sec-
21 tion 3602 of such title; and

22 (3) software acquisition pathway as authorized
23 by section 3603 of such title.

24 (c) COMPONENTS.—The Program shall have two
25 components as follows:

1 (1) INNOVATION FACILITY.—An innovation fa-
2 cility for the development of small unmanned air-
3 craft systems. The facility may be operated by
4 United States Special Operations Command in col-
5 laboration with United States Army Materiel Com-
6 mand, serving as the research, development, and
7 testing hub, integrating lessons learned from global
8 conflicts to rapidly evolve United States small un-
9 manned aircraft systems designs in partnership with
10 contractor entities.

11 (2) PRODUCTION FACILITY.—The Commander
12 of United States Army Materiel Command shall
13 identify a production facility with the competencies
14 for producing various forms of small unmanned air-
15 craft systems and components of small unmanned
16 aircraft systems. The facility shall be operated by
17 United States Army Materiel Command in collabora-
18 tion with industry partners to enable scalable pro-
19 duction as needed.

20 (d) PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP MODEL.—To
21 support the Program, the Secretary may leverage authori-
22 ties, including section 2474 of title 10, United States
23 Code, to foster voluntary public-private partnerships. Such
24 partnerships may include—

1 (1) agreements with private industry, academic
2 institutions, and nonprofit organizations in support
3 of the Program; and

4 (2) innovative arrangements that allow industry
5 partners to utilize government facilities and equip-
6 ment, such as co-located hybrid teams of military,
7 civilian, and contractor personnel, to promote tech-
8 nology transfer, workforce development, and surge
9 capacity.

10 (e) FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the Pro-
12 gram, the Secretary shall prioritize utilizing or modi-
13 fying existing Army Depot facilities and select at
14 least two separate sites for the Program, one to
15 house the innovation facility required by paragraph
16 (1) of subsection (c) and one to house the produc-
17 tion facility required by paragraph (2) of such sub-
18 section.

19 (2) AUTHORITY TO RENOVATE, EXPAND, AND
20 CONSTRUCT.—The Secretary may renovate, expand,
21 or construct facilities for the Program using avail-
22 able funds, notwithstanding chapter 169 of title 10,
23 United States Code.

24 (3) SELECTION OF SITES.—When selecting sites
25 for the Program, the Secretary shall consider that

1 the production facility required by subsection (c)(2)
 2 shall be housed at an existing Army Depot.

3 (f) INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS.—The Sec-
 4 retary shall ensure that any public-private partnership es-
 5 tablished under this section provides the United States de-
 6 livery of technical data and rights in technical data for
 7 any systems or technologies developed under the Program
 8 using Federal Government funding in accordance with sec-
 9 tions 3771 through 3775 of title 10, United States Code.

10 (g) DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT DESIGNATION.—
 11 The President (or the Secretary of Defense under dele-
 12 gated authority) may use authorities under title III of the
 13 Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4531 et seq.)
 14 to support domestic industrial base capacity for small un-
 15 manned aircraft systems and associated energetics and au-
 16 tonomous systems.

17 **TITLE IX—DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
 18 **FENSE ORGANIZATION AND**
 19 **MANAGEMENT**

20 **Subtitle A—Office of the Secretary**
 21 **of Defense and Related Matters**

22 **SEC. 901. ECONOMIC DEFENSE UNIT.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 10, United
 24 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 25 lowing new section:

1 **“§ 149a. Economic Defense Unit**

2 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
3 Department of Defense an Economic Defense Unit (in this
4 section referred to as the ‘Unit’).

5 “(b) DIRECTOR.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The head of the Unit shall
7 be the Director (in this section referred to as the
8 ‘Director’).

9 “(2) APPOINTMENT.—The Director shall be ap-
10 pointed by the Secretary of Defense from among—

11 “(A) employees in Senior Executive Service
12 positions (as defined in section 3132 of title 5);
13 or

14 “(B) individuals from outside the civil
15 service who have successfully held equivalent
16 positions.

17 “(3) AUTHORITY OF DIRECTOR.—The Direc-
18 tor—

19 “(A) shall serve as a principal staff assist-
20 ant to the Secretary of Defense on matters
21 within the responsibilities of the Unit;

22 “(B) shall report directly to the Deputy
23 Secretary of Defense without intervening au-
24 thority; and

25 “(C) may communicate views on matters
26 within the responsibilities of the Unit directly to

1 the Deputy Secretary without obtaining the ap-
2 proval or concurrence of any other official with-
3 in the Department of Defense.

4 “(c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Unit shall be respon-
5 sible for the following:

6 “(1) Coordinating among, and harmonizing eco-
7 nomic competition activities by, components of the
8 Department of Defense, including by serving as a
9 co-chair of the National Defense Economic Competi-
10 tion Research Council.

11 “(2) Developing and maintaining requirements
12 for economic competition activities to reinforce mili-
13 tary advantage, including requirements described in
14 subsection (d).

15 “(3) Developing and maintaining a campaign
16 plan for economic competition activities to reinforce
17 military advantage.

18 “(4) Conducting or sponsoring analyses and
19 other net assessment activities to scope economic
20 competition activities, gaps, needs, or requirements
21 related to activities of the United States, allies of
22 the United States, or adversaries.

23 “(5) Directing the execution of economic com-
24 petition activities.

1 “(6) Developing programming and budget sub-
2 missions for economic competition activities.

3 “(7) Advising the Secretary and the Deputy
4 Secretary with respect to economic competition ac-
5 tivities, including with respect to coordinating inte-
6 gration of economic competition requirements or
7 programs into joint and interagency planning activi-
8 ties.

9 “(8) Acting as the principal interlocutor for
10 interagency activities related to economic competi-
11 tion activities.

12 “(9) Leading outreach of the Department of
13 Defense to relevant private actors engaged in eco-
14 nomic competition activities, including by liaising
15 with private actors under section 1047 of the James
16 M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for
17 Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 10 U.S.C.
18 113 note).

19 “(10) Sponsoring or conducting regular table-
20 top exercises related to economic competition activi-
21 ties in order to—

22 “(A) assess the economic impacts of deci-
23 sions of the Department of Defense during cri-
24 ses and conflicts;

1 “(B) evaluate the economic tools available
2 to the United States Government to augment
3 the capabilities of the Department of Defense in
4 competition, crises, and conflicts; or

5 “(C) evaluate planning scenarios or con-
6 cept development, including to test proposed
7 doctrine, tactics, or other nonmaterial ap-
8 proaches for economic competition activities
9 that might be used by the Department of De-
10 fense.

11 “(11) Selecting economic competition activities
12 projects to be carried out using funds made available
13 to the Unit, allocating funds to organizations to
14 carry out such projects, and monitoring the execu-
15 tion of such projects.

16 “(12) Serving as the co-chair of the National
17 Security Capital Forum.

18 “(13) Carrying out such other activities as the
19 Deputy Secretary of Defense determines appro-
20 priate.

21 “(14) Regularly updating the National Security
22 Council and relevant Federal agencies with respect
23 to the economic competition activities of the Depart-
24 ment of Defense.

25 “(d) ECONOMIC COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The requirements for eco-
2 nomic competition activities developed and main-
3 tained by the Unit under subsection (c)(2) may in-
4 clude requirements for—

5 “(A) access, basing, and overflight;

6 “(B) countering mobilization of adver-
7 saries;

8 “(C) countering defense industrial base ac-
9 tivities by adversaries;

10 “(D) ensuring the access of the United
11 States to critical materials and capabilities; and

12 “(E) such other matters as the Director
13 considers appropriate.

14 “(2) CONSULTATIONS.—In developing require-
15 ments for economic competition activities under sub-
16 section (c)(2), the Director shall consult—

17 “(A) integrated priorities lists from com-
18 batant commanders derived from operational
19 plans or theater campaign plans;

20 “(B) integrated priorities lists of defense
21 industrial base shortfalls or investment opportu-
22 nities; and

23 “(C) the outcomes of experimentation
24 events, science and technology activities, and

1 examinations of issues of economic competition
2 by concept development organizations.

3 “(e) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

4 “(1) QUARTERLY BRIEFINGS.—Not less fre-
5 quently than quarterly, the Director shall provide to
6 the Secretary of Defense and the congressional de-
7 fense committees a briefing on, for the quarter pre-
8 ceding the briefing—

9 “(A) the activities of the Unit;

10 “(B) the outcomes of and advances result-
11 ing from such activities; and

12 “(C) work product of the Unit.

13 “(2) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not less frequently
14 than annually, the Director shall submit to the con-
15 gressional defense committees a report on the mat-
16 ters described in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of
17 paragraph (1) for the year preceding submission of
18 the report.

19 “(f) ECONOMIC COMPETITION ACTIVITIES DE-
20 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘economic competition
21 activities’ means actions that are taken to reinforce mili-
22 tary advantage in and through the economic domain, in-
23 cluding such actions taken—

24 “(1) to leverage private capital and market ac-
25 tors;

1 “(2) to acquire or procure items;

2 “(3) to protect or enhance the economic or
3 technological advantage of the United States or al-
4 lies of the United States;

5 “(4) in the information environment or cyber
6 environment or as other sensitive operations; or

7 “(5) to leverage interagency authorities.”.

8 (b) NATIONAL DEFENSE ECONOMIC COMPETITION
9 RESEARCH COUNCIL.—Section 228(c) of the Servicemem-
10 ber Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense
11 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–
12 159; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note) is amended—

13 (1) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-
14 lows:

15 “(1) CHAIR.—The Director of the Economic
16 Defense Unit shall be the chair of the Council.”; and

17 (2) in paragraph (2)—

18 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
19 through (N) as clauses (i) through (xiv), respec-
20 tively, and by moving such clauses, as so redes-
21 ignated, two ems to the right; and

22 (B) by striking “The co-chairs” and all
23 that follows through “the following:” and in-
24 serting in the following: “The Council shall in-
25 clude the following:

1 “(A) The Under Secretary of Defense for
2 Policy.

3 “(B) The Under Secretary of Defense for
4 Research and Engineering.

5 “(C) The Under Secretary of Defense for
6 Acquisition and Sustainment.

7 “(D) Representatives from each of the fol-
8 lowing:”.

9 (c) NATIONAL SECURITY CAPITAL FORUM.—Section
10 1092(b) of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improve-
11 ment and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
12 Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 149 note) is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 “(b) CO-CHAIRS.—The Director of the Office of Stra-
15 tegic Capital and the Director of the Economic Defense
16 Unit shall serve as co-chairs of the forum established
17 under subsection (a).”.

18 **SEC. 902. ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES FOR OFFICE OF STRA-**
19 **TEGIC CAPITAL.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 149 of title 10, United
21 States Code, is amended—

22 (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
23 section (j); and

24 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
25 lowing new subsections:

1 “(f) FEES.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director may—

3 “(A) charge and collect fees for the costs
4 of services provided by the Office and associ-
5 ated with administering programs under this
6 section, including for project-specific trans-
7 action costs and direct costs relating to such
8 services; and

9 “(B) establish those fees at amounts that
10 will ensure recovery of the full costs of admin-
11 istering those programs.

12 “(2) DEPOSIT INTO CREDIT PROGRAM AC-
13 COUNT.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Amounts collected as
15 fees under paragraph (1) shall—

16 “(i) be deposited into the Credit Pro-
17 gram Account established under subsection
18 (e)(5); and

19 “(ii) remain available until expended.

20 “(B) LIMITATION ON USE OF FEES.—Not-
21 withstanding subsection (e)(5)(B), none of the
22 fees collected under paragraph (1) may be used
23 to pay salaries or expenses of civilian employees
24 of the Department of Defense.

25 “(3) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by subparagraph (B), the authority under paragraph (1) to charge and collect fees shall expire on the date specified in paragraph (9)(A) of subsection (e) for the expiration of the authority of the Director to make new loans and provide new loan guarantees under paragraph (3)(A)(i) of that subsection.

“(B) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN ASSETS.—With respect to a loan or loan guarantee provided under this section that is outstanding as of the expiration date under subparagraph (A), the authority of the Director under paragraph (1) to charge and collect fees for services relating to the loan or loan guarantee shall remain in effect for the duration of the loan or loan guarantee.

“(4) REPORTS REQUIRED.—

“(A) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than March 1 of each year, the Director shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that includes—

“(i) a detailed summary of the fees collected under paragraph (1) in the preceding fiscal year; and

1 “(ii) a description of how those fees
2 were allocated.

3 “(B) AUDIT.—The Inspector General of
4 the Department of Defense shall—

5 “(i) conduct an audit of fees charged
6 and collected under paragraph (1) not less
7 frequently than once every two years; and

8 “(ii) not later than June 1 of the year
9 in which an audit is conducted under
10 clause (i), submit to the congressional de-
11 fense committees a report on the results of
12 the audit.

13 “(g) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT SERVICES.—Notwith-
14 standing section 1342 of title 31, the Director may accept
15 services, such as legal, financial, technical, or professional
16 services, associated with administering programs under
17 this section, including accepting such services as payment
18 in kind for services provided by the Office.

19 “(h) PRESUMPTION OF COMPLIANCE.—Each agree-
20 ment for a loan or loan guarantee executed by the Director
21 shall be conclusively presumed to be issued in compliance
22 with the requirements of this section.

23 “(i) AUTHORITY TO COLLECT DEBTS.—In the case
24 of a default on a loan or loan guarantee provided under

1 this section, the Director may exercise any priority of the
 2 United States in collecting debts relating to the default.”.

3 (b) DETERMINATIONS OF LOAN DEFAULT UNDER
 4 PILOT PROGRAM ON CAPITAL ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT
 5 DEFENSE INVESTMENT IN INDUSTRIAL BASE.—Sub-
 6 section (e)(3)(A)(ii)(VI) of such section is amended by
 7 striking “Secretary” and inserting “Director”.

8 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO CREDIT PROGRAM
 9 ACCOUNT.—Subsection (e)(5)(A)(ii) of such section is
 10 amended—

11 (1) by striking “consist of amounts” and insert-
 12 ing the following: “consist of—

13 “(I) amounts”;

14 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-
 15 ing “; and”; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 17 clause:

18 “(II) fees deposited under subsection
 19 (f)(2).”.

20 **SEC. 903. MODIFICATIONS TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIREC-**
 21 **TOR FOR OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUA-**
 22 **TION.**

23 Section 139(b) of title 10, United States Code is
 24 amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “; and” and
2 inserting a semicolon;

3 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at
4 the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following new
6 paragraph:

7 “(7) maintain, on behalf of the Secretary of De-
8 fense, enabling and cross-cutting activities that sup-
9 port operational test and evaluation across the De-
10 partment, including—

11 “(A) the Cyber Assessment Program;

12 “(B) the Center for Countermeasures;

13 “(C) the Test and Evaluation Threat Re-
14 source Activity;

15 “(D) the Joint Technical Coordinating
16 Group for Munitions Effectiveness Program;

17 “(E) the Joint Aircraft Survivability Pro-
18 gram;

19 “(F) the Joint Test and Evaluation Pro-
20 gram; and

21 “(G) the Test and Evaluation Trans-
22 formation Program.”.

1 **SEC. 904. DIRECTIVE AUTHORITY FOR MATTERS FOR**
2 **WHICH UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR**
3 **RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING HAS RESPON-**
4 **SIBILITY.**

5 Section 133a(b) of title 10, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (2)—

8 (A) by inserting “elements of the Depart-
9 ment relating to” after “supervising, all”; and

10 (B) by inserting “and to enhance
11 jointness” after “and engineering efforts”; and

12 (C) by striking “; and” and inserting a
13 semicolon;

14 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at
15 the end and inserting “; and”; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following new
17 paragraph:

18 “(4) directing the Secretaries of the military de-
19 partments and the heads of all other elements of the
20 Department with regard to matters for which the
21 Under Secretary has responsibility.”.

22 **SEC. 905. MODIFICATION OF ENERGETIC MATERIALS STRA-**
23 **TEGIC PLAN AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY OF**
24 **JOINT ENERGETICS TRANSITION OFFICE.**

25 Section 148(c)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is
26 amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking “; and”
2 and inserting a semicolon;

3 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period
4 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 paragraph:

7 “(D) identifying raw material waste pro-
8 duced during the explosives manufacturing
9 process and developing plans to reduce waste
10 and optimize production.”.

11 **SEC. 906. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS PEND-**
12 **ING ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT ENERGETICS**
13 **TRANSITION OFFICE.**

14 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
15 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
16 Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide, for the Office
17 of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
18 Sustainment and the Office of the Under Secretary of De-
19 fense for Research and Engineering for travel expenses,
20 not more than 90 percent may be obligated or expended
21 until the Secretary of Defense notifies the congressional
22 defense committees that the Department of Defense has
23 established the Joint Energetics Transition Office as re-
24 quired by section 148 of title 10, United States Code, and
25 provided that Office with the staff and other resources

1 necessary to effectively carry out the responsibilities speci-
 2 fied in subsection (c) of that section.

3 **SEC. 907. MODIFICATION OF COVERED TECHNOLOGY CAT-**
 4 **EGORIES FOR OFFICE OF STRATEGIC CAP-**
 5 **ITAL.**

6 Paragraph (2) of subsection (j) of section 149 of title
 7 10, United States Code, as redesignated by section
 8 902(a)(1), is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (U)
 10 through (GG) as subparagraphs (V) through (HH),
 11 respectively; and

12 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (T) the fol-
 13 lowing new subparagraph:

14 “(U) Nuclear fission and fusion energy,
 15 and associated infrastructure, including ad-
 16 vanced nuclear reactors.”.

17 **SEC. 908. MODIFICATION OF ORGANIZATION AND AUTHORI-**
 18 **TIES OF ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF DE-**
 19 **FENSE WITH DUTIES RELATING TO INDUS-**
 20 **TRIAL BASE POLICY AND READINESS.**

21 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
 22 DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL ARMAMENTS COOPERA-
 23 TION.—Section 138(b) of title 10, United States Code, is
 24 amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (7) and (8) as
2 paragraphs (8) and (9), respectively; and

3 (2) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
4 lowing new paragraph (7):

5 “(7) One of the Assistant Secretaries is the Assistant
6 Secretary of Defense for International Armaments Co-
7 operation, who shall report directly to the Under Secretary
8 of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment. The principal
9 duty of the Assistant Secretary shall be to carry out sec-
10 tion 133b(b)(10) of this title.”.

11 (b) RENAMING OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DE-
12 FENSE FOR STRATEGY, PLANS, AND CAPABILITIES AS AS-
13 SISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR STRATEGY,
14 PLANS, CAPABILITIES, AND READINESS.—On and after
15 the date of the enactment of this Act—

16 (1) the Assistant Secretary of Defense for
17 Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities shall be known as
18 the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy,
19 Plans, Capabilities, and Readiness; and

20 (2) any reference in any law or regulation to
21 the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy,
22 Plans, and Capabilities shall be deemed to be a ref-
23 erence to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for
24 Strategy, Plans, Capabilities, and Readiness.

1 (c) ELIMINATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DE-
 2 FENSE FOR READINESS.—The position of Assistant Sec-
 3 retary of Defense for Readiness is eliminated.

4 **Subtitle B—Other Department of**
 5 **Defense Organization and Man-**
 6 **agement Matters**

7 **SEC. 911. MODIFICATIONS TO JOINT REQUIREMENTS OVER-**
 8 **SIGHT COUNCIL.**

9 (a) MISSION.—Subsection (b) of section 181 of title
 10 10, United States Code, is amended by striking para-
 11 graphs (1) through (7) and inserting the following:

12 “(1) evaluating global trends, threats, and ad-
 13 versary capabilities to inform understanding of joint
 14 operational problems and shape a joint force design;

15 “(2) coordinating with commanders of combat-
 16 ant commands with respect to compiling, refining,
 17 and prioritizing joint operational problems;

18 “(3) continuously reviewing and assessing mili-
 19 tary capabilities of the armed forces, Defense Agen-
 20 cies, or other entities of the Department of Defense
 21 to meet applicable requirements in the national de-
 22 fense strategy under section 113(g) of this title;

23 “(4) identifying and prioritizing gaps and op-
 24 portunities in military capabilities to meet such re-
 25 quirements, including making recommendations for

1 changes to address such gaps and leverage such op-
2 portunities;

3 “(5) identifying advances in technology, innova-
4 tive commercial solutions, and concepts of operation
5 that could improve the ability of the joint force in
6 achieving military advantage for the United States;

7 “(6) designing the joint force in a manner that
8 addresses joint operational problems and, in doing
9 so, evaluating force design initiatives of the armed
10 forces to recommend acceptance, mitigation, or al-
11 ternative force designs;

12 “(7) maintaining a repository of joint oper-
13 ational problems and identification of military capa-
14 bilities that are addressing those problems; and

15 “(8) evaluating impact to joint military capa-
16 bility requirements for the purposes of section
17 4375(b).”.

18 (b) COMPOSITION.—Subsection (c)(1) of such section
19 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
20 paragraph:

21 “(G) In any case in which the Council is
22 considering a topic of significant interest to a
23 combatant command, the commander of the
24 combatant command or a designee of the com-
25 mander who is a general or flag officer.”.

1 (c) ADVISORS.—Subsection (d) of such section is
2 amended—

3 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “paragraphs
4 (1) and (2) of”;

5 (2) in paragraph (3)—

6 (A) by striking “, and strongly consider,”
7 and inserting “and consider”; and

8 (B) by striking “under subsection (b)(2)
9 and joint performance requirements pursuant to
10 subsection (b)(3)”;

11 (3) in paragraph (4), by striking “, and strong-
12 ly consider,” and inserting “and consider”; and

13 (4) by adding at the end the following new
14 paragraph:

15 “(5) INPUT FROM INDUSTRY.—The Council
16 may seek views from industry on commercially avail-
17 able technology to address joint operational problems
18 or capability gaps.”.

19 (d) PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS.—Subsection (e)
20 of such section is amended by striking “and, except” and
21 all that follows through “Council”.

22 (e) DEFINITIONS.—Subsection (h) of such section is
23 amended—

24 (1) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3);

1 (2) by redesignating paragraph (1) as para-
2 graph (2);

3 (3) by inserting before paragraph (2), as so re-
4 designated, the following new paragraph (1):

5 “(1) The term ‘capability requirement’ means a
6 capability that is critical or essential to address a
7 joint operational problem.”; and

8 (4) by inserting after paragraph (2), as so re-
9 designated, the following new paragraph (3):

10 “(3) The term ‘joint operational problem’—

11 “(A) means a challenge across the joint
12 force faced by a combatant command in achiev-
13 ing an assigned military objective; and

14 “(B) may include limitations in capabili-
15 ties, resources, or the ability to effectively and
16 efficiently coordinate across the joint force, with
17 another combatant command, or among joint
18 military capabilities.”.

19 (f) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

20 (1) ACQUISITION-RELATED FUNCTIONS OF
21 CHIEFS OF THE ARMED FORCES.—Section
22 3104(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is
23 amended by striking “(subject, where appropriate, to
24 validation by the Joint Requirements Oversight
25 Council pursuant to section 181 of this title)”.

1 (2) LIMITATIONS ON DEFENSE MODERNIZATION
2 ACCOUNT.—Section 3136(e)(1)(A) of such title is
3 amended—

4 (A) by striking “in excess of—” and all
5 that follows through “(i) a specific limitation”
6 and inserting “in excess of a specific limita-
7 tion”; and

8 (B) by striking clause (ii).

9 (3) FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR MILE-
10 STONE A APPROVAL.—Section 4251(e)(1) of such
11 title is amended by striking “approved by the Joint
12 Requirements Oversight Council”.

13 (4) FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR MILE-
14 STONE B APPROVAL.—Section 4252(b) of such title
15 is amended—

16 (A) by striking paragraph (9); and

17 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (10)
18 through (15) as paragraphs (9) through (14),
19 respectively.

20 (5) BREACH OF CRITICAL COST GROWTH
21 THRESHOLD.—Section 4376 of such title is amend-
22 ed—

23 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “, after
24 consultation with the Joint Requirements Over-

1 sight Council regarding program require-
2 ments,”;

3 (B) in subsection (b)(2)(B), by striking “to
4 meet the joint military requirement (as defined
5 in section 181(g)(1) of this title)”;

6 (C) in subsection (c)(3), by striking
7 “joint”.

8 (6) ACQUISITION ACCOUNTABILITY ON MISSILE
9 DEFENSE SYSTEM.—Section 5514(b)(2)(C)(ii) of
10 such title is amended by striking “approved” and in-
11 serting “reviewed”.

12 **SEC. 912. TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR COUN-**
13 **TERING SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYS-**
14 **TEMS.**

15 (a) UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUI-
16 TION AND SUSTAINMENT AS EXECUTIVE AGENT.—Sec-
17 tion 133b(b)(5) of title 10, United States Code, is amend-
18 ed—

19 (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “; and”
20 and inserting a semicolon;

21 (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the semi-
22 colon and inserting “; and”; and

23 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
24 paragraph:

1 “(F) the executive agent for the Depart-
2 ment of Defense for oversight of efforts to
3 counter small unmanned aircraft;”.

4 (b) ELIMINATION OF JOINT COUNTER-SMALL UN-
5 MANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS OFFICE.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Effective on the date that is
7 60 days after the date of the enactment of this
8 Act—

9 (A) the Joint Counter-Small Unmanned
10 Aircraft Systems Office of the Army is termi-
11 nated; and

12 (B) the functions, assets, and civilian em-
13 ployees of the Joint Counter-Small Unmanned
14 Aircraft Systems Office of the Army shall be
15 transferred to the Office of the Under Secretary
16 of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment.

17 (2) REFERENCES.—On and after the date that
18 is 60 days after the date of the enactment of this
19 Act, any reference in any law or regulation to the
20 Joint Counter-Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems
21 Office of the Army shall be deemed to be a reference
22 to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for
23 Acquisition and Sustainment.

24 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) PLAN FOR ADDITIONAL KINETIC EFFECTORS FOR LOW, SLOW, SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT INTEGRATED DEFEAT SYSTEM.—Section 113 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) is amended—

(A) in the section heading, by striking “**OF THE ARMY**”;

(B) in subsection (a)—

(i) by striking “Secretary of the Army” and inserting “Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment”;

and

(ii) by striking “of the Army”; and

(C) in subsection (b), by striking “September 30, 2025, the Secretary of the Army” and inserting “September 30, 2026, the Under Secretary”.

(2) COUNTER UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM THREAT LIBRARY.—Section 353 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 130i note) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “Not later” and all that follows through “Office,” and inserting “Not later than June 30, 2027,

the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition
and Sustainment”; and

(B) in subsection (c)—

(i) by striking “The Secretary” and
all that follows through “Office,” and in-
serting “The Under Secretary”; and

(ii) by striking “the Secretary of the
Army” and inserting “the Under Sec-
retary”.

**SEC. 913. STUDY ON FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY OF ES-
TABLISHING A JOINT CAPABILITIES AND
PROGRAMMING BOARD.**

(a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Defense
shall conduct a study on the feasibility and advisability
of establishing a Joint Capabilities and Programming
Board (in this section referred to as the “Board”) within
the Department of Defense to serve as a consolidated
forum for addressing joint military capabilities and pro-
gram budgeting for investments.

(b) **ELEMENTS OF STUDY.**—The study required by
subsection (a) shall assess and provide recommendations
on the following elements for the proposed Board:

(1) The potential for the Board to act as the
primary joint forum for—

1 (A) reviewing and recommending actions
2 on joint military capabilities spanning multiple
3 components of the Department of Defense to
4 address priority capability needs; and

5 (B) evaluating and recommending actions
6 on investment portfolio evaluation and budg-
7 eting matters to prioritize joint military capa-
8 bilities and optimize lethality based on available
9 resources.

10 (2) The feasibility of the Board being co-
11 chaired by the Director of Cost Assessment and Pro-
12 gram Evaluation and the Chairman of the Joint Re-
13 quirements Oversight Council, including the roles,
14 authorities, and responsibilities of the co-chair-
15 persons.

16 (3) The advisability of a Board composition
17 that includes—

18 (A) core membership consisting of—

19 (i) the co-chairpersons;

20 (ii) representatives from the Joint Re-
21 quirements Oversight Council;

22 (iii) representatives from the Office of
23 the Director of Cost Assessment and Pro-
24 gram Evaluation;

1 (iv) representatives from the Armed
2 Forces and combatant commands to reflect
3 military user perspectives; and

4 (v) representatives of portfolio acqui-
5 sition executives or equivalent managers to
6 reflect program execution perspectives;

7 (B) a flexible structure permitting the es-
8 tablishment of ad hoc or standing committees
9 to address specific areas or issues, drawing
10 from the core membership;

11 (C) separate staff directly accountable to
12 each co-chairperson to assist in identifying, re-
13 viewing, coordinating, and analyzing matters
14 brought before the Board; and

15 (D) mission engineering and integration
16 analysis cells that evaluate the effectiveness of
17 current and proposed value chains of the De-
18 partment of Defense and inform the assessment
19 of alternative courses of action for capability
20 and resource investments.

21 (4) The potential structure for decision-making
22 by the Board, including—

23 (A) maintaining autonomy for the Armed
24 Forces and portfolio acquisition executives to
25 make decisions and execute programs without

1 requiring approval by or the submission of doc-
2 umentation to the Board;

3 (B) issuing recommendations by majority
4 vote of members of the Board, to be forwarded
5 to the Deputy Secretary of Defense unless
6 unanimously rejected by the co-chairpersons;
7 and

8 (C) allowing the members or representa-
9 tives of the Board to submit dissenting opinions
10 alongside recommendations for consideration by
11 the Deputy Secretary of Defense or the Sec-
12 retary of Defense.

13 (5) The feasibility of operational procedures, in-
14 cluding—

15 (A) issue identification processes
16 prioritizing issues—

17 (i) nominated by members of the
18 Board, the Armed Forces, the combatant
19 commands, or portfolio acquisition execu-
20 tives; and

21 (ii) addressing capability gaps, re-
22 source constraints, or programmatic chal-
23 lenges requiring joint or departmental ac-
24 tion; and

1 (B) flexible quorum and voting procedures
2 to ensure efficient decision-making and requir-
3 ing participation from representatives of mili-
4 tary users and program acquisition executives
5 directly impacted by any recommendation.

6 (6) The provision of sufficient staff, directly ac-
7 countable to the co-chairpersons, to support the
8 Board's operations and analysis of issues.

9 (7) The impact of the proposed Board on exist-
10 ing entities of the Department of Defense, including
11 the Joint Requirements Oversight Council and the
12 Office of the Director of Cost Assessment and Pro-
13 gram Evaluation, including potential overlaps,
14 redundancies, or synergies between the missions and
15 responsibilities of those entities and the Board.

16 (8) The anticipated benefits of enhanced joint
17 capability prioritization and resource allocation, in-
18 cluding the ability to consolidate or remove existing
19 processes and decision forums.

20 (9) Potential barriers to establishing the Board,
21 including resource requirements and alignment with
22 existing acquisition and budgeting processes.

23 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than July 1, 2026,
25 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the con-

gressional defense committees a report on the results of the study required by subsection (a).

(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) a comprehensive analysis of the feasibility and advisability of establishing the Board, addressing each element specified in subsection (b);

(B) if establishing the Board is deemed feasible and advisable—

(i) specific recommendations for the organizational structure, governance, voting mechanisms, quorum requirements, and operational procedures of the Board; and

(ii) an estimation of the costs, resource requirements, and timeline for establishing and operating the Board; and

(C) any additional findings or recommendations to improve joint capability development, program budgeting, and resource allocation within the Department of Defense.

(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the establishment of a Joint Capabilities and Programming Board before the

1 completion and review of the study required by subsection
2 (a).

3 **SEC. 914. BRIEFING ON RESTRUCTURING OF ARMY FU-**
4 **TURES COMMAND AND TRAINING AND DOC-**
5 **TRINE COMMAND.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not less than 60 days before exe-
7 cuting any plan to merge, consolidate, or otherwise reorga-
8 nize the Army Futures Command and the Training and
9 Doctrine Command of the Army, the Secretary of the
10 Army and the Chief of Staff of the Army shall provide
11 to the congressional defense committees a comprehensive
12 briefing on the merger, consolidation, or other reorganiza-
13 tion.

14 (b) ELEMENTS.—The briefing required by subsection
15 (a) shall include the following:

16 (1) A description of the proposed merger, con-
17 solidation, or other reorganization, including affected
18 commands, subordinate entities, and organizational
19 structures.

20 (2) The strategic, operational, and fiscal ration-
21 ale for the proposed merger, consolidation, or other
22 reorganization.

23 (3) An assessment of potential impacts of the
24 proposed merger, consolidation, or other reorganiza-

1 tion on the readiness and mission effectiveness of
2 the Army.

3 (4) An identification of resource reallocations,
4 including installation realignment or closures and
5 personnel movements.

6 (5) A timeline for implementation of the pro-
7 posed merger, consolidation, or other reorganization.

8 **SEC. 915. DESIGNATION OF SENIOR OFFICIAL FOR MILI-**
9 **TARY-TO-CIVILIAN TRANSITION.**

10 (a) DESIGNATION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
12 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under
13 Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness
14 shall designate a senior official of the Department of
15 Defense to oversee policy and programs related to
16 the transition of members of the Armed Forces from
17 active duty to—

18 (A) civilian life; or

19 (B) reserve components.

20 (2) QUALIFICATIONS.—The official designated
21 under paragraph (1) shall be designated from among
22 individuals with—

23 (A) extensive experience with veterans
24 services; and

1 (B) knowledge of the transition from active
2 duty to—

- 3 (i) civilian life; and
4 (ii) reserve components.

5 (b) ROLE, RESPONSIBILITY, AND AUTHORITY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary of De-
7 fense for Personnel and Readiness, in consultation
8 with the Secretary of Defense, shall prescribe the
9 roles, responsibilities, and authorities of the official
10 designated under subsection (a)(1).

11 (2) ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND AUTHORI-
12 TIES REQUIRED.—The roles, responsibilities, and au-
13 thorities prescribed pursuant to paragraph (1) shall
14 include, with respect to the transition of members of
15 the Armed Forces and their families from active
16 duty to civilian life and reserve components—

17 (A) serving as the principal advisor to the
18 Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of
19 Defense, and the Under Secretary of Defense
20 for Personnel and Readiness on policies, oper-
21 ations, and programs and activities relating to
22 the transition of members;

23 (B) assisting the Secretary of Defense, the
24 Deputy Secretary of Defense, and the Under
25 Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Read-

1 ness with policies, operations, and programs
2 and activities relating to the transition of mem-
3 bers;

4 (C) working, in coordination with the Sec-
5 retary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of
6 Labor, and the Secretary of Education, to im-
7 prove the efficiency and effectiveness of all ac-
8 tivities relating to the transition of members;

9 (D) serving as the chief transition officer
10 of the Department of Defense, with the mission
11 of coordinating and overseeing the effectiveness
12 of transition programs of the Department of
13 Defense and ensuring all members of the
14 Armed Forces are well equipped for civilian life
15 or the reserve components, as the case may be;

16 (E) overseeing the Military-Civilian Transi-
17 tion Office and the implementation of transition
18 programs across the Department of Defense;

19 (F) conducting a review and assessment of
20 all transition programs and services offered by
21 the Department of Defense, including the Tran-
22 sition Assistance Program and Skillbridge Pro-
23 gram, and proposing legislative or administra-
24 tive action—

- 1 (i) to improve the efficacy and effi-
- 2 ciency of the programs; and
- 3 (ii) to ensure compliance with all legal
- 4 requirements related to transition assist-
- 5 ance; and
- 6 (G) working with Federal agencies, State
- 7 and local governments, and nongovernmental
- 8 organizations to improve the delivery of transi-
- 9 tion support services.

10 (c) BRIEFING ON DESIGNATION AND IMPLEMENTA-
 11 TION.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
 12 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall provide
 13 a briefing to the congressional defense committees on—

- 14 (1) the status of the designation of the official
- 15 under subsection (a); and
- 16 (2) the implementation of the roles, responsibil-
- 17 ities, and authorities of the official under subsection
- 18 (b).

19 **SEC. 916. REMOVAL OF MEMBERS OF JOINT CHIEFS OF**
 20 **STAFF.**

21 Section 151 of title 10, United States Code, is
 22 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
 23 section:

24 “(h) REMOVAL OF MEMBERS OF JOINT CHIEFS OF
 25 STAFF.—(1) If the President removes a member of the

1 Joint Chiefs of Staff from office or transfers a member
 2 of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to another position or location
 3 before the end of the term of the member as specified in
 4 statute, the President shall, not later than five days after
 5 the removal or transfer takes effect, submit to Congress,
 6 including the congressional defense committees, notice
 7 that the member is being removed or transferred and a
 8 statement of the reason for the removal or transfer.

9 “(2) Nothing in this subsection prohibits a personnel
 10 action authorized by another provision of law.”.

11 **SEC. 917. LONGER TERM AND ELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINT-**
 12 **MENT TO RANK OF ADMIRAL OF COM-**
 13 **MANDER OF NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND.**

14 (a) TERM.—Section 526 of title 10, United States
 15 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
 16 subsection:

17 “(k)(1) An individual serving as the Commander of
 18 the Naval Sea Systems Command—

19 “(A) subject to paragraph (2), shall serve for a
 20 term of eight years; and

21 “(B) is eligible to be appointed to the rank of
 22 Admiral during the final three years of that term.

23 “(2) The Secretary of the Navy may terminate the
 24 term of an individual serving as the Commander of the
 25 Naval Sea Systems Command before the end of the eight-

1 year term specified in paragraph (1)(A) if the Secretary
2 notifies the congressional defense committees of the termi-
3 nation.”.

4 (b) EXTENSION OF TIME PERIOD FOR RETIREMENT
5 FOR YEARS OF SERVICE.—Section 636(c) of such title is
6 amended—

7 (1) by striking “In the administration” and in-
8 serting “(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), in
9 the administration”; and

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

12 “(2) The officer serving as the Commander of the
13 Naval Sea Systems Command—

14 “(A) may continue to serve after 40 years of
15 active commissioned service in order to complete the
16 term of the Commander specified in section
17 526(k)(1)(A) of this title; and

18 “(B) may in no case serve more than 45 years
19 of active commissioned service.”.

20 (c) REPORT ON OPTIONS FOR NEW PRIVATE SHIP-
21 YARDS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
23 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
24 of the Navy, acting through the Assistant Secretary
25 of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acqui-

1 sition and in coordination with the Commander of
2 the Naval Sea Systems Command, shall submit to
3 the congressional defense committees a report on in-
4 centives that would promote private investment in
5 the creation of two new private shipyards on the Pa-
6 cific Coast. The incentives should be focused on new
7 construction shipyards. The report may include sug-
8 gested locations based on strategic laydown or other
9 relevant defense industrial base matters.

10 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In preparing the report
11 required by paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

12 (A) give consideration to locations in non-
13 contiguous States; and

14 (B) assess the potential for investment in
15 or establishment of a United States subsidiary
16 of a foreign-owned shipbuilding company, with
17 special preference to companies based in Japan
18 and the Republic of Korea.

19 (3) FORM.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—The report required by
21 paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified
22 form but may include a classified annex.

23 (B) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The unclassi-
24 fied portion of the report required by paragraph
25 (1) shall be made available to the public.

1 **SEC. 918. DELAY OF DISESTABLISHMENT OF NAVY EXPEDI-**
2 **TIONARY COMBAT COMMAND PACIFIC.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—During the one-year period begin-
4 ning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
5 retary of the Navy may not take any action to disestablish
6 the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command Pacific located
7 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

8 (b) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
10 (or a designee of the Secretary) shall brief the Committees
11 on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
12 resentatives on—

13 (1) the status of the decision of the Secretary
14 with respect to the disestablishment of the Navy Ex-
15 peditionary Combat Command Pacific; and

16 (2) the strategic rationale, cost, and benefits of
17 such disestablishment.

18 **SEC. 919. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR CONSOLIDA-**
19 **TION, DISESTABLISHMENT, OR ELIMINATION**
20 **OF GEOGRAPHIC COMBATANT COMMANDS.**

21 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
22 this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026
23 for the Department of Defense may be obligated or ex-
24 pended to consolidate, disestablish, or otherwise eliminate
25 a geographic combatant command of the Department of
26 Defense until not earlier than 90 days after the Secretary

1 of Defense submits to the congressional defense commit-
 2 tees a report that, at a minimum, addresses the following:

3 (1) A detailed plan for consolidation, disestab-
 4 lishment, or elimination of the geographic combatant
 5 command, including associated timelines and de-
 6 tailed accounting of the associated costs.

7 (2) A detailed analysis of the anticipated im-
 8 pact of the consolidation, disestablishment, or elimi-
 9 nation on the ability of the Department of Defense
 10 to accomplish objectives in the affected area of re-
 11 sponsibility, including the ability of the Department
 12 to effectively deter conflict, maintain peace and secu-
 13 rity, and conduct military operations, exercises, and
 14 security cooperation activities with allies and part-
 15 ners.

16 **SEC. 920. ELIMINATION OF STATUTORY PROVISIONS RE-**
 17 **LATING TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLU-**
 18 **SION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

19 (a) DUTIES OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—Section
 20 113 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (c)—

22 (A) by striking paragraph (2); and

23 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and
 24 (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively;

25 (2) in subsection (g)(1)(B)—

1 (A) by striking clause (vii); and

2 (B) by redesignating clauses (viii), (ix),
3 and (x) as clauses (vii), (viii), and (ix), respec-
4 tively;

5 (3) in subsection (l)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “to
7 measure—” and all that follows through “(C)
8 the efforts” and inserting “to measure the ef-
9 forts”: and

10 (B) in paragraph (2)—

11 (i) by striking “shall—” and all that
12 follows through “(A) ensure that” and in-
13 serting “shall ensure that”;

14 (ii) by striking the semicolon after
15 “extent practicable” and inserting a pe-
16 riod: and

17 (iii) by striking subparagraphs (B)
18 through (F); and

19 (4) in subsection (m)—

20 (A) by striking “, disaggregated by gender,
21 race, and ethnicity,” each place it appears;

22 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking
23 “disaggregated by gender, race, and ethnicity,”;
24 and

1 (C) in paragraph (9), by striking “, gen-
2 der, race, and ethnicity”.

3 (b) CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICER OF THE DEPART-
4 MENT OF DEFENSE.—Section 147 of title 10, United
5 States Code, is repealed.

6 (c) DIVERSITY IN SELECTION BOARDS.—

7 (1) PROMOTION SELECTION BOARDS.—Title 10,
8 United States Code, is amended—

9 (A) in section 573(b), by striking “The
10 members of a selection” and all that follows
11 through “extent practicable.”;

12 (B) in section 612(a)(1), by striking “The
13 members of a selection” and all that follows
14 through “extent practicable.”; and

15 (C) in section 14102(b), by striking “The
16 members of a selection” and all that follows
17 through “extent practicable.”.

18 (2) OTHER SELECTION BOARDS.—Section
19 503(c) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National
20 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
21 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 573 note) is re-
22 pealed.

23 (d) DIVERSITY IN MILITARY LEADERSHIP.—Section
24 656 of title 10, United States Code, is repealed.

1 (e) IDENTIFICATION OF GENDER OR PERSONAL PRO-
2 NOUNS IN OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.—Section 986 of
3 title 10, United States Code, is repealed.

4 (f) HUMAN RELATIONS TRAINING.—Section
5 2001(a)(1)(B) of title 10, United States Code, is amended
6 by striking “include” and all that follows through the pe-
7 riod and inserting “shall include honor, excellence, cour-
8 age, and commitment.”.

9 (g) STRATEGIC PLAN FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLU-
10 SION.—Section 529 of the National Defense Authorization
11 Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 10 U.S.C.
12 656 note) is repealed.

13 (h) SENIOR ADVISORS FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLU-
14 SION FOR THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS AND COAST
15 GUARD.—Section 913(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thorn-
16 berry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
17 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 147 note) is re-
18 pealed.

19 (i) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 118(a) of
20 title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “to
21 carry out—” and all that follows through “(2) guidance”
22 and inserting “to carry out guidance”.

1 **SEC. 921. DEFENSE SCIENCE BOARD STUDY ON OPTIMAL**
2 **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE FOR DIGITAL**
3 **ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS.**

4 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense
5 shall direct the Defense Science Board to conduct a com-
6 prehensive study to evaluate and recommend the most op-
7 timal organizational structure within the Office of the Sec-
8 retary of Defense to support digital solutions engineering
9 activities across the Office of the Secretary of Defense and
10 the military departments.

11 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study required under sub-
12 section (a) shall include the following elements:

13 (1) An assessment of existing organizational
14 structures and organizations supporting digital solu-
15 tions engineering across the Office of the Secretary
16 of Defense and the military departments, includ-
17 ing—

18 (A) current responsibilities, requirements,
19 and deliverables of service-based software deliv-
20 ery organizations;

21 (B) responsibilities or authorities imposed
22 by statutory requirements;

23 (C) limitations based on current enterprise
24 data management platforms;

25 (D) effectiveness and efficiency of current
26 approaches;

1 (E) optimization of resource allocation and
2 utilization processes; and

3 (F) integration challenges and opportuni-
4 ties with Department-wide digital initiatives.

5 (2) An evaluation of potential organizational
6 courses of action for supporting digital solutions en-
7 gineering within the Office of the Secretary of De-
8 fense, including—

9 (A) establishment of a new defense agency
10 or Department of Defense field activity;

11 (B) integration into an existing defense
12 agency or Department of Defense field activity;

13 (C) consolidation of digital development
14 functions within existing Office of the Secretary
15 of Defense staff organizations;

16 (D) optimization of current organizational
17 structures and authorities;

18 (E) hybrid approaches combining elements
19 of the options described in subparagraphs (A),
20 (B), (C), and (D); and

21 (F) any other organizational structures
22 deemed appropriate by the Defense Science
23 Board.

24 (3) Recommendations on the selection of the
25 optimal organizational structure, including—

1 (A) analysis of the advantages and dis-
2 advantages of each course of action evaluated
3 under paragraph (2);

4 (B) assessment of capability requirements
5 and gaps;

6 (C) evaluation of cost-effectiveness and re-
7 source implications;

8 (D) application of lessons from similar in-
9 dustry or academic entities performing similar
10 work;

11 (E) consideration of governance and execu-
12 tion framework requirements;

13 (F) assessment of the implementation of
14 and execution of governance structures, includ-
15 ing artificial intelligence model management;

16 (G) coordination mechanisms with existing
17 Department components and combatant com-
18 mands;

19 (H) recommendations for unique hiring au-
20 thorities to support digital solutions engineering
21 workforce requirements; and

22 (I) recommendations for unique acquisition
23 authorities to support rapid digital solutions en-
24 gineering and deployment.

1 (4) Transition recommendations for imple-
2 menting the selected organizational structure, in-
3 cluding—

4 (A) detailed implementation timeline and
5 milestones;

6 (B) organizational and personnel changes
7 required;

8 (C) resource requirements and funding
9 mechanisms;

10 (D) legislative or regulatory changes need-
11 ed;

12 (E) risk assessment and mitigation strate-
13 gies; and

14 (F) metrics for evaluating implementation
15 success.

16 (c) REPORT.—

17 (1) TRANSMITTAL TO SECRETARY.—Not later
18 than February 1, 2027, the Board shall transmit to
19 the Secretary of Defense a final report on the study
20 conducted pursuant to subsection (a).

21 (2) TRANSMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—Not later
22 than 30 days after the date on which the Secretary
23 receives the final report under paragraph (1), the
24 Secretary shall submit the report to the congres-

1 sional defense committees, together with such com-
2 ments as the Secretary considers appropriate.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) DIGITAL SOLUTIONS ENGINEERING.—The
5 term “digital solutions engineering” means the de-
6 velopment, deployment, and sustainment of artificial
7 intelligence systems, software applications, data en-
8 gineering solutions, data analytics platforms, and
9 other digital technologies for operational and busi-
10 ness purposes within the Department of Defense.

11 (2) SOFTWARE DELIVERY ORGANIZATIONS.—
12 The term “software delivery organizations” means
13 organizational units within the military services
14 dedicated to the rapid development, deployment, and
15 sustainment of software applications and digital so-
16 lutions.

17 **SEC. 922. ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVANCED NUCLEAR TRAN-**
18 **SITION WORKING GROUP.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
20 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
21 shall establish an Advanced Nuclear Transition Working
22 Group (referred to in this section as the “working
23 group”).

24 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Working Group shall be
25 composed of the following members:

1 (1) The Assistant Secretary of Defense for En-
2 ergy, Installations, and Environment.

3 (2) The Assistant Secretary of the Army for In-
4 stallations, Energy, and Environment.

5 (3) The Assistant Secretary of the Navy for
6 Energy, Installations, and Environment.

7 (4) The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force
8 for Energy, Installations, and Environment.

9 (5) The Joint Staff Director for Logistics, J4.

10 (6) The Principal Director for Energy Resil-
11 ience of the Office of the Under Secretary of De-
12 fense for Research and Engineering.

13 (7) The Director of the Strategic Capabilities
14 Office.

15 (8) The Director of the Defense Innovation
16 Unit.

17 (9) The heads of such other components of the
18 Department of Defense, as determined by the Chair.

19 (c) CHAIR.—The Assistant Secretary of Defense for
20 Nuclear Deterrence, Chemical, and Biological Defense
21 Policy and Programs, or a designee, shall serve as the
22 Chair of the Working Group.

23 (d) DUTIES.—The duties of the Working Group shall
24 include the following:

1 (1) To develop and execute a strategy to accel-
2 erate the procurement and fielding of commercial
3 advanced nuclear capabilities, in compliance with
4 laws, regulations, and agreements, and consistent
5 with best practices.

6 (2) To identify and elevate the critical energy
7 requirements of the combatant commands, United
8 States military installations, and the infrastructure
9 and mission capabilities needs of the combatant
10 commands and military installations that may be ad-
11 dressed with advanced nuclear reactors.

12 (3) To connect the combatant commands and
13 military installations with ongoing and planned ef-
14 forts.

15 (4) To create an accelerated pathway to lever-
16 age advanced nuclear technologies to address oper-
17 ational gaps.

18 (5) To provide a forum for members of the
19 Working Group to coordinate advanced nuclear dem-
20 onstration and transition efforts, including by in-
21 creasing opportunities and venues for government
22 and commercial research and development, testing
23 and evaluation, and procurement activities.

24 (6) To advocate for appropriate levels of
25 resourcing within planning, programming, budg-

1 eting, and execution processes to advance the devel-
2 opment and use of nuclear energy technologies
3 across the Department of Defense.

4 (7) To coordinate interagency activities and de-
5 velop best practices on workforce development, regu-
6 latory pathways, licensing frameworks, access to fuel
7 sources, safety and security standards, and decom-
8 missioning that currently hinder more rapid fielding
9 of advanced nuclear reactors.

10 (8) To establish venues through which to en-
11 gage commercial companies developing advanced re-
12 actors so as to review the technology readiness,
13 timeline, and availability of reactor capabilities for
14 defense applications.

15 (9) To inform and complete the briefings and
16 reports required in subsection (f).

17 (e) MEETINGS.—The Working Group shall meet at
18 the call of the Chair and not less than once per quarter.

19 (f) REPORT.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September
21 30, 2026, and annually thereafter until 2029, the
22 Chair shall submit to the appropriate congressional
23 committees a report describing the status of ad-
24 vanced nuclear projects, associated funding and re-
25 quirements, planned program transitions, actions,

1 and milestones of the Working Group, and other
2 matters as determined by the Secretary of Defense
3 and the Working Group during the preceding year.

4 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report required by para-
5 graph (1) shall include the following:

6 (A) A summary on the adequacy of exist-
7 ing energy storage and distribution systems to
8 meet mission requirements in a contested or
9 austere operating environment.

10 (B) An identification of the critical energy
11 requirements of the combatant commands,
12 United States military installations, and the in-
13 frastructure and weapons capabilities needs of
14 the combatant commands and military installa-
15 tions that may be addressed with the use of
16 microreactors or small modular reactors, includ-
17 ing through expeditionary, transportable, sta-
18 tionary, space-based, or floating power plants.

19 (C) A list of prioritized potential use cases,
20 including—

21 (i) base electric power;

22 (ii) power for operational systems in
23 austere environments;

24 (iii) desalination or other water pro-
25 duction systems;

- 1 (iv) synthetic fuel production;
- 2 (v) directed energy weapons;
- 3 (vi) artificial intelligence at the edge;
- 4 (vii) defense support of civil authori-
- 5 ties;
- 6 (viii) humanitarian response; and
- 7 (ix) 3D/additive manufacturing.

8 (D) Recommendations for at least 3 pilot
9 projects.

10 (3) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
11 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
12 mittees” means—

13 (A) the Committee on Armed Services of
14 the Senate; and

15 (B) the Committee on Armed Services of
16 the House of Representatives.

17 (g) TERMINATION.—The Working Group shall termi-
18 nate on September 30, 2029.

19 (h) PILOT PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Defense
20 shall establish a pilot program for deploying microreactors
21 at United States military installations to strengthen en-
22 ergy resilience and reduce reliance on vulnerable civilian
23 grids.

1 **TITLE X—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

2 **Subtitle A—Financial Matters**

3 **SEC. 1001. GENERAL TRANSFER AUTHORITY.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER AUTHORIZATIONS.—**

5 (1) **AUTHORITY.**—Upon determination by the
6 Secretary of Defense that such action is necessary in
7 the national interest, the Secretary may transfer
8 amounts of authorizations made available to the De-
9 partment of Defense in this division for fiscal year
10 2026 between any such authorizations for that fiscal
11 year (or any subdivisions thereof). Amounts of au-
12 thorizations so transferred shall be merged with and
13 be available for the same purposes as the authoriza-
14 tion to which transferred.

15 (2) **LIMITATION.**—Except as provided in para-
16 graph (3), the total amount of authorizations that
17 the Secretary may transfer under the authority of
18 this section may not exceed \$6,000,000,000.

19 (3) **EXCEPTION FOR TRANSFERS BETWEEN**
20 **MILITARY PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATIONS.**—A trans-
21 fer of funds between military personnel authoriza-
22 tions under title IV shall not be counted toward the
23 dollar limitation in paragraph (2).

24 (b) **LIMITATIONS.**—The authority provided by sub-
25 section (a) to transfer authorizations—

1 (1) may only be used to provide authority for
 2 items that have a higher priority than the items
 3 from which authority is transferred; and

4 (2) may not be used to provide authority for an
 5 item that has been denied authorization by Con-
 6 gress.

7 (c) EFFECT ON AUTHORIZATION AMOUNTS.—A
 8 transfer made from one account to another under the au-
 9 thority of this section shall be deemed to increase the
 10 amount authorized for the account to which the amount
 11 is transferred by an amount equal to the amount trans-
 12 ferred.

13 (d) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary shall
 14 promptly notify Congress of each transfer made under
 15 subsection (a).

16 **SEC. 1002. AMENDMENTS AND REPEALS TO BUDGETARY**
 17 **REQUIREMENTS FOR DEFENSE ACQUISITION.**

18 (a) AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING LAW.—

19 (1) BODY ARMOR PROCUREMENT.—Section 141
 20 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
 21 Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 10 U.S.C. 221
 22 note) is amended to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 141. BODY ARMOR PROCUREMENT.**

2 “The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that body
3 armor is procured using funds authorized to be appro-
4 priated by this title.”.

5 (2) EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL DEFENSE
6 PROGRAM.—Section 2284 of title 10, United States
7 Code, is amended—

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

9 (B) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
10 section (c).

11 (b) REPEALS OF EXISTING LAW.—The following pro-
12 visions are hereby repealed:

13 (1) EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT OF THE
14 DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND SYSTEM.—Section
15 219 of the National Defense Authorization Act for
16 Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 113–66; 10 U.S.C.
17 221 note).

18 (2) SEPARATE PROGRAM ELEMENTS REQUIRED
19 FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT LIGHT
20 TACTICAL VEHICLE.—Section 213 of the Ike Skelton
21 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
22 2011 (Public Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C. 221 note).

23 (3) SEPARATE PROCUREMENT LINE ITEMS FOR
24 FUTURE COMBAT SYSTEMS PROGRAM.—Section 111
25 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authoriza-

1 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417;
2 10 U.S.C. 221 note).

3 (4) SEPARATE PROCUREMENT AND RESEARCH,
4 DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION LINE ITEMS
5 AND PROGRAM ELEMENTS FOR SKY WARRIOR UN-
6 MANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS PROJECT.—Section 214
7 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authoriza-
8 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417;
9 10 U.S.C. 221 note).

10 (5) REQUIREMENT FOR SEPARATE DISPLAY OF
11 BUDGETS FOR AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ.—Section
12 1502 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Au-
13 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law
14 110–417; 10 U.S.C. 221 note).

15 **SEC. 1003. BRIEFING ON BEGINNING BALANCE ISSUES FOR**
16 **AUDIT PURPOSES.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1, 2026, the
18 Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) shall submit to
19 the congressional defense committees a one-time briefing
20 on any anticipated issues in establishing beginning bal-
21 ances for audits of the financial statements of the Depart-
22 ment of Defense.

23 (b) ELEMENTS.—The briefing required under sub-
24 section (a) shall include—

1 (1) a detailed identification of each budgetary
2 account known to have and anticipated to have un-
3 supported beginning balances;

4 (2) a description of the specific issues pre-
5 venting the establishment of supported beginning
6 balances for each identified account;

7 (3) an explanation of whether generally accept-
8 ed accounting principles provide sufficient authority,
9 processes, and procedures to resolve such issues, and
10 if not, the alternative sources or methods proposed
11 to establish beginning balances; and

12 (4) the projected impact to receiving an un-
13 modified audit opinion of that account without a
14 supported beginning balance.

15 **SEC. 1004. DEFENSE BUSINESS AUDIT REMEDIATION PLAN**
16 **REPORTING.**

17 Section 240g(b) of title 10, United States Code, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 “(b) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—On the same
20 date as the submission of audited financial statements re-
21 quired pursuant to section 240a of this title, the Secretary
22 of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense com-
23 mittees an updated report on the Defense Business Sys-
24 tems Audit Remediation Plan under subsection (a).”.

Subtitle B—Naval Vessels

SEC. 1011. REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO MEDIUM LANDING SHIPS AND LIGHT REPLENISHMENT OILERS.

(a) DESIGN STANDARDS AND CONSTRUCTION PRACTICES.—The Secretary of the Navy shall ensure that covered vessels 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.

(b) VESSEL CONSTRUCTION MANAGER.—The Secretary of the Navy shall provide for an entity other than the Department of the Navy to contract for the construction of covered vessels.

(c) COVERED VESSEL DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered vessel” means any of the following:

(1) A medium landing ship.

(2) A light replenishment oiler (TAO-L).

SEC. 1012. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE USED VESSELS UNDER THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SEALIFT FUND.

Section 2218(f)(3)(C) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “10” and inserting “12”.

1 **SEC. 1013. EXEMPTION OF UNMANNED SURFACE VESSELS**
2 **AND UNMANNED UNDERWATER VEHICLES**
3 **FROM CERTAIN TECHNICAL AUTHORITY RE-**
4 **QUIREMENTS.**

5 (a) EXEMPTION FROM SENIOR TECHNICAL AUTHOR-
6 ITY REQUIREMENTS.—Unmanned surface vessels and un-
7 manned underwater vehicles acquired or developed by the
8 Department of the Navy are exempt from any requirement
9 for oversight by a senior technical authority established
10 under section 8669b of title 10, United States Code, ex-
11 cept the requirements, specifications, and approvals de-
12 scribed in subsection (c).

13 (b) LIMITATION RELATING TO OFFICE OF THE
14 CHIEF ENGINEER.—Subject to subsection (c), the Chief
15 Engineer of the Naval Sea Systems Command may not
16 establish any requirement, specification, or approval for
17 an unmanned surface vessel or an unmanned underwater
18 vehicle unless such action is approved in advance by the
19 program manager responsible for the respective unmanned
20 system.

21 (c) EXCEPTIONS.—As the Secretary of the Navy con-
22 siders appropriate, unmanned surface vessels and un-
23 manned underwater vehicles may be subject to require-
24 ments, specifications, and approvals established by tech-
25 nical domain managers or technical warrant holders with
26 responsibility for cybersecurity, ordnance and explosives,

1 or warfare systems, without advanced approval described
2 in subsection (b).

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) UNMANNED SURFACE VESSEL.—The term
5 “unmanned surface vessel” means a vessel designed
6 to operate on the surface of the water without an
7 onboard human crew.

8 (2) UNMANNED UNDERWATER VEHICLE.—The
9 term “unmanned underwater vehicle” means a vehi-
10 cle designed to operate below the surface of the
11 water without an onboard human crew.

12 **SEC. 1014. PROHIBITION ON RETIRING AND DECOMMIS-**
13 **SIONING OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH VES-**
14 **SELS OF THE NAVY.**

15 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
16 this Act for fiscal year 2026 may be obligated or expended
17 to retire or decommission, prepare to retire or decommis-
18 sion, or place in storage any oceanographic research vessel
19 of the Navy unless the Secretary of the Navy has identi-
20 fied and acquired a suitable replacement vessel for con-
21 ducting the research that has been conducted by the vessel
22 selected for retirement or decommissioning.

1 **SEC. 1015. REPORT ACCOMPANYING REQUESTS FOR NEW**
2 **FLIGHTS OR BLOCKS OF MAJOR SHIP-**
3 **BUILDING PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 863 of title 10, United
5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 8669c
6 the following new section:

7 **“§ 8669d. Report accompanying requests for new**
8 **flights or blocks of major shipbuilding**
9 **programs**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—If the budget justification mate-
11 rials submitted to Congress in support of the budget of
12 the President for a fiscal year pursuant to section 1105
13 of title 31 includes a request for a new flight or block
14 of ships, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit a report
15 accompanying such request.

16 “(b) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by sub-
17 section (a) shall include the following:

18 “(1) The results of any production readiness re-
19 view, including the following:

20 “(A) An identification of the degree to
21 which detail design and production design
22 drawings and related documents have been com-
23 pleted in accordance with the shipbuilding con-
24 tract.

25 “(B) An identification of the number of
26 changes to the new flight or block of ships from

1 the previous multiyear procurement authoriza-
2 tion for the class of ship concerned.

3 “(C) An identification of the risks associ-
4 ated with any design changes to the new flight
5 or block of ships from the previous multiyear
6 procurement authorization for the class of ship
7 concerned.

8 “(2) A certification that the findings of any
9 such review support the start of construction.

10 “(3) An assessment of the readiness of the
11 shipyard facilities and workforce to begin construc-
12 tion.

13 “(4) The Navy’s estimated delivery date and a
14 description of any risks that could affect such deliv-
15 ery date.

16 “(5) An assessment of the extent to which ade-
17 quate processes and metrics are in place to measure
18 and manage program risks.

19 “(6) With respect to the first ship, a description
20 of the plans of the Navy to oversee and document
21 the construction of the ship to ensure that the detail
22 design supports the construction schedule for the
23 ship.

24 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) FIRST SHIP.—The term ‘first ship’ applies
2 to a ship if—

3 “(A) the ship is the first ship to be con-
4 structed under the new flight or block of ships;
5 or

6 “(B) the shipyard at which the ship is to
7 be constructed has not previously started con-
8 struction on a ship under the new flight or
9 block of ships.

10 “(2) MAJOR SHIPBUILDING PROGRAM; PRODUC-
11 TION READINESS REVIEW.—The terms ‘major ship-
12 building program’ and ‘production readiness review’
13 have the meanings given those terms in section
14 8669c(e) of this title.

15 “(3) NEW FLIGHT OR BLOCK OF SHIPS.—The
16 term ‘new flight or block of ships’ means a new
17 flight, block, or major modification to a current ship
18 class under a major shipbuilding program that was
19 previously authorized and met the previous require-
20 ments as a new ship class.”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
22 at the beginning of chapter 863 of such title is amended
23 by inserting after the item relating to section 8669c the
24 following new item:

 “8669d. Report accompanying requests for new flights or blocks of major ship-
 building programs.”.

1 **SEC. 1016. REPORT ON AUXILIARY VESSEL CO-PRODUC-**
2 **TION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
5 Navy and the Secretary of the Army, in consultation with
6 the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
7 Sustainment, the Secretary of Transportation, and the
8 Secretary of State, shall jointly submit to the Committee
9 on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on
10 Armed Services of the House of Representatives a report
11 on co-production of non-nuclear auxiliary vessels across
12 the Armed Forces.

13 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
14 (a) shall include the following:

15 (1) A list of non-nuclear auxiliary vessels suit-
16 able for co-production with foreign governments and
17 industry, including details related to operational
18 roles, prospects for co-production, and compatibility
19 with the Navy, the Army, and the Marine Corps.

20 (2) A plan for implementing co-production for
21 each type of vessel on the list required by paragraph
22 (1), including estimated timelines and costs.

23 (3) A description of authorities needed to co-
24 produce such vessels, including statutory or regu-
25 latory changes.

1 (4) A description of barriers to co-production,
2 including operational, regulatory, security, and eco-
3 nomic challenges and challenges related to inter-
4 national agreements, with recommendations for reso-
5 lution.

6 (5) A description of input from industry and
7 private capital stakeholders on joint venture terms,
8 incentives, and opportunities.

9 (6) A list of foreign partners with the willing-
10 ness and capacity to engage in joint ventures to co-
11 produce each vessel on the list required by para-
12 graph (1) and the associated shipyard.

13 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
14 shall be submitted in unclassified form, with a classified
15 annex if necessary.

1 **SEC. 1017. REPORT ON VESSEL LEASING PROGRAM.** Not
2 later than December 31, 2025, the Secretary of
3 the Navy, in consultation with the Under Sec-
4 retary of Defense for Acquisition and
5 Sustainment, shall submit to the Committee on
6 Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee
7 on Armed Services of the House of Representa-
8 tives a report that includes the following:

9 (1) A list of non-nuclear vessels that could be
10 suitable for contracting under a long-term leasing
11 program.

12 (2) A plan outlining how the Navy would imple-
13 ment a leasing program for surface vessels.

14 (3) A description of authorities necessary for
15 the Navy to lease commercially built and privately
16 owned vessels.

17 (4) A description of input from industry and
18 private capital stakeholders on suggested lease terms
19 and incentives to encourage industry to participate
20 in such a leasing program.

21 **SEC. 1018. PILOT PROGRAM ON USE OF AUTOMATED SHIP-**
22 **BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES AND CAPABILI-**
23 **TIES.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
26 Navy shall establish a pilot program on the use of auto-

1 mated assembly technologies and capabilities in naval
2 shipbuilding to reduce overall construction times and al-
3 leviate workforce constraints (in this section referred to
4 as the “pilot program”).

5 (b) ELEMENTS OF PILOT PROGRAM.—In carrying
6 out the pilot program, the Secretary of the Navy shall—

7 (1) identify and select available novel auto-
8 mated hull assembly technologies for incorporation
9 and demonstration;

10 (2) designate at least one surface ship or sub-
11 marine program to demonstrate the automated tech-
12 nologies identified under paragraph (1);

13 (3) carry out such demonstrations;

14 (4) evaluate the demonstrated automated tech-
15 nologies—

16 (A) across a range of functions, including
17 plate preparation, welding, and block assembly;
18 and

19 (B) for compatibility and ease of adoption
20 into the existing shipbuilding value chain; and

21 (5) assess the feasibility and effectiveness of
22 automated approaches in improving subassembly
23 construction times, overall ship construction sched-
24 ules, and workforce efficiency and safety.

25 (c) REPORTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30, 2026, and annually thereafter until the pilot program terminates, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives a report on the implementation and results of the pilot program.

(2) ELEMENTS OF REPORTS.—Each report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) An identification of the time required to adapt specific technologies and processes.

(B) A description of the impact of the pilot program on workforce and construction schedules.

(d) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall terminate on the date that is three years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Subtitle C—Counterterrorism

SEC. 1021. 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.

Section 1033 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law

1 115–232; 132 Stat. 1953), as most recently amended by
 2 section 1041 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Im-
 3 provement and National Defense Authorization Act for
 4 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159), is further
 5 amended—

6 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
 7 striking “December 31, 2025” and inserting “De-
 8 cember 31, 2026”; and

9 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “is or was
 10 held on or after January 20, 2009” and inserting
 11 “has been held since any date that is on or before
 12 October 1, 2009”.

13 **SEC. 1022. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS**
 14 **TO CONSTRUCT OR MODIFY FACILITIES IN**
 15 **THE UNITED STATES TO HOUSE DETAINEES**
 16 **TRANSFERRED FROM UNITED STATES NAVAL**
 17 **STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA.**

18 Section 1034 of the John S. McCain National De-
 19 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law
 20 115–232; 132 Stat. 1954), as most recently amended by
 21 section 1042 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Im-
 22 provement and National Defense Authorization Act for
 23 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159), is further
 24 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “December
 2 31, 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2026”; and
 3 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “(Public Law
 4 114–92; 129 Stat. 971; 10 U.S.C. 801 note)” and
 5 inserting “(10 U.S.C. 801 note; Public Law 114–
 6 92)”.

7 **SEC. 1023. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS**
 8 **FOR TRANSFER OR RELEASE OF INDIVID-**
 9 **UALS DETAINED AT UNITED STATES NAVAL**
 10 **STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA, TO CER-**
 11 **TAIN COUNTRIES.**

12 Section 1035 of the John S. McCain National De-
 13 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law
 14 115–232; 132 Stat. 1954), as most recently amended by
 15 section 1043 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Im-
 16 provement and National Defense Authorization Act for
 17 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159), is further
 18 amended—

19 (1) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before
 20 “‘No amounts’”;

21 (2) by striking “December 31, 2025” and in-
 22 serting “December 31, 2026”;

23 (3) by striking “any individual detained in the
 24 custody or under the control of the Department of
 25 Defense at United States Naval Station, Guanta-

1 namo Bay, Cuba,” and inserting “any individual de-
2 tained at Guantanamo”; and

3 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 section:

5 “(b) INDIVIDUAL DETAINED AT GUANTANAMO DE-
6 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘individual detained at
7 Guantanamo’ has the meaning given that term in section
8 1034(f)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for
9 Fiscal Year 2016 (10 U.S.C. 801 note; Public Law 114–
10 92).”.

11 **SEC. 1024. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS**
12 **TO CLOSE OR RELINQUISH CONTROL OF**
13 **UNITED STATES NAVAL STATION, GUANTA-**
14 **NAMO BAY, CUBA.**

15 Section 1036 of the National Defense Authorization
16 Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 131 Stat.
17 1551), as most recently amended by section 1044 of the
18 Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National
19 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public
20 Law 118–159), is further amended by striking “2025”
21 and inserting “2026”.

1 **SEC. 1025. CLARIFICATION REGARDING DEFINITION OF IN-**
 2 **DIVIDUAL DETAINED AT GUANTANAMO.**

3 Section 1034(f)(2) of the National Defense Author-
 4 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92; 129
 5 Stat. 971; 10 U.S.C. 801 note) is amended—

6 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
 7 by striking “as of” and inserting “on or before”;
 8 and

9 (2) in subparagraph (B)(i), by inserting “at
 10 United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay,
 11 Cuba” after “Department of Defense”.

12 **Subtitle D—Miscellaneous**
 13 **Authorities and Limitations**

14 **SEC. 1031. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO SUPPORT**
 15 **ENTERTAINMENT PROJECTS WITH TIES TO**
 16 **THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUB-**
 17 **LIC OF CHINA.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to
 19 be appropriated by this Act for the Department of Defense
 20 may be used to knowingly provide active and direct sup-
 21 port to any film, television, or other entertainment project
 22 if the Secretary of Defense has demonstrable evidence that
 23 the project has complied or is likely to comply with a de-
 24 mand from the Government of the People’s Republic of
 25 China or the Chinese Communist Party, or an entity
 26 under the direction of the People’s Republic of China or

1 the Chinese Communist Party, to censor the content of
2 the project in a material manner to advance the national
3 interest of the People's Republic of China.

4 (b) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive
5 the prohibition under subsection (a) if the Secretary sub-
6 mits to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate
7 and House of Representatives a written certification that
8 such a waiver is in the national interest of the United
9 States.

10 **SEC. 1032. PROHIBITION ON DESTRUCTION OR SCRAPPING**
11 **OF WORLD WAR II-ERA AIRCRAFT.**

12 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense may
13 not destroy, dismantle, scrap, cannibalize, or otherwise
14 render permanently inoperable any aircraft that—

15 (1) was manufactured prior to December 31,
16 1945; and

17 (2) is in the custody or administrative control
18 of the Department of the Air Force as of the date
19 of the enactment of this Act.

20 (b) AUTHORIZED DISPOSITIONS.—Aircraft described
21 in subsection (a) may only be—

22 (1) retained in the inventory of the Department
23 of the Air Force;

1 (2) transferred to the National Museum of the
2 United States Air Force or other official Depart-
3 ment of Defense museums;

4 (3) transferred to qualified Federal agencies,
5 nonprofit institutions, or museums with dem-
6 onstrated indoor preservation and public display ca-
7 pabilities; or

8 (4) de-accessioned under a plan approved by
9 the Secretary of Defense that supports long-term
10 preservation of such aircraft, and consistent with
11 guidelines established in the committee report ac-
12 companying this Act.

13 (c) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense
14 may waive the restriction under subsection (a) on a case-
15 by-case basis only if—

16 (1) the aircraft is determined by qualified per-
17 sonnel to be beyond practical restoration or preser-
18 vation;

19 (2) no eligible institution expresses interest in
20 accepting the aircraft within 12 months following
21 public notice of its availability; and

22 (3) written notification and justification of the
23 waiver is submitted to the congressional defense
24 committees not less than 30 days prior to execution
25 of any disposal action.

1 (d) AIRCRAFT DEFINED.—In this section, the term
 2 “aircraft” includes any fixed-wing or rotary-wing manned
 3 aircraft in military service prior to December 31, 1945.

4 **SEC. 1033. SUPPORT FOR COUNTERDRUG ACTIVITIES AND**
 5 **ACTIVITIES TO COUNTER TRANSNATIONAL**
 6 **ORGANIZED CRIME.**

7 (a) QUARTERLY REPORTING.—Subsection (h) of sec-
 8 tion 284 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)—

10 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
 11 and (B) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respec-
 12 tively; and

13 (B) by inserting before subparagraph (B),
 14 as redesignated by subparagraph (A) of this
 15 paragraph, the following new subparagraph:

16 “(A) In the case of support for a purpose
 17 described in subsection (b)—

18 “(i) the agency to which support is
 19 provided;

20 “(ii) the budget, implementation
 21 timeline with milestones, anticipated deliv-
 22 ery schedule for support, and completion
 23 date for the purpose or project for which
 24 support is provided;

1 “(iii) the source and planned expendi-
2 ture of funds provided for the project or
3 purpose;

4 “(iv) a description of the arrange-
5 ments, if any, for the sustainment of the
6 project or purpose and the source of funds
7 to support sustainment of the capabilities
8 and performance outcomes achieved using
9 such support, if applicable;

10 “(v) a description of the objectives for
11 the project or purpose and evaluation
12 framework to be used to develop capability
13 and performance metrics associated with
14 operational outcomes for the recipient;

15 “(vi) information, including the
16 amount, type, and purpose, about the sup-
17 port provided the agency during the three
18 fiscal years preceding the fiscal year for
19 which the support covered by the notice is
20 provided under this section with respect
21 to—

22 “(I) this section;

23 “(II) counterdrug activities au-
24 thorized by section 1033 of the Na-
25 tional Defense Authorization Act for

1 Fiscal Year 1998 (Public Law 105–
2 85; 111 Stat. 1811); or

3 “(III) any other significant pro-
4 gram, account, or activity for the pro-
5 vision of security assistance that the
6 Secretary of Defense and the Sec-
7 retary of State consider appropriate.”;
8 and

9 (2) in paragraph (3)(B)(i), by striking “the
10 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
11 House of Representatives” and inserting “the con-
12 gressional defense committees”.

13 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING USE OF
14 AUTHORITY FOR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT.—Such
15 section is further amended—

16 (1) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection
17 (j); and

18 (2) by inserting after subsection (h) the fol-
19 lowing new subsection:

20 “(i) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING USE OF
21 AUTHORITY FOR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT.—No sup-
22 port for the counterdrug activities or activities to counter
23 transnational organized crime of any other department or
24 agency of the Federal Government or of any State, local,
25 tribal, or foreign law enforcement agency may be provided

1 under this section for the detention of an individual at
 2 a military installation, Department of Defense facility, or
 3 Department of Defense-funded facility unless the Sec-
 4 retary of Defense independently verifies the nexus to drug
 5 activities or transnational organized crime prior to the
 6 transfer of such individual to such installation or facil-
 7 ity.”.

8 **SEC. 1034. SENIOR LEADERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
 9 **FENSE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PERSONS: AU-**
 10 **THORITY TO PROVIDE PROTECTION.**

11 Section 714 of title 10, United States Code, is
 12 amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
 14 following new paragraph:

15 “(8) Former or retired officials who—

16 “(A) previously served in the positions
 17 identified in paragraphs (1) through (7); and

18 “(B) face serious and credible threats aris-
 19 ing from duties performed while employed by
 20 the Department of Defense.”;

21 (2) in subsection (b)—

22 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “para-
 23 graphs (1) through (7) of”;

24 (B) in paragraph (4), by inserting “or re-
 25 imbursement” after “personal security”; and

1 (C) in paragraph (6)—

2 (i) by amending subparagraph (A) to
3 read as follows:

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.— Except as provided in
5 subparagraph (D), the Secretary of Defense
6 shall submit to the congressional defense com-
7 mittee determinations made pursuant to this
8 subsection as follows:

9 “(i) An initial determination made
10 under paragraph (4), not later than 15
11 days after the date on which the deter-
12 mination is made, including the justifica-
13 tion for such determination and a current
14 threat assessment by an appropriate law
15 enforcement, security, or intelligence orga-
16 nization.

17 “(ii) A determination to deny the re-
18 newal of physical protection and security
19 or reimbursement, not later than 15 days
20 after the date on which the determination
21 is made, including—

22 “(I) the justification for such de-
23 termination;

24 “(II) a current threat assessment
25 by an appropriate law enforcement,

1 security, or intelligence organization;
2 and

3 “(III) a certification that threats
4 to the individual arising from duties
5 performed while employed by the De-
6 partment of Defense can be suffi-
7 ciently mitigated without physical pro-
8 tection and security or reimburse-
9 ment.

10 “(iii) A determination to terminate
11 physical protection and security or reim-
12 bursement during a previously authorized
13 period of protection, not later than 48
14 hours after the date on which the deter-
15 mination is made, including—

16 “(I) the justification for such de-
17 termination;

18 “(II) a current threat assessment
19 by an appropriate law enforcement,
20 security, or intelligence organization;
21 and

22 “(III) a certification that threats
23 to the individual arising from duties
24 performed while employed by the De-
25 partment of Defense can be suffi-

1 ciently mitigated without protection
2 and security or reimbursement.

3 “(iv) A determination to deny a re-
4 quest for reimbursement of an individual
5 described in subsection (a)(8), not later
6 than 15 days after the date on which the
7 determination is made, including—

8 “(I) the justification for such de-
9 termination;

10 “(II) a current threat assessment
11 by an appropriate law enforcement,
12 security, or intelligence organization;
13 and

14 “(III) a certification that threats
15 to the individual arising from duties
16 performed while employed by the De-
17 partment of Defense can be suffi-
18 ciently mitigated without reimburse-
19 ment.”; and

20 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting
21 “and a description of any changes to such
22 guidelines” after “paragraph (1)”; and

23 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
24 section:

1 “(f) NOTIFICATION TO PROTECTED PERSONNEL.—
2 The Secretary of Defense shall provide written notification
3 to individuals receiving physical protection and personal
4 security under subsection (a) or reimbursement under sub-
5 section (e) at least 90 days before terminating or denying
6 the renewal of protection and security protection or reim-
7 bursement for such individuals.”.

8 **SEC. 1035. NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF MILITARY AIR-**
9 **CRAFT FOR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT**
10 **OPERATIONS.**

11 Not later than seven calendar days after military air-
12 craft, installations, or personnel are used in support of the
13 Department of Homeland Security, the Secretary of De-
14 fense shall provide written notification to the Committee
15 on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on
16 Armed Services of the House of Representatives of the fol-
17 lowing:

18 (1) The type and variant of military aircraft
19 used to support the enforcement operation.

20 (2) The number of individuals on board the
21 military aircraft employed by the Department of De-
22 fense.

23 (3) The type, variant, and number of any mili-
24 tary aircraft utilized to support the military aircraft

1 being used in the enforcement operation, including
2 aerial refueling aircraft.

3 (4) The estimated cost of supporting the en-
4 forcement operation, including—

5 (A) the aircraft utilized to transport those
6 subject to a removal order;

7 (B) the number of flights hours required to
8 complete the round-trip mission;

9 (C) the use of any supporting aircraft, in-
10 cluding aerial refueling aircraft; and

11 (D) the number of flight hours required to
12 complete the round-trip mission of the sup-
13 porting aircraft.

14 (5) The destination country of the military air-
15 craft.

16 (6) When the destination country of the mili-
17 tary aircraft is Naval Station Guantanamo Bay,
18 Cuba, reporting on both inbound and outbound
19 flights in accordance with the requirements of para-
20 graphs (1) through (5).

21 (7) Reassignment of Department of Defense
22 personnel from Joint Task Force Guantanamo or
23 another Department of Defense entity to support
24 alien detention operations.

1 (8) Facility maintenance or upgrades to sup-
2 port operations and costs of any Federal agency.

3 **SEC. 1036. MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS RELATING**
4 **TO SUPPORT OF CIVIL AUTHORITIES BY**
5 **ARMED FORCES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 723 of title 10, United
7 States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a), in the subsection heading,
9 by striking “REQUIREMENT” and inserting “RE-
10 SPONSE TO CIVIL DISTURBANCES”;

11 (2) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
12 section (c);

13 (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
14 lowing new subsection (b):

15 “(b) SUPPORT TO CIVILIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT
16 AGENCIES BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.—
17 Whenever a member of the armed forces (including the
18 National Guard) provides support to civilian law enforce-
19 ment agencies, each such member providing such support
20 shall visibly display the name of the armed force in which
21 such member operates.”; and

22 (4) in subsection (c), as redesignated by para-
23 graph (2)—

1 (A) by striking “requirement under sub-
 2 section (a)” and inserting “requirements under
 3 subsections (a) and (b)”; and

4 (B) by striking “such subsection” and in-
 5 serting “any such subsection”.

6 (b) CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

7 (1) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading
 8 for section 723 of title 10, United States Code, is
 9 amended by striking “**Federal authorities in**
 10 **response to civil disturbances**” and inserting
 11 “**civil authorities**”.

12 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
 13 tions at the beginning of chapter 41 of title 10,
 14 United States Code, is amended by striking the item
 15 relating to section 723 and inserting the following
 16 new item:

“723. Support of civil authorities: requirement for use of members of the Armed
 Forces and Federal law enforcement personnel.”.

1 **SEC. 1037. PROHIBITION ON OPERATION OF CONNECTED**
2 **VEHICLES DESIGNED, DEVELOPED, MANU-**
3 **FACTURED, OR SUPPLIED BY PERSONS**
4 **OWNED BY, CONTROLLED BY, OR SUBJECT**
5 **TO THE JURISDICTION OF A FOREIGN ENTITY**
6 **OF CONCERN ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
7 **PROPERTY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—After January 1, 2028, no con-
9 nected vehicle on the list required under subsection (b)
10 may be operated on a military installation or on any other
11 property of the Department of Defense.

12 (b) LIST REQUIRED.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1,
14 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall establish and
15 publish on a publicly available website of the Depart-
16 ment of Defense a list of prohibited connected vehi-
17 cles that—

18 (A) are designed, developed, manufactured,
19 or supplied by persons owned by, controlled by,
20 or subject to the jurisdiction of a foreign entity
21 of concern; and

22 (B) pose—

23 (i) an undue risk of sabotage to or
24 subversion of the design, integrity, manu-
25 facturing, production, distribution, installa-
26 tion, operation, or maintenance of informa-

tion and communications technology and services in the United States;

(ii) an undue risk of catastrophic effects on the security or resiliency of critical infrastructure in the United States or the digital economy of the United States; or

(iii) an unacceptable risk to the national security of the United States or the security and safety of United States persons.

(2) INCORPORATION OF EXISTING FEDERAL RULES.—In establishing the list required under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall incorporate existing Federal rules for identifying prohibited connected vehicles.

(3) ANNUAL REVIEW.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall review the list required under paragraph (1) not less frequently than once each year and shall make such additions, subtractions, supplements, or amendments to the list as the Secretary determines appropriate.

(B) EXPLANATION OF SUBTRACTIONS.—Any review under subparagraph (A) that makes subtractions from the list required under para-

graph (1) shall include an explanation of why the subtraction was made.

(4) CONSULTATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall consult with the head of any Federal department or agency that the Secretary determines is appropriate in making the list required under paragraph (1) and conducting any annual review under paragraph (3).

(B) TRANSMITTAL OF LIST.—The Secretary shall transmit a copy of the list required under paragraph (1), and any modification to that list, to the heads of each Federal department or agency determined appropriate under subparagraph (A).

(c) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND BRIEFING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 1, 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall establish and provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on an implementation plan for carrying out the prohibition under subsection (a).

(2) ELEMENTS.—The implementation plan required under paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) an identification of the lead organization within the Department of Defense respon-

sible for implementing and overseeing the prohibition under subsection (a);

(B) a description of the process by which the Department will identify and assess prohibited connected vehicles;

(C) a description of the means by which the Department will conduct coordination with appropriate Federal departments and agencies;

(D) an identification of the metrics by which the Department will assess connected vehicles for threats to national security;

(E) a description of the means by which military installations will ensure compliance with such prohibition; and

(F) an assessment of resource requirements necessary to implement and maintain such prohibition.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) CONNECTED VEHICLE.—The term “connected vehicle” has the meaning given that term in section 791.301 of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, or successor regulations.

(2) FOREIGN ENTITY OF CONCERN.—The term “foreign entity of concern” has the meaning given that term in section 9901 of the William M. (Mac)

1 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
2 Fiscal Year 2021 (15 U.S.C. 4651).

3 (3) MILITARY INSTALLATION.—The term “mili-
4 tary installation” has the meaning given that term
5 in section 2801(c) of title 10, United States Code.

6 **SEC. 1038. CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF ANTI-TRAF-**
7 **FICKING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN.**

8 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
9 “Preventing Child Trafficking Act of 2025”.

10 (b) DEFINED TERM.—In this section, the term “anti-
11 trafficking recommendations” means the recommenda-
12 tions set forth in the report of the Government Account-
13 ability Office entitled “Child Trafficking: Addressing
14 Challenges to Public Awareness and Survivor Support”,
15 which was published on December 11, 2023.

16 (c) IN GENERAL.—The Office for Victims of Crime
17 of the Department of Justice, in coordination with the Of-
18 fice on Trafficking in Persons of the Administration for
19 Children and Families, shall continue implementing the
20 anti-trafficking recommendations by—

21 (1) working together, in accordance with the
22 leading collaboration practices referenced in GAO–
23 24-106038, to develop and implement strategies to
24 prevent child trafficking and support child traf-
25 ficking survivors; and

(2) establishing achievable performance goals and targets for anti-trafficking programs for children that reflect leading practices, such as being objective, measurable, and quantifiable, using baseline data from program grantees.

(d) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office for Victims of Crime shall submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives that explicitly describes the steps taken pursuant to subsection (c).

Subtitle E—Studies and Reports

SEC. 1041. ANNUAL REPORT ON CONTRACT CANCELLATIONS.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 10 days after the date on which the President submits a budget of the United States Government for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2031 to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on any cancellations of contracts during the preceding fiscal year.

(2) REPORTING ON FISCAL YEAR 2025 CANCELLATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall in-

1 clude in the first report submitted under paragraph
2 (1) reporting on any cancellations of contracts dur-
3 ing fiscal year 2025.

4 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
5 section (a) shall include the following elements:

6 (1) Identification of the Contract Line Item
7 Number affected.

8 (2) Total value of such Contract Line Item
9 Number.

10 (3) Total existing obligations against that Con-
11 tract Line Item Number.

12 (4) Any fee paid, if applicable, for cancelling
13 the contract.

14 (5) A brief justification of the rationale for can-
15 cellation, tagged by—

16 (A) non-alignment with the priorities of
17 the Secretary of Defense;

18 (B) requirement no longer exists;

19 (C) requirement has decreased;

20 (D) requirement exists, but the contract
21 did not meet requirements for cost or the
22 schedule or performance are unacceptable; or

23 (E) any other rationale as determined by
24 the Secretary.

1 (6) For any Contract Line Item Number tagged
 2 pursuant to paragraph (5)(E), a brief proposed
 3 timeline for issuing a new contract to meet the spec-
 4 ified requirement.

5 **SEC. 1042. STREAMLINING OF TOTAL FORCE REPORTING**
 6 **REQUIREMENTS.**

7 (a) REPEAL OF ANNUAL REPORT ON MILITARY
 8 TECHNICIANS.—Section 115a of title 10, United States
 9 Code, is amended by striking subsection (g).

10 (b) INCORPORATION OF ANNUAL CIVILIAN PER-
 11 SONNEL MANAGEMENT REPORT INTO ANNUAL DEFENSE
 12 MANPOWER PROFILE REPORT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Such section is further
 14 amended—

15 (A) by redesignating subsections (d)
 16 through (f) as subsections (e) through (g), re-
 17 spectively; and

18 (B) by inserting after subsection (c) the
 19 following new subsection:

20 “(d)(1) The Secretary shall include in each report re-
 21 quired under subsection (a) a detailed discussion of the
 22 management of the civilian workforce of the Department
 23 of Defense. The discussion shall include the matter speci-
 24 fied in paragraph (2) for the civilian workforce of each
 25 of the following:

1 “(A) The Office of the Secretary of Defense
2 and the Defense Agencies and Department of De-
3 fense Field Activities.

4 “(B) The military departments.”.

5 (2) TRANSFER OF REPORTING REQUIRE-
6 MENTS.—Such title is further amended by transfer-
7 ring paragraph (2) of section 129(c) of such title to
8 section 115a, inserting such paragraph at the end of
9 subsection (d) of such section 115a, as added by
10 paragraph (1)(B) of this subsection, and amending
11 such paragraph (2)—

12 (A) by striking “Each report under para-
13 graph (1) shall contain” and inserting “The
14 matter to be included in each discussion under
15 paragraph (1)”;

16 (B) by striking “under the jurisdiction of
17 the official submitting the report” and inserting
18 “of each element of the Department of Defense
19 named in that paragraph”.

20 (3) CONFORMING REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT
21 FOR SEPARATE ANNUAL CIVILIAN PERSONNEL MAN-
22 AGEMENT REPORT.—Section 129 of such title is
23 amended by striking subsection (c).

1 **SEC. 1043. REPORT ON NATIONAL GUARD SEXUAL ASSAULT**
 2 **PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TRAINING.**

3 The Chief of the National Guard Bureau, in coordi-
 4 nation with the Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the
 5 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
 6 House of Representatives a report containing the number
 7 of members of the National Guard, disaggregated by
 8 State, that received sexual assault prevention and re-
 9 sponse training in the preceding calendar year—

10 (1) not later than 180 days after the date of
 11 the enactment of this Act; and

12 (2) annually, beginning in 2027 and ending in
 13 2031, by not later than March 30 of each year.

14 **SEC. 1044. REPORTS TO CONGRESS ON DEPARTMENT OF**
 15 **DEFENSE SUPPORT FOR IMMIGRATION EN-**
 16 **FORCEMENT OPERATIONS.**

17 Section 1707 of the National Defense Authorization
 18 Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 133 Stat.
 19 1799; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) is amended by adding at the
 20 end the following new subsection:

21 “(c) REPORTS ON SUPPORT FOR IMMIGRATION EN-
 22 FORCEMENT OPERATIONS.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Department of De-
 24 fense approves a Request for Assistance for support
 25 for immigration enforcement operations, the Sec-
 26 retary of Defense shall electronically transmit to the

1 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
2 the House of Representatives a report on such sup-
3 port not later than 30 calendar days after the date
4 on which the Secretary approves the Request for As-
5 sistance and every 30 calendar days thereafter.

6 “(2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by
7 paragraph (1) shall include information on the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(A) The use of transportation support
10 provided by the Department of Defense, the
11 type of such support, and the cost of such sup-
12 port.

13 “(B) The use of installation or facility sup-
14 port provided by the Department of Defense,
15 the name of the installation or facility, and the
16 cost of such support.

17 “(C) The reassignment of Department of
18 Defense personnel to conduct support for immi-
19 gration enforcement operations, the units from
20 which such personnel were reassigned, the dura-
21 tion of the orders, and the cost of such reas-
22 signment.”.

23 **SEC. 1045. MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND.**

24 (a) REPORT ON RECRUITING AND RETENTION EF-
25 FORTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this section, and
3 annually thereafter, the Secretary of the Navy, in
4 coordination with the Commander of the Military
5 Sealift Command, and in consultation with the Com-
6 mander of United States Transportation Command,
7 the Commander of United States Fleet Forces Com-
8 mand, and the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for
9 Research, Development and Acquisition, shall submit
10 to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate
11 and the Committee on Armed Services of the House
12 of Representatives a report on efforts to improve re-
13 cruitment and retention of Military Sealift Com-
14 mand Mariners.

15 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
16 paragraph (1) shall consider—

17 (A) opportunities to enhance the integra-
18 tion of Military Sealift Command civilian mari-
19 ners into the military command structure;

20 (B) providing training on the roles and sig-
21 nificance of Military Sealift Command civilian
22 mariner workforce to relevant military com-
23 mands; and

1 (C) authorities required to improve recruit-
2 ment and retention of civilian mariners in Mili-
3 tary Sealift Command.

4 (b) REPORT ON EXTENDING CHARTER DURA-
5 TIONS.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the en-
6 actment of this section, the Secretary of the Navy shall
7 submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate
8 and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of
9 Representatives a report assessing the merits of extending
10 the maximum charter durations of commercial and spe-
11 cialty vessels for the Military Sealift Command.

12 **SEC. 1046. REPORT ON ALIENS HELD AT INSTALLATIONS OF**
13 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

14 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the date
15 of the enactment of this Act, and not less frequently than
16 monthly thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit
17 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
18 the House of Representatives a report containing—

19 (1) the number of aliens held at installations of
20 the Department of Defense, disaggregated by loca-
21 tion; and

22 (2) the total cost of detention of aliens at in-
23 stallations of the Department of Defense, regardless
24 of location.

1 (b) ALIEN DEFINED.—In this section, the term
2 “alien” has the meaning given that term in section 101
3 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101).

4 **SEC. 1047. BRIEFING ON EXPENDITURES OR PLANNED EX-**
5 **PENDITURES OF FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR EX-**
6 **PLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF EXIST-**
7 **ING ARCTIC INFRASTRUCTURE.**

8 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
9 ment of this Act, and every 90 days thereafter, the Sec-
10 retary of Defense, in consultation with the Commander
11 of the United States Indo-Pacific Command and the Com-
12 mander of the United States Northern Command, shall
13 provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees
14 on the expenditures or planned expenditures of funds allo-
15 cated pursuant to section 20009(12) of the Act entitled
16 “An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II
17 of H. Con. Res. 14”, approved July 4, 2025 (Public Law
18 119–21), for exploration and development of existing Arc-
19 tic infrastructure. The briefing should include amount of
20 funds expended to date, a timeline for future use of funds,
21 and an assessment of the feasibility of any viable infra-
22 structure options in the Arctic region.

1 **Subtitle F—Other Matters**

2 **SEC. 1051. MODIFICATION OF LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE**
3 **IN SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
4 **ACCOUNTING FOR MISSING UNITED STATES**
5 **GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL.**

6 Section 408(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is
7 amended by striking “\$5,000,000” and inserting
8 “\$15,000,000”.

9 **SEC. 1052. EXTENSION OF ADMISSION TO GUAM OR THE**
10 **COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MAR-**
11 **IANA ISLANDS FOR CERTAIN H-2B NON-**
12 **IMMIGRANTS.**

13 Section 6(b)(1)(B) of the Joint Resolution entitled
14 “A Joint Resolution to approve the ‘Covenant to Establish
15 a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Po-
16 litical Union with the United States of America’, and for
17 other purposes”, approved March 24, 1976 (48 U.S.C.
18 1806(b)(1)(B)), is amended, in the matter preceding
19 clause (i), by striking “December 31, 2029” and inserting
20 “December 31, 2031”.

1 **SEC. 1053. PROHIBITING SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FROM**
2 **DEVELOPING VOTING TECHNOLOGY OR**
3 **METHODOLOGY.**

4 The Secretary of Defense may not develop, or facili-
5 tate the development of, any voting technology or method-
6 ology for voting in Federal and State elections.

7 **SEC. 1054. ASSESSMENT OF THE FEASIBILITY AND ADVIS-**
8 **ABILITY OF USING PERSONNEL OF THE DE-**
9 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO SUPPORT U.S.**
10 **CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION.**

11 (a) ASSESSMENT AND REPORT.—Not later than 180
12 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
13 retary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Secretary
14 of Homeland Security—

15 (1) conduct an assessment of the advisability,
16 feasibility, and cost of using personnel of the De-
17 partment of Defense to support U.S. Customs and
18 Border Protection by providing translation and in-
19 terpretation services in connection with border secu-
20 rity operations; and

21 (2) submit to the congressional defense commit-
22 tees a report on the findings of the Secretary with
23 respect to the assessment conducted pursuant to
24 paragraph (1).

25 (b) CONTENTS.—The report submitted pursuant to
26 subsection (a)(2) shall include the following:

1 (1) An assessment of the current capabilities
2 and availability of Department personnel with rel-
3 evant language skills to support the needs of U.S.
4 Customs and Border Protection and assist with
5 interviews, including with respect to Mandarin Chi-
6 nese, Arabic, Russian, Swahili, Korean, Urdu, Farsi,
7 and other languages that may be encountered at the
8 United States border.

9 (2) An evaluation on the potential impact of the
10 use of personnel described in subsection (a)(1) on
11 Department readiness, operations, and personnel.

12 (3) An evaluation of the impact of such use of
13 personnel on operations at the United States border.

14 (4) A cost estimate for such use of personnel,
15 including administrative, training, deployment, and
16 sustainment costs;

17 (5) A summary of any prior or ongoing inter-
18 agency efforts or agreements relating to foreign lan-
19 guage support between the Department of Defense
20 and the Department of Homeland Security and if
21 such support was provided on a reimbursable or
22 nonreimbursable basis.

23 (6) Such recommendations as the Secretary of
24 Defense may have for legislative or administrative
25 action to facilitate such use of personnel.

1 **SEC. 1055. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
2 **TRAVEL EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE**
3 **SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.**

4 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
5 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
6 operation and maintenance, defense-wide, and available
7 for the Office of the Secretary of Defense for travel ex-
8 penses, not more than 75 percent may be obligated or ex-
9 pended until the Secretary of Defense—

10 (1) submits to the Committee on Armed Serv-
11 ices of the Senate unredacted copies of documents
12 requested by the committee during the period begin-
13 ning on January 1, 2024, and ending on June 1,
14 2024;

15 (2) submits to the congressional defense com-
16 mittees overdue notifications regarding sensitive
17 military operations required by section 130f of title
18 10, United States Code;

19 (3) submits to the requesting committee over-
20 due quarterly reports regarding execute orders of the
21 Department of Defense required by section 1744 of
22 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
23 Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 113
24 note);

25 (4) submits to the congressional defense com-
26 mittees the plan for integrating signals intelligence

1 capabilities on fielded armed overwatch aircraft re-
2 quired by section 167 of the Servicemember Quality
3 of Life Improvement and National Defense Author-
4 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–
5 159);

6 (5) issues guidance on the governance and over-
7 sight of the contracts of the Department of Defense
8 that support or enable sensitive activities required by
9 section 867 of the Servicemember Quality of Life
10 Improvement and National Defense Authorization
11 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159);

12 (6) submits to the congressional defense com-
13 mittees the review of authorities relevant to the con-
14 duct of irregular warfare activities by the Depart-
15 ment of Defense required by section 1065 of the
16 Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and
17 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
18 2025 (Public Law 118–159);

19 (7) submits to the congressional defense com-
20 mittees the plan for implementing and institutional-
21 izing the responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary
22 of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity
23 Conflict, and other matters, required by section
24 907(b) of the Servicemember Quality of Life Im-

1 provement and National Defense Authorization Act
2 for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159); and
3 (8) submits to the Committees on Armed Serv-
4 ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives
5 the report on Department of Defense efforts to iden-
6 tify, disseminate, and implement throughout the De-
7 partment lessons learned from the war in Ukraine
8 required by the conference report accompanying the
9 Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and
10 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
11 2025 (Public Law 118–159).

12 **SEC. 1056. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SENSITIVE ACTIVI-**
13 **TIES.**

14 (a) OVERSIGHT OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SEN-
15 SITIVE ACTIVITIES.—Chapter 3 of title 10, United States
16 Code, is amended by inserting after section 130f the fol-
17 lowing new section:

18 **“§ 103. Oversight of Department of Defense sensitive**
19 **activities.**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
21 keep the congressional defense committees fully and cur-
22 rently informed of Department of Defense sensitive activi-
23 ties.

24 “(b) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall
25 submit to the congressional defense committees notice in

1 writing of a compromise or failure of any Department of
2 Defense sensitive activity not later than 48 hours following
3 the compromise or failure.

4 “(c) PROCEDURES.—The Secretary of Defense, in co-
5 ordination with the congressional defense committees,
6 shall establish and submit to such committees procedures
7 for complying with the requirements of subsection (a) and
8 (b) consistent with the national security of the United
9 States and the protection of operational integrity. The
10 Secretary shall promptly notify the congressional defense
11 committees in writing of any changes to such procedures
12 at least 14 days prior to the adoption of any such changes.

13 “(d) SENSITIVE ACTIVITY DEFINED.—In this sec-
14 tion, the term ‘sensitive activity’ means operations, ac-
15 tions, activities, or programs that, if compromised, could
16 have enduring adverse effects on United States foreign
17 policy, Department of Defense activities, or military oper-
18 ations, or cause significant embarrassment to the United
19 States, United States allies, or the Department of De-
20 fense.”.

21 (b) PROCESS FOR COORDINATING AND
22 DECONFLICTING CONTRACTS.—Consistent with section
23 867 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement
24 and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
25 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4601),

1 the Secretary of Defense shall establish a process for co-
2 ordinating and deconflicting contracts of the Department
3 of Defense that support or enable sensitive activities with
4 other departments and agencies of the Federal govern-
5 ment, as appropriate.

6 **SEC. 1057. IRREGULAR WARFARE EXERCISE LABORATORY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may es-
8 tablish and maintain an Irregular Warfare Exercise Lab-
9 oratory to—

10 (1) support the training, experimentation, prep-
11 aration, and validation of the United States Armed
12 Forces to conduct full-spectrum irregular warfare
13 activities; and

14 (2) enable activities to build the capacity and
15 interoperability of the security forces of friendly for-
16 eign countries.

17 (b) AUTHORITIES.—In carrying out the activities au-
18 thorized under subsection (a), the Secretary may use the
19 authorities under chapter 16 of title 10, United States
20 Code, and other applicable statutory authorities available
21 to the Secretary of Defense.

22 **SEC. 1058. SEMIANNUAL REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
23 **FENSE OPERATIONS AT THE SOUTHERN**
24 **LAND BORDER.**

25 (a) REPORT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary of Defense shall submit to the Committee on
4 Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on
5 Armed Services of the House of Representatives a
6 report on operations at the southern land border.

7 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
8 paragraph (1) shall include a detailed description
9 of—

10 (A) the Department of Defense’s efforts
11 with respect to—

12 (i) combating transnational organized
13 crime in the United States Northern Com-
14 mand and the United States Southern
15 Command areas of responsibility;

16 (ii) reducing the cross-border flow of
17 illicit synthetic drugs, including fentanyl,
18 fentanyl analogs, and fentanyl precursors;
19 and

20 (iii) reducing the cross-border illicit
21 trade of firearms and human trafficking;

22 (B) the Department of Defense’s steady-
23 state plan and posture on the southern land
24 border;

1 (C) the Department of Defense’s assess-
2 ment of the operational and readiness impact
3 under the Department’s steady-state plan and
4 posture on the southern land border, and any
5 revisions of such plan and posture;

6 (D) each military installation and each De-
7 partment of Defense facility on or off the in-
8 stallation that is being used to support—

9 (i) the Department of Defense’s oper-
10 ations along the southern land border; or

11 (ii) the Department of Homeland Se-
12 curity or any of its components;

13 (E) the funding sources for the Depart-
14 ment of Defense’s current operations along the
15 southern land border;

16 (F) the Department of Defense’s use of
17 force policy and related training;

18 (G) the Department of Defense’s assess-
19 ment of its compliance with section 1385 of
20 title 18, United States Code (commonly known
21 as the “Posse Comitatus Act of 1878”), in its
22 execution of—

23 (i) any efforts along the southern land
24 border; and

1 (ii) any efforts in support of the De-
 2 partment of Homeland Security; and

3 (H) any challenges the Department of De-
 4 fense has faced in the execution of the efforts
 5 described in subparagraphs (A) and (F).

6 (b) SEMIANNUAL UPDATES.—Not less frequently
 7 than once every 180 days after submitting the report re-
 8 quired under subsection (a) and during the effective period
 9 of the national emergency declared by Proclamation
 10 100886 (90 Fed. Reg. 8327; relating to a Declaration of
 11 a National Emergency at the Southern Border of the
 12 United States), Executive Order 14165 (90 Fed. Reg.
 13 8467; relating to Security Our Borders), and Executive
 14 Order 14167 (90 Fed. Reg. 8613; relating to Clarifying
 15 the Military’s Role in Protecting the Territorial Integrity
 16 of the United States), the Commander of the United
 17 States Northern Command shall submit to the congres-
 18 sional defense committees updates to the information in-
 19 cluded in such report.

20 **SEC. 1059. UNIVERSITY-BASED SECURE INNOVATION INCU-**
 21 **BATOR PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
 22 **FENSE.**

23 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense
 24 shall establish a program to develop, operate, and main-

tain incubator programs for secure facilities and networks
at select universities across the United States—

(1) to accelerate the development and transition
of innovative technologies to meet national security
needs;

(2) to increase the availability of secure facilities and networks for classified work at university locations;

(3) to foster collaboration between academic researchers, private sector entities, and Department of Defense personnel;

(4) to expand the pool of security-cleared technical talent available to support defense organizations and personnel in critical defense technology areas; and

(5) to create regional innovation hubs that strengthen the national security innovation base.

(b) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—The program established pursuant to subsection (a) shall include the following elements:

(1) FACILITY REQUIREMENTS.—Each university-based secure facility and network shall—

(A) meet all physical, technical, and personnel security requirements for handling clas-

1 sified information up to the Top Secret or Sen-
2 sitive Compartmented Information level;

3 (B) be designed to accommodate diverse
4 use cases, including secure meetings, classified
5 research, and technology development activities;

6 (C) include collaborative workspaces appro-
7 priate for innovation activities; and

8 (D) leverage modern design principles to
9 maximize utilization and effectiveness.

10 (2) UNIVERSITY SELECTION CRITERIA.—The
11 Secretary shall select universities based on—

12 (A) the absence of a fully functional secure
13 facility and network on the university campus;

14 (B) demonstrated commitment to national
15 security-relevant research and development;

16 (C) existing relationships with the Depart-
17 ment of Defense;

18 (D) technical capabilities relevant to de-
19 fense innovation priorities;

20 (E) geographic distribution to ensure na-
21 tionwide access; and

22 (F) capacity to support the administrative
23 and security requirements of operating a secure
24 facility and network.

25 (3) ACCESS TO FACILITIES AND NETWORKS.—

1 (A) ACCESS MODEL.—The Secretary shall
2 establish a flexible subscription-based system
3 for access to the university-based secure facili-
4 ties and networks, with—

5 (i) tiered access levels calibrated to
6 different user needs and security require-
7 ments;

8 (ii) pricing structures that may vary
9 based on organizational size, usage pat-
10 terns, and security clearance-processing
11 needs; and

12 (iii) priority access for Department
13 components and entities working on
14 projects sponsored by the Department.

15 (B) ACCESS PROTOCOLS AND SECURITY
16 CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS.—

17 (i) IN GENERAL.—Access to classified
18 information and secure facilities within the
19 program established pursuant to sub-
20 section (a) shall be strictly controlled and
21 granted consistent with Executive Order
22 12968 (50 U.S.C. 3161 note; relating to
23 access to classified information).

24 (ii) AUTHORIZED USERS.—Authorized
25 users of classified information and secure

1 facilities within the program established
2 pursuant to subsection (a) may include—

3 (I) university faculty, staff, and
4 students;

5 (II) private sector entities, par-
6 ticularly small businesses and
7 startups, that are participating in spe-
8 cific defense innovation programs;

9 (III) personnel and contractors of
10 the Department of Defense; and

11 (IV) personnel from other Fed-
12 eral agencies engaged in work related
13 to national security.

14 (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—

15 (1) PILOT PROGRAM.—In carrying out the pro-
16 gram required by subsection (a), the Secretary
17 shall—

18 (A) not later than 540 days after the date
19 of the enactment of this Act, establish an initial
20 pilot program with not fewer than three univer-
21 sity partners;

22 (B) ensure that at least one of the loca-
23 tions for the pilot program established pursuant
24 to subparagraph (A) is at a university located

1 within 100 miles of the geographic center of the
2 United States;

3 (C) evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot
4 program established pursuant to subparagraph
5 (A) based on metrics, including utilization
6 rates, project outcomes, and participant feed-
7 back; and

8 (D) not more than 900 days after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, submit to the con-
10 gressional defense committees a report on—

11 (i) the findings of the Secretary with
12 respect to the pilot program established
13 pursuant to subparagraph (A); and

14 (ii) such recommendations as the Sec-
15 retary may have for expanding the pilot
16 program.

17 (2) PROGRAM EXPANSION.—Subject to success-
18 ful evaluation of the pilot program established pur-
19 suant to paragraph (1)(A), the Secretary shall, not
20 later than four years after the date of the enactment
21 of this Act, expand the program required by sub-
22 section (a) to not fewer than 10 universities.

23 (d) COST-SHARING.—The Secretary may enter into
24 cost-sharing agreements or other appropriate agreements
25 with universities participating in the program established

1 pursuant to subsection (a), other Federal departments and
2 agencies, State and local governments, Tribal govern-
3 ments, and private sector partners to support the estab-
4 lishment and operation of the secure facilities and net-
5 works under the program.

6 (e) ANNUAL REPORT.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each year, the Secretary
8 shall submit to the congressional defense committees
9 an annual report on the program established pursu-
10 ant to subsection (a).

11 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted pursu-
12 ant to paragraph (1) shall cover the following:

13 (A) Current locations and expansion plans.

14 (B) Utilization metrics and user demo-
15 graphics.

16 (C) Financial information, including fees
17 collected and program costs.

18 (D) Measurable outcomes from activities
19 conducted within the secure facilities and net-
20 works included in the program.

21 (E) Recommendations for legislative or ad-
22 ministrative action relating to the program.

23 (f) PROGRAM AND REPORT EXPIRATION.—The pro-
24 gram authorized under subsection (a) and the annual re-

1 port requirement under subsection (e) shall terminate 10
 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 1060. PRIORITY CONSIDERATION OF ENERGY**
 4 **PROJECTS THAT ARE LIKELY TO EXPERI-**
 5 **ENCE SIGNIFICANT TEMPORAL IMPACT DUE**
 6 **TO SEASONAL ARCTIC CLIMATE CONDITIONS.**

7 The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
 8 Sustainment shall, to the maximum extent possible,
 9 prioritize, for purposes of consideration by the Manufac-
 10 turing Capability Expansion and Investment Prioritization
 11 (MCEIP) office, the clearance of mining and energy
 12 project applications and white papers for projects the op-
 13 eration or completion of which is likely to experience sig-
 14 nificant temporal impact due to seasonal Arctic climate
 15 conditions.

16 **SEC. 1061. NON-REIMBURSABLE SUPPORT FOR AFGHANI-**
 17 **STAN WAR COMMISSION.**

18 Section 1094(f)(2) of the Afghanistan War Commis-
 19 sion Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat. 1938)
 20 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
 21 paragraph:

22 “(D) SERVICES.—

23 “(i) DOD SERVICES.—The Secretary
 24 of Defense may provide to the Commission,
 25 on a nonreimbursable basis, such adminis-

1 trative services, funds, staff, facilities, and
 2 other support services as are necessary for
 3 the performance of the Commission’s du-
 4 ties under this section.

5 “(ii) OTHER AGENCIES.—In addition
 6 to any support provided under clause (i),
 7 the heads of other Federal departments
 8 and agencies may provide to the Commis-
 9 sion such services, funds, facilities, staff,
 10 and other support as the heads of such de-
 11 partments and agencies determine advis-
 12 able and as may be authorized by law.”.

13 **SEC. 1062. CONTRACTING AUTHORITY FOR AFGHANISTAN**
 14 **WAR COMMISSION.**

15 Section 1094(g) of the Afghanistan War Commission
 16 Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat. 1938) is
 17 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
 18 graph:

19 “(7) CONTRACTING.—The Co-Chairpersons of
 20 the Commission may, to such extent and in such
 21 amounts as are provided in appropriation Acts, enter
 22 into contracts to enable the Commission to discharge
 23 its duties under this section.”.

1 **SEC. 1063. COMMISSION ON THE NATIONAL DEFENSE**
2 **STRATEGY.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established as of
5 January 5, 2026, an independent commission in the
6 legislative branch to be known as the “Commission
7 on the National Defense Strategy” (in this section
8 referred to as the “Commission”).

9 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Commission
10 is to examine and make recommendations with re-
11 spect to the national defense strategy of the United
12 States.

13 (3) SCOPE AND DUTIES.—In order to provide
14 the fullest understanding of the national defense
15 strategy the Commission shall perform the following
16 duties:

17 (A) NATIONAL DEFENSE STRATEGY RE-
18 VIEW.—The Commission shall review the most
19 recent national defense strategy of the United
20 States including the assumptions, strategic ob-
21 jectives, priority missions, major investments in
22 defense capabilities, force posture and struc-
23 ture, operational concepts, and strategic and
24 military risks associated with the strategy.

1 (B) ASSESSMENT.—The Commission shall
2 conduct a comprehensive assessment of the
3 strategic environment, including—

4 (i) United States interests;

5 (ii) the threats to the national secu-
6 rity of the United States, including both
7 traditional and non-traditional threats;

8 (iii) the size and shape of the force;

9 (iv) the readiness of the force;

10 (v) the posture, structure, and capa-
11 bilities of the force;

12 (vi) allocation of resources; and

13 (vii) the strategic and military risks
14 present in the national defense strategy.

15 (4) COMMISSION REPORT AND RECOMMENDA-
16 TIONS.—

17 (A) REPORT.—

18 (i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one
19 year after the date of establishment of the
20 Commission, the Commission shall trans-
21 mit to the President and Congress a report
22 containing the review and assessment con-
23 ducted under paragraph (3), together with
24 any recommendations of the Commission.

1 (ii) CONTENTS.—The report required
2 by clause (i) shall include the following ele-
3 ments:

4 (I) An appraisal of the strategic
5 environment, including an examina-
6 tion of the traditional and non-tradi-
7 tional threats to the United States,
8 and the potential for conflicts arising
9 from such threats and security chal-
10 lenges.

11 (II) An evaluation of the stra-
12 tegic objectives of the Department of
13 Defense for near-peer competition in
14 support of the national security inter-
15 ests of the United States.

16 (III) A review of the military
17 missions for which the Department of
18 Defense should prepare, including
19 missions that support the interagency
20 and a whole-of-government strategy.

21 (IV) An identification of any
22 gaps or redundancies in the roles and
23 missions assigned to the Armed
24 Forces necessary to carry out military
25 missions identified in subclause (III),

1 and the roles and capabilities provided
2 by other Federal agencies and by al-
3 lies and international partners.

4 (V) An assessment of how the
5 national defense strategy leverages
6 other elements of national power
7 across the interagency to counter
8 near-peer competitors.

9 (VI) An evaluation of the re-
10 sources necessary to support the
11 strategy, including budget rec-
12 ommendations.

13 (VII) An examination of the ef-
14 forts by the Department of Defense to
15 develop new and innovative oper-
16 ational concepts to enable the United
17 States to more effectively counter
18 near-peer competitors.

19 (VIII) An analysis of the force
20 planning construct, including—

21 (aa) the size and shape of
22 the force;

23 (bb) the posture, structure,
24 and capabilities of the force;

1 (cc) the readiness of the
2 force;

3 (dd) infrastructure and or-
4 ganizational adjustments to the
5 force;

6 (ee) modifications to per-
7 sonnel requirements, including
8 professional military education;
9 and

10 (ff) other elements of the de-
11 fense program necessary to sup-
12 port the strategy.

13 (IX) An assessment of the risks
14 associated with the strategy, including
15 the relationships and tradeoffs be-
16 tween missions, risks, and resources.

17 (X) Any other elements the Com-
18 mission considers appropriate.

19 (B) BRIEFINGS.—

20 (i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180
21 days after the date of the establishment of
22 the Commission, the Commission shall pro-
23 vide to the Committees on Armed Services
24 of the Senate and the House of Represent-
25 atives a briefing on the status of the review

1 and assessment required by paragraph (3),
2 including a discussion of any interim rec-
3 ommendations.

4 (ii) INTERIM BRIEFINGS.—At the re-
5 quest of the Chair and Ranking Member of
6 the Committee on Armed Services of the
7 Senate, or the Chair and Ranking Member
8 of the Committee on Armed Services of the
9 House of Representatives, the Commission
10 shall provide the requesting Committee
11 with interim briefings in addition to the
12 briefing required by clause (i).

13 (5) POWERS OF COMMISSION.—

14 (A) HEARINGS.—The Commission may
15 hold such hearings, sit and act at such times
16 and places, take such testimony, and receive
17 such evidence as the Commission considers ad-
18 visable to carry out its duties under this sec-
19 tion.

20 (B) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGEN-
21 CIES.—The Commission may secure directly
22 from any Federal department or agency such
23 information as the Commission considers nec-
24 essary to carry out its duties under this section.
25 Upon request of the Chair of the Commission,

1 the head of such department or agency shall
2 furnish such information to the Commission.

3 (C) USE OF POSTAL SERVICE.—The Com-
4 mission may use the United States mails in the
5 same manner and under the same conditions as
6 other departments and agencies of the Federal
7 Government.

8 (D) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT GIFTS.—

9 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Commission
10 may accept, use, and dispose of gifts or do-
11 nations of services, goods, and property
12 from non-Federal entities for the purposes
13 of aiding and facilitating the work of the
14 Commission. The authority under this
15 paragraph does not extend to gifts of
16 money.

17 (ii) DOCUMENTATION; CONFLICTS OF
18 INTEREST.—The Commission shall docu-
19 ment gifts accepted under the authority
20 provided by clause (i) and shall avoid con-
21 flicts of interest or the appearance of con-
22 flicts of interest.

23 (iii) COMPLIANCE WITH CONGRES-
24 SIONAL ETHICS RULES.—Except as specifi-
25 cally provided in this section, a member of

1 the Commission shall comply with rules set
2 forth by the Select Committee on Ethics of
3 the Senate and the Committee on Ethics of
4 the House of Representatives governing
5 employees of the Senate and the House of
6 Representatives, respectively.

7 (6) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than Feb-
8 ruary 5, 2027, the Commission shall submit to the
9 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
10 House of Representatives an unclassified report,
11 with classified annexes if necessary, that includes
12 the findings and conclusions of the Commission as
13 a result of the studies required under this section,
14 together with its recommendations for such legisla-
15 tive actions as the Commission considers appropriate
16 in light of the results of the studies.

17 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

18 (1) COMPOSITION.—The Commission shall be
19 composed of 8 members, of whom—

20 (A) one shall be appointed by the Speaker
21 of the House of Representatives;

22 (B) one shall be appointed by the Minority
23 Leader of the House of Representatives;

24 (C) one shall be appointed by the Majority
25 Leader of the Senate;

1 (D) one shall be appointed by the Minority
2 Leader of the Senate;

3 (E) one shall be appointed by the Chair-
4 man of the Committee on Armed Services of
5 the Senate;

6 (F) one shall be appointed by the Ranking
7 Member of the Committee on Armed Services of
8 the Senate;

9 (G) one shall be appointed by the Chair-
10 man of the Committee on Armed Services of
11 the House of Representatives; and

12 (H) one shall be appointed by the Ranking
13 Member of the Committee on Armed Services of
14 the House of Representatives.

15 (2) CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.—

16 (A) CHAIR.—The Chair of the Committee
17 on Armed Services of the Senate and the Chair
18 of the Committee on Armed Services of the
19 House of Representatives, with the concurrence
20 of the Majority Leader of the Senate and the
21 Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall
22 jointly designate 1 member of the Commission
23 to serve as Chair of the Commission.

24 (B) VICE CHAIR.—The Ranking Member
25 of the Committee on Armed Services of the

Senate and the Ranking Member of the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, with the concurrence of the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, shall jointly designate 1 member of the Commission to serve as Vice Chair of the Commission.

(3) APPOINTMENTS.—

(A) APPOINTMENT DATE.—Members shall be appointed to the Commission under paragraph (1) by not later than 30 days after the date of the establishment of the Commission.

(B) NOTIFICATIONS.—Individuals making appointments under paragraph (1) shall provide notice of the appointments to the Secretary of Defense (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”), the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, and the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

(C) EFFECT OF NON-APPOINTMENT.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—If an appointment under this subsection is not made by the date specified under paragraph (3)(A), the authority to make such appointment shall

devolve to a member of Congress of the same party and same chamber eligible to appoint under this subsection.

(ii) EXPIRATION OF APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY.—If an appointment is not made within 60 days of establishment, the authority to make such appointment shall expire.

(D) RESTRICTION ON APPOINTMENT.—Officers or employees of the Federal Government (other than experts or consultants the services of which are procured under section 3109 of title 5, United States Code) may not be appointed as members of the Commission.

(E) RESTRICTION ON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—Members of Congress may not serve on the Commission.

(4) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES; REMOVAL OF MEMBERS.—

(A) APPOINTMENT DURATION.—Members shall be appointed for the life of the Commission.

(B) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Commission shall not affect its powers, but

1 shall be filled in the same manner as the origi-
2 nal appointment.

3 (C) REMOVAL OF MEMBERS.—A member
4 may be removed from the Commission for cause
5 by the individual serving in the position respon-
6 sible for the original appointment of such mem-
7 ber under subsection (b)(1), provided that no-
8 tice has first been provided to such member of
9 the cause for removal and voted and agreed
10 upon by three quarters of the members serving.
11 A vacancy created by the removal of a member
12 under this subsection shall not affect the pow-
13 ers of the Commission, and shall be filled in the
14 same manner as the original appointment was
15 made.

16 (5) QUORUM.—A majority of the members
17 serving on the Commission shall constitute a
18 quorum.

19 (6) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 30 days
20 after the date on which all members of the Commis-
21 sion have been appointed as published in the Con-
22 gressional Record, the Commission shall hold its ini-
23 tial meeting.

24 (c) PERSONNEL MATTERS.—

1 (1) STATUS AS FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—Not-
2 withstanding the requirements of section 2105 of
3 title 5, United States Code, including the required
4 supervision under subsection (a)(3) of such section,
5 members of the Commission shall be deemed to be
6 Federal employees in the legislative branch subject
7 to all the laws and policies applicable to legislative
8 branch employees.

9 (2) OATH OF OFFICE.—Notwithstanding the
10 provision of section 2903(b) of title 5, United States
11 Code, an employee of an Executive Branch agency,
12 otherwise authorized to administer oaths under sec-
13 tion 2903 of title 5, United States Code, may ad-
14 minister the oath of office to Commissioners for the
15 purpose of their service to the Commission.

16 (3) SECURITY CLEARANCES.—The appropriate
17 Federal departments or agencies shall cooperate
18 with the Commission in expeditiously providing to
19 the Commission members and staff appropriate se-
20 curity clearances to the extent possible pursuant to
21 existing procedures and requirements, except that no
22 person may be provided with access to classified in-
23 formation under this Act without the appropriate se-
24 curity clearances.

1 (4) PAY FOR MEMBERS.—Each member of the
2 Commission may be compensated at a rate not to
3 exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of
4 basic pay payable for level IV of the Executive
5 Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United
6 States Code, for each day (including travel time)
7 during which such member is engaged in the per-
8 formance of the duties of the Commission. All mem-
9 bers of the Commission who are officers or employ-
10 ees of the United States shall serve without com-
11 pensation additional to that received for their serv-
12 ices as officers or employees of the United States.

13 (5) STAFF.—

14 (A) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The Chair of
15 the Commission may appoint and fix the rate of
16 basic pay for an Executive Director in accord-
17 ance with section 3161 of title 5, United States
18 Code.

19 (B) COMMISSION STAFF.—The Executive
20 Director may appoint and fix the rate of basic
21 pay for additional personnel as staff of the
22 Commission in accordance with section 3161 of
23 title 5, United States Code.

24 (C) DETAILEES AUTHORIZED.—On a reim-
25 bursable or non-reimbursable basis, the heads

1 of departments and agencies of the Federal
2 Government may provide, and the Commission
3 may accept personnel detailed from such de-
4 partments and agencies, including active-duty
5 military personnel.

6 (D) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The members
7 and staff of the Commission shall be allowed
8 travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of
9 subsistence, at rates authorized for employees
10 of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of
11 title 5, United States Code, while away from
12 their homes or regular places of business in the
13 performance of services for the Commission.

14 (d) SUPPORT.—

15 (1) ASSISTANCE FROM DEPARTMENT OF DE-
16 FENSE.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts author-
18 ized to be appropriated for the Department of
19 Defense for support of the Commission, the
20 Secretary may make transfers to the Commis-
21 sion for Commission expenses, including com-
22 pensation of Commission members, officers, and
23 employees, and provision of other such services,
24 funds, facilities, and other support services as
25 necessary for the performance of the Commis-

1 sion's functions. Funds made available to sup-
2 port and provide assistance to the Commission
3 may be used for payment of compensation of
4 members, officers, and employees of the Com-
5 mission without transfer under this subpara-
6 graph. Amounts transferred under this sub-
7 paragraph shall remain available until ex-
8 pended. Transfer authority provided by this
9 subparagraph is in addition to any other trans-
10 fer authority provided by law. Section 2215 of
11 title 10, United States Code, shall not apply to
12 a transfer of funds under this subparagraph.

13 (B) TREASURY ACCOUNT AUTHORIZED.—

14 The Secretary of the Treasury may establish an
15 account or accounts for the Commission from
16 which any amounts transferred under this
17 clause may be used for activities of the Com-
18 mission.

19 (2) LIAISON.—The Secretary shall designate at
20 least one officer or employee of the Department of
21 Defense to serve as a liaison officer between the De-
22 partment and the Commission.

23 (3) ADDITIONAL SUPPORT.—To the extent that
24 funds are available for such purpose, or on a reim-

1 bursable basis, the Secretary may, at the request of
2 the Chair of the Commission—

3 (A) enter into contracts for the acquisition
4 of administrative supplies and equipment for
5 use by the Commission; and

6 (B) make available the services of a Fed-
7 eral funded research and development center or
8 an independent, nongovernmental organization,
9 described under section 501(c)(3) of the Inter-
10 nal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from
11 taxation under section 501(a) of such Code.

12 (4) PRELIMINARY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
13 AUTHORIZED.—Upon the appointment of the Chair
14 and Vice Chair under subsection (b), the Secretary
15 may provide administrative support authorized
16 under this section necessary to facilitate the stand-
17 ing up of the Commission.

18 (e) TERMINATION OF COMMISSION.—The Commis-
19 sion shall terminate 90 days after the submission of the
20 report required by subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 1064. PROVISION BY AIR FORCE OF METEOROLOGICAL**
2 **AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR INTEL-**
3 **LIGENCE COMMUNITY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air Force
5 shall provide meteorological and environmental services for
6 operations of the intelligence community.

7 (b) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY DEFINED.—In this
8 section, the term “intelligence community” has the mean-
9 ing given that term in section 3 of the National Security
10 Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).

11 **SEC. 1065. EXPANSION OF INDIVIDUAL LONGITUDINAL EX-**
12 **POSURE RECORD.**

13 (a) ALL EXPOSURES.—The Secretary of Defense
14 shall expand the Individual Longitudinal Exposure Record
15 (in this section referred to as “ILER”) to document all
16 exposures of members of the Armed Forces, including
17 those that occur within the United States, so it can be
18 available for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs when such
19 members transition to civilian life, including the following:

20 (1) All-hazard occupational data.

21 (2) Environmental hazards that were known or
22 found later to which the member was exposed, in-
23 cluding through conducting any monitoring in the
24 area.

25 (b) MEDICAL INFORMATION.—The Secretary of De-
26 fense shall expand the ILER to include the following med-

1 ical information of members of the Armed Forces so it
2 can be available for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
3 when such members transition to civilian life:

4 (1) Medical encounter information relating to
5 exposures (such as diagnosis, treatment, and labora-
6 tory data).

7 (2) Medical concerns that should be addressed
8 regarding possible exposures.

9 (c) AVAILABILITY TO CERTAIN PROFESSIONALS.—
10 The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the ILER is
11 available, for purposes of improving internal processes, to
12 the following:

13 (1) Health care providers of the Department of
14 Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

15 (2) Epidemiologists and researchers of the De-
16 partment of Defense and the Department of Vet-
17 erans Affairs.

18 (3) Disability evaluation and benefits deter-
19 minations specialists of the Department of Veterans
20 Affairs.

21 (d) INCLUSION IN SERVICE RECORDS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
23 shall document in the service records of a member
24 of the Armed Forces whether such member served at

1 a location where there was a potential of toxic expo-
 2 sure.

3 (2) PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED INFORMA-
 4 TION.—In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary
 5 of Defense shall ensure that service at any location
 6 that is classified is protected from disclosure.

7 **SEC. 1066. CLASSIFICATION OF NEVADA TEST AND TRAIN-**
 8 **ING RANGE AS LOCATION WHERE CONTAMI-**
 9 **NATION OCCURRED AND MEMBERS OF THE**
 10 **ARMED FORCES WERE EXPOSED TO TOXIC**
 11 **SUBSTANCES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
 13 classify the Nevada Test and Training Range as a location
 14 where contamination occurred.

15 (b) IDENTIFICATION PROCESS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air
 17 Force shall establish a process to identify members
 18 of the Armed Forces and former members of the
 19 Armed Forces that were stationed at the Nevada
 20 Test and Training Range since January 27, 1951.

21 (2) DOCUMENTATION.—The Secretary of the
 22 Air Force shall establish a process to permit mem-
 23 bers of the Armed Forces and former members of
 24 the Armed Forces to provide documentation or evi-
 25 dence of their assignment within the Nevada Test

1 and Training Range to assist the Secretary in iden-
 2 tifying those members and former members under
 3 paragraph (1).

4 (3) EFFORTS.—The Secretary of the Air Force
 5 shall make all efforts to identify individuals de-
 6 scribed in paragraph (1) and shall not require mem-
 7 bers of the Armed Forces or former members of the
 8 Armed Forces to submit evidence of their stationing.

9 **SEC. 1067. REVIEW OF AND REPORTING ON NATIONAL SE-**
 10 **CURITY SENSITIVE SITES FOR PURPOSES OF**
 11 **REVIEWS OF REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS**
 12 **BY THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN INVEST-**
 13 **MENT IN THE UNITED STATES.**

14 (a) LIST OF NATIONAL SECURITY SENSITIVE
 15 SITES.—Section 721(a)(4)(C) of the Defense Production
 16 Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4565(a)(4)(C)) is amended by
 17 adding at the end the following:

18 “(iii) LIST OF SITES.—For purposes
 19 of subparagraph (B)(ii), the Committee
 20 may prescribe through regulations a list of
 21 facilities and property of the United States
 22 Government that are sensitive for reasons
 23 relating to national security. Such list may
 24 include certain facilities and property of
 25 the intelligence community and National

1 Laboratories (as defined in section 2 of the
2 Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C.
3 15801)).”.

4 (b) REVIEW AND REPORTS.—Section 721(m) of the
5 Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4565(m)(2))
6 is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the
8 following:

9 “(L) A list of all notices and declarations
10 filed and all reviews or investigations of covered
11 transactions completed during the period relat-
12 ing to facilities and property of the United
13 States Government determined to be sensitive
14 for reasons relating to national security for pur-
15 poses of subsection (a)(4)(B)(ii).

16 “(M) A certification that the list of sites
17 identified under subsection (a)(4)(C)(iii) re-
18 flects consideration of the recommended up-
19 dates and revisions submitted under paragraph
20 (4)(B). Upon request from any Member of Con-
21 gress specified in subsection (b)(3)(C)(iii), the
22 chairperson shall provide a classified briefing to
23 that Member, and staff of the member with ap-
24 propriate security clearances, regarding the list

1 of sites identified under subsection
2 (a)(4)(C)(iii).”;

3 (2) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
4 graph (5); and

5 (3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(4) ANNUAL REVIEW OF LIST OF FACILITIES
8 AND PROPERTY.—Not later than January 31 of each
9 year, each member of the Committee shall—

10 “(A) review the facilities and property of
11 the agency represented by that member that are
12 on the list prescribed under subparagraph
13 (C)(iii) of subsection (a)(4) of facilities and
14 property that are sensitive for reasons relating
15 to national security for purposes of subpara-
16 graph (B)(ii) of that subsection; and

17 “(B) submit to the chairperson a report on
18 that review, after approval of the report by an
19 Assistant Secretary or equivalent official of the
20 agency, which shall include any recommended
21 updates or revisions to the list regarding facili-
22 ties and property administered by the member
23 of the Committee.”.

1 **SEC. 1068. ELIGIBILITY OF SPOUSES FOR SERVICES UNDER**
2 **THE DISABLED VETERANS' OUTREACH PRO-**
3 **GRAM.**

4 Section 4103A of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1)—

8 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
9 graph (A), by inserting “and eligible per-
10 sons” after “eligible veterans”; and

11 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting
12 “, and eligible persons,” after “Other eligi-
13 ble veterans”;

14 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “and el-
15 igible persons” after “veterans” each place it
16 appears; and

17 (C) in paragraph (3)—

18 (i) by inserting “or eligible person”
19 after “veteran” each place it appears; and

20 (ii) by inserting “or eligible person’s”
21 after “veteran’s”;

22 (2) in subsection (d)(1)—

23 (A) by inserting “and eligible persons”
24 after “eligible veterans” each place it appears;
25 and

26 (B) by striking “non-veteran-related”; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(e) **ELIGIBLE PERSON DEFINED.**—In this section,
4 the term ‘eligible person’ means—

5 “(1) any spouse described in section 4101(5) of
6 this title; or

7 “(2) the spouse of any person who died while
8 a member of the Armed Forces.”.

9 **SEC. 1069. AUTHORITY OF MARSHAL OF THE SUPREME**
10 **COURT AND SUPREME COURT POLICE.**

11 Section 6121(a)(2) of title 40, United States Code,
12 is amended by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting
13 the following:

14 “(C) if the Marshal determines such pro-
15 tection is necessary—

16 “(i) any retired or former Chief Jus-
17 tice or Associate Justice of the Supreme
18 Court; or

19 “(ii) any member of the immediate
20 family of the Chief Justice, any Associate
21 Justice, any retired or former Chief Jus-
22 tice or Associate Justice, or any officer of
23 the Supreme Court.”.

1 **SEC. 1070. SECOND CHANCE ACT REAUTHORIZATION.**

2 (a) STATE AND LOCAL REENTRY DEMONSTRATION
3 PROJECTS.—Section 2976 of title I of the Omnibus Crime
4 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10631)
5 is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) in paragraph (7), by striking “and” at
8 the end;

9 (B) in paragraph (8), by striking the pe-
10 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(9) treating substance use disorders, including
13 by providing peer recovery services, case manage-
14 ment, and access to overdose education and overdose
15 reversal medications; and

16 “(10) providing reentry housing services.”; and

17 (2) in subsection (o)(1), by striking “2019
18 through 2023” and inserting “2026 through 2030”.

19 (b) GRANTS FOR FAMILY-BASED SUBSTANCE ABUSE
20 TREATMENT.—Section 2926(a) of the Omnibus Crime
21 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.
22 10595a(a)) is amended by striking “2019 through 2023”
23 and inserting “2026 through 2030”.

24 (c) GRANT PROGRAM TO EVALUATE AND IMPROVE
25 EDUCATIONAL METHODS AT PRISONS, JAILS, AND JUVENILE
26 FACILITIES.—Section 1001(a)(28) of the Omnibus

1 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.
2 10261(a)(28)) is amended by striking “2019, 2020, 2021,
3 2022, and 2023” and inserting “2026 through 2030”.

4 (d) CAREERS TRAINING DEMONSTRATION
5 GRANTS.—Section 115(f) of the Second Chance Act of
6 2007 (34 U.S.C. 60511(f)) is amended by striking “2019,
7 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023” and inserting “2026
8 through 2030”.

9 (e) OFFENDER REENTRY SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND
10 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATION PROGRAM.—Section
11 201(f)(1) of the Second Chance Act of 2007 (34 U.S.C.
12 60521(f)(1)) is amended by striking “2019 through 2023”
13 and inserting “2026 through 2030”.

14 (f) COMMUNITY-BASED MENTORING AND TRANSI-
15 TIONAL SERVICE GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZA-
16 TIONS.—Section 211(f) of the Second Chance Act of 2007
17 (34 U.S.C. 60531(f)) is amended by striking “2019
18 through 2023” and inserting “2026 through 2030”.

19 **SEC. 1071. APPLICATION OF LEAVE PROVISIONS FOR MEM-**
20 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES TO MEMBERS**
21 **OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 221(a) of the Public
23 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 213a(a)) is amended by
24 adding at the end the following:

25 “(22) Chapter 40, Leave.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 219 of the Pub-
2 lic Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 210–1) is repealed.

3 **SEC. 1072. STUDY OF NATIONAL SECURITY RISKS POSED BY**
4 **CERTAIN ROUTERS AND MODEMS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a
6 study of the national security risks and cybersecurity
7 vulnerabilities posed by consumer routers, modems, and
8 devices that combine a modem and router that are de-
9 signed, developed, manufactured, or supplied by persons
10 owned by, controlled by, or subject to the influence of a
11 covered country.

12 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
14 shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce
15 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
16 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a
17 report on the results of the study conducted under sub-
18 section (a).

19 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) COVERED COUNTRY.—The term “covered
21 country” means a country specified in section
22 4872(f)(2) of title 10, United States Code.

23 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
24 the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the

1 Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communica-
2 tions and Information.

3 **SEC. 1073. FAIRNESS IN ISSUANCE OF TACTICAL EQUIP-**
4 **MENT TO DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE**
5 **PERSONNEL.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—In any instance when the Diplo-
7 matic Security Service of the Department of State issues
8 tactical gear to Special Agents, uniform division officers,
9 or personal service contractors, the Service must, when-
10 ever such products are commercially available, provide
11 both men’s and women’s sizing options.

12 (b) TACTICAL EQUIPMENT DEFINED.—In this sec-
13 tion, the term “tactical equipment” includes, among other
14 items, ballistic plates, ballistic plate carriers, helmets,
15 media jackets, tactical pants, and gloves.

16 **SEC. 1074. COMMERCIAL SPACE ACTIVITY ADVISORY COM-**
17 **MITTEE.**

18 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
19 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
20 establish a Commercial Space Activity Advisory Com-
21 mittee (in this section referred to as the “Committee”).

22 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall be
24 composed of 15 members appointed by the Sec-
25 retary.

1 (2) QUALIFICATIONS.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall be
3 composed of representatives from a variety of
4 space policy, engineering, technical, science,
5 legal, academic, and finance fields who have sig-
6 nificant experience in the commercial space in-
7 dustry, which may include previous Government
8 experience.

9 (B) LIMITATION.—

10 (i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided
11 in clause (ii), the Secretary may not ap-
12 point as a member of the Committee any
13 employee or official of the Federal Govern-
14 ment.

15 (ii) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may
16 appoint as a member of the Committee a
17 special government employee (as defined in
18 section 202(a) of title 18, United States
19 Code) who serves on 1 or more other Fed-
20 eral advisory committees.

21 (3) TERM.—Each individual appointed as a
22 member of the Committee—

23 (A) shall be appointed for a term of not
24 more than 4 years; and

1 (B) during the 2-year period beginning on
2 the date on which such term ends, may not
3 serve as a member of the Committee.

4 (c) DUTIES.—The duties of the Committee shall be—

5 (1) to advise on the status and recent develop-
6 ments of nongovernmental space activities;

7 (2) to provide to the Secretary and Congress
8 recommendations on the manner in which the
9 United States may facilitate and promote a safe,
10 sustainable, robust, competitive, and innovative com-
11 mercial sector that is investing in, developing, and
12 conducting space activities within the jurisdiction of
13 the Department of Commerce, including through the
14 development and implementation of any regulatory
15 framework applicable to the commercial space indus-
16 try.

17 (3) to identify, and provide recommendations in
18 response to, any challenge faced by the United
19 States commercial sector relating to—

20 (A) the application of international obliga-
21 tions of the United States relevant to commer-
22 cial space sector activities in outer space;

23 (B) export controls that affect the com-
24 mercial space sector;

1 (C) harmful interference with commercial
2 space sector activities in outer space; and

3 (D) access to adequate, predictable, and
4 reliable radio frequency spectrum;

5 (4) to review existing best practices for United
6 States entities to avoid—

7 (A) the harmful contamination of the
8 Moon and other celestial bodies; and

9 (B) adverse changes in the environment of
10 the Earth resulting from the introduction of ex-
11 traterrestrial matter; and

12 (5) to provide information, advice, and rec-
13 ommendations on matters relating to—

14 (A) United States commercial space sector
15 activities in outer space; and

16 (B) other commercial space sector activi-
17 ties, as the Committee considers necessary.

18 (d) TERMINATION.—The Committee shall terminate
19 on the date that is 10 years after the date on which the
20 Committee is established.

21 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
23 the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Of-
24 fice of Space Commerce.

(2) STATE.—The term “State” means each of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and any other commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.

(3) UNITED STATES ENTITY.—The term “United States entity” means—

(A) an individual who is a national of the United States (as defined in section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a))); and

(B) a nongovernmental entity organized or existing under, and subject to, the laws of the United States or a State.

**SEC. 1075. REVIEW AND PROHIBITIONS BY COMMITTEE ON
FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE UNITED
STATES OF CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS RELAT-
ING TO AGRICULTURE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 721 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4565) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the following:

1 “(14) AGRICULTURE.—The term ‘agriculture’
 2 has the meaning given that term in section 3 of the
 3 Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C.
 4 203).”;

5 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by adding at the end
 6 the following:

7 “(I) CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN AGRI-
 8 CULTURAL LAND TRANSACTIONS.—

9 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30
 10 days after receiving notification from the
 11 Secretary of Agriculture of a reportable
 12 agricultural land transaction, the Com-
 13 mittee shall determine—

14 “(I) whether the transaction is a
 15 covered transaction; and

16 “(II) if the Committee deter-
 17 mines that the transaction is a cov-
 18 ered transaction, whether to—

19 “(aa) request the submission
 20 of a notice under clause (i) of
 21 subparagraph (C) or a declara-
 22 tion under clause (v) of such sub-
 23 paragraph pursuant to the proc-
 24 ess established under subpara-
 25 graph (H); or

1 “(bb) initiate a review pur-
 2 suant to subparagraph (D).

3 “(ii) REPORTABLE AGRICULTURAL
 4 LAND TRANSACTION DEFINED.—In this
 5 subparagraph, the term ‘reportable agricul-
 6 tural land transaction’ means a trans-
 7 action—

8 “(I) that the Secretary of Agri-
 9 culture has reason to believe is a cov-
 10 ered transaction;

11 “(II) that involves the acquisition
 12 of an interest in agricultural land by
 13 a foreign person, other than an ex-
 14 cepted investor or an excepted real es-
 15 tate investor, as such terms are de-
 16 fined in regulations prescribed by the
 17 Committee; and

18 “(III) with respect to which a
 19 person is required to submit a report
 20 to the Secretary of Agriculture under
 21 section 2(a) of the Agricultural For-
 22 eign Investment Disclosure Act of
 23 1978 (7 U.S.C. 3501(a)).

24 “(iii) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—
 25 Nothing in this subparagraph shall be con-

1 strued to apply to the acquisition of an in-
 2 terest in agricultural land by a United
 3 States citizen or an alien lawfully admitted
 4 for permanent residence to the United
 5 States.”;

6 (3) in subsection (k)(2)—

7 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (H),
 8 (I), and (J) as subparagraphs (I), (J), and (K),
 9 respectively; and

10 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (G)
 11 the following:

12 “(H) The Secretary of Agriculture, with
 13 respect to any covered transaction related to
 14 the purchase of agricultural land or agricultural
 15 biotechnology or otherwise related to the agri-
 16 culture industry in the United States.”; and

17 (4) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(r) PROHIBITIONS RELATING TO PURCHASES OF
 19 AGRICULTURAL LAND AND AGRICULTURAL BUSI-
 20 NESSES.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Committee, in con-
 22 ducting a review under this section, determines that
 23 a transaction described in clause (i), (ii), or (iv) of
 24 subsection (a)(4)(B) would result in the purchase or
 25 lease by a covered foreign person of real estate de-

scribed in paragraph (2) or would result in control by a covered foreign person of a United States business engaged in agriculture, the President shall prohibit the transaction unless a party to the transaction voluntarily chooses to abandon the transaction.

“(2) REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED.—Subject to regulations prescribed by the Committee, real estate described in this paragraph is agricultural land (as defined in section 9 of the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 3508)) in the United States that is in close proximity (subject to subsection (a)(4)(C)(ii)) to a United States military installation or another facility or property of the United States Government that is—

“(A) sensitive for reasons relating to national security for purposes of subsection (a)(4)(B)(ii)(II)(bb); and

“(B) identified in regulations prescribed by the Committee.

“(3) WAIVER.—The President may waive, on a case-by-case basis, the requirement to prohibit a transaction under paragraph (1) after the President determines and reports to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and

1 the Committee on Financial Services of the House of
 2 Representatives that the waiver is in the national in-
 3 terest of the United States.

4 “(4) COVERED FOREIGN PERSON DEFINED.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In this subsection,
 6 subject to regulations prescribed by the Com-
 7 mittee, the term ‘covered foreign person’—

8 “(i) means any foreign person (includ-
 9 ing a foreign entity) that acts as an agent,
 10 representative, or employee of, or acts at
 11 the direction or control of, the government
 12 of a covered country; and

13 “(ii) does not include a United States
 14 citizen or an alien lawfully admitted for
 15 permanent residence to the United States.

16 “(B) COVERED COUNTRY DEFINED.—For
 17 purposes of subparagraph (A), the term ‘cov-
 18 ered country’ means any of the following coun-
 19 tries, if the country is determined to be a for-
 20 eign adversary pursuant to section 791.4 of
 21 title 15, Code of Federal Regulations (or a suc-
 22 cessor regulation):

23 “(i) The People’s Republic of China.

24 “(ii) The Russian Federation.

25 “(iii) The Islamic Republic of Iran.

1 “(iv) The Democratic People’s Repub-
2 lic of Korea.”.

3 (b) SPENDING PLANS.—Not later than 60 days after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, each department
5 or agency represented on the Committee on Foreign In-
6 vestment in the United States shall submit to the chair-
7 person of the Committee a copy of the most recent spend-
8 ing plan required under section 1721(b) of the Foreign
9 Investment Risk Review Modernization Act of 2018 (50
10 U.S.C. 4565 note).

11 (c) REGULATIONS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall direct,
13 subject to section 553 of title 5, United States Code,
14 the issuance of regulations to carry out the amend-
15 ments made by this section.

16 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The regulations pre-
17 scribed under paragraph (1) shall take effect not
18 later than one year after the date of the enactment
19 of this Act.

20 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY.—The amend-
21 ments made by this section shall—

22 (1) take effect on the date that is 30 days after
23 the effective date of the regulations under subsection
24 (c)(2); and

1 (2) apply with respect to a covered transaction
2 (as defined in section 721 of the Defense Production
3 Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4565)) that is proposed,
4 pending, or completed on or after the date described
5 in paragraph (1).

6 **SEC. 1076. FINDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESOURCE EX-**
7 **PLORATION.**

8 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
9 gress that the United States should prioritize, to the
10 greatest extent practicable, the onshoring of critical min-
11 eral processing.

12 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) ALLIED FOREIGN COUNTRY.—The term “al-
14 lied foreign country” means a member country of
15 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization or a country
16 that has been designated as a major non-NATO ally
17 under section 517 of the Foreign Assistance Act of
18 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321k).

19 (2) CRITICAL MINERAL.—The term “critical
20 mineral” has the meaning given the term in section
21 7002(a) of the Energy Act of 2020 (30 U.S.C.
22 1606(a)).

23 (3) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
24 term “institution of higher education” has the

1 meaning given the term in section 101 of the Higher
2 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

3 (4) PARTNER FOREIGN COUNTRY.—The term
4 “partner foreign country” means a country that is
5 a source of a critical mineral or rare earth element.

6 (5) RARE EARTH ELEMENT.—The term “rare
7 earth element” means cerium, dysprosium, erbium,
8 europium, gadolinium, holmium, lanthanum, lute-
9 tium, neodymium, praseodymium, promethium, sa-
10 marium, scandium, terbium, thulium, ytterbium, or
11 yttrium.

12 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
13 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
14 rector of the United States Geological Survey.

15 (c) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH RE-
16 SPECT TO THE MAPPING OF CRITICAL MINERALS AND
17 RARE EARTH ELEMENTS.—

18 (1) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—The
19 Secretary may enter into a memorandum of under-
20 standing with 1 or more heads of agencies of part-
21 ner foreign countries with respect to scientific and
22 technical cooperation in the mapping of critical min-
23 erals and rare earth elements.

24 (2) OBJECTIVES.—In negotiating a memo-
25 randum of understanding under paragraph (1), the

1 Secretary shall seek to increase the security and re-
2 silience of international supply chains, to the max-
3 imum extent practicable, for critical minerals and
4 rare earth elements by—

5 (A) committing to assisting the partner
6 foreign country through cooperative activities
7 described in paragraph (3) that help the part-
8 ner foreign country map reserves of critical
9 minerals and rare earth elements; and

10 (B) ensuring that mapping data created
11 through the cooperative activities described in
12 paragraph (3) is protected against unauthorized
13 access by, or disclosure to, governmental or pri-
14 vate entities based in countries that are not—

15 (i) a party to the memorandum of un-
16 derstanding; or

17 (ii) an allied foreign country.

18 (3) COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES.—The coopera-
19 tive activities referred to in paragraphs (2) and
20 (5)(A)(ii) include—

21 (A) acquisition, compilation, analysis, and
22 interpretation of geologic, geophysical, geo-
23 chemical, and spectroscopic remote sensing
24 data;

1 (B) prospectivity mapping and mineral re-
2 source assessment;

3 (C) analysis of geoscience data, including
4 developing derivative map products that can
5 help more effectively evaluate the mineral re-
6 sources of the partner foreign country;

7 (D) scientific collaboration to enhance the
8 understanding and management of the natural
9 resources of the partner foreign country to con-
10 tribute to the sustainable development of the
11 mineral resources sector of that partner foreign
12 country;

13 (E) training and capacity building in each
14 area described in subparagraphs (A) through
15 (D);

16 (F) facilitation of education and specialized
17 training in geoscience and mineral resource
18 management at institutions of higher education;

19 (G) training in relevant international
20 standards for relevant officials of the govern-
21 ment and private companies of the partner for-
22 eign country; and

23 (H) cooperation among entities of the part-
24 ner foreign country that are a party to the
25 memorandum of understanding and entities in

1 the United States, including Federal depart-
2 ments and agencies, institutions of higher edu-
3 cation, research centers, and private companies.

4 (4) NOTIFICATION AND REPORT TO CON-
5 GRESS.—

6 (A) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE COM-
7 MITTEES OF CONGRESS.—In this paragraph,
8 the term “appropriate committees of Congress”
9 means—

10 (i) the Committees on Energy and
11 Natural Resources, Foreign Relations, and
12 Appropriations of the Senate; and

13 (ii) the Committees on Natural Re-
14 sources, Foreign Affairs, and Appropria-
15 tions of the House of Representatives.

16 (B) NOTIFICATION AND REPORT.—Not
17 later than 30 days before the Secretary intends
18 to enter into a memorandum of understanding
19 under paragraph (1), the Secretary and the
20 Secretary of State shall jointly—

21 (i) notify the appropriate committees
22 of Congress; and

23 (ii) submit to the appropriate commit-
24 tees of Congress a report detailing the im-
25 plementing partners, scope of the memo-

1 randum of understanding, activities to be
2 undertaken, estimated costs, and source of
3 funding.

4 (5) SECRETARY OF STATE.—

5 (A) AUTHORITY.—For purposes of negoti-
6 ating and implementing the memorandum of
7 understanding under paragraph (1), the Sec-
8 retary of State shall be responsible for matters
9 relating to—

10 (i) ensuring that private companies
11 headquartered in the United States or an
12 allied foreign country are offered the right
13 of first refusal in the further development
14 of critical minerals and rare earth elements
15 in the partner foreign country; and

16 (ii) facilitating private-sector invest-
17 ment in the exploration and development
18 of critical minerals and rare earth ele-
19 ments.

20 (B) CONCURRENCE.—The Secretary shall
21 obtain the concurrence of the Secretary of State
22 in—

23 (i) prioritizing and selecting partner
24 foreign countries with which to enter into

1 a memorandum of understanding under
2 paragraph (1);

3 (ii) negotiating a memorandum of un-
4 derstanding under paragraph (1);

5 (iii) implementing a memorandum of
6 understanding entered into under para-
7 graph (1); and

8 (iv) carrying out paragraphs (4) and
9 (6).

10 (6) CONSULTATION WITH PRIVATE SECTOR.—

11 The Secretary shall consult with relevant private
12 sector actors, as the Secretary determines to be ap-
13 propriate, in—

14 (A) prioritizing and selecting partner for-
15 eign countries with which to enter into a memo-
16 randum of understanding under paragraph (1);
17 and

18 (B) assessing how a memorandum of un-
19 derstanding can best facilitate private sector in-
20 terest in pursuing the further development of
21 critical minerals and rare earth elements in ac-
22 cordance with the objectives described in para-
23 graph (2).

1 (d) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section im-
 2 pedes or otherwise alters any authority of the Director of
 3 the United States Geological Survey provided by—

4 (1) the matter under the heading “GEOLOGI-
 5 CAL SURVEY” of the first section of the Act of
 6 March 3, 1879 (43 U.S.C. 31(a)); or

7 (2) the first section of Public Law 87–626 (43
 8 U.S.C. 31(b)).

9 **SEC. 1077. REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES**
 10 **TO VETERANS IN THE FREELY ASSOCIATED**
 11 **STATES.**

12 (a) TELEHEALTH AND MAIL ORDER PHARMACY
 13 BENEFITS.—Section 1724(f)(1) of title 38, United States
 14 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

15 “(C) Not later than one year after the date of the
 16 enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for
 17 Fiscal Year 2026, the Secretary shall furnish to veterans
 18 described in subparagraph (A), subject to agreements de-
 19 scribed in such subparagraph, telehealth benefits and mail
 20 order pharmacy benefits.”.

21 (b) BENEFICIARY TRAVEL.—Section 111(h)(1) of
 22 such title is amended by striking “the Secretary may make
 23 payments” and inserting “beginning not later than one
 24 year after the date of the enactment of the National De-

1 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, the Sec-
2 retary shall make payments”.

3 (c) QUARTERLY REPORT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently than
5 quarterly, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
6 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a
7 report on the status of implementation of the
8 amendments made by this section and the cost of
9 such implementation.

10 (2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS
11 DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “appro-
12 priate committees of Congress” means—

13 (A) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs
14 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
15 Senate; and

16 (B) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs
17 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
18 House of Representatives.

19 (d) EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENTS
20 OF PENSION.—Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United
21 States Code, is amended by striking “November 30, 2031”
22 and inserting “April 30, 2032”.

23 **SEC. 1078. PROTECTING COVERED INFORMATION IN PUB-**
24 **LIC RECORDS.**

25 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) APPLICABLE LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS.—The
2 term “applicable legislative officers” means—

3 (A) with respect to a Member of the Sen-
4 ate or a designated Senate employee, the Ser-
5 geant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate
6 and the Secretary of the Senate, acting jointly;
7 and

8 (B) with respect to a Member of, or Dele-
9 gate or Resident Commissioner to, the House of
10 Representatives or a designated House em-
11 ployee, the Sergeant at Arms of the House of
12 Representatives and the Chief Administrative
13 Officer of the House of Representatives, acting
14 jointly.

15 (2) AT-RISK INDIVIDUAL.—The term “at-risk
16 individual” means—

17 (A) a Member of Congress;

18 (B) any individual who is the spouse, par-
19 ent, sibling, or child of an individual described
20 in subparagraph (A);

21 (C) any individual to whom an individual
22 described in subparagraph (A) stands in loco
23 parentis;

1 (D) any other individual living in the
2 household of an individual described in subpara-
3 graph (A);

4 (E) any designated Senate employee;

5 (F) any designated House employee; or

6 (G) a former Member of Congress.

7 (3) CANDIDATE.—The term “candidate” has
8 the meaning given the term in section 301 of the
9 Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C.
10 30101).

11 (4) COVERED EMPLOYEE.—The term “covered
12 employee” has the same meaning given such term in
13 section 101 of the Congressional Accountability Act
14 of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1301).

15 (5) COVERED INFORMATION.—The term “cov-
16 ered information”—

17 (A) means—

18 (i) a home address, including a pri-
19 mary residence or secondary residences;

20 (ii) a home or personal mobile tele-
21 phone number;

22 (iii) a personal email address;

23 (iv) a social security number or driv-
24 er’s license number;

1 (v) a bank account or credit or debit
2 card number;

3 (vi) a license plate number or other
4 unique identifier of a vehicle owned, leased,
5 or regularly used by an at-risk individual;

6 (vii) the identification of a child, who
7 is under 18 years of age, of an at-risk indi-
8 vidual;

9 (viii) information regarding current or
10 future school or day care attendance, in-
11 cluding the name or addresses of the
12 school or day care;

13 (ix) information regarding schedules
14 of school or day care attendance or routes
15 taken to or from the school or day care by
16 an at-risk individual;

17 (x) information regarding routes
18 taken to or from an employment location
19 by an at-risk individual; or

20 (xi) precise geolocation data that is
21 not anonymized and can identify the loca-
22 tion of a device of an at-risk individual;
23 and

24 (B) does not include information described
25 in subparagraph (A) that is contained in—

1 (i) any report or other record required
2 to be filed with the Federal Election Com-
3 mission; or

4 (ii) any report or other record other-
5 wise required under Federal or State law
6 to be filed—

7 (I) by an individual to qualify as
8 a candidate for the office of Member
9 of Congress; or

10 (II) by any candidate for the of-
11 fice of Member of Congress.

12 (6) DATA BROKER.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “data
14 broker” means a commercial entity engaged in
15 collecting, assembling, or maintaining personal
16 information concerning an individual who is not
17 a customer, client, or an employee of that entity
18 in order to sell the information or otherwise
19 profit from providing third-party access to the
20 information.

21 (B) EXCLUSION.—The term “data broker”
22 does not include a commercial entity engaged in
23 the following activities:

24 (i) Engaging in reporting, news-gath-
25 ering, speaking, or other activities intended

1 to inform the public on matters of public
2 interest or public concern.

3 (ii) Providing 411 directory assistance
4 or directory information services, including
5 name, address, and telephone number, on
6 behalf of or as a function of a tele-
7 communications carrier.

8 (iii) Using personal information inter-
9 nally, providing access to businesses under
10 common ownership or affiliated by cor-
11 porate control, or selling or providing data
12 for a transaction or service requested by or
13 concerning the individual whose personal
14 information is being transferred.

15 (iv) Providing publicly available infor-
16 mation via real-time or near-real-time alert
17 services for health or safety purposes.

18 (v) A consumer reporting agency, only
19 while engaging in activity subject to the
20 Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C.
21 1681 et seq.).

22 (vi) A financial institution subject to
23 the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (Public Law
24 106–102) and regulations implementing
25 that Act.

(vii) A covered entity for purposes of the privacy regulations promulgated under section 264(c) of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 1320d–2 note).

(viii) The collection and sale or licensing of covered information incidental to conducting the activities described in clauses (i) through (vii).

(7) DESIGNATED HOUSE EMPLOYEE.—The term “designated House employee” means—

(A) a covered employee designated in writing by—

(i) a Member of, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the House of Representatives; or

(ii) an officer of the House of Representatives; or

(B) an officer of the House of Representatives.

(8) DESIGNATED SENATE EMPLOYEE.—The term “designated Senate employee” means—

(A) a covered employee designated in writing by—

(i) a Member of the Senate; or

1 (ii) an officer of the Senate; or

2 (B) an officer of the Senate.

3 (9) GOVERNMENT AGENCY.—The term “Gov-
4 ernment agency” includes—

5 (A) an Executive agency, as defined in sec-
6 tion 105 of title 5, United States Code; and

7 (B) any agency in the judicial branch or
8 legislative branch.

9 (10) IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER.—The term
10 “immediate family member” means an at-risk indi-
11 vidual—

12 (A) who is the spouse, parent, sibling, or
13 child of another at-risk individual;

14 (B) to whom another at-risk individual
15 stands in loco parentis; or

16 (C) living in the household of another at-
17 risk individual.

18 (11) MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—The term
19 “Member of Congress” means—

20 (A) a Member of the Senate; or

21 (B) a Member of, or Delegate or Resident
22 Commissioner to, the House of Representatives.

23 (12) TRANSFER.—The term “transfer” means
24 to sell, license, trade, or exchange for consideration
25 the covered information of an at-risk individual.

1 (b) GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each at-risk individual
3 may—

4 (A) file written notice of the status of the
5 individual as an at-risk individual, for them-
6 selves and their immediate family members,
7 with each Government agency that includes in-
8 formation necessary to ensure compliance with
9 this section, as determined by the applicable
10 legislative officers; and

11 (B) request that each Government agency
12 described in subparagraph (A) mark as private
13 their covered information and that of their im-
14 mediate family members.

15 (2) NO PUBLIC POSTING.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—Government agencies
17 shall not publicly post or display publicly avail-
18 able content that includes covered information
19 of an at-risk individual.

20 (B) DEADLINE.—Upon receipt of a request
21 by an at-risk individual under paragraph
22 (1)(B), a Government agency shall remove the
23 covered information of the at-risk individual,
24 and any immediate family member on whose be-
25 half the at-risk individual submitted the re-

1 quest, from publicly available content not later
2 than 72 hours after such receipt.

3 (3) EXCEPTIONS.—Nothing in this section shall
4 prohibit a Government agency from providing access
5 to records containing the covered information of an
6 at-risk individual to a third party if the third
7 party—

8 (A) possesses a signed release from the at-
9 risk individual or a court order;

10 (B) is subject to the requirements of title
11 V of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (15 U.S.C.
12 6801 et seq.); or

13 (C) executes a confidentiality agreement
14 with the Government agency.

15 (c) DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—An at-risk individual may di-
17 rectly, or through an agent designated by the at-risk
18 individual, make any notice or request required or
19 authorized by this section on behalf of the at-risk in-
20 dividual. The notice or request shall include informa-
21 tion necessary to ensure compliance with this sec-
22 tion.

23 (2) AUTHORIZATION OF LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS
24 AND EMPLOYEES TO MAKE REQUESTS.—

1 (A) LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS.—Upon writ-
2 ten request of a Member of Congress, des-
3 ignated Senate employee, or designated House
4 employee, the applicable legislative officers are
5 authorized to make any notice or request re-
6 quired or authorized by this section on behalf of
7 the Member of Congress, designated Senate em-
8 ployee, or designated House employee, respec-
9 tively. The notice or request shall include infor-
10 mation necessary to ensure compliance with this
11 section, as determined by the applicable legisla-
12 tive officers. Any notice or request made under
13 this subparagraph shall be deemed to have been
14 made by the Member of Congress, designated
15 Senate employee, or designated House em-
16 ployee, as applicable, and comply with the no-
17 tice and request requirements of this section.

18 (B) LIST.—

19 (i) IN GENERAL.—In lieu of individual
20 notices or requests, the applicable legisla-
21 tive officers may provide Government agen-
22 cies, data brokers, persons, businesses, or
23 associations with a list of—

24 (I) Members of Congress, des-
25 ignated Senate employees, and des-

1 ignated House employees making a
2 written request described in subpara-
3 graph (A); and

4 (II) immediate family members
5 of the Members of Congress, des-
6 ignated Senate employees, and des-
7 ignated House employees on whose
8 behalf the written request was made.

9 (ii) CONTENTS.—A list provided
10 under clause (i) shall include information
11 necessary to ensure compliance with this
12 section, as determined by the applicable
13 legislative officers for the purpose of main-
14 taining compliance with this section.

15 (iii) COMPLIANCE WITH NOTICE AND
16 REQUEST REQUIREMENT.—A list provided
17 under clause (i) shall be deemed to comply
18 with individual notice and request require-
19 ments of this section.

20 (d) DATA BROKERS AND OTHER BUSINESSES.—

21 (1) PROHIBITIONS.—

22 (A) DATA BROKERS.—It shall be unlawful
23 for a data broker to knowingly sell, license,
24 trade for consideration, or purchase covered in-
25 formation of an at-risk individual.

(B) OTHER BUSINESSES.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in clause (ii), no person, business, or association shall publicly post or publicly display on the internet covered information of an at-risk individual if the at-risk individual, or an immediate family member on behalf of the at-risk individual, has made a written request to that person, business, or association to not disclose the covered information of the at-risk individual.

(ii) EXCEPTIONS.—Clause (i) shall not apply to—

(I) the display on the internet of the covered information of an at-risk individual if the information is relevant to and displayed as part of a news story, commentary, editorial, or other speech on a matter of public concern;

(II) covered information that the at-risk individual voluntarily publishes on the internet after the date of enactment of this Act; or

1 (III) covered information lawfully
2 received from a Federal Government
3 source (or from an employee or agent
4 of the Federal Government).

5 (2) REQUIRED CONDUCT.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—After receiving a writ-
7 ten request under paragraph (1)(B)(i), the per-
8 son, business, or association shall—

9 (i) remove within 72 hours the cov-
10 ered information from the internet and en-
11 sure that the information is not made
12 available on any website or subsidiary
13 website controlled by that person, business,
14 or association; and

15 (ii) ensure that the covered informa-
16 tion of the at-risk individual is not made
17 available on any website or subsidiary
18 website controlled by that person, business,
19 or association.

20 (B) TRANSFER.—

21 (i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided
22 in clause (ii), after receiving a written re-
23 quest under paragraph (1)(B)(i), the per-
24 son, business, or association shall not
25 transfer the covered information of the at-

1 risk individual to any other person, busi-
2 ness, or association through any medium.

3 (ii) EXCEPTIONS.—Clause (i) shall
4 not apply to—

5 (I) the transfer of the covered in-
6 formation of the at-risk individual if
7 the information is relevant to and dis-
8 played as part of a news story, com-
9 mentary, editorial, or other speech on
10 a matter of public concern;

11 (II) covered information that the
12 at-risk individual voluntarily publishes
13 on the internet after the date of en-
14 actment of this Act; or

15 (III) a transfer made at the re-
16 quest of the at-risk individual or that
17 is necessary to effectuate a request to
18 the person, business, or association
19 from the at-risk individual.

20 (e) REDRESS.—An at-risk individual whose covered
21 information is made public as a result of a violation of
22 this section may bring an action seeking injunctive or de-
23 claratory relief in any court of competent jurisdiction.

24 (f) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section shall
2 be construed—

3 (A) to prohibit, restrain, or limit—

4 (i) the lawful investigation or report-
5 ing by the press of any unlawful activity or
6 misconduct alleged to have been committed
7 by an at-risk individual;

8 (ii) the reporting on an at-risk indi-
9 vidual regarding matters of public concern;
10 or

11 (iii) the disclosure of information oth-
12 erwise required under Federal law;

13 (B) to impair access to the actions or
14 statements of a Member of Congress in the
15 course of carrying out the public functions of
16 the Member of Congress;

17 (C) to limit the publication or transfer of
18 covered information with the written consent of
19 the at-risk individual; or

20 (D) to prohibit information sharing by a
21 data broker to a Federal, State, Tribal, or local
22 government, or any unit thereof.

23 (2) PROTECTION OF COVERED INFORMATION.—

24 This section shall be broadly construed to favor the

1 protection of the covered information of at-risk indi-
 2 viduals.

3 (g) SEVERABILITY.—If any provision of this section,
 4 or the application of such provision to any person or cir-
 5 cumstance, is held to be unconstitutional, the remaining
 6 provisions of this section, and the application of the provi-
 7 sion to any other person or circumstance, shall not be af-
 8 fected.

9 **SEC. 1079. IMPROVING COORDINATION BETWEEN FEDERAL**
 10 **AND STATE AGENCIES AND THE DO NOT PAY**
 11 **WORKING SYSTEM.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 205(r) of the Social Secu-
 13 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 405(r)), as amended by section
 14 801(a)(7) of title VIII of division FF of the Consolidated
 15 Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260), is
 16 amended by striking paragraph (11) and inserting the fol-
 17 lowing:

18 “(11) The Commissioner of Social Security shall, to
 19 the extent feasible, provide information furnished to the
 20 Commissioner under paragraph (1) to the agency oper-
 21 ating the Do Not Pay working system described in section
 22 3354(c) of title 31, United States Code, for the authorized
 23 uses of the Do Not Pay working system to help prevent
 24 improper payments of, and support the recovery of im-
 25 properly paid, benefits or other payments through a coop-

1 erative arrangement with such agency, provided that the
 2 requirements of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph
 3 (3) are met with respect to such arrangement with such
 4 agency. The Commissioner of Social Security and the
 5 agency operating the Do Not Pay working system shall,
 6 while the data described in the preceding sentence is being
 7 provided to the agency operating the Do Not Pay working
 8 system, enter into an agreement based upon an agreed
 9 upon methodology, which covers the proportional share of
 10 State death data costs, which the Commissioner of Social
 11 Security and the agency operating the Do Not Pay work-
 12 ing system may periodically review.

13 “(12) The Commissioner of Social Security may not
 14 record a death to a record that may be provided under
 15 this section for any individual unless the Commissioner of
 16 Social Security has found it has clear and convincing evi-
 17 dence to support that the individual should be presumed
 18 to be deceased.”.

19 (b) IMPROVING COORDINATION REGARDING INDIVID-
 20 UALS INCORRECTLY IDENTIFIED AS DECEASED.—Section
 21 205(r)(7) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 22 405(r)(7)), as added by section 801(a)(4) of title VIII of
 23 division FF of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021
 24 (Public Law 116–260), is amended by striking “and” at
 25 the end of subparagraph (A), by striking the period at

1 the end of subparagraph (B) and inserting “; and”, and
 2 by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

3 “(C) notify any agency that has a cooperative
 4 arrangement with the Commissioner of Social Secu-
 5 rity under paragraph (3) or (11) of the error.”.

6 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 7 this section shall take effect on December 27, 2026.

8 **SEC. 1080. AGENT MEMBERSHIP.**

9 Section 304(b)(2) of the Federal Credit Union Act
 10 (12 U.S.C. 1795c(b)(2)) is amended by striking “all those
 11 credit unions” and inserting “any such credit unions”.

12 **SEC. 1081. EXEMPTION FROM IMMIGRANT VISA LIMIT.**

13 Section 201(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality
 14 Act (8 U.S.C. 1151(b)(1)) is amended by adding at the
 15 end the following:

16 “(F) Aliens who—

17 “(i) are eligible for a visa under paragraph
 18 (1) or (3) of section 203(a); and

19 “(ii) have a parent (regardless of whether
 20 the parent is living or dead) who was natural-
 21 ized pursuant to—

22 “(I) section 405 of the Immigration
 23 Act of 1990 (Public Law 101–649; 8
 24 U.S.C. 1440 note); or

1 “(II) title III of the Act of October
 2 14, 1940 (54 Stat. 1137, chapter 876), as
 3 added by section 1001 of the Second War
 4 Powers Act, 1942 (56 Stat. 182, chapter
 5 199).”.

6 **SEC. 1082. FEASIBILITY STUDY ON REMOVAL OF OIL FROM**
 7 **SUNKEN WORLD WAR II VESSELS IN WATERS**
 8 **NEAR THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRO-**
 9 **NESIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU.**

10 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
 11 gress that—

12 (1) there is a significant environmental threat
 13 posed by World War II-era sunken Japanese war-
 14 ships, including three oil tankers, located in the
 15 waters near the Federated States of Micronesia and
 16 the Republic of Palau;

17 (2) such sunken vessels contain an estimated
 18 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 gallons of oil, or approxi-
 19 mately the equivalent of $\frac{1}{3}$ of the *Exxon Valdez* oil
 20 tanker spill in 1989; and

21 (3) as such sunken vessels continue to deterio-
 22 rate, small amounts of oil are already leaking,
 23 threatening to cause an ecological disaster that could
 24 negatively impact United States military activities,

1 the marine ecosystem, and surrounding commu-
2 nities.

3 (b) STUDY.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in
5 coordination with the Commander of the United
6 States Indo-Pacific Command and the head of any
7 other relevant Federal department or agency, as ap-
8 propriate, shall conduct a comprehensive study on
9 the feasibility and advisability of removing oil from
10 the World War II-era sunken tankers, including an
11 analysis of the cost, logistical requirements, environ-
12 mental risks, and potential methods for removing
13 the oil from the tankers.

14 (2) REPORT.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March
16 1, 2026, the Secretary shall submit to the ap-
17 propriate committees of Congress a report on
18 the findings of the study conducted under para-
19 graph (1).

20 (B) ELEMENTS.—The report required by
21 subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

22 (i) An assessment of the operational
23 and environmental risks posed by the oil
24 remaining in the sunken tankers and war-

1 ships, including current leakage and the
2 potential impacts of a major spill.

3 (ii) An evaluation of the cost,
4 logistical challenges, and technical ap-
5 proaches for safely extracting or containing
6 oil from the shipwrecks.

7 (iii) A review of ongoing and planned
8 efforts by the United States and inter-
9 national partners addressing such matter.

10 (iv) Recommendations on next steps,
11 including resource needs, interagency and
12 international cooperation, and timelines for
13 potential remediation efforts.

14 **SEC. 1083. MAPPING AMERICA'S PHARMACEUTICAL SUP-**
15 **PLY.**

16 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
17 “Mapping America’s Pharmaceutical Supply Act” or the
18 “MAPS Act”.

19 (b) U.S. PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLY CHAINS MAP-
20 PING.—

21 (1) PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLY CHAIN MAP-
22 PING.—The Secretary, in coordination with the
23 heads of other relevant Federal departments and
24 agencies, shall ensure coordination of efforts of the
25 Department of Health and Human Services, includ-

1 ing through public-private partnerships, as appro-
2 priate, to—

3 (A) map, or otherwise visualize, the supply
4 chains, from manufacturing of key starting ma-
5 terials through manufacturing of finished dos-
6 age forms and distribution, of drugs and bio-
7 logical products, including the active ingredients
8 of those drugs and biological products, that
9 are—

10 (i) directly related to responding to
11 chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear
12 threats and incidents covered by the Na-
13 tional Response Framework; or

14 (ii) of greatest priority for providing
15 health care and identified as being at high
16 risk of shortage; and

17 (B) use data analytics to identify supply
18 chain vulnerabilities that pose a threat to na-
19 tional security, as determined by the Secretary
20 or the heads of other relevant Federal depart-
21 ments and agencies.

22 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out para-
23 graph (1), the Secretary shall—

24 (A) describe the roles and responsibilities
25 of agencies and offices within the Department

1 of Health and Human Services related to moni-
2 toring such supply chains and assessing any re-
3 lated vulnerabilities;

4 (B) facilitate the exchange of information
5 between Federal departments, agencies, and of-
6 fices, as appropriate and necessary to enable
7 such agencies and offices to carry out roles and
8 responsibilities described in subparagraph (A)
9 related to drugs and biological products de-
10 scribed in paragraph (1)(A), which may in-
11 clude—

12 (i) the location of establishments reg-
13 istered under subsection (b), (c), or (i) of
14 section 510 of the Federal Food, Drug,
15 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 360) involved
16 in the production of drugs and biological
17 products, including the active ingredients
18 of those drugs and biological products, de-
19 scribed in paragraph (1)(A), and to the ex-
20 tent available, the amount of each such
21 drug and biological product, including the
22 active ingredients of those drugs and bio-
23 logical products, produced at each such es-
24 tablishment;

1 (ii) to the extent available and as ap-
2 propriate, the location of establishments so
3 registered involved in the production of the
4 key starting materials and excipients need-
5 ed to produce each drug and biological
6 product, including the active ingredients of
7 those drugs and biological products, and
8 the amount of such materials and
9 excipients produced at each such establish-
10 ment; and

11 (iii) any applicable regulatory actions
12 with respect to each such drug and biologi-
13 cal product, or the establishments manu-
14 facturing such drugs and biological prod-
15 ucts, including with respect to—

16 (I) inspections and related regu-
17 latory activities conducted under sec-
18 tion 704 of the Federal Food, Drug,
19 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 374);

20 (II) seizures pursuant to section
21 304 of such Act (21 U.S.C. 334);

22 (III) any recalls issued;

23 (IV) drugs or biological products
24 that are, at the time of the determina-
25 tion, or that were at a previous time,

1 included on the drug shortage list
2 consistent with section 506E of such
3 Act (21 U.S.C. 356e); and

4 (V) discontinuances or interrup-
5 tions in the production of such drugs
6 or biological products under 506C of
7 such Act (21 U.S.C. 355d).

8 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after
9 the date of enactment of this Act, and annually
10 thereafter, the Secretary, in consultation with the
11 heads of departments and agencies with which the
12 Secretary coordinates under paragraph (1), shall
13 submit a report to the relevant committees of Con-
14 gress on—

15 (A) the current status of efforts to map
16 and analyze pharmaceutical supply chains, as
17 described in paragraph (1);

18 (B) activities of the Secretary carried out
19 under this subsection to coordinate efforts as
20 described in paragraph (1), including informa-
21 tion sharing between relevant Federal depart-
22 ments, agencies, and offices;

23 (C) the roles and responsibilities described
24 in paragraph (2)(A), including the identification
25 of any gaps, data limitations, or areas of unnece-

1 essary duplication between such roles and re-
2 sponsibilities;

3 (D) the extent to which Federal agencies
4 use data analytics to conduct predictive mod-
5 eling of anticipated drug shortages or risks as-
6 sociated with supply chain vulnerabilities that
7 pose a threat to national security;

8 (E) the extent to which the Secretary has
9 engaged relevant industry in such mapping;

10 (F) the drugs and biological products, in-
11 cluding the active ingredients of those drugs
12 and biological products, described in paragraph
13 (1)(A) that rely on, for more than 50 percent
14 of production, a high-risk foreign supplier or
15 foreign entity of concern (as defined in section
16 9901(8) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry
17 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
18 Year 2021 (15 U.S.C. 4651(8)));

19 (G) the drugs and biological products, in-
20 cluding the active ingredients of those drugs
21 and biological products, described in paragraph
22 (1)(A) that are sourced from foreign establish-
23 ments for more than 50 percent of production,
24 including drugs manufactured domestically
25 from active pharmaceutical ingredients sourced

1 from foreign establishments for more than 50
2 percent of production;

3 (H) the current domestic manufacturing
4 capabilities for drugs and biological products,
5 including the active ingredients of those drugs
6 and biological products, described in paragraph
7 (1)(A), including the key starting materials and
8 excipients of such drugs, biological products,
9 and ingredients, and whether such capabilities
10 utilize advanced manufacturing technologies;
11 and

12 (I) any public health or national security
13 risks, including cybersecurity threats and crit-
14 ical infrastructure designations, with respect to
15 the supply chains of drugs and biological prod-
16 ucts, including the active ingredients of those
17 drugs and biological products, described in
18 paragraph (1)(A).

19 (c) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BIENNIAL RE-
20 PORTS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enact-
21 ment of this Act, and every 180 days thereafter, the Sec-
22 retary of Defense shall submit to the relevant committees
23 of Congress a report that lists all drugs purchased by the
24 Department of Defense during the 180-day period pre-
25 ceding the date of the report—

1 (1) that contain key starting materials,
2 excipients, or active pharmaceutical ingredients
3 sourced from the People’s Republic of China; or

4 (2) for which the finished drug product was
5 manufactured in the People’s Republic of China.

6 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) ADVANCED MANUFACTURING.—The term
8 “advanced manufacturing” has the meaning given
9 the term “advanced and continuous pharmaceutical
10 manufacturing” in section 3016(h) of the 21st Cen-
11 tury Cures Act (21 U.S.C. 399h(h)).

12 (2) BIOLOGICAL PRODUCT.—The term “biologi-
13 cal product” has the meaning given such term in
14 section 351(i) of the Public Health Service Act (42
15 U.S.C. 262(i)).

16 (3) CYBERSECURITY THREAT.—The term “cy-
17 bersecurity threat” has the meaning given such term
18 in section 2200 of the Homeland Security Act of
19 2002 (6 U.S.C. 650).

20 (4) DRUG.—The term “drug” has the meaning
21 given such term in section 201(g) of the Federal
22 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321(g)).

23 (5) RELEVANT COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—
24 The term “relevant committees of Congress”
25 means—

1 (A) the Committee on Armed Services and
2 the Committee on Health, Education, Labor,
3 and Pensions of the Senate; and

4 (B) the Committee on Armed Services and
5 the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the
6 House of Representatives.

7 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”, except
8 as otherwise specified, means the Secretary of
9 Health and Human Services.

10 (e) ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.—

11 (1) CONFIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL INFORMA-
12 TION.—The exchange of information among the Sec-
13 retary and the heads of other relevant Federal de-
14 partments and agencies for purposes of carrying out
15 subsection (b) shall not be a violation of section
16 1905 of title 18, United States Code. This section
17 shall not be construed to affect the status, if any, of
18 such information as trade secret or confidential com-
19 mercial information for purposes of section 301(j) of
20 the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21
21 U.S.C. 331(j)), section 552 of title 5, United States
22 Code, or section 1905 of title 18, United States
23 Code.

24 (2) CYBERSECURITY MEASURES.—The Sec-
25 retary shall ensure that robust cybersecurity meas-

1 ures are in place to prevent inappropriate access to,
 2 or unauthorized disclosure of, the information identi-
 3 fied, exchanged, or disclosed under subsection (b).

4 **Subtitle G—Defense Workforce** 5 **Integration**

6 **SEC. 1081. INTEGRATION OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HIR-** 7 **ING PROCESSES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
 9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
 10 fense, in coordination with the Secretaries concerned shall
 11 establish a pathway for medically disqualified entry-level
 12 service members to enter civilian positions for which they
 13 are qualified in the Department of Defense or any of its
 14 components.

15 (b) AIR FORCE DRIVE PROGRAM.—The Air Force’s
 16 Develop, Redistribute, Improve, Vault, Expose (DRIVE)
 17 program shall be considered sufficient to meet the require-
 18 ments of subsection (a) and may, but need not, serve as
 19 a baseline from which the other military departments de-
 20 sign their programs.

21 (c) ENTRY-LEVEL SERVICE MEMBER DEFINED.—In
 22 this section, the term “entry-level service member” means
 23 a regular or reserve member of the Armed Forces who
 24 is currently attending or has military orders to attend
 25 within 90 days—

- 1 (1) basic training;
- 2 (2) a technical school of the Armed Forces;
- 3 (3) a service academy;
- 4 (4) the Reserve Officer Training Corps
- 5 (ROTC);
- 6 (5) an officer accession program, including offi-
- 7 cer candidate school, officer training school, officer
- 8 development school, or equivalent program.

9 **SEC. 1082. PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON CAREER OP-**
10 **PORTUNITIES IN THE DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL**
11 **BASE TO PERSONS INELIGIBLE FOR MILI-**
12 **TARY SERVICE.**

13 Chapter 50 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-
14 ed by adding at the end the following new section:

15 **“§ 996. Provision of information on career opportuni-**
16 **ties in the defense industrial base to per-**
17 **sons medically disqualified for military**
18 **service**

19 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense
20 shall establish and implement a program to provide indi-
21 viduals who are not medically qualified for military service
22 with information on employment opportunities in the de-
23 fense industrial base or other employment opportunities
24 in support of the national interests of the United States.

1 “(b) PROGRAM.—The program established under
 2 subsection (a) shall inform and refer persons described in
 3 subsection (a) to employment, apprenticeship, and train-
 4 ing opportunities in—

5 “(1) the defense industrial base;

6 “(2) cybersecurity or intelligence support roles;

7 “(3) research and development in defense tech-
 8 nologies;

9 “(4) national emergency and disaster prepared-
 10 ness; or

11 “(5) any other non-military opportunity the
 12 Secretary considers in the national interests of the
 13 United States.

14 “(c) COLLABORATION.—The Secretary of Defense
 15 shall consult with entities in the defense industrial base,
 16 other Federal agencies, and academic institutions to carry
 17 out this section.”.

18 **SEC. 1083. PROVISION TO NAVY PERSONNEL OF INFORMA-**
 19 **TION ON CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AT MILI-**
 20 **TARY SEALIFT COMMAND.**

21 The Secretary of the Navy shall provide information
 22 about career opportunities at Military Sealift Command
 23 and workforce training programs for shipbuilders to Navy
 24 personnel.

1 **SEC. 1084. REPORT ON DEFENSE WORKFORCE INTEGRA-**
 2 **TION.**

3 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
 4 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit
 5 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
 6 the House of Representatives a report describing imple-
 7 mentation of the requirements under this subtitle.

8 **Subtitle H—Law Enforcement and**
 9 **Crime Victims Support Package**

10 **SEC. 1091. PREVENTING FIRST RESPONDER SECONDARY**
 11 **EXPOSURE TO FENTANYL.**

12 Section 3021(a) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Con-
 13 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10701(a))
 14 is amended—

15 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through
 16 (10) as paragraphs (5) through (11), respectively;
 17 and

18 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
 19 lowing:

20 “(4) Providing training and resources for first
 21 responders on the use of containment devices to pre-
 22 vent secondary exposure to fentanyl and other poten-
 23 tially lethal substances, and purchasing such con-
 24 tainment devices for use by first responders.”.

1 **SEC. 1092. REAUTHORIZING SUPPORT AND TREATMENT**
2 **FOR OFFICERS IN CRISIS.**

3 Section 1001(a)(21) of title I of the Omnibus Crime
4 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.
5 10261(a)(21)) is amended by striking “2020 through
6 2024” and inserting “2025 through 2029”.

7 **SEC. 1093. PROTECT OUR CHILDREN ACT OF 2008 REAU-**
8 **THORIZATION.**

9 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR
10 CHILD EXPLOITATION PREVENTION AND INTERDIC-
11 TION.—Section 101 of the PROTECT Our Children Act
12 of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 21111) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “every second
14 year” and inserting “every fourth year”; and

15 (2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
16 following:

17 “(c) REQUIRED CONTENTS OF NATIONAL STRAT-
18 EGY.—The National Strategy established under subsection
19 (a) shall include the following:

20 “(1) An analysis of current trends, challenges,
21 and the overall magnitude of the threat of child ex-
22 ploitation.

23 “(2) An analysis of future trends and chal-
24 lenges, including new technologies, that will impact
25 the efforts to combat child exploitation.

1 “(3) Goals and strategic solutions to prevent
2 and interdict child exploitation, including—

3 “(A) plans for interagency coordination;

4 “(B) engagement with the judicial
5 branches of the Federal Government and State
6 governments;

7 “(C) legislative recommendations for com-
8 bating child exploitation;

9 “(D) cooperation with international, State,
10 local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies; and

11 “(E) engagement with the private sector
12 and other entities involved in efforts to combat
13 child exploitation.

14 “(4) An analysis of Federal efforts dedicated to
15 combating child exploitation, including—

16 “(A) a review of the policies and work of
17 the Department of Justice and other Federal
18 programs relating to the prevention and inter-
19 diction of child exploitation crimes, including
20 training programs, and investigative and pros-
21 ecution activity; and

22 “(B) a description of the efforts of the De-
23 partment of Justice to cooperate and coordinate
24 with, and provide technical assistance and sup-
25 port to, international, State, local, and Tribal

1 law enforcement agencies and private sector
2 and nonprofit entities with respect to child ex-
3 ploitation prevention and interdiction efforts.

4 “(5) An estimate of the resources required to
5 effectively respond to child exploitation crimes at
6 scale by—

7 “(A) each ICAC task force;

8 “(B) the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
9 including investigators, forensic interviewers,
10 and analysts of victims, witnesses, and
11 forensics;

12 “(C) Homeland Security Investigations, in-
13 cluding forensic interviewers and analysts of
14 victims, witnesses, and forensics;

15 “(D) the United States Marshals Service;

16 “(E) the United States Secret Service;

17 “(F) the United States Postal Service;

18 “(G) the criminal investigative offices of
19 the Department of Defense; and

20 “(H) any component of an agency de-
21 scribed in this paragraph.

22 “(6) A review of the Internet Crimes Against
23 Children Task Force Program, including—

24 “(A) the number of ICAC task forces and
25 the location of each ICAC task force;

1 “(B) the number of trained personnel at
2 each ICAC task force;

3 “(C) the amount of Federal grants award-
4 ed to each ICAC task force; and

5 “(D) an assessment of the Federal, State,
6 and local cooperation with respect to each ICAC
7 task force, including—

8 “(i) the number of arrests made by
9 each ICAC task force;

10 “(ii) the number of criminal referrals
11 to United States attorneys for prosecution;

12 “(iii) the number of prosecutions and
13 convictions from the referrals described in
14 clause (ii);

15 “(iv) the number, if available, of local
16 prosecutions and convictions based on
17 ICAC task force investigations; and

18 “(v) any other information determined
19 by the Attorney General demonstrating the
20 level of Federal, State, Tribal, and local
21 coordination and cooperation.

22 “(7) An assessment of training needs for each
23 ICAC task force and affiliated agencies.

24 “(8) An assessment of Federal investigative and
25 prosecution activity relating to reported incidents of

1 child exploitation crimes that include a number of
2 factors, including—

3 “(A) the number of investigations, arrests,
4 prosecutions, and convictions for a crime of
5 child exploitation; and

6 “(B) the average sentence imposed and the
7 statutory maximum sentence that could be im-
8 posed for each crime of child exploitation.

9 “(9) A review of all available statistical data in-
10 dicating the overall magnitude of child pornography
11 trafficking in the United States and internationally,
12 including—

13 “(A) the number of foreign and domestic
14 suspects observed engaging in accessing and
15 sharing child pornography;

16 “(B) the number of tips or other statistical
17 data from the CyberTipline of the National
18 Center for Missing and Exploited Children and
19 other data indicating the magnitude of child
20 pornography trafficking; and

21 “(C) any other statistical data indicating
22 the type, nature, and extent of child exploi-
23 tation crime in the United States and abroad.”.

1 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL ICAC TASK
2 FORCE PROGRAM.—Section 102 of the PROTECT Our
3 Children Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 21112) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

5 (A) by inserting “, Tribal, military,” after
6 “State”; and

7 (B) by striking “and child obscenity and
8 pornography cases” and inserting “child ob-
9 scenity and pornography cases, and the identi-
10 fication of child victims”;

11 (2) in subsection (b)—

12 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “consult
13 with and consider” and all that follows through
14 “track record of success.” and inserting “,
15 evaluate the task forces funded under the ICAC
16 Task Force Program to determine if those task
17 forces are operating in an effective manner.”;

18 (B) in paragraph (3)(B)—

19 (i) by striking “establish a new task
20 force” and inserting “establish a new or
21 continue an existing task force”; and

22 (ii) by striking “state” and inserting
23 “State”; and

24 (C) in paragraph (4)—

1 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
2 “may” and inserting “shall”;

3 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B); and

4 (iii) by redesignating subparagraph
5 (C) as subparagraph (B); and

6 (3) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(c) LIMITED LIABILITY FOR ICAC TASK FORCES.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
9 graph (2), a civil claim or criminal charge against an
10 ICAC task force established pursuant to this section
11 and sections 103 and 104, including any law en-
12 forcement agency that participates on such a task
13 force or a director, officer, employee, or agent of
14 such a law enforcement agency, arising from the
15 prioritization decisions with respect to leads related
16 to Internet crimes against children described in sec-
17 tion 104(8), may not be brought in any Federal or
18 State court.

19 “(2) INTENTIONAL, RECKLESS, OR OTHER MIS-
20 CONDUCT.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a claim
21 if the ICAC task force or law enforcement agency,
22 or a director, officer, employee, or agent of that law
23 enforcement agency—

24 “(A) engaged in intentional misconduct; or

25 “(B) acted, or failed to act—

1 “(i) with actual malice;

2 “(ii) with gross negligence or reckless
3 disregard to a substantial risk of causing
4 physical injury without legal justification;
5 or

6 “(iii) for a purpose unrelated to the
7 performance of any responsibility or func-
8 tion under section 104(8).

9 “(3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
10 this section shall be construed to—

11 “(A) create any independent basis of liabil-
12 ity on behalf of, or any cause of action
13 against—

14 “(i) an ICAC task force; or

15 “(ii) a law enforcement agency or a
16 director, officer, employee, or agent of the
17 law enforcement agency; or

18 “(B) expand any liability otherwise im-
19 posed, or limit any defense to that liability, oth-
20 erwise available under Federal or State law.”.

21 (c) PURPOSE OF ICAC TASK FORCES.—Section 103
22 of the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C.
23 21113) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, and the
2 identification of child victims of those crimes” before
3 the semicolon at the end;

4 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “and
5 prioritizing investigations that task force personnel,
6 through the background, training and experience of
7 those personnel and the consideration of all relevant
8 circumstances, determine to be most likely to result
9 in positive case outcomes and in the rescue of chil-
10 dren” before the semicolon at the end;

11 (3) in paragraph (3)—

12 (A) by striking “and local law enforce-
13 ment” and inserting “Tribal, military, and local
14 law enforcement”; and

15 (B) by inserting “, including probation and
16 parole agencies, child advocacy centers, and
17 child protective services,” after “enforcement
18 agencies”;

19 (4) in paragraph (8), by striking “and” at the
20 end;

21 (5) in paragraph (9), by striking the period at
22 the end and inserting “; and”; and

23 (6) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(10) educating the judiciary on—

1 “(A) the link between intrafamilial contact
2 offenses and technology-facilitated crimes; and

3 “(B) characteristics of internet offenders,
4 including the interest of online offenders in in-
5 cest-themed material, sadism, and other related
6 paraphilias or illegal activity.”.

7 (d) DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF TASK FORCES.—
8 Section 104 of the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008
9 (34 U.S.C. 21114) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (3)—

11 (A) by inserting “reactive and” before
12 “proactive”;

13 (B) by inserting “conduct digital” before
14 “forensic examinations”; and

15 (C) by inserting “engage in” before “effec-
16 tive prosecutions”;

17 (2) by striking paragraph (8) and inserting the
18 following:

19 “(8) investigate, seek prosecution with respect
20 to, and identify child victims from leads relating to
21 Internet crimes against children, including
22 CyberTipline reports, with prioritization determined
23 according to circumstances and by each task force,
24 as described in section 102;”;

25 (3) by striking paragraph (9); and

1 (4) by redesignating paragraphs (10) and (11)
2 as paragraphs (9) and (10), respectively.

3 (e) NATIONAL INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHIL-
4 DREN DATA SYSTEM.—Section 105 of the PROTECT
5 Our Children Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 21115) is amend-
6 ed—

7 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “shall estab-
8 lish” and inserting “may establish”;

9 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “continue and
10 build upon Operation Fairplay developed by the Wy-
11 oming Attorney General’s office, which has estab-
12 lished a secure, dynamic undercover infrastructure
13 that has facilitated” and inserting “facilitate”; and

14 (3) in subsection (g)—

15 (A) by striking paragraph (3);

16 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (4)
17 through (8) as paragraphs (3) through (7), re-
18 spectively; and

19 (C) in paragraph (7), as so redesignated,
20 by striking “1 representative” and inserting “2
21 representatives”.

22 (f) ICAC GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 106 of the
23 PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 21116)
24 is amended—

25 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) in paragraph (2)(B)(ii)(II), by striking
2 “Operation Fairplay,”; and

3 (B) in paragraph (3)—

4 (i) by striking subparagraph (A) and
5 inserting the following:

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not less than 20 per-
7 cent of the total funds appropriated to carry
8 out this section shall be distributed to support
9 the ICAC Task Force Program through grants
10 to—

11 “(i) provide training and technical as-
12 sistance to members of the ICAC Task
13 Force Program;

14 “(ii) maintain, enhance, research, and
15 develop tools and technology to assist
16 members of the ICAC Task Force Pro-
17 gram;

18 “(iii) provide other support to the
19 ICAC Task Force Program determined by
20 the Attorney General;

21 “(iv) conduct research;

22 “(v) support the annual National Law
23 Enforcement Training on Child Exploi-
24 tation of the Office of Juvenile Justice and
25 Delinquency Prevention; and

1 “(vi) provide wellness training.”; and

2 (2) in subsection (d)(1)—

3 (A) in subparagraph (B)—

4 (i) in clause (ii), by striking “and” at
5 the end;

6 (ii) in clause (iii), by striking “, in-
7 cluding” and all that follows through
8 “such crime under State law.” and insert-
9 ing “; and”; and

10 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(iv) the number of child victims iden-
13 tified.”;

14 (B) by striking subparagraph (D); and

15 (C) by redesignating subparagraphs (E)
16 through (G) as subparagraphs (D) through (F),
17 respectively.

18 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
19 107(a) of the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008 (34
20 U.S.C. 21117(a)) is amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (9), by striking “and” at the
22 end;

23 (2) in paragraph (10), by striking the period at
24 the end and inserting “; and”; and

25 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(13) \$70,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026
2 through 2028.”.

3 (h) **ADDITIONAL REGIONAL COMPUTER FORENSIC**
4 **LABS.**—The PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008 (34
5 U.S.C. 21101 et seq.) is amended by striking title II.

6 (i) **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF PROVIDERS.**—
7 Section 2258A(c) of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended, in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by in-
9 serting “and all supplemental data included in the report”
10 after “each report made under subsection (a)(1)”.

11 **SEC. 1094. INCLUSION OF CERTAIN RETIRED PUBLIC SAFE-**
12 **TY OFFICERS IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFI-**
13 **CERS’ DEATH BENEFITS PROGRAM.**

14 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1201 of title I of the Om-
15 nibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34
16 U.S.C. 10281) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(p) **PERSONAL INJURY TO RETIRED LAW ENFORCE-**
19 **MENT OFFICER.**—

20 “(1) **DEFINITION.**—In this subsection, the term
21 ‘retired law enforcement officer’ means an individual
22 who separated from service in good standing as a
23 law enforcement officer in an official capacity at a
24 public agency with or without compensation.

1 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—A retired law enforcement
2 officer shall be eligible for a benefit under this part
3 if the officer died or became permanently and totally
4 disabled as the direct and proximate result of a per-
5 sonal injury resulting from a targeted attack be-
6 cause of the retired law enforcement officer’s service
7 as a law enforcement officer.”.

8 (b) RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
10 graph (2), the amendments made by this section
11 shall—

12 (A) take effect on the date of enactment of
13 this Act; and

14 (B) apply to any matter—

15 (i) pending before the Bureau of Jus-
16 tice Assistance or otherwise on the date of
17 enactment of this Act; or

18 (ii) filed (consistent with pre-existing
19 effective dates) or accruing after the date
20 of enactment of this Act.

21 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—The amendment made by
22 this section shall apply to any action taken against
23 a retired law enforcement officer described in section
24 1201(p) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and

1 Safe Streets Act of 1968 (as added by this Act) on
 2 or after January 1, 2012.

3 **SEC. 1095. STRONG COMMUNITIES PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1701 of title I of the Om-
 5 nibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34
 6 U.S.C. 10381) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 7 lowing:

8 “(q) COPS STRONG COMMUNITIES PROGRAM.—

9 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

10 “(A) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligi-
 11 ble entity’ means—

12 “(i) an institution of higher education,
 13 as defined in section 101 of the Higher
 14 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001),
 15 that, in coordination or through an agree-
 16 ment with a local law enforcement agency,
 17 offers a law enforcement training program;
 18 or

19 “(ii) a local law enforcement agency
 20 that offers a law enforcement training pro-
 21 gram.

22 “(B) LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGEN-
 23 CY.—The term ‘local law enforcement agency’
 24 means an agency of a State, unit of local gov-
 25 ernment, or Indian Tribe that is authorized by

1 law or by a government agency to engage in or
2 supervise the prevention, detection, investiga-
3 tion, or prosecution of any violation of criminal
4 law.

5 “(2) GRANTS.—The Attorney General may use
6 amounts otherwise appropriated to carry out this
7 section for a fiscal year (beginning with fiscal year
8 2025) to make competitive grants to local law en-
9 forcement agencies to be used for officers and re-
10 cruits to attend law enforcement training programs
11 at eligible entities if the officers and recruits agree
12 to serve in law enforcement agencies in their com-
13 munities.

14 “(3) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant
15 through a local law enforcement agency under this
16 subsection, each officer or recruit described in para-
17 graph (2) shall—

18 “(A) serve as a full-time law enforcement
19 officer for a total of not fewer than 4 years dur-
20 ing the 8-year period beginning on the date on
21 which the officer or recruit completes a law en-
22 forcement training program for which the offi-
23 cer or recruit receives benefits;

1 “(B) complete the service described in sub-
2 paragraph (A) in a local law enforcement agen-
3 cy located within—

4 “(i) 7 miles of the residence of the of-
5 ficer or recruit where the officer or recruit
6 has resided for not fewer than 5 years; or

7 “(ii) if the officer or recruit resides in
8 a county with fewer than 150,000 resi-
9 dents, within 20 miles of the residence of
10 the officer or recruit where the officer or
11 recruit has resided for not fewer than 5
12 years; and

13 “(C) submit to the eligible entity providing
14 a law enforcement training program to the offi-
15 cer or recruit evidence of employment of the of-
16 ficer or recruit in the form of a certification by
17 the chief administrative officer of the local law
18 enforcement agency where the officer or recruit
19 is employed.

20 “(4) REPAYMENT.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If an officer or recruit
22 does not complete the service described in para-
23 graph (3), the officer or recruit shall submit to
24 the local law enforcement agency an amount
25 equal to any benefits the officer or recruit re-

1 ceived through the local law enforcement agency
2 under this subsection.

3 “(B) REGULATIONS.—The Attorney Gen-
4 eral shall promulgate regulations that establish
5 categories of extenuating circumstances under
6 which an officer or recruit may be excused from
7 repayment under subparagraph (A).”.

8 (b) TRANSPARENCY.—Not less frequently than annu-
9 ally, the Attorney General shall submit to the Committee
10 on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the
11 Judiciary of the House of Representatives a report that
12 details, with respect to recipients of grants under section
13 1701(q) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
14 Streets Act of 1968, as added by subsection (a)—

15 (1) during the 1-year period preceding the date
16 of the report—

17 (A) the number and location of those re-
18 cipients; and

19 (B) the number of law enforcement officers
20 and recruits each recipient intends to send to
21 law enforcement training programs at eligible
22 entities (as defined in paragraph (1) of such
23 section 1701(q)) with amounts from the grant;
24 and

(2) during the period between the date of enactment of this Act and the date of the report—

(A) the number of law enforcement officers or recruits who attended the training described in paragraph (1)(B) with amounts from the grant and returned from the training as employees of the recipient; and

(B) the number of law enforcement officers or recruits described in subparagraph (A) who remain an employee of the recipient.

SEC. 1096. RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS CONTINUING SERVICE.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Retired Law Enforcement Officers Continuing Service Act”.

(b) **GRANT PROGRAM.**—Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“PART XVI—CIVIL LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK GRANTS

“SEC. 3061. DEFINITIONS.

“In this part:

“(1) **CIVILIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK.**—The term ‘civilian law enforcement task’—

“(A) includes—

1 “(i) assisting in homicide investiga-
2 tions;

3 “(ii) assisting in carjacking investiga-
4 tions;

5 “(iii) assisting in financial crimes in-
6 vestigations;

7 “(iv) assisting in compliance with re-
8 porting requirements;

9 “(v) reviewing camera footage;

10 “(vi) crime scene analysis;

11 “(vii) forensics analysis; and

12 “(viii) providing expertise in com-
13 puters, computer networks, information
14 technology, or the internet; and

15 “(B) does not include the ability to make
16 arrests or use force under the color of law.

17 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
18 tity’ means a State, local, Tribal, or territorial law
19 enforcement agency that certifies that retired law
20 enforcement personnel hired using amounts from a
21 grant under this part—

22 “(A) have appropriate and reasonably cur-
23 rent training and experience to effectively carry
24 out the tasks described in section 3062(a); or

1 “(B) will participate in appropriate con-
 2 tinuing education programs to satisfy subpara-
 3 graph (A).

4 **“SEC. 3062. GRANTS AUTHORIZED.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may
 6 award grants to eligible entities for the purpose of hiring
 7 retired personnel from law enforcement agencies to—

8 “(1) train civilian employees of the eligible enti-
 9 ty on civilian law enforcement tasks that can be per-
 10 formed on behalf of a law enforcement agency; and

11 “(2) perform civilian law enforcement tasks on
 12 behalf of the eligible entity.

13 “(b) DISCIPLINARY RECORDS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity receiving
 15 a grant under subsection (a) shall make a good faith
 16 effort to determine whether a retired law enforce-
 17 ment officer seeking to be hired by the eligible entity
 18 using amounts from a grant under this part has a
 19 disciplinary record or an internal investigation
 20 record by—

21 “(A) conducting a search of the National
 22 Decertification Index; or

23 “(B) requesting the personnel record of the
 24 retired law enforcement officer from each law

1 enforcement agency that employed the retired
2 law enforcement officer.

3 “(2) **HIRING DETERMINATIONS.**—Before mak-
4 ing any hiring determination, the highest ranking
5 law enforcement officer of an eligible entity receiving
6 a grant under subsection (a) or a designee of that
7 law enforcement officer shall review any findings of
8 misconduct that arise as a result of a search or re-
9 quest conducted pursuant to paragraph (1).

10 **“SEC. 3063. ACCOUNTABILITY PROVISIONS.**

11 “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—A grant awarded under this part
12 shall be subject to the accountability requirements of this
13 section.

14 “(b) **AUDIT REQUIREMENT.**—

15 “(1) **DEFINITION.**—In this subsection, the term
16 ‘unresolved audit finding’ means a finding in a final
17 audit report of the Inspector General of the Depart-
18 ment of Justice that an audited grantee has used
19 grant funds for an unauthorized expenditure or oth-
20 erwise unallowable cost that is not closed or resolved
21 within 12 months from the date when the final audit
22 report is issued.

23 “(2) **AUDITS.**—Beginning in the first fiscal
24 year beginning after the date of enactment of the
25 Retired Law Enforcement Officers Continuing Serv-

1 ice Act, and in each fiscal year thereafter, the In-
2 spector General of the Department of Justice shall
3 conduct audits of recipients of grants under this
4 part to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse of funds by
5 grantees. The Inspector General of the Department
6 of Justice shall determine the appropriate number of
7 grantees to be audited each year.

8 “(3) MANDATORY EXCLUSION.—A recipient of
9 grant funds under this part that is found to have an
10 unresolved audit finding shall not be eligible to re-
11 ceive grant funds under this part during the first 2
12 fiscal years beginning after the end of the 12-month
13 period described in paragraph (1).

14 “(4) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this
15 part, the Attorney General shall give priority to eli-
16 gible entities that did not have an unresolved audit
17 finding during the 3 fiscal years before submitting
18 an application for a grant under this part.

19 “(c) ANNUAL CERTIFICATION.—Beginning in the fis-
20 cal year during which audits commence under subsection
21 (b)(2), the Attorney General shall submit to the Com-
22 mittee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Appropria-
23 tions of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary
24 and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of
25 Representatives an annual certification—

1 “(1) indicating whether—

2 “(A) all audits issued by the Office of the
3 Inspector General of the Department of Justice
4 under subsection (b) have been completed and
5 reviewed by the appropriate Assistant Attorney
6 General or Director; and

7 “(B) all mandatory exclusions required
8 under subsection (b)(3) have been issued; and

9 “(2) that includes a list of any grant recipients
10 excluded under subsection (b)(3) from the previous
11 year.

12 “(d) PREVENTING DUPLICATIVE GRANTS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Before the Attorney Gen-
14 eral awards a grant to an eligible entity under this
15 part, the Attorney General shall compare potential
16 grant awards with other grants awarded by the At-
17 torney General to determine if grant awards are or
18 have been awarded for a similar purpose.

19 “(2) REPORT.—If the Attorney General awards
20 grants to the same applicant for a similar purpose,
21 the Attorney General shall submit to the Committee
22 on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee
23 on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives a
24 report that includes—

1 “(A) a list of all such grants awarded, in-
 2 cluding the total dollar amount of any such
 3 grants awarded; and

4 “(B) the reason the Attorney General
 5 awarded multiple grants to the same applicant
 6 for a similar purpose.”.

7 **SEC. 1097. TRAUMA KIT STANDARDS.**

8 Section 521 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control
 9 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10202) is amend-
 10 ed by adding at the end the following:

11 “(d) TRAUMA KITS.—

12 “(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
 13 ‘trauma kit’ means a first aid response kit, which in-
 14 cludes a bleeding control kit that can be used for
 15 controlling a life-threatening hemorrhage.

16 “(2) REQUIREMENT FOR TRAUMA KITS.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
 18 other provision of law, a grantee may only pur-
 19 chase a trauma kit using funds made available
 20 under this part if the trauma kit meets the per-
 21 formance standards established by the Director
 22 of the Bureau of Justice Assistance under para-
 23 graph (3)(A).

24 “(B) AUTHORITY TO SEPARATELY AC-
 25 QUIRE.—Nothing in subparagraph (A) shall

1 prohibit a grantee from separately acquiring the
2 components of a trauma kit and assembling
3 complete trauma kits that meet the perform-
4 ance standards.

5 “(3) PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND OP-
6 TIONAL AGENCY BEST PRACTICES.—Not later than
7 180 days after the date of enactment of this sub-
8 section, the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assist-
9 ance, in consultation with organizations representing
10 trauma surgeons, emergency medical response pro-
11 fessionals, emergency physicians, other medical pro-
12 fessionals, relevant law enforcement agencies of
13 States and units of local government, professional
14 law enforcement organizations, local law enforcement
15 labor or representative organizations, and law en-
16 forcement trade associations, shall—

17 “(A) develop and publish performance
18 standards for trauma kits that are eligible for
19 purchase using funds made available under this
20 part that, at a minimum, require the compo-
21 nents described in paragraph (4) to be included
22 in a trauma kit; and

23 “(B) develop and publish optional best
24 practices for law enforcement agencies regard-
25 ing—

1 “(i) training law enforcement officers
2 in the use of trauma kits;

3 “(ii) the deployment and maintenance
4 of trauma kits in law enforcement vehicles;
5 and

6 “(iii) the deployment, location, and
7 maintenance of trauma kits in law enforce-
8 ment agency or other government facilities.

9 “(4) COMPONENTS.—The components of a
10 trauma kit described in this paragraph are—

11 “(A) a tourniquet recommended by the
12 Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care;

13 “(B) a bleeding control bandage;

14 “(C) a pair of nonlatex protective gloves
15 and a pen-type marker;

16 “(D) a pair of blunt-ended scissors;

17 “(E) instructional documents developed—

18 “(i) under the ‘Stop the Bleed’ na-
19 tional awareness campaign of the Depart-
20 ment of Homeland Security, or any suc-
21 cessor thereto;

22 “(ii) by the American College of Sur-
23 geons Committee on Trauma;

24 “(iii) by the American Red Cross; or

1 “(iv) by any partner of the Depart-
2 ment of Defense;

3 “(F) a bag or other container adequately
4 designed to hold the contents of the kit; and

5 “(G) any additional trauma kit supplies
6 that—

7 “(i) are approved by a State, local, or
8 Tribal law enforcement agency or first re-
9 sponders;

10 “(ii) can adequately treat a traumatic
11 injury; and

12 “(iii) can be stored in a readily avail-
13 able kit.”.

14 **SEC. 1098. HONORING OUR FALLEN HEROES.**

15 (a) CANCER-RELATED DEATHS AND DISABIL-
16 ITIES.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1201 of title I of the
18 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
19 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10281), as amended by section
20 1094 of this Act, is amended by adding at the end
21 the following:

22 “(q) EXPOSURE-RELATED CANCERS.—

23 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

24 “(A) CARCINOGEN.—The term ‘carcinogen’
25 means an agent that is—

1 “(i) classified by the International
 2 Agency for Research on Cancer under
 3 Group 1 or Group 2A; and

4 “(ii) reasonably linked to an exposure-
 5 related cancer.

6 “(B) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’
 7 means the Director of the Bureau.

8 “(C) EXPOSURE-RELATED CANCER.—As
 9 updated from time to time in accordance with
 10 paragraph (3), the term ‘exposure-related can-
 11 cer’ means—

12 “(i) bladder cancer;

13 “(ii) brain cancer;

14 “(iii) breast cancer;

15 “(iv) cervical cancer;

16 “(v) colon cancer;

17 “(vi) colorectal cancer;

18 “(vii) esophageal cancer;

19 “(viii) kidney cancer;

20 “(ix) leukemia;

21 “(x) lung cancer;

22 “(xi) malignant melanoma;

23 “(xii) mesothelioma;

24 “(xiii) multiple myeloma;

25 “(xiv) non-Hodgkins lymphoma;

1 “(xv) ovarian cancer;

2 “(xvi) prostate cancer;

3 “(xvii) skin cancer;

4 “(xviii) stomach cancer;

5 “(xix) testicular cancer;

6 “(xx) thyroid cancer;

7 “(xxi) any form of cancer that is con-

8 sidered a WTC-related health condition

9 under section 3312(a) of the Public Health

10 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300mm–22(a));

11 and

12 “(xxii) any form of cancer added to

13 this definition pursuant to an update in ac-

14 cordance with paragraph (3).

15 “(2) PERSONAL INJURY SUSTAINED IN THE

16 LINE OF DUTY.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-

18 graph (B), as determined by the Bureau, the

19 exposure of a public safety officer to a car-

20 cinogen shall be presumed to constitute a per-

21 sonal injury within the meaning of subsection

22 (a) or (b) sustained in the line of duty by the

23 officer and directly and proximately resulting in

24 death or permanent and total disability, if—

1 “(i) the exposure occurred while the
2 public safety officer was engaged in line of
3 duty action or activity;

4 “(ii) the public safety officer began
5 serving as a public safety officer not fewer
6 than 5 years before the date of the diag-
7 nosis of the public safety officer with an
8 exposure-related cancer;

9 “(iii) the public safety officer was di-
10 agnosed with the exposure-related cancer
11 not more than 15 years after the public
12 safety officer’s last date of active service as
13 a public safety officer; and

14 “(iv) the exposure-related cancer di-
15 rectly and proximately results in the death
16 or permanent and total disability of the
17 public safety officer.

18 “(B) EXCEPTION.—The presumption
19 under subparagraph (A) shall not apply if com-
20 petent medical evidence establishes that the ex-
21 posure of the public safety officer to the car-
22 cinogen was not a substantial contributing fac-
23 tor in the death or disability of the public safety
24 officer.

1 “(3) ADDITIONAL EXPOSURE-RELATED CAN-
2 CERS.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—From time to time
4 but not less frequently than once every 3 years,
5 the Director shall—

6 “(i) review the definition of ‘exposure-
7 related cancer’ under paragraph (1); and

8 “(ii) if appropriate, update the defini-
9 tion, in accordance with this paragraph—

10 “(I) by rule; or

11 “(II) by publication in the Fed-
12 eral Register or on the public website
13 of the Bureau.

14 “(B) BASIS FOR UPDATES.—

15 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall
16 make an update under subparagraph
17 (A)(ii) in any case in which the Director
18 finds such an update to be appropriate
19 based on competent medical evidence of
20 significant risk to public safety officers of
21 developing the form of exposure-related
22 cancer that is the subject of the update
23 from engagement in their public safety ac-
24 tivities.

“(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

1 cancer from engagement in their public
2 safety activities.

3 “(iii) TIMELY AND SUBSTANTIVE DE-
4 CISIONS.—

5 “(I) REFERRAL.—Not later than
6 180 days after receipt of a petition
7 satisfying clause (ii), the Director
8 shall refer the petition to appropriate
9 medical experts for review, analysis
10 (including risk assessment and sci-
11 entific study), and recommendation.

12 “(II) CONSIDERATION.—The Di-
13 rector shall consider each rec-
14 ommendation under subclause (I) and
15 promptly take appropriate action in
16 connection with the recommendation
17 pursuant to subparagraph (B).

18 “(iv) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—
19 Not later than 30 days after taking any
20 substantive action in connection with a rec-
21 ommendation under clause (iii)(II), the Di-
22 rector shall notify the Committee on the
23 Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee
24 on the Judiciary of the House of Rep-
25 resentatives of the substantive action.”.

1 (2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by
2 paragraph (1) shall apply to any claim under—

3 (A) section 1201(a) of title I of the Omni-
4 bus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
5 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10281(a)) that is predicated
6 upon the death of a public safety officer on or
7 after January 1, 2020, that is the direct and
8 proximate result of an exposure-related cancer;
9 or

10 (B) section 1201(b) of title I of the Omni-
11 bus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
12 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10281(b)) that is filed on or
13 after January 1, 2020, and predicated upon a
14 disability that is the direct and proximate result
15 of an exposure-related cancer.

16 (3) TIME FOR FILING CLAIM.—Notwithstanding
17 any other provision of law, an individual who desires
18 to file a claim that is predicated upon the amend-
19 ment made by paragraph (1) shall not be precluded
20 from filing such a claim within 3 years of the date
21 of enactment of this Act.

22 (b) CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 812(a) of title I of
24 the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
25 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)”;

1 (B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “or
2 (b)” after “subsection (a)”; and

3 (C) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “or
4 (b)” after “subsection (a)”.

5 (2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made
6 by paragraph (1) shall apply to any matter pending
7 before the Department of Justice as of the date of
8 enactment of this Act.

9 (d) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3 of the Safe-
11 guarding America’s First Responders Act of 2020
12 (34 U.S.C. 10281 note) is amended by adding at the
13 end the following:

14 “(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘line of
15 duty action’ includes any action—

16 “(1) in which a public safety officer engaged at
17 the direction of the agency served by the public safe-
18 ty officer; or

19 “(2) the public safety officer is authorized or
20 obligated to perform.”.

21 (2) APPLICABILITY.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made
23 by paragraph (1) shall apply to any claim under
24 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 Janu-
ary 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.—Notwith-
standing any other provision of law, an indi-
vidual who desires to file a claim that is predi-
cated 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.

Subtitle I—FISH Act of 2025

SEC. 1091. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the “Fighting Foreign
Illegal Seafood Harvests Act of 2025” or the “FISH Act
of 2025”.

SEC. 1092. DEFINITIONS.

In this subtitle:

1 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—Unless otherwise pro-
 2 vided, the term “Administrator” means the Adminis-
 3 trator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-
 4 ministration or the designee of the Administrator.

5 (2) BENEFICIAL OWNER.—The term “beneficial
 6 owner” means, with respect to a vessel, a person
 7 that, directly or indirectly, through any contract, ar-
 8 rangement, understanding, relationship, or other-
 9 wise—

10 (A) exercises substantial control over the
 11 vessel; or

12 (B) owns not less than 50 percent of the
 13 ownership interests in the vessel.

14 (3) FISH.—The term “fish” means finfish,
 15 crustaceans, and mollusks.

16 (4) FORCED LABOR.—The term “forced labor”
 17 has the meaning given that term in section 307 of
 18 the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1307).

19 (5) IUU FISHING.—The term “IUU fishing”
 20 means activities described as illegal fishing, unre-
 21 ported fishing, and unregulated fishing in paragraph
 22 3 of the International Plan of Action to Prevent,
 23 Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Un-
 24 regulated Fishing, adopted at the 24th Session of

1 the Committee on Fisheries in Rome on March 2,
2 2001.

3 (6) REGIONAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ORGA-
4 NIZATION.—The terms “regional fisheries manage-
5 ment organization” and “RFMO” have the meaning
6 given the terms in section 303 of the Port State
7 Measures Agreement Act of 2015 (16 U.S.C. 7402).

8 (7) SEAFOOD.—The term “seafood” means
9 fish, shellfish, processed fish, fish meal, shellfish
10 products, and all other forms of marine animal and
11 plant life other than marine mammals and birds.

12 (8) SECRETARY.—Unless otherwise provided,
13 the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Com-
14 merce acting through the Administrator of the Na-
15 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or
16 the designee of the Administrator.

17 **SEC. 1093. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

18 It is the policy of the United States to partner, con-
19 sult, and coordinate with foreign governments (at the na-
20 tional and subnational levels), civil society, international
21 organizations, international financial institutions, sub-
22 national coastal communities, commercial and recreational
23 fishing industry leaders, communities that engage in
24 artisanal or subsistence fishing, fishers, and the private
25 sector, in a concerted effort—

(1) to continue the broad effort across the Federal Government to counter IUU fishing, including any potential links to forced labor, human trafficking, and other threats to maritime security, as outlined in sections 3533 and 3534 of the Maritime SAFE Act (16 U.S.C. 8002 and 8003); and

(2) to, additionally—

(A) prioritize efforts to prevent IUU fishing at its sources; and

(B) support continued implementation of the Central Arctic Ocean Fisheries agreement, as well as joint research and follow-on actions that ensure sustainability of fish stocks in Arctic international waters.

SEC. 1094. ESTABLISHMENT OF AN IUU VESSEL LIST.

Section 608 of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1826i) is amended by striking subsections (c) and (d) and inserting the following:

“(c) IUU VESSEL LIST.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Labor, and the heads of other relevant agencies, shall develop, maintain, and make public a list of foreign vessels, foreign fleets, and beneficial owners

1 of foreign vessels or foreign fleets engaged in IUU
 2 fishing or fishing-related activities in support of
 3 IUU fishing (referred to in this section as the ‘IUU
 4 vessel list’).

5 “(2) INCLUSION ON LIST.—The IUU vessel list
 6 shall include any foreign vessel, foreign fleet, or ben-
 7 eficial owner of a foreign vessel or foreign fleet for
 8 which the Secretary determines there is clear and
 9 convincing evidence to believe that a foreign vessel
 10 is any of the following (even if the Secretary has
 11 only partial information regarding the vessel):

12 “(A) A vessel listed on an IUU vessel list
 13 of an international fishery management organi-
 14 zation.

15 “(B) A vessel knowingly taking part in
 16 fishing that undermines the effectiveness of an
 17 international fishery management organization’s
 18 conservation and management measures, in-
 19 cluding a vessel—

20 “(i) exceeding applicable international
 21 fishery management organization catch
 22 limits; or

23 “(ii) that is operating inconsistent
 24 with relevant catch allocation arrange-
 25 ments of the international fishery manage-

1 ment organization, even if operating under
2 the authority of a foreign country that is
3 not a member of the international fishery
4 management organization.

5 “(C) A vessel, either on the high seas or
6 in the exclusive economic zone of another coun-
7 try, identified and reported by United States
8 authorities to an international fishery manage-
9 ment organization to be conducting IUU fishing
10 when the United States has reason to believe
11 the foreign country to which the vessel is reg-
12 istered or documented is not addressing the al-
13 legation.

14 “(D) A vessel, fleet, or beneficial owner of
15 a vessel or fleet on the high seas identified by
16 United States authorities to be conducting IUU
17 fishing.

18 “(E) A vessel that knowingly provides
19 services (excluding emergency or enforcement
20 services) to a vessel that is on the IUU vessel
21 list, including transshipment, resupply, refuel-
22 ing, or pilotage.

23 “(F) A vessel that is a fishing vessel en-
24 gaged in commercial fishing within the exclusive
25 economic zone of the United States without a

1 permit issued under title II of the Magnuson-
 2 Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management
 3 Act (16 U.S.C. 1821 et seq.).

4 “(G) A vessel that has the same beneficial
 5 owner as another vessel on the IUU vessel list
 6 at the time of the infraction.

7 “(3) NOMINATIONS TO BE PUT ON THE IUU
 8 VESSEL LIST.—The Secretary may receive nomina-
 9 tions for putting a vessel on the IUU vessel list
 10 from—

11 “(A) the head of an executive branch agen-
 12 cy that is a member of the Interagency Work-
 13 ing Group on IUU Fishing established under
 14 section 3551 of the Maritime SAFE Act (16
 15 U.S.C. 8031);

16 “(B) a country that is a member of the
 17 Combined Maritime Forces; or

18 “(C) civil organizations that have data-
 19 sharing agreements with a member of the Inter-
 20 agency Working Group on IUU Fishing.

21 “(4) PROCEDURES FOR ADDITION.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
 23 put a vessel on the IUU vessel list only after
 24 notification to the vessel’s beneficial owner and

1 a review of any information that the owner pro-
2 vides within 90 days of the notification.

3 “(B) HEARING.—A beneficial owner may
4 request a hearing on the evidence if the owner’s
5 vessel is placed on the IUU vessel list under
6 subparagraph (A) and may present new evi-
7 dence to the Interagency Working Group on
8 IUU Fishing described in paragraph (3)(A).
9 Such Working Group shall review the new evi-
10 dence and vote on whether the vessel shall re-
11 main on the IUU vessel list or not.

12 “(5) PUBLIC INFORMATION.—The Secretary
13 shall publish its procedures for adding vessels on,
14 and removing vessels from, the IUU vessel list. The
15 Secretary shall publish the IUU vessel list itself in
16 the Federal Register annually and on a website,
17 which shall be updated any time a vessel is added
18 to the IUU vessel list, and include the following in-
19 formation (as much as is available and confirmed)
20 for each vessel on the IUU vessel list:

21 “(A) The name of the vessel and previous
22 names of the vessel.

23 “(B) The International Maritime Organi-
24 zation (IMO) number of the vessel, or other
25 Unique Vessel Identifier (such as the flag state

1 permit number or authorized vessel number
2 issued by an international fishery management
3 organization).

4 “(C) The maritime mobile service identity
5 number and call sign of the vessel.

6 “(D) The business or corporate address of
7 each beneficial owner of the vessel.

8 “(E) The country where the vessel is reg-
9 istered or documented, and where it was pre-
10 viously registered if known.

11 “(F) The date of inclusion on the IUU ves-
12 sel list of the vessel.

13 “(G) Any other Unique Vessel Identifier
14 (UVI), if applicable.

15 “(H) Any other identifying information on
16 the vessel, as determined appropriate by the
17 Secretary.

18 “(I) The basis for the Secretary’s inclusion
19 of the vessel on the IUU vessel list under para-
20 graph (2).

21 “(d) ACTION.—The Secretary may take the action
22 described in subsection (c)(2) of this section in effect on
23 the day before the date of enactment of the Fighting For-
24 eign Illegal Seafood Harvests Act of 2025 against a vessel

1 on the IUU vessel list, the owner of such vessel, and the
2 operator of such vessel.

3 “(e) PERMANENCY OF IUU VESSEL LIST.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
5 graph (3), a vessel, fleet, or beneficial owner of a
6 vessel or fleet that is put on the IUU vessel list shall
7 remain on the IUU vessel list.

8 “(2) APPLICATION BY OWNER FOR POTENTIAL
9 REMOVAL.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In consultation with
11 the Secretary of State and the heads of other
12 relevant agencies, the Secretary may remove a
13 vessel, fleet, or beneficial owner of a vessel or
14 fleet from the IUU vessel list if the beneficial
15 owner of the vessel submits an application for
16 removal to the Secretary that meets the stand-
17 ards that the Secretary has set out for removal.
18 The Secretary shall make such standards pub-
19 licly available.

20 “(B) CONSIDERATION OF RELEVANT IN-
21 FORMATION.—In considering an application for
22 removal, the Secretary shall consider relevant
23 information from all sources.

24 “(3) REMOVAL DUE TO INTERNATIONAL FISH-
25 ERY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION ACTION.—The

1 Secretary may remove a vessel from the IUU vessel
2 list if the vessel was put on the list because it was
3 a vessel listed on an IUU vessel list of an inter-
4 national fishery management organization, pursuant
5 to subsection (c)(2)(A), and the international fishery
6 management organization removed the vessel from
7 its IUU vessel list.

8 “(f) REGULATIONS AND PROCESS.—Not later than
9 12 months after the date of enactment of the Fighting
10 Foreign Illegal Seafood Harvests Act of 2025, the Sec-
11 retary shall issue regulations to set a process for estab-
12 lishing, maintaining, implementing, and publishing the
13 IUU vessel list. The Administrator may add or remove a
14 vessel, fleet, or beneficial owner of a vessel or fleet from
15 the IUU vessel list on the date the vessel becomes eligible
16 for such addition or removal.

17 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 “(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—Unless otherwise pro-
19 vided, the term ‘Administrator’ means the Adminis-
20 trator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-
21 ministration or the designee of the Administrator.

22 “(2) BENEFICIAL OWNER.—The term ‘bene-
23 ficial owner’ means, with respect to a vessel, a per-
24 son that, directly or indirectly, through any contract,

1 arrangement, understanding, relationship, or other-
2 wise—

3 “(A) exercises substantial control over the
4 vessel; or

5 “(B) owns not less than 50 percent of the
6 ownership interests in the vessel.

7 “(3) FOREIGN VESSEL.—The term ‘foreign ves-
8 sel’ has the meaning given the term in section 110
9 of title 46, United States Code).

10 “(4) INTERNATIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT
11 ORGANIZATION.—The term ‘international fishery
12 management organization’ means an international
13 organization established by any bilateral or multilat-
14 eral treaty, convention, or agreement for the con-
15 servation and management of fish.

16 “(5) IUU FISHING.—The term ‘IUU fishing’
17 has the meaning given the term ‘illegal, unreported,
18 or unregulated fishing’ in the implementing regula-
19 tions or any subsequent regulations issued pursuant
20 to section 609(e).

21 “(6) SEAFOOD.—The term ‘seafood’ means
22 fish, shellfish, processed fish, fish meal, shellfish
23 products, and all other forms of marine animal and
24 plant life other than marine mammals and birds.

1 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 2 are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of
 3 Commerce to carry out this section \$10,000,000 for each
 4 of fiscal years 2025 through 2030.”.

5 **SEC. 1095. VISA SANCTIONS FOR FOREIGN PERSONS.**

6 (a) FOREIGN PERSONS DESCRIBED.—A foreign per-
 7 son is described in this subsection if the foreign person
 8 is the owner or beneficial owner of a vessel on the IUU
 9 vessel list developed under section 608(c) of the High Seas
 10 Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act (16 U.S.C.
 11 1826i(c)).

12 (b) INELIGIBILITY FOR VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PA-
 13 ROLE.—

14 (1) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—A foreign
 15 person described in subsection (a) is—

16 (A) inadmissible to the United States;

17 (B) ineligible to receive a visa or other doc-
 18 umentation to enter the United States; and

19 (C) otherwise ineligible to be admitted or
 20 paroled into the United States or to receive any
 21 other benefit under the Immigration and Na-
 22 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

23 (2) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—The visa or other entry
 25 documentation of a foreign person described in

1 subsection (a) shall be revoked, regardless of
2 when such visa or other entry documentation is
3 or was issued.

4 (B) IMMEDIATE EFFECT.—A revocation
5 under subparagraph (A) shall, in accordance
6 with section 221(i) of the Immigration and Na-
7 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(i))—

8 (i) take effect; and

9 (ii) cancel any other valid visa or
10 entry documentation that is in the person's
11 possession.

12 (c) NATIONAL INTEREST WAIVER.—The President
13 may waive the imposition of sanctions under this section
14 with respect to a foreign person if doing so is in the na-
15 tional interest of the United States.

16 (d) EXCEPTIONS.—

17 (1) EXCEPTIONS FOR AUTHORIZED INTEL-
18 LIGENCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES.—

19 This section shall not apply with respect to activities
20 subject to the reporting requirements under title V
21 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.
22 3091 et seq.) or any authorized intelligence, law en-
23 forcement, or national security activities of the
24 United States.

1 (2) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTER-
2 NATIONAL AGREEMENTS.—Sanctions under sub-
3 section (b) shall not apply with respect to the admis-
4 sion of an alien to the United States if such admis-
5 sion is necessary to comply with the obligations of
6 the United States under the Agreement regarding
7 the Headquarters of the United Nations, signed at
8 Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force
9 November 21, 1947, between the United Nations
10 and the United States, or the Convention on Con-
11 sular Relations, done at Vienna April 24, 1963, and
12 entered into force March 19, 1967, or other inter-
13 national obligations.

14 (3) EXCEPTION FOR SAFETY OF VESSELS AND
15 CREW.—Sanctions under subsection (b) shall not
16 apply with respect to a person providing provisions
17 to a vessel identified under section 608(c) of the
18 High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection
19 Act (16 U.S.C. 1826i) if such provisions are in-
20 tended for the safety and care of the crew aboard
21 the vessel, or the maintenance of the vessel to avoid
22 any environmental or other significant damage.

23 (4) EXEMPTIONS.—Sanctions under subsection
24 (b) shall not apply with respect to a person de-
25 scribed in subsection (a), if such person was listed

1 as the owner of a vessel described in that subsection
2 through the use of force, threats of force, fraud, or
3 coercion.

4 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

11 (2) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-
12 son” means an individual or entity that is not a
13 United States person.

14 (3) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
15 “United States person” means—

16 (A) a United States citizen or an alien law-
17 fully admitted for permanent residence to the
18 United States;

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

23 (C) any person in the United States.

1 **SEC. 1096. AGREEMENTS.**

2 (a) **PRESIDENTIAL NEGOTIATION.**—In negotiating
3 any relevant agreement with a foreign nation or nations
4 after the date of enactment of this Act, the President is
5 encouraged to consider the impacts on or to IUU fishing
6 and fishing that involves the use of forced labor and strive
7 to ensure that the agreement strengthens efforts to com-
8 bat IUU fishing and fishing that involves the use of forced
9 labor as long as such considerations do not come at the
10 expense of higher priority national interests of the United
11 States.

12 (b) **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGEMENT.**—
13 The Federal Government should encourage other nations
14 to ratify treaties and agreements that address IUU fishing
15 to which the United States is a party, including the High
16 Seas Fishing Compliance Agreement and the Port State
17 Measures Agreement, and pursue bilateral and multilat-
18 eral initiatives to raise international ambition to combat
19 IUU fishing, including in the G7 and G20, the United Na-
20 tions, the International Labor Organization (ILO), and
21 the International Maritime Organization (IMO), and
22 through voluntary multilateral efforts, as long as clear
23 burden sharing arrangements with partner nations are de-
24 termined. The bilateral and multilateral initiatives should
25 address underlying drivers of IUU fishing and fishing that
26 involves the use of forced labor.

1 (c) TRANSPARENCY FOR NON-BINDING INSTRU-
2 MENTS CONCLUDED UNDER THIS SECTION.—Any memo-
3 randum of understanding or other non-binding instrument
4 to further the objectives of this section shall be considered
5 a qualifying non-binding instrument for purposes of sec-
6 tion 112b of title 1, United States Code.

7 **SEC. 1097. ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS.**

8 (a) INCREASE BOARDING OF VESSELS SUSPECTED
9 OF IUU FISHING.—The Commandant of the Coast Guard
10 shall strive to increase, from year to year, its observation
11 of vessels on the high seas that are suspected of IUU fish-
12 ing and related harmful practices, and is encouraged to
13 consider boarding these vessels to the greatest extent prac-
14 ticable.

15 (b) FOLLOW UP.—The Administrator shall, in con-
16 sultation with the Commandant of the Coast Guard and
17 the Secretary of State, coordinate regularly with regional
18 fisheries management organizations to determine what
19 corrective measures each country has taken after vessels
20 that are registered or documented by the country have
21 been boarded for suspected IUU fishing.

22 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
23 of enactment of this Act and in accordance with informa-
24 tion management rules of the relevant regional fisheries

1 management organizations, the Commandant of the Coast
2 Guard shall submit a report to Congress on—

3 (1) the total number of bilateral agreements
4 utilized or enacted during Coast Guard counter-IUU
5 patrols and future patrol plans for operations with
6 partner nations where bilateral agreements are re-
7 quired to effectively execute the counter-IUU mis-
8 sion and any changes to IUU provisions in bilateral
9 agreements;

10 (2) incidents of IUU fishing observed while con-
11 ducting High Seas Boarding and Inspections
12 (HSBI), how the conduct is tracked after referral to
13 the respective country where the vessel is registered
14 or documented, and what actions are taken to docu-
15 ment or otherwise act on the enforcement, or lack
16 thereof, taken by the country;

17 (3) the country where the vessel is registered or
18 documented, the country where the vessel was pre-
19 viously registered and documented if known, and
20 status of a vessel interdicted or observed to be en-
21 gaged in IUU fishing on the high seas by the Coast
22 Guard;

23 (4) incident details on vessels observed to be en-
24 gaged in IUU fishing on the high seas, boarding re-
25 fusals, and what action was taken; and

(5) any other potential enforcement actions that could decrease IUU fishing on the high seas.

SEC. 1098. IMPROVED MANAGEMENT AT THE REGIONAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS.

(a) INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP ON IUU FISHING.—Section 3551(c) of the Maritime SAFE Act (16 U.S.C. 8031(c)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (13), by striking “and” after the semicolon;

(2) in paragraph (14), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(15) developing a strategy for leveraging enforcement capacity against IUU fishing, particularly focusing on nations identified under section 609(a) of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1826j(a)); and

“(16) developing a strategy for leveraging enforcement capacity against associated abuses, such as fishing that involves the use of forced labor and other illegal labor practices, and increasing relevant enforcement, using as resources—

“(A) the List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor produced pursuant to section 105 of the Trafficking Victims Protec-

tion Reauthorization Act of 2005 (22 U.S.C. 7112);

“(B) the Trafficking in Persons Report required under section 110 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7107);

“(C) United States Customs and Border Protection’s Forced Labor Division and enforcement activities and regulations authorized under section 307 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1307); and

“(D) reports submitted under the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act of 2020 (Public Law 116–145).”.

(b) SECRETARY OF STATE IDENTIFICATION.—The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Commandant of the Coast Guard and the Administrator, shall—

(1) identify regional fisheries management organizations that the United States is party to that do not have a high seas boarding and inspection program; and

(2) identify obstacles, needed authorities, or existing efforts to increase implementation of these programs, and take action as appropriate.

1 **SEC. 1099. STRATEGIES TO OPTIMIZE DATA COLLECTION,**
2 **SHARING, AND ANALYSIS.**

3 Section 3552 of the Maritime SAFE Act (16 U.S.C.
4 8032) is amended by adding at the end:

5 “(c) STRATEGIES TO OPTIMIZE DATA COLLECTION,
6 SHARING, AND ANALYSIS.—Not later than 3 years after
7 the date of enactment of the Fighting Foreign Illegal Sea-
8 food Harvests Act of 2025, the Working Group shall iden-
9 tify information and resources to prevent fish and fish
10 products from IUU fishing and fishing that involves the
11 use of forced labor from negatively affecting United States
12 commerce without increasing burdens on seafood not pro-
13 duced from IUU fishing. The report shall include the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(1) Identification of relevant data streams col-
16 lected by Working Group members.

17 “(2) Identification of legal, jurisdictional, or
18 other barriers to the sharing of such data.

19 “(3) In consultation with the Secretary of De-
20 fense, recommendations for joint enforcement proto-
21 cols, collaboration, and information sharing between
22 Federal agencies and States.

23 “(4) Recommendations for sharing and devel-
24 oping forensic resources between Federal agencies
25 and States.

1 “(5) Recommendations for enhancing capacity
2 to conduct more effective field investigations and en-
3 forcement efforts with U.S. state enforcement offi-
4 cials.

5 “(6) Recommendations for improving data col-
6 lection and automated risk-targeting of seafood.

7 “(7) Recommendations for the dissemination of
8 IUU fishing and fishing that involves the use of
9 forced labor analysis and information to those gov-
10 ernmental and non-governmental entities that could
11 use it for action and awareness, with the aim to es-
12 tablish an IUU fishing information sharing center.

13 “(8) Recommendations for an implementation
14 strategy, including measures for ensuring that sea-
15 food not linked to IUU fishing and fishing that in-
16 volves the use of forced labor is not affected.

17 “(9) An analysis of the IUU fishing policies
18 and regulatory regimes of other countries in order to
19 develop policy and regulatory alternatives for United
20 States consideration.”.

21 **SEC. 1099A. INVESTMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN**
22 **THE FISHERIES SECTOR.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State and the
24 Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the heads of
25 relevant agencies, are encouraged to increase support to

1 programs that provide technical assistance, institutional
 2 capacity, and investment to nations' fisheries sectors for
 3 sustainable fisheries management and combating IUU
 4 fishing and fishing involving the use of forced labor. The
 5 focus of such support is encouraged to be on priority re-
 6 gions and priority flag states identified under section
 7 3552(b) of the Maritime SAFE Act (16 U.S.C. 8032(b)).

8 (b) ANALYSIS OF US CAPACITY-BUILDING EXPER-
 9 TISE AND RESOURCES.—In order to maximize efforts on
 10 preventing IUU fishing at its sources, the Interagency
 11 Working Group on IUU Fishing established under section
 12 3551 of the Maritime SAFE Act (16 U.S.C. 8031) shall
 13 analyze United States capacity-building expertise and re-
 14 sources to provide support to nations' fisheries sectors.
 15 This analysis may include an assessment of potential ave-
 16 nues for in-country public-private collaboration and multi-
 17 lateral collaboration on developing local fisheries science,
 18 fisheries management, maritime enforcement, and mari-
 19 time judicial capabilities.

20 **SEC. 1099B. STRATEGY TO IDENTIFY SEAFOOD AND SEA-**
 21 **FOOD PRODUCTS FROM FOREIGN VESSELS**
 22 **USING FORCED LABOR.**

23 The Secretary, in coordination with the heads of
 24 other relevant agencies, shall—

1 (1) develop a strategy for utilizing relevant
2 United States Government data to identify seafood
3 harvested on foreign vessels using forced labor; and
4 (2) publish information regarding the strategy
5 developed under paragraph (1) on a publicly acces-
6 sible website.

7 **SEC. 1099C. REPORTS.**

8 (a) **IMPACT OF NEW TECHNOLOGY.**—Not later than
9 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
10 retary of Homeland Security, with support from the Ad-
11 ministrators and the Working Group established under sec-
12 tion 3551 of the Maritime SAFE Act (16 U.S.C. 8031),
13 shall conduct a study to assess the impact of new tech-
14 nology (such as remote observing, the use of drones, devel-
15 opment of risk assessment tools and data-sharing soft-
16 ware, immediate containerization of fish on fishing vessels,
17 satellite Wi-Fi technology on fishing vessels, and other
18 technology-enhanced new fishing practices) on IUU fish-
19 ing and associated crimes (such as trafficking and fishing
20 involving the use of forced labor) and propose ways to inte-
21 grate these technologies into global fisheries enforcement
22 and management.

23 (b) **RUSSIAN AND CHINESE FISHING INDUSTRIES’**
24 **INFLUENCE ON EACH OTHER AND ON THE UNITED**
25 **STATES SEAFOOD AND FISHING INDUSTRY.**—Not later

1 than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the
2 Secretary of State, with support from the Secretary of
3 Commerce, shall—

4 (1) conduct a study on the collaboration be-
5 tween the Russian and Chinese fishing industries
6 and on the role of seafood reprocessing in China (in-
7 cluding that of raw materials originating in Russia)
8 in global seafood markets and its impact on United
9 States interests; and

10 (2) complete a report on the study that includes
11 classified and unclassified portions, as the Secretary
12 of State determines necessary.

13 (c) FISHERMEN CONDUCTING UNLAWFUL FISHING
14 IN THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE.—Section 3551 of
15 the Maritime SAFE Act (16 U.S.C. 8031) is amended by
16 adding at the end the following:

17 “(d) THE IMPACTS OF IUU FISHING AND FISHING
18 INVOLVING THE USE OF FORCED LABOR.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator, in con-
20 sultation with relevant members of the Working
21 Group, shall seek to enter into an arrangement with
22 the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering,
23 and Medicine under which the National Academies
24 will undertake a multifaceted study that includes the
25 following:

1 “(A) An analysis that quantifies the occur-
 2 rence and extent of IUU fishing and fishing in-
 3 volving the use of forced labor among all flag
 4 states.

5 “(B) An evaluation of the costs to the
 6 United States economy of IUU fishing and fish-
 7 ing involving the use of forced labor.

8 “(C) An assessment of the costs to the
 9 global economy of IUU fishing and fishing in-
 10 volving the use of forced labor.

11 “(D) An assessment of the effectiveness of
 12 response strategies to counter IUU fishing, in-
 13 cluding both domestic programs and foreign ca-
 14 pacity-building and partnering programs.

15 “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
 16 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
 17 this subsection \$2,000,000.”.

18 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 24 months after the
 19 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall sub-
 20 mit to Congress a report on the study conducted under
 21 subsection (d) of section 3551 of the Maritime SAFE Act
 22 that includes—

23 (1) the findings of the National Academies; and
 24 (2) recommendations on knowledge gaps that
 25 warrant further scientific inquiry.

1 **SEC. 1099D. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR NA-**
 2 **TIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM.**

3 Section 212(a) of the National Sea Grant College
 4 Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1131(a)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “for fiscal
 6 year 2025” and inserting “for each of fiscal years
 7 2025 through 2031”; and

8 (2) in paragraph (2)—

9 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking
 10 “FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2025”; and

11 (B) in the matter preceding subparagraph
 12 (A), by striking “fiscal years 2021 through
 13 2025” and inserting “fiscal years 2026 through
 14 2031”.

15 **SEC. 1099E. EXCEPTION RELATED TO THE IMPORTATION**
 16 **OF GOODS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The authorities and requirements
 18 provided in this Act, and the amendments made by this
 19 Act, shall not include any authority or requirement to im-
 20 pose sanctions on the importation of goods or related to
 21 sanctions on the importation of goods.

22 (b) GOOD DEFINED.—In this section, the term
 23 “good”—

24 (1) means any article, natural or man-made
 25 substance, material, supply or manufactured prod-
 26 uct, including inspection and test equipment; and

1 (2) excludes technical data.

2 **SEC. 1099F. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

3 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the
4 authority under, or otherwise affect, a provision of law
5 that—

6 (1) is in effect on the date of enactment of this
7 Act; and

8 (2) is not amended by this Act.

9 **TITLE XI—CIVILIAN PERSONNEL**
10 **MATTERS**

11 **SEC. 1101. EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL AUTHORITY FOR DE-**
12 **PENDENTS OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 1599b of
14 title 10, United States Code, the Secretary of Defense
15 shall direct the Director of the Defense Travel Manage-
16 ment Office to update the Joint Travel Regulations, not
17 later than February 1, 2026, to authorize educational
18 travel for a dependent of a covered employee without re-
19 gard to whether the Federal agency responsible for the
20 employment of the covered employee anticipates that the
21 covered employee will, during the 30-day period following
22 the scheduled date of the dependent’s departure for the
23 travel, be transferred to a location in the United States
24 or travel to the United States for home leave.

25 (b) BRIEFINGS REQUIRED.—

1 (1) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than Feb-
 2 ruary 1, 2026, the Secretary shall brief the Commit-
 3 tees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House
 4 of Representatives on the update to the Joint Travel
 5 Regulations required by subsection (a).

6 (2) SUBSEQUENT BRIEFINGS.—Not later than
 7 one year after providing the briefing required by
 8 paragraph (1) and annually thereafter until Feb-
 9 ruary 1, 2029, the Secretary shall brief the Commit-
 10 tees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House
 11 of Representatives on the use of the authority de-
 12 scribed in subsection (a) and the cost to the Federal
 13 Government of the use of that authority.

14 (c) COVERED EMPLOYEE DEFINED.—In this section,
 15 the term “covered employee” means an employee of the
 16 Department of Defense Education Activity assigned to
 17 United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

18 **SEC. 1102. ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO WAIVE**
 19 **ANNUAL LIMITATION ON PREMIUM PAY AND**
 20 **AGGREGATE LIMITATION ON PAY FOR FED-**
 21 **ERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES WORKING OVER-**
 22 **SEAS.**

23 Subsection (a) of section 1101 of the Duncan Hunter
 24 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009
 25 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4615), as most recently

1 amended by section 1104 of the Servicemember Quality
2 of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization
3 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159), is fur-
4 ther amended by striking “through 2025” and inserting
5 “through 2026”.

6 **SEC. 1103. ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY AUTHOR-**
7 **ITY TO GRANT ALLOWANCES, BENEFITS, AND**
8 **GRATUITIES TO CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ON OF-**
9 **FICIAL DUTY IN A COMBAT ZONE.**

10 Paragraph (2) of section 1603(a) of the Emergency
11 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global
12 War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006 (Public
13 Law 109–234; 120 Stat. 443), as added by section 1102
14 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization
15 Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat.
16 4616) and as most recently amended by section 1105 of
17 the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and Na-
18 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025
19 (Public Law 118–159), is further amended by striking
20 “2026” and inserting “2027”.

21 **SEC. 1104. MODIFICATIONS TO DEFENSE CIVILIAN TRAIN-**
22 **ING CORPS.**

23 Section 2200h of title 10, United States Code, is
24 amended—

(1) in paragraph (8), by inserting “, in accordance with subsection (b)” before the period;

(2) by striking “In establishing” and inserting the following:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—In establishing”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(b) HIRING AUTHORITY.—

“(1) STUDENTS.—The head of a Department of Defense organization that partners with the program may, without regard to the provisions of subchapter I of chapter 33 of title 5, noncompetitively appoint a member of the program to a position in such organization for a term of one year, renewable for not more than a total of four one-year terms.

“(2) GRADUATES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The head of an organization described in paragraph (1) may—

“(i) renew the appointment a successful graduate of the program serving a one-year term under such paragraph until such graduate is appointed to a permanent position in such organization, except that the appointment may not be renewed for more than a total of four one-year terms; and

1 “(ii) noncompetitively appoint the
2 graduate from a one-year term appoint-
3 ment renewed under clause (i) into a va-
4 cant position in the competitive or excepted
5 service of the Department.

6 “(B) LEVEL.—The position of a graduate
7 in a term or permanent position described in
8 subparagraph (A) shall be at the level of GS–
9 9 of the General Schedule or an equivalent level
10 for which the participant is qualified, without
11 regard to any minimum time-in-grade or time-
12 based experience requirements.

13 “(C) LIMIT.—The authority under this
14 section may not be used for more than 60 grad-
15 uates of the program in any calendar year.

16 “(3) SUNSET.—The authority under this sub-
17 section shall terminate on December 31, 2029.

18 “(4) REPORTS.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than Janu-
20 ary 31, 2026, and annually thereafter until
21 January 31, 2030, the Secretary of Defense
22 shall submit to the appropriate congressional
23 committees a report on the use of the authority
24 under this subsection.

1 “(B) ELEMENTS.—Each report required
2 by subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

3 “(i) The number of graduates of the
4 program for which the authority under this
5 section was used in the prior year.

6 “(ii) An identification of the Depart-
7 ment of Defense organizations that used
8 the authority to appoint graduates of the
9 program under paragraph (2)(ii).

10 “(C) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COM-
11 MITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term
12 ‘appropriate congressional committees’ means—

13 “(i) the Committee on Armed Services
14 and the Committee on Homeland Security
15 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;
16 and

17 “(ii) the Committee on Armed Serv-
18 ices and the Committee on Oversight and
19 Government Reform of the House of Rep-
20 resentatives.”.

1 **SEC. 1105. MODIFICATIONS TO REQUIREMENTS FOR THE**
2 **PRESIDENT OF THE DEFENSE ACQUISITION**
3 **UNIVERSITY.**

4 Section 1746(e)(3) of title 10, United States Code,
5 is amended by striking “term” each place it appears and
6 inserting “tenure”.

7 **SEC. 1106. MODIFICATION OF DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY**
8 **FOR DOMESTIC DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE**
9 **FACILITIES.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1125(a) of the National
11 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (10
12 U.S.C. 1580 note prec.) is amended by inserting “, includ-
13 ing to Navy Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion, and
14 Repair positions” after “Facilities Base”.

15 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—At the end of each fiscal
16 year, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the rel-
17 evant congressional committees a report that includes the
18 following elements:

19 (1) The number of Navy Supervisor of Ship-
20 building, Conversion, and Repair positions filled in
21 comparison to the previous fiscal year.

22 (2) The extent to which direct hire authority
23 has affected recruitment and retention for Navy Su-
24 pervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion, and Repair po-
25 sitions.

1 (3) Other data and information related to the
 2 hiring process for the Navy Supervisor of Ship-
 3 building, Conversion, and Repair that the Secretary
 4 of the Navy considers appropriate.

5 (c) RELEVANT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
 6 FINED.—In this section, the term “relevant congressional
 7 committees” means—

8 (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
 9 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
 10 Affairs of the Senate; and

11 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
 12 Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of
 13 the House of Representatives.

14 **SEC. 1107. CYBER WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT AND RETEN-**
 15 **TION.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1599f of title 10, United
 17 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

18 **“§ 1599f. Cyber workforce recruitment and retention**

19 “(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
 21 may—

22 “(A) establish, as positions in the excepted
 23 service, such qualified positions in the Depart-
 24 ment of Defense as the Secretary considers nec-
 25 essary to carry out the cyber mission of the De-

1 partment and are not in the Defense Civilian
2 Intelligence Personnel System, including—

3 “(i) positions in the Defense Digital
4 Executive Service established under sub-
5 section (c); and

6 “(ii) Defense Digital Senior Level po-
7 sitions designated under subsection (d);

8 “(B) carry out a program of personnel
9 management authority provided in subsection
10 (b) in order to facilitate recruitment of eminent
11 experts in cyber for the Department; and

12 “(C) implement an interagency transfer
13 agreement between qualified positions in the ex-
14 cepted service established under this section
15 and positions in the competitive service in the
16 Department, including the military depart-
17 ments.

18 “(2) APPLICABILITY.—Unless explicitly pro-
19 vided otherwise by law, the authority of the Sec-
20 retary under this section applies without regard to
21 any other provision of law relating to the appoint-
22 ment, number, classification, or compensation of em-
23 ployees that the Secretary determines is incompat-
24 ible with the approach to talent management under
25 this section.

1 “(b) PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may—

3 “(A) without regard to any provision of
4 title 5 governing the appointment of employees
5 in the civil service, appoint individuals to quali-
6 fied positions established under subsection
7 (a)(1); and

8 “(B) subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), fix
9 the compensation of employees appointed under
10 subparagraph (A).

11 “(2) RATES OF BASIC PAY.—The Secretary—

12 “(A) shall fix the rates of basic pay for
13 employees appointed under paragraph (1)(A)—

14 “(i) with the rates of pay provided for
15 employees in comparable positions in the
16 Federal Government; and

17 “(ii) subject to the same limitations
18 on maximum rates of pay established for
19 such employees by statute or regulation;
20 and

21 “(B) may prescribe the rates of basic pay
22 for employees appointed under paragraph
23 (1)(A) at rates not in excess of a rate equal to
24 150 percent of the maximum rate of basic pay

1 authorized for positions at Level I of the Exec-
2 utive Schedule under section 5312 of title 5.

3 “(3) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
5 graph (C), the Secretary may, with respect to
6 an employee appointed under paragraph (1)(A),
7 other than such an employee receiving the max-
8 imum rate of basic pay prescribed under para-
9 graph (2)(B), provide the employee compensa-
10 tion (in addition to basic pay), including pay-
11 ments, benefits, sabbaticals, incentives, awards,
12 and allowances—

13 “(i) in accordance with relevant provi-
14 sions of other laws, including provisions of
15 title 5;

16 “(ii) consistent with, and not in excess
17 of the level authorized for, comparable po-
18 sitions in the Federal Government; and

19 “(iii) to the extent compatible with
20 the approach to talent management under
21 this section.

22 “(B) ALLOWANCES.—An employee ap-
23 pointed under paragraph (1)(A) shall be eligible
24 for an allowance under section 5941 of title 5,
25 in addition to such basic pay, on the same basis

1 and at least to the same extent as if the em-
2 ployee was an employee covered by such section,
3 including eligibility conditions, allowance rates,
4 and all other terms and conditions in statute or
5 regulation.

6 “(C) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL
7 COMPENSATION.—No additional compensation
8 may be provided to an employee under this
9 paragraph in any calendar year if, or to the ex-
10 tent that, the employee’s total annual com-
11 pensation in such calendar year will exceed the
12 maximum amount of total annual compensation
13 payable at the salary set in accordance with
14 section 104 of title 3.

15 “(c) DEFENSE DIGITAL EXECUTIVE SERVICE.—The
16 Secretary may establish a Defense Digital Executive Serv-
17 ice for positions established under subsection (a)(1)(A)(i)
18 that are comparable to Senior Executive Service positions.

19 “(d) DEFENSE DIGITAL SENIOR LEVEL POSI-
20 TIONS.—The Secretary may designate as a Defense Dig-
21 ital Senior Level position any defense cyber position that,
22 as determined by the Secretary—

23 “(1) is classified above the grade of GG–15 of
24 the excepted service;

1 “(2) does not satisfy functional or program
2 management criteria for being designated as a posi-
3 tion in the Defense Digital Executive Service; and

4 “(3) has no more than minimal supervisory re-
5 sponsibilities.

6 “(e) TWO-YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD.—The pro-
7 bationary period for all employees hired under the author-
8 ity provided by this section shall be two years.

9 “(f) INCUMBENTS OF EXISTING COMPETITIVE SERV-
10 ICE POSITIONS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An individual occupying a
12 position on the date of the enactment of this section
13 that is selected to be converted to a position in the
14 excepted service under this section shall have the
15 right to refuse such conversion.

16 “(2) POSITION CONVERSION.—After the date on
17 which an individual who refuses a conversion under
18 paragraph (1) stops serving in the position selected
19 to be converted, the position shall be converted to a
20 position in the excepted service.

21 “(g) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN; EFFECTIVE DATE OF
22 AUTHORITY.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The authority provided by
24 this section shall become effective 30 days after the
25 date on which the Secretary submits to the congres-

1 sional defense committees a plan for the implemen-
2 tation of such authority.

3 “(2) ELEMENTS.—The plan described in para-
4 graph (1) shall include the following:

5 “(A) An assessment of the current scope of
6 the positions covered by the authority provided
7 by subsection (a).

8 “(B) A plan for the use of the authority.

9 “(C) An assessment of the anticipated
10 workforce needs for the cyber mission of the
11 Department across the future-years defense
12 program.

13 “(D) Other matters as appropriate.

14 “(h) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.—
15 Nothing in subsection (a) may be construed to impair the
16 continued effectiveness of a collective bargaining agree-
17 ment with respect to an office, component, subcomponent,
18 or equivalent of the Department that is a successor to an
19 office, component, subcomponent, or equivalent of the De-
20 partment covered by the agreement before the succession.

21 “(i) REQUIRED REGULATIONS.—The Secretary, in
22 coordination with the Director of the Office of Personnel
23 Management, shall prescribe regulations for the adminis-
24 tration of this section.

25 “(j) ANNUAL REPORT.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
 2 after the date of the enactment of this section and
 3 not less frequently than once each year thereafter
 4 until the date that is five years after the date of the
 5 enactment of this section, the Director of the Office
 6 of Personnel Management, in coordination with the
 7 Secretary, shall submit to the appropriate commit-
 8 tees of Congress a detailed report on the administra-
 9 tion of this section during the most recent one-year
 10 period.

11 “(2) ELEMENTS.—Each report submitted under
 12 paragraph (1) shall include, for the period covered
 13 by the report, the following:

14 “(A) A discussion of the process used in
 15 accepting applications, assessing candidates, en-
 16 suring adherence to veterans’ preference, and
 17 selecting applicants for vacancies to be filled by
 18 an individual for a qualified position.

19 “(B) A description of the following:

20 “(i) How the Secretary plans to fulfill
 21 the critical need of the Department to re-
 22 cruit and retain employees in qualified po-
 23 sitions.

24 “(ii) The measures that will be used
 25 to measure progress.

1 “(iii) Any actions taken during the re-
2 porting period to fulfill such critical need.

3 “(C) A discussion of how the planning and
4 actions taken under subparagraph (B) are inte-
5 grated into the strategic workforce planning of
6 the Department.

7 “(D) The metrics on actions occurring
8 during the reporting period, including the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(i) The number of employees in
11 qualified positions hired, disaggregated by
12 occupation and grade and level or pay
13 band.

14 “(ii) The placement of employees in
15 qualified positions, disaggregated by mili-
16 tary department, Defense Agency, or other
17 component within the Department.

18 “(iii) The total number of veterans
19 hired.

20 “(iv) The number of separations of
21 employees in qualified positions,
22 disaggregated by occupation and grade and
23 level or pay band.

24 “(v) The number of retirements of
25 employees in qualified positions,

disaggregated by occupation and grade and level or pay band.

“(vi) The number and amounts of recruitment, relocation, and retention incentives paid to employees in qualified positions, disaggregated by occupation and grade and level or pay band.

“(vii) The number of employees in qualified positions who held an appointment related to cybersecurity at a Federal agency outside of the Department during the three-year period prior to being appointed under this section.

“(k) COMPTROLLER GENERAL ASSESSMENT.—

“(1) AVAILABILITY OF ANNUAL REPORT.—The Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall make available to the Comptroller General of the United States each report required by subsection (j).

“(2) ASSESSMENT.—The Comptroller General shall—

“(A) assess any differences in recruitment and retention for cyber positions experienced by Federal agencies based on unique hiring and pay authorities for cyber professionals, includ-

ing with respect to Senior Executive Service positions and Senior Level positions; and

“(B) not later than five years after the date of the enactment of this section, submit to the appropriate committees of Congress the results of that assessment.

“(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term ‘appropriate committees of Congress’ means—

“(A) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

“(B) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

“(2) COMPETITIVE SERVICE.—The term ‘competitive service’ has the meaning given that term in section 2102 of title 5.

“(3) EXCEPTED SERVICE.—The term ‘excepted service’ has the meaning given that term in section 2103 of title 5.

1 “(4) QUALIFIED POSITION.—The term ‘quali-
 2 fied position’ means a position, designated by the
 3 Secretary for the purpose of this section, in which
 4 the individual occupying such position performs,
 5 manages, or supervises functions that execute the
 6 cyber mission of the Department.

7 “(5) SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE POSITION.—
 8 The term ‘Senior Executive Service position’ has the
 9 meaning given that term in section 3132(a) of title
 10 5.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 12 at the beginning of chapter 81 of such title is amended
 13 by striking the item relating to section 1599f and inserting
 14 the following new item:

“1599f. Cyber workforce recruitment and retention.”.

15 **SEC. 1108. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO REDUCE**
 16 **THE WORKFORCE AT PUBLIC SHIPYARDS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to
 18 be appropriated by this Act may be used to reduce the
 19 workforce at public shipyards, including probationary em-
 20 ployees.

21 (b) EXEMPTION.—The workforce at public shipyards
 22 and any other positions at a public shipyard not specified
 23 in subsection (c) shall be exempt from any workforce re-
 24 ductions related to spending cuts, reprogramming of
 25 funds, or the probationary status of employees.

1 (c) WORKFORCE AT PUBLIC SHIPYARDS DEFINED.—

2 In this section, the term “workforce at public shipyards”
3 includes any of the following positions at a public ship-
4 yard:

5 (1) Welders.

6 (2) Pipefitters.

7 (3) Shipfitters.

8 (4) Radiological technicians and engineers.

9 (5) Engineers and engineer technicians.

10 (6) Apprentices.

11 (7) Positions supporting a workforce develop-
12 ment pipeline.

13 (8) Positions supporting nuclear maintenance
14 and refueling.

15 (9) Mechanics.

16 (10) Painters and blasters.

17 (11) Positions supporting maintenance and op-
18 erations of infrastructure.

19 (12) Positions supporting implementation of the
20 Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program.

21 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
22 tion may be construed to restrict the authority of the Sec-
23 retary of Defense to manage the workforce of the Depart-
24 ment of Defense under existing procedures in cases of mis-
25 conduct or poor performance.

1 (e) SUNSET.—This section shall cease to be effective
 2 December 31, 2029.

3 **TITLE XII—MATTERS RELATING**
 4 **TO FOREIGN NATIONS**
 5 **Subtitle A—Assistance and**
 6 **Training**

7 **SEC. 1201. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITIES.**

8 (a) TRAINING WITH FRIENDLY FOREIGN COUN-
 9 TRIES: PAYMENT OF TRAINING AND EXERCISE EX-
 10 PENSES.—

11 (1) TRAINING AUTHORIZED.—Subsection (a) of
 12 section 321 of title 10, United States Code, is
 13 amended—

14 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “or other
 15 security forces” and inserting “, or other secu-
 16 rity forces that perform a similar function,”;

17 (B) by striking paragraph (2); and

18 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and
 19 (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively.

20 (2) AUTHORITY TO PAY TRAINING AND EXER-
 21 CISE EXPENSES.—Subsection (b) of such section is
 22 amended—

23 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
 24 by striking “subsection (e)” and inserting “sub-
 25 section (f)”;

1 (B) by amending paragraph (1) to read as
2 follows:

3 “(1) Expenses of forces assigned or allocated to
4 that command in conjunction with activities con-
5 ducted under this section.”;

6 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “that
7 training” and inserting “such activities”;

8 (D) in paragraph (3), by striking “train-
9 ing” and inserting “activities”;

10 (E) by striking paragraph (4);

11 (F) in paragraph (5), by striking “training
12 described in” and all that follows through
13 “paragraph (4)” and inserting “training and
14 exercises under this section”; and

15 (G) by redesignating paragraph (5) as
16 paragraph (4).

17 (3) SEMIANNUAL REPORT.—Subsection (e) of
18 such section is amended to read as follows:

19 “(e) SEMIANNUAL REPORT.—Not less frequently
20 than semiannually, the Secretary of Defense shall submit
21 to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on
22 training and exercises conducted under this section during
23 the preceding 180-day period.”.

24 (4) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

1 (A) SECTION HEADING.—Section 321 of
 2 title 10, United States Code, is amended, in the
 3 section heading, by inserting “**and exer-**
 4 **cises**” after “**Training**”.

5 (B) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of
 6 sections for subchapter III of chapter 16 of title
 7 10, United States Code, is amended by striking
 8 the item relating to section 321 and inserting
 9 the following:

“321. Training and exercises with friendly foreign countries: payment of training and exercise expenses.”.

10 (b) REPEAL OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE STRATEGIC
 11 COMPETITION INITIATIVE.—Section 1332 of the National
 12 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public
 13 Law 117–81; 135 Stat. 2007; 10 U.S.C. 301 note) is re-
 14 pealed.

15 **SEC. 1202. MODIFICATION OF PAYMENT OF COSTS FOR RE-**
 16 **GIONAL CENTERS FOR SECURITY STUDIES.**

17 Section 342(f)(3)(A) of title 10, United States Code,
 18 is amended, in the first sentence, by striking “from a de-
 19 veloping country”.

20 **SEC. 1203. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR NAVAL**
 21 **SMALL CRAFT INSTRUCTION AND TECHNICAL**
 22 **TRAINING SCHOOL.**

23 Section 352 of title 10, United States Code, is
 24 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “may” and in-
2 serting “shall”; and

3 (2) in subsection (e), by adding at the end the
4 following new paragraph:

5 “(3) Tuition fees charged for personnel who attend
6 the School may not include any amount for the fixed costs
7 of operating and maintaining the School.”.

8 **SEC. 1204. PERMANENT EXTENSION OF ACCEPTANCE AND**
9 **EXPENDITURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MUL-**
10 **TILATERAL SECURITY COOPERATION PRO-**
11 **GRAMS AND ACTIVITIES.**

12 Section 1208 of the Servicemember Quality of Life
13 Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for
14 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) is amended by
15 striking subsection (i).

16 **SEC. 1205. BUILDING CAPACITY OF THE ARMED FORCES OF**
17 **MEXICO TO COUNTER TRANSNATIONAL**
18 **CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

19 (a) PLAN.—Not later than 180 days after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,
21 in consultation with the Secretary of State and with the
22 agreement of the Government of Mexico, shall submit to
23 the appropriate congressional committees a plan for a pilot
24 program under which the armed forces of Mexico and the
25 United States Armed Forces will train jointly in the

1 United States on tactics, techniques, and procedures for
2 countering the threat posed by transnational criminal or-
3 ganizations, including through—

4 (1) operations involving the use of rotary-wing
5 aircraft; and

6 (2) in consultation with the appropriate civilian
7 government agencies specializing in countering
8 transnational criminal organizations—

9 (A) joint network analysis;

10 (B) counter threat financing;

11 (C) counter illicit trafficking (including
12 narcotics, weapons, and human trafficking, and
13 illicit trafficking in natural resources); and

14 (D) assessments of key nodes of activity of
15 transnational criminal organizations.

16 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 15 days after
17 the date on which the plan required by subsection (a) is
18 submitted under such subsection, the Secretary of Defense
19 shall begin implementing the pilot program described in
20 the plan.

21 (c) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL
22 COMMITTEES.—In this section, the term “appropriate
23 congressional committees” means—

(1) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

SEC. 1206. CYBERSECURITY COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA AND THE PANAMA CANAL AUTHORITY.

(a) CYBERSECURITY INTEGRATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, using existing authorities of the Secretary, may establish a pilot program in Panama—

(A) to enhance the cybersecurity capabilities of the Panama Canal Authority and the national security forces of Panama; and

(B) to increase cybersecurity cooperation measures between the United States and Panama in current and future joint military training exercises.

(2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the cybersecurity cooperation under paragraph (1) are—

(A) to assist in implementing the Cyber Cooperation Arrangement;

1 (B) to provide training and technical as-
2 sistance to, and enhance joint cooperation with,
3 the national security forces of Panama so as to
4 improve mitigation, deterrence, and detection of
5 ransomware attacks on, and vulnerabilities of,
6 critical infrastructure in and around the Pan-
7 ama Canal; and

8 (C) to incorporate cybersecurity coopera-
9 tion measures into current and potential United
10 States-Panama joint military training exercises
11 so as to improve the security of the Panama
12 Canal.

13 (3) ACTIVITIES.—Activities of the Department
14 of Defense to further the purposes described in
15 paragraph (2) may include the following:

16 (A) Provision of education and training to,
17 and information sharing with, the Panama
18 Canal Authority and the national security
19 forces of Panama.

20 (B) Collaboration on cyber incident re-
21 sponse best practices with the Panama Canal
22 Authority and the national security forces of
23 Panama.

24 (C) Provision of technical assistance to the
25 Panama Canal Authority and the national secu-

1 rity forces of Panama to detect and mitigate cy-
2 bersecurity attacks.

3 (D) Development of supply chain security
4 best practices and building a trusted vendor
5 network with the Panama Canal Authority and
6 the national security forces of Panama.

7 (E) Engagement with the national security
8 forces of Panama on joint cybersecurity train-
9 ing exercises and other information-sharing and
10 domain awareness activities relating to cyberse-
11 curity, including by—

12 (i) encouraging the participation of
13 the Government of Panama in existing cy-
14 bersecurity training facilitated or managed
15 by the Department and approved by the
16 Secretary;

17 (ii) incorporating cybersecurity into
18 existing joint training exercises, such as
19 PANAMAX; and

20 (iii) conducting an annual joint table-
21 top cybersecurity exercise.

22 (4) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the
23 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
24 thereafter through 2030, the Secretary shall—

1 (A) submit to the congressional defense
2 committees a report on—

3 (i) the implementation of this section
4 and any challenges relating to such imple-
5 mentation;

6 (ii) any known cyber threats relating
7 to Panama, such as incidents of
8 ransomware attacks on critical infrastruc-
9 ture in and around the Panama Canal; and

10 (iii) actions taken to address and miti-
11 gate such threats; and

12 (B) provide the congressional defense com-
13 mittees with a briefing on such report.

14 (5) PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE INFORMA-
15 TION.—Any activity carried out under this section
16 shall be conducted in a manner that appropriately
17 protects sensitive information and the national secu-
18 rity interests of the United States.

19 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term
21 “critical infrastructure” has the meaning given such
22 term in section 1016(e) of the Critical Infrastruc-
23 ture Protection Act of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 5195c(e)).

24 (2) PANAMA CANAL AUTHORITY.—The term
25 “Panama Canal Authority” has the meaning given

1 such term in section 3(d) of the Panama Canal Act
 2 of 1979 (22 U.S.C. 3602(d)).

3 (3) PANAMAX.—The term “PANAMAX” re-
 4 fers to—

5 (A) an annual bilateral and multinational
 6 military exercise and training series relating to
 7 the security of the Panama Canal carried out in
 8 coordination with United States Southern Com-
 9 mand and the military or security forces of—

10 (i) the governments of countries in
 11 Latin America and the Caribbean; and

12 (ii) certain European countries; and

13 (B) any related exercises conducted in
 14 Panama.

15 (4) RANSOMWARE ATTACK.—The term
 16 “ransomware attack” has the meaning given such
 17 term in section 2200 of the Homeland Security Act
 18 of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 650).

19 **SEC. 1207. STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM SELECTION**
 20 **ANALYSIS.**

21 The Secretary of Defense shall make such changes
 22 to Department of Defense Instruction 5111.20 (relating
 23 to the State Partnership Program) (or a successor instruc-
 24 tion) as may be necessary to ensure that, in performing
 25 selection analysis for the State Partnership Program

1 under section 341 of title 10, United States Code, the
2 Chief of the National Guard Bureau—

- 3 (1) considers the number of current partner-
4 ships assigned to the National Guard of a State; and
5 (2) gives preference to States that have only
6 one active assigned country under the program.

7 **SEC. 1208. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO BUILD CAPAC-**
8 **ITY OF FOREIGN SECURITY FORCES.**

9 Section 333 of title 10, United States Code, is
10 amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
12 following new paragraphs:

13 “(10) Disaster risk reduction or response oper-
14 ations.

15 “(11) Space domain awareness and space oper-
16 ations.

17 “(12) Foreign internal defense operations.”;
18 and

19 (2) in subsection (g)(2), by striking “made”.

1 **SEC. 1209. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF PILOT PRO-**
 2 **GRAM TO IMPROVE CYBER COOPERATION**
 3 **WITH FOREIGN MILITARY PARTNERS IN**
 4 **SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC ISLANDS.**

5 Section 1256 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry
 6 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
 7 (10 U.S.C. 333 note) is amended—

8 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**AND**
 9 **THE PACIFIC ISLANDS**” before the period;

10 (2) in subsection (e), by striking “2027” and
 11 inserting “2029”; and

12 (3) in subsection (f)(2), by adding at the end
 13 the following:

14 “(F) Each member country of the Pacific
 15 Islands Forum.”.

16 **Subtitle B—Matters Relating to**
 17 **Syria, Iraq, and Iran**

18 **SEC. 1211. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR REIMBURSE-**
 19 **MENT OF CERTAIN COALITION NATIONS FOR**
 20 **SUPPORT PROVIDED TO UNITED STATES**
 21 **MILITARY OPERATIONS.**

22 Section 1233 of the National Defense Authorization
 23 Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181; 122 Stat.
 24 393) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by striking “December 31, 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2026,”; and

(2) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “December 31, 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2026”.

**SEC. 1212. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY
TO SUPPORT OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES
OF THE OFFICE OF SECURITY COOPERATION
IN IRAQ.**

Section 1215 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (10 U.S.C. 113 note) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (c);

(2) in subsection (d), by striking “fiscal year 2025” and inserting “fiscal year 2026”; and

(3) by redesignating subsections (d) through (h) as subsections (c) through (g), respectively.

**SEC. 1213. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ASSIST-
ANCE TO VETTED SYRIAN GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS.**

Section 1209 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 128 Stat. 3541) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “December 31, 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2026”; and

(2) in subsection (l)(3)(E), by striking “December 31, 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2026”.

**SEC. 1214. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY
TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO COUNTER THE
ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA.**

Section 1236 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 128 Stat. 3558) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “December 31, 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2026”;

(2) by striking subsection (g);

(3) by redesignating subsections (h) through (o) as subsections (g) through (n), respectively;

(4) in subsection (i)(1)(C), as redesignated, by striking “subsection (l)(2)” and inserting “subsection (k)(2)”;

(5) in subsection (k)(2), as redesignated—

(A) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking “subsection (j)(1)(C)” and inserting “subsection (i)(1)(C)”; and

1 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “sub-
 2 section (k)” and inserting “subsection (j)”; and
 3 (6) in subsection (n)(6), as redesignated, by
 4 striking “December 31, 2025” and inserting “De-
 5 cember 31, 2026”.

6 **SEC. 1215. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY**
 7 **TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SUPPORT.**

8 Section 1226 of the National Defense Authorization
 9 Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (22 U.S.C. 2151 note) is amend-
 10 ed—

11 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

12 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “with
 13 Syria and Iraq”; and

14 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “with
 15 Syria”;

16 (2) in subsection (c)—

17 (A) by striking paragraph (1); and

18 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2)
 19 through (4) as paragraphs (1) through (3), re-
 20 spectively; and

21 (3) in subsection (h), by striking “December
 22 31, 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2027”.

1 **SEC. 1216. SECURITY AND OVERSIGHT OF AL-HOL AND ROJ**
2 **CAMPS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in con-
4 sultation with the Secretary of State and pursuant to au-
5 thorities available to the Secretary of Defense, shall take
6 appropriate measures to support the defenses of al-Hol
7 and Roj camps and security for detainees within such
8 camps, including through support for vetted foreign part-
9 ner security forces, so as to prevent escape and
10 radicalization efforts that could contribute to a resurgence
11 of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.

12 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than March 31,
13 2026, and annually thereafter through March 31, 2028,
14 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional
15 defense committees a report that—

16 (1) assesses the status of United States Armed
17 Forces operations in northeast Syria related to
18 counterterrorism and security efforts;

19 (2) describes the conditions and security of de-
20 tainees at al-Hol and Roj camps;

21 (3) describes support to vetted foreign security
22 partners responsible for the administration and secu-
23 rity of al-Hol and Roj camps and surrounding areas;

24 (4) assesses the effectiveness of support to vet-
25 ted foreign security partners in maintaining the sta-

bility and security of al-Hol and Roj camps and surrounding areas;

(5) describes efforts to repatriate detainees from al-Hol and Roj camps to the home countries of such detainees or to third countries;

(6) describes plans for the long-term security of al-Hol and Roj camps; and

(7) includes recommendations for further actions to prevent the resurgence of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.

**SEC. 1217. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR REDUCTION
OR CONSOLIDATION OF UNITED STATES
ARMED FORCES BASES IN SYRIA.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Until the date that is 15 days after the date on which the certification described in subsection (b) is submitted to the congressional defense committees, amounts authorized to be appropriated by this Act may not be obligated or expended to reduce the number of, or consolidate, bases of the United States Armed Forces located in Syria.

(b) CERTIFICATION DESCRIBED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The certification described in this subsection is a certification by the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Commander of the United States Central Command that a reduc-

tion of the number, or consolidation, of bases of the United States Armed Forces located in Syria resulting in an updated force posture or basing locations would continue to sufficiently meet objectives consistent with the purposes outlined in section 1209(a) of the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 128 Stat. 354).

(2) ELEMENTS.—The certification described in this subsection shall include the following:

(A) A description of the current posture of United States Armed Forces in Syria and levels of engagement by the United States Armed Forces with Syrian groups and individuals.

(B) A description of the planned posture of the United States Armed Forces in Syria and projected levels of engagement by such forces with Syrian groups and individuals that would result from such a reduction or consolidation.

(C) An assessment of any gaps that the planned posture of United States Armed Forces as a result of such a reduction or consolidation would generate, including in assistance, training, or enabling authorized for Syrian groups and individuals.

1 (D) A description of mitigation measures
2 being taken to address any identified gaps in
3 assistance, training, or enabling for Syrian
4 groups.

5 (E) A plan to balance consolidation with
6 an offshore presence to sustain counterter-
7 rorism operations.

8 **SEC. 1218. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
9 **THE OFFICE OF SECURITY COOPERATION IN**
10 **IRAQ.**

11 (a) LIMITATION ON OBLIGATION OF FUNDS.—Not
12 more than 50 percent of the funds authorized to be appro-
13 priated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal
14 year 2026 for the Office of Security Cooperation in Iraq
15 may be obligated or expended until the date on which the
16 Secretary of Defense submits to the congressional defense
17 committees a certification that the Government of Iraq
18 has taken credible steps—

- 19 (1) to reduce the operational capacity of Iran-
20 aligned militia groups not integrated into the Iraqi
21 Security Forces through a publicly verifiable disar-
22 mament, demobilization, and reintegration process;
- 23 (2) to strengthen the authority and operational
24 control of the Prime Minister of Iraq as Com-
25 mander-in-Chief over the Iraqi Security Forces; and

1 (3) to investigate and hold accountable mem-
2 bers of militias or members of security forces oper-
3 ating outside the formal chain of command of the
4 Iraqi Security Forces who engage in attacks on
5 United States or Iraqi personnel or otherwise act in
6 an illegal or destabilizing manner.

7 (b) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive
8 the limitation in subsection (a) for a period of not more
9 than 180 days if the Secretary determines that such waiv-
10 er is in the national security interest of the United States.
11 Any such waiver shall be submitted in writing to the con-
12 gressional defense committees not later than 15 days after
13 issuance, along with a justification and a description of
14 the steps being taken to achieve the objectives described
15 in subsection (a).

16 **SEC. 1219. REPEAL OF AUTHORIZATIONS FOR USE OF MILI-**
17 **TARY FORCE AGAINST IRAQ.**

18 (a) AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF MILITARY FORCE
19 AGAINST IRAQ RESOLUTION.—The Authorization for Use
20 of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution (Public Law
21 102–1; 105 Stat. 3; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note) is hereby re-
22 pealed.

23 (b) AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF MILITARY FORCE
24 AGAINST IRAQ RESOLUTION OF 2002.—The Authoriza-
25 tion for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of

1 2002 (Public Law 107–243; 116 Stat. 1498; 50 U.S.C.
2 1541 note) is hereby repealed.

3 **Subtitle C—Matters Relating to Eu-**
4 **rope and the Russian Federa-**
5 **tion**

6 **SEC. 1221. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY**
7 **OF FUNDS RELATING TO SOVEREIGNTY OF**
8 **THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION OVER INTER-**
9 **NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TERRITORY OF**
10 **UKRAINE.**

11 Section 1245(a) of the James M. Inhofe National De-
12 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law
13 117–263; 136 Stat. 2847) is amended by striking “or
14 2025” and inserting “2025, or 2026”.

15 **SEC. 1222. EXTENSION OF ANNUAL REPORT ON MILITARY**
16 **AND SECURITY DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVING**
17 **THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.**

18 Section 1234(g) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry
19 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
20 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3938) is amended by
21 striking “January 31, 2026” and inserting “January 31,
22 2031”.

1 **SEC. 1223. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF UKRAINE SE-**
2 **CURITY ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE.**

3 Section 1250 of the National Defense Authorization
4 Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92; 129 Stat.
5 1068) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (c)—

7 (A) by redesignating paragraph (6) as
8 paragraph (5); and

9 (B) by adding at the end the following new
10 paragraphs (6) and (7):

11 “(6) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR PROGRAMS
12 ACROSS FISCAL YEARS.—Amounts available in a fis-
13 cal year to carry out the authority in subsection (a)
14 may be used for programs under that authority that
15 begin in such fiscal year and end not later than the
16 end of the second fiscal year thereafter.

17 “(7) AUTHORITY FOR INTERCHANGE OF SUP-
18 PLIES AND SERVICES.—The limitation in subsection
19 (b)(2) of section 2571 of title 10, United States
20 Code, shall not apply with respect to reimbursable
21 support for the purpose of providing assistance
22 under this section.”;

23 (2) in subsection (f), by adding at the end the
24 following new paragraph:

25 “(11) For fiscal year 2026, \$500,000,000.”;
26 and

1 (3) in subsection (h), by striking “December
2 31, 2026” and inserting “December 31, 2028”.

3 **SEC. 1224. WEAPONS DEPOT MAINTENANCE STRATEGIC**
4 **PLAN FOR UKRAINE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
7 shall seek to partner with the Minister of Defense of
8 Ukraine to develop a weapons depot maintenance strategic
9 plan for Ukraine that includes, at a minimum—

10 (1) an outline of the planning and management
11 processes necessary to establish for Ukraine a robust
12 weapons depot maintenance capability, including the
13 steps necessary to achieve such capability;

14 (2) a detailed plan for restoring the readiness
15 of the military forces of Ukraine by repairing, re-
16 placing, or divesting the substantial quantities and
17 wide variety of weapons systems and equipment that
18 have been donated or procured to sustain the mili-
19 tary operations of Ukraine; and

20 (3) the estimated resources, manpower, and
21 timeline required to fully implement the strategic
22 plan.

23 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
24 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
25 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and

1 the House of Representatives a detailed report on the stra-
 2 tegic plan developed under subsection (a) that includes
 3 each element described in paragraphs (1) through (3) of
 4 that subsection.

5 **SEC. 1225. OVERSIGHT OF UNITED STATES MILITARY POS-**
 6 **TURE IN EUROPE.**

7 (a) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Until the
 8 date that is 90 days after the date on which the certifi-
 9 cation described in subsection (b) and the assessment de-
 10 scribed in subsection (c) are submitted to the congres-
 11 sional defense committees, amounts authorized to be ap-
 12 propriated by this Act may not be obligated or expended—

13 (1) to reduce the total number of members of
 14 the Armed Forces permanently stationed in or de-
 15 ployed to the area of responsibility of the United
 16 States European Command below 76,000;

17 (2) to divest, consolidate, or otherwise return to
 18 a host country any site on the real property inven-
 19 tory of the United States European Command as of
 20 June 1, 2025;

21 (3) to divest, redeploy, withdraw, or otherwise
 22 permanently move out of the area of responsibility of
 23 the United States European Command any Depart-
 24 ment of Defense equipment or physical property po-
 25 sitioned in such area of responsibility as of June 1,

1 2025, with an initial purchase value of more than
2 \$500,000; or

3 (4) to relinquish the role of the Commander of
4 the United States European Command as North At-
5 lantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Supreme Allied
6 Commander Europe.

7 (b) CERTIFICATION DESCRIBED.—The certification
8 described in this subsection is a certification by the Sec-
9 retary of Defense, in consultation with the Commander
10 of the United States European Command, the Secretary
11 of State, and the Director of National Intelligence, to the
12 congressional defense committees that, as applicable, a re-
13 duction of the total number of members of the Armed
14 Forces permanently stationed in or deployed to the area
15 of responsibility of the United States European Command
16 below 76,000, the divestment, consolidation, or return to
17 a host country of any site on the real property inventory
18 of the United States European Command as of June 1,
19 2025, the divestment, redeployment, withdrawal, or other-
20 wise permanent moving of equipment or property de-
21 scribed in subsection (a)(3), or the relinquishment of the
22 role of the Commander of the United States European
23 Command as NATO Supreme Allied Commander Eu-
24 rope—

1 (1) is in the national security interest of the
2 United States; and

3 (2) is being undertaken only after appropriate
4 consultations with all North Atlantic Treaty Organi-
5 zation allies and relevant non-NATO partners.

6 (c) ASSESSMENT DESCRIBED.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—An assessment described in
8 this subsection is the following:

9 (A) In the case of a reduction of the total
10 number of members of the Armed Forces per-
11 manently stationed in or deployed to the area of
12 responsibility of the United States European
13 Command below 76,000, the divestment, con-
14 solidation, or return to a host country of any
15 site on the real property inventory of the
16 United States European Command, or the di-
17 vestment, redeployment, withdrawal or other-
18 wise permanent moving of equipment or prop-
19 erty described in subsection (a)(3)—

20 (i) an analysis of the impact of such
21 an action on—

22 (I) the security of the United
23 States;

24 (II) the security of North Atlan-
25 tic Treaty Organization allies and the

1 strength and security of the North At-
2 lantic Treaty Organization as a whole;
3 and

4 (III) the ability of the United
5 States to meet national North Atlan-
6 tic Treaty Organization capability tar-
7 gets, regional and theater campaign
8 plans, and other warfighting require-
9 ments, as determined by the Com-
10 mander of the United States Euro-
11 pean Command and the NATO Su-
12 preme Allied Commander Europe;

13 (ii) an assessment of the threat posed
14 by the Russian Federation to the North
15 Atlantic Treaty Organization in the near
16 term, medium term, and long term;

17 (iii) an analysis of the impact of such
18 an action on the ability of the Armed
19 Forces to execute contingency plans of the
20 Department of Defense, including in sup-
21 port of operations and crisis response in
22 the areas of responsibility of the United
23 States Central Command and the United
24 States Africa Command;

1 (iv) a detailed analysis of the costs for
2 relocation of personnel, equipment, and as-
3 sociated infrastructure;

4 (v) an analysis of the impact of such
5 an action on military training and major
6 military exercises, including on interoper-
7 ability and joint activities with North At-
8 lantic Treaty Organization allies and part-
9 ners;

10 (vi) a description of consultations with
11 each North Atlantic Treaty Organization
12 ally and all relevant non-NATO partners;

13 (vii) an assessment of the impact of
14 such an action on the credibility of United
15 States extended deterrence commitments
16 to North Atlantic Treaty Organization al-
17 lies, and the potential for nuclear prolifera-
18 tion in the European theater;

19 (viii) an assessment of the impact of
20 such an action on transatlantic cooperation
21 to deter potential threats from the People's
22 Republic of China; and

23 (ix) an independent risk assessment
24 by the Commander of the United States

1 European Command and the Chairman of
2 the Joint Chiefs of Staff of—

3 (I) the impact of such a reduc-
4 tion or divestment, consolidation, or
5 return on the security of the United
6 States;

7 (II) the ability of the Armed
8 Forces to provide forward defense of
9 the United States;

10 (III) the ability of the Armed
11 Forces to execute contingency plans of
12 the Department of Defense, including
13 in support of operations outside the
14 area of responsibility of the United
15 States European Command; and

16 (IV) the impact of such a reduc-
17 tion or divestment, consolidation, or
18 return on military training and major
19 military exercises, including on inter-
20 operability and joint activities with
21 North Atlantic Treaty Organization
22 allies and partners.

23 (B) In the case of the relinquishment of
24 the role of the Commander of the United States

European Command as the NATO Supreme Allied Commander Europe—

(i) a classified explanation of the role of United States nuclear weapons in supporting North Atlantic Treaty Organization operations and activities after having relinquished such role, including changes to command and control relationships and adjustments to United States nuclear posture;

(ii) a description of consultations with all North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies and relevant non-NATO partners, including through the Nuclear Planning Group of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization;

(iii) an assessment of the impact of the withdrawal of a United States official as the NATO Supreme Allied Commander Europe on—

(I) the effectiveness of North Atlantic Treaty Organization nuclear deterrence; and

(II) the potential for nuclear proliferation in Europe;

1 (iv) an independent risk assessment
2 by the Commander of the United States
3 European Command and the Chairman of
4 the Joint Chiefs of Staff of—

5 (I) the nuclear capabilities of
6 North Atlantic Treaty Organization
7 allies; and

8 (II) the potential for nuclear pro-
9 liferation in Europe; and

10 (v) an independent assessment by the
11 Commander of the United States Strategic
12 Command of—

13 (I) the capability and capacity of
14 nuclear-armed North Atlantic Treaty
15 Organization allies to effectively deter
16 and, if necessary, defeat likely adver-
17 saries in the nuclear domain absent a
18 United States commander serving in
19 the role of Supreme Allied Com-
20 mander Europe;

21 (II) changes to be made to exist-
22 ing United States contingency plans if
23 other North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
24 tion member countries with nuclear
25 capabilities were to provide extended

1 nuclear deterrence to the North At-
2 lantic Treaty Organization; and
3 (III) the impact of such provision
4 of extended nuclear deterrence on
5 United States nuclear posture and de-
6 terrence planning requirements.

7 (2) SUBMISSION OF INDEPENDENT ASSESS-
8 MENTS.—Any independent assessment required
9 under paragraph (1) shall be submitted to the con-
10 gressional defense committees without modification
11 or alteration.

12 (d) FORM.—

13 (1) CERTIFICATION.—A certification described
14 in subsection (b) shall be submitted in unclassified
15 form.

16 (2) ASSESSMENT.—An assessment described in
17 subsection (c) shall be submitted in unclassified
18 form but may include a classified annex.

19 **SEC. 1226. ACCEPTANCE BACK INTO STOCK OF EQUIPMENT**
20 **PROCURED UNDER UKRAINE SECURITY AS-**
21 **SISTANCE INITIATIVE.**

22 Section 1250 of the National Defense Authorization
23 Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92; 129 Stat.
24 1068) is amended by adding at the end the following new
25 subsection:

1 “(k) ACCEPTING EQUIPMENT BACK INTO STOCK.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Equipment procured to
3 carry out this authority pursuant to subsection (a)
4 may only be treated as stocks of the Department of
5 Defense if—

6 “(A) the equipment procured has not yet
7 been transferred to the Government of Ukraine
8 and is no longer needed to support a program
9 carried out pursuant to such subsection; or

10 “(B) the equipment procured has been
11 transferred to the Government of Ukraine and
12 is returned by Ukraine to the United States.

13 “(2) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary may not
14 transfer back into stock equipment described in
15 paragraph (1) until the date that is 15 days after
16 the date on which the Secretary submits a notifica-
17 tion to Congress describing how the conditions of
18 such paragraph were met.”.

19 **SEC. 1227. STATEMENT OF POLICY RELATING TO UKRAINE**
20 **SECURITY ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE.**

21 Section 1250 of the National Defense Authorization
22 Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92; 129 Stat.
23 1068), as amended by this Act, is further amended by
24 adding at the end the following new subsection:

25 “(l) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—It is the policy of the
2 United States—

3 “(A) to assist Ukraine in maintaining a
4 credible defense and deterrence capability;

5 “(B) to bolster defense and security co-
6 operation with Ukraine as a means of building
7 a future force of Ukraine that is capable of de-
8 fending Ukraine today and deterring future ag-
9 gression; and

10 “(C) to advance continued reform of the
11 democratic, economic, defense, and security in-
12 stitutions of Ukraine in order to advance the
13 Euro-Atlantic integration and modernization of
14 Ukraine.

15 “(2) CREDIBLE DEFENSE AND DETERRENCE
16 CAPABILITY DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term
17 ‘credible defense and deterrence capability’ means
18 the ability to defend against and deter any credible
19 conventional military threat from the Russian Fed-
20 eration acting unilaterally or in concert with part-
21 ners, through the use of conventional military
22 means, possessed in sufficient quantity, including
23 weapons platforms and munitions, command, con-
24 trol, communication, intelligence, surveillance, and
25 reconnaissance capabilities.”.

1 **SEC. 1228. INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
3 provide intelligence support, including information, intel-
4 ligence, and imagery collection authorized under title 10,
5 United States Code, to the Government of Ukraine for the
6 purpose of supporting military operations of the Govern-
7 ment of Ukraine that are specifically intended or reason-
8 ably expected to defend and retake the territory of
9 Ukraine.

10 (b) TERRITORY OF UKRAINE DEFINED.—In this sec-
11 tion, the term “territory of Ukraine” includes all territory
12 internationally recognized to be the sovereign territory of
13 Ukraine, including Crimea and the territory the Russian
14 Federation claims to have annexed in Kherson Oblast,
15 Zaporizhzhia Oblast, Donetsk Oblast, and Luhansk Oblast.

16 **SEC. 1229. INTERNATIONAL SECURITY COOPERATION PRO-**
17 **GRAM FUNDING FOR UNITED STATES EURO-**
18 **PEAN COMMAND.**

19 Not less than 15 percent of the funds authorized to
20 be appropriated by this Act for the International Security
21 Cooperation Program shall be available for use by the
22 United States European Command.

1 **SEC. 1230. PROMOTION OF THE JOINT UKRAINIAN MULTI-**
2 **NATIONAL PROGRAM—SERVICES, TRAINING**
3 **AND ARTICLES RAPID TIMELINE**
4 **(JUMPSTART).**

5 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
6 gress that the Department of Defense should leverage ex-
7 isting programs and authorities, including JUMPSTART,
8 to employ resources from European partners via multi-
9 nation co-financing to support and expedite the delivery
10 of weapons, training, and logistics to Ukraine.

11 (b) REPORT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1,
13 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the
14 congressional defense committees a report that in-
15 cludes—

16 (A) an assessment of opportunities for
17 leveraging JUMPSTART to deliver critical
18 technologies to Ukraine, including technologies
19 that also meet United States operational re-
20 quirements;

21 (B) a summary of Department efforts to
22 accelerate the rapid delivery of articles, train-
23 ing, and logistics through FMS;

24 (C) a description of any efficiencies that
25 have been achieved by pooling financial re-
26 sources from partners and allies;

(D) a description of opportunities for employing pooled partner and ally resources to deliver United States systems in support of Europe's security needs;

(E) proposed legislative or regulatory changes necessary to enhance the effectiveness of JUMPSTART; and

(F) other topics as determined by the Secretary.

(2) FORM.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall be in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex as necessary.

SEC. 1230A. MODIFICATION OF UNITED STATES BASING AND TRAINING, AND EXERCISES IN NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION MEMBER COUNTRIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1250 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat. 464; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 1250. UNITED STATES BASING AND TRAINING IN NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION MEMBER COUNTRIES.

“In considering decisions related to United States military basing and training in North Atlantic Treaty Or-

1 ganization member countries, the Secretary of Defense
 2 shall include among the factors for consideration whether
 3 the country concerned has submitted its annual plan to
 4 meet, and has made progress toward, the goal agreed to
 5 in the Hague Summit Declaration of June 25, 2025, to
 6 invest not less than 5 percent of gross domestic product
 7 annually in defense by 2035, of which—

8 “(1) not less than 3.5 percent is dedicated to
 9 core defense requirements and North Atlantic Trea-
 10 ty Organization capability targets; and

11 “(2) not less than 1.5 percent is dedicated to
 12 other defense and security related investments.”.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

14 (1) The table of contents for the National De-
 15 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Pub-
 16 lic Law 118–31; 137 Stat. 136) is amended by strik-
 17 ing the item relating to section 1250 and inserting
 18 the following:

“Sec. 1250. United States basing and training in North Atlantic Treaty Orga-
 nization member countries.”.

19 (2) The table of contents at the beginning of
 20 title XII of the National Defense Authorization Act
 21 for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat.
 22 435) is amended by striking the item relating to sec-
 23 tion 1250 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 1250. United States basing and training in North Atlantic Treaty Orga-
 nization member countries.”.

1 **SEC. 1230B. MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR**
2 **TRANSFERS OF UNITED STATES DEFENSE AR-**
3 **TICLES AND DEFENSE SERVICES AMONG BAL-**
4 **TIC STATES.**

5 (a) EXEMPTIONS FROM REQUIREMENT FOR CON-
6 SENT TO TRANSFER.—

7 (1) RETRANSFERS AMONG BALTIC STATES.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the
9 requirements of section 3(a)(2) of the Arms Ex-
10 port Control Act (22 USC 2753(a)(2)) and Sec-
11 tion 505(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of
12 1961 (22 USAC 2314(a)(1)), retransfers of de-
13 fense articles related to United States-origin
14 mobile rocket artillery systems among Estonia,
15 Lithuania, and Latvia shall not require prior
16 Presidential consent.

17 (B) EXPIRATION.—The authority provided
18 in subparagraph (A) shall cease to have effect
19 on the date that is 5 years after the date of the
20 enactment of this Act.

21 (2) AGREEMENTS.—

22 (A) CONSENT TO TRANSFER NOT RE-
23 QUIRED.—An agreement between the United
24 States and a Baltic State under section 3 of the
25 Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2753(a))
26 with respect to defense articles or defense serv-

ices related to mobile rocket artillery systems provided by the United States shall not require the Baltic state to seek approval from the United States to transfer the defense article or defense service to any other Baltic state.

(B) MODIFICATION.—With respect to any agreement under section 3(a)(2) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2753(a)(2)) in effect as of the date of the enactment of this Act that requires the consent of the President before a Baltic state may transfer a defense article or defense service related to mobile rocket artillery systems provided by the United States, at the request of any Baltic state, the United States shall modify such agreement so as to remove such requirement with respect to such a transfer to any other Baltic state.

(b) COMMON COALITION KEY.—The Secretary of Defense may establish among the Baltic states a common coalition key or other technological solution within the Baltic states for the purpose of sharing ammunition for High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS) among the Baltic states for training and operational purposes.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) BALTIC STATE.—The term “Baltic state”
2 means the following:

3 (A) Estonia.

4 (B) Lithuania.

5 (C) Latvia.

6 (2) DEFENSE ARTICLE; DEFENSE SERVICE.—
7 The terms “defense article” and “defense service”
8 have the meanings given such terms in section 47 of
9 the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2794).

10 **SEC. 1230C. BALTIC SECURITY INITIATIVE.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Pursuant to the authority
12 provided in chapter 16 of title 10, United States Code,
13 the Secretary of Defense may establish and carry out an
14 initiative, to be known as the “Baltic Security Initiative”,
15 for the purpose of deepening security cooperation with the
16 military forces of the Baltic countries.

17 (b) RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING AUTHORITIES.—An
18 initiative established under subsection (a) shall be carried
19 out pursuant to the authorities provided in title 10, United
20 States Code.

21 (c) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of an initiative es-
22 tablished under subsection (a) should include—

23 (1) to achieve United States national security
24 objectives by—

1 (A) deterring aggression by the Russian
2 Federation; and

3 (B) implementing the North Atlantic Trea-
4 ty Organization's new Strategic Concept, which
5 seeks to strengthen the alliance's deterrence
6 and defense posture by denying potential adver-
7 saries any possible opportunities for aggression;

8 (2) to enhance regional planning and coopera-
9 tion among the military forces of the Baltic coun-
10 tries, particularly with respect to long-term regional
11 capability projects, including—

12 (A) long-range precision fire systems and
13 capabilities;

14 (B) integrated air and missile defense;

15 (C) maritime domain awareness;

16 (D) land forces development, including
17 stockpiling large caliber ammunition;

18 (E) command, control, communications,
19 computers, intelligence, surveillance, and recon-
20 naissance;

21 (F) special operations forces development;

22 (G) coordination with and security en-
23 hancements for Poland, which is a neighboring
24 North Atlantic Treaty Organization ally; and

1 (H) other military capabilities, as deter-
2 mined by the Secretary; and

3 (3) with respect to the military forces of the
4 Baltic countries, to improve cyber defenses and resil-
5 ience to hybrid threats.

6 (d) STRATEGY.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
9 retary shall submit to the Committees on Armed
10 Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-
11 tives a report setting forth a strategy for the De-
12 partment of Defense to achieve the objectives de-
13 scribed in subsection (c).

14 (2) CONSIDERATIONS.—The strategy required
15 by this subsection shall include a consideration of—

16 (A) security assistance programs for the
17 Baltic countries authorized as of the date on
18 which the strategy is submitted;

19 (B) the ongoing security threats to the
20 North Atlantic Treaty Organization’s eastern
21 flank posed by Russian aggression, including as
22 a result of the Russian Federation’s 2022 inva-
23 sion of Ukraine with support from Belarus; and

24 (C) the ongoing security threats to the
25 Baltic countries posed by the presence, coercive

1 economic policies, and other malign activities of
 2 the People’s Republic of China.

3 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
 5 appropriated to the Secretary \$350,000,000 for each
 6 of the fiscal years 2026, 2027, and 2028 to carry
 7 out an initiative established under subsection (a).

8 (2) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
 9 Congress that the Secretary should seek to require
 10 matching funds from each of the Baltic countries
 11 that participate in such an initiative in amounts
 12 commensurate with amounts provided by the De-
 13 partment for the initiative.

14 (f) BALTIC COUNTRIES DEFINED.—In this section,
 15 the term “Baltic countries” means—

- 16 (1) Estonia;
- 17 (2) Latvia; and
- 18 (3) Lithuania.

19 **Subtitle D—Matters Relating to the** 20 **Indo-Pacific Region**

21 **SEC. 1231. EXTENSION OF PACIFIC DETERRENCE INITIA-** 22 **TIVE.**

23 (a) FUNDING.—Subsection (c) of section 1251 of the
 24 William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Author-

1 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C. 113 note)
 2 is amended—

3 (1) by striking “the National Defense Author-
 4 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2025” and inserting “the
 5 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
 6 2026”; and

7 (2) by striking “fiscal year 2025” and inserting
 8 “fiscal year 2026”.

9 (b) REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS.—Subsection (d) of
 10 such section is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), in the matter pre-
 12 ceding clause (i), by striking “fiscal years 2026 and
 13 2027” and inserting “fiscal years 2027 and 2028”;
 14 and

15 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “fiscal years
 16 2025 and 2026” each place it appears and inserting
 17 “fiscal years 2027 and 2028”.

18 (c) EXTENSION OF PLAN.—Subsection (e) of such
 19 section is amended, in the matter preceding paragraph
 20 (1), by striking “fiscal years 2026 and 2027” and insert-
 21 ing “fiscal years 2027 and 2028”.

22 **SEC. 1232. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER**
 23 **FUNDS FOR BIEN HOA DIOXIN CLEANUP.**

24 Section 1253(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry
 25 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021

1 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3955) is amended by
2 striking “fiscal year 2025” and inserting “fiscal year
3 2026”.

4 **SEC. 1233. OVERSIGHT OF UNITED STATES MILITARY POS-**
5 **TURE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.**

6 (a) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts au-
7 thorized to be appropriated by this Act may not be obli-
8 gated or expended to reduce the total number of members
9 of the Armed Forces permanently stationed in or deployed
10 to the Republic of Korea below 28,500, or to complete the
11 transition of wartime operational control of the United
12 States-Republic of Korea Combined Forces Command
13 from United States-led command to Republic of Korea-
14 led command, until the date that is 90 days after the date
15 on which the certification described in subsection (b) and
16 the applicable assessment described in subsection (c) are
17 submitted to the appropriate committees of Congress.

18 (b) CERTIFICATION DESCRIBED.—The certification
19 described in this subsection is a certification by the Sec-
20 retary of Defense, in consultation with the Commander
21 of the United States Forces Korea, the Commander of the
22 United States Indo-Pacific Command, the Secretary of
23 State, and the Director of National Intelligence, to the ap-
24 propriate committees of Congress that, as applicable, a re-
25 duction in the total number of members of the Armed

1 Forces permanently stationed in or deployed to the Repub-
2 lic of Korea below 28,500 or the completion of the transi-
3 tion of wartime operational control of the United States-
4 Republic of Korea Combined Forces Command from
5 United States-led command to Republic of Korea-led com-
6 mand—

7 (1) is in the national security interest of the
8 United States; and

9 (2) is being undertaken only after appropriate
10 consultations with allies of the United States, includ-
11 ing the Republic of Korea, Japan, and any country
12 that has sent military contributions to the United
13 Nations Command.

14 (c) ASSESSMENT DESCRIBED.—An assessment de-
15 scribed in this subsection is the following:

16 (1) In the case of a reduction in the total num-
17 ber of members of the Armed Forces permanently
18 stationed in or deployed to the Republic of Korea
19 below 28,500, an assessment by the Secretary of De-
20 fense, in consultation with the Commander of the
21 United States Forces Korea, the Commander of the
22 United States Indo-Pacific Command, the Secretary
23 of State, and the Director of National Intelligence
24 that includes—

1 (A) an analysis of the impact of such a re-
2 duction on—

3 (i) the security of the United States;

4 (ii) the security of the Republic of
5 Korea and Japan;

6 (iii) United States deterrence; and

7 (iv) the defense posture of the United
8 States Indo-Pacific Command;

9 (B) an analysis of the impact of such a re-
10 duction on the ability of the Armed Forces to
11 execute contingency plans of the Department of
12 Defense, including in support of operations be-
13 yond the Korean Peninsula;

14 (C) an analysis of the additional costs for
15 relocation of personnel, equipment, and associ-
16 ated infrastructure;

17 (D) an analysis of the impact of such a re-
18 duction on military training and major military
19 exercises, including on interoperability and joint
20 activities with the Republic of Korea and
21 Japan;

22 (E) a description of consultations with the
23 Republic of Korea, Japan, and countries that
24 have sent military contributions to the United
25 Nations Command;

1 (F) an assessment of the impact of such a
2 reduction on the credibility of United States ex-
3 tended deterrence commitments to the Republic
4 of Korea and Japan, and the potential for nu-
5 clear proliferation in the Indo-Pacific region;
6 and

7 (G) an independent risk assessment by the
8 Commander of the United States Forces Korea,
9 the Commander of the United States Indo-Pa-
10 cific Command, and the Chairman of the Joint
11 Chiefs of Staff of—

12 (i) the impact of such a reduction on
13 the security of the United States;

14 (ii) the ability of the Armed Forces to
15 execute contingency plans of the Depart-
16 ment of Defense, including in support of
17 operations beyond the Korean Peninsula;
18 and

19 (iii) the impact of such a reduction on
20 military training and major military exer-
21 cises, including on interoperability and
22 joint activities with the Republic of Korea
23 and Japan.

24 (2) In the case of the completion of the transi-
25 tion of wartime operational control of the United

1 States-Republic of Korea Combined Forces Com-
2 mand from United States-led command to Republic
3 of Korea-led command, an assessment by the Sec-
4 retary of Defense, in consultation with the Com-
5 mander of the United States Forces Korea, the
6 Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Com-
7 mand, the Secretary of State, and the Director of
8 National Intelligence that includes—

9 (A) a description and characterization of
10 the achievement of the Republic of Korea of the
11 three required conditions set forth in the bilat-
12 erally approved conditions-based Operational
13 Control Transition Plan;

14 (B) a detailed description of the manner in
15 which a Republic of Korea-led Combined Forces
16 Command will report to national command au-
17 thorities in the United States and the Republic
18 of Korea;

19 (C) a detailed description of the planned
20 command relationship between a Republic of
21 Korea-led Combined Forces Command and the
22 United States-led United Nations Command;

23 (D) a description of consultations with
24 countries that have sent military contributions
25 to the United Nations Command;

1 (E) a description of the United States-Re-
2 public of Korea wartime operational control
3 consultations with Japan, and an assessment of
4 approaches for deconflicting military operations
5 across the United States-Republic of Korea and
6 the United States-Japan alliances;

7 (F) an assessment of the impact of the
8 transition of wartime operational control on the
9 potential for nuclear proliferation in the Indo-
10 Pacific region; and

11 (G) an independent risk assessment by the
12 Commander of the United States Forces Korea,
13 the Commander of the United States Indo-Pa-
14 cific Command, and the Chairman of the Joint
15 Chiefs of Staff of—

16 (i) the ability of the Republic of Korea
17 to meet the conditions for the transition of
18 wartime operational control from United
19 States-led command to Republic of Korea-
20 led command; and

21 (ii) the impact of such transition on
22 the potential for nuclear proliferation in
23 the Indo-Pacific region.

24 (d) FORM.—

1 (1) CERTIFICATION.—A certification described
2 in subsection (b) shall be submitted in unclassified
3 form.

4 (2) ASSESSMENT.—An assessment described in
5 subsection (c) shall be submitted in unclassified
6 form but may include a classified annex.

7 (e) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
8 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
9 tees of Congress” means—

10 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
11 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on
12 Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

13 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
14 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on
15 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

16 **SEC. 1234. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
17 **TRAVEL EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE**
18 **SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.**

19 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
20 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
21 operation and maintenance, Defense-wide, and available
22 for the Office of the Secretary of Defense for travel ex-
23 penses, not more than 75 percent may be obligated or ex-
24 pended until the Secretary of Defense submits—

1 (1) the multi-year plan to fulfill the defensive
2 requirements of the military forces of Taiwan, also
3 known as the “Taiwan Security Assistance Road-
4 map”, required by section 5506 of the James M.
5 Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-
6 cal Year 2023 (22 U.S.C. 3355);

7 (2) the independent study of the organizational
8 structure and force posture of the United States
9 Armed Forces in the area of responsibility of the
10 United States Indo-Pacific Command required by
11 section 1319 of the National Defense Authorization
12 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 137
13 Stat. 500);

14 (3) the plan to reconstitute United States
15 Forces Japan as a joint force headquarters required
16 by section 1343 of the Servicemember Quality of
17 Life Improvement and National Defense Authoriza-
18 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–
19 159);

20 (4) the plan for Department of Defense activi-
21 ties to strengthen United States extended deterrence
22 commitments to the Republic of Korea required by
23 section 1344 of the Servicemember Quality of Life
24 Improvement and National Defense Authorization
25 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159);

1 (5) the plan to advance trilateral defense co-
2 operation among the United States, Japan, and the
3 Republic of Korea required by section 1345 of the
4 Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and
5 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
6 2025 (Public Law 118–159);

7 (6) the report on Department of Defense activi-
8 ties that would be necessary to support the potential
9 establishment of a regional contingency stockpile for
10 Taiwan required by the Joint Explanatory State-
11 ment accompanying the Servicemember Quality of
12 Life Improvement and National Defense Authoriza-
13 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–
14 159); and

15 (7) the report on the adequacy of the logistics
16 network in the Indo-Pacific region for supporting
17 the operational and contingency plans of the United
18 States Indo-Pacific Command required by the Joint
19 Explanatory Statement accompanying the Service-
20 member Quality of Life Improvement and National
21 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025
22 (Public Law 118–159).

1 **SEC. 1235. BOLSTERING INDUSTRIAL RESILIENCE WITH AL-**
2 **LIES IN INDO-PACIFIC REGION.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense, in
4 coordination with the Secretary of State, shall establish
5 and maintain a security cooperation initiative (referred to
6 in this section as the “Partnership”) to strengthen co-
7 operation among the defense industrial bases of the
8 United States and allied and partner countries in the
9 Indo-Pacific region.

10 (b) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the Partnership
11 shall be the following:

12 (1) To enable the production and supply of the
13 material necessary for equipping the Armed Forces
14 of the United States and the military forces of allied
15 and partner countries to achieve—

16 (A) the objectives set forth in the most re-
17 cent national security strategy report submitted
18 to Congress by the President pursuant to sec-
19 tion 108 of the National Security Act of 1947
20 (50 U.S.C. 3043);

21 (B) the policy guidance of the Secretary of
22 Defense provided pursuant to section 113(g) of
23 title 10, United States Code; and

24 (C) the future-years defense program sub-
25 mitted to Congress by the Secretary of Defense

1 pursuant to section 221 of title 10, United
2 States Code.

3 (2) To strengthen the collective defense indus-
4 trial base by expanding industrial base capability,
5 capacity, and workforce, including with respect to
6 enhanced supply chain security, interoperability, and
7 resilience among participating countries.

8 (3) To identify and mitigate industrial base
9 vulnerabilities across partner countries.

10 (4) To advance research and development ac-
11 tivities to provide the Armed Forces of the United
12 States and the military forces of allied and partner
13 countries with systems capable of ensuring techno-
14 logical superiority over potential adversaries.

15 (5) To promote co-development, co-production,
16 and procurement collaboration in key defense sec-
17 tors.

18 (6) To promote defense innovation, improve in-
19 formation sharing, encourage standardization, re-
20 duce barriers to cooperation, and otherwise mitigate
21 potential vulnerabilities and facilitate collaboration.

22 (7) Any other matter the Secretary of Defense
23 considers appropriate.

24 (c) DESIGNATION OF SENIOR OFFICIAL.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary of Defense shall designate a senior civilian of-
4 ficial of the Department of Defense at the Assistant
5 Secretary level or above to lead relevant efforts of
6 the Partnership, as determined by the Secretary.

7 (2) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days
8 after the date on which the Secretary of Defense
9 makes or changes a designation under paragraph
10 (1), the Secretary shall submit to the congressional
11 defense committees a notification of such designa-
12 tion or change.

13 (d) PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary of Defense, in
14 coordination with the Secretary of State, shall establish
15 a process to determine which allies and partners of the
16 United States (including Australia, Japan, the Republic
17 of Korea, India, the Philippines, and New Zealand) shall
18 be invited to participate as member countries of the Part-
19 nership.

20 (e) AUTHORITIES.—To carry out this section, the
21 Secretary of Defense may do the following:

22 (1) Enter into agreements and memoranda of
23 understanding with appropriate counterparts from
24 participating countries.

1 (2) Establish working groups and technical ex-
2 changes.

3 (3) Provide technical assistance and capacity-
4 building support to partner countries using authori-
5 ties available to the Secretary under title 10, United
6 States Code.

7 (4) Use funds authorized to be appropriated to
8 the Department of Defense for international co-
9 operation programs, industrial base resilience, or
10 other relevant purposes.

11 (5) Engage with industry, capital providers,
12 academia, and any other stakeholders necessary to
13 advance the objectives described in subsection (b).

14 (f) REPORT AND BRIEFING.—

15 (1) REPORT.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March
17 1, 2027, and annually thereafter through 2031,
18 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the
19 congressional defense committees a report on
20 the status and progress of the Partnership.

21 (B) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by
22 subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

23 (i) An assessment of shared industrial
24 base vulnerabilities.

1 (ii) An overview of efforts among par-
2 ticipating countries to enhance supply
3 chain integrity and resilience.

4 (iii) A description of any joint defense
5 production or co-development initiative, in-
6 cluding any such initiative involving sen-
7 sitive or classified technologies.

8 (iv) An articulation of priority initia-
9 tives for the upcoming fiscal year.

10 (v) Recommendations for legislative,
11 regulatory, policy, or resourcing changes to
12 achieve the objectives described in sub-
13 section (b).

14 (vi) Any other matter the Secretary of
15 Defense considers appropriate.

16 (2) BRIEFING.—Not later than December 1,
17 2026, and annually thereafter through 2030, the
18 Secretary of Defense shall provide the congressional
19 defense committees with a briefing on the progress
20 made toward achieving the objectives described in
21 subsection (b).

22 (g) TERMINATION.—The authority under this section
23 shall terminate on December 31, 2030.

1 **SEC. 1236. MODIFICATION OF TAIWAN SECURITY COOPERA-**
2 **TION INITIATIVE.**

3 Section 1323(b) of the Servicemember Quality of Life
4 Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for
5 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)—

7 (A) by redesignating subparagraph (V) as
8 subparagraph (W);

9 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (U)
10 the following new subparagraph (V):

11 “(V) Medical equipment, supplies, and re-
12 lated combat casualty care capabilities.”; and

13 (C) in subparagraph (W), as redesignated,
14 by striking “(U)” and inserting “(V)”; and

15 (2) in paragraph (2)—

16 (A) by redesignating subparagraph (J) as
17 subparagraph (K);

18 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (I) the
19 following new subparagraph (J):

20 “(J) Medical equipment, supplies, and re-
21 lated combat casualty care capabilities.”; and

22 (C) in subparagraph (K), as redesignated,
23 by striking “(I)” and inserting “(J)”.

1 **SEC. 1237. JOINT PROGRAM WITH TAIWAN TO ENABLE**
2 **FIELDING OF UNCREWED SYSTEMS AND**
3 **COUNTER-UNCREWED SYSTEMS CAPABILI-**
4 **TIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1, 2026, the
6 Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary
7 of State, shall seek to engage with appropriate officials
8 of Taiwan in a joint program for the purpose of enabling
9 the fielding of uncrewed systems and counter-uncrewed
10 systems capabilities, including co-development and co-pro-
11 duction of such capabilities, for the Armed Forces of the
12 United States and the military forces of Taiwan, con-
13 sistent with the Taiwan Relations Act (22 U.S.C. 3301
14 et seq.).

15 (b) USE OF AUTHORITIES.—In carrying out a joint
16 program under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense
17 may use the authorities under title 10, United States
18 Code, and other applicable statutory authorities available
19 to the Secretary.

20 (c) REPORT.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
22 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
23 nually thereafter through 2029, the Secretary of De-
24 fense, in coordination with the Secretary of State,
25 shall submit to the appropriate committees of Con-

1 gress a report on the joint program under subsection
2 (a).

3 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by para-
4 graph (1) shall include, for the period covered by the
5 report, the following:

6 (A) A summary of engagements under sub-
7 section (a).

8 (B) A description of activities undertaken
9 by the Secretary of Defense and appropriate of-
10 ficials of Taiwan to enable the fielding of
11 uncrewed systems and counter-uncrewed sys-
12 tems capabilities described in subsection (a).

13 (C) A description of progress made in fi-
14 nalizing defense trade foundational agreements
15 between the United States and Taiwan, includ-
16 ing—

17 (i) a memorandum of understanding
18 on reciprocal defense procurement;

19 (ii) a security of supply agreement;

20 (iii) an acquisition and cross-servicing
21 agreement;

22 (iv) a general security of military in-
23 formation agreement; and

24 (v) a cyber maturity model certifi-
25 cation.

1 (D) An identification of the additional re-
 2 sources or authorities necessary to enable the
 3 fielding of uncrewed systems and counter-
 4 uncrewed systems capabilities described in sub-
 5 section (a).

6 (E) Any other matter the Secretary of De-
 7 fense considers appropriate.

8 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
 9 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
 10 tees of Congress” means—

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

14 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
 15 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on
 16 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

17 **SEC. 1238. REPORT ON CRITICAL DIGITAL INFRASTRUC-**
 18 **TURE OF TAIWAN.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
 20 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
 21 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
 22 port that—

23 (1) analyzes the critical digital infrastructure of
 24 Taiwan in the event of a military invasion or block-
 25 ade by the People’s Republic of China; and

1 (2) identifies potential Department of Defense
2 actions that could help enable the protection of such
3 infrastructure, consistent with the Taiwan Relations
4 Act (Public Law 96–8; 93 Stat. 14).

5 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
6 (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

7 (1) A description of threats to the critical dig-
8 ital infrastructure of Taiwan in the event of a mili-
9 tary invasion or blockade by the People’s Republic of
10 China.

11 (2) A description of the critical digital infra-
12 structure capabilities of Taiwan, including—

13 (A) the type and amount of physical hard-
14 ware available to support the transfer of large
15 quantities of electronic data from Taiwan to a
16 cloud-based system or a geographic location
17 outside Taiwan; and

18 (B) the availability of resilient satellite
19 communications from low-Earth orbit constella-
20 tions and any other necessary activity relating
21 to such a transfer.

22 (3) An identification of potential Department of
23 Defense actions that could help enable the protection
24 of the critical digital infrastructure of Taiwan in the
25 event of a contingency, including—

1 (A) the pre-positioning of digital hardware
2 capabilities; and

3 (B) acquisition of cloud-based services and
4 radio frequency satellite communications.

5 (4) Recommendations for any resources or au-
6 thorities required to support the Department of De-
7 fense actions identified under paragraph (3).

8 (5) Any other matter the Secretary considers
9 appropriate.

10 (c) CONSIDERATIONS.—The report required by sub-
11 section (a) shall take into account, at a minimum, the fol-
12 lowing:

13 (1) Lessons learned from ongoing conflicts, es-
14 pecially the war in Ukraine.

15 (2) The risks associated with making assump-
16 tions about the availability of commercial vendors in
17 the event of a military invasion or blockade of Tai-
18 wan by the People's Republic of China.

19 (d) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
20 shall be submitted in classified form.

21 (e) COLLABORATION.—To support the development
22 of the report required by subsection (a), the Secretary is
23 encouraged to seek input from the following:

24 (1) Civilian executives from commercial tech-
25 nology companies that provided support to Ukraine

1 in its fight against the Russian Federation's war of
2 aggression.

3 (2) Any other individual or agency of the Fed-
4 eral Government the Secretary considers appro-
5 priate.

6 (f) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the date
7 on which the Secretary submits the report required by
8 subsection (a), the Secretary shall provide the congres-
9 sional defense committees with a briefing on the contents
10 of the report.

11 **SEC. 1239. REPORT ON JAPANESE COUNTERSTRIKE CAPA-**
12 **BILITIES.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
15 fense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall
16 submit to the congressional defense committees a report
17 outlining Department of Defense efforts to support Japan
18 in the fielding of an operational counterstrike capability.

19 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
20 (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

21 (1) A description of the activities and objectives
22 of the United States-Japan Roles, Missions, and Ca-
23 pabilities Working Group with respect to the fielding
24 of an operational counterstrike capability by Japan.

(2) A description of the operations, activities, and investments the Department is undertaking in collaboration with the Government of Japan, including—

(A) a description of progress made by the United States and Japan in developing and deploying counterstrike capabilities, including in and across the First Island Chain;

(B) a description of the counterstrike capabilities of Japan and a characterization of the potential for enhancement of such capabilities; and

(C) a description of the impediments to fielding a strengthened alliance strike posture, including—

(i) domestic legal constraints;

(ii) regulatory restrictions, including technology and foreign disclosure constraints;

(iii) industrial base-driven capacity limitations; and

(iv) political impediments;

(D) an articulation of the planning assumptions underpinning the assigned and anticipated roles, missions, and capabilities of the

1 respective counterstrike capabilities of the
2 United States and Japan;

3 (E) a description of the manner in which
4 the United States and Japan will coordinate
5 and deconflict counterstrike operations; and

6 (F) an assessment of potential alliance
7 posture changes that would support an en-
8 hanced alliance counterstrike capability, includ-
9 ing in the First Island Chain.

10 (3) A description of the command and control
11 mechanisms and information-sharing requirements
12 needed to enable coordination and deconfliction of
13 allied counterstrike operations, including—

14 (A) the adoption of enhanced security pro-
15 tocols to ensure secure networks;

16 (B) the technical means needed to facili-
17 tate integrated planning for counterstrike oper-
18 ations; and

19 (C) the sharing of targeting information.

20 (4) An identification of challenges to the imple-
21 mentation of the operations, activities, and invest-
22 ments described in paragraph (2), and any rec-
23 ommended legislative changes, resourcing require-
24 ments, bilateral agreements, or other measures that

1 would facilitate the implementation of such oper-
2 ations, activities, and investments.

3 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
4 shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include
5 a classified annex.

6 **SEC. 1240. REPORT ON ENHANCED SECURITY COOPERA-**
7 **TION WITH THE PHILIPPINES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 1, 2026, and
9 annually thereafter through 2031, the Secretary of De-
10 fense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall
11 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report
12 on enhancing United States security cooperation with the
13 Philippines.

14 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by subsection
15 (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

16 (1) An assessment of progress with respect to
17 the implementation of the United States-Philippines
18 Bilateral Defense Guidelines.

19 (2) An organizational chart and overview of the
20 functions of the alliance management bodies that re-
21 port to the United States-Philippines Mutual De-
22 fense Board and Security Engagement Board.

23 (3) A summary of the activities and outcomes
24 of the Roles, Missions, and Capabilities Working
25 Group.

1 (4) An assessment of progress with respect to
2 the bilateral Philippines—Security Sector Assistance
3 Roadmap initiative, including a description of joint
4 capability areas under such initiative.

5 (5) A projected resourcing plan for the Phil-
6 ippines—Security Sector Assistance Roadmap initia-
7 tive that includes the projected use of national funds
8 of the Philippines, Foreign Military Sales, Foreign
9 Military Financing, and Department of Defense
10 International Security Cooperation Program account
11 funds.

12 (6) A description of the activities and invest-
13 ments the Department will implement during the
14 five-year period beginning on the date on which the
15 report is submitted for—

16 (A) increased bilateral training, exercises,
17 combined patrols, and other activities between
18 the United States Armed Forces and the mili-
19 tary forces of the Philippines;

20 (B) enhancing multilateral security co-
21 operation and capacity-building efforts among
22 the Philippines, Japan, Australia, and other
23 foreign partners; and

24 (C) improving information-sharing mecha-
25 nisms and processes, including by adoption of

1 enhanced security protocols, under the General
2 Security of Military Information Agreement be-
3 tween the United States and the Philippines,
4 signed at Manila November 18, 2024.

5 (7) A plan for improving the infrastructure at
6 sites designated under the Agreement on Enhanced
7 Defense Cooperation, signed at Quezon City April
8 28, 2014 (TIAS 14–625), including, for each such
9 site—

10 (A) an identification of priority facility in-
11 vestments at the site across the future-years de-
12 fense program;

13 (B) a timeline for completing area develop-
14 ment plans for the site; and

15 (C) an articulation of non-Department in-
16 vestments necessary to enable effective use of
17 the site.

18 (8) An articulation of requirements for pre-posi-
19 tioning of equipment and supplies in support of hu-
20 manitarian assistance, disaster relief, and other bi-
21 lateral activities.

22 (9) A description of the current organization of
23 the Joint United States Military Assistance Group—
24 Philippines, and an analysis of the feasibility and

1 advisability of modifying United States command
2 structures in the Philippines to more effectively—

3 (A) coordinate United States military ac-
4 tivities and operations; and

5 (B) facilitate integrated planning and im-
6 plementation of combined activities.

7 (10) An identification of challenges to the im-
8 plementation of the activities and investments de-
9 scribed in paragraphs (1) through (9), and any rec-
10 ommended legislative changes, resourcing require-
11 ments, bilateral agreements, or other measures that
12 would facilitate the implementation of such activities
13 and investments.

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

17 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
18 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
19 tees of Congress” means—

20 (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
21 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

22 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
23 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
24 resentatives.

1 **SEC. 1241. MODIFICATION TO ANNUAL REPORT ON MILI-**
 2 **TARY AND SECURITY DEVELOPMENTS IN-**
 3 **VOLVING THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF**
 4 **CHINA.**

5 Section 1202(b) of the National Defense Authoriza-
 6 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 106–65; 10
 7 U.S.C. 113 note) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-
 9 graph (6); and

10 (2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
 11 lowing new paragraph (5):

12 “(5) The military and security strategy of the
 13 People’s Republic of China on the Tibetan Plateau,
 14 including with respect to risks posed by political and
 15 regional conflicts, resource control and water-related
 16 resource conflicts, and infrastructure development.”.

17 **SEC. 1242. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP ON DEFENSE INDUS-**
 18 **TRIAL PRIORITIES BETWEEN THE UNITED**
 19 **STATES AND TAIWAN.**

20 The Secretary of Defense shall seek to establish a
 21 partnership between the Defense Innovation Unit of the
 22 Department of Defense and appropriate counterparts of
 23 Taiwan—

24 (1) to enhance market opportunities for United
 25 States-based and Taiwan-based defense technology
 26 companies;

1 (2) to bolster Taiwan’s defense industrial base;

2 (3) to harmonize global security posture
3 through emerging technology;

4 (4) to counter the development, by the Chinese
5 Communist Party and adversarial proxy groups
6 aligned with the Chinese Communist Party, of dual-
7 use defense technologies; and

8 (5) in coordination with appropriate counter-
9 part offices of the Ministry of National Defense of
10 Taiwan—

11 (A) to enable coordination on defense in-
12 dustrial priorities;

13 (B) to streamline emerging defense tech-
14 nology research and development;

15 (C) to establish, for defense technology
16 startups, more pathways to market; and

17 (D) to collaborate on the coordinated de-
18 velopment of dual-use defense capabilities, such
19 as the following:

20 (i) Drones.

21 (ii) Microchips.

22 (iii) Directed energy weapons.

23 (iv) Artificial intelligence.

24 (v) Missile technology.

1 (vi) Intelligence, surveillance, and re-
2 connaissance technology.

3 **SEC. 1243. INVITATION TO TAIWAN TO RIM OF THE PACIFIC**
4 **(RIMPAC) EXERCISE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense is
6 strongly encouraged to invite the naval forces of Taiwan
7 to participate, as appropriate, in any Rim of the Pacific
8 exercise that is to take place after the date of the enact-
9 ment of this Act.

10 (b) JUSTIFICATION.—In the event a decision is made
11 not to invite the naval forces of Taiwan to participate in
12 any Rim of the Pacific exercise described in subsection (a),
13 not later than 30 days after the date on which such deci-
14 sion is made, the Secretary shall submit to the congres-
15 sional defense committees a written justification for such
16 decision.

17 **SEC. 1244. EXTENSION OF INDO-PACIFIC EXTENDED DETER-**
18 **RENCE EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM.**

19 Section 1314(c) of the Servicemember Quality of Life
20 Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for
21 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) is amended by
22 striking “December 31, 2027” and inserting “December
23 31, 2030”.

1 **SEC. 1245. INCLUSION ON LIST OF CHINESE MILITARY COM-**
2 **PANIES OF ENTITIES ADDED TO CERTAIN**
3 **OTHER LISTS.**

4 Section 1260H(b)(3) of the William M. (Mac) Thorn-
5 berry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
6 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) is
7 amended—

8 (1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting
9 the following:

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
12 paragraph:

13 “(B) REVIEW OF ENTITIES ON OTHER
14 LISTS.—The Secretary shall review, for inclu-
15 sion in each annual revision under subpara-
16 graph (A) of the list required by paragraph (1),
17 each entity added, during the year preceding
18 preparation of the revision of the list, to any
19 other list maintained by the United States Gov-
20 ernment of Chinese entities subject to restric-
21 tions or scrutiny relating to concerns about
22 their activities or affiliations.”.

1 **SEC. 1246. PREVENTING CIRCUMVENTION BY CHINESE**
 2 **MILITARY COMPANIES IN THIRD-PARTY**
 3 **COUNTRIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1260H(g)(2)(B)(i)(I) of
 5 the William M. “Mac” Thornberry National Defense Au-
 6 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–
 7 283; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) is amended to read as follows:

8 “(I) directly or indirectly owned by,
 9 controlled by, or beneficially owned by, af-
 10 filiated with, or in an official or unofficial
 11 capacity acting as an agent of or on behalf
 12 of, the People’s Liberation Army, Chinese
 13 military and paramilitary elements, secu-
 14 rity forces, police, law enforcement, border
 15 control, the People’s Armed Police, the
 16 Ministry of State Security (MSS), or any
 17 other organization subordinate to the Cen-
 18 tral Military Commission of the Chinese
 19 Communist Party, the Chinese Ministry of
 20 Industry and Information Technology
 21 (MIIT), the State-Owned Assets Super-
 22 vision and Administration Commission of
 23 the State Council (SASAC), or the State
 24 Administration of Science, Technology, and
 25 Industry for National Defense (SASTIND)
 26 operating inside or outside of China; or”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is one
3 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

4 **SEC. 1247. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON DEFENSE ALLIANCES**
5 **AND PARTNERSHIPS IN THE INDO-PACIFIC**
6 **REGION.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of De-
8 fense should continue efforts that strengthen United
9 States defense alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pa-
10 cific region so as to further the comparative advantage of
11 the United States in strategic competition with the Peo-
12 ple's Republic of China, including by—

13 (1) enhancing cooperation with Japan, con-
14 sistent with the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and
15 Security Between the United States of America and
16 Japan, signed at Washington, January 19, 1960, in-
17 cluding by developing advanced military capabilities,
18 upgrading commd and control relationships, fos-
19 tering interoperability across all domains, and im-
20 proving sharing of information and intelligence;

21 (2) reinforcing the United States alliance with
22 the Republic of Korea, including by maintaining the
23 presence of approximately 28,500 members of the
24 United States Armed Forces deployed to the Repub-
25 lic of Korea, enhancing mutual defense base co-

1 operation, and affirming the United States extended
2 deterrence commitment using the full range of
3 United States defense capabilities, consistent with
4 the Mutual Defense Treaty Between the United
5 States and the Republic of Korea, signed at Wash-
6 ington, October 1, 1953, in support of the shared
7 objective of a peaceful and stable Korean Peninsula;

8 (3) fostering bilateral and multilateral coopera-
9 tion with Australia, consistent with the Security
10 Treaty Between Australia, New Zealand, and the
11 United States of America, signed at San Francisco,
12 September, 1951, and through the partnership
13 among Australia, the United Kingdom, and United
14 States (commonly known as “AUKUS”)—

15 (A) to advance shared security objectives;

16 (B) to accelerate the fielding of advanced
17 military capabilities; and

18 (C) to build the capacity of emerging part-
19 ners;

20 (4) advancing United States alliances with the
21 Philippines and Thailand and United States partner-
22 ships with other partners in the Association of
23 Southeast Asian Nations to enhance maritime do-
24 main awareness, promote sovereignty and territorial
25 integrity, leverage technology and promote innova-

1 tion, and support an open, inclusive, and rules-based
2 regional architecture;

3 (5) broadening United States engagement with
4 India, including through the Quadrilateral Security
5 Dialogue—

6 (A) to advance the shared objective of a
7 free and open Indo-Pacific region through bilat-
8 eral and multilateral engagements and partici-
9 pation in military exercises, expanded defense
10 trade, and collaboration on humanitarian aid
11 and disaster response; and

12 (B) to enable greater cooperation on mari-
13 time security;

14 (6) strengthening the United States partnership
15 with Taiwan, consistent with the Three Commu-
16 niques, the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96–
17 8; 22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.), and the Six Assurances,
18 with the goal of improving Taiwan’s defensive capa-
19 bilities and promoting peaceful cross-strait relations;

20 (7) reinforcing the status of the Republic of
21 Singapore as a Major Security Cooperation Partner
22 of the United States and continuing to strengthen
23 defense and security cooperation between the mili-
24 tary forces of the Republic of Singapore and the

1 United States Armed Forces, including through par-
2 ticipation in combined exercises and training;

3 (8) engaging with the Federated States of Mi-
4 cronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the
5 Republic of Palau, and other Pacific island coun-
6 tries, with the goal of strengthening regional secu-
7 rity and addressing issues of mutual concern, includ-
8 ing protecting fisheries from illegal, unreported, and
9 unregulated fishing;

10 (9) collaborating with Canada, the United
11 Kingdom, France, and other members of the Euro-
12 pean Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organi-
13 zation to build connectivity and advance a shared vi-
14 sion for the region that is principled, long-term, and
15 anchored in democratic resilience; and

16 (10) investing in enhanced military posture and
17 capabilities in the area of responsibility of the
18 United States Indo-Pacific Command and strength-
19 ening cooperation in bilateral relationships, multilat-
20 eral partnerships, and other international fora to up-
21 hold global security and shared principles, with the
22 goal of ensuring the maintenance of a free and open
23 Indo-Pacific region.

Subtitle E—Other Matters

SEC. 1251. MIDDLE EAST INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE ARCHITECTURE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall 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 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.

(b) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than May 31, 2026, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on further implementation of an integrated air and missile defense architecture in the area of responsibility of the United States Central Command.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) An assessment of the threat to allies and partners within the area of responsibility of the United States Central Command posed by ballistic and cruise missiles, manned and un-

1 manned aerial systems, and rocket attacks
2 launched from Iran and by groups linked to
3 Iran.

4 (B) A description of—

5 (i) the missile defense priorities and
6 capability needs of the United States Cen-
7 tral Command with respect to defense
8 against the threats described in subpara-
9 graph (A); and

10 (ii) the planned regional missile de-
11 fense architectures derived from such pri-
12 orities and capability needs.

13 (C) An analysis of current integrated air
14 and missile defense systems within the area of
15 responsibility of the United States Central
16 Command to defend against threats described
17 in subparagraph (A) and to meet the priorities
18 identified under subparagraph (B).

19 (D) A description of the progress made to-
20 ward addressing challenges identified in the
21 strategy required by section 1658(b) of the
22 James M. Inhofe National Defense Authoriza-
23 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law
24 117–263; 136 Stat. 2951) and toward meeting
25 benchmarks set forth in such strategy.

1 (E) With respect to the defensive oper-
2 ations against aerial threats since October 7,
3 2023, the following:

4 (i) With respect to countering the
5 April 13, 2024, and October 1, 2024, bal-
6 listic missile and drone attacks by Iran
7 against Israel—

8 (I) lessons learned with respect
9 to the adequacy of data-sharing agree-
10 ments in facilitating effective joint re-
11 sponses, and recommendations for
12 further improvements to such agree-
13 ments;

14 (II) a comparative analysis of the
15 performance of systems operated by
16 the United States and the perform-
17 ance of systems operated by Israel in
18 intercepting missiles and unmanned
19 aerial systems launched by Iran dur-
20 ing the attacks;

21 (III) an assessment of the extent
22 to which a defense provided to other
23 United States regional partners if at-
24 tacked by Iran would be similarly ef-
25 fective, and an identification of

1 changes necessary to address defi-
2 ciencies; and

3 (IV) an evaluation of the extent
4 to which the strategy required by sec-
5 tion 1658(b) of the James M. Inhofe
6 National Defense Authorization Act
7 for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law
8 117–263; 136 Stat. 2951) contributed
9 to the defensive operations described
10 in this clause.

11 (ii) Lessons learned with respect to
12 countering projectiles launched by the
13 Houthis in Yemen against maritime tar-
14 gets in the area of responsibility of the
15 United States Central Command.

16 (iii) Any other such defensive oper-
17 ation the Secretary of Defense considers
18 appropriate.

19 (F) Any other matter the Secretary of De-
20 fense considers appropriate.

21 (3) FORM.—The report submitted under para-
22 graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but
23 may include a classified annex.

24 (4) PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE INFORMA-
25 TION.—Any activity carried out under this sub-

1 section shall be conducted in a manner that is con-
 2 sistent with protection of intelligence sources and
 3 methods and appropriately protects sensitive infor-
 4 mation and the national security interests of the
 5 United States.

6 **SEC. 1252. MODIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PROCESSES**
 7 **RELATING TO FOREIGN ACQUISITION.**

8 Section 873 of the National Defense Authorization
 9 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat.
 10 350; 10 U.S.C. 301 note) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a)—

12 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
 13 “**PILOT PROGRAM FOR**”; and

14 (B) by striking “may” and inserting
 15 “shall”; and

16 (2) by striking subsection (f).

17 **SEC. 1253. ENHANCING SECURITY PARTNERSHIP WITH JOR-**
 18 **DAN AND LEBANON.**

19 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense, pursu-
 20 ant to existing authorities, shall seek to provide assistance,
 21 including training, equipment, logistics support, supplies,
 22 and services, to the Government of Jordan and the Gov-
 23 ernment of Lebanon for the purpose of supporting and
 24 enhancing efforts of the military forces of Jordan and the

1 military forces of Lebanon to ensure the territorial secu-
2 rity of Jordan and Lebanon.

3 (b) PLAN.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31,
5 2025, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with
6 the Commander of the United States Central Com-
7 mand, and in consultation with the Secretary of
8 State, shall submit to the congressional defense com-
9 mittees a report that describes the plan of the De-
10 partment of Defense to provide assistance under
11 subsection (a).

12 (2) ELEMENTS.—The required plan shall, at a
13 minimum, include the following elements:

14 (A) A description of the available authori-
15 ties to provide assistance described in sub-
16 section (a) to the Government of Jordan and
17 the Government of Lebanon.

18 (B) A description of the objectives of as-
19 sistance described in subsection (a), including
20 specific capabilities that such assistance seeks
21 to enhance and the recipient units of the mili-
22 tary forces of Jordan and Lebanon for such as-
23 sistance.

24 (C) An identification of any opportunities
25 to transfer military equipment, including air-

1 craft and unmanned systems, from existing in-
2 ventory of the Department of Defense to bolster
3 the capabilities of the military forces of Jordan.

4 (D) Any other matters deemed relevant by
5 the Secretary.

6 **SEC. 1254. JOINT PROGRAM OFFICE FOR NON-PROGRAMS**
7 **OF RECORD TO SUPPORT FOREIGN ACQUISI-**
8 **TION.**

9 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
10 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
11 Defense shall establish and charter, within the Office of
12 the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
13 Sustainment, a Joint Program Office for Non-Programs
14 of Record (referred to in this section as the “Joint Pro-
15 gram Office”) to support the acquisition of specified non-
16 program of record systems by approved foreign partners
17 and allies.

18 (b) STRUCTURE.—

19 (1) LEADERSHIP.—The Joint Program Office
20 shall be led by a senior executive or military flag of-
21 ficer of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense
22 for Acquisition and Sustainment, who shall have a
23 deputy from the Defense Security Cooperation Agen-
24 cy.

1 (2) STAFFING.—The staff of the Joint Program
2 Office shall include detailees from the international
3 program offices of the military departments, the De-
4 fense Security Cooperation Agency, and the Defense
5 Technology Security Administration.

6 (c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Joint Program Office
8 shall be responsible for the following:

9 (A) Coordinating with allies and partners
10 to identify and procure non-program of record
11 capabilities.

12 (B) Facilitating discussions between indus-
13 try and foreign partners on new non-program-
14 of-record capabilities.

15 (C) Liaising with combatant commands to
16 identify new specified non-program of record
17 systems aligned with the strategic priorities of
18 the combatant commands for theater security
19 cooperation.

20 (D) Promoting capabilities with foreign
21 partners that align with priority capabilities for
22 the combatant commands.

23 (E) Coordinating with, and as necessary,
24 providing additional support to, the inter-
25 national program offices of the military depart-

1 ments to expedite delivery of capabilities to for-
2 eign partners and allies.

3 (F) Coordinating internal Department of
4 Defense approval processes to expedite the de-
5 livery of non-program of record capabilities.

6 (d) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the es-
7 tablishment of the Joint Program Office, the Secretary
8 shall provide the Committees on Armed Services of the
9 Senate and the House of Representatives with a briefing
10 on the charter, responsibilities, resources, and plan of ac-
11 tivities for the Joint Program Office for the subsequent
12 fiscal year.

13 (e) SPECIFIED NON-PROGRAM OF RECORD SYSTEM
14 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “specified non-pro-
15 gram of record system” means a record system that does
16 not exist formally as a program of record within the De-
17 partment of Defense, including—

18 (1) an international or civil variant of a pro-
19 gram of record with nonstandard configurations, or
20 a type 1 non-program of record system;

21 (2) a prior program of record that is no longer
22 supported in United States inventory, or a type 2
23 non-program of record system;

1 (3) a program consisting of commercially devel-
 2 oped munitions items, or a type 3 non-program of
 3 record system;

4 (4) a program consisting of commercially devel-
 5 oped dual-use items, or a type 4 non-program of
 6 record system;

7 (5) a program consisting of commercially devel-
 8 oped dual-use items combined with program of
 9 record elements, or a type 5 non-program of record
 10 system; and

11 (6) a program consisting of commercially devel-
 12 oped dual-use items with military end-use, or a type
 13 6 non-program of record system.

14 **SEC. 1255. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF UNITED**
 15 **STATES-ISRAEL ANTI-TUNNEL COOPERATION.**

16 Section 1279 of the National Defense Authorization
 17 Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (22 U.S.C. 8606 note) is amend-
 18 ed—

19 (1) in subsection (b)(4), by striking
 20 “\$50,000,000” and inserting “\$80,000,000”; and

21 (2) in subsection (f), by striking “December 31,
 22 2026” and inserting “December 31, 2028”.

1 **SEC. 1256. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF UNITED**
 2 **STATES-ISRAEL COOPERATION TO COUNTER**
 3 **UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS.**

4 Section 1278 of the National Defense Authorization
 5 Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (22 U.S.C. 8606 note) is amend-
 6 ed—

7 (1) in subsection (b)(4), by striking
 8 “\$55,000,000” and inserting “\$75,000,000”; and

9 (2) in subsection (f), by striking “December 31,
 10 2026” and inserting “December 31, 2028”.

11 **SEC. 1257. GUIDANCE FOR COORDINATION OF INTER-**
 12 **NATIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
 14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
 15 shall issue updated guidance, in accordance with section
 16 382 of title 10, United States Code, to streamline and
 17 align the roles, responsibilities, and authorities, and im-
 18 prove transparency, relating to Department of Defense
 19 processes for international arms transfers, including For-
 20 eign Military Sales.

21 (b) ELEMENTS.—The updated guidance required by
 22 subsection (a) shall do the following:

23 (1) Streamline the roles and responsibilities re-
 24 lating to Department processes for international
 25 arms transfers (including the Foreign Military Sales
 26 and technology security and foreign disclosure proc-

1 esses) so as to ensure effective implementation of
2 such roles and responsibilities among the Under Sec-
3 retary of Defense for Policy, the Under Secretary of
4 Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, the De-
5 fense Security Cooperation Agency, the Defense
6 Technology Security Administration, and the mili-
7 tary departments.

8 (2) Designate a lead official, to be known as the
9 “Data Czar”, who, in coordination with the Chief
10 Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer of the De-
11 partment of Defense, shall be responsible for col-
12 lecting, tracking, coordinating, and sharing data and
13 information on Foreign Military Sales cases for the
14 purposes of—

15 (A) facilitating transparency across the
16 Department of Defense international coopera-
17 tion enterprise (including industry and inter-
18 national partners within such enterprise and
19 components and subcomponents of the Depart-
20 ment); and

21 (B) sharing information on Foreign Mili-
22 tary Sales case development, execution, con-
23 tracting, and implementation processes.

24 (3) Develop a framework to facilitate the use of
25 the Foreign Military Sales process to deliver defense

1 articles and services to allies and partners through
2 programs other than a program of record.

3 (4) Set forth Foreign Military Sales-specific
4 guidance that—

5 (A) identifies security cooperation prior-
6 ities;

7 (B) aligns with the United States Conven-
8 tional Arms Transfer Policy described in Na-
9 tional Security Presidential Memorandum/
10 NSM-10, dated April 19, 2018;

11 (C) is informed by priorities identified in
12 the National Defense Strategy, Department
13 planning guidance, and theater campaign plans;
14 and

15 (D) takes into consideration—

16 (i) the risk factors for arms transfers
17 identified in the Arms Export Control Act
18 (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.); and

19 (ii) the industrial capacity for produc-
20 tion.

21 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the
22 issuance of the updated guidance required by subsection
23 (a), the Secretary shall provide the Committee on Armed
24 Services and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
25 Senate and the Committee on Armed Services and the

1 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-
2 tives with a briefing on the development and implementa-
3 tion of such guidance that describes the manner in which
4 the procedures set forth in the guidance will streamline,
5 and enhance the transparency of, international coopera-
6 tion processes of the Department.

7 (d) DISSEMINATION OF FMS-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE.—
8 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment
9 of this Act, the Secretary shall disseminate the Foreign
10 Military Sales-specific guidance described in subsection
11 (a)(4) to each member of the Department of Defense
12 international cooperation enterprise.

13 **SEC. 1258. REQUIREMENT TO UPDATE THE NATIONAL DIS-**
14 **CLOSURE POLICY.**

15 (a) FRAMEWORK DEVELOPMENT.—Not later than
16 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and
17 annually thereafter, the National Disclosure Policy Com-
18 mittee (in this section referred to as the “Committee”)
19 shall develop and submit to Congress a framework for re-
20 vising and updating the National Disclosure Policy
21 (NDP–1).

22 (b) FRAMEWORK ELEMENTS.—The framework devel-
23 oped pursuant to subsection (a) shall include the following:

24 (1) A comprehensive assessment of emerging
25 and advanced defense items, including artificial in-

1 telligence, directed energy, microwave systems,
2 counter-unmanned aerial systems, missile defense,
3 machine learning, cybersecurity, quantum tech-
4 nologies, hypersonic, and autonomous systems, and
5 necessary updates to NDP-1 to enable the transfer
6 and sharing of this technology with United States
7 allies and partners.

8 (2) Guidelines for balancing national security
9 considerations with the need to share critical infor-
10 mation and technology with allies and partners to
11 enhance interoperability and collective security.

12 (3) Recommendations for updating the NDP-1
13 to help bolster the defense industrial base and ac-
14 commodate the use of emerging and advanced de-
15 fense items in multi-domain operations, joint mili-
16 tary exercises, and allied operational requirements.

17 (4) Mechanisms to accelerate the approval proc-
18 ess for disclosures, ensuring timely and effective in-
19 formation sharing.

20 (c) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
22 after the first submittal of the framework to Con-
23 gress pursuant to subsection (a) and on an annual
24 recurring basis thereafter, the Committee shall im-
25 plement revisions to the National Disclosure Policy

1 based on the recommendations and any future rec-
2 ommendation based upon the stakeholder engage-
3 ment in subsection (c) contained in the framework.

4 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Revisions implemented
5 pursuant to paragraph (1) shall—

6 (A) include specific provisions addressing
7 the secure disclosure of emerging and advanced
8 technologies to allies and partners of the United
9 States;

10 (B) establish metrics to evaluate the effec-
11 tiveness of the updated policy in enhancing se-
12 curity, interoperability, and interchangeability;
13 and

14 (C) establish a mechanism to ensure that
15 the stakeholder engagement required by sub-
16 section (c) informs revisions.

17 (d) STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT.—In carrying out
18 subsections (a), (b), and (c), the Committee shall, not less
19 frequently than once every 6 months, consult with the fol-
20 lowing:

21 (1) Representatives of such governments that
22 are allies or partners of the United States as the
23 Committee considers appropriate, to gather input on
24 enhancing interoperability, interchangeability, and
25 collaborative security measures.

1 (2) Such representatives from the defense in-
2 dustry as the Committee considers appropriate, in-
3 cluding representatives from nontraditional defense
4 contractors (as defined by section 3014 of title 10,
5 United States Code).

6 (e) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Under
7 Secretary of Defense for Policy, in coordination with the
8 Director of the Defense Technology Security Administra-
9 tion, shall submit with the budget submission each year
10 a report to Congress detailing—

11 (1) progress made in implementing the updated
12 NDP-1;

13 (2) challenges encountered and actions taken to
14 address them;

15 (3) recommendations for further updates or leg-
16 islative actions to enhance the policy;

17 (4) a description of the roles and missions of
18 the committees and subcommittees of the Depart-
19 ment of Defense’s Technology Security and Foreign
20 Disclosure enterprise and a detailed explanation of
21 how these bodies report back to the Arms Transfer
22 and Technology Release Senior Steering Group; and

23 (5) an explanation of negative determinations of
24 technology.

1 (f) CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—If necessary, the annual re-
 2 port shall include a classified annex to address sensitive
 3 national security information.

4 (g) UNCLASSIFIED PUBLIC ANNEX.—The submission
 5 shall include a publicly releasable annex to be made avail-
 6 able upon submission of the report to Congress.

7 **SEC. 1259. IMPROVEMENTS TO SECURITY COOPERATION**
 8 **WORKFORCE AND DEFENSE ACQUISITION**
 9 **WORKFORCE.**

10 (a) RESPONSIBILITIES OF SECRETARY OF DE-
 11 FENSE.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
 13 shall, consistent with the requirements of section
 14 384 of title 10, United States Code, seek to ensure
 15 that—

16 (A) members of the defense acquisition
 17 workforce involved in the foreign military sales
 18 process—

19 (i) are aware of evolving United
 20 States regional and country-level defense
 21 capability-building priorities; and

22 (ii) coordinate with the security co-
 23 operation workforce to enhance responsive-
 24 ness to foreign partner requests and capa-
 25 bility-building priorities; and

1 (B) members of the defense acquisition
2 workforce are professionally evaluated using
3 metrics to measure—

4 (i) adherence to meeting the foreign
5 capability requirements identified in De-
6 partment of Defense strategy documents;

7 (ii) responsiveness to foreign partner
8 requests;

9 (iii) ability to meet foreign partner ca-
10 pability and delivery schedule require-
11 ments; and

12 (iv) advancement of foreign capability-
13 building priorities described in the guid-
14 ance updated under subsection (b).

15 (b) GUIDANCE.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
18 retary of Defense shall update, as necessary, De-
19 partment of Defense guidance governing the execu-
20 tion of foreign military sales by the Department to
21 ensure that such guidance—

22 (A) incorporates priorities of the National
23 Security Strategy and the National Defense
24 Strategy associated with foreign partner con-
25 tributions;

1 (B) is informed by the theater campaign
 2 plans and theater security cooperation strate-
 3 gies of the combatant commands;

4 (C) incorporates timeline prioritization of
 5 purchasers with a special designation; and

6 (D) is disseminated to the security co-
 7 operation workforce and the defense acquisition
 8 workforce.

9 (2) ELEMENTS.—The updated guidance re-
 10 quired by paragraph (1) shall—

11 (A) identify—

12 (i) regional and country-level foreign
 13 defense capability-building priorities; and

14 (ii) levels of urgency and desired
 15 timelines for achieving foreign capability-
 16 building objectives; and

17 (B) provide guidance to the defense acqui-
 18 sition workforce regarding levels of resourcing,
 19 innovation, and risk tolerance that should be
 20 considered in meeting urgent needs.

21 (3) PURCHASER WITH A SPECIAL DESIGNATION
 22 DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “purchaser
 23 with a special designation” means Israel, Japan, the
 24 Republic of Korea, New Zealand, the Philippines,
 25 Thailand, Taiwan, member countries of the North

1 Atlantic Treaty Organization, major defense part-
 2 ners, major security partners, and eligible pur-
 3 chasers that are members of the national technology
 4 and industrial base.

5 (c) FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CONTINUOUS PROC-
 6 ESS IMPROVEMENT BOARD.—Section 1210(b) of the Serv-
 7 icemember Quality of Life Improvement and National De-
 8 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law
 9 118–159) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(b) FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CONTINUOUS PROC-
 11 ESS IMPROVEMENT BOARD.—

12 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of De-
 13 fense shall establish a Foreign Military Sales Con-
 14 tinuous Process Improvement Board (in this section
 15 referred to as the ‘Board’) to serve as an enduring
 16 governance structure within the Department of De-
 17 fense that reports to the Secretary on matters relat-
 18 ing to the foreign military sales process so as to en-
 19 hance accountability and continuous improvement
 20 within the Department, including the objectives of—

21 “(A) improving the understanding, among
 22 officials of the Department, of ally and partner
 23 requirements;

24 “(B) enabling efficient reviews for release
 25 of technology;

1 “(C) providing ally and partner countries
2 with relevant priority equipment;

3 “(D) accelerating acquisition and con-
4 tracting support;

5 “(E) expanding the capacity of the defense
6 industrial base;

7 “(F) working with other departments and
8 agencies to promote broad United States Gov-
9 ernment support; and

10 “(G) any other matters determined by the
11 Secretary to be relevant to the Board.

12 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall be
14 composed of not fewer than 7 members, each of
15 whom shall have expertise in security coopera-
16 tion, security assistance, defense acquisition,
17 business process reform, or any disciplines the
18 Secretary determines to be important to the
19 functioning of the Board.

20 “(B) CERTAIN MEMBERS.—

21 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Of the members
22 of the Board, 3 such members shall be in-
23 dividuals who are not—

24 “(I) officers or employees of the
25 Department of Defense;

1 “(II) members of the United
2 States Armed Forces; or

3 “(III) registered as a foreign
4 agent or registered lobbyists.

5 “(ii) CLEARANCE.—Each member of
6 the Board described in this subparagraph
7 shall be appropriately cleared for security
8 risks.

9 “(3) INAPPLICABILITY OF FACA.—The Board
10 shall not be subject to chapter 10 of title 5, United
11 States Code (commonly referred to as the ‘Federal
12 Advisory Committee Act’).

13 “(4) SUNSET.—This subsection shall terminate
14 on December 31, 2030.”.

15 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) DEFENSE ACQUISITION WORKFORCE.—The
17 term “defense acquisition workforce” means the De-
18 partment of Defense acquisition workforce described
19 in chapter 87 of title 10, United States Code.

20 (2) SECURITY COOPERATION WORKFORCE.—
21 The term “security cooperation workforce” has the
22 meaning given the term in section 384 of title 10,
23 United States Code.

1 **SEC. 1260. EXPANSION OF COUNTRY PRIORITIZATION.**

2 With respect to foreign military sales to Israel,
 3 Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Philippines, Taiwan,
 4 member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
 5 tion, major defense partners, and eligible purchasers that
 6 are members of the national technology and industrial
 7 base, the Secretary of Defense may assign a Defense Pri-
 8 orities and Allocations System order rating.

9 **SEC. 1261. STREAMLINING AND EXPEDITING SALES OF DE-**
 10 **FENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES.**

11 (a) ACQUISITION STRATEGIES.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to purchasers
 13 with a special designation, the Secretary of Defense
 14 shall establish a requirement that, in developing let-
 15 ters of offer and acceptance, the acquisition program
 16 office of each military department shall develop, at
 17 program inception—

18 (A) an acquisition strategy that documents
 19 the standard acquisition path; and

20 (B) an acquisition strategy that documents
 21 the fastest acquisition path.

22 (2) ASSOCIATED RISK.—In developing each ac-
 23 quisition strategy required by subparagraphs (A)
 24 and (B) of paragraph (1), the acquisition program
 25 office of the military department concerned shall—

1 (A) measure, and justify with respect to
2 the urgency of delivering a capability in full or
3 in phases, the associated risk, risk mitigation,
4 and risk cost;

5 (B) in the case of a sole-source program
6 that is not a program of record, transparently
7 consult with the prime contractor to seek con-
8 sensus on cost and schedule; and

9 (C) provide, in coordination with the ap-
10 propriate regional directorate of the Office of
11 the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and
12 the Director of the Defense Security Coopera-
13 tion Agency, to the acquisition leadership of
14 such military department a briefing on the re-
15 sults of the measurements under subparagraph
16 (A) and the consultation under subparagraph
17 (B).

18 (3) DECISION.—Not later than 30 days after
19 the date of a briefing under paragraph (2)(C), the
20 acquisition leadership of the military department
21 concerned shall issue a decision with respect to the
22 acquisition strategy selected.

23 (b) INPUT FROM PURCHASER WITH SPECIAL DES-
24 IGNATION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
2 shall ensure that, in the development of acquisition
3 strategies for purchasers with a special designation
4 under subsection (a), the purchaser with a special
5 designation is provided an opportunity to provide
6 input with respect to risk tolerance.

7 (2) INFORMATION SHARING.—In carrying out
8 paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense shall ensure
9 that a purchaser with a special designation is briefed
10 on risks identified, alternate approaches that may be
11 taken, and the schedule, cost, and capability trade-
12 offs associated with such alternate approaches.

13 (3) INCLUSION IN BRIEFING.—Purchaser input
14 gathered under this paragraph shall be included in
15 the briefing required by subsection (a)(2)(C) and ap-
16 propriately weighed in making a final decision with
17 respect to the appropriate acquisition approach.

18 (c) AGREEMENTS WITH MANUFACTURERS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—A United States prime con-
20 tractor may enter into a covered agreement with a
21 manufacturer to begin the process of acquiring long-
22 lead Government-furnished equipment, including
23 sensitive and closely controlled items such as com-
24 munications security devices, military grade GPS,
25 and anti-spoofing devices, on forecast prior to the

1 execution of a signed commercial contract or
2 issuance of a letter of offer and acceptance.

3 (2) COVERED AGREEMENT DEFINED.—In this
4 subsection, the term “covered agreement” means an
5 agreement between a United States prime contractor
6 and a manufacturer pursuant to which—

7 (A) the prime contractor, in anticipation of
8 a foreign military sale, contracts for the pro-
9 duction by the manufacturer of one or more ar-
10 ticles that will be supplied to the prime con-
11 tractor as government-furnished equipment
12 prior to execution of a signed commercial con-
13 tract or issuance of a letter of offer and accept-
14 ance in connection with such sale;

15 (B) the parties agree to the allocation of
16 risks, obligations, profits, and costs in the event
17 the anticipated foreign military sale does not
18 occur, including whether the articles manufac-
19 tured under the agreement are retained by the
20 manufacturer for eventual supply to the prime
21 contractor or a third party in connection with
22 a future foreign military sale or other trans-
23 action; and

24 (C) the United States Government as-
25 sumes no liability with respect to either party

1 in the event the anticipated foreign military sale
2 does not occur.

3 (3) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE POLICY.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of De-
5 fense shall implement policies, and ensure that
6 the head of each military department imple-
7 ments policies, that allow United States prime
8 contractors to enter into covered agreements
9 with manufacturers of Government-furnished
10 equipment.

11 (B) ELEMENTS.—The policies required by
12 subparagraph (A) shall require that—

13 (i) United States prime contractors
14 shall be responsible for—

15 (I) negotiating directly with the
16 manufacturer of Government-fur-
17 nished equipment, including with re-
18 spect to the terms and conditions de-
19 scribed in paragraph (2)(B); and

20 (II) providing any payment to
21 such manufacturer; and

22 (ii) transfer of Government-furnished
23 equipment from such manufacturer to the
24 primary contractor shall not occur until
25 the date on which a letter of offer and ac-

1 ceptance or commercial contract is pro-
2 duced.

3 (4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
4 subsection shall be construed as authorizing, requir-
5 ing, or providing for the United States Government
6 to assume any liability or other financial responsi-
7 bility with respect to a covered agreement.

8 (d) PURCHASER WITH A SPECIAL DESIGNATION DE-
9 FINED.—In this section, the term “purchaser with a spe-
10 cial designation” means Israel, Japan, the Republic of
11 Korea, New Zealand, the Philippines, Thailand, Taiwan,
12 member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
13 tion, major defense partners, major security partners, and
14 eligible purchasers that are members of the national tech-
15 nology and industrial base.

16 **SEC. 1262. REDESIGNATION OF THE AFRICA CENTER FOR**
17 **STRATEGIC STUDIES AS THE JAMES M.**
18 **INHOFE CENTER FOR AFRICA SECURITY**
19 **STUDIES.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Department of Defense re-
21 gional center for security studies known as the Africa Cen-
22 ter for Strategic Studies is hereby redesignated as the
23 “James M. Inhofe Center for Africa Security Studies”.

24 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) REFERENCE TO REGIONAL CENTERS FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES.—Section 342(b)(2)(D) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “Africa Center for Strategic Studies” and inserting “James M. Inhofe Center for Africa Security Studies”.

(2) ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS.—Section 2611(a)(2)(D) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “Africa Center for Strategic Studies” and inserting “James M. Inhofe Center for Africa Security Studies”.

(3) PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN.—Section 1270A(b)(1) of the Sudan Democratic Transition, Accountability, and Fiscal Transparency Act of 2020 (22 U.S.C. 10010(b)(1)) is amended by striking “Africa Center for Strategic Studies” and inserting “James M. Inhofe Center for Africa Security Studies”.

(c) REFERENCES.—Any reference to the Department of Defense Africa Center for Strategic Studies in any law, regulation, map, document, record, or other paper of the United States shall be deemed to be a reference to the James M. Inhofe Center for Africa Security Studies.

1 **SEC. 1263. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM TO PROMOTE**
2 **PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS IN**
3 **THE SENIOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING**
4 **CORPS.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1,
7 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a pro-
8 gram using the authority provided under section
9 2103(b) of title 10, United States Code, to promote
10 the participation of foreign students in the Senior
11 Reserve Officers' Training Corps (in this section re-
12 ferred to as the “Program”).

13 (2) ORGANIZATION.—The Secretary of Defense,
14 in consultation with the Director of the Defense Se-
15 curity Cooperation Agency, the Secretaries of the
16 military departments, the commanders of the com-
17 batant commands, the participant institutions in the
18 Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program,
19 and any other individual the Secretary of Defense
20 considers appropriate, shall be responsible for, and
21 shall oversee, the Program.

22 (b) OBJECTIVE.—The objective of the Program is to
23 promote the readiness and interoperability of the United
24 States Armed Forces and the military forces of partner
25 countries by providing a high-quality, cost effective mili-
26 tary-based educational experience for foreign students in

1 furtherance of the military-to-military program objectives
2 of the Department of Defense and to enhance the edu-
3 cational experience and preparation of future United
4 States military leaders through increased, extended inter-
5 action with highly qualified potential foreign military lead-
6 ers.

7 (c) ACTIVITIES.—Under the Program, the Secretary
8 of Defense shall—

9 (1) identify to the military services' Senior Re-
10 serve Officers' Training Corps program the foreign
11 students who, based on criteria established by the
12 Secretary, the Secretary recommends be considered
13 for admission under the Program;

14 (2) coordinate with partner countries to evalu-
15 ate interest in and promote awareness of the Pro-
16 gram;

17 (3) establish a mechanism for tracking an
18 alumni network of foreign students who participate
19 in the Program; and

20 (4) to the extent practicable, work with the par-
21 ticipant institutions in the Senior Reserve Officers'
22 Training Corps program and partner countries to
23 identify academic institutions and programs that—

1 (A) have specialized academic programs in
2 areas of study or interest to participating coun-
3 tries; or

4 (B) have high participation from or signifi-
5 cant diaspora populations from participating
6 countries.

7 (d) STRATEGY.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September
9 30, 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to
10 the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate
11 and the House of Representatives a strategy for the
12 implementation of the Program.

13 (2) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by
14 paragraph (1) shall include the following elements:

15 (A) A governance structure for the Pro-
16 gram, including—

17 (i) the officials tasked to oversee the
18 Program;

19 (ii) the format of the governing body
20 of the Program;

21 (iii) the functions and duties of such
22 governing body with respect to establishing
23 and maintaining the Program; and

1 (iv) mechanisms for coordinating with
2 partner countries whose students are se-
3 lected to participate in the Program.

4 (B) A list of additional authorities, appro-
5 priations, or other congressional support nec-
6 essary to ensure the success of the Program.

7 (C) A description of targeted partner coun-
8 tries and participant institutions in the Senior
9 Reserve Officers' Training Corps for the first
10 three fiscal years of the Program, including a
11 rationale for selecting such initial partners.

12 (D) A description of opportunities and po-
13 tential timelines for future Program expansion,
14 as appropriate.

15 (E) A description of the mechanism for
16 tracking the alumni network of participants of
17 the Program.

18 (F) Any other information the Secretary of
19 Defense considers appropriate.

20 (e) REPORT.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September
22 20, 2027, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of
23 Defense shall submit to the congressional defense
24 committees a report on the Program.

1 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by para-
2 graph (1) shall include the following elements:

3 (A) A narrative summary of activities con-
4 ducted as part of the Program during the pre-
5 ceding fiscal year.

6 (B) An overview of participant Senior Re-
7 serve Officers' Training Corps programs, indi-
8 viduals, and countries, to include a description
9 of the areas of study entered into by the stu-
10 dents participating in the Program.

11 (C) A description of opportunities and po-
12 tential timelines for future Program expansion,
13 as appropriate.

14 (D) Any other information the Secretary of
15 Defense considers appropriate.

16 (f) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of
17 Defense may not use the authority provided under this
18 section to pay for tuition or room and board for foreign
19 students who participate in the Program.

20 (g) TERMINATION.—The Program shall terminate on
21 December 31, 2031.

1 **SEC. 1264. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR ASSISTANCE**
2 **IN SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
3 **ACCOUNTING FOR MISSING UNITED STATES**
4 **GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL.**

5 Section 408(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
6 amended by inserting “, and procure goods and services
7 from,” after “assistance to”.

8 **SEC. 1265. STRATEGY FOR UNITED STATES SECURITY AS-**
9 **SISTANCE TO MEXICO.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
12 shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
13 Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
14 House of Representatives a report with a strategy for
15 United States security assistance to Mexico.

16 (b) STRATEGY ELEMENTS.—The strategy required
17 under subsection (a) shall include the following elements:

18 (1) A detailed plan for how United States secu-
19 rity assistance will—

20 (A) dismantle transnational criminal net-
21 works that traffic illicit drugs, including
22 fentanyl, into the United States and profit from
23 other criminal activities, including pervasive
24 human trafficking and human smuggling, weap-
25 ons trafficking, cybercrimes, money laundering,

1 and the importation of precursor chemicals to
2 mass-produce illicit drugs;

3 (B) increase the capacity of Mexico's mili-
4 tary and public security institutions to improve
5 security at Mexico's northern and southern bor-
6 ders and degrade transnational criminal organi-
7 zations; and

8 (C) enhance the institutional capacity of
9 civilian law enforcement, prosecutors, and
10 courts to strengthen rule of law, redress public
11 corruption related to the activities and influence
12 of transnational criminal organizations, and
13 combat impunity.

14 (2) A detailed summary of activities to imple-
15 ment the plan described in paragraph (1), including
16 a list of implementing government entities and non-
17 governmental organizations.

18 (3) A detailed summary of priorities, mile-
19 stones, and performance measures to monitor and
20 evaluate results of the strategy.

21 (c) BILATERAL COOPERATION REPORTING.—The re-
22 port required under subsection (a) shall include an over-
23 view of bilateral cooperation mechanisms and engagements
24 between the United States Government and the Govern-
25 ment of Mexico, such as diplomatic engagements, security

1 assistance programs, technical assistance, and other forms
 2 of cooperation that advance the priorities described in sub-
 3 section (b).

4 (d) FORM.—The report and strategy required under
 5 subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but
 6 may include a classified annex.

7 (e) BRIEFING.—Not later than 1 year after the sub-
 8 mission of the report and strategy required under sub-
 9 section (a), and annually thereafter, the Secretary of State
 10 shall provide to the Committee on Foreign Relations of
 11 the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
 12 House of Representatives a briefing on the implementation
 13 of the strategy.

14 (f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING USE OF
 15 MILITARY FORCE AGAINST MEXICO.—Nothing in this sec-
 16 tion may be construed as an authorization for the use of
 17 military force against Mexico or any entity within Mexico.

18 **SEC. 1266. SUPPORTING THE IDENTIFICATION AND RECOV-**
 19 **ERY OF ABDUCTED UKRAINIAN CHILDREN.**

20 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
 21 “Abducted Ukrainian Children Recovery and Account-
 22 ability Act”.

23 (b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

24 (1) According to a White House press release,
 25 dated March 25, 2025, “The United States and

1 Ukraine agreed that the United States remains com-
 2 mitted to helping achieve the exchange of prisoners
 3 of war, the release of civilian detainees, and the re-
 4 turn of forcibly transferred Ukrainian children.”.

5 (2) To implement the commitment referred to
 6 in paragraph (1), the United States Government re-
 7 quires an organized and resourced policy approach
 8 to assist Ukraine with—

9 (A) investigations of Russia’s abduction of
 10 Ukrainian children;

11 (B) the rehabilitation and reintegration of
 12 children returned to Ukraine; and

13 (C) justice and accountability for perpetra-
 14 tors of the abductions.

15 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
 16 AND ADVISORY SUPPORT.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Department of Justice
 18 and the Department of State are authorized—

19 (A) to provide law enforcement and intel-
 20 ligence technical assistance, training, capacity
 21 building, and advisory support to the Govern-
 22 ment of Ukraine in support of the commitment
 23 described in subsection (b)(1); and

24 (B) to advance the objectives described in
 25 subsection (b)(2).

1 (2) TYPE OF ASSISTANCE.—The law enforce-
2 ment and intelligence technical assistance authorized
3 under paragraph (1)(A) may include—

4 (A) training regarding the utilization of bi-
5 ometric identification technologies in abduction
6 and trafficking in persons investigations;

7 (B) assistance with respect to collecting
8 and analyzing open source intelligence informa-
9 tion;

10 (C) assistance in the development and use
11 of secure communications technologies; and

12 (D) assistance with respect to managing
13 and securing relevant databases.

14 (3) REPORTS.—Not later than 30 days after
15 the determination to provide assistance in any cat-
16 egory identified in this subsection, the Secretary of
17 State shall brief the Committee on Foreign Relations
18 of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs
19 of the House of Representatives on—

20 (A) the amount of assistance determined to
21 be obligated;

22 (B) the type of assistance to be utilized;
23 and

1 (C) any information on the technology
2 operationalized to support the means identified
3 in this subsection.

4 (d) COORDINATION.—

5 (1) NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.—The
6 Department of Justice and the Department of State
7 may coordinate with, and provide grants to, non-
8 governmental organizations to carry out the assist-
9 ance authorized under subsection (c).

10 (2) FEDERAL AGENCIES.—The National Secu-
11 rity Council may coordinate with appropriate rep-
12 resentatives from the Department of Justice, the
13 Department of State, the intelligence community (as
14 defined in section 3 of the National Security Act of
15 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003)), and other Federal agen-
16 cies, as needed, to carry out the assistance author-
17 ized under subsection (c).

18 (e) REHABILITATION AND REINTEGRATION.—

19 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF ASSISTANCE.—The
20 Secretary of State is authorized to provide support
21 to the Government of Ukraine and nongovernmental
22 organizations and local civil society groups in
23 Ukraine for the purpose of providing Ukrainian chil-
24 dren (including teenagers) who have been abducted,

1 forcibly transferred, or held against their will by the
2 Russian Federation with—

3 (A) medical and psychological rehabilita-
4 tion services;

5 (B) family reunification and support serv-
6 ices; and

7 (C) services in support of the reintegration
8 of such children into Ukrainian society, includ-
9 ing case management, legal aid, and edu-
10 cational screening and placement.

11 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the
12 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
13 State shall submit a report to the Committee on
14 Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee
15 on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
16 that describes all current or planned foreign assist-
17 ance programs that will provide the assistance au-
18 thorized under paragraph (1).

19 (f) ATROCITY CRIMES ADVISORY GROUP FOR
20 UKRAINE.—The Department of State is authorized to
21 support the Atrocity Crimes Advisory Group for Ukraine
22 by providing technical assistance, capacity building, and
23 advisory support to the Government of Ukraine’s Office
24 of the Prosecutor General, and other relevant components
25 of the Government of Ukraine, for the purpose of inves-

1 tigating and prosecuting cases involving abducted chil-
2 dren, and other atrocity crimes.

3 (g) DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.—The Department of
4 Justice is authorized to provide technical assistance, ca-
5 pacity building, and advisory support to the Government
6 of Ukraine through its Office of Overseas Prosecutorial
7 Development, Assistance, and Training, which shall be co-
8 ordinated by the Resident Legal Adviser at the United
9 States Embassy in Kyiv, for the purpose of investigating
10 and prosecuting cases involving abducted children, and
11 other atrocity crimes.

12 (h) REPORTS.—Not later than 60 days after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act—

14 (1) the Secretary of State, in coordination with
15 the Attorney General, shall submit a report to the
16 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, the
17 Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, the Com-
18 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
19 resentatives, and the Committee on the Judiciary of
20 the House of Representatives that describes current
21 and planned United States Government support for
22 the Government of Ukraine’s work to investigate
23 and prosecute atrocity crimes; and

24 (2) the Secretary of State, in coordination with
25 the Secretary of the Treasury, shall submit a report

1 to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
 2 ate, the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
 3 Urban Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on For-
 4 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and
 5 the Committee on Financial Services of the House of
 6 Representatives that outlines—

7 (A) any discrepancies between the sanc-
 8 tions regimes of the United States, the United
 9 Kingdom, and the European Union with respect
 10 to those responsible for the abduction of
 11 Ukrainian children; and

12 (B) efforts made by the United States
 13 Government to better align such sanction re-
 14 gimes.

15 **Subtitle F—Western Balkans**

16 **Democracy and Prosperity**

17 **SEC. 1271. SHORT TITLE.**

18 This subtitle may be cited as the “Western Balkans
 19 Democracy and Prosperity Act”.

20 **SEC. 1272. FINDINGS.**

21 Congress finds the following:

22 (1) The Western Balkans countries (the Repub-
 23 lic of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic
 24 of Kosovo, Montenegro, the Republic of North Mac-
 25 edonia and the Republic of Serbia) form a plural-

1 istic, multi-ethnic region in the heart of Europe that
2 is critical to the peace, stability, and prosperity of
3 that continent.

4 (2) Continued peace, stability, and prosperity in
5 the Western Balkans is directly tied to the opportu-
6 nities for democratic and economic advancement
7 available to the citizens and residents of those six
8 countries.

9 (3) It is in the mutual interest of the United
10 States and the countries of the Western Balkans to
11 promote stable and sustainable economic growth and
12 development in the region.

13 (4) The reforms and integration with the Euro-
14 pean Union pursued by countries in the Western
15 Balkans have led to significant democratic and eco-
16 nomic progress in the region.

17 (5) Despite economic progress, rates of poverty
18 and unemployment in the Western Balkans remain
19 higher than in neighboring European Union coun-
20 tries.

21 (6) Out-migration, particularly of youth, is af-
22 fecting demographics in each Western Balkans coun-
23 try, resulting in population decline in all six coun-
24 tries.

1 (7) Implementing critical economic and govern-
2 ance reforms could help enable investment and em-
3 ployment opportunities in the Western Balkans, es-
4 pecially for youth, and can provide powerful tools for
5 economic development and for encouraging broader
6 participation in a political process that increases
7 prosperity for all.

8 (8) Existing regional economic efforts, such as
9 the Common Regional Market, the Berlin Process,
10 and the Open Balkan Initiative, could have the po-
11 tential to improve the economic conditions in the
12 Western Balkans, while promoting inclusion and
13 transparency.

14 (9) The Department of Commerce, through its
15 Foreign Commercial Service, plays an important role
16 in promoting and facilitating opportunities for
17 United States investment.

18 (10) Corruption, including among key political
19 leaders, continues to plague the Western Balkans
20 and represents one of the greatest impediments to
21 further economic and political development in the re-
22 gion.

23 (11) Disinformation campaigns targeting the
24 Western Balkans undermine the credibility of its

1 democratic institutions, including the integrity of its
2 elections.

3 (12) Vulnerability to cyberattacks or attacks on
4 information and communication technology infra-
5 structure increases risks to the functioning of gov-
6 ernment and the delivery of public services.

7 (13) United States Cyber Command, the De-
8 partment of State, and other Federal agencies play
9 a critical role in defending the national security in-
10 terests of the United States, including by deploying
11 cyber hunt forward teams at the request of partner
12 nations to reinforce their cyber defenses.

13 (14) Securing domestic and international cyber
14 networks and ICT infrastructure is a national secu-
15 rity priority for the United States, which is exempli-
16 fied by offices and programs across the Federal Gov-
17 ernment that support cybersecurity.

18 (15) Corruption and disinformation proliferate
19 in political environments marked by autocratic con-
20 trol or partisan conflict.

21 (16) Dependence on Russian sources of fossil
22 fuels and natural gas for the countries of the West-
23 ern Balkans ties their economies and politics to the
24 Russian Federation and inhibits their aspirations for
25 European integration.

1 (17) Reducing the reliance of the Western Bal-
2 kans on Russian natural gas supplies and fossil fuels
3 is in the national interest of the United States.

4 (18) The growing influence of China in the
5 Western Balkans could also have a deleterious im-
6 pact on strategic competition, democracy, and eco-
7 nomic integration with Europe.

8 (19) In March 2022, President Biden launched
9 the European Democratic Resilience Initiative to
10 bolster democratic resilience, advance anti-corruption
11 efforts, and defend human rights in Ukraine and its
12 neighbors in response to Russia’s war of aggression.

13 (20) The parliamentary and local elections held
14 in Serbia on December 17, 2023, and their imme-
15 diate aftermath are cause for deep concern about the
16 state of Serbia’s democracy, including due to the
17 final report of the Organization for Security and Co-
18 operation in Europe’s Office for Democratic Institu-
19 tions and Human Rights, which—

20 (A) found “unjust conditions” for the elec-
21 tion;

22 (B) found “numerous procedural defi-
23 ciencies, including inconsistent application of
24 safeguards during voting and counting, fre-
25 quent instances of overcrowding, breaches in se-

1 crecy of the vote, and numerous instances of
2 group voting”; and

3 (C) asserted that “voting must be re-
4 peated” in certain polling stations.

5 (21) The Organization for Security and Co-op-
6 eration in Europe also noted that Serbian officials
7 accused primarily peaceful protestors, opposition
8 parties, and civil society of “attempting to desta-
9 bilize the government”, a concerning allegation that
10 threatens the safety of important elements of Ser-
11 bian society.

12 (22) Democratic countries whose values are in
13 alignment with the United States make for stronger
14 and more durable partnerships.

15 **SEC. 1273. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

16 It is a sense of Congress that the United States
17 should—

18 (1) encourage increased business links and in-
19 vestment between the United States and allies and
20 partners in the Western Balkans;

21 (2) expand United States assistance to regional
22 integration efforts in the Western Balkans;

23 (3) strengthen and expand regional economic
24 integration in the Western Balkans, especially enter-
25 prises 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, including equal representation for women, youth, and persons with disabilities;

(E) political stability; and

(F) modern, free-market based economies.

1 (7) support the accession of those Western Bal-
2 kans countries that are not already members to the
3 European Union and to the North Atlantic Treaty
4 Organization (referred to in this section as
5 “NATO”) for countries that—

6 (A) desire membership;

7 (B) are eligible for membership,

8 (C) are supported by all allies to proceed
9 with an invitation for such membership; and

10 (D) are in a position to further the prin-
11 ciples of the North Atlantic Treaty and mean-
12 ingfully contribute to the collective security of
13 NATO;

14 (8) support—

15 (A) maintaining the full European Union
16 Force (EUFOR) mandate in Bosnia and
17 Herzegovina as being in the national security
18 interests of the United States; and

19 (B) encouraging NATO and the European
20 Union to review their mission mandates and
21 posture in Bosnia and Herzegovina to ensure
22 they are playing a proactive role in establishing
23 a safe and secure environment, particularly in
24 the realm of defense;

1 (9) acknowledge the European Union member-
2 ship aspirations of Albania, Bosnia and
3 Herzegovina, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Monte-
4 negro, and Serbia and support those countries to
5 meet the benchmarks required for their accession;

6 (10) continue to support the cultural heritage,
7 and recognize the languages, of the Western Bal-
8 kans;

9 (11) coordinate closely with the European
10 Union, the United Kingdom, and other allies and
11 partners on sanctions designations in Western Bal-
12 kans countries and work to align efforts as much as
13 possible to demonstrate a clear commitment to up-
14 holding democratic values;

15 (12) expand bilateral security cooperation with
16 non-NATO member Western Balkans countries, par-
17 ticularly efforts focused on regional integration and
18 cooperation, including through the Adriatic Charter,
19 which was launched at Tirana on May 2, 2003;

20 (13) increase efforts to combat Russian malign
21 influence campaigns and any other destabilizing or
22 disruptive activities targeting the Western Balkans
23 through engagement with government institutions,
24 political stakeholders, journalists, civil society orga-
25 nizations, 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 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; and

(16) prioritize partnerships and programming with Western Balkan countries that demonstrate commitment toward strengthening their democracies and show respect for human rights.

SEC. 1274. 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;

1 (C) the Committee on Banking, Housing,
2 and Urban Affairs of the Senate;

3 (D) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
4 the House of Representatives;

5 (E) the Committee on Appropriations of
6 the House of Representatives; and

7 (F) the Committee on Financial Services
8 of the House of Representatives.

9 (2) ICT.—The term “ICT” means information
10 and communication technology.

11 (3) WESTERN BALKANS.—The term “Western
12 Balkans” means the region comprised of the fol-
13 lowing countries:

14 (A) The Republic of Albania.

15 (B) Bosnia and Herzegovina.

16 (C) The Republic of Kosovo.

17 (D) Montenegro.

18 (E) The Republic of North Macedonia.

19 (F) The Republic of Serbia.

20 (4) WESTERN BALKANS COUNTRY.—The term
21 “Western Balkans country” means any country list-
22 ed in subparagraphs (A) through (F) of paragraph
23 (3).

1 **SEC. 1275. CODIFICATION OF SANCTIONS RELATING TO**
2 **THE WESTERN BALKANS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each person listed or designated
4 for the imposition of sanctions under an executive order
5 described in subsection (c) as of the date of the enactment
6 of this Act shall remain so designated, except as provided
7 in subsections (d) and (f).

8 (b) CONTINUATION OF SANCTIONS AUTHORITIES.—
9 Each authority to impose sanctions provided for under an
10 executive order described in subsection (c) shall remain
11 in effect.

12 (c) EXECUTIVE ORDERS SPECIFIED.—The executive
13 orders specified in this subsection are—

14 (1) Executive Order 13219, as amended by Ex-
15 ecutive Order 13304 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note; relating
16 to blocking property of persons who threaten inter-
17 national stabilization efforts in the Western Bal-
18 kans); and

19 (2) Executive Order 14033 (50 U.S.C. 1701
20 note; relating to blocking property and suspending
21 entry into the United States of certain persons con-
22 tributing to the destabilizing situation in the West-
23 ern Balkans), as amended by Executive Order
24 14140 (90 Fed. Reg. 2589; relating to taking addi-
25 tional steps with respect to the situation in the

1 Western Balkans), as in effect on the date of the en-
2 actment of Executive Order 14140.

3 (d) TERMINATION OF SANCTIONS.—The President
4 may terminate the application of a sanction authorized
5 under Executive Order 14033, as amended by Executive
6 Order 14140, with respect to a person if the President
7 certifies to the appropriate committees of Congress that—

8 (1) the person is not engaging in the activity
9 that was the basis for such sanction or has taken
10 significant verifiable steps toward stopping such ac-
11 tivity; and

12 (2) the President has received reliable assur-
13 ances that the person will not knowingly engage in
14 activity subject to such sanction in the future.

15 (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING DELISTING
16 PROCEDURES RELATING TO SANCTIONS AUTHORIZED
17 UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDERS 13219 AND 13304.—Noth-
18 ing in subsection (d) may be construed to modify the
19 delisting procedures used by the Department of the Treas-
20 ury with respect to sanctions authorized under Executive
21 Order 13219, as amended by Executive Order 13304 (50
22 U.S.C. 1701 note; relating to blocking property of persons
23 who threaten international stabilization efforts in the
24 Western Balkans).

25 (f) WAIVER.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may waive
2 the application of sanctions under this section for re-
3 newable periods not to exceed 180 days if the Presi-
4 dent—

5 (A) determines that such a waiver is in the
6 national security interests of the United States;
7 and

8 (B) not less than 15 days before the grant-
9 ing of the waiver, submits to the appropriate
10 committees of Congress a notice of and jus-
11 tification for the waiver.

12 (2) FORM.—The waiver described in paragraph
13 (1) may be transmitted in classified form.

14 (g) EXCEPTIONS.—

15 (1) HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.—Sanctions
16 authorized under this section shall not apply to—

17 (A) the conduct or facilitation of a trans-
18 action for the provision of agricultural commod-
19 ities, food, medicine, medical devices, humani-
20 tarian assistance, or for humanitarian purposes;
21 or

22 (B) transactions that are necessary for, or
23 ordinarily incident to, the activities described in
24 subparagraph (A).

1 (2) COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL OBLI-
2 GATIONS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES.—

3 Sanctions authorized under this section shall not
4 apply with respect to an alien if admitting or parol-
5 ing such alien is necessary—

6 (A) to comply with United States obliga-
7 tions under—

8 (i) the Agreement between the United
9 Nations and the United States of America
10 regarding the Headquarters of the United
11 Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26,
12 1947, and entered into force November 21,
13 1947;

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

17 (iii) any other international agree-
18 ment; or

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

21 (3) EXCEPTION FOR INTELLIGENCE ACTIVI-
22 TIES.—Sanctions authorized under this section shall
23 not apply to—

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

4 (B) any authorized intelligence activities of
 5 the United States.

6 (4) EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF
 7 GOODS.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—The requirement to
 9 block and prohibit all transactions in all prop-
 10 erty and interests in property under this section
 11 shall not include the authority or a requirement
 12 to impose sanctions on the importation of
 13 goods.

14 (B) DEFINED TERM.—In this paragraph,
 15 the term “good” means any article, natural or
 16 manmade substance, material, supply or manu-
 17 factured product, including inspection and test
 18 equipment, and excluding technical data.

19 (h) RULEMAKING.—The President is authorized to
 20 promulgate such rules and regulations as may be nec-
 21 essary to carry out the provisions of this section (which
 22 may include regulatory exceptions), including under sec-
 23 tion 205 of the International Emergency Economic Pow-
 24 ers Act (50 U.S.C. 1704)).

1 (i) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
2 tion may be construed to limit the authorities of the Presi-
3 dent under the International Emergency Economic Powers
4 Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.).

5 (j) SUNSET.—This section shall cease to have force
6 or effect beginning on the date that is 8 years after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act.

8 **SEC. 1276. DEMOCRATIC AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
9 **AND PROSPERITY INITIATIVES.**

10 (a) ANTI-CORRUPTION INITIATIVE.—The Secretary
11 of State, through ongoing and new programs, should de-
12 velop an initiative that—

13 (1) seeks to expand technical assistance in each
14 Western Balkans country, taking into account local
15 conditions and contingent on the agreement of the
16 host country government to develop new national
17 anti-corruption strategies;

18 (2) seeks to share best practices with, and pro-
19 vide training, including through the use of embedded
20 advisors, to civilian law enforcement agencies and ju-
21 dicial institutions, and other relevant administrative
22 bodies, of the Western Balkans countries, to improve
23 the efficiency, transparency, and accountability of
24 such agencies and institutions;

1 (3) strengthens existing national anti-corruption
2 strategies—

3 (A) to combat political corruption, particu-
4 larly in the judiciary, independent election over-
5 sight bodies, and public procurement processes;
6 and

7 (B) to strengthen regulatory and legislative
8 oversight of critical governance areas, such as
9 freedom of information and public procurement,
10 including by strengthening cyber defenses and
11 ICT infrastructure networks;

12 (4) includes the Western Balkans countries in
13 the European Democratic Resilience Initiative of the
14 Department of State, or any equivalent successor
15 initiative, and considers the Western Balkans as a
16 recipient of anti-corruption funding for such initia-
17 tive; and

18 (5) seeks to promote the important role of an
19 independent media in countering corruption through
20 engagements with governments of Western Balkan
21 countries and providing training opportunities for
22 journalists on investigative reporting.

23 (b) PRIORITIZING CYBER RESILIENCE, REGIONAL
24 ECONOMIC CONNECTIVITY, AND ECONOMIC COMPETI-
25 TIVENESS.—

1 (1) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
2 Congress that—

3 (A) promoting stronger economic, civic,
4 and political relationships among Western Bal-
5 kans countries will enable countries to better
6 utilize existing resources and maximize their
7 economic security and democratic resilience by
8 reinforcing cyber defenses and increasing eco-
9 nomic activity among other countries in the re-
10 gion; and

11 (B) United States private investments in
12 and assistance toward creating a more inte-
13 grated region ensures political stability and se-
14 curity for the region.

15 (2) 5-YEAR STRATEGY FOR ECONOMIC DEVEL-
16 OPMENT AND DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE IN WESTERN
17 BALKANS.—Not later than 180 days after the date
18 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,
19 in coordination with the heads of other relevant Fed-
20 eral departments and agencies, shall submit to the
21 appropriate committees of Congress a regional eco-
22 nomic development and democratic resilience strat-
23 egy for the Western Balkans that complements the
24 efforts of the European Union, European nations,
25 and other multilateral financing institutions—

1 (A) to consider the full set of tools and re-
2 sources available from the relevant agencies;

3 (B) to include efforts to ensure coordina-
4 tion with multilateral and bilateral partners,
5 such as the European Union, the World Bank,
6 and other relevant assistance frameworks;

7 (C) to include an initial public assessment
8 of—

9 (i) economic opportunities for which
10 United States businesses, or those of other
11 like-minded partner countries, would be
12 competitive;

13 (ii) legal, economic, governance,
14 infrastructural, or other barriers limiting
15 United States economic activity and invest-
16 ment in the Western Balkans;

17 (iii) the effectiveness of all existing re-
18 gional cooperation initiatives, such as the
19 Open Balkan initiative and the Western
20 Balkans Common Regional Market; and

21 (iv) ways to increase United States
22 economic activity and investment within
23 the Western Balkans;

24 (D) to develop human and institutional ca-
25 pacity and infrastructure across multiple sec-

1 tors of economies, including clean energy, en-
2 ergy efficiency, agriculture, small and medium-
3 sized enterprise development, health, and cyber-
4 security;

5 (E) to assist with the development and im-
6 plementation of programs or initiatives to in-
7 crease economic development and prosperity in
8 the region;

9 (F) to support small- and medium-sized
10 businesses, including women-owned enterprises;

11 (G) to promote government and civil soci-
12 ety policies and programs that combat corrup-
13 tion and encourage transparency (including by
14 supporting independent media by promoting the
15 safety and security of journalists), free and fair
16 competition, sound governance, judicial reform,
17 environmental stewardship, and business envi-
18 ronments conducive to sustainable and inclusive
19 economic growth; and

20 (H) to include a public diplomacy strategy
21 that describes the actions that will be taken by
22 relevant agencies to increase support for the
23 United States relationship by citizens of West-
24 ern Balkans countries.

1 (3) BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
3 of State shall provide a briefing to the appropriate
4 committees of Congress that describes the progress
5 made towards developing the strategy required
6 under paragraph (2).

7 (c) REGIONAL ECONOMIC CONNECTIVITY AND DE-
8 VELOPMENT INITIATIVE.—

9 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of State,
10 in coordination with the heads of other relevant Fed-
11 eral departments and agencies, may coordinate a re-
12 gional economic connectivity and development initia-
13 tive for the region comprised of each Western Bal-
14 kans country and any European Union member
15 country that shares a border with a Western Bal-
16 kans country (referred to in this subsection as the
17 “Western Balkans region”) in accordance with this
18 subsection.

19 (2) INITIATIVE ELEMENTS.—The initiative au-
20 thorized under paragraph (1) shall—

21 (A) promote private sector growth and
22 competitiveness and increase the capacity of
23 businesses, particularly small and medium-sized
24 enterprises, in the Western Balkans region;

1 (B) aim to increase intraregional exports
2 to countries in the Balkans and European
3 Union member states;

4 (C) aim to increase United States eco-
5 nomic activity and investments in countries in
6 the Western Balkans;

7 (D) support startup companies, including
8 companies led by youth or women, in the West-
9 ern Balkans region by—

10 (i) providing training in business
11 skills and leadership; and

12 (ii) providing opportunities to connect
13 to sources of capital;

14 (E) encourage and promote increased eco-
15 nomic activity and investment in the Western
16 Balkans through engagement with the Western
17 Balkans diaspora communities in the United
18 States and abroad;

19 (F) provide assistance to the governments
20 and civil society organizations of Western Bal-
21 kans countries to develop—

22 (i) regulations to ensure fair and ef-
23 fective investment; and

1 (ii) screening tools to identify and
2 deter malign investments and other coer-
3 cive economic practices;

4 (G) identify areas where application of ad-
5 ditional resources and workforce retraining
6 could expand successful programs to 1 or more
7 countries in the Western Balkans region by
8 building on the existing experience and program
9 architecture;

10 (H) compare existing single-country sector
11 analyses to determine areas of focus that would
12 benefit from a regional approach with respect to
13 the Western Balkans region; and

14 (I) promote intraregional economic
15 connectivity throughout the Western Balkans
16 region through—

17 (i) programming, including grants, co-
18 operative agreements, and other forms of
19 assistance;

20 (ii) expanding awareness of the avail-
21 ability of loans and other financial instru-
22 ments from the United States Government;
23 and

24 (iii) coordinating access to existing in-
25 struments to promote economic activity

1 and investment that are available through
2 allies and partners in the Western Balkans
3 region, including the European Union and
4 international financial institutions.

5 (3) SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE
6 PROJECTS.—The initiative authorized under para-
7 graph (1) should facilitate and prioritize support for
8 regional infrastructure projects, including—

9 (A) transportation projects that build
10 roads, bridges, railways and other physical in-
11 frastructure to facilitate travel of goods and
12 people throughout the Western Balkans region;

13 (B) technical support and investments
14 needed to meet United States and European
15 Union standards for air travel, including
16 screening and information sharing;

17 (C) the development of telecommunications
18 networks with trusted providers;

19 (D) infrastructure projects that connect
20 Western Balkans countries to each other and to
21 countries with which they share a border;

22 (E) information exchange on effective ten-
23 der procedures and transparent procurement
24 processes;

1 (F) investment transparency programs
2 that will help countries in the Western Balkans
3 analyze gaps and establish institutional and
4 regulatory reforms necessary—

5 (i) to create an enabling environment
6 for economic activities and investment; and

7 (ii) to strengthen protections against
8 suspect investments through public pro-
9 curement and privatization and through
10 foreign direct investments;

11 (G) sharing best practices learned from the
12 United States and other international partners
13 to ensure that institutional and regulatory
14 mechanisms are fair, nonarbitrary, effective,
15 and free from corruption;

16 (H) projects that support regional energy
17 security and reduce dependence on Russian en-
18 ergy;

19 (I) technical assistance and generating pri-
20 vate investment in projects that promote
21 connectivity and energy-sharing in the Western
22 Balkans region;

23 (J) technical assistance to support regional
24 collaboration on environmental protection that

1 includes governmental, political, civic, and busi-
2 ness stakeholders; and

3 (K) technical assistance to develop financ-
4 ing options and help create linkages with poten-
5 tial financing institutions and investors.

6 (4) REQUIREMENTS.—All programming under
7 the initiative authorized under paragraph (1) shall—

8 (A) be open to the participation of Albania,
9 Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro,
10 North Macedonia, and Serbia;

11 (B) be consistent with European Union ac-
12 cession requirements;

13 (C) be focused on retaining talent within
14 the Western Balkans;

15 (D) promote government policies in West-
16 ern Balkans countries that encourage free and
17 fair competition, sound governance, environ-
18 mental protection, and business environments
19 that are conducive to sustainable and inclusive
20 economic growth; and

21 (E) include a public diplomacy strategy to
22 inform local and regional audiences in the
23 Western Balkans region about the initiative, in-
24 cluding specific programs and projects.

1 (d) UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
2 FINANCE CORPORATION.—

3 (1) APPOINTMENTS.—Not later than 1 year
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, subject
5 to the availability of appropriations, the Chief Exec-
6 utive Officer of the United States International De-
7 velopment Finance Corporation, in collaboration
8 with the Secretary of State, should consider includ-
9 ing a regional office with responsibilities for the
10 Western Balkans within the Corporation’s plans to
11 open new regional offices.

12 (2) JOINT REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
14 Chief Executive Officer of the United States Inter-
15 national Development Finance Corporation and the
16 Secretary of State shall submit a joint report to the
17 appropriate committees of Congress that includes—

18 (A) an assessment of the benefits of pro-
19 viding sovereign loan guarantees to countries in
20 the Western Balkans to support infrastructure
21 and energy diversification projects;

22 (B) an outline of additional resources, such
23 as tools, funding, and personnel, which may be
24 required to offer sovereign loan guarantees in
25 the Western Balkans; and

1 (C) an assessment of how the United
2 States International Development Finance Cor-
3 poration, in coordination with the United States
4 Trade and Development Agency and the Ex-
5 port-Import Bank of the United States, can de-
6 ploy its insurance products in support of bonds
7 or other instruments issued to raise capital
8 through United States financial markets in the
9 Western Balkans.

10 **SEC. 1277. PROMOTING CROSS-CULTURAL AND EDU-**
11 **CATIONAL ENGAGEMENT.**

12 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
13 gress that—

14 (1) promoting partnerships between United
15 States universities and universities in the Western
16 Balkans advances United States foreign policy goals
17 and requires a whole-of-government approach, in-
18 cluding the utilization of public-private partnerships;
19 and

20 (2) such partnerships would provide opportuni-
21 ties for exchanging academic ideas, technical exper-
22 tise, research, and cultural understanding for the
23 benefit of the United States and may provide addi-
24 tional beneficial opportunities for cooperation in the
25 private sector.

1 (b) UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS.—The President,
2 working through the Secretary of State, is authorized to
3 promote partnerships between United States universities
4 and universities in the Western Balkans, including—

5 (1) supporting research and analysis on cyber
6 resilience;

7 (2) working with partner governments to re-
8 form policies, improve curricula, strengthen data
9 systems, train teachers and students, including
10 English language teaching, and to provide quality,
11 inclusive learning materials;

12 (3) encouraging knowledge exchanges to help
13 provide individuals, particularly at-risk youth,
14 women, people with disabilities, and other vulner-
15 able, marginalized, or underserved communities,
16 with relevant education, training, and skills for
17 meaningful employment;

18 (4) promoting teaching and research exchanges
19 between institutions of higher education in the West-
20 ern Balkans and in the United States; and

21 (5) encouraging alliances and exchanges with
22 like-minded institutions of education within the
23 Western Balkans and the larger European continent.

1 **SEC. 1278. YOUNG BALKAN LEADERS INITIATIVE.**

2 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
3 gress that—

4 (1) regular people-to-people exchange programs
5 that bring religious leaders, journalists, civil society
6 members, politicians, and other individuals from the
7 Western Balkans to the United States will strength-
8 en existing relationships and advance United States
9 interests and shared values in the Western Balkans
10 region; and

11 (2) the Department of State, through BOLD, a
12 leadership program for young leaders in certain
13 Western Balkans countries, plays an important role
14 to develop young leaders in improving civic engage-
15 ment and economic development in Bosnia and
16 Herzegovina, Serbia, and Montenegro.

17 (b) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of State should
18 continue the BOLD Leadership Program, which shall
19 hereafter be known as the “Young Balkan Leaders Initia-
20 tive”, to promote educational and professional develop-
21 ment for young adult leaders and professionals in the
22 Western Balkans who have demonstrated a passion to con-
23 tribute to the continued development of the Western Bal-
24 kans region.

25 (c) CONDUCT OF INITIATIVE.—The goals of the
26 Young Balkan Leaders Initiative should include—

1 (1) building the capacity of young Balkan lead-
2 ers in the Western Balkans in the areas of business
3 and information technology, cyber security and
4 digitization, agriculture, civic engagement, and pub-
5 lic administration;

6 (2) supporting young Balkan leaders by offer-
7 ing professional development, training, and net-
8 working opportunities, particularly in the areas of
9 leadership, innovation, civic engagement, elections,
10 human rights, entrepreneurship, good governance,
11 public administration, and journalism;

12 (3) supporting young political, parliamentary,
13 and civic Balkan leaders in collaboration on regional
14 initiatives related to good governance, environmental
15 protection, government ethics, and minority inclu-
16 sion; and

17 (4) providing increased economic and technical
18 assistance to young Balkan leaders to promote eco-
19 nomic growth and strengthen ties between busi-
20 nesses, investors, and entrepreneurs in the United
21 States and in Western Balkans countries.

22 (d) FELLOWSHIPS.—Under the Young Balkan Lead-
23 ers Initiative, the Secretary of State is authorized to
24 award fellowships to young leaders from the Western Bal-
25 kans who—

1 (1) are between 18 and 35 years of age;

2 (2) have demonstrated strong capabilities in en-
3 trepreneurship, innovation, public service, and lead-
4 ership;

5 (3) have had a positive impact in their commu-
6 nities, organizations, or institutions, including by
7 promoting cross-regional and multiethnic coopera-
8 tion; and

9 (4) represent a cross-section of geographic, gen-
10 der, political, and cultural diversity.

11 (e) BRIEFING ON CERTAIN EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.—
12 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment
13 of this Act, the Secretary of State shall provide a briefing
14 to the appropriate committees of Congress that describes
15 the status of exchange programs involving the Western
16 Balkans region.

17 **SEC. 1279. SUPPORTING CYBERSECURITY AND CYBER RE-**
18 **SILIENCE IN THE WESTERN BALKANS.**

19 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
20 gress that—

21 (1) United States support for cybersecurity,
22 cyber resilience, and secure ICT infrastructure in
23 Western Balkans countries will strengthen the re-
24 gion’s ability to defend itself from and respond to
25 malicious cyber activity conducted by nonstate and

1 foreign actors, including foreign governments, that
2 seek to influence the region;

3 (2) insecure ICT networks that are vulnerable
4 to manipulation can increase opportunities for—

5 (A) the compromise of cyber infrastruc-
6 ture, including data networks, electronic infra-
7 structure, and software systems; and

8 (B) the use of online information oper-
9 ations by adversaries and malign actors to un-
10 dermine United States allies and interests; and

11 (3) it is in the national security interest of the
12 United States to support the cybersecurity and cyber
13 resilience of Western Balkans countries.

14 (b) INTERAGENCY REPORT ON CYBERSECURITY AND
15 THE DIGITAL INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT IN WESTERN
16 BALKANS COUNTRIES.—Not later than 1 year after the
17 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,
18 in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, the Sec-
19 retary of Homeland Security, and the heads of other rel-
20 evant Federal agencies, shall submit a report to the appro-
21 priate committees of Congress and the Committee on
22 Armed Services of the Senate that contains—

23 (1) an overview of interagency efforts to
24 strengthen cybersecurity and cyber resilience in
25 Western Balkans countries;

1 (2) a review of the information environment in
2 each Western Balkans country;

3 (3) a review of existing United States Govern-
4 ment cyber and digital initiatives that—

5 (A) counter influence operations and safe-
6 guard elections and democratic processes in
7 Western Balkans countries;

8 (B) strengthen ICT infrastructure, digital
9 accessibility, and cybersecurity capacity in the
10 Western Balkans;

11 (C) support democracy and internet free-
12 dom in Western Balkans countries; and

13 (D) build cyber capacity of governments
14 who are allies or partners of the United States;

15 (4) an assessment of cyber threat information
16 sharing between the United States and Western Bal-
17 kans countries;

18 (5) an assessment of—

19 (A) options for the United States to better
20 support cybersecurity and cyber resilience in
21 Western Balkans countries through changes to
22 current assistance authorities; and

23 (B) the advantages or limitations, such as
24 funding or office space, of posting cyber profes-
25 sionals from other Federal departments and

1 agencies to United States diplomatic posts in
2 Western Balkans countries and providing rel-
3 evant training to Foreign Service Officers; and
4 (6) any additional support needed from the
5 United States for the cybersecurity and cyber resil-
6 ience of the following NATO Allies: Albania, Monte-
7 negro, and North Macedonia.

8 **SEC. 1280. RELATIONS BETWEEN KOSOVO AND SERBIA.**

9 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
10 gress that—

11 (1) the Agreement on the Path to Normaliza-
12 tion of Relations, which was agreed to by Kosovo
13 and Serbia on February 27, 2023, with the facilita-
14 tion of the European Union, is a positive step for-
15 ward in advancing normalization between the two
16 countries;

17 (2) Serbia and Kosovo should seek to make im-
18 mediate progress on the Implementation Annex to
19 the agreement referred to in paragraph (1);

20 (3) once sufficient progress has been made on
21 the Implementation Annex, the United States should
22 consider advancing initiatives to strengthen bilateral
23 relations with both countries, which could include—

24 (A) establishing bilateral strategic dia-
25 logues with Kosovo and Serbia; and

1 (B) advancing concrete initiatives to deep-
2 en economic ties and investment with both
3 countries; and

4 (4) the United States should continue to sup-
5 port a comprehensive final agreement between
6 Kosovo and Serbia based on mutual recognition.

7 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
8 United States Government that—

9 (1) it shall not pursue any policy that advocates
10 for land swaps, partition, or other forms of redraw-
11 ing borders along ethnic lines in the Western Bal-
12 kans as a means to settle disputes between nation
13 states in the region; and

14 (2) it should support pluralistic democracies in
15 countries in the Western Balkans as a means to pre-
16 vent a return to the ethnic strife that once charac-
17 terized the region.

18 **SEC. 1280A. REPORTS ON RUSSIAN AND CHINESE MALIGN**
19 **INFLUENCE OPERATIONS AND CAMPAIGNS IN**
20 **THE WESTERN BALKANS.**

21 (a) REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
22 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every two
23 years thereafter, the Secretary of State, in coordination
24 with the Secretary of Defense, the Director of National
25 Intelligence, and the heads of other Federal departments

1 or agencies, as appropriate, shall submit a report to the
2 appropriate committees of Congress, the Select Committee
3 on Intelligence of the Senate, the Committee on Armed
4 Services of the Senate, and the Permanent Select Com-
5 mittee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives re-
6 garding Russian and Chinese malign influence operations
7 and campaigns carried out with respect to Balkan coun-
8 tries that seek—

9 (1) to undermine democratic institutions;

10 (2) to promote political instability; and

11 (3) to harm the interests of the United States
12 and North Atlantic Treaty Organization member
13 and partner states in the Western Balkans.

14 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each report submitted pursuant to
15 subsection (a) shall include—

16 (1) an assessment of the objectives of the Rus-
17 sian Federation and the People’s Republic of China
18 regarding malign influence operations and cam-
19 paigns carried out with respect to Western Balkans
20 countries—

21 (A) to undermine democratic institutions,
22 including the planning and execution of demo-
23 cratic elections;

24 (B) to promote political instability; and

1 (C) to manipulate the information environ-
2 ment;

3 (2) the activities and roles of the Department
4 of State and other relevant Federal agencies in
5 countering Russian and Chinese malign influence
6 operations and campaigns;

7 (3) an assessment of—

8 (A) each network, entity and individual, to
9 the extent such information is available, of Rus-
10 sia, China, or any other country with which
11 Russia or China may cooperate, that is sup-
12 porting such Russian or Chinese malign influ-
13 ence operations or campaigns, including the
14 provision of financial or operational support to
15 activities in a Western Balkans country that
16 may limit freedom of speech or create barriers
17 of access to democratic processes, including ex-
18 ercising the right to vote in a free and fair elec-
19 tion; and

20 (B) the role of each such entity in pro-
21 viding such support;

22 (4) the identification of the tactics, techniques,
23 and procedures used in Russian or Chinese malign
24 influence operations and campaigns in Western Bal-
25 kans countries;

1 (5) an assessment of the effect of previous Rus-
2 sian or Chinese malign influence operations and
3 campaigns that targeted alliances and partnerships
4 of the United States Armed Forces in the Western
5 Balkans, including the effectiveness of such oper-
6 ations and campaigns in achieving the objectives of
7 Russia and China, respectively;

8 (6) the identification of each Western Balkans
9 country with respect to which Russia or China has
10 conducted or attempted to conduct a malign influ-
11 ence operation or campaign;

12 (7) an assessment of the capacity and efforts of
13 NATO and of each individual Western Balkans
14 country to counter Russian or Chinese malign influ-
15 ence operations and campaigns carried out with re-
16 spect to Western Balkans countries;

17 (8) the efforts by the United States to combat
18 such malign influence operations in the Western
19 Balkans, including through the Countering Russian
20 Influence Fund and the Countering People's Repub-
21 lic of China Malign Influence Fund;

22 (9) an assessment of the tactics, techniques,
23 and procedures that the Secretary of State, in con-
24 sultation with the Director of National Intelligence
25 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 G—DFC Modernization and Reauthorization Act of 2025

SEC. 1270. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the “DFC Modernization and Reauthorization Act of 2025”.

PART I—DEFINITIONS AND LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRY FOCUS

SEC. 1271. 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.

1 “(E) The People’s Republic of China.

2 “(F) The Russian Federation.

3 “(G) Belarus.

4 “(4) HIGH-INCOME COUNTRY.—The term ‘high-
5 income country’, with respect to a fiscal year for the
6 Corporation, means a country with a high-income
7 economy (as defined by the World Bank) at the
8 start of such fiscal year.”; and

9 (4) by striking paragraph (5), as so redesign-
10 nated, and inserting the following:

11 “(5) LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRY.—The term
12 ‘less developed country’, with respect to a fiscal year
13 for the Corporation, means a country the gross na-
14 tional income per capita of which at the start of
15 such fiscal year is equal to or less than the World
16 Bank threshold for initiating the International Bank
17 for Reconstruction Development graduation proc-
18 ess.”.

19 **SEC. 1272. LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRY FOCUS.**

20 Section 1412 of the Better Utilization of Investments
21 Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9612)
22 is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (b), in the first sentence—

24 (A) by striking “and countries in transi-
25 tion from nonmarket to market economies” and

1 inserting “countries in transition from non-
 2 market to market economies, and other eligible
 3 foreign countries”; and

4 (B) by inserting “and national security”
 5 after “foreign policy”; and

6 (2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
 7 following:

8 “(c) ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES.—

9 “(1) LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRY FOCUS.—The
 10 Corporation shall prioritize the provision of support
 11 under title II in less developed countries.

12 “(2) ADVANCING INCOME COUNTRIES.—The
 13 Corporation may provide support for a project under
 14 title II in an advancing income country if, before
 15 providing such support, the Chief Executive Officer
 16 certifies in writing to the appropriate congressional
 17 committees, that such support will be provided in ac-
 18 cordance with the policy established pursuant to sub-
 19 section (d)(2). Such certification may be included as
 20 an appendix to the report required by section 1446.

21 “(3) HIGH-INCOME COUNTRIES.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation may
 23 provide support for a project under title II in
 24 a high-income country if, before providing such
 25 support, the Chief Executive Officer certifies in

1 writing to the appropriate congressional com-
2 mittees that such support will be provided in
3 accordance with the policy established pursuant
4 to subsection (d)(3). Such certification may be
5 included as an appendix to the report required
6 by section 1446.

7 “(B) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days
8 after the date of the enactment of the DFC
9 Modernization and Reauthorization Act of
10 2025, and annually thereafter, the Corporation
11 shall submit to the appropriate congressional
12 committees a report, which may be submitted in
13 classified or confidential form, that includes—

14 “(i) a list of all high-income countries
15 in which the Corporation anticipates pro-
16 viding support in the subsequent fiscal
17 year (and, with respect to the first such re-
18 port, the then-current fiscal year); and

19 “(ii) to the extent practicable, a de-
20 scription of the type of projects anticipated
21 to receive such support.

22 “(C) PROJECTS IN HIGH-INCOME COUN-
23 TRIES NOT PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED IN RE-
24 PORT.—The Corporation may not provide sup-
25 port for a project in a high-income country in

1 any year for which that high-income country is
2 not included on the list required by subpara-
3 graph (B)(i), unless, not later than 15 days be-
4 fore final management approval, the Corpora-
5 tion consults with and submits to the appro-
6 priate congressional committees a notification
7 describing how the proposed project advances
8 the foreign policy interests of the United States.

9 “(d) STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS POLICY.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall establish
11 policies, which shall be applied on a project-by-
12 project basis, to evaluate and determine the strategic
13 merits of providing support for projects and invest-
14 ments in advancing income countries and high-in-
15 come countries.

16 “(2) INVESTMENT POLICY FOR ADVANCING IN-
17 COME COUNTRIES.—Any policy used to evaluate and
18 determine the strategic merits of providing support
19 for projects in an advancing income country shall re-
20 quire that such projects—

21 “(A) advance—

22 “(i) the national security interests of
23 the United States in accordance with
24 United States foreign policy, as determined
25 by the Secretary of State; or

1 “(ii) significant strategic economic
2 competitiveness imperatives;

3 “(B) are designed in a manner to produce
4 significant developmental outcomes or provide
5 developmental impacts to the poorest popu-
6 lations of such country; and

7 “(C) are structured in a manner that
8 maximizes private capital mobilization.

9 “(3) INVESTMENT POLICY FOR HIGH-INCOME
10 COUNTRIES.—Any policy used to evaluate and deter-
11 mine the strategic merits of providing support for
12 projects in high-income countries shall require
13 that—

14 “(A) each such project meets the require-
15 ments described in paragraph (2);

16 “(B) with respect to each project in a
17 high-income country—

18 “(i) private sector entities have been
19 afforded an opportunity to support the
20 project on viable terms in place of support
21 by the Corporation; and

22 “(ii) such support does not exceed
23 more than 25 percent of the total cost of
24 the project;

1 “(C) with respect to support for all
2 projects in all high-income countries, the aggre-
3 gate amount of such support does not exceed 8
4 percent of the total contingent liability of the
5 Corporation outstanding as of the date on
6 which any such support is provided in a high-
7 income country; and

8 “(D) the Chief Executive Officer submit to
9 the appropriate congressional committees a re-
10 port, which may be submitted as an appendix to
11 a report required by section 1446, that—

12 “(i) certifies that the Corporation has
13 applied the policy to each supported
14 project in a high-income country; and

15 “(ii) describes whether such support—

16 “(I) is a preferred alternative to
17 state-directed investments by a for-
18 eign country of concern; or

19 “(II) otherwise furthers the stra-
20 tegic interest of the United States to
21 counter or limit the influence of for-
22 eign countries of concern.

23 “(e) INELIGIBLE COUNTRIES.—The Corporation
24 shall not provide support for a project in a country of con-
25 cern.

1 “(f) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
2 gress that—

3 “(1) the Corporation should continuously oper-
4 ate in a manner that advances its core mission and
5 purposes, as described in this title; and

6 “(2) resources of the Corporation should not be
7 diverted for domestic or other activities extending
8 beyond the scope of such mission and purpose.”.

9 **PART II—MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATION**

10 **SEC. 1273. STRUCTURE OF CORPORATION.**

11 Section 1413(a) of the Better Utilization of Invest-
12 ments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C.
13 9613(a)) is amended by inserting “a Chief Strategic In-
14 vestment Officer,” after “Chief Development Officer,”.

15 **SEC. 1274. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

16 Section 1413 of the Better Utilization of Investments
17 Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9613)
18 is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (b)—

20 (A) in paragraph (2)(A)(iii), by striking “5
21 individuals” each place it appears and inserting
22 “3 individuals”; and

23 (B) by adding at the end the following new
24 paragraph:

1 “(6) SUNSHINE ACT COMPLIANCE.—Meetings of
2 the Board are subject to section 552b of title 5,
3 United States Code (commonly referred to as the
4 ‘Government in the Sunshine Act’).”; and

5 (2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
6 following:

7 “(c) PUBLIC HEARINGS.—The Board shall—

8 “(1) hold at least 2 public hearings each year
9 in order to afford an opportunity for any person to
10 present views with respect to whether—

11 “(A) the Corporation is carrying out its ac-
12 tivities in accordance with this division; and

13 “(B) any support provided by the Corpora-
14 tion under title II in any country should be sus-
15 pended, expanded, or extended;

16 “(2) as necessary and appropriate, provide re-
17 sponses to the issues and questions discussed during
18 each such hearing following the conclusion of the
19 hearing;

20 “(3) post the minutes from each such hearing
21 on a website of the Corporation and, consistent with
22 applicable laws related to privacy and the protection
23 of proprietary business information, the responses to
24 issues and questions discussed in the hearing; and

1 “(4) implement appropriate procedures to en-
 2 sure the protection from unlawful disclosure of the
 3 proprietary information submitted by private sector
 4 applicants marked as business confidential informa-
 5 tion unless—

6 “(A) the party submitting the confidential
 7 business information waives such protection or
 8 consents to the release of the information; or

9 “(B) to the extent some form of such pro-
 10 tected information may be included in official
 11 documents of the Corporation, a nonconfidential
 12 form of the information may be provided, in
 13 which the business confidential information is
 14 summarized or deleted in a manner that pro-
 15 vides appropriate protections for the owner of
 16 the information.”.

17 **SEC. 1275. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.**

18 Section 1413(d)(3) of the Better Utilization of In-
 19 vestments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22
 20 U.S.C. 9613(d)(3)) is amended to read as follows:

21 “(3) RELATIONSHIP TO BOARD.—The Chief Ex-
 22 ecutive Officer shall—

23 “(A) report to and be under the direct au-
 24 thority 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 Investment Officer, established pursuant to subsection (h).”.

8 SEC. 1276. CHIEF RISK OFFICER.

9 Section 1413(f) of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C.
10 9613(f)) is amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (1)—

13 (A) by striking “who—” and inserting
14 “who shall be removable only by a majority vote
15 of the Board.”; and

16 (B) by striking subparagraphs (A) and
17 (B); and

18 (2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the
19 following:

20 “(2) DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—The
21 Chief Risk Officer shall—

22 “(A) report directly to the Chief Executive
23 Officer;

24 “(B) support the risk committee of the
25 Board established under section 1441 in car-

1 rying out its responsibilities as set forth in sub-
2 section (b) of that section, including by—

3 “(i) developing, implementing, and
4 managing a comprehensive framework and
5 process for identifying, assessing, and
6 monitoring risk;

7 “(ii) developing a transparent risk
8 management framework designed to evalu-
9 ate risks to the Corporation’s overall port-
10 folio, giving due consideration to the policy
11 imperatives of ensuring investment and re-
12 gional diversification of the Corporation’s
13 overall portfolio;

14 “(iii) assessing the Corporation’s over-
15 all risk tolerance, including recommenda-
16 tions for managing and improving the Cor-
17 poration’s risk tolerance and regularly ad-
18 vising the Board on recommended steps
19 the Corporation may take to responsibly
20 increase risk tolerance; and

21 “(iv) regularly collaborating with the
22 Chief Development Officer and the Chief
23 Strategic Investments Officer to ensure the
24 Corporation’s overall portfolio is appro-

1 priately balancing risk tolerance with de-
2 velopment and strategic impact.”.

3 **SEC. 1277. CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER.**

4 Section 1413(g) of the Better Utilization of Invest-
5 ments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C.
6 9613) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “in develop-
8 ment” in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)
9 and all that follows through “shall be” subparagraph
10 (B) and inserting “in international development and
11 development finance, who shall be”; and

12 (2) in paragraph (2)—

13 (A) in the paragraph heading, by inserting
14 “AND RESPONSIBILITIES” after “DUTIES”;

15 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (A),
16 (B), (C), (D), (E), and (F) as subparagraphs
17 (D), (E), (F), (G), (H), and (I), respectively;

18 (C) by inserting before subparagraph (D),
19 as so redesignated, the following:

20 “(A) advise the Chief Executive Officer
21 and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer on
22 international development policy matters and
23 report directly to the Chief Executive Officer;

24 “(B) in addition to the Chief Executive Of-
25 ficer and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer,

1 represent the Corporation in interagency meet-
2 ings and processes relating to international de-
3 velopment;

4 “(C) work with other relevant Federal de-
5 partments and agencies to identify projects that
6 advance United States international develop-
7 ment interests;”;

8 (D) in subparagraph (D), as so redesign-
9 nated, by striking “United States Government”
10 and all that follows and inserting “Federal de-
11 partments and agencies, including by directly
12 liaising with the relevant members of United
13 States country teams serving overseas, to en-
14 sure that such Federal departments, agencies,
15 and country teams have the training and aware-
16 ness necessary to fully leverage the Corpora-
17 tion’s development tools overseas;”;

18 (E) in subparagraph (E), as so redesign-
19 nated—

20 (i) by striking “under the guidance of
21 the Chief Executive Officer,”;

22 (ii) by inserting “the development im-
23 pact of Corporation transactions, includ-
24 ing” after “evaluating”; and

1 (iii) by striking “United States Gov-
2 ernment” and inserting “Federal”;

3 (F) by striking subparagraph (F), as so re-
4 designated, and inserting the following:

5 “(F) coordinate implementation of funds
6 or other resources transferred to and from such
7 Federal departments, agencies, or overseas
8 country teams in support of the Corporation’s
9 international development projects or activi-
10 ties;”;

11 (G) in subparagraph (G), as so redesign-
12 nated, by inserting “manage the reporting re-
13 sponsibilities of the Corporation under” after
14 “1442(b) and”;

15 (H) in subparagraph (H), as so redesign-
16 nated, by striking “; and” and inserting a semi-
17 colon;

18 (I) in subparagraph (I), as so redesign-
19 nated—

20 (i) by striking “subsection (i)” and in-
21 serting “subsection (j)”; and

22 (ii) by striking the period at the end
23 and inserting a semicolon; and

24 (J) by adding at the end the following new
25 subparagraphs:

1 “(J) oversee implementation of the Cor-
 2 poration’s development impact strategy and
 3 work to ensure development impact at the
 4 transaction level and portfolio-wide;

5 “(K) foster and maintain relationships
 6 both within and external to the Corporation
 7 that enhance the capacity of the Corporation to
 8 achieve its mission to advance United States
 9 international development policy and interests;

10 “(L) coordinate within the Corporation to
 11 ensure United States international development
 12 policy and interests are considered together
 13 with the Corporation’s foreign policy and na-
 14 tional security goals; and

15 “(M) coordinate with other Federal depart-
 16 ments and agencies to explore investment op-
 17 portunities that bring evidence-based, cost ef-
 18 fective development innovations to scale in a
 19 manner that can be sustained by markets.”.

20 **SEC. 1278. CHIEF STRATEGIC INVESTMENT OFFICER.**

21 Section 1413 of the Better Utilization of Investments
 22 Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9613)
 23 is amended—

24 (1) by redesignating subsections (h) and (i) as
 25 subsections (i) and (j), respectively; and

1 (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(h) CHIEF STRATEGIC INVESTMENT OFFICER.—

4 “(1) APPOINTMENT.—Subject to the approval
5 of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer shall ap-
6 point a Chief Strategic Investment Officer, from
7 among individuals with experience in United States
8 national security matters and foreign investment,
9 who shall be removable only by a majority vote of
10 the Board.

11 “(2) DUTIES.—The Chief Strategic Investment
12 Officer shall—

13 “(A) advise the Chief Executive Officer
14 and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer on na-
15 tional security and foreign policy matters and
16 report directly to the Chief Executive Officer;

17 “(B) in addition to the Chief Executive Of-
18 ficer and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer,
19 represent the Corporation in interagency meet-
20 ings and processes relating to United States na-
21 tional security and foreign policy;

22 “(C) coordinate efforts to develop the Cor-
23 poration’s strategic investment initiatives—

24 “(i) to counter predatory state-di-
25 rected investment and coercive economic

1 practices of adversaries of the United
2 States;

3 “(ii) to preserve the sovereignty of
4 partner countries; and

5 “(iii) to advance economic growth and
6 national security through the highest
7 standards of transparency, accessibility,
8 and competition;

9 “(D) provide input into the establishment
10 of performance measurement frameworks and
11 reporting on development outcomes of strategic
12 investments, consistent with sections 1442 and
13 1443;

14 “(E) work with other relevant Federal de-
15 partments and agencies to identify projects that
16 advance United States national security and
17 foreign policy priorities, including by comple-
18 menting United States domestic investments in
19 critical and emerging technologies;

20 “(F) manage employees of the Corporation
21 that are dedicated to ensuring that the Cor-
22 poration’s activities advance United States na-
23 tional security and foreign policy interests, in-
24 cluding through—

25 “(i) long-term strategic planning;

1 “(ii) issue and crisis management;
2 “(iii) the advancement of strategic ini-
3 tiatives; and
4 “(iv) strategic planning on how the
5 Corporation’s foreign investments may
6 complement United States domestic pro-
7 duction of critical and emerging tech-
8 nologies;
9 “(G) foster and maintain relationships
10 both within and external to the Corporation
11 that enhance the capacity of the Corporation to
12 achieve its mission to advance United States
13 national security and foreign policy interests;
14 and
15 “(H) collaborate with the Chief Develop-
16 ment Officer to ensure United States national
17 security interests are considered together with
18 the Corporation’s development policy goals.”.

19 **SEC. 1279. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.**

20 Section 1413(i) of the Better Utilization of Invest-
21 ments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C.
22 9613(i)), as so redesignated, is amended—

23 (1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the
24 following:

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-
 2 vided in this section, officers, employees, and agents
 3 shall be selected and appointed by, or under the au-
 4 thority of, the Chief Executive Officer, and shall be
 5 vested with such powers and duties as the Chief Ex-
 6 ecutive Officer may determine.”;

7 (2) in paragraph (2)—

8 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

9 (i) by striking “50” and inserting
 10 “70”; and

11 (ii) by inserting “, and such positions
 12 shall be reserved for individuals meeting
 13 the expert qualifications established by the
 14 Corporation’s qualification review board”
 15 after “United States Code”; and

16 (B) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “,
 17 provided that no such officer or employee may
 18 be compensated at a rate exceeding level II of
 19 the Executive Schedule” after “respectively”;
 20 and

21 (3) in paragraph (3)(C) by striking “subsection
 22 (i)” and inserting “subsection (j)”.

1 **SEC. 1280. DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY FINANCE COUNCIL.**

2 Section 1413(j) of the Better Utilization of Invest-
 3 ments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C.
 4 9613(j)), as so redesignated, is amended—

5 (1) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and in-
 6 serting the following:

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established a De-
 8 velopment Advisory Finance Council (in this sub-
 9 section referred to as the ‘Council’) that shall advise
 10 the Board and the Congressional Strategic Advisory
 11 Group established by subsection (k) on the develop-
 12 ment priorities and objectives of the Corporation.

13 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—Members of the Council
 14 shall be appointed by the Board, on the rec-
 15 ommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, and
 16 shall be composed of not more than 9 members
 17 broadly representative of nongovernmental organiza-
 18 tions, think tanks, advocacy organizations, founda-
 19 tions, private industry, and other institutions en-
 20 gaged in international development finance, of whom
 21 not fewer than 5 members shall be experts from the
 22 international development and humanitarian assist-
 23 ance sector.”;

24 (2) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
 25 graph (6); and

1 (3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(4) BOARD MEETINGS.—The Board shall meet
4 with the Council at least twice each year and engage
5 directly with the Board on its recommendations to
6 improve the policies and practices of the Corporation
7 to achieve the development priorities and objectives
8 of the Corporation.

9 “(5) ADMINISTRATION.—The Board shall—

10 “(A) prioritize maintaining the full mem-
11 bership and composition of the Council;

12 “(B) inform the Committee on Foreign Re-
13 lations of the Senate and the Committee on
14 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
15 when a vacancy of the Council occurs, including
16 the date that the vacancy occurred; and

17 “(C) for any vacancy on the Council that
18 remains for 120 days or more, submit a report
19 to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
20 Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs
21 of the House of Representatives explaining why
22 a vacancy is not being filled and provide an up-
23 date on progress made toward filling such va-
24 cancy, including a reasonable estimation for

1 when the Board expects to have the vacancy
2 filled.”.

3 **SEC. 1281. STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP.**

4 Section 1413 of the Better Utilization of Investments
5 Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9613)
6 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
7 section:

8 “(k) CONGRESSIONAL STRATEGIC ADVISORY
9 GROUP.—

10 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days
11 after the enactment of the DFC Modernization and
12 Reauthorization Act of 2025, there shall be estab-
13 lished a Congressional Strategic Advisory Group (re-
14 ferred to in this subsection as the ‘Group’), which
15 shall meet not less frequently than annually, includ-
16 ing after the budget of the President submitted
17 under section 1105 of title 31, United States Code,
18 for a fiscal year.

19 “(2) COMPOSITION.—The Group shall be com-
20 posed of the following:

21 “(A) The Chief Executive Officer.

22 “(B) The Chief Development Officer.

23 “(C) The Chief Strategic Investment Offi-
24 cer.

1 “(D) The Strategic Advisors of the Senate,
2 as described in paragraph (3)(A).

3 “(E) The Strategic Advisors of the House
4 of Representatives, as described in paragraph
5 (3)(B).

6 “(3) STRATEGIC ADVISORS OF THE SENATE
7 AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—

8 “(A) STRATEGIC ADVISORS OF THE SEN-
9 ATE.—

10 “(i) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is es-
11 tablished a group to be known as the
12 ‘Strategic Advisors of the Senate’.

13 “(ii) COMPOSITION.—The group es-
14 tablished by clause (i) shall be composed of
15 the following:

16 “(I) The chair of the Committee
17 on Foreign Relations of the Senate,
18 who shall serve as chair of the Stra-
19 tegic Advisors of the Senate.

20 “(II) The ranking member of the
21 Committee on Foreign Relations of
22 the Senate, who shall serve as vice-
23 chair of the Strategic Advisors of the
24 Senate.

1 “(III) Not more than 6 addi-
 2 tional individuals who are members of
 3 the Committee on Foreign Relations
 4 of the Senate, designated by the chair,
 5 with the consent of the ranking mem-
 6 ber.

7 “(B) STRATEGIC ADVISORS OF THE HOUSE
 8 OF REPRESENTATIVES.—

9 “(i) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is es-
 10 tablished a group to be known as the
 11 ‘Strategic Advisors of the House of Rep-
 12 resentatives’.

13 “(ii) COMPOSITION.—The group es-
 14 tablished by clause (i) shall be composed of
 15 the following:

16 “(I) The chair of the Committee
 17 on Foreign Affairs of the House of
 18 Representatives, who shall serve as
 19 chair of the Strategic Advisors of the
 20 House.

21 “(II) The ranking member of the
 22 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
 23 House of Representatives, who shall
 24 serve as vice-chair of the Strategic
 25 Advisors of the House.

1 “(III) Not more than 6 addi-
2 tional individuals who are members of
3 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
4 the House of Representatives, des-
5 ignated by the chair, with the consent
6 of the ranking member.

7 “(4) OBJECTIVES.—The Chief Executive Offi-
8 cer, the Chief Development Officer, and the Chief
9 Strategic Investment Officer of the Corporation shall
10 consult with the Strategic Advisors of the Senate
11 and the Strategic Advisors of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives established under paragraph (3) in
13 order to solicit and receive congressional views and
14 advice on the strategic priorities and investments of
15 the Corporation, including—

16 “(A) the challenges presented by adversary
17 countries to the national security interests of
18 the United States and strategic objectives of the
19 Corporation’s investments;

20 “(B) priority regions, countries, and sec-
21 tors that require focused consideration for stra-
22 tegic investment;

23 “(C) the priorities and trends pursued by
24 similarly-situated development finance institu-
25 tions of friendly nations, including opportunities

1 for partnerships, complementarity, or co-invest-
 2 ment;

3 “(D) evolving methods of financing
 4 projects, including efforts to partner with public
 5 sector and private sector institutional investors;

6 “(E) institutional or policy changes re-
 7 quired to improve efficiencies within the Cor-
 8 poration; and

9 “(F) potential legislative changes required
 10 to improve the Corporation’s performance in
 11 meeting strategic and development imperatives.

12 “(5) MEETINGS.—

13 “(A) TIMES.—The chair and the vice-chair
 14 of the Strategic Advisors of the Senate and the
 15 chair and the vice-chair of the Strategic Advi-
 16 sors of the House of Representatives shall de-
 17 termine the meeting times of the Group, which
 18 may be arranged separately or on a bicameral
 19 basis by agreement.

20 “(B) AGENDA.—Not later than 7 days be-
 21 fore each meeting of the Group, the Chief Exec-
 22 utive Officer shall submit a proposed agenda for
 23 discussion to the chair and the vice-chair of
 24 each strategic advisory group referred to in sub-
 25 paragraph (A).

1 “(C) QUESTIONS.—To ensure a robust
2 flow of information, members of the Group may
3 submit questions for consideration before any
4 meeting. A question submitted orally or in writ-
5 ing shall receive a response not later than 15
6 days after the conclusion of the first meeting
7 convened wherein such question was asked or
8 submitted in writing.

9 “(D) CLASSIFIED SETTING.—At the re-
10 quest of the Chief Executive Officer or the
11 chair and vice-chair of a strategic advisory
12 group established under paragraph (3), busi-
13 ness of the Group may be conducted in a classi-
14 fied setting, including for the purpose of pro-
15 tecting business confidential information and to
16 discuss sensitive information with respect to
17 foreign competitors.”.

18 **SEC. 1282. FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES PLAN.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1413 of the Better Utili-
20 zation of Investments Leading to Development Act of
21 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9613) is amended by adding at the end
22 the following new subsection:

23 “(1) BIENNIAL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES PLAN.—

24 “(1) PLAN REQUIRED.—Based upon guidance
25 received from the Group established pursuant to sec-

tion 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;

1 “(ii) would be the preferred alter-
2 native to state-directed investments by for-
3 eign countries of concern; or

4 “(iii) otherwise furthers the strategic
5 interests of the United States to counter or
6 limit the influence of foreign countries of
7 concern;

8 “(D) evaluating the interest and willing-
9 ness of potential private finance institutions
10 and private sector project implementers to part-
11 ner with the Corporation on strategic invest-
12 ment projects; and

13 “(E) identifying bilateral and multilateral
14 project finance partnership opportunities for
15 the Corporation to pursue with United States
16 partner and ally countries.

17 “(3) REVISIONS.—At any time during the rel-
18 evant period, the Chief Executive Officer may re-
19 quest to convene a meeting of the Congressional
20 Strategic Advisory Group for the purpose of dis-
21 cussing revisions to the Strategic Priorities Plan.

22 “(4) TRANSPARENCY.—The Chief Executive Of-
23 ficer shall publish, on a website of the Corporation—

1 “(A) descriptions of entities that may be
2 eligible to apply for support from the Corpora-
3 tion;

4 “(B) procedures for applying for products
5 offered by the Corporation; and

6 “(C) any other appropriate guidelines and
7 compliance restrictions with respect to des-
8 ignated strategic priorities.”.

9 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the
10 Congress that the Corporation, during the 2-year period
11 beginning on October 1, 2025, should consider—

12 (1) advancing secure supply chains to meet the
13 critical minerals needs of the United States and its
14 allies and partners;

15 (2) making investments to promote and secure
16 the telecommunications sector, particularly undersea
17 cables; and

18 (3) establishing, maintaining, and supporting
19 regional offices outside the United States for the
20 purpose of identifying and supporting priority in-
21 vestment opportunities.

22 **SEC. 1283. DEVELOPMENT FINANCE EDUCATION.**

23 Section 1413 of the Better Utilization of Investments
24 Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9613)

1 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(m) REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTAB-
4 LISHING A DEVELOPMENT FINANCE EDUCATION PRO-
5 GRAM AT THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
7 the date of the enactment of the DFC Modernization
8 and Reauthorization Act of 2025, the Secretary of
9 State, acting through the Director of the Foreign
10 Service Institute and in collaboration with the Chief
11 Executive Officer of the Corporation, shall conduct
12 a review and submit to the appropriate congressional
13 committees a report on the utility of establishing
14 elective training classes or programs on development
15 finance within the School of Professional and Area
16 Studies for all levels of the foreign service.

17 “(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
18 graph (1) shall include a description of how a pro-
19 posed class would be structured to ensure an appro-
20 priate level of training in development finance, in-
21 cluding descriptions of—

22 “(A) the potential benefits and challenges
23 of development finance as a component of
24 United States foreign policy in promoting devel-
25 opment outcomes and in promoting United

1 States interests in advocating for the advance-
2 ment of free-market principles;

3 “(B) the operations of the Corporation,
4 generally, and a comparative analysis of simi-
5 larly situated development finance institutions,
6 both bilateral and multilateral;

7 “(C) how development finance can further
8 the foreign policies of the United States, gen-
9 erally;

10 “(D) the anticipated foreign service con-
11 sumers of any proposed classes on development
12 finance;

13 “(E) the resources that may be required to
14 establish such training classes, including
15 through the use of detailed staff from the Cor-
16 poration or temporary fellows brought in from
17 the development finance community; and

18 “(F) other relevant issues, as determined
19 by the Secretary of State and the Chief Execu-
20 tive Officer of the Corporation determines ap-
21 propriate.”.

22 **SEC. 1284. INTERNSHIPS.**

23 Section 1413 of the Better Utilization of Investments
24 Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9613)

1 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(n) INTERNSHIPS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Chief Executive Offi-
5 cer shall establish the Development Finance Cor-
6 poration Student Internship Program (referred to in
7 this subsection as the ‘Program’) to offer internship
8 opportunities at the Corporation to eligible individ-
9 uals to provide important professional development
10 and work experience opportunities and raise aware-
11 ness among future development and international fi-
12 nance professionals of the career opportunities at
13 the Corporation and to supply important human
14 capital for the implementation of the Corporation’s
15 critically important development finance tools.

16 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—An individual is eligible to
17 participate in the Program if the applicant—

18 “(A) is a United States citizen;

19 “(B) is enrolled at least half-time at—

20 “(i) an institution of higher education
21 (as such term is defined in section 102(a)
22 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
23 U.S.C. 1002(a))); or

1 “(ii) an institution of higher education
2 based outside the United States, as deter-
3 mined by the Secretary of State; and

4 “(C) satisfies such other qualifications as
5 established by the Chief Executive Officer.

6 “(3) SELECTION.—The Chief Executive Officer
7 shall establish selection criteria for individuals to be
8 admitted into the Program that includes a dem-
9 onstrated interest in a career in international rela-
10 tions and international economic development policy.

11 “(4) COMPENSATION.—

12 “(A) HOUSING ASSISTANCE.—The Chief
13 Executive Officer may provide housing assist-
14 ance to an eligible individual participating in
15 the Program whose permanent address is with-
16 in the United States if the location of the in-
17 ternship in which such individual is partici-
18 pating is more than 50 miles away from such
19 individual’s permanent address.

20 “(B) TRAVEL ASSISTANCE.—The Chief
21 Executive Officer shall provide to an eligible in-
22 dividual participating in the Program, whose
23 permanent address is within the United States,
24 financial assistance that is sufficient to cover
25 the travel costs of a single round trip by air,

1 train, bus, or other appropriate transportation
 2 between the eligible individual's permanent ad-
 3 dress and the location of the internship in
 4 which such eligible individual is participating if
 5 such location is—

6 “(i) more than 50 miles from the eli-
 7 gible individual's permanent address; or

8 “(ii) outside of the United States.

9 “(5) VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this sec-
 11 tion may be construed to compel any individual
 12 who is a participant in an internship program
 13 of the Corporation to participate in the collec-
 14 tion of the data or divulge any personal infor-
 15 mation. Such individuals shall be informed that
 16 any participation in data collection under this
 17 subsection is voluntary.

18 “(B) PRIVACY PROTECTION.—Any data
 19 collected under this subsection shall be subject
 20 to the relevant privacy protection statutes and
 21 regulations applicable to Federal employees.

22 “(6) SPECIAL HIRING AUTHORITY.—Notwith-
 23 standing any other provision of law, the Chief Exec-
 24 utive Officer, in consultation with the Director of
 25 the Office of Personnel Management, with respect to

1 the number of interns to be hired under this sub-
2 section each year, may—

3 “(A) select, appoint, and employ individ-
4 uals for up to 1 year through compensated in-
5 ternships in the excepted service; and

6 “(B) remove any compensated intern em-
7 ployed pursuant to subparagraph (A) without
8 regard to the provisions of law governing ap-
9 pointments in the competitive excepted service.

10 “(7) AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In-
11 ternships offered and compensated by the Corpora-
12 tion under this subsection shall be funded solely by
13 available amounts appropriated after the date of the
14 enactment of the DFC Modernization and Reauthor-
15 ization Act of 2025 to the Corporate Capital Ac-
16 count established under section 1434.”.

17 **SEC. 1285. INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM.**

18 Section 1415 of the Better Utilization of Investments
19 Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9614)
20 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
21 section:

22 “(c) CONSOLIDATION OF FUNCTIONS.—Not later
23 than 90 days after enactment of the DFC Modernization
24 and Reauthorization Act of 2025, the Board shall submit
25 a report to the appropriate congressional committees de-

1 scribing any efficiencies that may be gained through the
 2 consolidation of functions of the independent account-
 3 ability mechanism under the authorities of the Office of
 4 the Inspector General of the Corporation under section
 5 1414. The report shall include an outline as to how the
 6 Inspector General of the Corporation would develop an in-
 7 ternal environmental, social, and governance expertise to
 8 adequately replace the independent accountability mecha-
 9 nism’s environmental, social, and governance expertise.”.

10 **PART III—AUTHORITIES RELATING TO**

11 **PROVISION OF SUPPORT**

12 **SEC. 1286. EQUITY INVESTMENT.**

13 (a) CORPORATE EQUITY INVESTMENT FUND.—Sec-
 14 tion 1421(c) of the Better Utilization of Investments
 15 Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9621(c)),
 16 is amended by adding at the end the following new para-
 17 graph:

18 “(7) CORPORATE EQUITY INVESTMENT AC-
 19 COUNT.—

20 “(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is estab-
 21 lished in the Treasury of the United States a
 22 fund to be known as the ‘Development Finance
 23 Corporate Equity Investment Account’ (referred
 24 to in this division as the ‘Equity Investment Ac-
 25 count’), which shall be administered by the Cor-

1 poration as a revolving account to carry out the
2 purposes of this section.

3 “(B) PURPOSE.—The Corporation shall—

4 “(i) manage the Equity Investment
5 Account in ways that demonstrate a com-
6 mitment to pursuing catalytic investments
7 in less developed countries in accordance
8 with section 1412(c)(1) and paragraph (1);
9 and

10 “(ii) collect data and information
11 about the use of the Equity Investment
12 Account to inform the Corporation’s record
13 of returns on investments and reevaluation
14 of equity investment subsidy rates prior to
15 the termination of the authorities provided
16 under this title.

17 “(C) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
18 TIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated
19 to the Equity Investment Account
20 \$3,000,000,000 for fiscal years 2026 through
21 2030.

22 “(D) OFFSETTING COLLECTIONS AND
23 FUNDS.—Earnings and proceeds from the sale
24 or redemption of, and fees, credits, and other
25 collections from, the equity investments of the

1 Corporation under the Equity Investment Ac-
 2 count shall be retained and deposited into the
 3 Fund and shall remain available to carry out
 4 this subsection without fiscal year limitation
 5 without further appropriation.

6 “(E) IMPACT QUOTIENT.—The Corpora-
 7 tion shall ensure that at least 25 percent of its
 8 obligations from funds authorized to be appro-
 9 priated under subparagraph (C) or otherwise
 10 made available for the Fund for Corporation
 11 projects are rated as highly impactful on the
 12 Impact Quotient assessment developed pursuant
 13 to section 1442(b)(1).”.

14 (b) GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA.—Section 1421(c)(3)
 15 of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Devel-
 16 opment Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9621(c)(3)), is amended
 17 in subparagraph (C) by inserting “, localized workforces,
 18 and partner country economic security” after “markets”.

19 (c) LIMITATIONS ON EQUITY INVESTMENTS.—Sec-
 20 tion 1421(c)(4)(A) of the Better Utilization of Invest-
 21 ments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C.
 22 9621(c)(4)(A)), by striking “30” and inserting “40”.

23 **SEC. 1287. SPECIAL PROJECTS.**

24 Section 1421 of the Better Utilization of Investments
 25 Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9621)

1 is amended by striking subsection (f) and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(f) SPECIAL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS.—The Cor-
4 poration may administer and manage special projects and
5 programs in support of specific transactions undertaken
6 by the Corporation —

7 “(1) for the provision of post-investment tech-
8 nical assistance for existing projects of the Corpora-
9 tion, including programs of financial and advisory
10 support that provides private technical, professional,
11 or managerial assistance in the development of
12 Human Resources, skills, technology, or capital sav-
13 ings; or

14 “(2) subject to the nondelegable review and ap-
15 proval of the Board, to create holding companies or
16 investment funds where the Corporation is the gen-
17 eral partner, to provide international support that
18 advance both the development objectives and foreign
19 policy interests outlined in the purposes of this divi-
20 sion if, not later than 30 days prior to entering into
21 an agreement or other arrangement to provide sup-
22 port pursuant to this section, the Chief Executive
23 Officer—

24 “(A) notifies the appropriate congressional
25 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. 1288. 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 may 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

1 equal to at least 20 percent of the guaranty
2 amount.”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 section:

5 “(c) BEST PRACTICES TO PREVENT USURIOUS OR
6 ABUSIVE LENDING BY INTERMEDIARIES.—

7 “(1) The Corporation shall ensure that terms,
8 conditions, penalties, rules for collections practices,
9 and other finance administration policies that govern
10 Corporation-backed lending, guarantees and other fi-
11 nancial instruments through intermediaries are con-
12 sistent with industry best practices and the Corpora-
13 tion’s rules with respect to direct lending to its cli-
14 ents.

15 “(2) The Corporation shall develop required
16 truth in lending rules, guidelines, and related imple-
17 menting policies and practices to govern secondary
18 lending through intermediaries and shall report such
19 policies and practices to the appropriate committees
20 not later than 180 days of enactment of the DFC
21 Modernization and Reauthorization Act of 2025,
22 with annual updates, as needed, thereafter.

23 “(3) In developing such policies and practices
24 required by paragraph (2), the Corporation shall—

1 “(A) take into account any particular
2 vulnerabilities faced by potential applicants or
3 recipients of micro-lending and other forms of
4 micro-finance;

5 “(B) develop and apply, generally, rules
6 and terms to ensure Corporation-backed lending
7 through an intermediary does not carry exces-
8 sively punitive or disproportionate penalties for
9 customers in default;

10 “(C) ensure that such policies and prac-
11 tices include effective safeguards to prevent
12 usurious or abusive lending by intermediaries,
13 including in the provision of microfinance; and

14 “(D) ensure the intermediary includes in
15 any lending contract an appropriate level of fi-
16 nancial literacy to the borrower, including—

17 “(i) disclosures that fully explain to
18 the customer both lender and customer
19 rights and obligations under the contract
20 in language that is accessible to the cus-
21 tomer;

22 “(ii) the specific loan terms and ten-
23 ure of the contract;

24 “(iii) any procedures and potential
25 penalties or forfeitures in case of default;

1 “(iv) information on privacy and per-
2 sonal data protection; and

3 “(v) any other policies that the Cor-
4 poration determines will further the goal of
5 an informed borrower.

6 “(4) The Corporation shall establish appro-
7 priate auditing mechanisms to oversee and monitor
8 secondary lending, provided through intermediaries
9 in partner countries in each annual report to Con-
10 gress required under paragraph (2), a summary of
11 the results of such audits.”.

12 **SEC. 1289. TERMINATION.**

13 Section 1424(a) of the Better Utilization of Invest-
14 ments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C.
15 9624) is amended by striking “the date of the enactment
16 of this Act” and inserting “December 31, 2031”.

17 **PART IV—OTHER MATTERS**

18 **SEC. 1290. OPERATIONS.**

19 Section 1431 of the Better Utilization of Investments
20 Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9631)
21 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
22 section:

23 “(e) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
24 gress that—

1 “(1) the Corporation is obligated to consult
 2 with and collect input from current employees, on
 3 plans to substantially reorganize the Corporation
 4 prior to implementation of such plan; and

5 “(2) the Corporation should consider pref-
 6 erence, experience and, when relevant, seniority,
 7 when reassigning existing employees to new areas of
 8 work.”.

9 **SEC. 1291. CORPORATE POWERS.**

10 Section 1432(a)(10) of the Better Utilization of In-
 11 vestments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22
 12 U.S.C. 9632(a)(10)) is amended by striking “until the ex-
 13 piration of the current lease under predecessor authority,
 14 as of the day before the date of the enactment of this Act”.

15 **SEC. 1292. MAXIMUM CONTINGENT LIABILITY.**

16 Section 1433 of the Better Utilization of Investments
 17 Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9633)
 18 is amended to read as follows:

19 **“SEC. 1433. MAXIMUM CONTINGENT LIABILITY.**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The maximum contingent liabil-
 21 ity of the Corporation outstanding at any one time shall
 22 not exceed in the aggregate \$200,000,000,000.

23 “(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The maximum con-
 24 tingent liability shall apply to all extension of liability by
 25 the Corporation regardless of the authority cited thereto.”.

1 **SEC. 1293. PERFORMANCE MEASURES, EVALUATION, AND**
2 **LEARNING.**

3 Section 1442 of the Better Utilization of Investments
4 Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9652)
5 is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking the semi-
8 colon at the end and inserting the following: “to
9 be known as the Corporation’s Impact Quotient,
10 which shall—

11 “(A) serve as a metrics-based measure-
12 ment system to assess a project’s expected out-
13 comes and development impact on a country, a
14 region, and populations throughout the
15 sourcing, origination, management, monitoring,
16 and evaluation stages of a project’s lifecycle;

17 “(B) enable the Corporation to assess de-
18 velopment impact at both the project and port-
19 folio level;

20 “(C) provide guidance on when to take ap-
21 propriate corrective measures to further devel-
22 opment goals throughout a project’s lifecycle;
23 and

24 “(D) inform congressional notification re-
25 quirements outlining the Corporation’s project
26 development impacts;”;

1 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “; and”
2 and inserting a semicolon;

3 (C) in paragraph (4), in the matter pre-
4 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “method
5 for ensuring, appropriate development perform-
6 ance” and inserting “method for evaluating and
7 documenting the development impacts”; and

8 (D) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(5) develop standards for, and a method for
10 ensuring, appropriate monitoring of the Corpora-
11 tion’s compliance with environmental and social
12 standards consistent with the guidance published by
13 the Corporation following broad consultation with
14 appropriate stakeholders to include civil society; and

15 “(6) develop standards for, and a method for
16 ensuring, appropriate monitoring of the Corpora-
17 tion’s portfolio, including standards for ensuring em-
18 ployees or agents of the Corporation identify and
19 conduct in-person site visits of each high-risk loan,
20 loan guarantee, and equity project, as necessary and
21 appropriate, after the initial disbursement of
22 funds.”;

23 (2) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
24 subsections (d) and (e), respectively;

1 (3) by inserting the following after subsection
2 (b):

3 “(c) REQUIRED PERFORMANCE MEASURES UPDATE
4 FOR CONGRESSIONAL STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP.—At
5 any meeting of the Congressional Strategic Advisory
6 Group, the Corporation shall be prepared discuss the
7 standards developed in subsection (b) for all ongoing
8 projects.”; and

9 (4) by inserting at the end the following:

10 “(f) STAFFING FOR PORTFOLIO OVERSIGHT AND RE-
11 PORTING.—

12 “(1) REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN CAPACITY.—

13 The Corporation shall maintain an adequate number
14 of full-time personnel with appropriate expertise to
15 fulfill its obligations under this section and section
16 1443, including—

17 “(A) monitoring and evaluating the finan-
18 cial performance of the Corporation’s portfolio;

19 “(B) evaluating the development and stra-
20 tegic impact of investments throughout the pro-
21 gram lifecycle;

22 “(C) preparing required annual reporting
23 on the Corporation’s portfolio of investments,
24 including the information set forth in section
25 1443(a)(6); and

1 “(D) monitoring for compliance with all
2 applicable laws and ethics requirements.

3 “(2) QUALIFICATIONS.—Personnel assigned to
4 carry out the obligations described in paragraph (1)
5 shall possess demonstrable professional experience in
6 relevant areas, such as development finance, finan-
7 cial analysis, investment portfolio management,
8 monitoring and evaluation, impact measurement, or
9 legal and ethics expertise.

10 “(3) ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE.—The Cor-
11 poration shall maintain such personnel within 1 or
12 more dedicated units or offices, which shall—

13 “(A) be functionally independent from in-
14 vestment origination teams;

15 “(B) be managed by senior staff who re-
16 port to the Chief Executive Officer or Deputy
17 Chief Executive Officer; and

18 “(C) be allocated resources sufficient to
19 fulfill the Corporation’s obligations under this
20 section and to support transparency and ac-
21 countability to Congress and to the public.

22 “(4) INSULATION FROM REDUCTIONS.—The
23 Corporation may not reduce the staffing, funding, or
24 organizational independence of the units or per-

1 sonnel responsible for fulfilling the obligations under
2 this section unless—

3 “(A) the Chief Executive Officer certifies
4 in writing to the appropriate congressional com-
5 mittees that such reductions are necessary due
6 to operational exigency, statutory change, or
7 budgetary shortfall; and

8 “(B) the Corporation includes in its annual
9 report a detailed explanation of the impact of
10 any such changes on its capacity to analyze and
11 report on portfolio performance.”.

12 **SEC. 1294. ANNUAL REPORT.**

13 Section 1443 of the Better Utilization of Investments
14 Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9653)
15 is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a)—

17 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “; and”
18 and inserting a semicolon;

19 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe-
20 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

21 (C) by inserting at the end the following:

22 “(5) the United States strategic, foreign policy,
23 and development objectives advanced through
24 projects supported by the Corporation; and

1 “(6) the health of the Corporation’s portfolio,
 2 including an annual overview of funds committed,
 3 funds disbursed, default and recovery rates, capital
 4 mobilized, equity investments’ year on year returns,
 5 and any difference between how investments were
 6 modeled at commitment and how they ultimately
 7 performed; to include a narrative explanation ex-
 8 plaining any changes.”; and

9 (2) in subsection (b)—

10 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking subpara-
 11 graphs (A) and (B) and inserting the following:

12 “(A) the desired development impact and
 13 strategic outcomes for projects, and whether or
 14 not the Corporation is meeting the associated
 15 metrics, goals, and development objectives, in-
 16 cluding, to the extent practicable, in the years
 17 after conclusion of projects;

18 “(B) whether the Corporation’s support for
 19 projects that focus on achieving strategic out-
 20 comes are achieving such strategic objectives of
 21 such investments over the duration of the sup-
 22 port and lasting after the Corporation’s support
 23 is completed;

24 “(C) the value of private sector assets
 25 brought to bear relative to the amount of sup-

1 port provided by the Corporation and the value
2 of any other public sector support;

3 “(D) the total private capital projected to
4 be mobilized by projects supported by the Cor-
5 poration during that year, including an analysis
6 of the lenders and investors involved and invest-
7 ment instruments used;

8 “(E) the total private capital actually mo-
9 bilized by projects supported by the Corporation
10 that were fully funded by the end of that year,
11 including—

12 “(i) an analysis of the lenders and in-
13 vestors involved and investment instru-
14 ments used; and

15 “(ii) a comparison with the private
16 capital projected to be mobilized for the
17 projects described in this paragraph;

18 “(F) a breakdown of—

19 “(i) the amount and percentage of
20 Corporation support provided to less devel-
21 oped countries, advancing income coun-
22 tries, and high-income countries in the pre-
23 vious fiscal year; and

24 “(ii) the amount and percentage of
25 Corporation support provided to less devel-

1 oped countries, advancing income countries
2 and high-income countries averaged over
3 the last 5 fiscal years;

4 “(G) a breakdown of the aggregate
5 amounts and percentage of the maximum con-
6 tingent liability of the Corporation authorized
7 to be outstanding pursuant to section 1433 in
8 less developed countries, advancing income
9 countries, and high-income countries;

10 “(H) the risk appetite of the Corporation
11 to undertake projects in less developed coun-
12 tries and in sectors that are critical to develop-
13 ment but less likely to deliver substantial finan-
14 cial returns; and

15 “(I) efforts by the Chief Executive Officer
16 to incentivize calculated risk-taking by trans-
17 action teams, including through the conduct of
18 development performance reviews and provision
19 of development performance rewards;”;

20 (B) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “;
21 and” and inserting a semicolon;

22 (C) by redesignating paragraph (4) as
23 paragraph (5); and

24 (D) by inserting after paragraph (3) the
25 following:

1 “(4) to the extent practicable, recommendations
2 for measures that could enhance the strategic goals
3 of projects to adapt to changing circumstances;
4 and”.

5 **SEC. 1295. PUBLICLY AVAILABLE PROJECT INFORMATION.**

6 Section 1444 of the Better Utilization of Investments
7 Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9654)
8 is amended in paragraph (1) to read as follows:

9 “(1) maintain a user-friendly, publicly available,
10 machine-readable database with detailed project-level
11 information, as appropriate and to the extent prac-
12 ticable, including a description of the support pro-
13 vided by the Corporation under title II, which shall
14 include, to the greatest extent feasible for each
15 project—

16 “(A) the information included in the report
17 to Congress under section 1443;

18 “(B) project-level performance metrics;
19 and

20 “(C) a description of the development im-
21 pact of the project, including anticipated impact
22 prior to initiation of the project and assessed
23 impact during and after the completion of the
24 project; and”.

1 **SEC. 1296. NOTIFICATIONS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE COR-**
 2 **PORATION.**

3 Section 1446 of the Better Utilization of Investments
 4 Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9656)
 5 is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “; and”
 8 and inserting a semicolon;

9 (B) in paragraph (3)—

10 (i) by inserting “the Corporation’s im-
 11 pact quotient outlining” after “asset and”;
 12 and

13 (ii) by striking the period at the end
 14 and inserting “; and”; and

15 (C) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(4)(A) information relating to whether the
 17 Corporation has accepted a creditor status that is
 18 subordinate to that of other creditors in the project,
 19 activity, or asset; and

20 “(B) for all projects, activities, or assets that
 21 the Corporation has accepted a creditor status that
 22 is subordinate to that of other creditors the Corpora-
 23 tion shall include a description of the substantive
 24 policy rationale required by section 1422(b)(12) that
 25 influenced the decision to accept such a creditor sta-
 26 tus.”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(d) EQUITY INVESTMENTS.—For every equity in-
4 vestment above \$10,000,000 that the Corporation enters
5 into, the Corporation shall submit to Congress a notifica-
6 tion that includes—

7 “(1) the information required by section (b);
8 and

9 “(2) a plan for how the Corporation plans to
10 use any Board seat the Corporation is entitled to as
11 a result of such equity investment, including any in-
12 dividual the Corporation plans to appoint to the
13 Board and how the Corporations plans to use such
14 Board seat to further United States strategic
15 goals.”.

16 **SEC. 1297. LIMITATIONS AND PREFERENCES.**

17 Section 1451 of the Better Utilization of Investments
18 Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9671)
19 is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “5 percent”
21 and inserting “2.5 percent”;

22 (2) in subsection (e)(3) by inserting “, con-
23 sistent with international financial institution stand-
24 ards,” after “best practices”; and

25 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(j) POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO STATE-OWNED EN-
 2 TERPRISES, ANTICOMPETITIVE PRACTICES, AND COUN-
 3 TRIES OF CONCERN.—

4 “(1) POLICY.—The Corporation shall develop
 5 appropriate policies and guidelines for support pro-
 6 vided under title II for a project involving a state-
 7 owned enterprise, sovereign wealth fund, or a
 8 parastatal entity to ensure such support is provided
 9 consistent with appropriate principles and practices
 10 of competitive neutrality.

11 “(2) PROHIBITIONS.—

12 “(A) ANTICOMPETITIVE PRACTICES.—The
 13 Corporation may not provide support under
 14 title II for a project that involves a private sec-
 15 tor entity engaged in anticompetitive practices.

16 “(B) COUNTRIES OF CONCERN.—The Cor-
 17 poration may not provide support under title II
 18 for projects—

19 “(i) that involve partnerships with the
 20 government of a country of concern or a
 21 state-owned enterprise that belongs to or is
 22 under the control of a country of concern;
 23 or

24 “(ii) that would be operated, man-
 25 aged, or controlled by the government of a

1 county of concern or a state-owned enter-
 2 prise that belongs to or is under the con-
 3 trol of a country of concern.

4 “(C) EXCEPTION.—The President may
 5 waive the restriction under subparagraph (B)(i)
 6 on a project-by-project basis if the President
 7 submits to the appropriate congressional com-
 8 mittees—

9 “(i) a certification, which may be in-
 10 cluded as a classified or confidential annex
 11 to a report required by section 1446, that
 12 such support is important to the national
 13 security interests of the United States; and

14 “(ii) a written justification of how
 15 such support directly counters or signifi-
 16 cantly limits the influence of an entity de-
 17 scribed in such subparagraph.

18 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

19 “(A) STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISE.—The
 20 term ‘state-owned enterprise’ means any enter-
 21 prise established for a commercial or business
 22 purpose that is directly owned or controlled by
 23 one or more governments, including any agency,
 24 instrumentality, subdivision, or other unit of
 25 government at any level of jurisdiction.

1 “(B) CONTROL.—The term ‘control’, with
2 respect to an enterprise, means the power by
3 any means to control the enterprise regardless
4 of—

5 “(i) the level of ownership; and

6 “(ii) whether or not the power is exer-
7 cised.

8 “(C) OWNED.—The term ‘owned’, with re-
9 spect to an enterprise, means a majority or con-
10 trolling interest, whether by value or voting in-
11 terest, of the shares of that enterprise, includ-
12 ing through fiduciaries, agents, or other
13 means.”.

14 **SEC. 1298. REPEAL OF EUROPEAN ENERGY SECURITY AND**
15 **DIVERSIFICATION ACT OF 2019.**

16 The European Energy Security and Diversification
17 Act of 2019 (title XX of division P of Public Law 116–
18 94; 22 U.S.C. 9501 note) is repealed.

1 **Subtitle H—Defending Inter-**
2 **national Security by Restricting**
3 **Unacceptable Partnerships and**
4 **Tactics**

5 **SEC. 1271. SHORT TITLE.**

6 This subtitle may be cited as the “Defending Inter-
7 national Security by Restricting Unacceptable Partner-
8 ships and Tactics Act” or “DISRUPT Act”.

9 **SEC. 1272. FINDINGS.**

10 Congress makes the following findings:

11 (1) The People’s Republic of China, the Rus-
12 sian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and
13 the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea are each
14 considered—

15 (A) a foreign adversary (as defined in sec-
16 tion 825(d) of the National Defense Authoriza-
17 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law
18 118–31; 137 Stat. 322; 46 U.S.C. 50309
19 note));

20 (B) a country of risk (as defined in section
21 6432(a) of the Servicemember Quality of Life
22 Improvement and National Defense Authoriza-
23 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law
24 118–159; 138 Stat. 2488; 42 U.S.C. 7144b
25 note)) for purposes of assessing counterintel-

1 ligence risks posed by certain visitors to Na-
2 tional Laboratories;

3 (C) a foreign country of concern (as de-
4 fined in section 10612(a) of the Research and
5 Development, Competition, and Innovation Act
6 (Public Law 117–167; 136 Stat. 1635; 42
7 U.S.C. 19221 note));

8 (D) a covered foreign country (as defined
9 in section 164 of the Servicemember Quality of
10 Life Improvement and National Defense Au-
11 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public
12 Law 118159; 138 Stat. 1818; 10 U.S.C. 4651
13 note prec.)) for purposes of a prohibition on op-
14 eration, procurement, and contracting relating
15 to foreign-made light detection and ranging
16 technology; and

17 (E) a covered foreign country (as defined
18 in section 1622 of the National Defense Au-
19 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public
20 Law 11781; 135 Stat. 2086; 10 U.S.C. 421
21 note prec.)) for purposes of a strategy and plan
22 to implement certain defense intelligence re-
23 forms.

24 (2) According to the 2025 Intelligence Commu-
25 nity Annual Threat Assessment, the United States

1 faces an increasingly contested and dangerous global
2 landscape as the four adversaries named in para-
3 graph (1) deepen cooperation in a manner that—

4 (A) reinforces threats posed by each such
5 adversary individually; and

6 (B) poses new challenges to the strength
7 and power of the United States globally.

8 (3) Much of the cooperation referred to in para-
9 graph (2) is occurring bilaterally, as the People's
10 Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Is-
11 lamic Republic of Iran, and the Democratic People's
12 Republic of Korea strengthen diplomatic, economic,
13 and military ties in accordance with bilateral agree-
14 ments, which include—

15 (A) the Treaty on Friendship, Cooperation
16 and Mutual Assistance between China and the
17 Democratic People's Republic of Korea, signed
18 at Beijing July 11, 1961;

19 (B) the Joint Statement on Comprehensive
20 Strategic Partnership between the Islamic Re-
21 public of Iran and the People's Republic of
22 China, issued on March 27, 2021;

23 (C) the Joint Statement of the Russian
24 Federation and the People's Republic of China
25 on International Relations Entering a New Era

and Global Sustainable Development, issued on
February 4, 2022;

(D) the Treaty on Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the Russian Federation and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, signed at Pyongyang June 18, 2024;

(E) the Iranian-Russian Treaty on Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, signed at Moscow January 17, 2025; and

(F) traditional relations of friendship and cooperation between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

(4) The most concerning forms of such cooperation with respect to the interests of the United States occur bilaterally in the realm of defense cooperation. Examples include the following:

(A) TRANSFER AND SHARING OF WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS.—Since 2022, the Islamic Republic of Iran has supplied the Russian Federation with drones and ballistic missiles, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has provided artillery ammunition and ballistic missiles. Likewise, the Russian Federation has agreed to provide the Islamic Republic of Iran

1 with Su-35 fighter jets and air defense assist-
2 ance.

3 (B) TRANSFER AND SHARING OF DUAL-
4 USE TECHNOLOGIES AND CAPABILITIES.—Dual-
5 use goods supplied by the People's Republic of
6 China have enabled the Russian Federation to
7 continue defense production in the face of wide-
8 ranging sanctions and export controls intended
9 to prevent the Russian Federation from access-
10 ing the necessary components to fuel its defense
11 industry. In turn, reporting indicates that the
12 Russian Federation has provided technical ex-
13 pertise on satellite technology to the Democratic
14 People's Republic of Korea and is working
15 closely with the People's Republic of China on
16 air defense and submarine technology.

17 (C) JOINT MILITARY ACTIVITIES AND EX-
18 ERCISES.—The military forces of the Demo-
19 cratic People's Republic of Korea are actively
20 participating in the Russian Federation's inva-
21 sion of Ukraine, and joint military exercises be-
22 tween the People's Republic of China and the
23 Russian Federation are expanding in scope,
24 scale, and geographic reach, including in close
25 proximity to territory of the United States.

1 (D) COORDINATION.—Coordination on
2 disinformation and cyber operations, including
3 coordinated messaging aimed at denigrating
4 and isolating the United States internationally.

5 (5) Adversaries of the United States are also
6 cooperating in a manner that may circumvent
7 United States and multilateral economic tools. Ex-
8 amples include the following:

9 (A) The continued purchase by the Peo-
10 ple's Republic of China of oil from the Islamic
11 Republic of Iran despite sanctions imposed by
12 the Treasury of the United States on oil from
13 the Islamic Republic of Iran.

14 (B) The veto by the Russian Federation
15 of, and abstention by the People's Republic of
16 China in a vote on, a United Nations Security
17 Council resolution relating to monitoring United
18 Nations Security Council-levied sanctions on the
19 Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

20 (6) Adversaries of the United States are cooper-
21 ating multilaterally in international institutions such
22 as the United Nations and through expanded multi-
23 lateral groupings, such as the Brazil-Russia-India-
24 China-South Africa group (commonly known as

1 “BRICS”), to isolate and erode the influence of the
2 United States.

3 (7) Such increased cooperation and alignment
4 among the People’s Republic of China, the Russian
5 Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the
6 Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, to an un-
7 precedented extent, poses a significant threat to
8 United States interests and national security.

9 (8) Such increasing alignment—

10 (A) allows each such adversary to mod-
11 ernize its military more quickly than previously
12 anticipated;

13 (B) enables unforeseen breakthroughs in
14 capabilities through the sharing among such ad-
15 versaries of critical military technologies, which
16 could erode the technological edge of the United
17 States Armed Forces;

18 (C) presents increasing challenges to strat-
19 egies of isolation or containment against such
20 individual adversaries, since the People’s Re-
21 public of China, the Russian Federation, the Is-
22 lamic Republic of Iran, and the Democratic
23 People’s Republic of Korea now provide critical
24 lifelines to each other;

(D) threatens the effectiveness of United States economic tools, as such adversaries cooperate to evade United States sanctions and export controls and seek to establish alternative payment mechanisms that do not require transactions in United States dollars; and

(E) increases the chances of United States conflict or tensions with any one of such adversaries drawing in another, thereby posing a greater risk that the United States will have to contend with simultaneous threats from such adversaries in one or more theaters.

SEC. 1273. STATEMENT OF POLICY.

It is the policy of the United States—

(1) to disrupt or frustrate the most dangerous aspects of cooperation between and among the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, including by using the threat of sanctions and export controls, bringing such cooperation to light, and sharing information with United States allies and partners who may—

(A) share the concerns and objectives of the United States; and

(B) have influence over such adversaries;

1 (2) to constrain such grouping from expanding
2 its footprint or capabilities across the world; and

3 (3) to prepare for the increasing likelihood that
4 the United States could face simultaneous challenges
5 or conflict with multiple such adversaries in multiple
6 theaters, including by bolstering deterrence across
7 all priority theaters.

8 **SEC. 1274. TASK FORCES AND REPORTS.**

9 (a) TASK FORCES ON ADVERSARY ALIGNMENT.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
11 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
12 of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of
13 the Treasury, and the Secretary of Commerce shall
14 each—

15 (A) establish a task force on adversary
16 alignment; and

17 (B) designate a point of contact on adver-
18 sary alignment, who shall serve as the head of
19 the task force for the applicable department, of-
20 fice, or agency.

21 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Each task force estab-
22 lished pursuant to paragraph (1) shall—

23 (A) comprise—

24 (i) subject matter experts covering
25 each of—

1 (I) the People's Republic of
2 China;

3 (II) the Russian Federation;

4 (III) the Islamic Republic of
5 Iran; and

6 (IV) the Democratic People's Re-
7 public of Korea;

8 (ii) representatives covering all core
9 functions of the department, office, or
10 agency of the Secretary or Director estab-
11 lishing the task force; and

12 (iii) a mix of analysts, operators, and
13 senior management;

14 (B) ensure that the task force members
15 have the requisite security clearances and ac-
16 cess to critical compartmented information
17 streams necessary to assess and understand the
18 full scope of adversary cooperation, including
19 how events in one theater might trigger actions
20 in another; and

21 (C) not later than 180 days after the date
22 of the enactment of this Act, submit to the Sec-
23 retary or Director who established the task
24 force, and to the appropriate committees of
25 Congress, a report—

1 (i) evaluating the impact of adversary
2 alignment on the relevant operations car-
3 ried out by the individual department, of-
4 fice, or agency of the task force; and

5 (ii) putting forth recommendations for
6 such organizational changes as the task
7 force considers necessary to ensure the de-
8 partment, office, or agency of the task
9 force is well positioned to routinely evalu-
10 ate and respond to the rapidly evolving na-
11 ture of adversary cooperation and the at-
12 tendant risks.

13 (3) QUARTERLY INTERAGENCY MEETING.—Not
14 less frequently than quarterly, the heads of the task
15 forces established under this section shall meet to
16 discuss findings, problems, and next steps with re-
17 spect to adversary alignment.

18 (b) REPORT ON NATURE, TRAJECTORY, AND RISKS
19 OF BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN, AND MULTILAT-
20 ERAL COOPERATION AMONG, ADVERSARIES OF THE
21 UNITED STATES.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
23 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director
24 of National Intelligence, in coordination with the
25 head of any Federal agency the Director considers

1 appropriate, shall submit to the President, any Fed-
2 eral officer of Cabinet-level rank the Director con-
3 siders appropriate, and the appropriate committees
4 of Congress, a report on bilateral and multilateral
5 cooperation among adversaries of the United States
6 and the resulting risks of such cooperation.

7 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
8 graph (1) shall include the following:

9 (A) A description of the current nature
10 and extent of bilateral or multilateral coopera-
11 tion among the People's Republic of China, the
12 Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of
13 Iran, and the Democratic People's Republic of
14 Korea across the diplomatic, information, mili-
15 tary, and economic spheres, and an assessment
16 of the advantages that accrue to each adversary
17 from such cooperation.

18 (B) An assessment of the trajectory for co-
19 operation among the adversaries described in
20 subparagraph (A) during the 5-year period be-
21 ginning on the date on which the report is sub-
22 mitted.

23 (C) An outline of the risks to the United
24 States and allied diplomatic, military, intel-
25 ligence, and economic operations, and broader

1 security interests around the world, including
2 the following:

3 (i) The risk of technology transfers
4 dramatically increasing the military capa-
5 bilities of adversaries of the United States
6 and the impact on the relative balance of
7 United States and allied capabilities as
8 compared to that of the adversary.

9 (ii) The risk posed to the United
10 States by efforts made by adversaries to
11 establish alternate payment systems, in
12 particular with respect to the dominance of
13 the United States dollar and the effective-
14 ness of United States sanctions and export
15 control tools.

16 (iii) The risk that an adversary of the
17 United States might assist or otherwise en-
18 able another adversary of the United
19 States in the event that one or more adver-
20 saries become party to a conflict with the
21 United States.

22 (iv) The risk that adversary coopera-
23 tion poses a growing threat to United
24 States intelligence collection efforts.

1 (D) An evaluation of the vulnerabilities
2 and tension points within such adversary bilat-
3 eral or multilateral relationships, and an assess-
4 ment of the likely effect of efforts by the United
5 States to separate adversaries.

6 (3) USE OF OTHER REPORTING.—The report
7 required by paragraph (1) may be completed using
8 reports submitted by the Director of National Intel-
9 ligence to satisfy other statutory requirements.

10 (4) FORM.—The report submitted required by
11 paragraph (1) shall be submitted in classified form.

12 (c) REPORT ON STRATEGIC APPROACH.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
15 retary of State and the Secretary of Defense, in con-
16 sultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the
17 Secretary of Commerce, and the Director of Na-
18 tional Intelligence, shall submit to the appropriate
19 committees of Congress a report outlining the stra-
20 tegic approach of the United States to adversary
21 alignment and the necessary steps to disrupt, frus-
22 trate, constrain, and prepare for adversary coopera-
23 tion during the two-year period beginning on the
24 date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
2 graph (1) shall include the following:

3 (A) A detailed description of the methods
4 and tools available to the United States to dis-
5 rupt the most dangerous elements of adversary
6 cooperation, including the growing connectivity
7 between the defense industrial bases of each ad-
8 versary.

9 (B) A timeline for using diplomatic en-
10 gagement, intelligence diplomacy, security co-
11 operation, and foreign assistance, as appro-
12 priate—

13 (i) to educate allies and partners
14 about the increasing risk of adversary
15 alignment;

16 (ii) to secure the support of allies and
17 partners in combating adversary align-
18 ment; and

19 (iii) to assess and help address, as ap-
20 propriate, the vulnerabilities and capability
21 gaps of allies and partners to counter
22 threats from adversary alignment.

23 (C) A plan for ensuring the integrity of
24 United States methods of economic statecraft,
25 including an assessment of the efficiency of the

1 United States sanctions and export control en-
2 forcement apparatus and any accompanying
3 resourcing requirements.

4 (D) A clear plan to bolster deterrence
5 within the priority theaters of the Indo-Pacific
6 region, Europe, and the Middle East by—

7 (i) increasing United States and allied
8 munitions stockpiles, particularly such
9 stockpiles that are most critical for sup-
10 porting frontline partners such as Israel,
11 Taiwan, and Ukraine in the event of ag-
12 gression by a United States adversary;

13 (ii) facilitating collaborative efforts
14 with allies for the co-production, co-main-
15 tenance, and co-sustainment of critical mu-
16 nitions and platforms required by the
17 United States and allies and partners of
18 the United States in the event of a future
19 conflict with the People's Republic of
20 China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic
21 Republic of Iran, or the Democratic Peo-
22 ple's Republic of Korea; and

23 (iii) more effectively using funding
24 through the United States Foreign Mili-
25 tary Financing program to support allied

1 and partner domestic defense production
2 that can contribute to deterrence in each
3 such priority theater.

4 (E) A plan for digitizing and updating
5 war-planning tools of the Department of De-
6 fense not later than 1 year after the date on
7 which the report is submitted to ensure that
8 United States war planners are better equipped
9 to update and modify war plans in the face of
10 rapidly evolving information on adversary co-
11 operation.

12 (F) An assessment of the capability gaps
13 and vulnerabilities the United States would face
14 in deterring an adversary in the event that the
15 United States is engaged in a conflict with an-
16 other adversary, and a plan to work with allies
17 and partners to address such gaps and
18 vulnerabilities.

19 (3) FORM.—The report required by paragraph
20 (1) shall be submitted in classified form.

21 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
22 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
23 tees of Congress” means—

24 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the Se-
25 lect Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on

1 Foreign Relations, the Committee on Appropria-
2 tions, the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
3 Urban Affairs, and the Committee on Commerce,
4 Science, and Transportation of the Senate; and

5 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the Per-
6 manent Select Committee on Intelligence, the Com-
7 mittee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Appro-
8 priations, the Committee on Financial Services, and
9 the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the
10 House of Representatives.

11 **TITLE XIII—COOPERATIVE** 12 **THREAT REDUCTION**

13 **SEC. 1301. COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION FUNDS.**

14 (a) **FUNDING ALLOCATION.**—Of the \$282,830,000
15 authorized to be appropriated to the Department of De-
16 fense for fiscal year 2026 in section 301 and made avail-
17 able by the funding table in division D for the Department
18 of Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction Program estab-
19 lished under section 1321 of the Department of Defense
20 Cooperative Threat Reduction Act (50 U.S.C. 3711), the
21 following amounts may be obligated for the purposes spec-
22 ified:

23 (1) For strategic offensive arms elimination,
24 \$6,249,000.

1 (2) For chemical weapons destruction,
2 \$25,292,000.

3 (3) For global nuclear security, \$38,134,000.

4 (4) For cooperative biological engagement,
5 \$137,686,000.

6 (5) For proliferation prevention, \$47,146,000.

7 (6) For activities designated as Other Assess-
8 ments/Administrative Costs, \$28,323,000.

9 (b) SPECIFICATION OF COOPERATIVE THREAT RE-
10 DUCTION FUNDS.—Funds appropriated pursuant to the
11 authorization of appropriations in section 301 and made
12 available by the funding table in division D for the Depart-
13 ment of Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction Program
14 shall be available for obligation for fiscal years 2026,
15 2027, and 2028.

16 **TITLE XIV—OTHER**
17 **AUTHORIZATIONS**
18 **Subtitle A—Military Programs**

19 **SEC. 1401. WORKING CAPITAL FUNDS.**

20 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
21 fiscal year 2026 for the use of the Armed Forces and other
22 activities and agencies of the Department of Defense for
23 providing capital for working capital and revolving funds,
24 as specified in the funding table in section 4501.

1 **SEC. 1402. CHEMICAL AGENTS AND MUNITIONS DESTRUC-**
2 **TION, DEFENSE.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds
4 are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the Depart-
5 ment of Defense for fiscal year 2026 for expenses, not oth-
6 erwise provided for, for Chemical Agents and Munitions
7 Destruction, Defense, as specified in the funding table in
8 section 4501.

9 (b) USE.—Amounts authorized to be appropriated
10 under subsection are authorized for—

11 (1) the destruction of lethal chemical agents
12 and munitions in accordance with section 1412 of
13 the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1986
14 (50 U.S.C. 1521); and

15 (2) the destruction of chemical warfare materiel
16 of the United States that is not covered by section
17 1412 of such Act.

18 **SEC. 1403. DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER-DRUG AC-**
19 **TIVITIES, DEFENSE-WIDE.**

20 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
21 the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2026 for ex-
22 penses, not otherwise provided for, for Drug Interdiction
23 and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense-wide, as specified in
24 the funding table in section 4501.

1 **SEC. 1404. DEFENSE INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

2 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
 3 the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2026 for ex-
 4 penses, not otherwise provided for, for the Office of the
 5 Inspector General of the Department of Defense, as speci-
 6 fied in the funding table in section 4501.

7 **SEC. 1405. DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM.**

8 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
 9 fiscal year 2026 for the Defense Health Program for use
 10 of the Armed Forces and other activities and agencies of
 11 the Department of Defense for providing for the health
 12 of eligible beneficiaries, as specified in the funding table
 13 in section 4501.

14 **Subtitle B—National Defense**
 15 **Stockpile**

16 **SEC. 1411. MODIFICATIONS TO STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL**
 17 **MATERIALS STOCK PILING ACT.**

18 (a) MODIFICATION OF DISPOSAL AUTHORITY.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 5(b) of the Strategic
 20 and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C.
 21 98d(b)) is amended—

22 (A) by inserting “(1)” after “(b)”;

23 (B) by striking “or (5)” and inserting “or
 24 (6)”;

25 (C) by striking “has been specifically au-
 26 thorized by law” and inserting “was included in

1 the most recent annual materials plan sub-
2 mitted to the congressional defense committees
3 (as defined in section 101(a) of title 10, United
4 States Code) under section 11(b)(1)(G)”; and

5 (D) by adding at the end the following new
6 paragraph:

7 “(2) Not later than 15 days after making a disposal
8 under paragraph (1), the National Defense Stockpile Man-
9 ager shall notify the congressional defense committees of
10 the disposal.”.

11 (2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-
12 MENTS.—Section 6(a) of such Act (50 U.S.C.
13 98e(a)) is amended—

14 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
15 by striking “President” and inserting “National
16 Defense Stockpile Manager”; and

17 (B) by amending paragraph (7) to read as
18 follows:

19 “(7) dispose of materials in the stockpile in ac-
20 cordance with the most recent annual materials plan
21 submitted to the congressional defense committees
22 under section 11(b)(1)(G) and notify the congres-
23 sional defense committees of such disposals as re-
24 quired by section 5(b)(2).”.

(b) REDUCTION OF WAIT PERIODS.—Sections 5(a)(2), 6(d)(1), and 6(d)(2) of such Act (50 U.S.C. 98d(a)(2), 98e(d)(1), 98e(d)(2)) are each amended by striking “45 days” and inserting “30 days”.

Subtitle C—Other Matters

SEC. 1421. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME.

There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2026 from the Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund the sum of \$77,000,000 for the operation of the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

TITLE XV—SPACE ACTIVITIES, STRATEGIC PROGRAMS, AND INTELLIGENCE MATTERS

Subtitle A—Space Activities

SEC. 1501. DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR ROCKET CARGO TEST AND DEMONSTRATION AT JOHNSTON ATOLL.

The preparation of the Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment for Rocket Cargo Test and Demonstration at Johnston Atoll, United States (Demonstration at Johnston Atoll, United States (EAXX-007-57-USF-1728497279, March 3, 2025)) shall not be effective until further modification includes consideration of

1 the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site,
2 United States Army Garrison–Kwajalein Atoll, Republic
3 of the Marshall Islands. Such environmental impact anal-
4 ysis shall also include a comparison of estimated costs for
5 supporting the collection of essential testing data at each
6 location.

7 **SEC. 1502. STUDY ON FUTURE SPACE LAUNCH CAPACITY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
9 conduct a study to assess the operational capacity, infra-
10 structure, and long-term sustainability of heavy and super
11 heavy space launch sites at Cape Canaveral Space Force
12 Station and Vandenberg Space Force Base, with a focus
13 on evaluating the suitability of such sites for ongoing and
14 future missions, and to explore alternate launch locations
15 that may offer advantages with respect to mission-effi-
16 ciency, cost-effectiveness, and strategic value.

17 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study required by subsection
18 (a) shall include the following:

19 (1) An analysis of the current capacity and use
20 of the heavy and super heavy space launch sites at
21 Cape Canaveral Space Force Station and Vanden-
22 berg Space Force Base, including existing infra-
23 structure, launch frequencies, and operational effi-
24 ciency.

1 (2) A detailed evaluation of the infrastructure
2 at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station and Vanden-
3 berg Space Force Base, including transportation ac-
4 cess, environmental considerations, safety protocols,
5 the adequacy of current facilities to support heavy
6 and super heavy space launches, and the estimated
7 costs of maintaining and upgrading such infrastruc-
8 ture.

9 (3) A review of environmental regulations, poli-
10 cies, and potential impacts related to heavy and
11 super heavy space launches at Cape Canaveral Space
12 Force Station and Vandenberg Space Force Base,
13 including any limitations or challenges imposed by
14 Federal, State, or local regulations and an evalua-
15 tion of potential strategies to mitigate adverse envi-
16 ronmental effects.

17 (4) A comparative analysis of alternate loca-
18 tions for heavy and super heavy space launches, in-
19 cluding sites on Federal lands, private land partner-
20 ships, and locations outside the continental United
21 States. Such analysis shall consider geographic, envi-
22 ronmental, logistical, and regulatory factors that
23 may make alternate locations viable or advan-
24 tageous, including cost comparisons and potential

1 challenges in establishing infrastructure at such lo-
2 cations.

3 (5) An examination of the manner in which
4 Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Vandenberg
5 Space Force Base, and any potential alternate loca-
6 tions align with national defense and space explo-
7 ration goals, including launch site proximity to key
8 orbital paths, security considerations, and redun-
9 dancy for critical missions.

10 (6) An exploration of the manner in which ad-
11 vancements in space launch technology, including re-
12 usable launch vehicles and space traffic manage-
13 ment, could influence the future demand and oper-
14 ational needs for heavy and super heavy space
15 launch sites.

16 (7) An assessment of any innovative tech-
17 nologies that could enhance the capacity or reduce
18 the environmental impact of existing or alternate
19 heavy and super heavy space launch sites.

20 (8) A financial analysis of the long-term costs
21 associated with the use and maintenance of Cape
22 Canaveral Space Force Station and Vandenberg
23 Space Force Base for heavy and super heavy space
24 launches, and the estimated costs for establishing
25 and operating alternative heavy and super heavy

1 space launch sites. Such analysis shall include con-
2 siderations applicable to Government funding, pri-
3 vate sector partnerships, and cost-sharing models.

4 (c) CONSULTATION.—The study required by sub-
5 section (a) shall be conducted in consultation with relevant
6 stakeholders, including commercial space industry rep-
7 resentatives, environmental agencies, and local govern-
8 ments.

9 (d) REPORT.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 31,
11 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the
12 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
13 the House of Representatives a report on the find-
14 ings of the study required by subsection (a).

15 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
16 graph (1) shall include the following:

17 (A) Recommendations on the future use of
18 heavy and super heavy space launch sites at
19 Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Vanden-
20 berg Space Force Base, and alternate locations.

21 (B) A summary of findings and rec-
22 ommendations on the continued use of Cape
23 Canaveral Space Force Station and Vandenberg
24 Space Force Base for heavy and super heavy
25 space launches.

1 (C) A detailed analysis of alternate launch
2 sites, including strategic, operational, and fi-
3 nancial considerations.

4 (D) Policy recommendations for addressing
5 infrastructure needs, environmental concerns,
6 and regulatory challenges for heavy and super
7 heavy space launch operations.

8 (E) A summary of stakeholder input and
9 any proposed legislative or regulatory changes
10 based on the findings of the study.

11 **SEC. 1503. ACQUISITION AND OPERATION OF SPACE SYS-**
12 **TEMS FOR SPACE WARFIGHTING AND CON-**
13 **TROL.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall ac-
15 quire and operate space systems to be used primarily for
16 space warfighting and control to meet the requirements
17 specified by one or more combatant commanders in car-
18 rying out the responsibilities set forth in section 164 of
19 title 10, United States Code.

20 (b) ROLE OF COMMERCIAL SPACE SYSTEMS.—One or
21 more commercial space systems may be used to augment
22 the space systems acquired and operated under subsection
23 (a).

24 (c) NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may waive
 2 the application of subsection (a) if the Secretary de-
 3 termines that such a waiver is in the national secu-
 4 rity interest of the United States.

5 (2) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 10 days
 6 after exercising the waiver authority under para-
 7 graph (a), the Secretary shall submit to the congres-
 8 sional defense committees a notification of the use of
 9 such authority that includes—

10 (A) a description of the national security
 11 interest upon which the exercise of such author-
 12 ity is based;

13 (B) the anticipated vulnerabilities to na-
 14 tional security posed by the use of such waiver;
 15 and

16 (C) the anticipated duration of such waiv-
 17 er.

18 **SEC. 1504. BLAST DAMAGE ASSESSMENT GUIDE FOR SPACE**
 19 **VEHICLES AT AIR FORCE LAUNCH COM-**
 20 **PLEXES.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
 22 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
 23 Air Force shall publish a liquid oxygen and methane blast
 24 damage assessment guide for space launch vehicles at Air
 25 Force launch complexes.

1 (b) NOTICE AND BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days
2 after the date on which the assessment guide required by
3 subsection (a) is published, the Secretary shall—

4 (1) notify the congressional defense committees
5 of such publication; and

6 (2) provide the congressional defense commit-
7 tees with a briefing on the contents of the assess-
8 ment guide.

9 (c) WAIVER.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may waive
11 the one-year publication timeline under subsection
12 (a) for national security purposes, or if the Sec-
13 retary determines that such timeline is impractical,
14 if the Secretary notifies the congressional defense
15 committees with respect to an alternate date on
16 which the publication shall occur.

17 (2) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may exercise
18 the waiver authority under paragraph (1) not more
19 than once.

20 **SEC. 1505. ACQUISITION OF SPACE-BASED TACTICAL DATA**
21 **CAPABILITY.**

22 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that robust competi-
23 tion in the space industrial base is essential to ensuring
24 United States space superiority and the ability of the
25 United States Space Force to provide national security

1 mission-critical space warfighting systems and operations
 2 across the joint force.

3 (b) REQUIREMENT TO MAXIMIZE COMPETITION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 135 of title 10,
 5 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
 6 end the following new section:

7 **“§ 2279e. Contracting for space-based functional data**
 8 **capability**

9 “The head of an agency shall, to the maximum extent
 10 practicable, ensure that—

11 “(1) space acquisitions employ procedures that
 12 maximize competition; and

13 “(2) mission-critical national security space-
 14 based systems that deliver space-based tactical data
 15 within a program and across the armed forces shall,
 16 to the greatest extent practicable, be procured from
 17 an open competition allowing for competition be-
 18 tween multiple vendors, and the products of such
 19 vendors shall comply with interfaces and standards
 20 that maximize resilience and interoperability with
 21 Department of Defense systems.”.

22 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of
 23 sections for chapter 135 of title 10, United States
 24 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following
 25 new item:

“2279e. Contracting for space-based functional data capability.”.

1 **SEC. 1506. USE OF MIDDLE TIER ACQUISITION PROGRAM**
2 **FOR PROLIFERATED WARFIGHTER SPACE AR-**
3 **CHITECTURE OF THE SPACE DEVELOPMENT**
4 **AGENCY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Space Devel-
6 opment Agency shall use a middle tier acquisition program
7 for the rapid fielding of satellites and associated systems
8 for each of the following tranches of the of the proliferated
9 warfighter space architecture of the Agency:

10 (1) Tranch 4.

11 (2) Tranch 5.

12 (3) Tranch 6.

13 (b) RAPID PROTOTYPING AND FIELDING.—Any
14 tranche of satellites or associated systems developed and
15 fielded under subsection (a) shall have a level of maturity
16 that allows such satellites or systems to be rapidly
17 prototyped within an acquisition program or rapidly field-
18 ed within five years of the development of an approved
19 requirement for such satellites or systems.

20 (c) DESIGNATION AS MAJOR CAPABILITY ACQUI-
21 TION.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary of De-
23 fense for Acquisition and Sustainment may des-
24 ignate a tranche described in subsection (a) as a
25 major capability acquisition program consistent with
26 Department of Defense Instruction 5000.85, titled

1 “Major Capability Acquisition” and issued on Au-
2 gust 6, 2020 (or a successor instruction).

3 (2) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90
4 days before the date on which a designation under
5 paragraph (1) is made, the Under Secretary of De-
6 fense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall notify
7 the congressional defense committees of the intent of
8 the Under Secretary to make such designation and
9 include with such notice a justification for such des-
10 ignation.

11 (d) SPACE ACQUISITION COUNCIL REVIEW AND
12 WAIVER.—

13 (1) REVIEW.—In accordance with section 9021
14 of title 10, United States Code, the Space Acquisi-
15 tion Council shall review each tranche described sub-
16 section (a) to ensure integration across the national
17 security space enterprise.

18 (2) WAIVER.—The Space Acquisition Council
19 may waive the requirements of subsection (a) with
20 respect to a tranche or portion of a tranche described
21 in such subsection if the Council—

22 (A) on the basis of the review conducted
23 under paragraph (1), determines that the use of
24 a middle tier acquisition program is not war-
25 ranted for such tranche or portion thereof; and

1 (B) not later than 14 days after making
2 such determination, submits to the congres-
3 sional defense committees notice of the intent of
4 the Council to issue such a waiver.

5 (e) MIDDLE TIER ACQUISITION PROGRAM DE-
6 FINED.—In this section, the term “middle tier acquisition
7 program” means an acquisition program or project that
8 is carried out using the rapid fielding or rapid prototyping
9 acquisition pathway under section 3602 of title 10, United
10 States Code, in a manner consistent with Department of
11 Defense Instruction 5000.80, titled “Operation of the
12 Middle Tier of Acquisition (MTA)” and issued on Decem-
13 ber 30, 2019 (or a successor instruction).

14 **SEC. 1507. CONTINUATION OF OPERATION OF DEFENSE ME-**
15 **TEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE PROGRAM.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
17 continue to operate the Defense Meteorological Satellite
18 Program until the end of the functional life of the sat-
19 ellites in orbit as of the date of the enactment of this Act
20 under such program.

21 (b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 60 days after the date
22 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
23 shall provide to the congressional defense committees a
24 briefing on—

(1) the status of the Defense Meteorological
Satellite Program;

(2) the requirements, capabilities, and costs for
such program for fiscal year 2026; and

(3) the projected costs—

(A) to carry out such program for the
functional life of the satellites in orbit as of the
date of the enactment of this Act under such
program; and

(B) to replace the satellite functions under
such program.

Subtitle B—Nuclear Forces

SEC. 1511. MATTERS RELATING TO INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES OF THE UNITED STATES.

(a) INITIAL OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY.—Not later
than September 30, 2033, and subject to the availability
of appropriations for such purpose, the Secretary of De-
fense, acting through the Secretary of the Air Force, shall
ensure the LGM-35A Sentinel Intercontinental Ballistic
Missile weapon system achieves initial operational capa-
bility, as defined jointly by the Commander of United
States Strategic Command and the Commander of Air
Force Global Strike Command.

1 (b) INVENTORY REQUIREMENT.—Section 9062 of
2 title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
3 end the following new subsection:

4 “(n)(1) The Secretary of the Air Force shall maintain
5 a total inventory of intercontinental ballistic missiles suffi-
6 cient to ensure that no fewer than 400 such missiles are
7 available for deployment at all times.

8 “(2) Such intercontinental ballistic missiles shall be
9 deployed among no fewer than 150 launch facilities dis-
10 persed across each of the following locations (for a total
11 of no fewer than 450):

12 “(A) Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Lar-
13 amie County, Wyoming.

14 “(B) Malmstrom Air Force Base, Cascade
15 County, Montana.

16 “(C) Minot Air Force Base, Ward County,
17 North Dakota.

18 “(3) In this subsection:

19 “(A) The term ‘intercontinental ballistic missile’
20 means any combination of the LGM-30A Minuteman
21 intercontinental ballistic missile or the LGM-35A
22 Sentinel intercontinental ballistic missile.

23 “(B) The term ‘deployed’ means armed with
24 one or more nuclear weapons and contained within
25 a launch facility and available for employment in

1 support of United States Strategic Command re-
2 quirements or presidentially directed operations.”.

3 (c)(1) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in para-
4 graph (2), none of the funds authorized to be appropriated
5 by this Act for fiscal year 2026 or otherwise made avail-
6 able for the Department of Defense may be obligated or
7 expended for the following, and the Department may not
8 otherwise take any action to do the following:

9 (A) Reduce, or prepare to reduce, the respon-
10 siveness or alert level of the intercontinental ballistic
11 missiles of the United States.

12 (B) Reduce, or prepare to reduce, the quantity
13 of deployed intercontinental ballistic missiles of the
14 United States to a number less than that specified
15 by subsection (n) of section 9062 of title 10, United
16 States Code, as added by subsection (b).

17 (2) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition in paragraph (1)
18 shall not apply to any of the following activities:

19 (A) The maintenance or sustainment of inter-
20 continental ballistic missiles.

21 (B) Ensuring the safety, security, or reliability
22 of intercontinental ballistic missiles.

23 (C) Facilitating the transition from the LGM-
24 30G Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile

1 to the Sentinel LGM-35A intercontinental ballistic
2 missile.

3 **SEC. 1512. MATTERS RELATING TO AIR FORCE GLOBAL**
4 **STRIKE COMMAND.**

5 (a) RESTORATION.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
8 of the Air Force shall reverse any changes made to
9 the manpower, composition, roles, or responsibilities
10 of the Air Force Global Strike Command related to
11 efforts to establish an Integrated Capabilities Office
12 or an Integrated Capabilities Command since Octo-
13 ber 1, 2023.

14 (2) FUNDING LIMITATION.—Of the funds au-
15 thorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise
16 made available for fiscal year 2026 for the Depart-
17 ment of the Air Force, not more than 75 percent
18 may be obligated or expended until the Secretary of
19 the Air Force notifies the congressional defense com-
20 mittees that the requirement described in paragraph
21 (1) has been completed.

22 (3) LIMITATION ON FUTURE ORGANIZATIONAL
23 CHANGES.—Neither the Secretary of the Air Force
24 nor the Chief of Staff of the Air Force may author-
25 ize any alterations or adjustments to the composi-

tion, roles, or responsibilities of Air Force Global Strike Command in the development of requirements relating to strategic deterrence or the execution of Joint Forces Air Component Command operational and planning support for the United States Strategic Command unless—

(A) the Secretary of Defense, jointly with the Commander of United States Strategic Command, certifies to the congressional defense committees that such alterations or adjustments will not adversely affect the missions of the United States Strategic Command missions in supporting the operational requirements of the United States Strategic Command or activities of the Department of Defense to achieve presidential nuclear employment guidance objectives; and

(B) a period of not fewer than 180 days elapse following such certification.

(b) OVERSIGHT OF NUCLEAR DETERRENCE MISSION.—Section 9040(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting “in coordination with the Commander of Air Force Global Strike Command” after “duties”;

1 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as
2 paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively;

3 (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
4 lowing new paragraph (2):

5 “(2) Coordinate with and support the activities
6 of Air Force Global Strike Command, the Air Force
7 Nuclear Systems Center, and any other applicable
8 Air Force organization in the sustainment and mod-
9 ernization of weapon systems associated with the nu-
10 clear deterrence mission of the Air Force.”;

11 (4) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated, by
12 striking “and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force”
13 and inserting, “, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force,
14 and the Commander of Air Force Global Strike
15 Command.”; and

16 (5) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(5) Represent Air Force nuclear deterrence
18 mission equities on behalf of the Chief of Staff of
19 the Air Force and the Commander of Air Force
20 Global Strike Command within the Nuclear Weapons
21 Council processes and other Department of Defense
22 fora, as appropriate.”.

23 (c) ENDURING GUIDANCE.—Consistent with section
24 9040(b) of title 10, United States Code, as amended by
25 subsection (b), the provisions of Air Force Mission Direc-

1 tive 63, dated July 12, 2018, shall remain in force until
2 changed by law.

3 (d) UPDATE OF SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE.—Not
4 later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
5 Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall issue an update
6 to Air Force Program Action Directive D16-01, dated Au-
7 gust 2, 2016, to reflect the requirements of this section.

8 **SEC. 1513. ADJUSTMENT TO BOMBER AIRCRAFT NUCLEAR**
9 **CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.**

10 Section 211 of the National Defense Authorization
11 Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112–239) is amend-
12 ed to read as follows:

13 **“SEC. 211. B-21 BOMBER AIRCRAFT NUCLEAR CERTIFI-**
14 **CATION REQUIREMENT.**

15 “The Secretary of the Air Force shall ensure that the
16 B-21 bomber is—

17 “(1) operationally certified to employ nuclear
18 gravity bombs not later than 180 days after the date
19 on which such aircraft achieves initial operational
20 capability; and

21 “(2) operationally certified to employ the AGM-
22 181 Long Range Standoff Weapon not later than
23 two years after the date on which either the B-21
24 bomber or the AGM-181 Long Range Standoff

1 Weapon achieves initial operational capability,
2 whichever is later.”.

3 **SEC. 1514. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS PEND-**
4 **ING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASSISTANT**
5 **SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR NUCLEAR DE-**
6 **TERRENCE, CHEMICAL, AND BIOLOGICAL DE-**
7 **FENSE POLICY AND PROGRAMS.**

8 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
9 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
10 Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, to the Office
11 of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and the Of-
12 fice of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
13 Sustainment, not more than 50 percent may be obligated
14 or expended until the date on which the Secretary of De-
15 fense notifies the congressional defense committees that
16 the Department of Defense has—

17 (1) updated all applicable regulations, polices,
18 and departmental guidance to reflect the establish-
19 ment of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of De-
20 fense for Nuclear Deterrence, Chemical, and Biologi-
21 cal Defense Policy and Programs; and

22 (2) realigned personnel, facilities, and budg-
23 etary resources to reflect the implementation of sec-
24 tion 138(b)(4) of title 10, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 1515. ADJUSTMENT TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF NU-**
2 **CLEAR WEAPONS COUNCIL.**

3 Section 179 of title 10, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a), in the first sentence, by
6 inserting “The Council shall be the primary mecha-
7 nism for integrating, streamlining, and ensuring
8 unity of purpose and direction for nuclear deterrence
9 related activities within the Department of Defense
10 and the Department of Energy.” after “Energy.”;

11 (2) in subsection (c), by striking paragraph (3);

12 (3) in subsection (d)—

13 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
14 through (13) as paragraphs (2) through (14),
15 respectively;

16 (B) by inserting before paragraph (2), as
17 so redesignated, the following:

18 “(1) Supervising nuclear deterrence activities of
19 the Department of Defense and the National Nu-
20 clear Security Administration, including oversight of
21 policy and resources, and developing options for ad-
22 justing the deterrence posture of the United States
23 in response to evolving international security condi-
24 tions.”;

25 (C) by amending paragraph (6), as so re-
26 designated, to read as follows:

1 “(6) Evaluating safety, security, and control
2 issues for existing weapons and for proposed new
3 weapon program starts and approving adjustments
4 as required.”;

5 (D) in paragraph (7), as so redesignated,
6 by striking “Ensuring that adequate consider-
7 ation is given to” and inserting “Approving”;

8 (E) by amending paragraph (8), as so re-
9 designated, to read as follows:

10 “(8) Providing specific guidance regarding pri-
11 orities for research on—

12 “(A) nuclear weapon delivery systems and
13 platforms and priorities on military capability
14 development within the armed forces and the
15 broader Department of Defense; and

16 “(B) nuclear weapons and priorities among
17 activities, including production, surveillance, re-
18 search, construction, and any other programs
19 within the National Nuclear Security Adminis-
20 tration.”;

21 (F) by amending paragraph (9), as so re-
22 designated, to read as follows:

23 “(9) Coordinating and approving activities con-
24 ducted by the Department of Defense and the De-
25 partment of Energy for the study, development, pro-

duction, and retirement of nuclear warheads and
 weapon systems, including concept definition studies,
 feasibility studies, engineering development, hard-
 ware component fabrication, warhead and weapon
 system production, and warhead retirement.”;

(G) in paragraph (10), as so redesignated,
 by inserting “and weapon system” after “war-
 head”;

(H) in paragraph (12), as so redesignated,
 by inserting “and related weapon systems sup-
 porting nuclear deterrence missions” after
 “weapons”; and

(I) in paragraph (14), as so redesign-
 ated—

(i) by inserting “and approving” after
 “Coordinating”; and

(ii) by inserting “systems and” after
 “delivery”; and

(4) by amending subsection (f)(1) to read as
 follows:

“(f) BUDGET AND FUNDING MATTERS.—(1) The
 Council shall annually review the plans and budget of the
 National Nuclear Security Administration and the Mili-
 tary Services to assess whether such plans and budget
 meet the current and projected requirements relating to

1 nuclear weapons and related weapon systems supporting
2 nuclear deterrence missions.”.

3 **SEC. 1516. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS PEND-**
4 **ING NOTIFICATION OF TASKING AUTHORITY**
5 **DELEGATION.**

6 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
7 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
8 Operation and Maintenance, Air Force, and available to
9 the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force for travel pur-
10 poses, not more than 50 percent may be obligated or ex-
11 pended until the date on which the Secretary of Defense
12 notifies the congressional defense committees that the del-
13 egation of authority described in section 1638(e) of the
14 James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for
15 Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 2941)
16 has been completed.

17 **SEC. 1517. MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENT FOR NU-**
18 **CLEAR-ARMED, SEA-LAUNCHED CRUISE MIS-**
19 **SILE INITIAL OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY.**

20 Section 1640 of the National Defense Authorization
21 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat.
22 595) is amended—

23 (1) by redesignating subsections (b), (c), (d),
24 (e), (f), and (g), as subsections (c), (d), (e), (f), (g),
25 and (h), respectively;

1 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
 2 lowing new subsection (b):

3 “(b) RAPID FIELDING PARALLEL PATH.—In parallel
 4 to the major defense acquisition program described in sub-
 5 section (a), the Department of Defense is authorized to
 6 utilize the middle tier acquisition authorities established
 7 by section 3602 of title 10, United States Code, to rapidly
 8 develop, prototype, and field a nuclear-armed, sea-
 9 launched cruise missile that can provide for a residual
 10 operational capability prior to the date of initial oper-
 11 ational capability established by subsection (c).”; and

12 (3) in subsection (c), as so redesignated, by
 13 striking “2034” and inserting “2032”.

14 **SEC. 1518. PILOT PROGRAM FOR UNMANNED AERIAL VEHI-**
 15 **CLE RESUPPLY TO LAUNCH CONTROL FA-**
 16 **CILITIES.**

17 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of the Air
 18 Force, in coordination with the Commander of the Air
 19 Force Global Strike Command, is authorized to carry out
 20 a pilot program under which the Secretary may establish
 21 a partnership to assess the feasibility and effectiveness of
 22 implementing a low cost and repeatable resupply of inter-
 23 continental ballistic missile launch facilities or control cen-
 24 ters using unmanned aircraft systems.

1 (b) ELEMENTS.—If the Secretary carries out the
2 pilot program authorized under subsection (a), such pilot
3 program shall include—

4 (1) demonstration flights conducted in unre-
5 stricted airspace, including the transportation of
6 cargo, from a main Air Force Base to interconti-
7 nental ballistic missile launch facilities or control
8 centers;

9 (2) consultation with the Administrator of the
10 Federal Aviation Administration and the heads of
11 other Federal agencies, as the Secretary determines
12 appropriate, to facilitate the flights described in
13 paragraph (1);

14 (3) the use of existing technology to the great-
15 est extent possible;

16 (4) an evaluation of the potential of unmanned
17 aircraft systems to resupply intercontinental ballistic
18 missile launch facilities or control centers more effi-
19 ciently than ground-based resupply methods; and

20 (5) the incorporation, implementation, and utili-
21 zation of unmanned aircraft system service supplier
22 airspace system integration services for enhanced
23 safety, awareness, and command and control.

24 (c) TERMINATION.—The authorization to carry out
25 the pilot program under subsection (a) shall terminate on

1 the date that is 3 years after the date on which the Sec-
2 retary establishes such a pilot program.

3 (d) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than December 1
4 of each year in which the pilot program authorized under
5 subsection (a) is carried out, the Secretary of the Air
6 Force shall submit to the congressional defense commit-
7 tees a report summarizing the activities of the pilot pro-
8 gram during the preceding year, including information on
9 how the pilot program is supporting Air Force Global
10 Strike Command requirements.

11 (e) BRIEFING ON REFINING LEGISLATION.—Not
12 later than 180 days after the establishment of a pilot pro-
13 gram authorized under subsection (a), the Secretary of the
14 Air Force shall brief the congressional defense committees
15 on any statutory adjustments required to enable or con-
16 tinue the efficient execution of such pilot program.

17 (f) DEFINITION OF INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC
18 MISSILE LAUNCH FACILITY OR CONTROL CENTER.—In
19 this section, the term “intercontinental ballistic missile
20 launch facility or control center” has the meaning given
21 that term in section 183a(h) of title 10, United States
22 Code.

1 **SEC. 1519. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS PEND-**
2 **ING COMMENCEMENT OF ANNUAL BRIEF-**
3 **INGS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF REC-**
4 **OMMENDATIONS BY THE CONGRESSIONAL**
5 **COMMISSION ON THE STRATEGIC POSTURE**
6 **OF THE UNITED STATES.**

7 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
8 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
9 Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, to the Office
10 of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
11 Sustainment, not more than 90 percent may be obligated
12 or expended until the date on which the Under Secretary
13 of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment completes the
14 first annual briefing to the congressional defense commit-
15 tees required by section 1637 of the Servicemember Qual-
16 ity of Life Improvement and National Defense Authoriza-
17 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159).

18 **SEC. 1520. DEEP CLEANING OF LAUNCH CONTROL CEN-**
19 **TERS OF THE AIR FORCE GLOBAL STRIKE**
20 **COMMAND.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air Force,
22 acting through the Commander of the Air Force Global
23 Strike Command, shall ensure that each launch control
24 center within the 3 missile wings comprising the 20th Air
25 Force undergoes a deep cleaning of its crew capsules every
26 5 years until each such launch control center is decommis-

1 sioned by the Sentinel intercontinental ballistic missile
2 program.

3 (b) WAIVER.—The Commander of the Air Force
4 Global Strike Command may waive the deep cleaning of
5 a particular launch control center based upon conditions
6 that are unforeseen, impracticable, or due to national se-
7 curity. If such a waiver is exercised, the Commander shall
8 report to the congressional defense committees the par-
9 ticular launch control center that is waived and when such
10 launch control center is expected to be deep cleaned.

11 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Each fiscal year, the Sec-
12 retary of the Air Force shall submit to the congressional
13 defense committees a report that identifies each launch
14 control center that was deep cleaned during such fiscal
15 year and any additional matters of concern with respect
16 to the launch control centers.

17 **SEC. 1521. LIMITATION ON COMPENSATION CAPS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Unless authorized by an Act of
19 Congress, no action shall be taken to establish or imple-
20 ment a requirement to establish a cap on reimbursement
21 of compensation and benefits for non-federal employees
22 under contract with the National Nuclear Security Admin-
23 istration or employees of any Federally-funded research
24 and development center supporting—

(1) any atomic energy defense activity, as defined in section 2 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101);

(2) the sustainment and modernization of—

(A) nuclear weapons delivery systems and platforms of the Department of Defense;

(B) nuclear command, control, and communications systems of the Department; or

(C) any infrastructure associated with subparagraph (A) or (B); or

(3) the development, testing, or fielding of technologies supporting the Golden Dome missile defense system.

(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect or limit the application of, or any obligation to comply with, the requirements of section 3744(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code, or section 4304(a)(16) of title 41, United States Code.

Subtitle C—Missile Defense

SEC. 1531. MATTERS RELATING TO THE GOLDEN DOME MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM.

(a) REVISION TO NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE POLICY.—Section 5501 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2); and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new
2 paragraphs: “

3 “(1) to provide for the common defense of citi-
4 zens of the United States and the United States by
5 deploying and maintaining a next-generation missile
6 defense shield;

7 “(2) to deter and defend the United States, citi-
8 zens of the United States, and critical infrastructure
9 of the United States, against the threat of foreign
10 attack by increasingly complex ballistic, hypersonic
11 glide, and cruise missiles, and other advanced aerial
12 threats;

13 “(3) to guarantee the viability of an effective
14 nuclear response capability and support the contin-
15 ued deterrence of strategic attacks against the
16 homeland of the United States; and

17 “(4) to cooperate on missile defense capabilities
18 and technologies with allies and partners of the
19 United States to aid in the defense of allied and
20 partner populations and forward-deployed armed
21 forces of the United States.”.

22 (b) ANNUAL BRIEFING ON GOLDEN DOME MISSILE
23 DEFENSE SYSTEM.—

24 (1) BRIEFINGS REQUIRED.—Concurrent with
25 the first submission to Congress of a budget pursu-

1 ant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United States
2 Code, after the date of the enactment of this Act,
3 and with each submission of a budget to Congress
4 pursuant to such section until the Secretary of De-
5 fense determines that the Golden Dome missile de-
6 fense system achieves full operational capability, the
7 Secretary shall provide to the congressional defense
8 committees a briefing on the development and de-
9 ployment of the Golden Dome missile defense sys-
10 tem.

11 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each briefing under para-
12 graph (1) shall cover the following:

13 (A) The current architecture of the Golden
14 Dome missile defense system as compared to
15 the prior year.

16 (B) A consolidated list of funds estimated
17 within the most recent future-years defense pro-
18 gram under section 221 of title 10, United
19 States Code, for the Golden Dome missile de-
20 fense system as compared to the prior fiscal
21 year, including with respect to—

22 (i) missile defense and defeat systems;

23 (ii) missile defense interceptors;

24 (iii) missile warning and tracking sys-

25 tems;

- 1 (iv) network and communications sys-
2 tems;
3 (v) research, development, test, and
4 evaluation;
5 (vi) software development;
6 (vii) military construction;
7 (viii) operations and maintenance, in-
8 cluding advanced planning and infrastruc-
9 ture sustainment, renovation, and mainte-
10 nance funds;
11 (ix) civilian and military personnel;
12 and
13 (x) such other matters as the Sec-
14 retary considers appropriate.

15 (3) MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS.—Each briefing under
16 paragraph (1) shall include notable highlights and
17 changes affecting the progress towards initial and
18 full operational capability of the Golden Dome mis-
19 sile defense system.

20 (c) REPLACEMENT OF MISSILE INSTRUMENTATION
21 RANGE SAFETY VESSELS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—(A) Beginning not later than
23 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
24 the Director of the Missile Defense Agency shall ini-
25 tiate such actions as are necessary to establish and

1 ensure the validation of requirements for two re-
2 placement missile instrumentation range safety ves-
3 sels for the National Defense Reserve Fleet to allow
4 for the construction of such vessels to begin no later
5 than September 30, 2026.

6 (B) The Director shall, in coordination with
7 such Department of Defense officials as the Director
8 considers necessary to carry out subparagraph (A),
9 consult with the Maritime Administrator regarding
10 options to enter into an agreement with a vessel con-
11 struction manager, or other appropriate entity, to
12 contract for the construction of the vessels under
13 subparagraph (A).

14 (2) USE OF VESSEL.—A vessel constructed pur-
15 suant to this subsection shall be available for use by
16 other Federal agencies on a reimbursable basis, pro-
17 vided such usage does not—

18 (A) interfere with or delay Department of
19 Defense testing requirements;

20 (B) impede activities to maintain the oper-
21 ational availability of such vessel or any instru-
22 mentation onboard; or

23 (C) result in deferment of any modifica-
24 tions, maintenance, or upgrades to such vessel
25 or onboard instrumentation the Director deter-

1 mines necessary to meet current or future De-
2 partment requirements.

3 (3) CONSTRUCTION AND DOCUMENTATION RE-
4 QUIREMENTS.—The Director shall take such steps
5 as may be necessary to ensure a vessel constructed
6 pursuant to this section meets the requirements for
7 and be issued a certificate of documentation and a
8 coastwise endorsement under chapter 121 of title 46,
9 United States Code.

10 (4) DESIGN STANDARDS AND CONSTRUCTION
11 PRACTICES.—Subject to paragraph (3), the Director
12 shall take such steps as necessary to ensure a vessel
13 constructed pursuant to this section shall be con-
14 structed using commercial design standards and
15 commercial construction practices that are consistent
16 with the best interests of the Federal Government.

17 (5) CONSULTATION WITH OTHER FEDERAL EN-
18 TITIES.—The Director may consult and coordinate
19 with other Federal entities regarding the vessels de-
20 scribed in paragraph (1) and activities associated
21 with such vessels, including requirements for addi-
22 tional, similar vessels.

23 (6) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR USED
24 VESSELS.—In assessing options for amounts author-
25 ized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise

1 made available for use by the Director to carry out
2 this section may not be used for the procurement of
3 any used vessel.

4 (d) ESTABLISHMENT OF GOLDEN DOME DIRECT RE-
5 PORTING PROGRAM MANAGER.—The provisions of the
6 Secretary of Defense memorandum titled “Direct Report-
7 ing Program Manager Appointment for Golden Dome for
8 America” and dated May 27, 2025, shall remain in force
9 until changed by law.

10 **SEC. 1532. INCLUSION OF HAWAII AND ALASKA IN PLANS**
11 **FOR IRON DOME FOR AMERICA.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—In complying with Executive
13 Order 14186 (90 Fed. Reg. 8767; relating to The Iron
14 Dome for America), the Secretary of Defense shall ensure
15 that plans, reviews, strategies, and capabilities to improve
16 missile defense of the United States also include improve-
17 ments for the missile defense of Hawaii and Alaska, in
18 addition to the continental United States.

19 (b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall brief the
21 congressional defense committees on the progress of im-
22 plementing Executive Order 14186, including specifically
23 how missile defense of Hawaii and Alaska is included.

24 (c) DEFINITION OF MISSILE DEFENSE.—In this sec-
25 tion, the term “missile defense” means defense against all

1 manner of aerial and space kinetic attacks, including bal-
2 listic, hypersonic, and cruise missiles, and other advanced
3 aerial attacks.

4 **SEC. 1533. INCLUSION OF AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE IN**
5 **UNCONSTRAINED TOTAL MUNITIONS RE-**
6 **QUIREMENTS.**

7 Section 222c(c) of title 10, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (5) through
10 (8) as paragraphs (6) through (9), respectively; and

11 (2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
12 lowing new paragraph (5):

13 “(5) Air and Missile Defense.”.

14 **SEC. 1534. IRON DOME SHORT-RANGE ROCKET DEFENSE**
15 **SYSTEM AND ISRAELI COOPERATIVE MISSILE**
16 **DEFENSE PROGRAM CO-DEVELOPMENT AND**
17 **CO-PRODUCTION.**

18 (a) IRON DOME SHORT-RANGE ROCKET DEFENSE
19 SYSTEM.—

20 (1) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Of the funds
21 authorized to be appropriated by this Act for fiscal
22 year 2026 for procurement, Defense-wide, and avail-
23 able for the Missile Defense Agency, not more than
24 \$60,000,000 may be provided to the Government of
25 Israel to procure components for the Iron Dome

1 short-range rocket defense system through co-pro-
2 duction of such components in the United States by
3 industry of the United States.

4 (2) CONDITIONS.—

5 (A) AGREEMENT.—Funds described in
6 paragraph (1) for the Iron Dome short-range
7 rocket defense program shall be available sub-
8 ject to the terms and conditions in the Agree-
9 ment Between the Department of Defense of
10 the United States of America and the Ministry
11 of Defense of the State of Israel Concerning
12 Iron Dome Defense System Procurement,
13 signed on March 5, 2014, as amended to in-
14 clude co-production for Tamir interceptors.

15 (B) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 30
16 days prior to the initial obligation of funds de-
17 scribed in paragraph (1), the Under Secretary
18 of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment
19 shall submit to the appropriate congressional
20 committees—

21 (i) a certification that the amended bi-
22 lateral international agreement specified in
23 subparagraph (A) is being implemented as
24 provided in such agreement;

1 (ii) an assessment detailing any risks
2 relating to the implementation of such
3 agreement; and

4 (iii) for system improvements result-
5 ing in modified Iron Dome components
6 and Tamir interceptor sub-components, a
7 certification that the Government of Israel
8 has demonstrated successful completion of
9 Production Readiness Reviews, including
10 the validation of production lines, the
11 verification of component conformance,
12 and the verification of performance to
13 specification as defined in the Iron Dome
14 Defense System Procurement Agreement,
15 as further amended.

16 (b) ISRAELI COOPERATIVE MISSILE DEFENSE PRO-
17 GRAM, DAVID'S SLING WEAPON SYSTEM CO-PRODUC-
18 TION.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (3), of
20 the funds authorized to be appropriated for fiscal
21 year 2026 for procurement, Defense-wide, and avail-
22 able for the Missile Defense Agency not more than
23 \$40,000,000 may be provided to the Government of
24 Israel to procure the David's Sling Weapon System,

1 including for co-production of parts and components
2 in the United States by United States industry.

3 (2) AGREEMENT.—Provision of funds specified
4 in paragraph (1) shall be subject to the terms and
5 conditions in the bilateral co-production agreement,
6 including—

7 (A) a one-for-one cash match is made by
8 Israel or in another matching amount that oth-
9 erwise meets best efforts (as mutually agreed to
10 by the United States and Israel); and

11 (B) co-production of parts, components,
12 and all-up rounds (if appropriate) in the United
13 States by United States industry for the Da-
14 vid's Sling Weapon System is not less than 50
15 percent.

16 (3) CERTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT.—The
17 Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
18 Sustainment shall submit to the appropriate con-
19 gressional committees—

20 (A) a certification that the Government of
21 Israel has demonstrated the successful comple-
22 tion of the knowledge points, technical mile-
23 stones, and Production Readiness Reviews re-
24 quired by the research, development, and tech-
25 nology agreement and the bilateral co-produce-

tion agreement for the David's Sling Weapon System; and

(B) an assessment detailing any risks relating to the implementation of such agreement.

(c) ISRAELI COOPERATIVE MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAM, ARROW 3 UPPER TIER INTERCEPTOR PROGRAM CO-PRODUCTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), of the funds authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2026 for procurement, Defense-wide, and available for the Missile Defense Agency not more than \$100,000,000 may be provided to the Government of Israel for the Arrow 3 Upper Tier Interceptor Program, including for co-production of parts and components in the United States by United States industry.

(2) CERTIFICATION.—The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a certification that—

(A) the Government of Israel has demonstrated the successful completion of the knowledge points, technical milestones, and Production Readiness Reviews required by the research, development, and technology agree-

1 ment for the Arrow 3 Upper Tier Interceptor
2 Program;

3 (B) funds specified in paragraph (1) will
4 be provided on the basis of a one-for-one cash
5 match made by Israel or in another matching
6 amount that otherwise meets best efforts (as
7 mutually agreed to by the United States and
8 Israel);

9 (C) the United States has entered into a
10 bilateral international agreement with Israel
11 that establishes, with respect to the use of such
12 funds—

13 (i) in accordance with subparagraph
14 (D), the terms of co-production of parts
15 and components on the basis of the great-
16 est practicable co-production of parts, com-
17 ponents, and all-up rounds (if appropriate)
18 by United States industry and minimizes
19 nonrecurring engineering and facilitization
20 expenses to the costs needed for co-produc-
21 tion;

22 (ii) complete transparency on the re-
23 quirement of Israel for the number of
24 interceptors and batteries that will be pro-
25 cured, including with respect to the pro-

1 curement plans, acquisition strategy, and
2 funding profiles of Israel;

3 (iii) technical milestones for co-pro-
4 duction of parts and components and pro-
5 curement;

6 (iv) a joint affordability working
7 group to consider cost reduction initiatives;
8 and

9 (v) joint approval processes for third-
10 party sales; and

11 (D) the level of co-production described in
12 subparagraph (C)(i) for the Arrow 3 Upper
13 Tier Interceptor Program is not less than 50
14 percent.

15 (d) NUMBER.—In carrying out paragraph (2) of sub-
16 section (b) and paragraph (2) of subsection (c), the Under
17 Secretary may submit—

18 (1) one certification covering both the David's
19 Sling Weapon System and the Arrow 3 Upper Tier
20 Interceptor Program; or

21 (2) separate certifications for each respective
22 system.

23 (e) TIMING.—The Under Secretary shall submit to
24 the congressional defense committees the certification and
25 assessment under subsection (b)(3) and the certification

1 under subsection (c)(2) not later than 30 days before the
 2 funds specified in paragraph (1) of subsections (b) and
 3 (c) for the respective system covered by the certification
 4 are provided to the Government of Israel.

5 (f) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
 6 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
 7 sional committees” means the following:

8 (1) The congressional defense committees.

9 (2) The Committee on Foreign Relations of the
 10 Senate.

11 (3) The Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
 12 House of Representatives.

13 **SEC. 1535. REQUIREMENT FOR AEGIS COMBAT SYSTEMS**
 14 **OPERATIONALLY DEPLOYED UNDER UNITED**
 15 **STATES INDO-PACIFIC COMMAND.**

16 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Any removal of the Aegis Guam
 17 Combat System from the Indo-Pacific Command area of
 18 responsibility (currently sited on Guam) shall be con-
 19 sistent with section 162(a) of title 10, United States Code,
 20 using procedures outlined under Chairman of the Joint
 21 Chiefs of Staff Manual 3130.06D (relating to global force
 22 management allocation policies and procedures), or suc-
 23 cessor document.

24 (b) NOTICE.—In any case in which a removal de-
 25 scribed in subsection (a) is carried out, the Chairman of

1 the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall submit to the congressional
 2 defense committees notice of the removal not later than
 3 10 days after the date of the commencement of the re-
 4 moval.

5 **SEC. 1536. AMENDMENTS TO TECHNICAL AUTHORITY OF DI-**
 6 **RECTOR OF MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY RE-**
 7 **GARDING INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE DE-**
 8 **FENSE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 5531 of
 10 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

11 (1) by inserting “system level architectures,”
 12 before “the interfaces”; and

13 (2) by inserting a comma after “of such activi-
 14 ties and programs”.

15 (b) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.—Subsection (b) of
 16 such section is amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (1)—

18 (A) by striking “under paragraph (1)” and
 19 inserting “under subsection (a)”; and

20 (B) by striking “with subparagraph (B)”
 21 and inserting “with paragraph (2)”; and

22 (2) in paragraph (2)—

23 (A) by striking “under subparagraph (A)”
 24 and inserting “under paragraph (1)”; and

1 (B) by striking “under paragraph (1)” and
2 inserting “under subsection (a)”.

3 **SEC. 1537. ASSESSMENT OF THE RONALD REAGAN BAL-**
4 **LISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TEST SITE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with section 4173(i) of
6 title 10, United States Code, the Director of the Depart-
7 ment of Defense Test Resource Management Center shall,
8 not later than March 31 of each year until March 31,
9 2030—

10 (1) visit the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile
11 Defense Test Site and assess the state of infrastruc-
12 ture supporting test and evaluation facilities of the
13 Department of Defense; and

14 (2) not later than 30 days after a visit under
15 paragraph (1), provide the congressional defense
16 committees a briefing on the findings of the Director
17 with respect to such visit and assessment.

18 (b) DELEGATION.—The Director may delegate a visit
19 under subsection (a)(1) to a senior staff member of the
20 Test Resource Management Center 30 days after notifica-
21 tion to the congressional defense committees of the intent
22 of the Director to make such delegation.

1 **SEC. 1538. BIENNIAL ASSESSMENTS OF THE RONALD**
2 **REAGAN BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TEST**
3 **SITE.**

4 (a) BIENNIAL ASSESSMENTS.—In 2027 and in each
5 odd-numbered year thereafter through 2033, the Com-
6 mander of the United States Strategic Command shall,
7 in coordination with the Commander of the United States
8 Space Command, the Commander of the United States
9 Indo-Pacific Command, and the commanders of such other
10 combatant commands as the Commander of the United
11 States Strategic Command considers appropriate, assess
12 the capabilities and capacity, including supporting infra-
13 structure, of the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense
14 Test Site (RRBMDTS) on United States Army Garrison
15 Kwajalein Atoll to meet the operational and weapon sys-
16 tem developmental testing needs of the combatant com-
17 mands.

18 (b) REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND
19 THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.—Not
20 later than February 28 of each even-numbered year fol-
21 lowing a year for which an assessment under subsection
22 (a) is completed, the Commander of the United States
23 Strategic Command shall submit to the Secretary of De-
24 fense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff a re-
25 port containing—

1 (1) the findings of the Commander with respect
2 to the assessment;

3 (2) an identification and discussion of any ca-
4 pability or capacity gap or other shortfall with re-
5 spect to the operational and testing needs described
6 in subsection (a);

7 (3) an identification and discussion of any risks
8 with respect to meeting current and future mission
9 or capability requirements; and

10 (4) an identification and discussion of any mat-
11 ter having an adverse effect on the capability of the
12 combatant commanders to accurately determine the
13 matters covered by the assessment.

14 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than March
15 15 of each year during which a report under subsection
16 (b) is submitted, the Secretary shall submit to the con-
17 gressional defense committees the report most recently re-
18 ceived by the Secretary under subsection (b), without any
19 edits and with such additional views as the Secretary or
20 the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff consider appro-
21 priate.

1 **SEC. 1539. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
2 **OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DE-**
3 **FENSE FOR ACQUISITION AND SUSTAINMENT**
4 **PENDING COMMENCEMENT OF ANNUAL**
5 **BRIEFINGS ON MISSILE DEFENSE OF GUAM.**

6 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
7 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
8 Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, for the Office
9 of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
10 Sustainment, not more than 90 percent may be obligated
11 or expended until the date on which the Under Secretary
12 of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment completes the
13 first annual briefing to the congressional defense commit-
14 tees required by section 1648 of the Servicemember Qual-
15 ity of Life Improvement and National Defense Authoriza-
16 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159).

17 **SEC. 1540. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
18 **MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY PENDING AR-**
19 **RANGEMENT FOR INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS**
20 **OF SPACE-BASED MISSILE DEFENSE CAPA-**
21 **BILITY.**

22 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
23 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
24 Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, for the Missile
25 Defense Agency, not more than 90 percent may be obli-
26 gated or expended until the date on which the Director

1 of the Missile Defense Agency enters into an arrangement
2 in accordance with section 1671(a) of the National De-
3 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law
4 118–31) and notifies the congressional defense committees
5 of such arrangement.

6 **SEC. 1541. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY TO REDUCE**
7 **SUSTAINMENT FOR OR HALT OPERATION OF**
8 **THE AN/FPS–108 COBRA DANE RADAR.**

9 (a) LIMITATION.—Until the date on which the certifi-
10 cation described in subsection (b) is submitted to the con-
11 gressional defense committees, the Secretary of Defense—

12 (1) may not reduce sustainment efforts for, halt
13 operation of, or prepare to reduce sustainment ef-
14 forts for or halt operation of, the AN/FPS–108
15 COBRA DANE radar located at Eareckson Air Sta-
16 tion on Shemya Island in Alaska;

17 (2) shall sustain the AN/FPS–108 COBRA
18 DANE radar in a manner that preserves, at a min-
19 imum, the system’s current operational availability
20 as of the date of the enactment of this Act; and

21 (3) shall ensure that the AN/FPS–108 COBRA
22 DANE radar continues to meet the operational re-
23 quirements of the combatant commands that are
24 met by this system as of the date of the enactment
25 of this Act.

1 (b) CERTIFICATION DESCRIBED.—The certification
2 described in this subsection is a written certification from
3 the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Chief
4 of Space Operations and the Director of the Missile De-
5 fense Agency, indicating that the replacement capability
6 for the AN/FPS-108 COBRA DANE radar—

7 (1) will reach initial operational capability at
8 the same time or before the termination of oper-
9 ations for the AN/FPS-108 COBRA DANE radar;
10 and

11 (2) at the time such replacement capability
12 achieves initial operational capability, will have the
13 ability to meet the operational requirements of the
14 combatant commands that have been, or that are ex-
15 pected to be, assigned to such replacement capa-
16 bility.

17 (c) EXCEPTION.—The limitation described in sub-
18 section (a) shall not apply to temporary interruptions of
19 operational availability for the AN/FPS-108 COBRA
20 DANE radar provided such activities are necessary to sup-
21 port maintenance or modernization activities of the sys-
22 tem.

1 **SEC. 1542. ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT OF AUTONO-**
2 **MOUS AGENTS TO DEFEND AGAINST CRUISE**
3 **MISSILES AND UNMANNED SYSTEMS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Program Manager shall use
5 all authorities available to the Program Manager to accel-
6 erate development of autonomous agents to cost-effectively
7 defend the United States homeland and forward-deployed
8 armed forces against raids of both large cruise missiles
9 and unmanned systems as the Secretary considers appro-
10 priate.

11 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) MISSILE.—The term “missile” means a bal-
13 listic, hypersonic, cruise, hypersonic cruise, or loi-
14 tering munition.

15 (2) PROGRAM MANAGER.—The term “Program
16 Manager” means the Direct Reporting Program
17 Manager for Golden Dome for America.

18 (3) UNMANNED SYSTEM.—The term “un-
19 manned system” means a remote-operated or auton-
20 omous unmanned system of any size maneuvering in
21 land, sea, air, or space that is capable of single at-
22 tacks, swarm attacks, or sensor and data collection
23 and reconnaissance.

24 **SEC. 1543. MISSILE DEFENSE TESTING REQUIREMENTS.**

25 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary and the Program
26 Manager shall ensure that a robust testing regime is es-

1 tablished for all kinetic and nonkinetic interceptors or
2 similar systems throughout the system's lifecycle. To the
3 maximum extent practicable, testing shall include execu-
4 tion of end-to-end missile defense detection, tracking, and
5 destruction techniques that exercise multiple components
6 of the Golden Dome system.

7 (b) TESTING SCHEDULE.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out subsection
9 (a), the Secretary and the Program Manager shall
10 ensure that, not later than 540 days after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, a demanding testing
12 cadence begins, commencing with a virtual exercise
13 commencing on or before the date that is 540 days
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

15 (2) TEST PLANS.—Not later than 90 days be-
16 fore carrying out a test under this section, the Sec-
17 retary and the Program Manager shall present to
18 the congressional defense committees a detailed plan
19 for the test.

20 (3) BRIEFINGS.—In any case in which the Pro-
21 gram Manager fails to conduct a test under this sec-
22 tion in accordance with a timeline specified in this
23 section, the Program Manager shall provide the ap-
24 plicable subcommittees of the congressional defense

1 committees an in-person briefing in each month for
2 with the test is delayed.

3 (c) LIVE-FIRE EXERCISE REQUIREMENT.—At a min-
4 imum, kinetic and nonkinetic systems deemed to be mis-
5 sion essential by the Secretary to the capabilities of Gold-
6 en Dome shall be tested on a semiannual basis in a live-
7 fire exercise, starting after the virtual test described in
8 subsection (b)(1).

9 (d) PARTICIPANTS.—

10 (1) REQUIRED PARTICIPATION.—Each exercise
11 under this section shall include the following partici-
12 pants:

13 (A) The Program Manager.

14 (B) A representative from the Office of the
15 Secretary of Defense.

16 (C) A representative from each of the
17 Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Space
18 Force.

19 (D) A representative from the National Se-
20 curity Agency.

21 (E) Representative from North American
22 Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) or
23 United States Northern Command
24 (USNORTHCOM).

1 (F) A representative from Indo-Pacific
2 Command.

3 (2) INVITED FOR PARTICIPATION.—For each
4 exercise under this section, the Program Manager
5 shall invite the participation of the following:

6 (A) A representative from the Coast
7 Guard.

8 (B) A representative from the Federal
9 Aviation Administration.

10 (C) A representative from the congres-
11 sional defense committees.

12 (e) WAIVERS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to a request sub-
14 mitted to the Secretary under paragraph (2), the
15 Secretary may waive the requirement in subsection
16 (b) for an individual system.

17 (2) REQUESTS.—The Program Manager may
18 submit to the Secretary a request for a waiver of the
19 requirement in subsection (b) for an individual sys-
20 tem.

21 (3) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—Not later
22 than 14 days after granting a waiver under para-
23 graph (1), the Secretary shall provide the congres-
24 sional defense committees an in-person briefing of

1 the waiver with a detailed explanation of the reasons
2 for the decision of the Secretary to grant the waiver.

3 (f) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, and not less fre-
5 quently than once each year thereafter, the Secretary
6 shall, in consultation with the heads of such government
7 agencies as the Secretary considers relevant, submit to the
8 congressional defense committees a report detailing key
9 regulations preventing rapid, iterative testing of systems
10 vital to Golden Dome.

11 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) The term “Golden Dome” shall means the
13 holistic missile defense architecture described in this
14 section.

15 (2) The term “missile” means a ballistic,
16 hypersonic, cruise, hypersonic cruise, or loitering
17 munition.

18 (3) The term “Program Manager” means the
19 Golden Dome Direct Report Program Manager.

20 (4) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
21 of Defense.

22 **SEC. 1544. IMPROVING UNITED STATES MISSILE DEFENSE**
23 **CAPABILITIES.**

24 (a) ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT OF NON-KINETIC
25 CAPABILITIES.—The Secretary shall assess the funding

1 needs required to accelerate development of non-kinetic
2 capabilities to negate missile or unmanned system threats
3 prior to launch or after launch. Such capabilities may in-
4 clude cyber (offense and defense), supply chain interdic-
5 tion, artificial intelligence-driven battle management, elec-
6 tromagnetic spectrum, directed energy weapons, and high-
7 power microwave defense options capable of defeating
8 large-scale missile or unmanned system attacks.

9 (b) ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION
10 FUSION PLATFORM USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO
11 DETECT THREATS.—The Secretary shall assess the fund-
12 ing needs required to accelerate development and rapid
13 prototyping of high technology readiness level (TRL) ca-
14 pabilities in order to acquire and field an information fu-
15 sion, software-centric platform that utilizes machine learn-
16 ing and artificial intelligence technologies capable of deliv-
17 ering air, land, space, and maritime domain awareness
18 and early warning capabilities for homeland defense across
19 disparate novel and legacy systems. Such platform shall
20 employ a common data layer that can support the rapid
21 integration of new sensors and effectors across all tiers
22 of the integrated air and missile defense system.

23 (c) REQUIREMENT FOR NEXT GENERATION INTER-
24 CEPTOR FIELDING AND SILO CONSTRUCTION.—The Pro-
25 gram Manager shall, with support from the Missile De-

1 fense Agency, assess the funding needs necessary to ex-
2 pand Next Generation Interceptor production and silo con-
3 struction to field up to 80 interceptors for defense of the
4 United States. Subject to the availability of appropria-
5 tions, interceptor testing and initial fielding shall be com-
6 pleted not later than January 1, 2028.

7 (d) REQUIREMENT FOR COMBATANT COMMANDS TO
8 ACCOUNT FOR MISSILE DEFENSE INTERCEPTORS AND
9 SENSOR REQUIREMENTS IN THEIR ANNUAL RE-
10 QUESTS.—For each fiscal year beginning after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, each commander of a com-
12 batant command shall include the terrestrial-based sensor
13 requirements, space-based sensor requirements, and
14 counter-unmanned system requirements of the combatant
15 command of the commander in the supporting information
16 for the Department of Defense submitted along with the
17 budget of the President to Congress for such fiscal year
18 pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United States
19 Code.

20 (e) ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT OF GLIDE PHASE
21 INTERCEPTOR.—The Program Manager shall assess the
22 funding needs required to accelerate development of the
23 Glide Phase Interceptor to defend against hypersonic
24 threats to the United States homeland.

1 (f) ACCELERATING PRODUCTION AND FIELDING OF
2 GROUND MOBILE INTERCEPTORS.—The Program Man-
3 ager shall assess the funding needs required to accelerate
4 the production and fielding of ground mobile interceptors
5 and radars for forward deployment and homeland defense
6 as the Secretary and President consider appropriate.

7 (g) ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT OF RESILIENT
8 POSITIONING, NAVIGATION, AND TIMING FOR MISSILE
9 DEFENSE SYSTEMS.—The Program Manager shall assess
10 the funding needs required to accelerate development and
11 fielding of resilient positioning, navigation, and timing
12 (PNT) solutions that can operate effectively in ground po-
13 sitioning system (GPS)-denied environments. Such solu-
14 tions may include the following:

15 (1) Quantum-enhanced inertial navigation and
16 atomic clock technologies to maintain continuous po-
17 sitioning, navigation, and timing functionality in
18 ground positioning system-degraded or denied sce-
19 narios.

20 (2) Enhanced terrestrial-based navigation sys-
21 tems for greater assured positioning in ground po-
22 sitioning system-contested environments.

23 (3) Robust data fusion techniques that inte-
24 grate multiple positioning, navigation, and timing
25 sources, such as radar-based tracking, vision-aided

1 navigation, and low-Earth orbit (LEO) signals, to
2 sustain operational effectiveness during electronic
3 warfare (EW) attacks or cyber intrusions.

4 (4) Commercially available, field-proven alter-
5 native positioning, navigation, and timing solutions
6 that leverage advanced sensor fusion, artificial intel-
7 ligence-driven error correction, and resilient posi-
8 tioning, navigation, and timing processing to provide
9 assured navigation for mobile and fixed defense plat-
10 forms, including those currently deployed in
11 hypersonic tracking and integrated air and missile
12 defense applications.

13 (h) ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT AND FIELDING
14 OF LOW-COST SCALABLE INTERCEPTOR.—The Program
15 Manager shall assess the funding needs required to accel-
16 erate development, test, and fielding of a low-cost scalable
17 interceptor that can augment existing production lines and
18 provide resiliency to the integrated air and missile defense
19 system.

20 (i) ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOY-
21 MENT OF SPACE-BASED SENSORS AND INTERCEPTORS.—
22 The Program Manager shall assess the funding needs re-
23 quired to accelerate development and deployment of pro-
24 liferated space-based sensors and interceptors capable of
25 ballistic and hypersonic missile intercept.

1 (j) ACCELERATING MODERNIZATION OF CERTAIN
2 TERRESTRIAL DOMAIN CAPABILITIES.—The Program
3 Manager shall assess the funding needs required to accel-
4 erate modernization of terrestrial-based radar capabilities
5 and other such sensors to improve detection of interconti-
6 nental and sea-launched missile threats, as well as improve
7 space domain awareness capabilities.

8 (k) SITE SELECTION AND PROGRAM EXECUTION
9 PLAN FOR HIGHLY FLEXIBLE MISSILE DEFENSE
10 SITES.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-
11 actment of this Act, the Program Manager shall submit
12 to Congress a report detailing a plan for a highly flexible,
13 and if necessary mobile, terrestrial missile defense network
14 capable of defending critical nodes across the United
15 States, including noncontiguous States and territories,
16 from likely attack vectors.

17 (l) ACCELERATION OF MUNITIONS PRODUCTION FOR
18 MISSILE DEFENSE.—The Program Manager, working
19 with the military departments, shall assess the funding
20 needs required to accelerate production of critical muni-
21 tions used for missile interception, including Standard
22 Missile 3 Blocks IB and IIA and PAC–2 and PAC–3 mu-
23 nitions, to ensure their availability as an additional sub-
24 layer of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense system.

1 (m) REQUIREMENT FOR ACCELERATION OF PRO-
2 CUREMENT AND FIELDING OF AIR MOVING TARGET INDIC-
3 ATOR SYSTEMS.—The Program Manager shall assess the
4 funding needs required to accelerate the procurement and
5 fielding of air moving target indicator (AMTI) systems ca-
6 pable of detecting, tracking, and distinguishing airborne
7 moving targets from stationary or cluttered backgrounds.

8 (n) REQUIREMENT FOR ACCELERATED DEVELOP-
9 MENT AND EXPANSION OF INTEGRATED UNDERSEA SUR-
10 VEILLANCE SYSTEM.—The Program Manager shall assess
11 the funding needs to accelerate the development and ex-
12 pansion of the Integrated Undersea Surveillance System
13 to detect and track undersea threats like submersibles that
14 carry missiles near United States shorelines.

15 (o) REPORT.—Not later than March 31, 2026, the
16 Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense com-
17 mittees a report summarizing the results of the assess-
18 ments carried out under this section.

19 (p) DEFINITIONS.—

20 (1) COMMERCIAL SOLUTION.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “commercial
22 solution” means a product, other than real
23 property, that—

24 (i) is of a type customarily used by
25 the general public or by nongovernmental

1 entities for purposes other than govern-
2 mental purposes and—

3 (ii)(I) has been sold, leased, or li-
4 censed to the general public; or

5 (II) has been offered for sale, lease, or
6 license to the general public.

7 (B) INCLUSION OF COMMERCIAL PROD-
8 UCTS, COMPONENTS, AND SERVICES.—The term
9 “commercial solution” includes commercial
10 products, components, and services in align-
11 ment with the Federal Government’s preference
12 for the acquisition of commercial products and
13 commercial services, as set forth in sections
14 1906, 1907, and 3307 of title 41, United States
15 Code, and sections 3451 through 3453 of title
16 10, United States Code, which establish acqui-
17 sition policies more closely resembling those of
18 the commercial marketplace and encourage the
19 acquisition of commercial products and com-
20 mercial services.

21 (2) GOLDEN DOME.—The term “Golden Dome”
22 means the holistic missile defense architecture de-
23 scribed in this section.

1 (3) MISSILE.—The term “missile” means a bal-
2 listic, hypersonic, cruise, hypersonic cruise, or loi-
3 tering munition.

4 (4) PROGRAM MANAGER.—The term “Program
5 Manager” means the Golden Dome Direct Report
6 Program Manager.

7 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
8 the Secretary of Defense.

9 (6) UNMANNED SYSTEM.—The term “un-
10 manned system” means a remote-operated or auton-
11 omous unmanned system of any size maneuvering in
12 land, sea, air, or space that is capable of single at-
13 tacks, swarm attacks, or sensor and data collection
14 and reconnaissance.

15 **Subtitle D—Other Matters**

16 **SEC. 1551. INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE DEPART-** 17 **MENT OF DEFENSE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL** 18 **SECURITY PROGRAM.**

19 (a) AGREEMENT.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
21 shall seek to enter into an agreement with the Na-
22 tional Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Med-
23 icine (in this section referred to as the “National
24 Academies”) for the National Academies to conduct

1 the assessment under subsection (b) and submit the
2 report under subsection (e).

3 (2) TIMING.—The Secretary shall seek to enter
4 into the agreement described in paragraph (1) by
5 not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
6 ment of this Act.

7 (b) EVALUATION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Under an agreement be-
9 tween the Secretary and the National Academies en-
10 tered into pursuant to subsection (a), the National
11 Academies shall conduct an assessment of the De-
12 partment of Defense National Industrial Security
13 Program.

14 (2) ELEMENTS.—The assessment of the Pro-
15 gram conducted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall
16 cover the following:

17 (A) Understanding of the evolution of the
18 Program over time to determine if it is up to
19 date with current policies and regulatory re-
20 sponsibilities.

21 (B) Assessment of roles and responsibil-
22 ities of parties involved with the Program to de-
23 termine effectiveness, efficiencies, and align-
24 ment of responsibilities with operating author-
25 ity.

1 (C) Assessment of whether the availability
2 of security workforce to oversee execution of the
3 Program is sufficient to satisfy the demand sig-
4 nal from entities under the Program.

5 (D) Analysis of available metrics or other
6 data to determine a baseline of effectiveness for
7 the Program.

8 (E) Assessment of data available to the
9 Department that might be used to update, add,
10 or refine measures of performance or effective-
11 ness for the Program.

12 (F) Appraisal of operating business proc-
13 esses or methods, including a determination of
14 where business process reengineering may be
15 needed.

16 (G) Assessment of the availability of new
17 tools or techniques that may be adopted by the
18 Program to increase effectiveness, efficiency,
19 and cost savings for the Program.

20 (H) Determination of whether available re-
21 sources are aligned to the greatest area of need.

22 (I) Assessment of data on personnel secu-
23 rity clearances and facility security clearances.

1 (J) Identification of opportunities to re-
2 duce costs for industry and the government in
3 execution of the Program.

4 (K) Such other matters as the Secretary
5 considers appropriate.

6 (c) ACCESS TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PER-
7 SONNEL, INFORMATION, AND RESOURCES.—Under an
8 agreement entered into between the Secretary and the Na-
9 tional Academies under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
10 make available such personnel, information, and resources
11 as are necessary to execute the assessment required by
12 subsection (b).

13 (d) REPORT.—

14 (1) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Under an
15 agreement entered into between the Secretary and
16 the National Academies under subsection (a), the
17 National Academies shall, not later than one year
18 after the date of the execution of the agreement,
19 submit to the congressional defense committees a
20 consensus report containing the findings of the Na-
21 tional Academies with respect to the assessment
22 under subsection (b).

23 (2) FORM.—The report under paragraph (1)
24 shall be submitted in an unclassified form, but may
25 include a classified annex.

1 (3) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE VIEWS ON AS-
2 SESSMENT.—Not more than 90 days after the Na-
3 tional Academies delivers the report to the congres-
4 sional defense committees under paragraph (1), the
5 Secretary shall provide the congressional defense
6 committees a briefing on the views of the Secretary
7 with respect to such report.

8 **SEC. 1552. REFORMS RELATING TO INACTIVE SECURITY**
9 **CLEARANCES.**

10 (a) EXTENSION OF PERIOD INACTIVE SECURITY
11 CLEARANCES.—The Secretary of Defense shall make such
12 changes to Department of Defense Manual 5200.02 (relat-
13 ing to procedures for Department of Defense Personnel
14 Security Program), or successor manual, as may be nec-
15 essary to ensure an individual who has been retired or oth-
16 erwise separated from service in the Armed Forces or em-
17 ployment with the Department of Defense for a period of
18 not more than 5 years and who was eligible to access clas-
19 sified information on the day before the individual retired
20 or otherwise separated, will be granted eligibility by the
21 Secretary to access classified information as long as—

22 (1) there is no indication the individual no
23 longer satisfies the standards established for access
24 to classified information;

1 (2) the individual certifies in writing to an ap-
2 propriate security professional that there has been
3 no change in the relevant information provided for
4 the last background investigation of the individual;
5 and

6 (3) an appropriate record check reveals no un-
7 favorable information.

8 (b) FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY ASSESSMENT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct
10 an assessment of the feasibility and advisability of
11 subjecting inactive security clearances to continuous
12 vetting and due diligence.

13 (2) BRIEFING.—Not later than June 30, 2026,
14 the Secretary shall provide to the Committee on
15 Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on
16 Armed Services of the House of Representatives a
17 briefing on the findings of the Secretary with respect
18 to the assessment conducted pursuant to paragraph
19 (1).

20 **SEC. 1553. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE JOINT ELECTRO-**
21 **MAGNETIC BATTLE MANAGEMENT SOFT-**
22 **WARE PROGRAM.**

23 (a) ARRANGEMENT.—The Chief Information Officer
24 of the Department of Defense shall seek to enter into an
25 arrangement with a federally funded research and develop-

1 ment center to perform the services covered by this sec-
2 tion.

3 (b) ANNUAL REVIEWS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Under an arrangement be-
5 tween the Chief Information Officer and a federally
6 funded research and development center under sub-
7 section (a), the federally funded research and devel-
8 opment center shall, not less frequently than once
9 each fiscal year, carry out a review of the Joint
10 Electromagnetic Battle Management Software Pro-
11 gram.

12 (2) ELEMENTS.—In carrying out a review
13 under paragraph (1), the federally funded research
14 and development center shall assess—

15 (A) whether the Electromagnetic Battle
16 Management Software Program—

17 (i) is using best practices, including
18 those developed by the Government Ac-
19 countability Office;

20 (ii) is adequately meeting require-
21 ments; and

22 (iii) is adequately adhering to price
23 and schedule; and

24 (B) such other matters as the federally
25 funded research and development center con-

1 siders important to meeting the mission of the
2 program.

3 (c) REPORT.—Not later than September 30th of each
4 year until September 30, 2031, the Chief Information Of-
5 ficer shall provide to the congressional defense committees
6 a briefing on the most recently completed review carried
7 out under this section.

8 (d) SUNSET.—The arrangement in subsection (a)
9 shall end on October 1, 2031.

10 **SEC. 1554. INTEGRATION OF ELECTRONIC WARFARE INTO**
11 **TIER 1 AND TIER 2 JOINT TRAINING EXER-**
12 **CISES.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 25 of title 10, United
14 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
15 lowing new section:

16 **“§ 500g. Integration of electronic warfare into Tier 1**
17 **and Tier 2 joint training exercises**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—During fiscal years 2026
19 through 2030, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
20 shall require the integration of offensive and defensive
21 electronic warfare capabilities into Tier 1 and Tier 2 joint
22 training exercises.

23 “(b) INCLUSION OF OPPOSING FORCE.—The Chair-
24 man shall require exercises conducted under subsection (a)
25 to include an opposing force design based on a current

1 intelligence assessment of the electromagnetic order of
2 battle and capabilities of an adversary.

3 “(c) WAIVER.—The Chairman may waive the applica-
4 tion of subsection (a) or (b) with respect to an exercise
5 if the Chairman determines that—

6 “(1) the exercise does not require—

7 “(A) a demonstration of electronic warfare
8 capabilities; or

9 “(B) a militarily significant threat from
10 electronic warfare attack; or

11 “(2) the integration of offensive and defensive
12 electronic warfare capabilities into the exercise is
13 cost prohibitive or not technically feasible based on
14 the overall goals of the exercise.

15 “(d) BRIEFING.—Concurrent with the submission of
16 the budget of the President to Congress pursuant to sec-
17 tion 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, for each of
18 fiscal years 2026 through 2030, the Chairman shall pro-
19 vide the congressional defense committees with a briefing
20 on exercises conducted under subsection (a) that in-
21 cludes—

22 “(1) a description of such exercises planned and
23 included in the budget submission for that fiscal
24 year; and

1 “(2) the results of each such exercise conducted
2 in the preceding fiscal year, including—

3 “(A) the extent to which offensive and de-
4 fensive electronic warfare capabilities were inte-
5 grated into the exercise;

6 “(B) an evaluation and assessment of the
7 exercise to determine the impact of the oppos-
8 ing force on the participants in the exercise, in-
9 cluding—

10 “(i) joint lessons learned;

11 “(ii) high interest training issues; and

12 “(iii) high interest training require-
13 ments; and

14 “(C) an assessment as to whether offensive
15 and defensive electronic warfare capabilities
16 were part of an overall joint fires and, if so, a
17 description of the manner in which such capa-
18 bilities were incorporated into the joint fires.

19 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 “(1) ELECTROMAGNETIC ORDER OF BATTLE.—

21 The term ‘electromagnetic order of battle’ has the
22 meaning given such term in Joint Publication 3–85
23 entitled ‘Joint Electromagnetic Spectrum Oper-
24 ations’, dated May 2020.

1 “(2) HIGH INTEREST TRAINING ISSUE; HIGH
 2 INTEREST TRAINING REQUIREMENT; TIER 1; TIER
 3 2.—The terms ‘high interest training issue’, ‘high in-
 4 terest training requirement’, ‘Tier 1’, and ‘Tier 2’
 5 have the meanings given such terms in the Joint
 6 Training Manual for the Armed Forces of the
 7 United States (Document No. CJCSM 3500.03E),
 8 dated April 20, 2015.

9 “(3) JOINT FIRES.—The term ‘joint fires’ has
 10 the meaning given such term in the publication of
 11 the Joint Staff entitled ‘Insights and Best Practices
 12 Focus Paper on Integration and Synchronization of
 13 Joint Fires’, dated July 2018.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 15 for chapter 25 of title 10, United States Code, is amended
 16 by adding at the end the following new item:

“500g. Integration of electronic warfare into Tier 1 and Tier 2 joint training
 exercises.”.

17 **SEC. 1555. BRIEFINGS ON INTERCEPTS OF UNIDENTIFIED**
 18 **ANOMALOUS PHENOMENA BY NORTH AMER-**
 19 **ICAN AEROSPACE DEFENSE COMMAND AND**
 20 **UNITED STATES NORTHERN COMMAND.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1683(l) of the National
 22 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (50
 23 U.S.C. 3373(l)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 24 lowing new paragraph:

1 “(5) INTERCEPTS.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each briefing under
3 this subsection shall include, for the period cov-
4 ered by the briefing, details on any unidentified
5 anomalous phenomena intercepts conducted by
6 the North American Aerospace Defense Com-
7 mand or United States Northern Command.

8 “(B) SUMMARIES.—In providing a briefing
9 under this subsection, the Director of the Office
10 shall make available a summary of all instances
11 of intercepts described in subparagraph (A), in-
12 cluding—

13 “(i) the number, location, and nature
14 of such intercepts; and

15 “(ii) a description of the procedures
16 and protocols followed during the inter-
17 cepts, including any data collected or ana-
18 lyzed during such intercepts.

19 “(C) TIMELY INFORMATION.—The Direc-
20 tor of the Office shall inform the appropriate
21 congressional committees of any failure by the
22 North American Aerospace Defense Command
23 or United States Northern Command to provide
24 timely information on unidentified anomalous
25 phenomena intercepts.”.

1 (b) FIRST BRIEFING.—Notwithstanding paragraph
 2 (5) of such section, as added by subsection (a), for the
 3 first briefing provided under such section after the date
 4 of the enactment of this Act, the briefing shall include de-
 5 tails on any unidentified anomalous phenomena intercepts
 6 conducted by the North American Aerospace Defense
 7 Command or United States Northern Command that oc-
 8 curred during the period beginning on January 1, 2004,
 9 and ending on the last day of the period otherwise covered
 10 by the briefing.

11 **SEC. 1556. CONSOLIDATED SECURITY CLASSIFICATION**
 12 **GUIDANCE MATRIX FOR PROGRAMS RELAT-**
 13 **ING TO UNIDENTIFIED ANOMALOUS PHE-**
 14 **NOMENA.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
 16 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director for the
 17 All-Domain Anomaly Resolution Office shall issue a con-
 18 solidated security classification guidance matrix for pro-
 19 grams relating to unidentified anomalous phenomena in
 20 order—

- 21 (1) to provide a resource for programs that
- 22 support or may be affected by unidentified anoma-
- 23 lous phenomena investigations; and
- 24 (2) to support increased reporting on unidenti-
- 25 fied anomalous phenomena events by ensuring indi-

1 viduals, members of the Armed Forces, and other
2 Federal employees have adequate understanding of
3 the constraints they would be under when reporting
4 or discussing such event.

5 (b) ELEMENTS.—The consolidated security classifica-
6 tion guidance required by subsection (a) shall include—

7 (1) a comprehensive list of resources for all lev-
8 els of document control, including controlled unclas-
9 sified information, based on the current list of secu-
10 rity classification guides the All-Domain Anomaly
11 Resolution Office relies upon and references;

12 (2) the ability to disseminate as a centralized
13 document or other digital resource; and

14 (3) periodic updates based on the All-Domain
15 Anomaly Resolution Office updates and community
16 feedback on relevant security classification guides
17 that are recommended for inclusion.

18 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the
19 issuance of the consolidated security guidance matrix
20 under subsection (a), the Director of the All-Domain
21 Anomaly Resolution Office shall provide a copy of such
22 guidance, as well as a briefing on the implementation of
23 the security guidance matrix, to the Committee on Armed
24 Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Serv-
25 ices of the House of Representatives.

1 **SEC. 1557. PLAN FOR INCREASING UTILITY OF USER ACTIV-**
2 **ITY MONITORING CAPABILITIES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 1, 2026, the
4 Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional de-
5 fense committees a plan for increasing the use of user ac-
6 tivity monitoring capabilities on Department of Defense
7 unclassified networks and systems.

8 (b) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by subsection (a)
9 shall include—

10 (1) identification of additional networks or sys-
11 tems to be covered by user activity monitoring;

12 (2) opportunities to integrate user activity mon-
13 itoring into other cybersecurity or personnel vetting
14 information systems to enhance the availability of
15 data, as well as increase performance for such sys-
16 tems;

17 (3) proposed timelines, milestones, and antici-
18 pated costs for expansion to the additional networks
19 identified pursuant to paragraph (1);

20 (4) identification of resources to continue ex-
21 pansion or integration with other cybersecurity or
22 personnel vetting information systems;

23 (5) an assessment of commercially available
24 tools that could be integrated to improve perform-
25 ance of user activity monitoring capabilities;

1 (6) a description of what data is needed to de-
2 termine measures of performance and effectiveness;
3 and

4 (7) an assessment of the feasibility of inte-
5 grating a dashboard capability for user activity mon-
6 itoring performance data through the Advancing
7 Analytics tool.

8 **SEC. 1558. SUPPORT BY THE 350TH SPECTRUM WARFARE**
9 **WING TO EA-37B COMPASS CALL AIRCRAFT.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air Force
11 shall ensure that the 350th Spectrum Warfare Wing can
12 adequately support the EA-37B Compass Call Aircraft,
13 including establishment of an EA-37 software-in-the-loop
14 (SITL) and hardware-in-the-loop (HITL) laboratory for
15 the 350th Spectrum Warfare Wing for—

16 (1) the rapid reprogramming of spectrum wave-
17 forms;

18 (2) verification and validation testing of wave-
19 forms; and

20 (3) such other matters as the Secretary con-
21 siders necessary for the continued development of
22 the EA-37B to effectively operate in a nonpermis-
23 sive spectrum environment.

24 (b) NOTICE OF NECESSARY TIMEFRAME.—Not later
25 than March 31, 2026, the Secretary shall submit to the

1 congressional defense committees notice informing the
2 committees of the timeframe necessary to establish the
3 software-in-the-loop and hardware-in-the-loop laboratory
4 required by subsection (a).

5 **SEC. 1559. REPORT ON THE TECHNICAL COLLECTION CAPA-**
6 **BILITIES OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF**
7 **CHINA AND THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION IN**
8 **THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
11 fense, in consultation with the Director of National Intel-
12 ligence, shall submit to the appropriate committees of
13 Congress a report on the technical collection capabilities
14 of the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federa-
15 tion in the Republic of Cuba.

16 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
17 (a) shall include an assessment of the following:

18 (1) The current technical collection capabilities,
19 and potential expansion of such capabilities, of the
20 People's Republic of China and the Russian Federa-
21 tion in the Republic of Cuba.

22 (2) The counterintelligence risks associated
23 with such capabilities, including risks to operations
24 at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay,
25 Cuba.

1 (3) The capabilities and resources of the De-
 2 partment of Defense to counter any technical collec-
 3 tion capabilities of the People’s Republic of China
 4 and the Russian Federation in the Republic of Cuba
 5 identified by this report.

6 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
 7 shall be submitted in unclassified form but may contain
 8 a classified annex.

9 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
 10 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
 11 tees of Congress” means—

12 (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
 13 Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

14 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
 15 Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the
 16 House of Representatives.

17 **SEC. 1560. EXTENSION OF PROTECTION OF CERTAIN FA-**
 18 **CILITIES AND ASSETS FROM UNMANNED AIR-**
 19 **CRAFT.**

20 Section 130i(i) of title 10, United States Code, is
 21 amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “December
 23 31, 2026” and inserting “December 31, 2027”; and

24 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “November
 25 15, 2026” and inserting “November 15, 2027”.

1 **SEC. 1561. CONSOLIDATION OF REPORTING REQUIRE-**
2 **MENTS APPLICABLE TO ALL-DOMAIN ANOM-**
3 **ALY RESOLUTION OFFICE.**

4 (a) CONSOLIDATION.—Section 413 of the Intelligence
5 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (division X of
6 Public Law 117–103; 50 U.S.C. 3373a) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “makes such
8 data” and all that follows through the period and in-
9 serting “make such data available immediately, in a
10 manner that protects intelligence sources and meth-
11 ods, to the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office es-
12 tablished under section 1683 of the National De-
13 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (50
14 U.S.C. 3373).”;

15 (2) by striking subsections (b) and (c); and

16 (3) by striking “(a) AVAILABILITY OF DATA ON
17 UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA.—.—”; and

18 (b) SECTION HEADING.—The heading of such section
19 is amended by striking “**UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHE-**
20 **NOMENA TASK FORCE**” and inserting “**ALL-DOMAIN**
21 **ANOMALY RESOLUTION OFFICE**”.

1 **SEC. 1562. LIMITATION ON THE DIVESTMENT, CONSOLIDA-**
2 **TION, AND CURTAILMENT OF CERTAIN ELEC-**
3 **TRONIC WARFARE TEST AND EVALUATION**
4 **ACTIVITIES.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of the Army shall
6 not take any action to divest, consolidate, or curtail any
7 electronic warfare test and evaluation activities that were
8 part of an Army element of the Major Range and Test
9 Facility Base on or before the date of the enactment of
10 this Act until the Secretary submits to the congressional
11 defense committees the report described in subsection (b).

12 (b) REPORT.—The report described in this subsection
13 is a report on a decision of the Secretary to divest, consoli-
14 date, or curtail an electronic warfare test or evaluation
15 activity described in subsection (a) that contains the fol-
16 lowing:

17 (1) A description of the analytic basis used by
18 the Secretary for making the decision, including
19 matters relating to any cost, workload, and work-
20 force requirements, as well as any analysis relating
21 to operational impact on users of the activities.

22 (2) The findings from an independent review by
23 the Director of the Office of Cost Assessment and
24 Program Evaluation of all analyses described in
25 paragraph (1).

(3) A certification by the Director of the Test Resource Management Center that the analyses described in paragraph (1) and the decision of the Secretary meet the requirement of the Department of Defense, as required by section 4173(c)(1)(B) of title 10, United States Code.

SEC. 1563. MODIFICATION OF FUNCTIONS OF ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM ENTERPRISE OPERATIONAL LEAD FOR JOINT ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM OPERATIONS TO INCLUDE DYNAMIC SPECTRUM SHARING TECHNOLOGIES.

Section 500e of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking “responsible for synchronizing” and inserting the following: “responsible for—

“(1) synchronizing”;

(B) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) coordinating test and evaluation of tactics, techniques, and procedures for dynamic spectrum

1 sharing technologies in joint electromagnetic oper-
2 ations.”; and

3 (2) in subsection (c)—

4 (A) by redesignating paragraph (4) as
5 paragraph (6); and

6 (B) by inserting after paragraph (3) the
7 following new paragraphs:

8 “(4) An assessment of any current gaps in test-
9 ing, evaluation, and validation mechanisms for fu-
10 ture joint use of dynamic spectrum sharing tech-
11 nologies.

12 “(5) The feasibility and advisability of estab-
13 lishing designated virtual testing ranges so that op-
14 erators can develop tactics, techniques, and proce-
15 dures for dynamic spectrum sharing technologies.”.

16 **SEC. 1564. LIMITATION ON MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN**
17 **ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM RELIED ON**
18 **BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

19 Section 488 of title 10, United States Code, is
20 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
21 section:

22 “(c) **LIMITATION ON MODIFICATION OF SPEC-**
23 **TRUM.**—(1) Until the earlier of September 30, 2034, or
24 the date on which the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of
25 Staff certifies to the congressional defense committees

1 that dynamic spectrum sharing (as defined in the Emerg-
 2 ing Mid-Band Radar Spectrum Sharing (EMBRSS) Fea-
 3 sibility Assessment Report of the Department of Defense
 4 published in September 2023) is fully operational, the Sec-
 5 retary of Defense may not modify any existing or future
 6 applicable system between 3100 and 3450 megahertz and
 7 between 7400 and 8400 megahertz unless the Secretary
 8 and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff jointly cer-
 9 tify to Congress that such modification would not result
 10 in a loss of capability for the armed forces.

11 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘applicable system’
 12 means a Department of Defense system that relies on the
 13 electromagnetic spectrum for its function, including any
 14 communications, weapons, precision munitions, sensor,
 15 geo-location, or wireless device.”.

16 **TITLE XVI—CYBERSPACE-**
 17 **RELATED MATTERS**
 18 **Subtitle A—Matters Relating to**
 19 **Cyber Operations and Cyber**
 20 **Forces**

21 **SEC. 1601. COMPREHENSIVE CYBER WORKFORCE STRAT-**
 22 **EGY.**

23 (a) STRATEGY AND REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later
 24 than January 31, 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall,
 25 acting through the Chief Information Officer of the De-

1 partment of Defense and the Assistant Secretary of De-
2 fense for Cyber Policy and in consultation with the Chief
3 Information Officers and Principal Cyber Advisors of the
4 military departments—

5 (1) develop a comprehensive cyber workforce
6 strategy; and

7 (2) submit to the Committee on Armed Services
8 of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services
9 of the House of Representatives a report on the
10 strategy developed under paragraph (1).

11 (b) CONTENTS.—The report required by subsection
12 (a)(2) shall include the following:

13 (1) An assessment of progress achieved and re-
14 maining gaps in implementation of the 2023–2027
15 Department of Defense Cyber Workforce Strategy,
16 including identification of elements that should be
17 continued, modified, or discontinued in the strategy
18 developed under subsection (a)(1).

19 (2) A descriptive analysis of the Defense Cyber
20 Workforce Framework (in this section referred to as
21 the “Framework”), including the goals, activities,
22 milestones, and key performance indicators used by
23 the Department of Defense to measure progress and
24 assess the effectiveness of the implementation of the
25 strategy required by subsection (a)(1).

1 (3) Assessment of the scope of the affected
2 workforce for the Framework, including specific
3 workforce numbers, vacancy numbers, work roles, or
4 other statistical data relating to personnel system
5 metrics.

6 (4) Identification of progress of the Department
7 in implementing the Framework based on the goals,
8 activities, milestones, and key performance indica-
9 tors described in paragraph (2).

10 (5) Identification of any issues, problems, or
11 roadblocks identified by the Department in imple-
12 menting the Framework, as well as any adjustments
13 required to measurements of progress or inclusions
14 of new goals, activities, milestones, key performance
15 indicators, or work roles since publication of such
16 framework, and any steps taken by the Department
17 to overcome issues or lack of authority to address
18 roadblocks.

19 (6) Opportunities to leverage support from non-
20 Department entities, or of any workforce or talent
21 management authorities that exist within other Fed-
22 eral agencies in which inclusion in the Framework
23 might benefit the Department.

24 (7) The availability of commercial tools that
25 support Framework talent management processes

1 and might enhance performance or effectiveness, in-
2 cluding for workforce qualification and certification
3 tracking, talent identification and tracking, tagging
4 for additional skill identifiers in existing personnel
5 management systems, or enhancing skill develop-
6 ment for specific work roles.

7 (8) Opportunities to leverage supplementary
8 personnel models that might be adapted from other
9 domains, such as cyber civilian reserves or cyber
10 auxiliary forces.

11 (9) Integration of existing academic centers of
12 excellence or other university partnerships to help
13 improve workforce development, talent acquisition,
14 and skills development.

15 (10) A review of Framework work roles for arti-
16 ficial intelligence, data science, and data engineering
17 to assess alignment with corresponding work roles in
18 industry and recommendations for modifications to
19 enable more effective recruiting of industry talent.

20 (11) Resource requirements and implementation
21 timeline for the strategy developed under subsection
22 (a)(1), including budget estimates and key mile-
23 stones.

24 (c) EXTERNAL VIEWS.—In developing the strategy
25 required under subsection (a)(1), the Secretary may solicit

1 or coordinate views from external organizations with rel-
2 evant expertise in human resources planning or human
3 capital strategy, higher education or training, or cyber
4 professional industry associations.

5 (d) FORM.—The report submitted pursuant to sub-
6 section (a)(2) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but
7 may include a classified annex.

8 **SEC. 1602. UNITED STATES CYBER COMMAND ARTIFICIAL**
9 **INTELLIGENCE INDUSTRY COLLABORATION**
10 **ROADMAP.**

11 (a) ROADMAP REQUIRED.—Not later than August 1,
12 2026, the Commander of United States Cyber Command
13 shall, in coordination with the Chief Digital and Artificial
14 Intelligence Officer of the Department of Defense, the Di-
15 rector of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency,
16 the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engi-
17 neering, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition
18 and Sustainment, and the Director of the Defense Innova-
19 tion Unit, complete development of a roadmap for industry
20 collaboration on artificial intelligence-enabled cyber capa-
21 bilities for cyberspace operations of the Department of De-
22 fense.

23 (b) PURPOSE.—The roadmap developed under sub-
24 section (a) shall establish a framework for coordination
25 between the private sector and the Department of Defense

1 to integrate state-of-the-art artificial intelligence capabili-
2 ties into offensive and defensive cyberspace operations
3 through—

4 (1) convening United States commercial artifi-
5 cial intelligence developers, cybersecurity experts,
6 and relevant Federal Government offices; and

7 (2) facilitating information exchange on artifi-
8 cial intelligence technology and capabilities for cyber
9 operations.

10 (c) ELEMENTS.—The roadmap developed under sub-
11 section (a) shall address the following:

12 (1) Courses of action and selected approach on
13 various alternatives to manage and execute collabo-
14 rative research and development partnerships with
15 industry.

16 (2) Collaborative development lines of effort for
17 artificial intelligence-enabled cyber capabilities and
18 associated near-term use cases.

19 (3) Strategy and methodology for industry en-
20 gagement and commercial collaboration, including—

21 (A) contractual mechanisms for industry
22 collaboration on cyber tools and capabilities;

23 (B) security clearance requirements, goals,
24 and resource needs for industry partners; and

1 (C) evaluation of existing contract and col-
2 laboration authorities and identification of re-
3 quired policy changes or new authorities.

4 (4) Implementation objectives, milestones, and
5 status of relevant pilot programs.

6 (5) Technology transition mechanisms from de-
7 velopment to operational use.

8 (6) Infrastructure requirements and associated
9 costs.

10 (7) Assessment of organizational structure op-
11 tions, including establishment of a new center or in-
12 tegration within existing organizations.

13 (d) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS.—

14 (1) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than Novem-
15 ber 1, 2026, the Commander of United States Cyber
16 Command shall provide the congressional defense
17 committees a briefing on the roadmap developed
18 under subsection (a).

19 (2) ANNUAL UPDATES.—During the period be-
20 ginning on the date on which the President submits
21 to Congress a budget for fiscal year 2028 pursuant
22 to section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code,
23 and ending on December 31, 2030, the Commander
24 shall, not less frequently than once each year, pro-
25 vide the congressional defense committees a briefing

1 on the status of industry collaboration activities car-
2 ried out in accordance with the roadmap developed
3 under subsection (a).

4 **SEC. 1603. STRATEGY FOR DETERRENCE AGAINST**
5 **CYBERATTACKS AGAINST DEFENSE CRITICAL**
6 **INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE UNITED STATES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall,
8 in coordination with the Assistant Secretary of Defense
9 for Cyber Policy, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of
10 Staff, the Commander of United States Cyber Command,
11 and the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for De-
12 fense Continuity and Mission Assurance, develop a strat-
13 egy and a list of various courses of action across the spec-
14 trum of military capabilities to create a credible deterrence
15 against cyberspace attacks and posturing for future such
16 attacks against United States defense critical infrastruc-
17 ture.

18 (b) STRATEGY.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall ensure
20 that the strategy required by subsection (a)—

21 (A) includes an evaluation of how to deter
22 actions of adversaries in cyberspace across the
23 full spectrum of offensive planning and action;
24 and

1 (B) outlines a range of options available
2 for the Department to demonstrate a credible
3 deterrence through cost imposing courses of ac-
4 tion.

5 (2) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by sub-
6 section (a) shall incorporate the following elements:

7 (A) A comprehensive assessment of adver-
8 sary cyber capabilities and intent regarding de-
9 fense critical infrastructure attacks.

10 (B) Identification of what specific adver-
11 sary cyber capabilities and actor's actions under
12 this strategy seeks to deter.

13 (C) Methodology and classification of types
14 of targets to hold at risk and what actions
15 would be necessary to impose costs at different
16 levels of escalation.

17 (D) An assessment of the capabilities and
18 any related requirement gaps to create the
19 needed effects against these categories of tar-
20 gets and their relative impact to deterrence and
21 escalation.

22 (E) An evaluation of the role of offensive
23 cyber operations in combination with, as well as
24 independent of, other means of military capa-
25 bilities in creating an effective deterrent, and

1 an assessment of the current capability and
2 gaps in capability needed to successfully con-
3 duct these offensive cyber operations.

4 (F) An assessment of policy and authori-
5 ties in effect with respect to holding adversary
6 targets at risk and recommendations for modi-
7 fications to enable effective deterrence and
8 managed escalation.

9 (G) Evaluation of reveal and conceal cri-
10 teria and methodology to demonstrate the
11 United States capability of imposing costs while
12 preserving operational security.

13 (H) Framework for integration of inter-
14 agency partners, as well as allies and partners,
15 industry, and academia, to enhance deterrence.

16 (3) DEADLINE.—The Secretary shall complete
17 the development of the strategy required by sub-
18 section (a) on or before December 1, 2026.

19 (c) COURSES OF ACTION.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The list of various courses
21 of action required under subsection (a) shall include
22 a list of military alternatives, guided by the strategy
23 developed under such subsection, using the full
24 range of military capabilities, including offensive
25 cyber operations that actively impose or threaten to

1 impose costs on an adversary to create a credible de-
 2 terrence. The courses of action shall be organized for
 3 competition, crisis, and conflict.

4 (2) DEADLINE.—Not later than June 1, 2026,
 5 the Secretary shall complete the development of the
 6 list of various courses of action required by sub-
 7 section (a).

8 (d) BRIEFINGS AND SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—

9 (1) INTERIM BRIEFING.—Not later than March
 10 1, 2026, the Secretary shall provide to the congres-
 11 sional defense committees an interim briefing on the
 12 strategy required under subsection (a).

13 (2) FINAL BRIEFING AND SUBMITTAL.—Not
 14 later than June 1, 2026, the Secretary shall—

15 (A) provide to the congressional defense
 16 committees a briefing on the strategy developed
 17 under subsection (a) and the list of various
 18 courses of action developed under such sub-
 19 section; and

20 (B) submit to the congressional defense
 21 committees a report on such strategy and such
 22 list of various courses of action.

23 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) The term “defense critical infrastructure”
 25 has the meaning given that term “critical infrastruc-

ture of the Department of Defense” in section 1650(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 10 U.S.C. 2224 note).

(2) The term “imposing costs” means actions taken against adversaries that result in economic, diplomatic, informational, or military consequences significant enough to change the adversary’s behavior or calculations regarding cyberspace operations against the United States.

SEC. 1604. AMENDMENT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS AND REPORTS ON ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN BUDGET CONTROL RESPONSIBILITY TO COMMANDER OF THE UNITED STATES CYBER COMMAND.

Section 1558 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2)—

(A) by redesignating subparagraph (H) as subparagraph (I); and

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (G) the following new subparagraph (H):

“(H) A review of investment in artificial intelligence capabilities, including an assess-

1 ment of alignment with defined roadmap mile-
 2 stones and Department of Defense use cases.”;
 3 and

4 (2) in subsection (b)—

5 (A) by striking “2028” and inserting
 6 “2030”; and

7 (B) by inserting “and briefing” after “a
 8 report”.

9 **SEC. 1605. REPORT ON RESERVE COMPONENT INTEGRA-**
 10 **TION INTO CYBER MISSION FORCE AND**
 11 **CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS.**

12 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than August 1,
 13 2026, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy
 14 and the Commander of United States Cyber Command
 15 shall jointly, in coordination with the Chief of the National
 16 Guard Bureau, the principal cyber advisors of each of the
 17 military departments, the chief of each reserve component,
 18 and the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Per-
 19 sonnel and Readiness, submit to the congressional defense
 20 committees a report on the integration of the reserve com-
 21 ponents into the cyber mission force in support of cyber-
 22 space operations.

23 (b) CONTENTS.—The report required under sub-
 24 section (a) shall include the following:

1 (1) An assessment of the different authorities
2 available within each status of the reserve compo-
3 nents, with particular focus on the National Guard
4 and authorities under title 32, United States Code,
5 and how the Department of Defense can use per-
6 sonnel of the reserve components in such statuses
7 within the cyber mission force and in support of
8 cyberspace operations.

9 (2) An analysis of current and planned efforts
10 to work with the military departments, the National
11 Guard, and the adjutants general of each State to
12 develop unique cyber capabilities that address identi-
13 fied operational requirements and that maximize use
14 of local industry expertise and academic partner-
15 ships.

16 (3) A description of methods to work with the
17 military departments, the National Guard Bureau,
18 and the adjutants general of each State to track and
19 identify key skills and competencies that are not
20 part of primary military occupational specialties of
21 members of the military departments, but are devel-
22 oped through their civilian career experience.

23 (4) An identification of the billets, resources,
24 and support infrastructure needed to maximize the
25 unique expertise, capabilities, and authorities of the

1 reserve components in support of the cyber mission
2 of the Department.

3 (5) An evaluation of what types of authorities
4 would be most beneficial to maximize the activation
5 and support of the reserve components to cyberspace
6 operations, including any legislative action that may
7 be required.

8 (6) An evaluation of the existing barriers to or
9 impediments for integration of the reserve compo-
10 nents into the cyber mission force in support of
11 cyberspace operations and an assessment of mitiga-
12 tion initiatives with respect to paragraphs (1)
13 through (5).

14 (7) Such other matters as the Assistant Sec-
15 retary of Defense for Cyber Policy and the Com-
16 mander of United States Cyber Command consider
17 appropriate.

18 (8) The implementation plan required by sub-
19 section (c).

20 (c) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—

21 (1) PLAN REQUIRED.—The implementation
22 plan required by subsection (b)(6) shall detail how
23 the Department should better integrate the reserve
24 components into cyber mission forces and cyberspace
25 operations of the Department.

1 (2) ELEMENTS.—The implementation plan re-
2 quired by subsection (b)(6) shall include the fol-
3 lowing:

4 (A) Clearly defined roles and responsibil-
5 ities for the Department of Defense, the mili-
6 tary departments, United States Cyber Com-
7 mand, and the National Guard Bureau.

8 (B) Timelines and milestones for imple-
9 mentation of the recommended actions.

10 (C) Metrics to measure progress and effec-
11 tiveness of integration efforts.

12 (D) Resource requirements, including per-
13 sonnel, equipment, and funding necessary to
14 implement the plan.

15 (E) Recommendations for policy changes
16 and, if appropriate, legislative proposals to im-
17 prove integration.

18 (F) A strategy for continuous assessment
19 and improvement of reserve component integra-
20 tion.

21 (G) A detailed analysis of force structure
22 requirements and optimal reserve component
23 organization, including the appropriate balance
24 between traditional aligned reserve component

1 units and individual mobilization augmentees
2 for cyber mission force requirements.

3 (H) A comprehensive assessment regarding
4 funding for the activation of reserve component
5 personnel possessing critical, low-density, and
6 high-demand cyber skills, and an evaluation of
7 readiness impacts resulting from insufficient
8 dedicated funding for such activations.

9 (I) An evaluation of operational impacts to
10 cyber mission force readiness when reserve com-
11 ponent personnel and units with cyber capabili-
12 ties are activated for missions outside the cyber
13 domain.

14 (d) BRIEFINGS REQUIRED.—

15 (1) INTERIM BRIEFING.—Not later than April
16 1, 2026, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for
17 Cyber Policy and the Commander of United States
18 Cyber Command shall jointly provide to the congres-
19 sional defense committees an interim briefing on the
20 report required by subsection (a).

21 (2) FINAL BRIEFING.—Not later than August
22 1, 2026, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for
23 Cyber Policy and the Commander of United States
24 Cyber Command shall jointly provide a final briefing
25 to the congressional defense committees on the find-

(e) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

(f) DEFINITION OF RESERVE COMPONENT.—In this section, the term “reserve component” means a reserve component of the military departments named under section 10101 of title 10, United States Code.

10 SEC. 1606. EVALUATION OF CYBER RANGE MANAGEMENT
11 AND FUNDING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 15, 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall, 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, complete 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.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The evaluation required by sub-

section (a) shall include the following elements:

1 (1) A thorough assessment of the effectiveness
2 of the current organizational structure under which
3 separate executive agents exist for cyber test ranges
4 and cyber training ranges.

5 (2) A detailed analysis of funding mechanisms
6 and budgetary authority challenges and benefits as-
7 sociated with the current structure, potential alter-
8 native structures, and unified oversight options.

9 (3) A comprehensive evaluation of the potential
10 integration of physical and logical ranges under var-
11 ious organizational structures.

12 (4) An assessment of how different organiza-
13 tional structures would affect the speed and ease of
14 transferring systems or tools from test environments
15 into operational use, including the incorporation of
16 tactics, techniques, and procedures.

17 (5) A recommendation to the Secretary regard-
18 ing whether the current separate executive agent
19 structure should be maintained, or an alternative
20 structure, including a unified executive agent struc-
21 ture, should be implemented.

22 (6) In the event the recommendation under
23 paragraph (5) supports maintaining separate execu-
24 tive agents, the specific criteria that would need to

1 be satisfied for the two functions to be managed
2 under a singular organization in the future.

3 (c) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—Not later than
4 March 1, 2027, the Secretary shall provide to the congres-
5 sional defense committees a briefing on—

6 (1) the recommendation developed under sub-
7 section (b)(5);

8 (2) the determination made by the Secretary re-
9 garding the organizational structure for cyber range
10 oversight; and

11 (3) a summary of the findings of the Secretary
12 with respect to the evaluation conducted under sub-
13 section (a); and

14 (4) an implementation plan for any approved
15 changes to the cyber range oversight structure.

16 **SEC. 1607. MODIFICATION TO REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**
17 **FOR SENIOR MILITARY ADVISOR FOR CYBER**
18 **POLICY.**

19 Section 392a(b) of title 10, United States Code, is
20 amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (2)—

22 (A) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking
23 “the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy”
24 and inserting “the Assistant Secretary of De-
25 fense for Cyber Policy”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “, the following:” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy”; and
 (2) in paragraph (3)(A)—

(A) in clause (i), by striking “the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy” and inserting “the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy”;

(B) in clause (ii), by striking “Under Secretary” and inserting “Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy”;

(C) in clause (iii), by striking “Under Secretary of Defense for Policy” and inserting “Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy”; and

(D) by striking clause (iv).

**SEC. 1608. PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, AND BUDGET CO-
 ORDINATION FOR OPERATIONS OF CYBER
 MISSION FORCE.**

Section 167b of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsections:

“(f) PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, AND BUDGETING.—

(1)(A) In addition to the activities of a combatant com-

1 mand for which funding may be requested under section
2 166(b) of this title, the Commander of the United States
3 Cyber Command shall, subject to the authority, direction,
4 and control of the Principal Cyber Advisor of the Depart-
5 ment of Defense, be responsible for directly controlling
6 and managing the planning, programming, budgeting, and
7 execution of resources to train, equip, operate, and sustain
8 the cyber mission force, which shall include the following:

9 “(i) Preparation of a program objective memo-
10 randum and budget estimate submission for the re-
11 sources required to train, equip, operate, and sustain
12 the cyber mission force.

13 “(ii) Preparation of budget materials pertaining
14 to the United States Cyber Command for inclusion
15 in the budget justification materials that are sub-
16 mitted to Congress in support of the budget of the
17 Department of Defense for a fiscal year, as sub-
18 mitted with the budget of the President under sec-
19 tion 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, that is
20 separate from any other military department or
21 component of the Department of Defense.

22 “(B) The responsibilities assigned to the Commander
23 of the United States Cyber Command pursuant to sub-
24 paragraph (A) shall not include the following:

25 “(i) Military pay and allowances.

1 “(ii) Funding for facility support that is pro-
2 vided by the military departments.

3 “(2)(A) Before the budget proposal for the United
4 States Cyber Command for any fiscal year is submitted
5 to the Secretary of Defense, the Commander of the United
6 States Cyber Command shall consult with the Secretaries
7 of the military departments concerning funding for units
8 of the reserve components within the cyber mission force.
9 If the Secretary of a military department does not concur
10 in the recommended level of funding with respect to any
11 such unit that is under the jurisdiction of the Secretary
12 of the military department, the Commander shall include
13 with the budget proposal submitted to the Secretary of
14 Defense the views of the Secretary of the military depart-
15 ment concerning such funding.

16 “(B) Before the budget proposal for a military de-
17 partment for any fiscal year is submitted to the Secretary
18 of Defense, the Secretary of the military department shall
19 consult with the Commander of the United States Cyber
20 Command concerning funding for cyber mission forces
21 within the reserve component in the military personnel
22 budget for that military department. If the Commander
23 does not concur in the recommended level of funding with
24 respect to individual augmentees or units within the re-
25 serve component, the Secretary of the military department

1 shall include with the budget proposal submitted to the
 2 Secretary of Defense the views of the Commander.”.

3 **SEC. 1609. EXPANSION OF SCOPE OF AFFIRMATION OF AU-**
 4 **THORITY FOR CYBER OPERATIONS TO IN-**
 5 **CLUDE DEFENSE OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUC-**
 6 **TURE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

7 (a) SCOPE OF AFFIRMATION OF AUTHORITY.—Sub-
 8 section (b) of section 394 of title 10, United States Code,
 9 is amended by inserting “defense of critical infrastructure
 10 of the Department of Defense,” after “force protection,”.

11 (b) AMENDMENT TO DEFINITIONS.—Subsection (f)
 12 of such section 394 is amended—

13 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as
 14 paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively; and

15 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
 16 lowing new paragraph (2):

17 “(2) The term ‘critical infrastructure of the De-
 18 partment of Defense’ means any asset of the De-
 19 partment of Defense of such extraordinary impor-
 20 tance to the functioning of the Department and the
 21 operation of the armed forces that the incapacitation
 22 or destruction of such asset by a cyber attack would
 23 have a debilitating effect on the ability of the De-
 24 partment to fulfill its missions.”.

1 **SEC. 1610. REVIEW OF FUTURE FORCE EMPLOYMENT CON-**
2 **CEPTS AND ASSOCIATED PERSONNEL POLICY**
3 **NEEDS FOR EVOLVING CYBER FORCES.**

4 (a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—Not later than June 1,
5 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall, acting through the
6 covered officials, conduct a review of future force employ-
7 ment concepts for the cyber force, including all elements
8 of the Cyber Operations Force (COF), to assess where ad-
9 ditional recommendations for personnel policy changes
10 may be warranted.

11 (b) ELEMENTS OF REVIEW.—The review and updates
12 under subsection (a) shall address the respective roles of
13 the military departments and United States Cyber Com-
14 mand with respect to the following:

15 (1) Evaluation of future force employment con-
16 cepts of cyber forces, including the following:

17 (A) Inclusion of additional elements of the
18 Cyber Operations Force in various geographic
19 combatant command operational scenarios to
20 provide tactical-level effects, or integration with
21 non-cyber tactical units, using radio-frequency
22 enabled cyber or other off-net cyber operations
23 techniques.

24 (B) Assessment of new or novel formations
25 outside of the current Cyber Mission Force con-
26 struct.

1 (C) Experimentation with other doctrine,
2 organization, training, materiel, leadership and
3 education, personnel, facilities, and policy ap-
4 proaches for cyber effects or integrated non-ki-
5 netic effects beyond the current Cyber Mission
6 Force approach for on-net operations.

7 (2) Coordination between United States Cyber
8 Command and the military departments regarding
9 recruiting and retention to ensure that personnel re-
10 quirements of the cyber mission forces and the mili-
11 tary departments are met appropriately.

12 (3) Opportunities for members of the cyber mis-
13 sion forces to enroll in professional military edu-
14 cation for potential future forces, or needs for new
15 professional military education opportunities for
16 such forces.

17 (4) Assessment of expansion of promotion path-
18 ways for members of such future forces and an as-
19 sessment of whether such opportunities are adequate
20 to fulfill staffing requirements based on these future
21 force employment concepts.

22 (5) Data sharing between the military depart-
23 ments and United States Cyber Command with re-
24 spect to capturing information on, demographics and

1 additional skill identifiers for personnel of such fu-
2 ture forces.

3 (6) Such other matters as the Secretary of De-
4 fense considers appropriate.

5 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than September
6 1, 2026, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
7 Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on
8 Armed Services of the House of Representatives a report
9 on such review and any resulting updates to guidance and
10 processes. The report shall also include such recommenda-
11 tions as the Secretary may have regarding matters de-
12 scribed in subsection (a) or (b).

13 (d) DEFINITION OF COVERED OFFICIALS.—In this
14 section, the term “covered officials” means—

15 (1) the Secretaries of the military departments;

16 (2) the Assistant Secretary of Defense for
17 Cyber Policy; and

18 (3) the Commander of United States Cyber
19 Command.

20 **SEC. 1610A. EVALUATION OF JOINT TASK FORCE-CYBER IN**
21 **SUPPORT OF GEOGRAPHIC COMBATANT**
22 **COMMANDS.**

23 (a) STUDY AND EVALUATION.—Not later than July
24 1, 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall, acting through
25 the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy and

1 the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in con-
2 sultation with the Commander of United States Cyber
3 Command, jointly conduct a comprehensive study on force
4 employment in support of combatant commands and an
5 evaluation of establishing Joint Task Force-Cyber ele-
6 ments across all of the geographic combatant commands.

7 (b) ELEMENTS OF EVALUATION AND STUDY.—The
8 study and evaluation required under subsection (a) shall
9 include the following:

10 (1) An assessment of cyber force employment
11 requirements and capabilities across all geographic
12 combatant commands.

13 (2) An assessment of the benefits and limita-
14 tions of the operational need for Joint Task Force-
15 Cyber elements in each geographic combatant com-
16 mand area of operations under the following condi-
17 tions:

18 (A) Under the operational control of the
19 geographic command of the geographic combat-
20 ant commanders.

21 (B) Under the existing construct.

22 (3) An analysis of the optimal command and
23 control structures for Joint Task Force-Cyber ele-
24 ments, including—

1 (A) the designation of Joint Task Force
2 Establishing Authority, as defined in joint doc-
3 trine and instructions;

4 (B) the alignment of operational control
5 and tactical control over subordinate forces; and

6 (C) concurrent Joint Task Force Estab-
7 lishing Authority management structures be-
8 tween United States Cyber Command and re-
9 spective geographic combatant commands.

10 (4) An assessment of force structure require-
11 ments, including—

12 (A) assigned forces for each potential Joint
13 Task Force-Cyber element;

14 (B) manning and resourcing requirements
15 relative to assigned missions; and

16 (C) sources of personnel required.

17 (5) An evaluation of the integration and
18 sustainment of cyber capabilities and effects.

19 (6) An identification of supporting infrastruc-
20 ture requirements for each geographic combatant
21 command.

22 (7) A description of potential missions and lines
23 of effort for Joint Task Force-Cyber elements.

24 (8) An analysis of relationships with existing
25 entities within each geographic combatant command,

1 including an assessment of complementary and du-
2 plicative activities.

3 (9) Such other matters as the Assistant Sec-
4 retary of Defense for Cyber Policy and the Vice
5 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff determine ap-
6 propriate.

7 (c) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR JOINT TASK
8 FORCE-CYBER.—The study and evaluation required under
9 subsection (a) shall include a comprehensive implementa-
10 tion plan for establishing Joint Task Force-Cyber ele-
11 ments across geographic combatant commands starting
12 with United States Indo-Pacific Command, as determined
13 appropriate based on the findings of the study and evalua-
14 tion.

15 (d) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than July 1,
16 2026, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy,
17 the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the
18 Commander of United States Cyber Command shall joint-
19 ly submit to the Secretary of Defense and the congres-
20 sional defense committees a report containing—

21 (1) the results of the study and evaluation re-
22 quired under subsection (a);

23 (2) the implementation plan required under
24 subsection (c);

1 (3) views from each of the geographic combat-
2 ant commands regarding the results of the study in
3 subsection (a) and the implementation plan in sub-
4 section (b); and

5 (4) recommendations for legislative or adminis-
6 trative actions required to implement the plan.

7 (e) LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Of
8 the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act, or
9 otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for operation
10 and maintenance, Defense-wide, and available for the As-
11 sistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy, not more
12 than 90 percent may be obligated or expended until the
13 date on which the Assistant Secretary of Defense for
14 Cyber Policy and the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs
15 of Staff submit to the congressional defense committees
16 the complete report required under subsection (d).

17 **SEC. 1610B. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS TO**
18 **MODIFY AUTHORITIES OF THE COMMANDER**
19 **OF UNITED STATES CYBER COMMAND.**

20 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
21 this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026
22 for the Department of Defense, may be obligated or ex-
23 pended to modify, reorganize, or otherwise change the re-
24 sponsibilities, authorities, or command structure of the

1 Commander of United States Cyber Command from those
2 in effect on June 1, 2025.

3 **SEC. 1610C. PROGRAM FOR TALENT MANAGEMENT OF**
4 **CYBER PERSONNEL THROUGH ACTIVE AND**
5 **RESERVE TRANSITIONING.**

6 (a) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Secretary of De-
7 fense, as part of the Defense Cyber Workforce Frame-
8 work, shall design and implement a program to support
9 active management of cyber talent transitioning to the re-
10 serve cyber force by May 1, 2026.

11 (b) ELEMENTS.—The program as required under
12 subsection (a) shall include the following elements:

13 (1) The ability to track, reskill, and upskill
14 transitioning active-duty cyber personnel and critical
15 enablers from the Cyber Mission Force (CMF) for
16 potential retention in the reserve component to meet
17 emerging cyber mission demands.

18 (2) The ability to conduct transparent and time
19 efficient means to recruit transitioning, fully quali-
20 fied, and in good standing active-duty cyber mission
21 force personnel and cyber enabling forces deemed
22 necessary by the United States Cyber Command
23 (USCYBERCOM) and its subordinate commands.

24 (3) Establishment of a centralized resource in
25 the Department to—

1 (A) provide incentive services as a reten-
2 tion tool to aid transitioning CMF personnel in
3 navigating the active to reserve component per-
4 sonnel system across the military services;

5 (B) identify and advertise vacancies in re-
6 serve cyber units; and

7 (C) enable transition to civilian occupa-
8 tions (specifically with critical need strategic in-
9 dustries and critical infrastructure providers)
10 that could include mentorship, employment
11 counseling, and education focused on critical
12 high demand/low density cyber skills.

13 (4) The ability to expand such services to re-
14 lated areas, such as cyber auxiliary forces or direct
15 commissioning programs directed towards cyber
16 forces.

17 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than June 1, 2026, the
18 Secretary of Defense shall provide a briefing to the Com-
19 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House
20 of Representatives on the establishment of the program
21 required under subsection (a), including—

22 (1) the establishment of this program;

23 (2) an assessment of resourcing needs for the
24 program across the future years defense program;
25 and

1 (3) identification of metrics or other assessment
2 capabilities to determine the impact on retention of
3 CMF forces and enabling cyber forces as part of a
4 total force strategy.

5 (d) PILOT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense
6 shall establish a pilot program to assess the feasibility and
7 advisability of paying skill incentive pay or a skill pro-
8 ficiency bonus under section 353 of title 37, United States
9 Code, to members of the Cyber Mission Force working for
10 the United States Cyber Command that will expire on
11 September 30, 2030.

12 **SEC. 1610D. DESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF**
13 **DEFENSE FOR CYBER POLICY AS PRINCIPAL**
14 **STAFF ASSISTANT.**

15 Section 138(b)(8) of title 10, United States Code, is
16 amended—

17 (1) by inserting “(A)” before the first sentence;
18 and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
20 paragraph:

21 “(B) Subject to the authority, direction, and control
22 of the Secretary of Defense, the Assistant Secretary of De-
23 fense for Cyber Policy—

“(i) shall serve as a principal staff assistant to the Secretary of Defense on matters within the responsibility of the Assistant Secretary;

“(ii) shall report directly to the Secretary without intervening authority; and

“(iii) may communicate views on matters within the responsibility of the Assistant Secretary directly to the Secretary without obtaining the approval or concurrence of any other official within the Department of Defense.”.

Subtitle B—Matters Relating to Department of Defense Cybersecurity and Information Technology

SEC. 1611. MODERNIZATION PROGRAM FOR FULL CONTENT INSPECTION.

Section 1515 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (118–31; 10 U.S.C. 2224 note) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “**NETWORK BOUNDARY AND CROSS-DOMAIN DEFENSE**” and inserting “**FULL CONTENT INSPECTION**”;

(2) in subsection (a), by inserting “and cross-domain” after “network boundary”;

1 (3) in subsection (b)(2)—

2 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

3 (i) by inserting “specified in sub-
4 section (a)” after “defense capabilities”
5 both places in appears; and

6 (ii) in clause (ii), by inserting “that
7 support operational missions as defined by
8 the Department of Defense Cyber Defense
9 Command” before the period at the end;

10 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)
11 and (C) as subparagraphs (C) and (D), respec-
12 tively;

13 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (A)
14 the following new subparagraph (B):

15 “(B) By December 1, 2026, integrate the
16 capabilities into the pilot program required by
17 subparagraph (A) that leverages, where appro-
18 priate, investments in artificial intelligence to il-
19 luminate and actively counter foreign cyber ag-
20 gression to Department of Defense networks.”;

21 (D) in subparagraph (C), as redesignated
22 by subparagraph (B), by striking “deployment
23 of modernized network boundary defense capa-
24 bilities to the access points and cross-domain
25 capabilities” and inserting “deployment of the

1 same capabilities described in subsection (a) to
2 the access points and cross-domain capabilities,
3 and any other network interconnection point,”;
4 and

5 (E) in subparagraph (D), as redesignated
6 by subparagraph (B)—

7 (i) by striking “modernized network
8 boundary defense capabilities” and insert-
9 ing “the same capabilities described in
10 subsection (a)”;

11 (ii) by adding at the end the following
12 new sentence: “To ensure the coverage of
13 these capabilities is complete, the Secretary
14 shall, acting through the Director of the
15 Defense Information Systems Agency and
16 the Chief Information Officer of the De-
17 partment of Defense, create a list of re-
18 maining networks and enclaves.”;

19 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
20 section:

21 “(d) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than November 1, 2026,
22 and not less frequently than once each year thereafter
23 until December 31, 2028, the Chief Information Officer
24 of the Department of Defense, the Director of the Defense
25 Information Systems Agency, and the Commander of the

1 Department of Defense Cyber Defense Command shall
2 jointly provide to the congressional defense committees a
3 briefing on the status of deployment of the modernization
4 program required by subsection (a), the results of the sur-
5 veys conducted pursuant to subparagraphs (B) and (C)
6 of subsection (b)(2), and identification of remaining net-
7 works and enclaves to be incorporated into the program.”.

8 **SEC. 1612. ASSESSMENT REGARDING REAL-TIME MONI-**
9 **TORING OF DEFENSE WEAPONS PLATFORMS**
10 **FOR CYBER THREATS.**

11 (a) **ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of De-
12 fense shall conduct a comprehensive assessment of the fea-
13 sibility and advisability of establishing a Department of
14 Defense-wide program—

15 (1) to remediate all weapon system platforms
16 that do not currently have capabilities that satisfy
17 requirements for weapon system platform cybersecu-
18 rity through automated, real-time monitoring for
19 threat detection and mitigation; and

20 (2) that would do so by—

21 (A) identifying and prioritizing weapon
22 systems lacking real-time monitoring for self-
23 protection capabilities;

24 (B) establishing technical requirements
25 and minimum cybersecurity standards for real-

1 time protection across different categories of
2 weapon systems;

3 (C) developing implementation schedules
4 and funding requirements to retrofit existing
5 systems with real-time monitoring for self-pro-
6 tection capabilities;

7 (D) creating a verification and validation
8 process to ensure deployed solutions effectively
9 mitigate identified cybersecurity risks; and

10 (E) establishing a governance structure for
11 ongoing maintenance, updates, and operational
12 support of implemented capabilities.

13 (b) ELEMENTS.—The assessment required pursuant
14 to subsection (a) shall include the following:

15 (1) A detailed assessment of the costs,
16 timelines, and resources associated with developing,
17 testing, acquiring, and implementing real-time moni-
18 toring for self-protection capabilities, and the associ-
19 ated capabilities needed to aggregate and evaluate
20 data from such applications.

21 (2) A thorough evaluation of existing real-time
22 monitoring for self-protection solutions and their ap-
23 plicability to military weapon system environments.

24 (3) A proposed phased implementation and
25 funding plan that includes—

1 (A) projected budget requirements delin-
2 eated by fiscal year;

3 (B) recommended acquisition strategies;

4 (C) detailed technical implementation con-
5 siderations;

6 (D) detailed operational implementation
7 considerations, including development of tactics,
8 training, and procedures for the employment of
9 such applications; and

10 (E) estimated timelines for achieving ini-
11 tial and full operational capability.

12 (4) A detailed inventory of—

13 (A) weapon system platforms for which
14 real-time monitoring for self-protection capabili-
15 ties are recommended;

16 (B) weapon system platforms for which
17 such capabilities are not recommended, together
18 with a justification for each such determination;
19 and

20 (C) alternative cybersecurity methods
21 being employed or proposed for platforms ex-
22 cluded from the recommendation for real-time
23 monitoring for self-protection implementation.

24 (c) COORDINATION WITH RELATED CYBERSECURITY
25 PROGRAMS.—In conducting the assessment required by

1 subsection (a), the Secretary shall coordinate with the Sec-
2 retary for each of the military departments for programs
3 within their department and with the Under Secretary of
4 Defense for Intelligence and Security regarding programs
5 identified in the Strategic Cybersecurity Program.

6 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1,
8 2027, the Secretary shall submit to the congres-
9 sional defense committees a report on the findings of
10 the Secretary with respect to the assessment con-
11 ducted pursuant to subsection (a).

12 (2) CONTENTS.—The report submitted pursu-
13 ant to paragraph (1) on the findings of the Sec-
14 retary with respect to the assessment conducted pur-
15 suant to subsection (a) shall include the following:

16 (A) A summary of key findings of the Sec-
17 retary.

18 (B) A comprehensive assessment of tech-
19 nical feasibility for implementing real-time mon-
20 itoring for self-protection across different weap-
21 on system platform types.

22 (C) A thorough analysis of the advisability
23 of developing a program for implementing such
24 capabilities, including potential risks, benefits,
25 and trade-offs.

1 (D) Specific recommendations regarding—

2 (i) whether real-time monitoring for
3 self-protection capabilities should be imple-
4 mented across Department weapon sys-
5 tems;

6 (ii) if implementation is rec-
7 ommended, which specific weapon systems
8 should receive priority for such implemen-
9 tation;

10 (iii) appropriate acquisition strategies
11 and funding mechanisms to support imple-
12 mentation;

13 (iv) any necessary policy or regulatory
14 changes to support effective implementa-
15 tion; and

16 (v) proposed metrics for measuring
17 successful implementation and operational
18 effectiveness.

19 (E) For weapon system platforms deemed
20 suitable candidates for real-time monitoring for
21 self-protection capabilities—

22 (i) recommended prioritization cri-
23 teria;

24 (ii) a proposed implementation sched-
25 ule;

1 (iii) estimated costs and funding re-
2 quirements across the Future Years De-
3 fense Program; and

4 (iv) recommended technical ap-
5 proaches tailored to different platform cat-
6 egories.

7 (F) An assessment real-time monitoring
8 for self-protection or similar capabilities cur-
9 rently deployed on Department of Defense
10 weapon system platforms, including—

11 (i) a comprehensive inventory of plat-
12 forms currently utilizing such capabilities,
13 including relevant pilot programs;

14 (ii) the specific technical implementa-
15 tions in use;

16 (iii) an evaluation of the operational
17 effectiveness of existing implementations;
18 and

19 (iv) lessons learned that could inform
20 future acquisition and implementation ef-
21 forts.

22 (3) FORM OF REPORT.—The report submitted
23 pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be submitted in un-
24 classified form, but may include a classified annex.

1 **SEC. 1613. ASSESSMENT OF FEASIBILITY AND ADVIS-**
2 **ABILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN OPERATIONAL**
3 **TECHNOLOGY CYBERSECURITY TRAINING**
4 **CENTER OF EXCELLENCE.**

5 (a) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 1,
7 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall, acting through
8 the Chief Information Officer of the Department of
9 Defense and in coordination with the Commander of
10 United States Cyber Command and such representa-
11 tives from the military departments as the Secretary
12 considers appropriate, complete an assessment of the
13 feasibility and advisability of establishing a center of
14 excellence for operational technology cybersecurity
15 training (in this section referred to as the “Center”)
16 that would institutionalize training for the Depart-
17 ment of Defense on security and protection of oper-
18 ational technology and industrial control systems.

19 (2) FUNCTIONS TO BE ASSESSED.—In carrying
20 out the assessment required by subsection (a), the
21 Secretary shall assess the need for a Center—

22 (A) to provide comprehensive training and
23 other educational programs relating to oper-
24 ational technology and industrial control sys-
25 tems cybersecurity;

1 (B) to develop and regularly update the
2 curriculum for such training and programs;

3 (C) to identify, develop, and integrate ma-
4 teriel and organizational requirements for De-
5 partment of Defense operational technology and
6 industrial control systems cybersecurity;

7 (D) to develop and manage the integration
8 of operational technology and industrial control
9 systems cybersecurity solutions with military
10 service doctrine, organization, training, mate-
11 riel, leadership and education, personnel, and
12 facilities; and

13 (E) to leverage and benefit from readily
14 available capacity of a military installation
15 with—

16 (i) existing infrastructure and multi-
17 service training facilities

18 (ii) a cadre or workforce of engineer-
19 ing and infrastructure expertise designed
20 for functions relating to the Armed Forces;
21 and

22 (iii) current centers of excellence with
23 specific consideration of existing facilities
24 that support physical and logical cyber
25 training ranges.

1 (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 1,
3 2026, the Secretary shall submit to the congres-
4 sional defense committees a report on the findings of
5 the Secretary with respect to the assessment com-
6 pleted pursuant to subsection (a).

7 (2) RECOMMENDATION AND MATTERS TO BE
8 ADDRESSED.—The report submitted pursuant to
9 paragraph (1) shall include a recommendation on
10 whether the establishment of a Center is feasible
11 and advisable and shall address the following:

12 (A) An identification of curricula relating
13 to training and education of operational tech-
14 nology and industrial control systems, including
15 such training that might be provided by private
16 sector entities.

17 (B) Identification of anticipated through-
18 put demands for such training for military and
19 civilian personnel based on workforce estimates
20 from the operational cyber community.

21 (C) Assessment of the resources needed to
22 establish and maintain a Center and a cost-ben-
23 efit analysis to determine if the anticipated
24 training throughput in subparagraph (B) war-
25 rants such expenditure.

1 (D) An evaluation of potential locations
2 that maximizes readily available capacity of a
3 military installation and synergies with—

4 (i) existing infrastructure and multi-
5 service training facilities;

6 (ii) a cadre or workforce of engineer-
7 ing and infrastructure expertise designed
8 for functions related to the Armed Forces
9 of the United States; and

10 (iii) current centers of excellence with
11 specific consideration of existing facilities
12 that support physical and logical cyber
13 training ranges.

14 (E) If the Secretary determines that estab-
15 lishing a Center is feasible and advisable—

16 (i) a proposed phased implementation
17 approach, including initial operating capa-
18 bility milestones and full operational capa-
19 bility targets;

20 (ii) an assessment of how a Center
21 could integrate training and education pro-
22 grams with existing Department of De-
23 fense cybersecurity certification require-
24 ments and career progression models;

(iii) proposed metrics and evaluation criteria that could be used to assess a Center’s effectiveness in improving operational technology and industrial control systems security outcomes across the Department of Defense, if established;

(iv) estimated funding, personnel, and resource requirements for establishment and maintenance of a Center; and

(v) analysis of potential challenges and limitations to establish a Center and recommendations to mitigate these challenges and limitations.

(F) Proposed metrics and evaluation criteria that could be used to assess the Center’s effectiveness in improving operational technology and industrial control systems security outcomes across the Department.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) INDUSTRIAL CONTROL SYSTEM.—The term “industrial control system” has the meaning given such term in section 2220C of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 665i(f)).

(2) OPERATIONAL TECHNOLOGY.—The term “operational technology” has the meaning given

1 such term in section 3 of the Internet of Things Cy-
2 bersecurity Improvement Act of 2020 (15 U.S.C.
3 278g–3a).

4 **SEC. 1614. FRAMEWORK FOR INTEGRATION OF INFORMA-**
5 **TION TECHNOLOGY TECHNICAL DEBT AS-**
6 **SESSMENT INTO ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS.**

7 (a) **FRAMEWORK DEVELOPMENT.**—Not later than
8 September 1, 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall, in co-
9 ordination with the Chief Information Officer of the De-
10 partment of Defense, the Secretaries of the military de-
11 partments, and the Chief Information Officers of the mili-
12 tary departments, develop a framework for the integration
13 of technical debt assessment, tracking, and management
14 into existing Department of Defense processes for infor-
15 mation technology investment decisions and budget jus-
16 tification materials.

17 (b) **TECHNICAL DEBT DEFINITION.**—The Secretary
18 of Defense shall direct a comprehensive reevaluation of the
19 Department’s current definition of “technical debt” and
20 develop a categorization framework that adequately re-
21 flects different types of technical debt, including applica-
22 tion, physical infrastructure, architecture, and documenta-
23 tion components.

24 (c) **FRAMEWORK COMPONENTS.**—

1 (1) INTEGRATION REQUIREMENT.—The Sec-
2 retary of Defense shall ensure the framework devel-
3 oped under subsection (a) provides for integration of
4 technical debt considerations into existing Depart-
5 ment management processes and structures relating
6 to resourcing and programmatic decisions for exist-
7 ing or proposed information technology systems,
8 services, or related programs of record.

9 (2) METRICS.—The framework developed under
10 subsection (a) shall include—

11 (A) baseline measurement for technical
12 debt for a specific technology or program;

13 (B) objectives for technical debt reduction;

14 (C) consolidated metrics for Department-
15 wide use; and

16 (D) outcome-based metrics for assessing
17 operational and financial impacts.

18 (3) PROCESS INTEGRATION.—The framework
19 developed under subsection (a) shall utilize existing
20 governance structures for overseeing information
21 technology investments.

22 (4) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.—The framework
23 developed under subsection (a) shall—

24 (A) establish methods for identifying and
25 evaluating technical debt;

(B) integrate technical debt management into the planning, programming, budgeting, and execution process, as well as information technology governance bodies;

(C) establish prioritization approaches based on mission impact;

(D) develop mechanisms for gap identification; and

(E) define organizational responsibilities for remediating assessed technical debt of a program or system.

(5) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall implement the framework developed under subsection (a) not later than October 1, 2026, to support the planning, programming, and process for the budget justification materials to be submitted to Congress in support of the Department, as submitted with the budget of the President for fiscal year 2027 under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code.

(d) BUDGET MATERIALS.—

(1) JUSTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—Beginning with the fiscal year 2027 budget request, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that, for each fiscal year, the budget justification materials to be sub-

mitted to Congress in support of the budget of the Department (as submitted with the budget of the President under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code) include—

(A) technical debt status assessments;

(B) planned remediation investments;

(C) risk assessments of investment gaps;

and

(D) alignment with modernization priorities.

(2) PROGRAM ALIGNMENT.—The Secretary shall ensure Defense planning guidance and program objective memoranda address technical debt remediation requirements.

(e) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING.—Not later than September 15, 2026, the Secretary shall provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on the implementation and effectiveness of the technical debt management framework developed under subsection (a).

(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “information technology” has the meaning given such term in section 11101 of title 40, United States Code.

(2) The term “technical debt” means design or implementation constructs that are expedient in the

1 short-term, but that set up a technical context that
2 can make a future change costlier or impossible, as
3 defined in Department of Defense Instruction
4 5000.87, or successor instruction.

5 **SEC. 1615. MISSION INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCE TASK**
6 **FORCE.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
10 retary of Defense shall establish a task force to sup-
11 port the assessment of vulnerabilities to defense crit-
12 ical infrastructure necessary for the execution of ex-
13 isting defense operational and contingency plans.

14 (2) DESIGNATION.—The task force established
15 pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be known as the
16 “Mission Infrastructure Resilience Task Force” (in
17 this section the “Task Force”).

18 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Task Force
19 shall be—

20 (1) to conduct assessments and analysis of use
21 case-based mission threads to comprehensively iden-
22 tify, develop, and operationalize the full spectrum of
23 capabilities required to protect and maintain defense
24 critical infrastructure; and

(2) to build and integrate the necessary resources, technologies, communication systems, tactics, techniques, and procedures, personnel with appropriate authorities, and exercise programs to ensure efficient and effective response when critical infrastructure supporting military operations and contingencies is threatened, degraded, or disrupted.

(c) COMPOSITION.—

(1) CHAIR.—The Task Force shall be chaired by a representative from the Department of Defense Cyber Defense Command.

(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Task Force shall include representatives from the following:

(A) United States Cyber Command.

(B) The Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Defense Continuity and Mission Assurance.

(C) The Joint Warfighting Analysis Center.

(D) The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

(E) The Critical Infrastructure Defense Analysis Center.

(F) The Air Force Cyber Resiliency Office of Control Systems program.

1 (G) The energy, installations and environ-
2 ment, or civil engineering organizations of the
3 military departments.

4 (H) The Army Corps of Engineers Engi-
5 neering Research and Development Center.

6 (I) Each of the geographic and functional
7 combatant commands, on an as-needed basis.

8 (d) TASKS.—The Task Force shall—

9 (1) conduct assessments and analysis of use
10 case-based mission threads associated with defense
11 operational and contingency plans, including through
12 pilot programs, tabletop exercises, or studies that
13 identify infrastructure dependencies and organiza-
14 tional transition points where operational respon-
15 sibilities transfer between entities;

16 (2) identify vulnerabilities and capability gaps
17 in mission-critical infrastructure and determine—

18 (A) the resources, authorities, technologies,
19 partnerships with external and nongovernment
20 entities, and funding necessary to address such
21 vulnerabilities and gaps; and

22 (B) the designation of lead organizations
23 responsible for remediation activities and asso-
24 ciated costs;

1 (3) develop broad-based solutions to address
2 gaps identified under paragraph (2), including—

3 (A) establishment of communication path-
4 ways;

5 (B) development of tools and technologies;

6 (C) implementation of visualization and
7 analytic programs; and

8 (D) integration of unique capabilities, such
9 as those provided by the National Guard;

10 (4) assign organizational leads for remediation
11 of specific gaps and vulnerabilities and develop com-
12 prehensive plans to address such gaps, including
13 identification of funding and budgeting requirements
14 necessary for successful remediation efforts;

15 (5) monitor and assess the progress of remedi-
16 ation efforts and identify process improvements and
17 solutions to address common deficiencies across mul-
18 tiple remediation activities;

19 (6) develop and conduct exercises based on like-
20 ly operational scenarios—

21 (A) to validate the effectiveness of remedi-
22 ation efforts; and

23 (B) to identify additional deficiencies or
24 vulnerabilities requiring remediation;

1 (7) establish a framework for readiness assess-
2 ments to provide installation commanders and com-
3 batant commanders with visibility into the status of
4 mission infrastructure resilience capabilities within
5 their respective areas of responsibility;

6 (8) conduct targeted analysis of specific topics
7 as directed by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of
8 Staff or the Secretary of Defense; and

9 (9) perform such other duties as the Secretary
10 of Defense may determine to be necessary and ap-
11 propriate.

12 (e) TRANSITION TO PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.—

13 (1) TRANSITION PLAN REQUIRED.—The Task
14 Force shall develop a comprehensive transition plan
15 for converting the Task Force into a permanent or-
16 ganization within the Department of Defense.

17 (2) SUBMISSION TO SECRETARY OF DE-
18 FENSE.—The transition plan required under para-
19 graph (1) shall be developed and presented to the
20 Secretary of Defense not later than 180 days prior
21 to the termination date specified in subsection (f).

22 (3) BRIEFINGS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
23 180 days before the termination date specified in
24 subsection (f), and annually thereafter through Sep-
25 tember 30, 2033, the Secretary shall provide to the

1 congressional defense committees a briefing on the
2 transition plan required under paragraph (1).

3 (f) TERMINATION.—The Task Force shall terminate
4 on September 30, 2030.

5 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) The term “defense critical infrastructure”
7 has the meaning given that term “critical infrastruc-
8 ture of the Department of Defense” in section
9 1650(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act
10 for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 10
11 U.S.C. 2224 note).

12 (2) The term “mission threads” means an end-
13 to-end set of activities and tasks that support the
14 execution of a specific operational mission or func-
15 tion.

16 **SEC. 1616. PLAN FOR DEPLOYING PRIVATE FIFTH GENERA-**
17 **TION OPEN RADIO ACCESS NETWORKS ON**
18 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASES.**

19 (a) REQUIREMENT FOR PRIORITIZED LIST OF
20 BASES.—Pursuant to section 1526 of the National De-
21 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law
22 118–31; 10 U.S.C. 4571 note) and the Department of De-
23 fense Private 5G Deployment Strategy (dated October
24 2024), each Secretary of a military department shall de-
25 velop a prioritized list of bases that merit investment in

1 private fifth generation information and communications
2 networks.

3 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing a list under
4 subsection (a), a Secretary of a military department shall
5 consider matters relating to the following:

6 (1) High connection density.

7 (2) Low latency.

8 (3) High capacity.

9 (4) Large geographic coverage.

10 (5) Enhanced and tailored security, including
11 obscured data transport, within wireless network
12 services.

13 (6) Base physical security and force protection
14 requiring advanced processing of high-resolution dis-
15 tributed sensor feeds for perimeter monitoring, and
16 detection and tracking of unmanned aerial systems
17 (UAS), including through the potential use of a fifth
18 generation information and communications net-
19 work.

20 (7) Efficient large-scale warehousing and logis-
21 tics operations.

22 (8) The use of augmented or virtual reality
23 technology for efficient maintenance and training.

24 (9) Large-scale and high-tempo flight line oper-
25 ations.

1 (c) INFORMING TASK ORDERS.—The Secretary of the
2 Air Force shall use the prioritized list the Secretary devel-
3 oped under subsection (a) to inform task orders issued
4 under the Enterprise Information Technology as a Service
5 Base Infrastructure Modernization program. Task orders
6 issued after the date of the enactment of this Act shall
7 specify where Wi-Fi is fully adequate to meet require-
8 ments and where private fifth generation information and
9 communications network performance is needed.

10 (d) COORDINATION REQUIRED.—In developing
11 prioritized lists under subsection (a), each of the Secre-
12 taries of the military departments shall coordinate with
13 the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engi-
14 neering, the Chief Information Officer of the Department
15 of Defense, and such combatant commanders and direc-
16 tors of defense agencies as the Secretaries each consider
17 appropriate.

18 (e) PLAN FOR PRIVATE 5G ORAN NETWORK DE-
19 PLOYMENTS.—Not later than March 1, 2026, the Sec-
20 retary of Defense shall—

21 (1) consolidate the prioritized base lists devel-
22 oped by the Secretaries of the military departments
23 under subsection (a), and determine an optimal in-
24 vestment, deployment, and spend plan for private

1 fifth generation Open Radio Access Network
2 (ORAN) networks across the Department; and

3 (2) submit to the congressional defense commit-
4 tees a report on the lists consolidated under para-
5 graph (1) and the determinations made pursuant to
6 such paragraph.

7 **SEC. 1617. LIMITATION ON FUNDS FOR TRAVEL PENDING**
8 **BRIEFING ON PROCESS FOR BEST-IN-CLASS**
9 **CYBER DATA PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.**

10 (a) LIMITATION.—Of the funds authorized to be ap-
11 propriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fis-
12 cal year 2026 for operation and maintenance, Defense-
13 wide, and available for travel expenses for the Office of
14 the Chief Information Officer of the Department of De-
15 fense, not more than 90 percent may be obligated or ex-
16 pended until the date on which the Secretary of Defense
17 provides the briefing required under subsection (b).

18 (b) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall, act-
19 ing through the Chief Information Officer of the Depart-
20 ment of Defense and in coordination with the Chief Infor-
21 mation Officers from each of the military departments and
22 the Director of the Defense Information Systems Agency,
23 provide a brief to the congressional defense committees
24 on—

1 (1) how the Department of Defense plans to es-
2 tablish an open and competitive process through au-
3 thorities granted in section 1521 of the National De-
4 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Pub-
5 lic Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 2224 note) to procure
6 best in class cybersecurity solutions, including end-
7 point, identity, and threat-hunting solutions; and

8 (2) the benefits associated with the use of mul-
9 tiple different cybersecurity providers to support
10 operational resilience of Department networks.

11 (c) IMPLEMENTATION STATUS.—The brief required
12 under subsection (b) shall include—

13 (1) the status of the designation of an executive
14 agent for Department of Defense-wide procurement
15 of cyber data products and services as required by
16 subsection (a) of section 1521 of the National De-
17 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Pub-
18 lic Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 2224 note);

19 (2) the establishment and operational status of
20 the program management office required by such
21 subsection;

22 (3) progress made in developing Department-
23 wide requirements for cyber data products and serv-
24 ices; and

1 (4) a detailed timeline for full implementation
2 of the requirements specified in section 1521 of such
3 Act (Public Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 2224 note).

4 (d) ACQUISITION STRATEGY.—The brief required by
5 subsection (b) shall include a comprehensive acquisition
6 strategy that—

7 (1) outlines how the Department will leverage
8 enterprise-wide procurement to achieve cost effi-
9 ciencies compared to component-level procurements;

10 (2) identifies metrics for measuring the effec-
11 tiveness and value of enterprise-wide cyber solutions;

12 (3) details plans to ensure accessibility of pro-
13 cured solutions across all military departments and
14 components of the Department; and

15 (4) describes how the Department will maintain
16 vendor diversity and competition throughout the ac-
17 quisition lifecycle.

18 (e) BUDGET IMPLICATIONS.—The brief required
19 under subsection (b) shall include—

20 (1) estimated funding requirements for the im-
21 plementation of enterprise-wide procurement of
22 cyber data products and services for fiscal years
23 2026 through 2030; and

1 (2) a description of how enterprise-wide pro-
2 curement will result in cost savings compared to cur-
3 rent acquisition approaches.

4 **SEC. 1618. LIMITATION OF FUNDS FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES**
5 **FOR THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMA-**
6 **TION OFFICER.**

7 (a) LIMITATION.—Of the funds authorized to be ap-
8 propriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fis-
9 cal year 2026 for operation and maintenance, Defense-
10 wide, and available for travel expenses for the Office of
11 the Chief Information Officer of the Department of De-
12 fense, not more than 85 percent may be obligated or ex-
13 pended until the date on which the Chief Information Offi-
14 cer of the Department of Defense, in coordination with
15 the Chief Information Officers of the military depart-
16 ments, submits to the congressional defense committees
17 the plan required under subsection (b).

18 (b) PLAN REQUIRED.—The Chief Information Offi-
19 cer of the Department of Defense, in coordination with
20 the Chief Information Officers of the military depart-
21 ments, shall develop and submit to the congressional de-
22 fense committees a comprehensive plan to transition from
23 legacy circuits to Internet Protocol-based circuits that
24 comply with Department of Defense security require-
25 ments, including—

1 (1) identification of all legacy circuits currently
2 in use across the Department of Defense and the
3 military departments;

4 (2) establishment of timelines for the transition
5 of each identified legacy circuit;

6 (3) detail of resource requirements necessary to
7 execute the transition;

8 (4) identification of any technical, operational,
9 or security challenges that may impact the transition
10 and proposed solutions to address such challenges;

11 (5) specification of associated funding lines for
12 each military department and defense agency par-
13 ticipating in the transition; and

14 (6) identification of investments over the Fu-
15 ture Years Defense Program required to complete
16 the transition.

17 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) The term “Internet Protocol-based circuits”
19 means telecommunications circuits or services that
20 utilize the Internet Protocol suite for packet switch-
21 ing and routing to transmit voice, data, and video
22 communications.

23 (2) The term “legacy circuits” means tele-
24 communications circuits that utilize outdated tech-
25 nology with limited bandwidth, security features, or

1 interoperability capabilities as compared to modern
2 Internet Protocol-based alternatives.

3 **SEC. 1619. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
4 **THE COMBINED JOINT ALL-DOMAIN COM-**
5 **MAND AND CONTROL INITIATIVE.**

6 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
7 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
8 research, development, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide,
9 for the Joint Staff and the Chief Digital and Artificial
10 Intelligence Officer for the Combined Joint All-Domain
11 Command and Control initiative, not more than 90 per-
12 cent may be obligated or expended until the Secretary of
13 Defense provides to the congressional defense committees
14 a framework for such initiative that helps guide invest-
15 ments and measures progress for the initiative, as rec-
16 ommended by the Comptroller General of the United
17 States in the report of the Comptroller General titled “De-
18 fense Command and Control: Further Progress Hinges on
19 Establishing a Comprehensive Framework” (GAO–25–
20 106454).

21 **SEC. 1620. REVIEW OF JOINT FIRES NETWORK PROGRAM**
22 **TRANSITION.**

23 (a) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than February 1,
25 2026, the Secretary of the Air Force, in coordination

1 with the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition
2 and Sustainment, the Under Secretary of Defense
3 for Research and Engineering, and the Director of
4 Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, shall pro-
5 vide to the congressional defense committees a brief-
6 ing on the plans and progress of transitioning the
7 Joint Fires Network initiative to a program of
8 record within the Air Force.

9 (2) ELEMENTS.—The briefing required by
10 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

11 (A) An update on the charter for the pro-
12 gram, including organizational relationships be-
13 tween the Air Force program manager, relevant
14 stakeholders supporting developmental efforts,
15 and operational customers of the Joint Fires
16 Network.

17 (B) Details on the funding profile and
18 milestones for the program across the future-
19 years defense program, highlighting any poten-
20 tial challenges or delays, and recommendations
21 for how to advance the Joint Fires Network
22 program.

23 (C) A description of processes and guard-
24 rails related to the management of require-
25 ments and funding to ensure military depart-

1 ment-specific requirements or funding pressures
2 are not prioritized over joint requirements or
3 needs of operational customers.

4 (D) A description and timeline of transi-
5 tion planning for providing specific capabilities
6 to operational customers, including processes
7 for balancing needs and requirements across
8 multiple operational customers.

9 (b) INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 30,
11 2026, the Commander of the United States Indo-Pa-
12 cific Command shall—

13 (A) assess the plans and progress de-
14 scribed in subsection (a)(1); and

15 (B) provide to the congressional defense
16 committees a briefing on the findings of the as-
17 sessment.

18 (2) ELEMENTS.—The briefing required by
19 paragraph (1) shall include the Commander’s assess-
20 ment of the following:

21 (A) The charter for the program and orga-
22 nizational relationships for facilitating coordina-
23 tion with the Combatant Command.

24 (B) Mechanisms to include feedback from
25 operational customers in the program and con-

1 tinue the rapid delivery of the Joint Fires Net-
2 work capability at the point of need.

3 **SEC. 1620A. PROHIBITION ON THE ELIMINATION OF CER-**
4 **TAIN CYBER ASSESSMENT CAPABILITIES FOR**
5 **TEST AND EVALUATION.**

6 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense shall
7 not take any action to divest, consolidate, or curtail any
8 current cyber assessment capabilities or National Security
9 Agency (NSA)-certified red teams supporting operational
10 test and evaluation (OT&E) for Department of Defense
11 programs until the Secretary provides the certification de-
12 scribed under subsection (b).

13 (b) CERTIFICATION.— The certification referred to in
14 subsection (a) is a certification to the congressional de-
15 fense committees that includes the following:

16 (1) The analytic basis for making the decision
17 to take an action described in subsection (a), includ-
18 ing any cost, workload, and workforce requirements,
19 as well as any analysis related to operational impact
20 on users of cyber assessment capabilities provided by
21 the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation
22 (DOT&E).

23 (2) Independent review by the Director of Cost
24 Assessment and Program Evaluation of all such
25 analyses provided under paragraph (1).

1 (3) Certification by the Director of the Test Re-
2 source Management Center that such analyses and
3 such decisions meet the requirements of the Depart-
4 ment of Defense, as required by section
5 4173(c)(1)(B) of title 10, United States Code.

6 (4) A comprehensive transition plan for critical
7 cyber test and evaluation capabilities currently man-
8 aged by the Director of Operational Test and Eval-
9 uation, including identification of receiving organiza-
10 tions within the services or Office of the Secretary
11 of Defense, timeline for transfer, and measures to
12 ensure continuity of operations.

13 (5) A detailed assessment of funding require-
14 ments for maintaining and enhancing cyber test and
15 evaluation capabilities during and after the transi-
16 tion, including how these funding elements will be
17 incorporated into annual budget request documents.

18 (6) A review of staffing, tools, and specialized
19 resources needed to support cyber operational test
20 and evaluation across major weapons and informa-
21 tion technology programs within the receiving orga-
22 nizations.

23 (7) A summary of efforts to integrate intel-
24 ligence-informed threat data into operational cyber

1 testing, including any remaining legal or technical
2 barriers and proposed solutions.

3 (8) A plan to improve coordination and infor-
4 mation-sharing between cyber test and evaluation
5 stakeholders, United States Cyber Command, and
6 the intelligence community following the organiza-
7 tional transition.

8 (9) Proposed metrics for evaluating mission ef-
9 fects in cyber-contested environments, consistent
10 with guidance in the Cyber OT&E Guidebook, and
11 how these will be maintained across organizational
12 boundaries.

13 (10) An assessment of the effectiveness and fu-
14 ture needs of cyber assessment programs, including
15 resource gaps and how these will be addressed by
16 the receiving organizations.

17 **SEC. 1620B. MODIFICATION TO CERTIFICATION REQUIRE-**
18 **MENT REGARDING CONTRACTING FOR MILI-**
19 **TARY RECRUITING.**

20 Section 1555 of the National Defense Authorization
21 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C.
22 503 note) is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “does not”
24 and all that follows through the end and inserting
25 the following: “does not—

1 “(1) rate or rank news or information sources
2 for the factual accuracy of their content;

3 “(2) provide ratings or opinions on news or in
4 formation sources regarding misinformation, bias,
5 adherence to journalistic standards, or ethics; or

6 “(3) acquire or use any service that provides
7 any ratings, rankings, or opinions described in para-
8 graph (1) or (2) from any other person.”; and

9 (2) by striking subsection (c).

10 **SEC. 1620C. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WORKING GROUP,**
11 **STRATEGY, AND REPORT ON ENSURING THE**
12 **SECURITY, RESILIENCY, AND INTEGRITY OF**
13 **UNDERSEA CABLES.**

14 (a) WORKING GROUP.—

15 (1) CONVENING.—Not later than March 1,
16 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall, in consultation
17 with the Joint Staff, the Director of the Defense In-
18 formation Systems Agency, and such other agencies
19 and combatant commands as the Secretary considers
20 relevant, convene a working group—

21 (A) to prepare the report required by sub-
22 section (b);

23 (B) to provide the briefing required by
24 subsection (c); and

1 (C) to develop the strategy required by
2 subsection (d).

3 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Working Group shall
4 be composed of participants with relevant back-
5 ground or expertise, as determined by the Secretary,
6 but shall include, at a minimum, the following:

7 (A) At least one individual from the Office
8 of the Secretary of Defense.

9 (B) At least one individual from the Joint
10 Staff.

11 (C) At least one individual from the De-
12 fense Information Systems Agency.

13 (3) CHAIRPERSON.—The Secretary, or the Sec-
14 retary's designee, shall serve as the chairperson of
15 the Working Group.

16 (b) REPORT.—

17 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than February
18 1, 2027, the Secretary shall submit to the appro-
19 priate committees of Congress a report—

20 (A) assessing the unique challenges of pro-
21 tecting covered undersea cables and covered
22 cable landing stations from threats posed by the
23 People's Republic of China, the Russian Fed-
24 eration, the Islamic Republic of Iran, naval and
25 shadow fleets of adversaries of the United

1 States, and subsea cable destruction mecha-
2 nisms and any foreign entity of concern;

3 (B) specifically discussing the implications
4 posed by relevant treaties and customary inter-
5 national law;

6 (C) examining the roles, responsibilities,
7 and limits of the Department of Defense in en-
8 suring the security, resiliency, and integrity of
9 covered undersea cables;

10 (D) identifying gaps in current mecha-
11 nisms for detection of, prevention of, and re-
12 sponse to threats against covered undersea ca-
13 bles and covered cable landing stations; and

14 (E) identifying methods for the Depart-
15 ment to create and disseminate lawfare or
16 transparency methods to promote international
17 law and deter future grey zone tactics and de-
18 classify instances of adversarial action, as may
19 be appropriate.

20 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report
21 submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include a
22 description of each of the following:

23 (A) Past, ongoing, or planned efforts to
24 protect covered undersea cables and covered
25 cable landing stations from espionage, cyberse-

1 security threats, physical damage, and natural
2 disasters.

3 (B) Analysis of the capabilities of adver-
4 sarial countries, including the People's Republic
5 of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic
6 Republic of Iran, and others, to target, com-
7 promise, intercept data transmissions or sen-
8 sitive information from covered undersea cables.

9 (C) Recommended areas for enhanced col-
10 laboration with industry stakeholders, including
11 establishing standards, guidelines, and public-
12 private reporting mechanisms.

13 (D) Assessment of training needs, includ-
14 ing the development of a dedicated cadre of cov-
15 ered undersea cable security experts.

16 (E) Identification of resources required for
17 expanded operations and enhanced interagency
18 and international coordination.

19 (F) Recommendations for enhanced col-
20 laboration with allied and partner nations, in-
21 cluding current best practices and lessons
22 learned.

23 (G) Assessment of the maximum disrup-
24 tion to covered undersea cables and landing sta-

1 tions tolerable for the continuity of critical De-
2 partment of Defense operations.

3 (H) The practicability of repairing any
4 covered undersea cable within 100 hours, in-
5 cluding through the development and use of
6 aerial-deliverable, submersible, splicing robots.

7 (I) The utility and practicability of devel-
8 oping 72-hour deployable portable cable landing
9 stations.

10 (J) Identification of the costs associated
11 with the deployment of anti-tamper sensors.

12 (3) FORM.—The report under paragraph (1)
13 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in-
14 clude a classified annex.

15 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than March 15, 2027, the
16 Working Group shall provide to the appropriate commit-
17 tees of Congress a briefing on the findings and rec-
18 ommendations contained in such report.

19 (d) STRATEGY.—Not later than February 1, 2027,
20 the Working Group shall, in consultation with such gov-
21 ernmental or non-governmental entities as the Working
22 Group considers appropriate, submit to the appropriate
23 committees of Congress a strategy to disseminate to allies
24 and partners of the United States, industry, and such
25 other entities as the Working Group considers appropriate

1 to address the threats, gaps, roles, responsibilities, and
2 challenges described in subsection (b)—

3 (1) to address threats to the physical security,
4 cybersecurity resiliency, and integrity of covered un-
5 dersea cables and covered cable landing stations, in-
6 cluding redundancies and response options in the
7 event of multiple or coordinated attacks on cable in-
8 frastructure;

9 (2) to enhance the Department of Defense’s
10 international collaboration on matters relating to the
11 security of covered undersea cable and covered cable
12 landing stations, including joint exercises with allies
13 and partners of the United States;

14 (3) to incorporate covered undersea cable secu-
15 rity into mission sets and operational planning of
16 relevant combatant commands (COCOMs);

17 (4) to foster engagement with private industry
18 to ensure technological advancements and best prac-
19 tices are leveraged for the protection of covered un-
20 dersea cable and covered cable landing stations; and

21 (5) to develop lawfare or transparency methods
22 to promote international law and deter future grey
23 zone tactics.

24 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
2 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
3 gress” means the Committee on Armed Services of
4 the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of
5 the House of Representatives.

6 (2) COVERED CABLE LANDING STATION.—The
7 term “covered cable landing station” means a cov-
8 ered undersea cable landing station in, owned by, or
9 operated by the United States or an ally of the
10 United States.

11 (3) COVERED UNDERSEA CABLE.—The term
12 “covered undersea cable” means a commercial un-
13 dersea telecommunications cable landing in, owned
14 by, or operated by the United States or an ally of
15 the United States.

16 (4) CYBERSECURITY THREAT.—The term “cy-
17 bersecurity threat” has the meaning given such term
18 in section 2200 of the Homeland Security Act of
19 2002 (6 U.S.C. 650).

20 (5) FOREIGN ENTITY OF CONCERN.—The term
21 “foreign entity of concern” has the meaning given
22 such term in section 9901 of the William M. (Mac)
23 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
24 Fiscal Year 2021 (15 U.S.C. 4651).

(6) WORKING GROUP.—The term “Working Group” means the working group convened pursuant to subsection (b)(1).

SEC. 1620D. AUDIT AND UPDATED GUIDANCE TO REDUCE, MITIGATE, OR ELIMINATE RISK FROM CLOUD COMPUTING CONTRACTS WITH FOREIGN EXPOSURE.

(a) REVIEW OF FOREIGN EXPOSURE FROM DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CLOUD COMPUTING CONTRACTS.—

(1) AUDIT REQUIRED.—The Inspector General of the Department of Defense shall 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.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The audit conducted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall cover the following:

(A) Determination of how many cloud computing contracts the Department has that may be or have been supported by employees lo-

1 cated in foreign countries of concern or are citi-
2 zens of foreign countries of concern.

3 (B) Identification of policies or clauses in
4 such cloud computing contracts that allow for
5 the use of so called “digital escorts”, computer
6 scientists, or engineers from foreign countries
7 of concern.

8 (C) Assessment of agreements in place
9 that use so called “digital escorts” to provide
10 oversight to employees from foreign countries of
11 concern, including identification of instances in
12 which such authorities were used during the pe-
13 riod beginning on January 1, 2022, and ending
14 on the date of the enactment of this Act.

15 (D) Assessment of the national security
16 risks that stem from cloud computing contracts
17 that use labor from foreign countries of con-
18 cern.

19 (E) Recommendations on ways to reduce,
20 mitigate, or eliminate risk from initiatives such
21 as so called “digital escorting”, or the use of
22 computer scientists or engineers from foreign
23 countries of concern.

24 (3) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
25 July 1, 2026, the Inspector General shall submit to

1 the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and
2 the Committee on Armed Services of the House of
3 Representatives a report setting forth the findings of
4 the Inspector General with respect to the audit con-
5 ducted pursuant to paragraph (1).

6 (b) GUIDANCE TO REDUCE, MITIGATE, OR ELIMI-
7 NATE RISK.—

8 (1) GUIDANCE.—Based on the audit conducted
9 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall issue new
10 guidance to reduce, mitigate, or eliminate risk to
11 Department data or cloud computing infrastructure
12 from foreign countries of concern.

13 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The guidance issued pur-
14 suant to paragraph (1) shall—

15 (A) restrict the use of personnel from for-
16 eign countries of concern to support Depart-
17 ment information technology systems; and

18 (B) require disclosure to the congressional
19 defense committees if the Secretary finds a De-
20 partment information technology system is
21 maintained by personnel from a foreign country
22 of concern.

23 (3) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive any
24 guidance issued under paragraph (1) in any case in

1 which the Secretary certifies in writing that such
2 waiver—

3 (A) does not pose a risk to national secu-
4 rity; and

5 (B) is necessary in the interest of national
6 security.

7 (c) DEFINITION OF FOREIGN COUNTRY OF CON-
8 CERN.—In this section, the term “foreign country of con-
9 cern” has the meaning given that term in section 9901
10 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Au-
11 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (15 U.S.C. 4651).

12 **Subtitle C—Data and Artificial** 13 **Intelligence**

14 **SEC. 1621. PUBLIC-PRIVATE CYBERSECURITY PARTNER-** 15 **SHIP FOR HIGHLY CAPABLE ARTIFICIAL IN-** 16 **TELLIGENCE SYSTEMS.**

17 (a) ESTABLISHMENT REQUIRED.—Not later than
18 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
19 Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy shall es-
20 tablish a public-private partnership body to address cyber-
21 security and physical security threats and vulnerabilities
22 to highly capable artificial intelligence and machine learn-
23 ing systems.

24 (b) FORUM FOR ENGAGEMENT.—The public-private
25 partnership body established under subsection (a) shall

1 serve as a forum for engagement between the Department
2 of Defense and commercial industry partners to align and
3 enhance cybersecurity and physical security frameworks
4 and practices applicable to both national security systems
5 and artificial intelligence and machine learning systems at
6 risk from sophisticated state actors.

7 (c) PURPOSE.—The public-private partnership body
8 developed under subsection (a) shall—

9 (1) convene regular engagements to discuss cy-
10 bersecurity and physical security threats and
11 vulnerabilities specific to highly capable artificial in-
12 telligence and machine learning systems, with a
13 focus on both current and emerging threats posed by
14 state-sponsored cyber actors;

15 (2) facilitate the development, sharing, and
16 alignment of best practices and robust cybersecurity
17 and physical security frameworks between the De-
18 partment and commercial industry to protect artifi-
19 cial intelligence and machine learning systems;

20 (3) promote collaborative threat intelligence
21 sharing between the Department and commercial en-
22 tities, with particular attention to vulnerabilities in
23 artificial intelligence and machine learning systems
24 used in critical infrastructure, defense operations,
25 and sensitive national security functions; and

1 (4) develop recommendations for cybersecurity
2 and physical security policy enhancements aimed at
3 safeguarding artificial intelligence and machine
4 learning technologies from state-sponsored cyber at-
5 tacks and report findings and policy recommenda-
6 tions to Congress on an annual basis.

7 (d) PARTICIPANTS.—The public-private partnership
8 body developed under subsection (a) shall include rep-
9 resentatives from—

10 (1) the Department of Defense, including—

11 (A) the Office of the Assistant Secretary of
12 Defense for Cyber Policy;

13 (B) the Under Secretary of Defense for In-
14 telligence and Security;

15 (C) the Chief Information Officers of the
16 Department of Defense and the Armed Forces;

17 (D) the Chief Digital and Artificial Intel-
18 ligence Officer of the Department of Defense;

19 (E) the Defense Advanced Research
20 Projects Agency;

21 (F) the National Security Agency;

22 (G) United States Cyber Command;

23 (H) the Defense Cyber Crime Center; and

24 (I) such other entities in the Department
25 of Defense and military departments with re-

1 sponsibilities for cybersecurity or artificial intel-
2 ligence systems as the Assistant Secretary con-
3 siders relevant;

4 (2) commercial industry companies with exper-
5 tise in highly capable artificial intelligence and ma-
6 chine learning systems, or cybersecurity or physical
7 security practices, including—

8 (A) cloud computing and artificial intel-
9 ligence service providers;

10 (B) cybersecurity companies;

11 (C) artificial intelligence research and de-
12 velopment companies;

13 (D) telecommunications companies; and

14 (E) such other industry leaders as the As-
15 sistant Secretary identifies as relevant and ap-
16 propriate; and

17 (3) federally funded research and development
18 centers, national laboratories, and academic institu-
19 tions with demonstrated expertise in highly capable
20 artificial intelligence and machine learning systems,
21 cybersecurity or physical security practices.

22 (e) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than one
23 year after the date of the establishment of the public-pri-
24 vate partnership body under subsection (a), and not less
25 frequently than once each year thereafter until December

1 1, 2030, the Assistant Secretary shall submit to the con-
2 gressional defense committees a report summarizing—

3 (1) the key finding from the engagements held
4 under subsection (c)(1), including any identified cy-
5 bersecurity or physical security vulnerabilities in ar-
6 tificial intelligence and machine learning systems;

7 (2) recommendations for enhancing cybersecu-
8 rity or physical security policy and practices to pro-
9 tect artificial intelligence and machine learning sys-
10 tems across both the Department and commercial
11 sectors; and

12 (3) an analysis of the progress made in aligning
13 Department and commercial cybersecurity and phys-
14 ical security frameworks to address state-sponsored
15 cyber threats.

16 **SEC. 1622. DIGITAL SANDBOX ENVIRONMENTS FOR ARTIFI-**
17 **CIAL INTELLIGENCE.**

18 (a) REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH.—Not later than
19 April 1, 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall, acting
20 through the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Offi-
21 cer and the Chief Information Officer of the Department
22 of Defense, establish a task force on artificial intelligence
23 sandbox environments (in this section referred to as the
24 “Task Force”).

1 (b) PURPOSE.—The Task Force shall identify, co-
2 ordinate, and advance Department-wide efforts to develop
3 and deploy virtual environments necessary to support arti-
4 ficial intelligence experimentation, training, familiariza-
5 tion, and development across the Department of Defense
6 enterprise. These virtual environments, known as an “arti-
7 ficial intelligence sandbox”, shall—

8 (1) provide capability for personnel with varied
9 technical proficiency, from novice users to experi-
10 enced practitioners;

11 (2) enable the building, training, evaluation,
12 and deployment of artificial intelligence models;

13 (3) facilitate familiarity with and utilization of
14 existing artificial intelligence capabilities; and

15 (4) accelerate the responsible adoption of artifi-
16 cial intelligence across the Department.

17 (c) CO-CHAIRS.—The Task Force shall be co-chaired
18 by the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer and
19 the Chief Information Officer.

20 (d) COMPOSITION.—The Task Force shall be com-
21 posed of—

22 (1) the chief artificial intelligence officers of the
23 military departments, or in the absence of such posi-
24 tion, the individual responsible for leading artificial
25 intelligence efforts within each military department;

1 (2) the chief information officers of the military
2 departments;

3 (3) the chief artificial intelligence officers of the
4 combatant commands and joint staff, or in the ab-
5 sence of such position, the individual responsible for
6 leading artificial intelligence efforts within each com-
7 batant commands;

8 (4) the chief information officers of the combat-
9 ant commands, and joint staff, or in the absence of
10 such position, the individual responsible for leading
11 information technology efforts within each combat-
12 ant commands;

13 (5) the Directors for Command, Control, Com-
14 munications, and Computers/Cyber (J6) of the com-
15 batant commands, or their designees;

16 (6) the Director for Command, Control, Com-
17 munications, and Computers/Cyber (J6) of the Joint
18 Staff, or their designee; and

19 (7) such other officials of the Department as
20 the co-chairs of the Task Force consider appro-
21 priate.

22 (e) FUNCTIONS.—The Task Force shall—

23 (1) identify and consolidate common require-
24 ments with respect to artificial intelligence sandbox
25 environments across the Department, including re-

1 requirements relating to interfaces for users with vary-
2 ing technical expertise, computational resources and
3 infrastructure, pre-trained models and datasets, and
4 educational and training materials;

5 (2) identify, inventory, and ensure the avail-
6 ability of existing solutions and technical documenta-
7 tion, including machine-readable documents, ref-
8 erence architectures, and user guides;

9 (3) publish an analysis matching common re-
10 requirements identified under paragraph (1) with ex-
11 isting solutions identified under paragraph (2);

12 (4) utilize existing Department mechanisms to
13 achieve efficiencies through enterprise licenses and
14 contracts;

15 (5) identify and, where possible, streamline au-
16 thority to operate approvals for each element of
17 common artificial intelligence sandbox environment
18 architectures; and

19 (6) publish guidance on the appropriate use of
20 artificial intelligence sandbox environments for users
21 at all skill levels.

22 (f) BRIEFING.—Not later than August 1, 2026, the
23 co-chairs of the Task Force shall provide to the congres-
24 sional defense committees a briefing on the goals and ob-
25 jectives of the Task Force.

1 (g) TERMINATION.—The Task Force shall terminate
2 on January 1, 2030.

3 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The term “artificial intelligence” has the
5 meaning given such term in section 238(g) of the
6 John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act
7 for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10
8 U.S.C. note prec. 4061).

9 (2) The term “artificial intelligence sandbox en-
10 vironment” means a secure, isolated computing envi-
11 ronment that enables users with varying levels of
12 technical expertise to access artificial intelligence
13 tools, models, and capabilities for the purposes of ex-
14 perimentation, training, testing, and development
15 without affecting operational systems or requiring
16 specialized technical knowledge to operate.

17 (3) The term “authority to operate” means the
18 official management decision given by a senior orga-
19 nizational official to authorize operation of an infor-
20 mation system and to explicitly accept the risk to or-
21 ganizational operations and assets, individuals, other
22 organizations, and the United States based on the
23 implementation of an agreed-upon set of security
24 controls, as defined in Committee on National Secu-

1 rity Systems Instruction 4009, or successor docu-
2 ment.

3 **SEC. 1623. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE MODEL ASSESSMENT**
4 **AND OVERSIGHT.**

5 (a) CROSS-FUNCTIONAL TEAM FOR ARTIFICIAL IN-
6 TELLIGENCE MODEL ASSESSMENT AND OVERSIGHT.—

7 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of De-
8 fense shall, in accordance with section 911 of the
9 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
10 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 10 U.S.C. 111 note),
11 establish a cross-functional team for artificial intel-
12 ligence model assessment and oversight (in this sec-
13 tion referred to as the “Cross-Functional Team”).

14 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Cross-Func-
15 tional Team is to develop a standardized assessment
16 framework and governance structure to evaluate,
17 oversee, and facilitate collaboration on artificial in-
18 telligence models employed by the Department of
19 Defense.

20 (3) COMPOSITION.—

21 (A) LEADERSHIP.—The Chief Digital and
22 Artificial Intelligence Officer shall lead the
23 Cross-Functional Team.

1 (B) MEMBERSHIP.—The Secretary shall
2 ensure that the Cross-Functional Team includes
3 representatives from—

4 (i) the Office of the Chief Information
5 Officer;

6 (ii) the chief artificial intelligence offi-
7 cers of the military departments, or in the
8 absence of such position, the individual re-
9 sponsible for leading artificial intelligence
10 efforts within each military department;

11 (iii) the chief information officers of
12 the military departments;

13 (iv) the chief artificial intelligence of-
14 ficers of the combatant commands and the
15 Joint Staff, or in the absence of such posi-
16 tion, the individuals responsible for leading
17 artificial intelligence efforts within each
18 such command and the Joint Staff;

19 (v) the chief information officers of
20 the combatant commands and the Joint
21 Staff, or in the absence of such position,
22 the individuals responsible for leading in-
23 formation technology efforts within each
24 such command and the Joint Staff; and

1 (vi) such other components as the
2 Secretary determines appropriate.

3 (4) DUTIES.—The duties of the Cross-Func-
4 tional Team are as follows:

5 (A) To develop a standardized assessment
6 framework for artificial intelligence models cur-
7 rently used by the Department of Defense.

8 (B) To establish Department-wide guide-
9 lines for artificial intelligence model evaluation
10 for future models being considered for Depart-
11 ment use.

12 (C) To develop governance structures for
13 model development, testing, and deployment.

14 (D) To identify appropriate assessment
15 levels based on use case-based risk.

16 (E) To establish mechanisms for cross-
17 component collaboration.

18 (F) To develop processes for use case sub-
19 mission, review, and approval.

20 (5) FRAMEWORK CONTENT.—The assessment
21 framework developed under subsection (b) shall ad-
22 dress—

23 (A) model performance standards;

24 (B) development documentation require-
25 ments;

- 1 (C) testing procedures;
- 2 (D) ethical principles compliance;
- 3 (E) assessment methodologies and validity
- 4 periods;
- 5 (F) security requirements and compliance
- 6 regulations, including the Federal Risk and Au-
- 7 thorization Management Program; and
- 8 (G) such other elements as the Cross-
- 9 Functional Team determines appropriate.

10 (b) FUNCTIONAL LEADS FOR ARTIFICIAL INTEL-
11 LIGENCE APPLICATION.—

12 (1) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary shall des-
13 ignate such Department organizations as the Sec-
14 retary considers appropriate to serve as functional
15 leads for artificial intelligence applications.

16 (2) SELECTION CRITERIA.—In designating
17 functional leads under paragraph (1), the Secretary
18 shall consider—

- 19 (A) subject matter expertise;
- 20 (B) equities in the functional area; and
- 21 (C) capability to establish assessment
- 22 standards.

23 (3) CDAO RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Chief Dig-
24 ital and Artificial Intelligence Officer shall—

1 (A) serve as the functional lead for busi-
2 ness systems with artificial intelligence models;
3 and

4 (B) provide Department-wide guidance on
5 commercial artificial intelligence models.

6 (c) ASSESSMENTS OF MAJOR ARTIFICIAL INTEL-
7 LIGENCE SYSTEMS.—Not later than January 1, 2028, the
8 Secretary shall, using the standard assessment framework
9 developed by the Cross-Functional Team under subsection
10 (a)(2), assess all major artificial intelligence systems of
11 the Department.

12 (d) ADMINISTRATION.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—In administering this sec-
14 tion, the Secretary shall ensure the completion of
15 each of the following milestones:

16 (A) The Cross-Functional Team is estab-
17 lished in accordance with subsection (a) on or
18 before June 1, 2026.

19 (B) The functional leads for artificial intel-
20 ligence application are designated in accordance
21 with subsection (b) on or before January 1,
22 2027.

23 (C) The Cross-Function Team completes
24 development of the standardized assessment

1 framework and governance structure required
2 by subsection (a)(2) on or before June 1, 2027.

3 (D) Initial assessments of major artificial
4 intelligence systems are conducted under sub-
5 section (c) and completed on or before January
6 1, 2028.

7 (2) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING.—Not later than
8 30 days after the completion of each milestone set
9 forth under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall pro-
10 vide the congressional defense committees a briefing
11 on the status of the Secretary in administering this
12 section.

13 (e) SUNSET AND TRANSITION.—

14 (1) SUNSET.—The Cross-Functional Team
15 shall terminate on December 31, 2030.

16 (2) TRANSITION.—Not later than June 30,
17 2030, the Secretary shall designate an organization
18 to succeed the Cross-Functional Team and develop
19 a plan to transfer the duties of the Cross-Functional
20 Team specified by subsection (a)(4) to such suc-
21 cessor organization.

22 (3) REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF SUCCESSOR OR-
23 GANIZATION.—Not later than one year after the
24 date on which the Cross-Functional Team is termi-
25 nated and not less frequently than once each year

1 thereafter until the date that is three years after the
2 date on which the Cross-Functional Team is termi-
3 nated, the Secretary shall submit to the congres-
4 sional defense committees an annual report on the
5 activities of the element of the Department to which
6 the duties of the Cross-Functional Team were trans-
7 ferred.

8 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) The term “artificial intelligence” has the
10 meaning given in section 238(g) of the John S.
11 McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-
12 cal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. note
13 prec. 4061).

14 (2) The term “functional area” refers to a spe-
15 cialized domain of artificial intelligence application
16 within the Department where models are developed,
17 evaluated, and employed for similar use cases under
18 comparable operational conditions. Examples of
19 functional areas may include decision support sys-
20 tems, business systems, avionics, cybersecurity, intel-
21 ligence applications, logistics and maintenance, and
22 health care.

23 **SEC. 1624. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ONTOLOGY GOVERN-**
24 **ANCE WORKING GROUP.**

25 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
2 shall establish a working group to develop and im-
3 plement a common data ontology and governance
4 structure across the Department of Defense.

5 (2) DESIGNATION.—The working group estab-
6 lished pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be known as
7 the “Department of Defense Ontology Governance
8 Working Group” (in this section the “Working
9 Group”).

10 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Working Group
11 is to develop and implement a common data ontology and
12 governance structure across the Department of Defense
13 to improve data interoperability, enhance information
14 sharing, and enable more effective decision making
15 throughout the Department.

16 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—The Working Group shall consist
17 of—

18 (1) the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence
19 Officer;

20 (2) the Chief Information Officer of the Depart-
21 ment of Defense;

22 (3) the Chief Data Officers of the Department
23 of Defense;

24 (4) the Chief Information Officers of the mili-
25 tary departments and the combatant commands;

1 (5) such representatives from defense intel-
2 ligence entities as the Secretary considers appro-
3 priate; and

4 (6) such other officers or employees of the De-
5 partment as the Secretary considers appropriate.

6 (d) DUTIES.—The Working Group shall—

7 (1) shall coordinate with and build upon any ex-
8 isting data ontology development efforts within the
9 Department of Defense and intelligence community
10 (as defined in section 3 of the National Security Act
11 of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003)) to ensure complementary
12 and nonduplicative efforts;

13 (2) incorporate Department-wide data as well
14 as data from defense intelligence entities;

15 (3) develop and maintain domain-specific data
16 ontologies that address specialized knowledge areas
17 within the Department of Defense, including
18 warfighting, logistics, personnel, intelligence, and cy-
19 bersecurity domains;

20 (4) establish a process to identify and designate
21 functional domain leads responsible for leading the
22 development, review, approval, and respective guid-
23 ance of data ontologies for their particular domains;

1 (5) evaluate what security risks are introduced
2 with common and domain-specific data ontologies
3 and how these risks should be mitigated; and

4 (6) establish a governance framework that in-
5 cludes—

6 (A) a centralized repository to store the
7 common and domain-specific data ontologies in
8 a manner accessible to all authorized stake-
9 holders;

10 (B) robust version control mechanisms to
11 track changes, manage different versions, and
12 ensure a stable and authoritative source;

13 (C) clear ownership designations and role
14 definitions for data ontology management, in-
15 cluding modification and access authorities for
16 both enterprise-wide and domain-specific
17 ontologies;

18 (D) standardized governance procedures
19 for updating, reviewing, and maintaining the
20 data ontologies to ensure relevance and accu-
21 racy;

22 (E) adherence to established data ontology
23 engineering principles that promote interoper-
24 ability and reusability across domains; and

1 (F) integration with existing Department
2 data management practices and systems.

3 (e) FUNCTIONAL DOMAIN LEADS.—

4 (1) SELECTION CRITERIA.—In designating
5 functional domain leads under subsection (d)(4), the
6 Working Group shall select individuals who possess
7 extensive subject matter expertise in their respective
8 domains and maintain substantial equities or re-
9 sponsibilities within the domain.

10 (2) REPRESENTATION.—Functional domain
11 leads selected under subsection (d)(4) shall be se-
12 lected to ensure appropriate representation across
13 the Department, including the military departments,
14 combatant commands, defense agencies, and field
15 activities.

16 (3) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Functional domain
17 leads selected under subsection (d)(4) shall be re-
18 sponsible for—

19 (A) leading the development and mainte-
20 nance of data ontologies within their domains;

21 (B) reviewing and approving domain-spe-
22 cific data ontology elements;

23 (C) ensuring alignment between domain-
24 specific data ontologies and the enterprise-wide
25 data ontology framework;

1 (D) developing domain-specific guidance
2 for data ontology implementation; and

3 (E) serving as the authoritative source for
4 domain knowledge within the data ontology gov-
5 ernance structure.

6 (f) TIMELINE AND DELIVERABLES.—

7 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall en-
8 sure that the Working Group is established pursuant
9 to subsection (a) not later than June 1, 2026, and
10 the Working Group shall remain in effect for a pe-
11 riod of not less than 5 years beginning on the date
12 of the establishment of the Working Group, unless
13 the Secretary determines that it is necessary to tran-
14 sition the Working Group into a permanent organi-
15 zation.

16 (2) FUNCTIONAL DOMAIN LEAD DESIGNA-
17 TION.—Not later than August 1, 2026, the Working
18 Group shall identify and designate functional do-
19 main leads in accordance with subsections (d)(4)
20 and (e).

21 (3) DEPARTMENT-LEVEL POLICY.—Not later
22 than June 1, 2027, the Working Group shall develop
23 and distribute Department-level policy on the data
24 ontology governance structure, including guidelines

1 for the development, maintenance, and integration of
2 domain-specific ontologies.

3 (4) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Working Group
4 shall oversee the implementation of the governance
5 structure by June 1, 2028.

6 (g) BRIEFING AND REPORT.—

7 (1) BRIEFING.—Not later than July 1, 2027,
8 the Working Group shall provide to the congres-
9 sional defense committees a briefing on progress of
10 the Working Group.

11 (2) REPORT.—Not later than June 30, 2028,
12 the Secretary shall submit to the congressional de-
13 fense committees a report on the implementation of
14 the ontology governance structure, including the sta-
15 tus of implementation for both enterprise-wide and
16 domain-specific ontologies, and recommendations for
17 sustainment and further development.

18 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) The term “data domain ontology” means a
20 data ontology that is specific to a particular func-
21 tional, operational, or subject-matter area within the
22 Department, including warfighting, logistics, per-
23 sonnel, intelligence, or cybersecurity domains.

24 (2) The term “data ontology” means a formal,
25 structured representation and categorization of data

1 elements, their properties, and the relationships be-
2 tween them within an information system or knowl-
3 edge domain that enables consistent interpretation,
4 integration, and analysis of data across different
5 systems and users.

6 **SEC. 1625. MODIFICATION OF HIGH-PERFORMANCE COM-**
7 **PUTING ROADMAP.**

8 Section 1532(c) of the National Defense Authoriza-
9 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) is
10 amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, including
12 both dedicated Department of Defense owned and
13 maintained computing assets, as well as commer-
14 cially procured cloud services or other infrastructure-
15 as-a service contracts” before the period at the end;

16 (2) in paragraph (2)—

17 (A) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as
18 subparagraph (D); and

19 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (B)
20 the following new subparagraph (C):

21 “(C) For any data centers to be built or
22 expanded on a military installation, an esti-
23 mate, to the degree that the Secretary deter-
24 mines that providing such an estimate will not
25 delay the submittal of the triennial update re-

quired by paragraph (3), of the additional needs
for those data centers, including—

“(i) an estimate of the increased footprint for physical space needs;

“(ii) assessments of projected electricity and water usage requirements for the projected artificial intelligence data center footprint;

“(iii) anticipated impact on the installation and the surrounding community based on increased power, water, and other resource needs, including measures to mitigate any potential adverse impacts on military installations; and

“(iv) strategies to prevent disruptions to local utility services and to ensure community resilience, including consultation with local, State, and Federal agencies to align infrastructure planning with broader community needs.”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) TRIENNIAL UPDATES.—Not later than March 1, 2027, and not later than March 1 of every third year thereafter until March 1, 2033, the Secretary shall update the roadmap required by para-

1 graph (1) and submit to the congressional defense
2 committees the updated roadmap.”.

3 **SEC. 1626. ARTIFICIAL GENERAL INTELLIGENCE STEERING**
4 **COMMITTEE.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 1,
7 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a
8 steering committee on artificial general intelligence.

9 (2) DESIGNATION.—The steering committee es-
10 tablished pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be known
11 as the “Artificial General Intelligence Steering Com-
12 mittee” (in this section the “Steering Committee”).

13 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Steering Committee shall be
14 composed of the following:

15 (1) The Deputy Secretary of Defense.

16 (2) The Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of
17 Staff.

18 (3) The Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, the
19 Vice Chief of Staff of Naval Operations, the Assist-
20 ant Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Vice
21 Chief of Staff of the Air Force, the Vice Chief of
22 Space Operations, and the Vice Chief of the Na-
23 tional Guard Bureau.

24 (4) The Under Secretary of Defense for Acqui-
25 sition and Sustainment.

1 (5) The Under Secretary of Defense for Re-
2 search and Engineering.

3 (6) The Under Secretary of Defense for Intel-
4 ligence and Security.

5 (7) The Under Secretary of Defense (Comp-
6 troller)/Chief Financial Officer.

7 (8) Such representatives from the military de-
8 partments as the Secretary considers appropriate.

9 (9) The Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence
10 Officer of the Department of Defense.

11 (10) Representatives of such innovation centers
12 within the defense innovation ecosystem as the Sec-
13 retary of Defense determines appropriate.

14 (11) Representatives of such other organiza-
15 tions and elements of the Department of Defense as
16 the Secretary determines appropriate.

17 (c) CO-CHAIRPERSONS.—The Deputy Secretary of
18 Defense and the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of
19 Staff shall serve as the Co-Chairpersons of the Steering
20 Committee.

21 (d) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Steering Committee
22 shall be responsible for—

23 (1) analyzing the current trajectory of artificial
24 intelligence models and enabling technologies that

1 would support achievement of artificial general intel-
2 ligence, including—

3 (A) current and emerging models, includ-
4 ing frontier and world models;

5 (B) agentic algorithms;

6 (C) neuromorphic computing;

7 (D) cognitive science applications for algo-
8 rithm or model development;

9 (E) infrastructure needs;

10 (F) new or emerging microelectronics de-
11 signs or architectures; and

12 (G) such other technology disciplines as
13 the Steering Committee determines appropriate;

14 (2) assess the technological, operational, and
15 doctrinal trajectory of adversaries of the United
16 States towards the goal of achieving an artificial
17 general intelligence;

18 (3) analyzing the military applications and im-
19 plications of artificial general intelligence for the De-
20 partment;

21 (4) developing a strategy for the Department
22 adoption of artificial general intelligence, includ-
23 ing—

24 (A) articulation of ethical and policy
25 guardrails;

(B) required resources, including through the use of new or novel funding mechanisms like purchase commitments, financing arrangements, or loans or loan guarantees;

(C) measurable goals; and

(D) mechanisms available for transition or adoption through public-private partnerships; and

(5) analyzing the threat landscape emanating from adversarial use of artificial general intelligence and developing options and counter-artificial general intelligence strategies to defend against such use.

(e) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 31, 2027, the Deputy Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the findings of the Steering Committee with respect to the matters covered by subsection (d).

(2) FORM OF REPORT.—The report submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

(3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Deputy Secretary shall make available to the public the unclassified portion of the report submitted pursuant to paragraph (1).

1 (f) SUNSET.—The requirements and authorities of
 2 this section shall terminate on December 31, 2027.

3 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The term “artificial general intelligence”
 5 means artificial intelligence-capable systems with the
 6 potential to match or exceed human intelligence
 7 across most cognitive tasks, distinct from narrow ar-
 8 tificial intelligence systems designed for specific
 9 tasks in defined domains.

10 (2) The term “innovation ecosystem” means a
 11 regionally based network of private sector, academic,
 12 and government institutions in a network of formal
 13 and informal institutional relationships that con-
 14 tribute to technological and economic development in
 15 a defined technology sector or sectors.

16 **SEC. 1627. PHYSICAL AND CYBERSECURITY PROCUREMENT**
 17 **REQUIREMENTS FOR ARTIFICIAL INTEL-**
 18 **LIGENCE SYSTEMS.**

19 (a) SECURITY FRAMEWORK.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
 21 shall develop a framework for implementation of cy-
 22 bersecurity and physical security standards and best
 23 practices relating to covered artificial intelligence
 24 and machine learning technologies to mitigate risks

1 to the Department of Defense from the use of such
2 technologies.

3 (2) COVERAGE OF RELEVANT ASPECTS OF SE-
4 CURITY.—The framework developed under para-
5 graph (1) shall cover all relevant aspects of the secu-
6 rity of artificial intelligence and machine learning
7 systems, including the following:

8 (A) Workforce risks, such as insider threat
9 risks.

10 (B) Training and workforce development
11 requirements, including with respect to the fol-
12 lowing:

13 (i) Artificial intelligence security
14 awareness.

15 (ii) Artificial intelligence-specific
16 threats and vulnerabilities.

17 (iii) Continuum of professional devel-
18 opment and education of artificial intel-
19 ligence security expertise.

20 (C) Supply chain risks, such as counterfeit
21 parts or data poisoning risks.

22 (D) Risks relating to adversarial tam-
23 pering with artificial intelligence systems.

1 (E) Risks relating to unintended exposure
2 or theft of artificial intelligence systems or
3 data.

4 (F) Security posture management prac-
5 tices, including governance of security meas-
6 ures, continuous monitoring, and incident re-
7 porting procedures.

8 (G) An evaluation of commercially avail-
9 able platforms for continuous monitoring and
10 assessment.

11 (3) RISK-BASED FRAMEWORK.—The framework
12 developed under paragraph (1) shall be risk-based,
13 with higher security levels corresponding proportion-
14 ally to the national security or foreign policy risks
15 posed by the covered artificial intelligence technology
16 being stolen or tampered with.

17 (4) USE OF EXISTING FRAMEWORKS.—To the
18 maximum extent feasible, the framework developed
19 under paragraph (1) shall—

20 (A) draw on existing cybersecurity ref-
21 erences, such as the NIST Special Publication
22 800 series; and

23 (B) be implemented as an extension or
24 augmentation of existing cybersecurity frame-
25 works developed by the Department of Defense,

1 such as the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Cer-
2 tification framework.

3 (5) ADDRESSING EXTREME SECURITY RISKS.—

4 (A) HIGHLY CAPABLE CYBER THREAT AC-
5 TORS.—The framework developed under para-
6 graph (1) shall take into account that the most
7 highly capable artificial intelligence systems
8 may be of great interest to the most highly ca-
9 pable cyber threat actors, such as intelligence
10 and defense agencies of peer and near-peer na-
11 tions.

12 (B) SECURITY LEVELS.—The Secretary
13 shall ensure that cybersecurity frameworks pro-
14 vided for contractors contain security levels de-
15 signed to mitigate risks posed by cyber threat
16 actors described in subparagraph (A), with the
17 highest levels being similar in scope to the level
18 of protection offered by national security sys-
19 tems.

20 (C) GENERAL DESIGN WITH SPECIFIC
21 COMPONENTS.—To the extent feasible, any ad-
22 ditional security levels developed under subpara-
23 graph (B) shall be designed generally for all
24 software systems, but may contain components

1 designed specifically for highly capable artificial
2 intelligence systems.

3 (b) SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may amend
5 the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supple-
6 ment, or take other similar action, to require covered
7 entities to implement the best practices described in
8 the framework developed under subsection (a).

9 (2) RISK-BASED RULES.—Requirements imple-
10 mented in rules developed under paragraph (1) shall
11 be as narrowly tailored as practicable to the specific
12 covered artificial intelligence and machine learning
13 technologies developed, deployed, stored, or hosted
14 by a covered entity, and shall be calibrated accord-
15 ingly to the different tasks involved in development,
16 deployment, storage, or hosting of components of
17 those covered artificial intelligence and machine
18 learning technologies.

19 (3) COST-BENEFIT CONSIDERATION.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—In implementing para-
21 graph (1), the Secretary shall—

22 (i) consider the costs and benefits to
23 the Department and to United States na-
24 tional security and technological leader-

1 ship, of imposing security requirements on
2 covered entities; and

3 (ii) to the extent feasible, design re-
4 quirements in a way that allows for trans-
5 parent trade space analysis between com-
6 peting requirements in order to minimize
7 costs and maximize benefits.

8 (B) WEIGHING COSTS OF SLOWING DOWN
9 DEVELOPMENT.—In carrying out subparagraph
10 (A), the Secretary shall, in particular, weigh the
11 costs of slowing down artificial intelligence and
12 machine learning development and deployment
13 against the benefits of mitigating national secu-
14 rity risks and potential security risks to the De-
15 partment of Defense from using commercial
16 software.

17 (c) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—The framework re-
18 quired by subsection (a)(1) shall include a detailed imple-
19 mentation plan that—

20 (1) establishes timelines and milestones for
21 achieving the objectives outlined in the framework;

22 (2) identifies resource requirements and fund-
23 ing mechanisms; and

24 (3) provides metrics for measuring progress and
25 effectiveness.

1 (d) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than
2 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
3 Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense com-
4 mittees an update on the status of implementation of the
5 requirements of this section.

6 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) The term “artificial intelligence” has the
8 meaning given such term in 238(g) of the John S.
9 McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-
10 cal Year 2019 (Public Law 115-232; 10 U.S.C. note
11 prec. 4061).

12 (2) The term “covered artificial intelligence and
13 machine learning technology” means an artificial in-
14 telligence or machine learning system procured by
15 the Department of Defense and all components of
16 the development and deployment lifecycle of that ar-
17 tificial intelligence system, including source code, nu-
18 merical parameters (such as model weights) of the
19 trained artificial intelligence or machine learning
20 system, details of any methods and algorithms used
21 to develop that system, data used in the development
22 of the system, and software used for evaluating the
23 trustworthiness of the artificial intelligence or ma-
24 chine learning system during development or deploy-
25 ment.

(3) The term “covered entity” means an entity that enters into a Department of Defense contract that engages in the development, deployment, storage, or hosting of a covered artificial intelligence technology.

SEC. 1628. GUIDANCE AND PROHIBITION ON USE OF CERTAIN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

(a) GUIDANCE AND PROHIBITIONS.—

(1) REQUIREMENT REQUIRED REGARDING EXCLUSION AND REMOVAL FROM DEPARTMENT SYSTEMS AND DEVICES.—Except as provided in subsection (b), not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall require all Department of Defense offices and components to exclude or remove covered artificial intelligence from all Department of Defense systems and devices.

(2) CONSIDERATION OF GUIDANCE FOR DEPARTMENT SYSTEMS AND DEVICES.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall consider issuing guidance to all Department offices and components to exclude or remove artificial intelligence developed by a foreign adversary entity in cases in which the Secretary determines that the artificial intelligence

1 poses a national security risk for all Department
2 systems and devices.

3 (3) PROHIBITION FOR CONTRACTORS.—

4 (A) USE OF COVERED ARTIFICIAL INTEL-
5 LIGENCE.—Except as provided in subsection
6 (b), not later than 30 days after the date of en-
7 actment of this Act, no contractor with an ac-
8 tive Department contract may use covered arti-
9 ficial intelligence for fulfillment, assistance, exe-
10 cution, or otherwise support to complete, or
11 support in part, a contract with the Depart-
12 ment.

13 (B) USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
14 DEVELOPED BY A FOREIGN ADVERSARY.—Ex-
15 cept as provided in subsection (b), if the Sec-
16 retary issues guidance described in paragraph
17 (2) to exclude or remove an artificial intel-
18 ligence developed by a foreign adversary entity
19 that the Secretary determines poses a national
20 security risk as described in such paragraph, no
21 contractor with an active Department contract
22 may use the artificial intelligence for fulfill-
23 ment, assistance, execution, or otherwise sup-
24 port to complete, or support in part, a contract
25 with the Department.

1 (b) WAIVER.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may waive a
3 prohibition under subsection (a), on a case-by-case
4 basis, if the Secretary determines that the waiver is
5 necessary—

6 (A) for the purpose of scientifically valid
7 research (as defined in section 102 of the Edu-
8 cation Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (20 U.S.C.
9 9501));

10 (B) for the purpose of evaluation, training,
11 testing, or other analysis needed for national
12 security;

13 (C) for the purpose of conducting counter
14 terrorism, counterintelligence, or other oper-
15 ational military activities supporting national
16 security; or

17 (D) for the purpose of fulfilling mission
18 critical functions.

19 (2) MITIGATION OF RISKS.—In any case in
20 which the Secretary issues a waiver pursuant to
21 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall take such steps as
22 the Secretary considers necessary to mitigate any
23 risks due to the issuance of the waiver.

24 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) The term “artificial intelligence” has the
2 meaning given such term in section 5002 of the Na-
3 tional Artificial Intelligence Initiative Act of 2020
4 (15 U.S.C. 9401) and includes the systems and
5 techniques described in paragraphs (1) through (5)
6 of section 238(g) of the John S. McCain National
7 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019
8 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4061).

9 (2) The term “covered artificial intelligence”
10 means—

11 (A) any artificial intelligence, or successor
12 artificial intelligence, developed by the Chinese
13 company DeepSeek; and

14 (B) any artificial intelligence, or successor
15 artificial intelligence, developed by High Flyer
16 or an entity owned by, funded by, or supported
17 by High Flyer or an entity with respect to
18 which High Flyer directly or indirectly owns at
19 least a 20 percent stake.

20 (3) The term “foreign adversary” has the
21 meaning given the term “covered nation” in section
22 4872(f) of title 10, United States Code.

23 (4) The term “foreign adversary entity”
24 means—

25 (A) a foreign adversary;

1 (B) a foreign person domiciled in,
2 headquartered in, has its principal place of
3 business in, or is organized under the laws of
4 a foreign adversary;

5 (C) an entity with respect to which a for-
6 eign person or combination of foreign persons
7 described in subparagraphs (A) or (B) directly
8 or indirectly owns at least a 20 percent stake;
9 or

10 (D) a person subject to the direction or
11 control of a foreign person or entity described
12 in subparagraphs (A), (B), or (C).

13 **SEC. 1629. ROADMAP FOR ADVANCING DIGITAL CONTENT**
14 **PROVENANCE STANDARDS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 1, 2026, the
16 Secretary of Defense shall develop a roadmap to guide po-
17 tential future adoption and integration of digital content
18 provenance capabilities across the Department of Defense.

19 (b) ELEMENTS.—The roadmap developed pursuant
20 to subsection (a) shall—

21 (1) identify and assess current and proposed
22 open technical standards for digital content prove-
23 nance that could be applied to publicly released dig-
24 ital media assets produced by the Department of

1 Defense, the military components, and field activities
2 of the Department;

3 (2) identify strategic objectives relating to se-
4 curing and authenticating public-facing digital con-
5 tent;

6 (3) describe relevant roles and responsibilities
7 across military departments and components of the
8 Department;

9 (4) explore the establishment of standardized
10 processes to enable embedding and verification of
11 content credentials in appropriate public-facing De-
12 partment media;

13 (5) outline potential acquisition approaches for
14 supporting technologies and solutions;

15 (6) develop metrics, as appropriate, to assess
16 the effectiveness, reliability, and scalability of digital
17 content provenance technologies;

18 (7) establish an engagement mechanism for co-
19 ordination with relevant stakeholders, including fed-
20 erally funded research and development centers, in-
21 dustry, and academia, to align efforts with evolving
22 best practices and technical capabilities; and

23 (8) establish notional milestones and resource
24 needs, disaggregated by fiscal year, to inform longer-
25 term planning.

1 (c) BRIEFING TO CONGRESS.—Not later than July
2 1, 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall provide the con-
3 gressional defense committees a briefing on the Depart-
4 ment’s roadmap for adopting digital content provenance
5 standards. The briefing should address—

6 (1) initial findings regarding feasibility, oppor-
7 tunities, and potential barriers;

8 (2) stakeholder engagement to date; and

9 (3) any planned next steps or pilot efforts
10 under consideration.

11 (d) DEFINITION OF DIGITAL CONTENT PROVE-
12 NANCE.—In this section, the term “digital content prove-
13 nance” means the verifiable history and origin of a digital
14 asset, including information about its creation, ownership,
15 and modifications over time.

16 **SEC. 1630. ENHANCED PROTECTION OF DATA AFFECTING**
17 **OPERATIONAL SECURITY OF DEPARTMENT**
18 **OF DEFENSE PERSONNEL.**

19 (a) PRIORITIES FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONAL
20 DATA FOR OPERATIONAL SECURITY.—In carrying out the
21 duties of the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary shall
22 identify and prioritize the protection of personal data that
23 is related to or may have impacts on the operational secu-
24 rity of members of the Armed Forces and civilian employ-
25 ees of the Department of Defense through the prevention

1 of collection, use, dissemination, or retention of such data
2 that does not conform with provisions of law and practices
3 relating to privacy that were in effect on the day before
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

5 (b) REVIEW AND ISSUANCE OF NEW GUIDANCE RE-
6 LATED TO PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA RELATED TO
7 OPERATIONAL SECURITY.—Not later than June 1, 2026,
8 the Secretary of Defense will review all applicable guid-
9 ance and policy relating to the protection of personal data
10 that is related to or may have impacts on the operational
11 security of Department personnel and, if necessary, issue
12 revised or new guidance for enhanced protection measures
13 for such data. Such guidance shall cover provisions of law
14 and practices relating to privacy and personnel security
15 that were in effect on the day before the date of the enact-
16 ment of this Act.

17 (c) STORAGE OF DATA.—

18 (1) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall ensure
19 that no Department personal data related to or that
20 may have impacts on the operational security of De-
21 partment personnel is stored on a non-Department
22 server or cloud service except pursuant to a contract
23 or other agreement entered into by the Secretary
24 and a contractor or subcontractor of the Department

1 or, for personnel data, with the permission of the
2 data subject.

3 (2) WAIVERS.—The Secretary may waive para-
4 graph (1) in a case in which the Secretary certifies
5 in writing that such waiver—

6 (A) appropriately considers the operational
7 security risks to an employee of the Department
8 with respect to whom such data may relate;

9 (B) does not pose a risk to national secu-
10 rity; and

11 (C) is necessary in the interest of national
12 security.

13 (d) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO
14 DEPARTMENTAL ISSUANCES.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
16 the date on which the Secretary changes a Depart-
17 ment issuance relating to the protection of personal
18 data that is related to or may have impacts on the
19 operational security of Department personnel, the
20 Secretary shall submit to Congress notice of the
21 change.

22 (2) SUNSET.—The requirement of paragraph
23 (1) shall terminate on the date that is five years
24 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

25 (e) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION OF EVENTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
2 the date of the occurrence of an event described in
3 paragraph (2), the Secretary shall submit to Con-
4 gress notice of the event.

5 (2) EVENTS DESCRIBED.—An event described
6 in this paragraph is an occurrence of an event in
7 which—

8 (A) the Secretary issues a waiver under
9 subsection (c)(2);

10 (B) personal data related to or that may
11 have an impact on operational security of De-
12 partment personnel is not stored according to
13 Department regulations or exfiltrated in viola-
14 tion of Department regulations;

15 (C) personal data related to or that may
16 have an impact on operational security of De-
17 partment personnel is stored on a non-Depart-
18 ment server or cloud service that has not under-
19 gone an authorization process in accordance
20 with Department regulations; or

21 (D) personal data related to or that may
22 have an impact on operational security of De-
23 partment of Defense personnel is exposed in
24 any cybersecurity incident.

1 (f) STANDARDS, TRAINING, AND REPORTING PROC-
2 ESSES FOR SYSTEM OWNERS.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall develop
4 standards, training, reporting, and security debrief-
5 ing requirements for Department personnel who re-
6 ceive write or read access privileges as system own-
7 ers across more than one platform of Department
8 information systems that hosts personal data related
9 to or that may have an impact on operational secu-
10 rity of Department personnel.

11 (2) SECURITY DEBRIEFINGS.—The Secretary
12 shall ensure that personnel described in paragraph
13 (1) are provided regular security debriefings, includ-
14 ing after departing the Department.

15 (3) NOTIFICATION OF CONGRESS UNDER CER-
16 TAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.—Not later than 30 days
17 after the completion of the development of the
18 standards, training, reporting, and security debrief-
19 ing requirements in paragraph (1) the Secretary
20 shall submit to Congress details of the requirements.

1 **TITLE XVII—FIGHT CHINA ACT**
2 **OF 2025**

3 **SEC. 1701. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This title may be cited as the “Foreign Investment
5 Guardrails to Help Thwart China Act of 2025” or
6 “FIGHT China Act of 2025”.

7 **SEC. 1702. SECRETARY DEFINED.**

8 Except as otherwise provided, in this title, the term
9 “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Treasury.

10 **SEC. 1703. SEVERABILITY.**

11 If any provision of this title, or the application there-
12 of, is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this
13 title and the application of such provision to other persons
14 and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

15 **SEC. 1704. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
17 priated \$150,000,000 to the Department of the Treasury,
18 out of which amounts may be transferred to the Depart-
19 ment of Commerce to jointly conduct outreach to industry
20 and persons affected by this title, for each of the first two
21 fiscal years beginning on or after the date of the enact-
22 ment of this Act, to carry out this title.

23 (b) HIRING AUTHORITY.—

24 (1) BY THE PRESIDENT.—The President may
25 appoint, without regard to the provisions of sections

1 3309 through 3318 of title 5, United States Code,
 2 not more than 15 individuals directly to positions in
 3 the competitive service (as defined in section 2102 of
 4 that title) to carry out this title.

5 (2) BY AGENCIES.—The Secretary and the Sec-
 6 retary of Commerce may appoint, without regard to
 7 the provisions of sections 3309 through 3318 of title
 8 5, United States Code, individuals directly to posi-
 9 tions in the competitive service (as defined in section
 10 2102 of that title) of the Department of the Treas-
 11 ury and the Department of Commerce, respectively,
 12 to carry out this title.

13 **SEC. 1705. TERMINATION.**

14 This title shall cease to have any force or effect on
 15 the date on which the Secretary of Commerce revises sec-
 16 tion 791.4 of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, to re-
 17 move the People’s Republic of China from the list of for-
 18 eign adversaries contained in such section.

19 **Subtitle A—Imposition of Sanctions**

20 **SEC. 1711. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President may impose the
 22 sanctions described in subsection (b) with respect to any
 23 foreign person determined by the Secretary, in consulta-
 24 tion with the Secretary of State, to be a covered foreign
 25 person.

1 (b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The President may ex-
2 ercise all of the powers granted to the President under
3 the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
4 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) to the extent necessary to block and
5 prohibit all transactions in property and interests in prop-
6 erty of a foreign person that is determined to be a covered
7 foreign person pursuant to subsection (a) if such property
8 and interests in property are in the United States, come
9 within the United States, or are or come within the posses-
10 sion or control of a United States person.

11 (c) PENALTIES.—The penalties provided for in sub-
12 sections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International
13 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) shall
14 apply to any person who violates, attempts to violate, con-
15 spires to violate, or causes a violation of any prohibition
16 of this section, or an order or regulation prescribed under
17 this section, to the same extent that such penalties apply
18 to a person that commits an unlawful act described in sec-
19 tion 206(a) of such Act (50 U.S.C. 1705(a)).

20 (d) EXCEPTION FOR INTELLIGENCE AND LAW EN-
21 FORCEMENT ACTIVITIES.—Sanctions under this section
22 shall not apply with respect to any activity subject to the
23 reporting requirements under title V of the National Secu-
24 rity Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.) or any author-
25 ized intelligence activities of the United States.

1 (e) EXCEPTION FOR UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
2 ACTIVITIES.—Nothing in this section shall prohibit trans-
3 actions for the conduct of the official business of the Fed-
4 eral Government by employees, grantees, or contractors
5 thereof.

6 (f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 365 days
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
8 thereafter for 7 years, the Secretary shall submit to the
9 appropriate congressional committees a report that—

10 (1) states whether each foreign person on the
11 Non-SDN Chinese Military-Industrial Complex Com-
12 panies List is a covered foreign person; and

13 (2) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but
14 may include a classified annex.

15 (g) CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION IN
16 IMPOSING SANCTIONS.—In determining whether a foreign
17 person is a covered foreign person, the President—

18 (1) may consider credible information obtained
19 by other countries, nongovernmental organizations,
20 or the appropriate congressional committees that re-
21 lates to the foreign person; and

22 (2) may consider any other information that the
23 Secretary deems relevant.

24 (h) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—The President
25 may exercise all authorities provided under sections 203

1 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic Powers
2 Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out this section.

3 (i) DELEGATION.—The President shall delegate the
4 authorities granted by this section to the Secretary.

5 **SEC. 1712. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this subtitle:

7 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
8 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
9 mittees” means—

10 (A) the Committee on Financial Services
11 and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
12 House of Representatives; and

13 (B) the Committee on Banking, Housing,
14 and Urban Affairs and the Committee on For-
15 eign Relations of the Senate.

16 (2) COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—The term “coun-
17 try of concern”—

18 (A) means the People’s Republic of China;
19 and

20 (B) includes the Hong Kong Special Ad-
21 ministrative Region and the Macau Special Ad-
22 ministrative Region.

23 (3) COVERED FOREIGN PERSON.—The term
24 “covered foreign person” means a foreign person—

1 (A)(i) that is incorporated in, has a prin-
2 cipal place of business in, or is organized under
3 the laws of a country of concern;

4 (ii) the equity securities of which are pri-
5 marily traded in the ordinary course of business
6 on one or more exchanges in a country of con-
7 cern;

8 (iii) that is a member of the Central Com-
9 mittee of the Chinese Communist Party;

10 (iv) that is the state or the government of
11 a country of concern, as well as any political
12 subdivision, agency, or instrumentality thereof;

13 (v) that is subject to the direction or con-
14 trol of any entity described in clause (i), (ii),
15 (iii), or (iv); or

16 (vi) that is owned in the aggregate, directly
17 or indirectly, 50 percent or more by an entity
18 or a group of entities described in clause (i),
19 (ii), (iii), or (iv); and

20 (B) that knowingly engaged in significant
21 operations in the defense and related materiel
22 sector or the surveillance technology sector of
23 the economy of a country of concern.

24 (4) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-
25 son” means a person, country, state, or government

(and any political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality thereof) that is not a United States person.

(5) 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.

(6) 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.

1 **Subtitle B—Prohibition and Notifi-**
 2 **cation on Investments Relating**
 3 **to Covered National Security**
 4 **Transactions**

5 **SEC. 1721. PROHIBITION AND NOTIFICATION ON INVEST-**
 6 **MENTS RELATING TO COVERED NATIONAL**
 7 **SECURITY TRANSACTIONS.**

8 The Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C.
 9 4501 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 10 lowing:

11 **“TITLE VIII—PROHIBITION AND**
 12 **NOTIFICATION ON INVEST-**
 13 **MENTS RELATING TO COV-**
 14 **ERED NATIONAL SECURITY**
 15 **TRANSACTIONS**

16 **“SEC. 801. PROHIBITION ON INVESTMENTS.**

17 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may prohibit, in
 18 accordance with regulations issued under subsection (e),
 19 a United States person from knowingly engaging in a cov-
 20 ered national security transaction in a prohibited tech-
 21 nology.

22 “(b) EVASION.—Any transaction by a United States
 23 person or within the United States that evades or avoids,
 24 has the purpose of evading or avoiding, causes a violation

1 of, or attempts to violate the prohibition set forth in sub-
2 section (a) is prohibited.

3 “(c) WAIVER.—Subject to subsection (d), the Sec-
4 retary is authorized to exempt from the prohibition set
5 forth in subsection (a) any activity determined by the
6 President, in consultation with the Secretary, the Sec-
7 retary of Commerce and, as appropriate, the heads of
8 other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to be in
9 the national interest of the United States.

10 “(d) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—The Sec-
11 retary shall—

12 “(1) notify the appropriate congressional com-
13 mittees not later than 5 business days after issuing
14 a waiver under subsection (c); and

15 “(2) include in such notification an identifica-
16 tion of the national interest justifying the use of the
17 waiver.

18 “(e) REGULATIONS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-
20 tion with the Secretary of Commerce and, as appro-
21 priate, the heads of other relevant Federal depart-
22 ments and agencies, may issue regulations to carry
23 out this section in accordance with subchapter II of
24 chapter 5 and chapter 7 of title 5, United States

1 Code (commonly known as ‘Administrative Proce-
2 dure Act’).

3 “(2) NON-BINDING FEEDBACK.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The regulations issued
5 under paragraph (1) shall include a process
6 under which a person can request non-binding
7 feedback on a confidential basis as to whether
8 a transaction would constitute a covered na-
9 tional security transaction in a prohibited tech-
10 nology.

11 “(B) AUTHORITY TO LIMIT FRIVOLOUS
12 FEEDBACK REQUESTS.—In establishing the
13 process required by subparagraph (A), the Sec-
14 retary may prescribe limitations on requests for
15 feedback identified as frivolous for purposes of
16 this subsection.

17 “(3) NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO CURE.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The regulations issued
19 under paragraph (1) shall account for whether
20 a United States person has self-identified a vio-
21 lation of the prohibition set forth in subsection
22 (a) in determining the legal consequences of
23 that violation.

24 “(B) SELF-DISCLOSURE LETTERS.—The
25 regulations issued under paragraph (1) shall

1 dictate the form and content of a letter of self-
2 disclosure, which shall include relevant facts
3 about the violation, why the United States per-
4 son believes its activity to have violated the pro-
5 hibition set forth in subsection (a), and a pro-
6 posal for mitigation of the harm of such action.

7 “(4) PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENT.—The reg-
8 ulations issued under paragraph (1) shall be subject
9 to public notice and comment.

10 “(5) LOW-BURDEN REGULATIONS.—In issuing
11 regulations under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall
12 balance the priority of protecting the national secu-
13 rity interest of the United States while, to the extent
14 practicable—

15 “(A) minimizing the cost and complexity of
16 compliance for affected parties, including the
17 duplication of reporting requirements under
18 current regulations;

19 “(B) adopting the least burdensome alter-
20 native that achieves regulatory objectives; and

21 “(C) prioritizing transparency and stake-
22 holder involvement in the process of issuing the
23 rules.

24 “(6) PENALTIES.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The regulations issued
 2 under paragraph (1) shall provide for the im-
 3 position of civil penalties described in subpara-
 4 graph (B) for violations of the prohibition set
 5 forth in subsection (a).

6 “(B) PENALTIES DESCRIBED.—

7 “(i) UNLAWFUL ACTS.—It shall be
 8 unlawful for a person to violate, attempt to
 9 violate, conspire to violate, or cause a vio-
 10 lation of any license, order, regulation, no-
 11 tification requirement, or prohibition
 12 issued under this section.

13 “(ii) CIVIL PENALTY.—The Secretary
 14 may impose a civil penalty on any person
 15 who commits an unlawful act described in
 16 clause (i) in an amount not to exceed the
 17 greater of—

18 “(I) \$250,000; or

19 “(II) an amount that is twice the
 20 amount of the transaction that is the
 21 basis of the violation with respect to
 22 which the penalty is imposed.

23 “(iii) DIVESTMENT.—The Secretary
 24 may compel the divestment of a covered
 25 national security transaction in a prohib-

1 ited technology determined to be in viola-
2 tion of this title.

3 “(iv) RELIEF.—The President may di-
4 rect the Attorney General of the United
5 States to seek appropriate relief, including
6 divestment relief, in the district courts of
7 the United States, in order to implement
8 and enforce this title.

9 “(7) BURDEN OF PROOF.—In accordance with
10 section 556(d) of title 5, United States Code, in an
11 enforcement action for a violation of the prohibition
12 set forth in subsection (a), the burden of proof shall
13 be upon the Secretary.

14 **“SEC. 802. NOTIFICATION ON INVESTMENTS.**

15 “(a) MANDATORY NOTIFICATION.—Not later than
16 450 days after the date of the enactment of this title, the
17 Secretary shall issue regulations prescribed in accordance
18 with subsection (b), to require a United States person that
19 engages in a covered national security transaction in a
20 prohibited technology (unless the Secretary has exercised
21 the authority provided by section 801(a) to prohibit know-
22 ingly engaging in such covered national security trans-
23 action) or a notifiable technology to submit to the Sec-
24 retary a written notification of the transaction not later
25 than 30 days after the completion date of the transaction.

1 “(b) REGULATIONS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 450 days
3 after the date of the enactment of this title, the Sec-
4 retary, in consultation with the Secretary of Com-
5 merce and, as appropriate, the heads of other rel-
6 evant Federal departments and agencies, shall issue
7 regulations to carry out this section in accordance
8 with subchapter II of chapter 5 and chapter 7 of
9 title 5, United States Code (commonly known as
10 ‘Administrative Procedure Act’).

11 “(2) PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENT.—The reg-
12 ulations issued under paragraph (1) shall be subject
13 to public notice and comment.

14 “(3) LOW-BURDEN REGULATIONS.—In issuing
15 regulations under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall
16 balance the priority of protecting the national secu-
17 rity interest of the United States while, to the extent
18 practicable—

19 “(A) minimizing the cost and complexity of
20 compliance for affected parties, including the
21 duplication of reporting requirements under
22 current regulation;

23 “(B) adopting the least burdensome alter-
24 native that achieves regulatory objectives; and

1 “(C) prioritizing transparency and stake-
2 holder involvement in the process of issuing the
3 rules.

4 “(4) PENALTIES.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The regulations issued
6 under paragraph (1) shall provide for the im-
7 position of civil penalties described in subpara-
8 graph (B) for violations of the notification re-
9 quirement set forth in subsection (a).

10 “(B) PENALTIES DESCRIBED.—

11 “(i) UNLAWFUL ACTS.—It shall be
12 unlawful for a person to violate, attempt to
13 violate, conspire to violate, or cause a vio-
14 lation of any license, order, regulation, no-
15 tification requirement, or prohibition
16 issued under this section.

17 “(ii) CIVIL PENALTY.—A civil penalty
18 may be imposed on any person who com-
19 mits an unlawful act described in clause (i)
20 in an amount not to exceed the greater
21 of—

22 “(I) \$250,000; or

23 “(II) an amount that is twice the
24 amount of the transaction that is the

1 basis of the violation with respect to
2 which the penalty is imposed.

3 “(5) BURDEN OF PROOF.—In accordance with
4 section 556(d) of title 5, United States Code, in an
5 enforcement action for a violation of the prohibition
6 set forth in subsection (a), the burden of proof shall
7 be upon the Secretary.

8 “(6) COMPLETENESS OF NOTIFICATION.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall,
10 upon receipt of a notification under subsection
11 (a), and in consultation with the Secretary of
12 Commerce, promptly inspect the notification for
13 completeness.

14 “(B) INCOMPLETE NOTIFICATIONS.—If a
15 notification submitted under subsection (a) is
16 incomplete, the Secretary shall promptly inform
17 the United States person that submits the noti-
18 fication that the notification is not complete
19 and provide an explanation of relevant material
20 respects in which the notification is not com-
21 plete.

22 “(7) IDENTIFICATION OF NON-NOTIFIED ACTIV-
23 ITY.—The Secretary, in coordination with the Sec-
24 retary of Commerce, shall establish a process to
25 identify covered national security transactions in a

1 prohibited technology or a notifiable technology for
2 which—

3 “(A) a notification is not submitted to the
4 Secretary under subsection (a); and

5 “(B) information is reasonably available.

6 “(c) CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
8 graph (2), any information or documentary material
9 filed with the Secretary pursuant to this section
10 shall be exempt from disclosure under section
11 552(b)(3) of title 5, United States Code, and no
12 such information or documentary material may be
13 made public by any government agency or Member
14 of Congress.

15 “(2) EXCEPTIONS.—The exemption from disclo-
16 sure provided by paragraph (1) shall not prevent the
17 disclosure of the following:

18 “(A) Information relevant to any adminis-
19 trative or judicial action or proceeding.

20 “(B) Information provided to Congress or
21 any of the appropriate congressional commit-
22 tees.

23 “(C) Information important to the national
24 security analysis or actions of the Secretary to
25 any domestic governmental entity, or to any

1 foreign governmental entity of an ally or part-
2 ner of the United States, under the direction
3 and authorization of the Secretary, only to the
4 extent necessary for national security purposes,
5 and subject to appropriate confidentiality and
6 classification requirements.

7 “(D) Information that the parties have
8 consented to be disclosed to third parties.

9 “(E) Information where the disclosure of
10 such information is determined by the Secretary
11 to be in the national security interest.

12 “(d) INAPPLICABILITY.—If the Secretary prohibits a
13 covered national security transaction in a prohibited tech-
14 nology under section 801, the requirements of this section
15 shall not apply with respect to the covered national secu-
16 rity transaction.

17 **“SEC. 803. REPORT.**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
19 date on which the regulations issued under section 801(e)
20 take effect, and not less frequently than annually there-
21 after for 7 years, the Secretary, in consultation with the
22 Secretary of Commerce, shall submit to the appropriate
23 congressional committees a report that—

24 “(1) lists all enforcement actions taken subject
25 to the regulations during the year preceding submis-

1 sion of the report, which includes, with respect to
2 each such action, a description of—

3 “(A) the prohibited technology or notifiable
4 technology;

5 “(B) the covered national security trans-
6 action; and

7 “(C) the covered foreign person;

8 “(2) provides an assessment of whether Con-
9 gress should amend the definition of the term ‘pro-
10 hibited technology’ by—

11 “(A) identifying additional technologies,
12 not currently listed as a prohibited technology,
13 that the Secretary, in consultation with the Sec-
14 retary of Commerce and, as applicable, the Sec-
15 retary of Defense, the Secretary of State, the
16 Secretary of Energy, the Director of National
17 Intelligence, and the heads of any other rel-
18 evant Federal agencies, determines may pose an
19 acute threat to the national security of the
20 United States if developed or acquired by a
21 country of concern;

22 “(B) explaining why each technology iden-
23 tified in subparagraph (A) may pose an acute
24 threat to the national security of the United

1 States if developed or acquired by a country of
2 concern; and

3 “(C) recommending the repeal of tech-
4 nologies from the category of prohibited tech-
5 nology to the extent that the technologies no
6 longer pose an acute threat to the national se-
7 curity of the United States if developed or ac-
8 quired by a country of concern;

9 “(3) lists all notifications submitted under sec-
10 tion 802 during the year preceding submission of the
11 report and includes, with respect to each such notifi-
12 cation—

13 “(A) basic information on each party to
14 the covered national security transaction with
15 respect to which the notification was submitted;
16 and

17 “(B) the nature of the covered national se-
18 curity transaction that was the subject to the
19 notification, including the elements of the cov-
20 ered national security transaction that neces-
21 sitated a notification;

22 “(4) includes a summary of those notifications,
23 disaggregated by prohibited technology, notifiable
24 technology, by covered national security transaction,
25 and by country of concern;

1 “(5) provides additional context and informa-
2 tion regarding trends in the prohibited technology,
3 notifiable technology, the types of covered national
4 security transaction, and the countries involved in
5 those notifications; and

6 “(6) assesses the overall impact of those notifi-
7 cations, including recommendations for—

8 “(A) expanding existing Federal programs
9 to support the production or supply of prohib-
10 ited technologies or notifiable technologies in
11 the United States, including the potential of ex-
12 isting authorities to address any related na-
13 tional security concerns;

14 “(B) investments needed to enhance pro-
15 hibited technologies or notifiable technologies
16 and reduce dependence on countries of concern
17 regarding those technologies; and

18 “(C) the continuation, expansion, or modi-
19 fication of the implementation and administra-
20 tion of this title, including recommendations
21 with respect to whether the definition of the
22 term ‘country of concern’ under section 807(2)
23 should be amended to add or remove countries.

1 “(b) CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.—

2 In preparing the report pursuant to subsection (a), the
3 Secretary—

4 “(1) shall consider information provided jointly
5 by the chairperson and ranking member of any of
6 the appropriate congressional committees;

7 “(2) may consider credible information obtained
8 by other countries and nongovernmental organiza-
9 tions that monitor the military, surveillance, intel-
10 ligence, or technology capabilities of a country of
11 concern; and

12 “(3) may consider any other information that
13 the Secretary deems relevant.

14 “(c) FORM OF REPORT.—Each report required by
15 this section shall be submitted in unclassified form, but
16 may include a classified annex.

17 “(d) TESTIMONY REQUIRED.—Not later than one
18 year after the date of the enactment of this title, and an-
19 nually thereafter for five years, the Secretary and the Sec-
20 retary of Commerce shall each provide to the Committee
21 on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate
22 and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of
23 Representatives testimony with respect to the national se-
24 curity threats relating to investments by United States

1 persons in countries of concern and broader international
2 capital flows.

3 “(e) REQUESTS BY APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL
4 COMMITTEES.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—After receiving a request
6 that meets the requirements of paragraph (2) with
7 respect to whether a technology should be included
8 in the amendments as described in subsection (a)(2),
9 the Secretary shall, in preparing the report pursuant
10 to subsection (a)—

11 “(A) determine if that technology may
12 pose an acute threat to the national security of
13 the United States if developed or acquired by a
14 country of concern; and

15 “(B) include in the report pursuant to sub-
16 section (a) an explanation with respect to that
17 determination that includes—

18 “(i) a statement of whether or not the
19 technology, as determined by the Sec-
20 retary, may pose an acute threat to the na-
21 tional security of the United States if de-
22 veloped or acquired by a country of con-
23 cern; and

24 “(ii) if the Secretary determines
25 that—

1 “(I) the technology may pose an
2 acute threat to the national security
3 of the United States if developed or
4 acquired by a country of concern, an
5 explanation for such determination
6 and a recommendation whether that
7 technology should be named a prohib-
8 ited technology or a notifiable tech-
9 nology; and

10 “(II) the technology would not
11 pose an acute threat to the national
12 security of the United States if devel-
13 oped or acquired by a country of con-
14 cern, an explanation for such deter-
15 mination.

16 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—A request under para-
17 graph (1) with respect to whether a technology may
18 pose an acute threat to the national security of the
19 United States if developed or acquired by a country
20 of concern shall be submitted to the Secretary in
21 writing jointly by the chairperson and ranking mem-
22 ber of one or more of the appropriate congressional
23 committees.

1 **“SEC. 804. MULTILATERAL ENGAGEMENT AND COORDINA-**
2 **TION.**

3 “(a) **AUTHORITIES.**—The Secretary, in coordination
4 with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Commerce,
5 and the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, should—

6 “(1) conduct bilateral and multilateral engage-
7 ment with the governments of countries that are al-
8 lies and partners of the United States to promote
9 and increase coordination of protocols and proce-
10 dures to facilitate the effective implementation of
11 and appropriate compliance with the prohibitions
12 pursuant to this title;

13 “(2) upon adoption of protocols and procedures
14 described in paragraph (1), work with those govern-
15 ments to establish mechanisms for sharing informa-
16 tion, including trends, with respect to such activities;
17 and

18 “(3) work with and encourage the governments
19 of countries that are allies and partners of the
20 United States to develop similar mechanisms of their
21 own, for the exclusive purpose of preventing the de-
22 velopment or acquisition of prohibited technologies
23 by a country of concern.

24 “(b) **STRATEGY FOR MULTILATERAL ENGAGEMENT**
25 **AND COORDINATION.**—Not later than 180 days after the
26 date of the enactment of this title, the Secretary, in con-

1 sultation with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of
2 Commerce, and the heads of other relevant Federal agen-
3 cies, should—

4 “(1) develop a strategy to work with the gov-
5 ernments of countries that are allies and partners of
6 the United States to develop mechanisms that are
7 comparable to the prohibitions pursuant to this title,
8 for the exclusive purpose of preventing the develop-
9 ment and acquisition of prohibited technologies by a
10 country of concern; and

11 “(2) assess opportunities to provide technical
12 assistance to those countries with respect to the de-
13 velopment of those mechanisms.

14 “(c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
15 of the enactment of this title, and annually thereafter for
16 four years, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate
17 congressional committees a report that includes—

18 “(1) a discussion of any strategy developed pur-
19 suant to subsection (b)(1), including key tools and
20 objectives for the development of comparable mecha-
21 nisms by the governments of allies and partners of
22 the United States;

23 “(2) a list of partner and allied countries to
24 target for cooperation in developing their own prohi-
25 bitions;

1 “(3) the status of the strategy’s implementation
2 and outcomes; and

3 “(4) a description of impediments to the estab-
4 lishment of comparable mechanisms by governments
5 of allies and partners of the United States.

6 “(d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
7 DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘appropriate congres-
8 sional committees’ means—

9 “(1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
10 the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-
11 fairs of the Senate; and

12 “(2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
13 Committee on Financial Services of the House of
14 Representatives.

15 **“SEC. 805. PUBLIC DATABASE OF COVERED FOREIGN PER-**
16 **SONS.**

17 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation
18 with the Secretary of Commerce, may establish a publicly
19 accessible, non-exhaustive database that identifies covered
20 foreign persons in a prohibited technology pursuant to this
21 title.

22 “(b) CONFIDENTIALITY OF EVIDENCE.—The Sec-
23 retary shall establish a mechanism for the public, includ-
24 ing Congress, stakeholders, investors, and nongovern-
25 mental organizations, to submit evidence on a confidential

1 basis regarding whether a foreign person is a covered for-
2 eign person in a prohibited technology and should be in-
3 cluded in the database described in subsection (a), if any.

4 “(c) EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
6 graph (2), any information or documentary material
7 filed with the Secretary pursuant to this section
8 shall be exempt from disclosure under section
9 552(b)(3) of title 5, United States Code, and no
10 such information or documentary material may be
11 made public (other than the identity of a covered
12 foreign person in accordance with subsection (b)).

13 “(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Paragraph (1) shall not
14 prohibit the disclosure of the following:

15 “(A) Information relevant to any adminis-
16 trative or judicial action or proceeding.

17 “(B) Information to Congress or any duly
18 authorized committee or subcommittee of Con-
19 gress.

20 “(C) Information important to the national
21 security analysis or actions of the Secretary to
22 any domestic governmental entity, or to any
23 foreign governmental entity of a United States
24 ally or partner, under the exclusive direction
25 and authorization of the Secretary, only to the

1 extent necessary for national security purposes,
2 and subject to appropriate confidentiality and
3 classification requirements.

4 “(D) Information that the parties have
5 consented to be disclosed to third parties.

6 “(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The database de-
7 scribed in subsection (a), if any, shall not be considered
8 to be an exhaustive or comprehensive list of covered for-
9 eign persons for the purposes of this title.

10 **“SEC. 806. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

11 “Nothing in this title may be construed to negate the
12 authority of the President under any authority, process,
13 regulation, investigation, enforcement measure, or review
14 provided by or established under any other provision of
15 Federal law, or any other authority of the President or
16 the Congress under the Constitution of the United States.

17 **“SEC. 807. DEFINITIONS.**

18 “In this title:

19 “(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
20 TEES.—Except as provided by section 804(d), the
21 term ‘appropriate congressional committees’
22 means—

23 “(A) the Committee on Financial Services,
24 the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Com-
25 mittee on Energy and Commerce, and the Com-

1 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives; and

3 “(B) the Committee on Banking, Housing,
4 and Urban Affairs and the Committee on Ap-
5 propriations of the Senate.

6 “(2) COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—The term ‘coun-
7 try of concern’—

8 “(A) means the People’s Republic of
9 China; and

10 “(B) includes the Hong Kong Special Ad-
11 ministrative Region and the Macau Special Ad-
12 ministrative Region.

13 “(3) COVERED FOREIGN PERSON.—Subject to
14 regulations prescribed in accordance with this title,
15 the term ‘covered foreign person’ means a foreign
16 person that—

17 “(A) is incorporated in, has a principal
18 place of business in, or is organized under the
19 laws of a country of concern;

20 “(B) is a member of the Central Com-
21 mittee of the Chinese Communist Party;

22 “(C) is subject to the direction or control
23 of a country of concern, an entity described in
24 subparagraph (A) or (B), or the state or the
25 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 any activity engaged in by a United States person that involves—

“(i) the acquisition of an equity interest or contingent equity interest in a covered foreign person;

“(ii) the provision of a loan or similar debt financing arrangement to a covered foreign person, where such debt financing—

“(I) is convertible to an equity interest; or

1 “(II) affords or will afford the
 2 United States person the right to
 3 make management decisions with re-
 4 spect to or on behalf of a covered for-
 5 eign person or the right to appoint
 6 members of the board of directors (or
 7 equivalent) of the covered foreign per-
 8 son;

9 “(iii) the entrance by such United
 10 States person into a joint venture with a
 11 covered foreign person;

12 “(iv) the conversion of a contingent
 13 equity interest (or interest equivalent to a
 14 contingent equity interest) or conversion of
 15 debt to an equity interest in a covered for-
 16 eign person;

17 “(v) the acquisition, leasing, or other
 18 development of operations, land, property,
 19 or other assets in a country of concern
 20 that will result in, or that the United
 21 States person intends to result in—

22 “(I) the establishment of a cov-
 23 ered foreign person; or

24 “(II) the engagement of a person
 25 of a country of concern in a prohib-

1 ited technology where it was not pre-
2 viously engaged in such prohibited
3 technology;

4 “(vi) knowingly directing transactions
5 by foreign persons that the United States
6 person has knowledge at the time of the
7 transaction would constitute an activity de-
8 scribed in clause (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), or (v),
9 if engaged in by a United States person; or

10 “(vii) the acquisition of a limited part-
11 ner or equivalent interest in a venture cap-
12 ital fund, private equity fund, fund of
13 funds, or other pooled investment fund
14 that the United States person has knowl-
15 edge at the time of the acquisition, intends
16 to engage in an activity described in clause
17 (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), or (vi).

18 “(B) EXCEPTIONS.—Subject to notice and
19 comment regulations prescribed in consultation
20 with Congress and in accordance with this title,
21 the term ‘covered national security transaction’
22 does not include—

23 “(i) any transaction the value of
24 which the Secretary determines is de mini-
25 mis;

1 “(ii) any category of transactions that
2 the Secretary determines is in the national
3 interest of the United States;

4 “(iii) an investment—

5 “(I) in a security (as defined in
6 section 3(a) of the Securities Ex-
7 change Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C.
8 78c(a))) that is traded on an ex-
9 change or the over-the-counter market
10 in any jurisdiction;

11 “(II) in a security issued by an
12 investment company (as defined in
13 section 3 of the Investment Company
14 Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3)) that
15 is registered with the Securities and
16 Exchange Commission;

17 “(III) made as a limited partner
18 or equivalent in a venture capital
19 fund, private equity fund, fund of
20 funds, or other pooled investment
21 fund (other than as described in sub-
22 clause (II)) where—

23 “(aa) the limited partner or
24 equivalent’s committed capital is
25 not more than \$2,000,000, ag-

gregated 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 under-
taken 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 inter-
est owned or held by a covered foreign per-
son in an entity or assets located outside
of a country of concern in which the
United States person is acquiring the to-

1 tality of the interest in the entity held by
2 the covered foreign person;

3 “(vi) an intracompany transfer of
4 funds, as defined in regulations prescribed
5 in accordance with this title, from a United
6 States parent company to a subsidiary lo-
7 cated in a country of concern or a trans-
8 action that, but for this clause, would be a
9 covered national security transaction be-
10 tween a United States person and its con-
11 trolled foreign person that supports oper-
12 ations that are not covered national secu-
13 rity transactions or that maintains covered
14 national security transactions that the con-
15 trolled foreign person was engaged in prior
16 to January 2, 2025;

17 “(vii) a transaction secondary to a
18 covered national security transaction, in-
19 cluding—

20 “(I) contractual arrangements or
21 the procurement of material inputs
22 for any covered national security
23 transaction (such as raw materials);

24 “(II) bank lending;

1 “(III) the processing, clearing, or
2 sending of payments by a bank;

3 “(IV) underwriting services;

4 “(V) debt rating services;

5 “(VI) prime brokerage;

6 “(VII) global custody;

7 “(VIII) equity research or anal-
8 ysis; or

9 “(IX) other similar services;

10 “(viii) any ordinary or administrative
11 business transaction as may be defined in
12 such regulations; or

13 “(ix) any transaction completed before
14 the date of the enactment of this title.

15 “(C) ANCILLARY TRANSACTION DE-
16 FINED.—In this paragraph, the term ‘ancillary
17 transaction’ means—

18 “(i) the processing, settling, clearing,
19 or sending of payments and cash trans-
20 actions;

21 “(ii) underwriting services;

22 “(iii) credit rating services; and

23 “(iv) other services ordinarily incident
24 to and part of the provision of financial
25 services, such as opening deposit accounts,

1 direct custody services, foreign exchange
2 services, remittances services, and safe de-
3 posit services.

4 “(5) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term ‘foreign per-
5 son’ means a person that is not a United States per-
6 son.

7 “(6) NOTIFIABLE TECHNOLOGY.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘notifiable
9 technology’ means a technology with respect to
10 which a covered foreign person—

11 “(i) designs any advanced integrated
12 circuit that is not covered under paragraph
13 (8)(A)(iii);

14 “(ii) fabricates any integrated circuit
15 that is not covered under paragraph
16 (8)(A)(iv);

17 “(iii) packages any integrated circuit
18 that is not covered under paragraph
19 (8)(A)(v); or

20 “(iv) develops any artificial intel-
21 ligence system that is not covered under
22 clause (vii), (viii), (ix), or (xvi) of para-
23 graph (8)(A), and that is—

24 “(I) designed to be used for—

1 “(aa) any military end use
2 (such as for weapons targeting,
3 target identification, combat sim-
4 ulation, military vehicle or weap-
5 ons control, military decision-
6 making, weapons design (includ-
7 ing chemical, biological, radio-
8 logical, or nuclear weapons), or
9 combat system logistics and
10 maintenance); or

11 “(bb) any government intel-
12 ligence or mass-surveillance end
13 use (such as through incorpora-
14 tion of features such as mining
15 text, audio, or video, image rec-
16 ognition, location tracking, or
17 surreptitious listening devices);

18 “(II) intended by the covered for-
19 eign person or joint venture to be
20 used for—

21 “(aa) cybersecurity applica-
22 tions;

23 “(bb) digital forensics tools;

24 “(cc) penetration testing
25 tools; or

1 “(dd) control of robotic sys-
2 tems; or

3 “(III) trained using a quantity of
4 computing power greater than 10^{23}
5 computational operations (such as in-
6 teger or floating-point operations).

7 “(B) UPDATES.—The Secretary, in con-
8 sultation with Congress, may prescribe regula-
9 tions in accordance with this title to refine the
10 technical parameters of technologies described
11 in subparagraph (A) as reasonably needed for
12 national security purposes or to add or remove
13 categories to or from the list in subparagraph
14 (A).

15 “(7) PARTY.—The term ‘party’, with respect to
16 a covered national security transaction, has the
17 meaning given that term in regulations prescribed in
18 accordance with this title.

19 “(8) PROHIBITED TECHNOLOGY.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘prohibited
21 technology’ means a technology with respect to
22 which a covered foreign person—

23 “(i) develops or produces any design
24 automation software for the design of inte-
25 grated circuits or advanced packaging;

1 “(ii) develops or produces any—

2 “(I) electronic design automation
3 software for the design of integrated
4 circuits or advanced packaging;

5 “(II) front-end semiconductor
6 fabrication equipment designed for the
7 volume fabrication of integrated cir-
8 cuits, including equipment used in the
9 production stages from a blank wafer
10 or substrate to a completed wafer or
11 substrate; or

12 “(III) equipment for performing
13 volume advanced packaging;

14 “(iii) designs any integrated circuit
15 designs that meet or exceed the specifica-
16 tions set in Export Control Classification
17 Number (ECCN) 3A090 in Supplement
18 No. 1 to the Export Administration Regu-
19 lations, or integrated circuits designed for
20 operation at or below 4.5 Kelvin;

21 “(iv) fabricates integrated circuits
22 that are—

23 “(I) logic integrated circuits
24 using a non-planar transistor architec-
25 ture or with a technology node of 16/

- 1 14 nanometers or less, including fully
2 depleted silicon-on-insulator (FDSOI)
3 integrated circuits;
- 4 “(II) NOT–AND (NAND) mem-
5 ory integrated circuits with 128 layers
6 or more;
- 7 “(III) dynamic random-access
8 memory (DRAM) integrated circuits
9 using a technology node of 18
10 nanometer half-pitch or less;
- 11 “(IV) integrated circuits manu-
12 factured from a gallium-based com-
13 pound semiconductor;
- 14 “(V) integrated circuits using
15 graphene transistors or carbon
16 nanotubes; or
- 17 “(VI) integrated circuits designed
18 for operation at or below 4.5 Kelvin;
- 19 “(v) packages any integrated circuit
20 using advanced packaging techniques;
- 21 “(vi) develops, designs, or produces
22 any commodity, material, software, or
23 technology designed exclusively for use in
24 or with extreme ultraviolet lithography fab-
25 rication equipment;

1 “(vii) develops, designs, or produces
2 any artificial intelligence models trained
3 with at least 10^{25} floating point oper-
4 ations;

5 “(viii) develops, designs, or produces
6 any artificial intelligence models that rely
7 upon or utilize advanced integrated circuits
8 that meet or exceed the specifications set
9 in Export Control Classification Number
10 (ECCN) 3A090 in Supplement No. 1 to
11 the Export Administration Regulations;

12 “(ix) develops, designs, or produces
13 any artificial intelligence models designed
14 for use by the Government of the People’s
15 Republic of China, its special administra-
16 tive regions, or its agencies and instrumen-
17 talities;

18 “(x) develops a quantum computer or
19 produces any critical components required
20 to produce a quantum computer such as a
21 dilution refrigerator or two-stage pulse
22 tube cryocooler;

23 “(xi) develops or produces any quan-
24 tum sensing platform designed for, or
25 which the relevant covered foreign person

1 intends to be used for, any military, gov-
2 ernment intelligence, or mass-surveillance
3 end use;

4 “(xii) develops or produces quantum
5 networks or quantum communication sys-
6 tems designed for or intended to be used
7 for—

8 “(I) networking to scale up the
9 capabilities of quantum computers,
10 such as for the purposes of breaking
11 or compromising encryption;

12 “(II) secure communications,
13 such as quantum key distribution; or

14 “(III) any other application that
15 has any military, government intel-
16 ligence, or mass-surveillance end use;

17 “(xiii) develops, designs, or produces
18 materials, components, avionics, flight con-
19 trol, propulsion, Global Positioning System
20 (GPS), data relay, and target detection
21 systems designed for use in hypersonic sys-
22 tems or capable of sustainable operations
23 above 1,000 degrees Celsius;

24 “(xiv) develops, installs, sells, or pro-
25 duces any supercomputer enabled by ad-

1 vanced integrated circuits that can provide
2 theoretical compute capacity of 100 or
3 more double-precision (64-bit) petaflops or
4 200 or more single-precision (32-bit)
5 petaflops of processing power within a
6 41,600 cubic foot or smaller envelope;

7 “(xv) develops, designs, or produces
8 any other technologies in the advanced
9 semiconductors and microelectronics sec-
10 tor, the artificial intelligence sector, the
11 high-performance computing and super-
12 computing sector, the hypersonic missiles
13 sector, or the quantum information science
14 and technology sector that are—

15 “(I) defense articles or defense
16 services included on the United States
17 Munitions List set forth in the Inter-
18 national Traffic in Arms Regulations
19 under subchapter M of chapter I of
20 title 22, Code of Federal Regulations;

21 “(II) specially designed and pre-
22 pared nuclear equipment, parts or
23 components, materials, software, or
24 technologies covered by part 810 of
25 title 10, Code of Federal Regulations

1 (relating to assistance to foreign
2 atomic energy activities);

3 “(III) nuclear facilities, equip-
4 ment, or materials covered by part
5 110 of title 10, Code of Federal Regu-
6 lations (relating to export and import
7 of nuclear equipment and material);
8 or

9 “(IV) emerging or foundational
10 technologies controlled pursuant to
11 section 1758 of the Export Control
12 Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C.
13 4817); or

14 “(xvi) develops any artificial intel-
15 ligence system that is designed to be exclu-
16 sively used for, or which the relevant cov-
17 ered foreign person intends to be used for,
18 any—

19 “(I) military end use (such as for
20 weapons targeting, target identifica-
21 tion, combat simulation, military vehi-
22 cle or weapon control, military deci-
23 sion-making, weapons design (includ-
24 ing chemical, biological, radiological,

1 or nuclear weapons), or combat sys-
2 tem logistics and maintenance); or

3 “(II) government intelligence or
4 mass-surveillance end (such as
5 through incorporation of features such
6 as mining text, audio, or video, image
7 recognition, location tracking, or sur-
8 reptitious listening devices).

9 “(B) UPDATES.—The Secretary, in con-
10 sultation with Congress, may prescribe regula-
11 tions in accordance with this title to make up-
12 dates to the technical parameters of tech-
13 nologies described in subparagraph (A) as rea-
14 sonably needed for national security purposes.

15 “(9) SECRETARY.—Except as otherwise pro-
16 vided, the term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of
17 the Treasury.

18 “(10) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
19 ‘United States person’ means—

20 “(A) any United States citizen or an alien
21 lawfully admitted for permanent residence to
22 the United States;

23 “(B) an entity organized under the laws of
24 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 C—Securities and Related Matters

SEC. 1731. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE NON-SDN CHINESE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX COMPANIES LIST.

(a) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 365 days
after the date of the enactment of this Act, and bi-
ennially thereafter for 6 years, the Secretary shall
submit to the appropriate congressional committees
a report that states whether any of the following for-
eign 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) Thorn-
berry National Defense Authorization Act for
Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C. 113 note).

1 (C) Any PRC person listed on the Depart-
2 ment of Commerce's Entity List (Supplement
3 No. 4 to part 744 of the Export Administration
4 Regulations).

5 (2) PROCESS REQUIRED.—To prepare the re-
6 ports under paragraph (1), the President shall es-
7 tablish a process under which the Federal agencies
8 responsible for administering the lists described in
9 subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of paragraph (1)
10 shall share with each other all relevant information
11 that led to the identification of the entities described
12 in such lists.

13 (3) RISK-BASED PRIORITIZATION FRAME-
14 WORK.—In making the initial determinations under
15 paragraph (1), the Secretary may establish a risk-
16 based prioritization framework factoring in
17 prioritization of entity review submitted to the Sec-
18 retary by the Federal agencies administering the
19 lists described in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of
20 paragraph (1).

21 (4) ANNUAL REPORTS TO THE APPROPRIATE
22 CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The report under
23 paragraph (1) may summarize findings concerning
24 entities previously reviewed pursuant to this section

1 and do not necessitate additional review by the Sec-
2 retary.

3 (5) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The Sec-
4 retary shall include in the report required by para-
5 graph (1) an overview of the criteria required for
6 listing on Non-SDN Chinese Military-Industrial
7 Complex Companies List. The heads of the Federal
8 agencies administering the lists described in sub-
9 paragraphs (A), (B), and (C) of paragraph (1) shall
10 provide an overview of the criteria for entity identi-
11 fication or listing on each respective list.

12 (b) REQUIREMENT FOR DIVESTMENT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall promul-
14 gate rules that prohibit a United States person from
15 knowingly holding securities of entities on the Non-
16 SDN Chinese Military-Industrial Complex Compa-
17 nies List, after the date that is 365 days after the
18 date of enactment of this Act.

19 (2) AUTHORIZATION.—The prohibitions on in-
20 vestment imposed under paragraph (1) shall not
21 apply to a transaction in a security that is entered
22 into on or before the date that is 365 days after the
23 date of enactment of this Act by a United States
24 person, if such transaction is entered into solely to
25 divest of the security.

1 (c) WAIVER.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may establish
3 a process under which the requirements of sub-
4 section (b) shall not apply if the President deter-
5 mines to do so is necessary to protect the national
6 security or foreign policy objectives of the United
7 States.

8 (2) CASE-BY-CASE REQUIREMENT.—Determina-
9 tions under paragraph (1) shall be issued on a case-
10 by-case basis for each entity on the Non-SDN Chi-
11 nese Military-Industrial Complex Companies List.

12 (3) NOTICE AND BRIEFING.—The President
13 shall notify the appropriate congressional committees
14 in writing in advance of issuing a determination
15 under paragraph (1) and shall provide a substantive
16 briefing on the determination to the appropriate con-
17 gressional committees within 30 days of issuing a
18 determination.

19 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
21 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
22 mittees” means—

23 (A) the Committee on Financial Services
24 and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
25 House of Representatives; and

1 (B) the Committee on Banking, Housing,
2 and Urban Affairs of the Senate.

3 (2) COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—The term “country
4 of concern”—

5 (A) means the People’s Republic of China;
6 and

7 (B) includes the Hong Kong Special Ad-
8 ministrative Region and the Macau Special Ad-
9 ministrative Region.

10 (3) NON-SDN CHINESE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL
11 COMPLEX COMPANIES LIST.—The term “Non-SDN
12 Chinese Military-Industrial Complex Companies
13 List” means the list maintained by the Office of
14 Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the
15 Treasury under Executive Order 13959, as amended
16 by Executive Order 14032 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note; re-
17 lating to addressing the threat from securities in-
18 vestments that finance certain companies of the Peo-
19 ple’s Republic of China), and any successor order.

20 (4) PRC PERSON.—The term “PRC person”
21 means a foreign person that—

22 (A) is incorporated in a principal place of
23 business in, or is organized under the laws of,
24 a country of concern;

1 (B) is a member of the Central Committee
2 of the Chinese Communist Party;

3 (C) is the state or the government of a
4 country of concern, as well as any political sub-
5 division, agency, or instrumentality thereof; or

6 (D) is owned in the aggregate, directly or
7 indirectly, 50 percent or more by an entity or
8 a group of entities described in subparagraph
9 (A), (B), or (C).

10 **Subtitle D—General Provisions**

11 **SEC. 1741. EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF** 12 **GOODS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—The authorities and requirements
14 to impose sanctions authorized under this title shall not
15 include the authority or requirement to impose sanctions
16 on the importation of goods.

17 (b) GOOD DEFINED.—In this section, the term
18 “good” means any article, natural or manmade substance,
19 material, supply or manufactured product, including in-
20 spection and test equipment, and excluding technical data.

1 **DIVISION B—MILITARY CON-**
2 **STRUCTION AUTHORIZA-**
3 **TIONS**

4 **SEC. 2001. SHORT TITLE.**

5 This division may be cited as the “Military Construc-
6 tion Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026”.

7 **SEC. 2002. EXPIRATION OF AUTHORIZATIONS AND**
8 **AMOUNTS REQUIRED TO BE SPECIFIED BY**
9 **LAW.**

10 (a) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORIZATIONS AFTER THREE
11 YEARS.—Except as provided in subsection (b), all author-
12 izations contained in titles XXI through XXVII for mili-
13 tary construction projects, land acquisition, facilities
14 sustainment, family housing projects and facilities, and
15 contributions to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization
16 Security Investment Program (and authorizations of ap-
17 propriations therefor) shall expire on the later of—

18 (1) October 1, 2028; or

19 (2) the date of the enactment of an Act author-
20 izing funds for military construction for fiscal year
21 2029.

22 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to
23 authorizations for military construction projects, land ac-
24 quisition, family housing projects and facilities, and con-
25 tributions to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Se-

1 curity Investment Program (and authorizations of appro-
2 priations therefor), for which appropriated funds have
3 been obligated before the later of—

4 (1) October 1, 2028; or

5 (2) the date of the enactment of an Act author-
6 izing funds for fiscal year 2029 for military con-
7 struction projects, land acquisition, family housing
8 projects and facilities, or contributions to the North
9 Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment
10 Program.

11 **SEC. 2003. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

12 Titles XXI through XXVII shall take effect on the
13 later of—

14 (1) October 1, 2025; or

15 (2) the date of the enactment of this Act.

16 **TITLE XXI—ARMY MILITARY**
17 **CONSTRUCTION**

18 **SEC. 2101. AUTHORIZED ARMY CONSTRUCTION AND LAND**
19 **ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

20 (a) **INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.**—Using amounts
21 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
22 tions in section 2103(a) and available for military con-
23 struction projects inside the United States as specified in
24 the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the
25 Army may acquire real property and carry out military

1 construction projects for the installations or locations in-
 2 side the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in
 3 the following table:

Army: Inside the United States

State	Installation	Amount
Alaska	Fort Wainwright	\$208,000,000
Florida	Eglin Air Force Base	\$91,000,000
	Naval Air Station Key West	\$457,000,000
Georgia	Fort Gillem	\$166,000,000
Guam	Joint Region Marianas	\$440,000,000
Hawaii	Pohakuloa Training Area	\$20,000,000
Illinois	Rock Island Arsenal	\$50,000,000
Indiana	Crane Army Ammunition Plant	\$161,000,000
Kansas	Fort Riley	\$39,200,000
Kentucky	Fort Campbell	\$212,000,000
New York	Fort Hamilton	\$31,000,000
	Watervliet Arsenal	\$29,000,000
North Carolina	Fort Bragg	\$19,000,000
Pennsylvania	Letterkenny Army Depot	\$91,500,000
	Tobyhanna Army Depot	\$68,000,000
South Carolina	Fort Jackson	\$51,000,000
Washington	Joint Base Lewis-McChord	\$128,000,000

4 (b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts
 5 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
 6 tions in section 2103(a) and available for military con-
 7 struction projects outside the United States as specified
 8 in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the
 9 Army may acquire real property and carry out military
 10 construction projects for the installations or locations out-
 11 side the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in
 12 the following table:

Army: Outside the United States

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Germany	United States Army Garrison Ansbach	\$92,000,000
	United States Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz	\$62,000,000
Republic of the Marshall Islands	United States Army Garrison Kwajalein	\$161,000,000

1 **SEC. 2102. FAMILY HOUSING.**

2 (a) CONSTRUCTION AND ACQUISITION.—Using
 3 amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of ap-
 4 propriations in section 2103(a) and available for military
 5 family housing functions as specified in the funding table
 6 in section 4601, the Secretary of the Army may construct
 7 or acquire family housing units (including land acquisition
 8 and supporting facilities) at the installations or locations,
 9 and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

Army: Family Housing

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Belgium	Chièvres Air Base	\$145,042,000
Germany	Army Garrison Bavaria	\$50,692,000

10 (b) PLANNING AND DESIGN.—Using amounts appro-
 11 priated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in
 12 section 2103(a) and available for military family housing
 13 functions as specified in the funding table in section 4601,
 14 the Secretary of the Army may carry out architectural and
 15 engineering services and construction design activities
 16 with respect to the construction or improvement of family
 17 housing units in an amount not to exceed \$32,824,000.

18 **SEC. 2103. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, ARMY.**

19 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds
 20 are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years
 21 beginning after September 30, 2025, for military con-
 22 struction, land acquisition, facilities sustainment, and

1 military family housing functions of the Department of the
2 Army as specified in the funding table in section 4601.

3 (b) LIMITATION ON TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION
4 PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding the cost variations author-
5 ized by section 2853 of title 10, United States Code, and
6 any other cost variation authorized by law, the total cost
7 of all projects carried out under sections 2101 and 2102
8 of this Act may not exceed the total amount authorized
9 to be appropriated under subsection (a), as specified in
10 the funding table in section 4601.

11 **SEC. 2104. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT FIS-**
12 **CAL YEAR 2021 PROJECT AT FORT GILLEM,**
13 **GEORGIA.**

14 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
15 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
16 Year 2021 (division B of Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat.
17 4294), the authorization set forth in the table in sub-
18 section (b), as provided in section 2101(a) of that Act
19 (134 Stat. 4295) and most recently extended by section
20 2107 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for
21 Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159; 138
22 Stat. 2216), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026,
23 or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds
24 for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever
25 is later.

(b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a) is as follows:

Army: Extension of 2021 Project Authorizations

State	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Georgia	Fort Gillem	Forensic Laboratory	\$71,000,000

SEC. 2105. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN FISCAL YEAR 2022 PROJECTS.

(a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (division B of Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat. 2161), the authorizations set forth in the table in subsection (b), as provided in section 2101 of that Act (135 Stat. 2163) and extended by section 2108 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 2216), shall remain in effect 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.

(b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a) is as follows:

Army: Extension of 2022 Project Authorizations

State/Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Georgia	Fort Stewart	Barracks	\$105,000,000
Germany	Smith Barracks ..	Live Fire Exercise Shoothouse	\$16,000,000
Hawaii	West Loch Naval Magazine Annex	Ammunition Storage	\$51,000,000
Texas	Fort Bliss	Defense Access Roads	\$20,000,000

1 SEC. 2106. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-
2 TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECTS.

3 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
 4 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
 5 Year 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat.
 6 2970), the authorization set forth in the table in sub-
 7 section (b), as provided in section 2101 of that Act (136
 8 Stat. 2971), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026,
 9 or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds
 10 for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever
 11 is later.

12 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
 13 is as follows:

Army: Extension of 2023 Project Authorizations

State/Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Alabama	Redstone Arsenal	Physics Lab	\$44,000,000
Hawaii	Fort Shafter	Water System Upgrade	\$33,000,000
	Schofield Barracks	Company Operations Facility	\$159,000,000
	Tripler Army Medical Center	Water System Upgrade	\$38,000,000
Germany	East Camp Grafenwoehr ...	EDI: Battalion Trng Cplx1 (Brks/Veh Maint)	\$104,000,000
		EDI: Battalion Trng Cplx2 (OPS/Veh Maint)	\$64,000,000
Japan	Kadena Air Force Base	Vehicle Maintenance Shop	\$80,000,000

14 SEC. 2107. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT
15 CERTAIN FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROJECTS.

16 (a) SMITH BARRACKS, GERMANY.—In the case of the
 17 authorization contained in the table in section 2101(b) of

1 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
2 Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat.
3 2213) for Hohenfels Training Area, for construction of a
4 barracks as specified in the funding table in section 4601
5 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and
6 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025
7 (Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 2382), the Secretary of
8 the Army may construct a barracks at Smith Barracks,
9 Germany.

10 (b) NAVAL AIR STATION, KEY WEST, FLORIDA.—

11 (1) MODIFICATION OF PROJECT AUTHORITY.—

12 In the case of the authorization contained in the
13 table in section 2101(a) of the Military Construction
14 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (division B
15 of Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 2212) for Naval
16 Air Station Key West, Florida, for construction of a
17 Joint Interagency Task Force South command and
18 control facility, the Secretary of the Army may con-
19 struct a command and control facility in the amount
20 of \$397,000,000.

21 (2) MODIFICATION OF PROJECT AMOUNTS.—

22 (A) PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.—The au-
23 thorization table in section 2101(a) of the Mili-
24 tary Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
25 Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159;

1 138 Stat. 2212) is amended in the item relating
2 to Naval Air Station Key West, Florida, by
3 striking “\$90,000,000” and inserting
4 “\$397,000,000”.

5 (B) FUNDING AUTHORIZATION.—The
6 funding table in section 4601 of the Service-
7 member Quality of Life Improvement and Na-
8 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
9 Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat.
10 2382) is amended in the item relating to Naval
11 Air Station Key West, Florida, Joint Inter-
12 agency Task Force South command and control
13 facility, by striking “\$90,000” and inserting
14 “\$397,000”.

15 (c) FORT CAVAZOS, TEXAS.—

16 (1) MODIFICATIONS OF PROJECT AUTHORITY.—
17 In the case of the authorization contained in the
18 table in section 2101(a) of the Military Construction
19 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (division B
20 of Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 2212) for Fort
21 Cavazos, Texas, for construction of Motor Pool #70,
22 the Secretary of the Army may construct a vehicle
23 maintenance shop.

24 (2) MODIFICATION OF PROJECT NAMES AND
25 AMOUNTS.—

(A) PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.—The authorization table in section 2101(a) of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 2212) is amended in the item relating to Fort Cavazos, Texas, by striking “\$147,000,000” and inserting “\$69,000,000”.

(B) FUNDING AUTHORIZATION.—The funding table in section 4601 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 2383) is amended in the items relating to Fort Cavazos, Texas, by striking “Motor Pool #70” and inserting “Vehicle Maintenance Shop”.

TITLE XXII—NAVY MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

SEC. 2201. AUTHORIZED NAVY CONSTRUCTION AND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.

(a) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2203(a) and available for military construction projects inside the United States as specified in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Navy may acquire real property and carry out military

1 construction projects for the installations or locations in-
 2 side the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in
 3 the following table:

Navy and Marine Corps: Inside the United States

State	Installation or Location	Amount
California	Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton	\$171,020,000
	Naval Air Station Lemoore	\$399,610,000
	Naval Base Coronado	\$302,000,000
	Naval Base San Diego	\$154,820,000
	Naval Base Ventura County	\$164,000,000
	Naval Support Activity Monterey	\$430,000,000
Connecticut	Naval Submarine Base New London	\$255,000,000
District of Columbia	Naval Research Laboratory	\$157,000,000
Florida	Naval Air Station Pensacola	\$164,000,000
Guam	Andersen Air Force Base	\$70,070,000
	Joint Region Marianas	\$2,555,000,000
	Naval Base Guam	\$105,950,000
	Naval Base Guam North Finegayan Tele-communications Site.	\$61,010,000
Hawaii	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	\$83,000,000
	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay	\$143,510,000
	Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands	\$235,730,000
Maine	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	\$1,042,000,000
Maryland	National Maritime Intelligence Center	\$114,000,000
	Naval Support Facility Indian Head	\$106,000,000
	United States Naval Academy Annapolis	\$86,000,000
Nevada	Naval Air Station Fallon	\$47,000,000
North Carolina	Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune	\$48,280,000
Pennsylvania	Naval Support Activity Mechanicsburg	\$88,000,000
Rhode Island	Naval Station Newport	\$190,000,000
South Carolina	Joint Base Charleston	\$357,900,000
Virginia	Marine Corps Base Quantico	\$63,560,000
	Naval Station Norfolk	\$1,582,490,000
Washington	Naval Air Station Whidbey Island	\$202,000,000
	Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor	\$245,700,000
Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	\$129,620,000

4 (b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts
 5 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
 6 tions in section 2203(a) and available for military con-
 7 struction projects outside the United States as specified
 8 in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the
 9 Navy may acquire real property and carry out military
 10 construction projects for the installation or location out-
 11 side the United States, and in the amount, set forth in
 12 the following table:

Navy: Outside the United States

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Japan	Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler.	\$58,000,000

1 SEC. 2202. FAMILY HOUSING.

2 (a) CONSTRUCTION AND ACQUISITION.—Using
3 amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of ap-
4 propriations in section 2203(a) and available for military
5 family housing functions as specified in the funding table
6 in section 4601, the Secretary of the Navy may construct
7 or acquire family housing units (including land acquisition
8 and supporting facilities) at the installations or locations,
9 and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

Navy and Marine Corps: Family Housing

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Japan	Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni	\$11,230,000

10 (b) IMPROVEMENTS TO MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING
11 UNITS.—Subject to section 2825 of title 10, United States
12 Code, and using amounts appropriated pursuant to the
13 authorization of appropriations in section 2203(a) and
14 available for military family housing functions as specified
15 in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the
16 Navy may improve existing military family housing units
17 in an amount not to exceed \$68,230,000.

18 (c) PLANNING AND DESIGN.—Using amounts appro-
19 priated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in
20 section 2203(a) and available for military family housing

1 functions as specified in the funding table in section 4601,
2 the Secretary of the Navy may carry out architectural and
3 engineering services and construction design activities
4 with respect to the construction or improvement of family
5 housing units in an amount not to exceed \$3,806,000.

6 **SEC. 2203. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, NAVY.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds
8 are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years
9 beginning after September 30, 2025, for military con-
10 struction, land acquisition, facilities sustainment, and
11 military family housing functions of the Department of the
12 Navy, as specified in the funding table in section 4601.

13 (b) LIMITATION ON TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION
14 PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding the cost variations author-
15 ized by section 2853 of title 10, United States Code, and
16 any other cost variation authorized by law, the total cost
17 of all projects carried out under sections 2201 and 2202
18 may not exceed the total amount authorized to be appro-
19 priated under subsection (a), as specified in the funding
20 table in section 4601.

21 **SEC. 2204. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**
22 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2022 PROJECTS.**

23 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
24 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
25 Year 2022 (division B of Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat.

1 2161), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-
2 section (b), as provided in sections 2201 and 2202 of that
3 Act (135 Stat. 2166, 2167) and extended by section 2207
4 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
5 Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat.
6 2221), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026, or the
7 date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for mili-
8 tary construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

9 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
10 is as follows:

Navy: Extension of 2022 Project Authorizations

State	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
California	Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton	CLB MEU Complex	\$83,900,000
District of Columbia.	Marine Barracks Washington	Family Housing Improvements	\$10,415,000
Florida	Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island	Lighterage and Small Craft Facility	\$69,400,000
Hawaii	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe	Electrical Distribution Modernization	\$64,500,000
South Carolina	Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar	\$122,600,000

11 **SEC. 2205. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**
12 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECTS.**

13 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
14 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
15 Year 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat.
16 2970), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-

1 section (b), as provided in section 2201 of that Act (136
 2 Stat. 2975), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026,
 3 or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds
 4 for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever
 5 is later.

6 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
 7 is as follows:

Navy: Extension of 2023 Project Authorizations

State/Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Florida	Naval Air Station Jacksonville	Engine Test Cells Modifications	\$100,570,000
Hawaii	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	Missile Magazines	\$142,783,000
Nevada	Naval Air Station Fallon	F-35C Aircraft Maintenance Hangar	\$111,566,000
North Carolina	Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point	CH-53K Gearbox Repair and Test Facility	\$44,830,000
South Carolina	Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island ...	Recruit Barracks	\$81,890,000
		Recruit Barracks	\$85,040,000
Spain	Naval Station Rota	EDI: Missile Magazines	\$92,323,000

8 **TITLE XXIII—AIR FORCE** 9 **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**

10 **SEC. 2301. AUTHORIZED AIR FORCE CONSTRUCTION AND** 11 **LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

12 (a) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts
 13 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
 14 tions in section 2303(a) and available for military con-
 15 struction projects inside the United States as specified in
 16 the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the

1 Air Force may acquire real property and carry out mili-
2 tary construction projects for the installations or locations
3 inside the United States, and in the amounts, set forth
4 in the following table:

Air Force: Inside the United States

State	Installation or Location	Amount
Arizona	Davis-Monthan Air Force Base	\$174,000,000
	Luke Air Force Base	\$45,000,000
California	Travis Air Force Base	\$60,000,000
Florida	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	\$49,800,000
	Eglin Air Force Base	\$166,000,000
	Hurlburt Field	\$66,000,000
	MacDill Air Force Base	\$74,000,000
	Tyndall Air Force Base	\$48,000,000
Georgia	Moody Air Force Base	\$49,500,000
	Robins Air Force Base	\$28,000,000
Louisiana	Barksdale Air Force Base	\$116,000,000
Maryland	Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling	\$50,000,000
Massachusetts	Hanscom Air Force Base	\$55,000,000
Mississippi	Columbus Air Force Base	\$14,200,000
Missouri	Whiteman Air Force Base	\$127,600,000
New Jersey	Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst	\$23,000,000
New Mexico	Cannon Air Force Base	\$169,000,000
	Kirtland Air Force Base	\$233,000,000
North Carolina	Seymour Johnson Air Force Base	\$95,000,000
Ohio	Wright-Patterson Air Force Base	\$45,000,000
Oklahoma	Tinker Air Force Base	\$497,000,000
South Dakota	Ellsworth Air Force Base	\$378,000,000
Tennessee	Arnold Air Force	\$17,500,000
Texas	Dyess Air Force Base	\$90,800,000
	Goodfellow Air Force Base	\$112,000,000
Utah	Hill Air Force Base	\$250,000,000
Virginia	Joint Base Langley-Eustis	\$49,000,000

5 (b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts
6 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
7 tions in section 2303(a) and available for military con-
8 struction projects outside the United States as specified
9 in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the
10 Air Force may acquire real property and carry out mili-
11 tary construction projects for the installations or locations
12 outside the United States, and in the amounts, set forth
13 in the following table:

Air Force: Outside the United States

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Diego Garcia	Naval Support Facility Diego Garcia	\$29,000,000
Germany	Ramstein Air Base	\$44,000,000
Greenland	Pituffik Space Base	\$32,000,000
Norway	Royal Norwegian Air Force Base Rygge	\$72,000,000
United Kingdom	Royal Air Force Feltwell	\$20,000,000
	Royal Air Force Lakenheath	\$253,000,000

1 SEC. 2302. FAMILY HOUSING.

2 (a) IMPROVEMENTS TO MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING
3 UNITS.—Subject to section 2825 of title 10, United States
4 Code, and using amounts appropriated pursuant to the
5 authorization of appropriations in section 2303(a) and
6 available for military family housing functions as specified
7 in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the
8 Air Force may improve existing military family housing
9 units in an amount not to exceed \$237,655,000.

10 (b) PLANNING AND DESIGN.—Using amounts appro-
11 priated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in
12 section 2303(a) and available for military family housing
13 functions as specified in the funding table in section 4601,
14 the Secretary of the Air Force may carry out architectural
15 and engineering services and construction design activities
16 with respect to the construction or improvement of family
17 housing units in an amount not to exceed \$36,575,000.

18 **SEC. 2303. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, AIR**
19 **FORCE.**

20 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds
21 are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years

1 beginning after September 30, 2025, for military con-
2 struction, land acquisition, facilities sustainment, and
3 military family housing functions of the Department of the
4 Air Force, as specified in the funding table in section
5 4601.

6 (b) LIMITATION ON TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION
7 PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding the cost variations author-
8 ized by section 2853 of title 10, United States Code, and
9 any other cost variation authorized by law, the total cost
10 of all projects carried out under sections 2301 and 2302
11 may not exceed the total amount authorized to be appro-
12 priated under subsection (a), as specified in the funding
13 table in section 4601.

14 **SEC. 2304. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT FIS-**
15 **CAL YEAR 2017 PROJECT AT SPANGDAHLEM**
16 **AIR BASE, GERMANY.**

17 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
18 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
19 Year 2017 (division B of Public Law 114–328; 130 Stat.
20 2688), the authorization set forth in the table in sub-
21 section (b), as provided in section 2902 of that Act (130
22 Stat. 2743) and most recently extended by section 2304
23 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
24 Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat.
25 2224), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026, or the

1 date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for mili-
 2 tary construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

3 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
 4 is as follows:

Air Force: Extension of 2017 Project Authorization

Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Germany	Spangdahlem Air Base	ERI: F/A-22 Low Observable/Comp Repair Fac	\$12,000,000

5 **SEC. 2305. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**
 6 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2019 PROJECTS.**

7 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
 8 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
 9 Year 2019 (division B of Public Law 115–232; 132 Stat.
 10 2240), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-
 11 section (b), as provided in section 2903 of that Act (132
 12 Stat. 2287) and most recently extended by section 2306
 13 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
 14 Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat.
 15 2225), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026, or the
 16 date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for mili-
 17 tary construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

18 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
 19 is as follows:

Air Force: Extension of 2019 Project Authorization

Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
United Kingdom	Royal Air Force Fairford	EDI: Construct DABS-FEV Storage	\$87,000,000
.....		EDI: Munitions Holding Area	\$19,000,000

1 **SEC. 2306. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**
2 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2020 PROJECTS.**

3 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
4 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
5 Year 2020 (division B of Public Law 116–92; 133 Stat.
6 1862), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-
7 section (b), as provided in sections 2301(a) and 2912(a)
8 of that Act (133 Stat. 1867, 1913), and extended by sec-
9 tion 2307 of the Military Construction Authorization Act
10 for Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159;
11 138 Stat. 2226), shall remain in effect until October 1,
12 2026, or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing
13 funds for military construction for fiscal year 2027, which-
14 ever is later.

15 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
16 is as follows:

Air Force: Extension of 2020 Project Authorization

State	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Florida	Tyndall Air Force Base	Deployment Center/ Flight Line Dining/AAFES	\$43,000,000

Air Force: Extension of 2020 Project Authorization—Continued

State	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Georgia	Moody Air Force Base	41 RQS HH–60W Apron	\$12,500,000

1 SEC. 2307. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-
2 TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2022 PROJECTS.

3 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
4 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
5 Year 2022 (division B of Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat.
6 2161), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-
7 section (b), as provided in section 2301 of that Act (135
8 Stat. 2168) and extended by section 2309 of the Military
9 Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (di-
10 vision B of Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 2227), shall
11 remain in effect until October 1, 2026, or the date of the
12 enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military con-
13 struction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

14 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
15 is as follows:

Air Force: Extension of 2022 Project Authorization

State/ Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Au- thorized Amount
Massachusetts	Hanscom Air Force Base	NC3 Acquisitions Management Fa- cility	\$66,000,000
United King- dom	Royal Air Force Lakenheath	F–35A Child Devel- opment Center	\$24,000,000
.....		F–35A Munition In- spection Facility ..	\$31,000,000

Air Force: Extension of 2022 Project Authorization—Continued

State/ Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Au- thorized Amount
.....		F-35A Weapons Load Training Facility	\$49,000,000

1 **SEC. 2308. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**
2 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECTS.**

3 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
4 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
5 Year 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat.
6 2970), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-
7 section (b), as provided in section 2301 of that Act (136
8 Stat. 2978), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026,
9 or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds
10 for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever
11 is later.

12 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
13 is as follows:

Air Force: Extension of 2023 Project Authorization

State/ Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Au- thorized Amount
Florida	Patrick Space Force Base	Consolidated Com- munications Cen- ter	\$97,000,000
Norway	Rygge Air Station	EDI: Base Perim- eter Security Fence	\$8,200,000
Oklahoma	Tinker Air Force Base	Facility and Land Acquisition (MROTC)	\$30,000,000
Texas	Joint Base San Anto- nio-Randolph	Child Development Center	\$29,000,000

1 **SEC. 2309. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT**
 2 **FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROJECT AT F.E. WARREN**
 3 **AIR FORCE BASE, WYOMING.**

4 In the case of the authorization contained in the table
 5 in section 2301(a) of the Military Construction Authoriza-
 6 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of Public Law
 7 118–159; 138 Stat. 2222) for F.E. Warren Air Force
 8 Base, Wyoming, for the Ground Based Strategic Deter-
 9 rent Utility Corridor, the Secretary of the Air Force may
 10 construct 3,219 kilometers of telephone duct facility.

11 **TITLE XXIV—DEFENSE AGEN-**
 12 **CIES MILITARY CONSTRU-**
 13 **CTION**

14 **SEC. 2401. AUTHORIZED DEFENSE AGENCIES CONSTRUC-**
 15 **TION AND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

16 (a) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts
 17 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
 18 tions in section 2403(a) and available for military con-
 19 struction projects inside the United States as specified in
 20 the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of De-
 21 fense may acquire real property and carry out military
 22 construction projects for the installations or locations in-
 23 side the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in
 24 the following table:

Defense Agencies: Inside the United States

State	Installation or Location	Amount
Alabama	DLA Distribution Center Anniston	\$32,000,000

Defense Agencies: Inside the United States—Continued

State	Installation or Location	Amount
California	Naval Base Coronado	\$75,900,000
	Travis Air Force Base	\$49,980,000
Florida	Homestead Air Reserve Base	\$33,000,000
Georgia	Fort Benning	\$127,375,000
Maryland	Fort Meade	\$26,600,000
North Carolina	Fort Bragg	\$275,000,000
	Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune	\$289,000,000
Pennsylvania	DLA Distribution Center Susquehanna	\$90,000,000
	Harrisburg Air National Guard Base	\$13,400,000
Puerto Rico	Punta Borinquen	\$155,000,000
Texas	NSA Texas	\$500,000,000
Virginia	Pentagon	\$34,000,000
Washington	Fairchild Air Force Base	\$85,000,000
	Manchester Tank Farm	\$71,000,000

(b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2403(a) and available for military construction projects outside the United States as specified in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of Defense may acquire real property and carry out military construction projects for the installations or locations outside the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

Defense Agencies: Outside the United States

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Germany	United States Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz	\$16,700,000
United Kingdom	Royal Air Force Lakenheath	\$397,500,000
	Royal Air Force Mildenhall	\$45,000,000

SEC. 2402. AUTHORIZED ENERGY RESILIENCE AND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS.

(a) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2403(a) and available for energy conserva-

tion projects as specified in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of Defense may carry out energy conservation projects under chapter 173 of title 10, United States Code, for the installations or locations inside the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

ERCIP Projects: Inside the United States

State	Installation or Location	Amount
California	Armed Forces Reserve Center Mountain View	\$20,600,000
	Travis Air Force Base	\$25,120,000
Florida	Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island	\$30,500,000
Guam	Joint Region Marianas	\$53,000,000
	Naval Base Guam	\$63,010,000
Massachusetts	Cape Cod Space Force Station	\$124,000,000
New Mexico	White Sands Missile Range	\$38,500,000
North Carolina	Fort Bragg	\$80,000,000
Texas	Camp Swift	\$19,800,000
	Fort Hood	\$34,500,000
Utah	Camp Williams	\$28,500,000

(b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2403(a) and available for energy conservation projects as specified in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of Defense may carry out energy conservation projects under chapter 173 of title 10, United States Code, for the installations or locations outside the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

ERCIP Projects: Outside the United States

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Germany	United States Army Garrison Ansbach	\$73,000,000
Japan	Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni	\$146,800,000

1 **SEC. 2403. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, DE-**
2 **FENSE AGENCIES.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds
4 are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years
5 beginning after September 30, 2025, for military con-
6 struction, land acquisition, facilities sustainment, and
7 military family housing functions of the Department of
8 Defense (other than the military departments), as speci-
9 fied in the funding table in section 4601.

10 (b) LIMITATION ON TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION
11 PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding the cost variations author-
12 ized by section 2853 of title 10, United States Code, and
13 any other cost variation authorized by law, the total cost
14 of all projects carried out under sections 2401 and 2402
15 may not exceed the total amount authorized to be appro-
16 priated under subsection (a), as specified in the funding
17 table in section 4601.

18 **SEC. 2404. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT FIS-**
19 **CAL YEAR 2019 PROJECT AT IWAKUNI, JAPAN.**

20 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
21 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
22 Year 2019 (division B of Public Law 115–232; 132 Stat.
23 2240), the authorization set forth in the table in sub-
24 section (b), as provided in section 2401(b) of that Act
25 (132 Stat. 2249) and most recently extended by section
26 2405 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for

1 Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159; 138
 2 Stat. 2232), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026,
 3 or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds
 4 for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever
 5 is later.

6 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
 7 is as follows:

Defense Agencies: Extension of 2019 Project Authorization

Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Japan	Iwakuni	Fuel Pier	\$33,200,000

8 **SEC. 2405. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**
 9 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2022 PROJECTS.**

10 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
 11 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
 12 Year 2022 (division B of Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat.
 13 2161), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-
 14 section (b), as provided in sections 2401 and 2402 of that
 15 Act (135 Stat. 2173, 2174), shall remain in effect until
 16 October 1, 2026, or the date of the enactment of an Act
 17 authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year
 18 2027, whichever is later.

19 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
 20 is as follows:

**Defense Agencies and ERCIP Projects: Extension of 2022
Project Authorizations**

State	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Alabama	Fort Novosel	10 MW RICE Generator Plant and Microgrid Controls	\$24,000,000
Georgia	Fort Benning	4.8 MW Generation and Microgrid	\$17,593,000
.....	Fort Stewart	10 MW Generation Plant, with Microgrid Controls	\$22,000,000
New York	Fort Drum	Wellfield Field Expansion Project ...	\$27,000,000
North Carolina	Fort Bragg	Emergency Water System	\$7,705,000
Ohio	Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport	Base-Wide Microgrid With Natural Gas Generator, Photovoltaic, and Battery	\$4,700,000
Tennessee	Memphis International Airport	PV Arrays and Battery Storage	\$4,780,000

1 SEC. 2406. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-
2 TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECTS.

3 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
4 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
5 Year 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat.
6 2970), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-
7 section (b), as provided in sections 2401(a) and 2402(a)
8 of that Act (136 Stat. 2982, 2983), shall remain in effect
9 until October 1, 2026, or the date of the enactment of
10 an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fis-
11 cal year 2027, whichever is later.

12 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
13 is as follows:

**Defense Agencies and ERCIP Projects: Extension of 2023
Project Authorizations**

State	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Alabama	Redstone Arsenal	1MSIC Advanced Analysis Facility Phase 2 (INC)	\$151,000,000
California	Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center	Microgrid and Backup Power	\$25,560,000
Florida	Naval Air Station Jacksonville	Facility Energy Operations Center Renovation	\$2,400,000
Georgia	Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield	Power Generation and Microgrid	\$25,400,000
.....	Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay	SCADA Modernization	\$11,200,000
Hawaii	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	Primary Electrical Distribution	\$25,000,000
Kansas	Fort Riley	Power Generation and Microgrid	\$25,780,000
Texas	Fort Cavazos	Power Generation and Microgrid	\$31,500,000
.....	United States Army Reserve Center, Conroe	Power Generation and Microgrid	\$9,600,000
Virginia	Dam Neck	SOF Operations Building Addition	\$26,600,000

1 SEC. 2407. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT
2 CERTAIN FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROJECTS.

3 (a) REDSTONE ARSENAL, ALABAMA.—In the case of
4 the authorization contained in the table in section 2401
5 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
6 Year 2024 (division B of Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat.
7 726) for Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, for construction of
8 a ground test facility infrastructure project at that loca-
9 tion, the Missile Defense Agency may renovate additional

1 square footage and convert administrative space to classi-
2 fied space.

3 (b) LAKE CITY ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT, MIS-
4 SOURI.—

5 (1) MODIFICATIONS OF PROJECT AUTHORITY.—

6 In the case of the authorization contained in the
7 table in section 2402(a) of the Military Construction
8 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (division B
9 of Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat. 727) for Lake City
10 Army Ammunition Plant, Missouri, for construction
11 of a microgrid and backup power, the Secretary of
12 Defense may construct a microgrid and backup
13 power, including the installation of liquid propane
14 gas tanks and associated piping, foundations,
15 pumps, saddles, propane vaporizers, and controls.

16 (2) MODIFICATION OF PROJECT AMOUNTS.—

17 (A) PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.—The au-
18 thorization table in section 2402(a) of the Mili-
19 tary Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
20 Year 2024 (division B of Public Law 118–31;
21 137 Stat. 727) is amended in the item relating
22 to Lake City Army Ammunition Plant, Mis-
23 souri, by striking “\$80,100,000” and inserting
24 “\$86,500,000”.

1 (B) FUNDING AUTHORIZATION.—The
 2 funding table in section 4601 of the National
 3 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024
 4 (Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat. 911) is amend-
 5 ed in the items relating to Lake City Army Am-
 6 munition Plant, Missouri, by striking
 7 “\$80,100” and inserting “\$86,500”.

8 **SEC. 2408. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT**
 9 **CERTAIN FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROJECTS.**

10 (a) JOINT BASE ANDREWS, MARYLAND.—In the case
 11 of the authorization contained in the table in section
 12 2402(a) of the Military Construction Authorization Act
 13 for Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159;
 14 138 Stat. 2229) for Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, for
 15 construction of a microgrid with electric vehicle charging
 16 infrastructure, the Secretary of the Air Force may con-
 17 struct a new power generation and microgrid facility,
 18 which shall be entitled “Power Generation and
 19 Microgrid”.

20 (b) JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW
 21 JERSEY.—In the case of the authorization contained in
 22 the table in section 2402(a) of the Military Construction
 23 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of
 24 Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 2229) for Joint Base
 25 McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, for construction of

1 a microgrid with electric vehicle charging infrastructure,
2 the Secretary of the Air Force may construct a new power
3 generation and microgrid facility, which shall be entitled
4 “Power Generation and Microgrid”.

5 **TITLE XXV—INTERNATIONAL**
6 **PROGRAMS**
7 **Subtitle A—North Atlantic Treaty**
8 **Organization Security Invest-**
9 **ment Program**

10 **SEC. 2501. AUTHORIZED NATO CONSTRUCTION AND LAND**
11 **ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

12 The Secretary of Defense may make contributions for
13 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Invest-
14 ment Program as provided in section 2806 of title 10,
15 United States Code, in an amount not to exceed the sum
16 of the amount authorized to be appropriated for this pur-
17 pose in section 2502 and the amount collected from the
18 North Atlantic Treaty Organization as a result of con-
19 struction previously financed by the United States.

20 **SEC. 2502. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, NATO.**

21 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
22 fiscal years beginning after September 30, 2025, for con-
23 tributions by the Secretary of Defense under section 2806
24 of title 10, United States Code, for the share of the United
25 States of the cost of projects for the North Atlantic Treaty

1 Organization Security Investment Program authorized by
 2 section 2501, and in the amounts, set forth in the fol-
 3 lowing table:

**North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment
Program**

Location	Installation or Location	Amount
Worldwide Unspec- ified	NATO Security Investment Program	\$531,832,000

4 **Subtitle B—Host Country In-kind**
 5 **Contributions**

6 **SEC. 2511. REPUBLIC OF KOREA FUNDED CONSTRUCTION**
 7 **PROJECTS.**

8 Pursuant to agreement with the Republic of Korea
 9 for required in-kind contributions, the Secretary of De-
 10 fense may accept military construction projects for the in-
 11 stallations or locations in the Republic of Korea, and in
 12 the amounts, set forth in the following table:

Republic of Korea Funded Construction Projects

Component	Installation or Location	Project	Amount
Army	Camp Humphreys	Access Control Point	\$24,000,000
Army	Camp Humphreys	Runway	\$180,000,000
Navy	Pohang AB	Replace Concrete Apron	\$22,000,000
Navy	Yechon Air Base	Replace Magazine Muni- tions Supply Area.	\$59,000,000
Air Force	Gimhae Air Base	Repair Contingency Hos- pital.	\$86,000,000
Air Force	Gwangju Air Base.	Hydrant Fuel System	\$57,000,000
Air Force	Osan AB	Aircraft Corrosion Control Facility Part 3.	\$25,000,000

1 **SEC. 2512. REPUBLIC OF POLAND FUNDED CONSTRUCTION**
2 **PROJECTS.**

3 Pursuant to agreement with the Republic of Poland
4 for required in-kind contributions, the Secretary of De-
5 fense may accept military construction projects for the in-
6 stallations or locations in the Republic of Poland, and in
7 the amounts, set forth in the following table:

Republic of Poland Funded Construction Projects

Component	Installation or Location	Project	Amount
Army	Drawsko Pomorskie Training Area (DPTA).	Information Systems Facility.	\$6,200,000
Army	Powdiz	Barracks & Dining Facility Phase 2.	\$199,000,000
Army	Powdiz	Rotary Wing Aircraft Maintenance Hangar.	\$91,000,000
Air Force	Lask AB	Communication Infrastructure.	\$18,000,000
Air Force	Wroclaw AB	Combined Aerial Port Facilities.	\$111,000,000
Air Force	Wroclaw AB	Contingency Beddown Area.	\$13,000,000
Air Force	Wroclaw AB	Hot Cargo Pad / Munition Handling / Holding Area.	\$44,000,000
Air Force	Wroclaw AB	Railhead and Rail Extension.	\$22,000,000

8 **TITLE XXVI—GUARD AND**
9 **RESERVE FORCES FACILITIES**

10 **SEC. 2601. AUTHORIZED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD CON-**
11 **STRUCTION AND LAND ACQUISITION**
12 **PROJECTS.**

13 Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the author-
14 ization of appropriations in section 2606 and available for
15 the National Guard and Reserve as specified in the fund-
16 ing table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Army may

1 acquire real property and carry out military construction
 2 projects for the Army National Guard locations inside the
 3 United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the fol-
 4 lowing table:

Army National Guard: Inside the United States

State	Location	Amount
Guam	Joint Forces Headquarters - Guam	\$55,000,000
Indiana	Shelbyville Armory	\$55,000,000
Iowa	Waterloo Armory	\$13,800,000
New Hampshire	Plymouth Training Center	\$26,000,000
New York	Albany	\$90,000,000
North Carolina	Salisbury Training Center	\$69,000,000
Oregon	Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility Base.	\$16,000,000
South Dakota	Watertown Training Center	\$28,000,000

5 **SEC. 2602. AUTHORIZED ARMY RESERVE CONSTRUCTION**
 6 **AND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

7 Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the author-
 8 ization of appropriations in section 2606 and available for
 9 the National Guard and Reserve as specified in the fund-
 10 ing table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Army may
 11 acquire real property and carry out military construction
 12 projects for the Army Reserve location inside the United
 13 States, and in the amount, set forth in the following table:

Army Reserve: Inside the United States

State	Location	Amount
Alabama	Maxwell Gunter	\$28,000,000
Alaska	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	\$46,000,000
Illinois	Fort Sheridan	\$36,000,000
Pennsylvania	New Castle Army Reserve Center	\$30,000,000
Texas	Conroe Army Reserve Center	\$12,000,000

1 **SEC. 2603. AUTHORIZED NAVY RESERVE AND MARINE**
 2 **CORPS RESERVE CONSTRUCTION AND LAND**
 3 **ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

4 Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the author-
 5 ization of appropriations in section 2606 and available for
 6 the National Guard and Reserve as specified in the fund-
 7 ing table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Navy may
 8 acquire real property and carry out military construction
 9 projects for the Navy Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve
 10 location inside the United States, and in the amount, set
 11 forth in the following table:

Navy Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve: Inside the United States

State	Location	Amount
Texas	Naval Air Station Reserve Base Fort Worth	\$106,870,000

12 **SEC. 2604. AUTHORIZED AIR NATIONAL GUARD CONSTRUC-**
 13 **TION AND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

14 Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the author-
 15 ization of appropriations in section 2606 and available for
 16 the National Guard and Reserve as specified in the fund-
 17 ing table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Air Force
 18 may acquire real property and carry out military construc-
 19 tion projects for the Air National Guard locations inside
 20 the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the
 21 following table:

Air National Guard: Inside the United States

State	Location	Amount
Alaska	Eielson Air Force Base	\$16,000,000
	Joint Base Elmendorf–Richardson	\$46,000,000
Georgia	Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport.	\$38,400,000
Iowa	Sioux Gateway Airport	\$148,000,000
Massachusetts	Otis Air National Guard Base	\$31,000,000
Mississippi	Key Field Air National Guard Base	\$19,000,000
New Hampshire	Pease Air National Guard Base	\$16,000,000
New Jersey	Atlantic City International Airport	\$68,000,000
Oregon	Klamath Falls Airport	\$80,000,000
	Portland International Airport	\$16,500,000
Utah	Salt Lake City International Airport	\$145,000,000
Wisconsin	Volk Air National Guard Base	\$8,400,000

1 **SEC. 2605. AUTHORIZED AIR FORCE RESERVE CONSTRUCTION AND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

2

3 Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2606 and available for

4 the National Guard and Reserve as specified in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Air Force

5 may acquire real property and carry out military construction projects for the Air Force Reserve location inside the

6 United States, and in the amount, set forth in the following table:

Air Force Reserve: Inside the United States

State	Location	Amount
New York	Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station	\$54,000,000
South Carolina	Joint Base Charleston Air Reserve Base	\$33,000,000
Texas	Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland	\$18,000,000

11 **SEC. 2606. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE.**

12

13 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for

14 fiscal years beginning after September 30, 2025, for military construction, land acquisition, and facilities

1 sustainment for the Guard and Reserve Forces, and for
 2 contributions therefor, under chapter 1803 of title 10,
 3 United States Code, as specified in the funding table in
 4 section 4601.

5 **SEC. 2607. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**
 6 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECTS.**

7 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
 8 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
 9 Year 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat.
 10 2970), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-
 11 section (b), as provided in sections 2601, 2602, 2603 and
 12 2604 of that Act (136 Stat. 2986, 2987), shall remain
 13 in effect until October 1, 2026, or the date of the enact-
 14 ment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction
 15 for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

16 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
 17 is as follows:

**National Guard and Reserve: Extension of 2023 Project
 Authorizations**

State	Installation or Location	Project	Amount
Alaska	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar	\$63,000,000
Arizona	Morris Air National Guard Base	Base Entry Complex	\$12,000,000
	Tucson International Airport	Land Acquisition	\$11,700,000
Arkansas	Camp Robinson ..	Automated Multipurpose Machine Gun Range	\$9,500,000
Florida	Gainesville	National Guard Readiness Center	\$21,000,000
	Perrine	Army Reserve Center/AMSA	\$46,000,000

**National Guard and Reserve: Extension of 2023 Project
Authorizations—Continued**

State	Installation or Location	Project	Amount
Hawaii	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay	C-40 Aircraft Maintenance Hangar	\$116,964,000
Indiana	Fort Wayne International Airport	Munitions Maintenance & Storage Complex	\$16,500,000
Ohio	Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base	Small Arms Range	\$8,000,000
Puerto Rico	Camp Santiago Joint Maneuver Training Cen- ter	Engineering/Housing Maintenance Shops (DPW)	\$14,500,000
West Virginia	McLaughlin Air National Guard Base	C-130J Apron Expansion	\$10,000,000

1 SEC. 2608. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT
2 FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECT AT TUCSON
3 INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ARIZONA.

4 In the case of the authorization contained in the table
5 in section 2604 of the Military Construction Authorization
6 Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–
7 263; 136 Stat. 2987) for Tucson International Airport,
8 Arizona, the Secretary of the Air Force may acquire 10
9 acres of land.

1 **TITLE XXVII—BASE REALIGN-**
2 **MENT AND CLOSURE ACTIVI-**
3 **TIES**

4 **SEC. 2701. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**
5 **BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACTIVI-**
6 **TIES FUNDED THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF**
7 **DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT.**

8 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
9 fiscal years beginning after September 30, 2025, for base
10 realignment and closure activities, including real property
11 acquisition and military construction projects, as author-
12 ized by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act
13 of 1990 (part A of title XXIX of Public Law 101–510;
14 10 U.S.C. 2687 note) and funded through the Department
15 of Defense Base Closure Account established by section
16 2906 of such Act, as specified in the funding table in sec-
17 tion 4601.

1 **TITLE XXVIII—MILITARY CON-**
2 **STRUCTION GENERAL PROVI-**
3 **SIONS**

4 **Subtitle A—Military Construction**
5 **Program**

6 **SEC. 2801. REQUIREMENT FOR THE MILITARY DEPART-**
7 **MENTS TO DEVELOP AND ANNUALLY UPDATE**
8 **A 20-YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT**
9 **PLAN.**

10 (a) SUBMISSION.—Commencing as part of the annual
11 budget submission of the President under section 1105(a)
12 of title 31, United States Code, for fiscal year 2027, and
13 every five years thereafter, each Secretary of a military
14 department shall include with the defense budget mate-
15 rials for that fiscal year each of the following:

16 (1) A summary of the major lines of effort,
17 milestones, and specific goals of the Secretary con-
18 cerned during the next 20 fiscal years relating to the
19 improvement of infrastructure and facilities under
20 the jurisdiction of that Secretary, including a de-
21 tailed plan describing the objectives of that Sec-
22 retary to manage and improve such infrastructure
23 and facilities during that period, including utility
24 systems (electric, water and wastewater systems, en-
25 ergy distribution systems, transportation, and com-

1 munication networks) and all physical structures of
2 a base or installation.

3 (2) A certification by that Secretary that both
4 the budget for that fiscal year and the future-years
5 defense program submitted to Congress in relation
6 to such budget under section 221 of title 10, United
7 States Code, provide for funding of planning, design,
8 and construction at a level that is sufficient to meet
9 the requirements specified in the plan under para-
10 graph (1) on the schedule provided in that plan.

11 (3) An unaltered assessment by the service
12 chief of the military department concerned with re-
13 spect to the summary and plan under paragraph (1)
14 and the certification under paragraph (2).

15 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each plan submitted by a Secretary
16 of a military department under subsection (a)(1) shall in-
17 clude the following:

18 (1) With respect to the 20-year period covered
19 by the plan, an identification of the major lines of
20 effort, milestones, and specific goals of the Secretary
21 over such period relating to the improvement of in-
22 frastructure and facilities under the jurisdiction of
23 that Secretary.

24 (2) The estimated costs of necessary infrastruc-
25 ture and facility improvements and a description of

1 how such costs would be addressed by the budget re-
2 quest of the Department of Defense and the future-
3 years defense program submitted for such year.

4 (3) An assessment of how the military depart-
5 ment is accurately accounting for the costs of sus-
6 taining facilities and addressing the identified nec-
7 essary improvements of infrastructure and facilities
8 as outlined in the plan.

9 (c) INCORPORATION OF RESULTS-ORIENTED MAN-
10 AGEMENT PRACTICES.—Each plan under subsection
11 (a)(1) shall incorporate the leading results-oriented man-
12 agement practices, including—

- 13 (1) analytically based goals;
14 (2) results-oriented metrics;
15 (3) the identification of required resources,
16 risks, and stakeholders; and
17 (4) regular reporting on progress to decision
18 makers.

19 **SEC. 2802. INCREASE OF MAXIMUM AMOUNT FOR RESTORA-**
20 **TION OR REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED OR DE-**
21 **STROYED FACILITIES.**

22 Section 2854(c)(3) of title 10, United States Code,
23 is amended by striking “\$100,000,000” and inserting
24 “\$150,000,000”.

1 **SEC. 2803. REAUTHORIZATION AND MODIFICATION OF SPE-**
2 **CIAL DESIGN-BUILD AUTHORITY FOR MILI-**
3 **TARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.**

4 Section 3241(f) of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the
7 following new paragraph (3):

8 “(3) Any contract awarded under this subsection
9 shall be considered to be a construction contract and shall
10 be subject to the same oversight mechanisms to which con-
11 struction contracts are subject under this title.”; and

12 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking “2008” each
13 place it appears and inserting “2030”.

14 **SEC. 2804. MODIFICATION OF PILOT PROGRAM ON IN-**
15 **CREASED USE OF SUSTAINABLE BUILDING**
16 **MATERIALS IN MILITARY CONSTRUCTION TO**
17 **INCLUDE SUSTAINABLE BUILDING TECH-**
18 **NOLOGIES IDENTIFIED BY THE COMP-**
19 **TROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES.**

20 Section 2861 of the Military Construction Authoriza-
21 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (division B of Public Law
22 118–81; 10 U.S.C. 2802 note) is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “at least”
24 and all that follows through the period at the end
25 and inserting “at least two military construction
26 projects”;

1 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “September
2 30, 2025” and inserting “September 30, 2029”;

3 (3) in subsection (e), by striking “January 1,
4 2025” and inserting “January 1, 2029”;

5 (4) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as
6 subsections (g) and (h), respectively;

7 (5) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
8 lowing new subsection (f):

9 “(f) USE OF CERTAIN TECHNOLOGIES.—In carrying
10 out each project under the pilot program commencing on
11 or after the date of the enactment of the National Defense
12 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, the Secretary
13 concerned shall use not fewer than three technologies iden-
14 tified in the report published by the Comptroller General
15 of the United States on February 11, 2025, and entitled
16 ‘Science & Tech Spotlight: Sustainable Building Tech-
17 nologies’ (GAO–25–107931).”;

18 (6) in subsection (g)(1), as redesignated by
19 paragraph (4), by striking “December 31, 2025”
20 and inserting “December 31, 2030”; and

21 (7) in subsection (h), as so redesignated, in the
22 first sentence, by inserting before the period the fol-
23 lowing: “that is identified in the report published by
24 the Comptroller General of the United States on
25 February 11, 2025, and entitled ‘Science & Tech

1 Spotlight: Sustainable Building Technologies’
2 (GAO–25–107931)”.
3

4 **SEC. 2805. IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPTROLLER GENERAL**
5 **RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO INFORMA-**
6 **TION SHARING TO IMPROVE OVERSIGHT OF**
7 **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION.**

8 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
9 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall—

10 (1) implement the recommendations of the
11 Comptroller General of the United States contained
12 in the report published by the Comptroller General
13 in September 2024 and titled “Military Construc-
14 tion: Better Information Sharing Would Improve
15 DOD’s Oversight” (GAO–24–106499); or

16 (2) if the Secretary does not implement any
17 such recommendation, submit to the Committees on
18 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
19 resentatives a report explaining why the Secretary
20 has not implemented those recommendations.

21 **SEC. 2806. EXTENSION OF REQUIREMENT FOR CONTRACT**
22 **FOR OBLIGATION AND EXECUTION OF DE-**
23 **SIGN FUNDS FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**
24 **PROJECTS.**

25 Section 2811(a) of the Military Construction Author-
26 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of Public Law

1 118–159) is amended by striking “150 days” and insert-
2 ing “one year”.

3 **SEC. 2807. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF DEPOT**
4 **WORKING CAPITAL FUNDS FOR UNSPECIFIED**
5 **MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION.**

6 Section 2208(u)(4) of title 10, United States Code,
7 is amended by striking “September 30, 2025” and insert-
8 ing “September 30, 2027”.

9 **SEC. 2808. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR TEMPORARY EX-**
10 **PANDED LAND ACQUISITION FOR EQUINE**
11 **WELFARE.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2804(c) of the Service-
13 member Quality of Life Improvement and National De-
14 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law
15 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 2805 note) is amended by striking
16 “February 1, 2026” and inserting “August 1, 2026”.

17 (b) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than February
18 20, 2026, the Secretary of the Army shall provide to the
19 congressional defense committees a briefing on the use of
20 the authority under section 2804(c) of the Servicemember
21 Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Au-
22 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–
23 159; 10 U.S.C. 2805 note).

1 **SEC. 2809. PROHIBITION ON DESIGNATION OF MILITARY**
2 **CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AS PART OF MILI-**
3 **TARY INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM.**

4 The Secretary of Defense shall not designate any
5 military construction project as being part of the military
6 intelligence program.

7 **SEC. 2810. EXPANSION OF DEFENSE COMMUNITY INFRA-**
8 **STRUCTURE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE INSTAL-**
9 **LATIONS OF THE COAST GUARD.**

10 Section 2391 of title 10, United States Code, is
11 amended—

12 (1) in subsection (d)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), in the matter
14 preceding clause (i), by inserting “, and with
15 respect to Coast Guard-related projects, the
16 Secretary, with the concurrence of the Com-
17 mandant of the Coast Guard,” after “The Sec-
18 retary”; and

19 (B) by adding at the end the following new
20 paragraph:

21 “(5)(A) In considering grants, agreements, or other
22 funding under paragraph (1)(A) with respect to commu-
23 nity infrastructure supportive of a military installation of
24 the Coast Guard, the Secretary of Defense shall seek the
25 concurrence of the Commandant of the Coast Guard with

1 respect to assessing the selection and prioritization of the
2 project concerned.

3 “(B) A grant made under this section shall be avail-
4 able to support any Coast Guard mission authorized under
5 section 888 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
6 U.S.C. 468).”; and

7 (2) in subsection (e)(1), by adding at the end
8 the following new sentence: “For purposes of sub-
9 section (d), the term ‘military installation’ includes
10 an installation of the Coast Guard under the juris-
11 diction of the Department of Homeland Security.”.

12 **Subtitle B—Military Housing**

13 **SEC. 2821. IMPROVEMENTS TO ANNUAL REPORTS OF DE-** 14 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE ON WAIVERS OF PRI-** 15 **VACY AND CONFIGURATION STANDARDS FOR** 16 **COVERED MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUS-** 17 **ING.**

18 Subsection (b) of section 2856a of title 10, United
19 States Code, is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “; and” and
21 inserting a semicolon;

22 (2) in paragraph (5)(C), by striking the period
23 at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following new
25 paragraphs:

1 “(6) an assessment of whether a need for fu-
2 ture waivers has been identified;

3 “(7) a summary of the analysis performed by
4 each military department to identify covered military
5 unaccompanied housing that requires such waivers,
6 including a certification by the Secretary of each
7 military department that the list of waivers for that
8 military department is complete and identifies all
9 permanent party unaccompanied housing that does
10 not meet covered privacy and configuration stand-
11 ards or standards of the Department for health and
12 safety;

13 “(8) an action plan to bring covered military
14 unaccompanied housing that requires such waivers
15 into compliance with the standards of the Depart-
16 ment and a timeline for implementing the action
17 plan;

18 “(9) information about costs associated with
19 the remediation options for covered military unac-
20 companied housing that requires such waivers, in-
21 cluding—

22 “(A) funding needs for military construc-
23 tion projects;

1 “(B) funding needs for projects as part of
2 facilities sustainment, restoration, and mod-
3 ernization; and

4 “(C) any resulting increases in the need
5 for housing allowances for members of the
6 armed forces that would otherwise be living in
7 covered military unaccompanied housing; and

8 “(10) a description of the status of the re-
9 sponse of the Department to open recommendations
10 contained in the 2023 report by the Comptroller
11 General of the United States entitled, ‘Military Bar-
12 racks: Poor Living Conditions Undermine Quality of
13 Life and Readiness’ (GAO–23–105797), including
14 the status of each military department in issuing
15 service standards that meet covered privacy and con-
16 figuration standards and standards of the Depart-
17 ment for health and safety for covered military un-
18 accompanied housing.”.

19 **SEC. 2822. MODIFICATION OF HOUSING REQUIREMENTS**
20 **AND MARKET ANALYSIS TO ACCOUNT FOR**
21 **IMPACT OF CIVILIANS AND CONTRACTORS.**

22 Section 2837(d) of title 10, United States Code, is
23 amended by inserting before the period the following: “,
24 including an accounting for impacts of civilians and con-
25 tractors”.

1 **SEC. 2823. AUTHORITY FOR UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING**
2 **PROJECT UNDER PILOT AUTHORITY FOR USE**
3 **OF OTHER TRANSACTIONS FOR INSTALLA-**
4 **TION OR FACILITY PROTOTYPING.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may
6 conduct an unaccompanied housing project under section
7 4022(i) of title 10, United States Code, that is not subject
8 to the limits under paragraph (2) of such section.

9 (b) USE OF AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may use the
10 authority under subsection (a) for not more than one
11 project.

12 (c) LOCATION.—The project conducted under sub-
13 section (a) shall be located at a joint base of the Depart-
14 ment of Defense for medical training.

15 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—The aggregate value of all
16 transactions entered into under the project conducted
17 under subsection (a) may not exceed \$500,000,000.

18 **SEC. 2824. ELIMINATION OF INDOOR RESIDENTIAL MOLD**
19 **IN HOUSING OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

20 (a) STUDY AND REPORT ON HEALTH IMPACTS OF
21 INDOOR RESIDENTIAL MOLD.—

22 (1) STUDY.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable
24 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
25 Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the
26 Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Af-

1 fairs, the Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
2 velopment, the Director of the Centers for Dis-
3 ease Control and Prevention, the Administrator
4 of the Environmental Protection Agency, and
5 the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
6 shall conduct a comprehensive study on the
7 health effects of indoor residential mold growth
8 in military unaccompanied housing or other
9 housing on military installations, using the
10 most up-to-date scientific peer-reviewed medical
11 literature.

12 (B) ELEMENTS.—The study conducted
13 under subparagraph (A) shall ascertain—

14 (i) detailed information about harmful
15 or toxigenic mold that may impact the
16 military departments and individuals living
17 on military installations, as well as any
18 toxin or toxic compound such mold can
19 produce;

20 (ii) the most accurate research-based
21 methods of detecting harmful or toxigenic
22 mold;

23 (iii) improved understanding of the
24 different health symptomology that can re-
25 sult from exposure to mold in indoor resi-

1 dential environments on military installa-
2 tions, including military unaccompanied
3 housing;

4 (iv) the ability to conduct and the cost
5 of conducting ongoing surveillance of the
6 prevalence of idiopathic pulmonary hemor-
7 rhage in infants living on military installa-
8 tions; and

9 (v) longitudinal studies on the effects
10 of indoor mold exposure in early childhood
11 on the development of asthma and other
12 respiratory illnesses of children living on
13 military installations.

14 (2) REPORTS REQUIRED.—

15 (A) INTERIM FINDINGS.—Not later than
16 one year after the date of the enactment of this
17 Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to
18 the congressional defense committees a report
19 that contains the interim findings of the study
20 conducted under paragraph (1).

21 (B) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than two
22 years after the date of the enactment of this
23 Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to
24 the congressional defense committees a final re-

1 port detailing the results of the study conducted
2 under paragraph (1).

3 (b) IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS.—The Secretary of
4 Defense shall implement mitigation measures at military
5 installations found to have hazardous mold conditions fol-
6 lowing the submission of the interim findings under sub-
7 section (a)(2)(A).

8 (c) CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW HOUS-
9 ING ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in
11 consultation with the Secretary of Housing and
12 Urban Development, may develop model construction
13 standards and techniques for preventing and control-
14 ling indoor residential mold in new residential prop-
15 erties on a military installation if existing facilities
16 at the military installation are found to be inappro-
17 priately constructed for the environment.

18 (2) CONTENTS.—The model standards and
19 techniques developed under paragraph (1) shall pro-
20 vide for geographic differences in construction types
21 and materials, geology, weather, and other variables
22 that may affect indoor residential mold levels in new
23 buildings and on various military installations.

24 (3) CONSULTATION.—To the maximum extent
25 possible, model standards and techniques shall be

1 developed under paragraph (1) with the assistance
2 of organizations involved in establishing national
3 building construction standards and techniques.

4 (4) APPLICABILITY TO NEW CONSTRUCTION
5 AND REHABILITATION.—If the Secretary of Defense
6 develops model construction standards and tech-
7 niques under paragraph (1), not later than one year
8 after deciding to develop such standards and tech-
9 niques, the Secretary shall include such model stand-
10 ards and techniques as a requirement for residential
11 rehabilitation or new construction projects conducted
12 by the Department of Defense with amounts appro-
13 priated to the Department.

14 (d) EDUCATION FOR MILITARY HEALTH PROFES-
15 SIONALS.—The Secretary of Defense shall include edu-
16 cation for military health professions on mold-related ill-
17 ness, including signs and symptoms of toxigenic mold ex-
18 posure, in recurring training received by military health
19 practitioners at such time and in such manner as the Sec-
20 retary chooses.

21 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) INDOOR RESIDENTIAL MOLD.—The term
23 “indoor residential mold” means any form of multi-
24 cellular fungi found in water-damaged indoor envi-
25 ronments and building materials, including

1 cladosporium, penicillium, alternaria, aspergillus, fu-
2 sarium, trichoderma, memnoniella, mucor,
3 stachybotrys chartarum, streptomyces, and
4 epicoccum often.

5 (2) MILITARY INSTALLATION.—The term “mili-
6 tary installation” has the meaning given that term
7 in section 2801(c) of title 10, United States Code.

8 (3) MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING.—The
9 term “military unaccompanied housing” has the
10 meaning given that term in section 2871 of title 10,
11 United States Code.

12 (4) TOXIGENIC MOLD.—The term “toxigenic
13 mold” means any indoor mold growth that may be
14 capable of producing a toxin or toxic compound, in-
15 cluding mycotoxins and microbial volatile organic
16 compounds, that can cause pulmonary, respiratory,
17 neurological, gastrointestinal, or dermatological ill-
18 nesses, or other major adverse health impacts, as de-
19 termined by the Secretary of Defense in consultation
20 with the Director of the National Institutes of
21 Health, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-
22 opment, the Administrator of the Environmental
23 Protection Agency, and the Director of the Centers
24 for Disease Control and Prevention.

1 **SEC. 2825. REQUIREMENT FOR DISCLOSURE OF INFORMA-**
 2 **TION RELATING TO LIABILITY INSURANCE**
 3 **AND DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO**
 4 **PRIVATIZED MILITARY HOUSING.**

5 Section 2891c(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code,
 6 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
 7 paragraphs:

8 “(G) The level of liability insurance coverage
 9 maintained by the landlord for all such housing
 10 units.

11 “(H) The amount of any payments made to
 12 tenants by landlords relating to dispute resolu-
 13 tions.”.

14 **SEC. 2826. TREATMENT OF NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS**
 15 **WITH RESPECT TO PRIVATIZED MILITARY**
 16 **HOUSING.**

17 Section 2890(f) of title 10, United States Code, is
 18 amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (1)—

20 (A) by striking “(1) A tenant or prospec-
 21 tive tenant of a housing unit may not be re-
 22 quired to sign” and inserting “A landlord may
 23 not request that a tenant, former tenant, or
 24 prospective tenant of a housing unit sign”; and

25 (B) in the first sentence, by inserting “or
 26 in connection with the provision of services re-

1 lated to the housing unit” before the period;
2 and
3 (2) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3).

4 **SEC. 2827. IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPTROLLER GENERAL**
5 **RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO CRITICAL**
6 **MILITARY HOUSING SUPPLY AND AFFORD-**
7 **ABILITY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
10 shall implement each recommendation of the Comptroller
11 General of the United States contained in the report dated
12 October 30, 2024, and entitled, “Military Housing: DOD
13 Should Address Critical Supply and Affordability Chal-
14 lenges for Service Members” (GAO–25–106208), as those
15 recommendations are modified under subsection (b).

16 (b) RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED.—In
17 carrying out the requirements under subsection (a), the
18 Secretary of Defense shall implement the recommenda-
19 tions specified under such subsection as follows:

20 (1) The Secretary shall—
21 (A) perform a structured analysis to de-
22 velop a comprehensive list of housing areas in
23 which members of the Armed Forces and their
24 families may face the most critical challenges in

1 finding and affording private sector housing in
2 the community;

3 (B) in conducting the analysis under sub-
4 paragraph (A), consider the unique characteris-
5 tics of a location, such as vacation rental areas;
6 and

7 (C) regularly update the list required
8 under subparagraph (A) not less frequently
9 than once every two years.

10 (2) The Secretary shall obtain and use feedback
11 on the financial and quality-of-life effects of limited
12 supply or unaffordable housing on members of the
13 Armed Forces, through the status of forces survey
14 and other service or installation-specific feedback
15 mechanisms.

16 (3) The Secretary shall, in coordination with
17 the Secretary of each military department—

18 (A) develop a plan for how the Department
19 of Defense can respond to and address the fi-
20 nancial and quality-of-life effects in housing
21 areas identified under paragraph (1); and

22 (B) in developing the plan under subpara-
23 graph (A), examine strategies for increasing
24 housing supply or providing alternative com-
25 pensation to offset the effects of limited supply

1 or unaffordable housing in housing areas identi-
2 fied under paragraph (1).

3 (4) The Secretary shall clarify, through the
4 issuance of guidance to the military departments,
5 the role of the Office of the Secretary of Defense in
6 oversight of the Housing Requirements and Market
7 Analysis process of the military departments to en-
8 sure that—

9 (A) the military departments conduct such
10 process in a timely manner; and

11 (B) the Secretary submits to Congress any
12 plans or other matters relating to such process
13 for each fiscal year as required by existing law.

14 (5) The Secretary shall ensure that the Assist-
15 ant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations,
16 and Environment provides updated guidance to the
17 military departments on how installations of the De-
18 partment of Defense should coordinate with local
19 communities, including by clearly defining the roles
20 and responsibilities of commanders and military
21 housing offices of such installations in addressing
22 housing needs.

23 (c) NON-IMPLEMENTATION REPORTING REQUIRE-
24 MENT.—If the Secretary of Defense elects not to imple-
25 ment a recommendation specified under subsection (a), as

1 modified under subsection (b), the Secretary shall, not
2 later than one year after the date of the enactment of this
3 Act, submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
4 Senate and the House of Representatives a report that
5 includes a justification for such election.

6 **Subtitle C—Land Conveyances**

7 **SEC. 2831. AUTHORIZATION TO ACQUIRE THROUGH EX-** 8 **CHANGE OR LEASE CERTAIN LAND USED BY** 9 **THE ARMED FORCES IN HAWAII.**

10 (a) ACQUISITION THROUGH EXCHANGE.—

11 (1) EXCHANGE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary
12 of each military department may acquire through ex-
13 change, upon such terms and conditions as the Sec-
14 retary concerned determines appropriate, all right,
15 title, and interest in any land, or any portion there-
16 of, that is, as of the date of the enactment of this
17 Act—

18 (A) leased by the military department con-
19 cerned from the State of Hawaii; or

20 (B) owned by the State of Hawaii and sub-
21 ject to an easement benefitting the military de-
22 partment concerned.

23 (2) LAND FOR EXCHANGE.—To acquire land
24 under paragraph (1), the Secretary concerned
25 may—

1 (A) exchange right, title, and interest in
2 land under the jurisdiction and control of the
3 Secretary concerned, or under the jurisdiction
4 and control of the Secretary of another military
5 department with the consent of the Secretary
6 concerned, located in the State of Hawaii; and

7 (B) convey such land and interests therein
8 necessary to effect such an exchange.

9 (3) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact
10 acreage and legal description of any land or interests
11 in land to be exchanged under paragraph (1) shall
12 be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Sec-
13 retary concerned.

14 (4) STATUS OF LAND.—Land acquired through
15 exchange by the Secretary concerned under para-
16 graph (1) shall be administered by the Secretary
17 concerned.

18 (5) EXCHANGE OF LAND IN EXCESS OR BELOW
19 EQUAL VALUE.—

20 (A) EXCHANGES IN EXCESS OF EQUAL
21 VALUE.—Notwithstanding section 2869 of title
22 10, United States Code, the fair market value
23 of the land conveyed by the Secretary concerned
24 under paragraph (2) may exceed the fair mar-
25 ket value of the land acquired by the Secretary

1 concerned under paragraph (1) if the Secretary
2 concerned determines that it is in the public in-
3 terest.

4 (B) EXCHANGES BELOW EQUAL VALUE.—

5 (i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause
6 (ii), if the fair market value of the land
7 and interests in land to be acquired under
8 paragraph (1), as determined by the Sec-
9 retary concerned, is greater than fair mar-
10 ket value of the land and interests in land
11 to be conveyed under paragraph (2), the
12 Secretary concerned may use funds made
13 available to the Secretary concerned on or
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act
15 for military construction to provide pay-
16 ment or in-kind consideration to the State
17 of Hawaii in the amount of the difference
18 in value.

19 (ii) LIMITATION ON PAYMENT.—The
20 amount of any payment or in-kind consid-
21 eration provided under clause (i) may not
22 exceed \$2,500,000.

23 (iii) IN-KIND CONSIDERATION.—In-
24 kind consideration provided under clause

1 (i) may include services or provision of real
2 property of the United States.

3 (b) LEASE.—

4 (1) LEASE AUTHORIZED.—If the Secretary con-
5 cerned determines that exchange under subsection
6 (a) is not appropriate or in the best interests of the
7 military department concerned, the Secretary con-
8 cerned may lease, upon such terms and conditions as
9 the Secretary concerned determines appropriate, any
10 land, or any portion thereof, that is, as of the date
11 of the enactment of this Act—

12 (A) leased by the military department con-
13 cerned from the State of Hawaii; or

14 (B) owned by the State of Hawaii and sub-
15 ject to an easement benefitting the military de-
16 partment concerned.

17 (2) DURATION OF LEASE.—A lease entered into
18 under paragraph (1) may provide for a lease term
19 of not more than 25 years, with options that extend
20 the term to a total period of not more than 50 years.

21 (3) CONSIDERATION UNDER LEASE.—

22 (A) PAYMENT IN EXCESS OF FAIR MARKET
23 RENTAL VALUE.—The Secretary concerned may
24 make rental payments under a lease entered
25 into under paragraph (1) that exceed fair mar-

1 ket value of the land to be leased, as deter-
2 mined by the Secretary concerned, if the Sec-
3 retary concerned determines that such pay-
4 ments are in the public interest.

5 (B) ADVANCE PAYMENT OF RENT.—A
6 lease entered into under paragraph (1) may au-
7 thorize the payment of rent in advance.

8 (C) FORM OF PAYMENT.—

9 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary con-
10 cerned may provide for payment or in-kind
11 consideration to the State of Hawaii as
12 consideration for a lease entered into
13 under paragraph (1).

14 (ii) IN-KIND CONSIDERATION.—In-
15 kind consideration provided under clause
16 (i) may include services or provision of real
17 property of the United States.

18 (4) SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR COSTS FOR EARLY
19 TERMINATION.—The costs associated with the early
20 termination of a lease entered into under paragraph
21 (1) may be paid from—

22 (A) authorizations available at the time the
23 lease was executed;

24 (B) authorizations available at the time the
25 United States terminates the lease; or

1 (C) any combination thereof.

2 (c) EXEMPTION FROM SCREENING REQUIRE-
3 MENTS.—The authority to convey land and interests
4 therein under this section is exempt from any screening
5 process required under section 2696(b) of title 10, United
6 States Code.

7 (d) SUNSET.—The authority to enter into any agree-
8 ment for lease or acquisition through exchange under this
9 section, except for lease extensions, shall expire on Decem-
10 ber 31, 2031.

11 **SEC. 2832. REPORT ON LAND WITHDRAWALS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
14 Army shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services
15 of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report
16 on the land withdrawals at Fort Greely and Fort Wain-
17 wright Training Ranges, Alaska, and McGregor Range,
18 Fort Bliss, New Mexico, under subsections (c) and (d) of
19 section 3011 of the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of
20 1999 (title XXX of Public Law 106–65; 113 Stat. 889).

21 (b) ELEMENTS REQUIRED.—The report required by
22 subsection (a) shall include—

23 (1) a description of the operational and training
24 impacts should the land withdrawals described in
25 subsection (a) not be renewed; and

1 (2) any requested changes to those land with-
2 drawals that would require an Act of Congress.

3 **Subtitle D—Other Matters**

4 **SEC. 2841. MODIFICATIONS TO DEFENSE COMMUNITY IN-** 5 **FRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM.**

6 (a) MODIFICATION TO CATEGORIES FOR ASSIST-
7 ANCE.—Section 2391(d)(1)(B) of title 10, United States
8 Code, is amended—

9 (1) in the matter preceding clause (i), by strik-
10 ing “, including selection” and all that follows
11 through “of priority” and inserting “for each of the
12 following categories”;

13 (2) in clause (i), by striking “military value”
14 and all that follows through the period and inserting
15 “the readiness of a military department or mission
16 assurance at a military installation.”; and

17 (3) by redesignating clauses (ii) and (iv) as
18 clauses (iv) and (ii), respectively, and—

19 (A) by moving clause (ii), as so redesign-
20 nated, after clause (i); and

21 (B) by moving clause (iv), as so redesign-
22 nated, after clause (iii).

23 (b) TEMPORARY PRIORITY AND ALLOCATION OF
24 FUNDS UNDER PROGRAM.—During the two-year period

1 beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the
2 Secretary of Defense shall—

3 (1) give priority under the Defense Community
4 Infrastructure Program under section 2391(d) of
5 title 10, United States Code, to projects under sub-
6 paragraph (B)(ii) of such section (as amended by
7 subsection (a)), for which an application has been
8 previously made for assistance under that program;
9 and

10 (2) allocate not less than two-thirds of the
11 amounts appropriated or otherwise made available
12 for such program equally among projects under sub-
13 paragraphs (B)(i) and (B)(ii) of such program (as
14 amended by subsection (a)).

15 **SEC. 2842. DESIGNATION OF RONALD REAGAN SPACE AND**
16 **MISSILE TEST RANGE AT KWAJALEIN ATOLL**
17 **IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS.**

18 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Ronald Reagan Ballistic
19 Missile Defense Test Site located at Kwajalein Atoll in the
20 Marshall Islands shall after the date of the enactment of
21 this Act be known and designated as the “Ronald Reagan
22 Space and Missile Test Range”.

23 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law, regula-
24 tion, map, document, paper, or other record of the United
25 States to the site specified in subsection (a) shall be con-

1 sidered to be a reference to the Ronald Reagan Space and
2 Missile Test Range.

3 (c) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 2887 of the
4 Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
5 2001 (division B of Public Law 106–398; 114 Stat.
6 1654A–440) is repealed.

7 **SEC. 2843. JOINT BASE FACILITY MANAGEMENT OF DE-**
8 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

9 (a) WORKFORCE REASSESSMENT FOR JOINT BASE
10 FACILITY MANAGEMENT.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
13 retary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on
14 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
15 resentatives a report containing a reassessment by
16 the Secretary of each military department regarding
17 the joint base facility management workforce of the
18 Department of Defense.

19 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each reassessment required
20 under paragraph (1) shall include—

21 (A) an assessment of the workload require-
22 ments of facility management offices with re-
23 spect to the work required to maintain the fa-
24 cilities of jointly used installations in good
25 working order;

1 (B) an assessment of the workforce levels
2 needed to complete the workload identified
3 under subparagraph (A);

4 (C) information on workforce gaps, if any,
5 that exist between current facility management
6 workforce levels and the workforce levels identi-
7 fied in subparagraph (B) and the reasons for
8 the workforce gaps; and

9 (D) a strategy on how to address work-
10 force gaps, including periodic reassessment of
11 workforce levels and funding needs.

12 (b) CONSOLIDATED JOINT BASE INSTRUCTION.—Not
13 later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of
14 this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the
15 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
16 House of Representatives a report on the status of and
17 reason for any delay in producing a draft Department of
18 Defense instruction to establish policies for the manage-
19 ment of jointly used military installations.

20 (c) BRIEFING ON JOINT BASE FUNDING TO SUP-
21 PORTED COMPONENTS.—Not later than 120 days after
22 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
23 Defense shall provide to the Committees on Armed Serv-
24 ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives a
25 briefing on identifying the funding allocations among sup-

1 ported and supporting components for maintenance of fa-
2 cilities of jointly used military installations, and an assess-
3 ment of any risk to mission readiness resulting from those
4 funding levels.

5 **SEC. 2844. LIMITATION ON USE OF AMOUNTS FOR TRAVEL**
6 **BASED ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIRE-**
7 **MENTS RELATED TO MINIMUM CAPITAL IN-**
8 **VESTMENT.**

9 The Secretary and each service chief of a military de-
10 partment (including the Commandant of the Marine Corps
11 with respect to the Department of the Navy and the Chief
12 of Space Operations with respect to the Department of
13 the Air Force) may not use amounts appropriated to the
14 Department of Defense for travel outside the continental
15 United States if the Secretary of Defense determines that
16 the military department is not in compliance with the re-
17 quirements under section 2680 of title 10, United States
18 Code.

19 **SEC. 2845. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON JOINT USE OF**
20 **HOMESTEAD AIR RESERVE BASE WITH CIVIL**
21 **AVIATION.**

22 Section 2874 of the Military Construction Authoriza-
23 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (division B of Public Law
24 117–263; 136 Stat. 3014), as amended by section 2808
25 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal

1 Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159), is further
2 amended by striking “September 30, 2028” and inserting
3 “September 30, 2034”.

4 **SEC. 2846. PILOT PROGRAM ON PROCUREMENT OF UTILITY**
5 **SERVICES FOR INSTALLATIONS OF THE DE-**
6 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE THROUGH**
7 **AREAWIDE CONTRACTS.**

8 (a) PILOT PROGRAM REQUIRED.—Not later than 30
9 days after the date of the enactment of the Act, the Sec-
10 retary of Defense shall establish a pilot program for the
11 purposes of procuring utility services through an areawide
12 contract with a public utility provider for any services that
13 support energy resilience and mission readiness of an in-
14 stallation of the Department of Defense (in this section
15 referred to as the “pilot program”).

16 (b) DURATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall
17 carry out the pilot program during the one-year period be-
18 ginning on the date of the commencement of the pilot pro-
19 gram.

20 (c) DEADLINE FOR CONTRACTS.—Not later than 180
21 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
22 retary of each military department shall enter into at least
23 one areawide contract under the pilot program.

24 (d) PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS.—The Sec-
25 retary shall carry out the pilot program by entering into

1 one or more public-private partnerships through an
2 areawide contract entered into under the pilot program.

3 (e) COMPETITION.—The pilot program shall include
4 the development of a justification and approval template
5 and waiver in accordance with part 6.302 of the Federal
6 Acquisition Regulation that is used by all acquisition com-
7 mands of the military departments in carrying out the
8 pilot program.

9 (f) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 90
10 days after the termination of the pilot program, the Sec-
11 retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense
12 committees a report that includes—

13 (1) an analysis of the pilot program, including
14 any efficiencies, benefits, and cost-savings associated
15 with utilizing areawide contracts under the pilot pro-
16 gram to procure utility services from a public utility
17 provider; and

18 (2) proposed solutions, including recommended
19 legislative text and modifications to the Federal Ac-
20 quisition Regulation or policy guidance of the De-
21 partment of Defense, to overcome any remaining
22 legal and policy hurdles that the Department identi-
23 fies as inhibiting adherence to and implementation
24 of section 2811(b) of the Military Construction Au-

1 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (division B of
2 Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C. 2920 note).

3 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms
4 “areawide contract”, “energy resilience”, and “utility
5 service” have the meanings given those terms in section
6 2811(b)(3) of the Military Construction Authorization Act
7 for Fiscal Year 2024 (division B of Public Law 118–31;
8 10 U.S.C. 2920 note).

9 **SEC. 2847. AUTHORIZATION FOR MONETARY CONTRIBU-**
10 **TIONS TO THE CONVEYEES OF UTILITY SYS-**
11 **TEMS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVE-**
12 **MENTS.**

13 Section 2688(k) of title 10, United States Codes, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 “(k) IMPROVEMENT OF CONVEYED UTILITY SYS-
16 TEM.—(1) In lieu of carrying out a military construction
17 project for an infrastructure improvement that enhances
18 the reliability, resilience, efficiency, physical security, or
19 cybersecurity of a utility system conveyed under sub-
20 section (a), the Secretary concerned may use funds au-
21 thorized and appropriated for the project to make a mone-
22 tary contribution equal to the total amount for the com-
23 pleted project to the conveyee of the utility system to carry
24 out the project using a contract for utility services entered
25 into under subsection (d).

1 “(2) All right, title, and interest to infrastructure im-
2 provements constructed by the conveyee pursuant to para-
3 graph (1) shall vest in the conveyee.

4 “(3) The Secretary concerned shall provide to the
5 conveyee the necessary real property interests to access
6 and use lands under the jurisdiction and control of the
7 Secretary for construction of the project under paragraph
8 (1) and for ongoing use, operations, and maintenance.

9 “(4) If the Secretary concerned exercises a repur-
10 chase option under a contract entered into under sub-
11 section (d) for a system conveyed under subsection (a),
12 the Secretary shall receive an offset in the amount of the
13 contribution to the conveyee under paragraph (1) against
14 the payment made by the Secretary as consideration for
15 the repurchase, except that the maximum offset may not
16 exceed the full amount of the consideration for the repur-
17 chase.

18 “(5) The Secretary concerned may make a monetary
19 contribution authorized by paragraph (1) without regard
20 to the following provisions of law:

21 “(A) Sections 7540, 8612, and 9540 of this
22 title.

23 “(B) Subchapters I and III of chapter 169 of
24 this title.

25 “(C) Chapters 221 and 223 of this title.”.

1 **SEC. 2848. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR DEVELOP-**
2 **MENT OF GREENBURY POINT CONSERVATION**
3 **AREA AT NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY ANNAP-**
4 **OLIS, MARYLAND.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to
6 be appropriated to the Department of Defense for fiscal
7 year 2026 may be used for any activity of the Department
8 of Defense related to the construction of any project com-
9 mencing on or after the date of the enactment of this Act
10 at Greenbury Point Conservation Area at Naval Support
11 Activity Annapolis, Maryland, that—

12 (1) constructs a new golf course at Greenbury
13 Point Conservation Area;

14 (2) limits public access to Greenbury Point
15 Conservation Area; or

16 (3) is in violation of section 2855 of the Na-
17 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
18 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat. 766).

19 (b) OUTSIDE FUNDS PROHIBITED.—The Secretary
20 of Defense may not use any funds from sources outside
21 the Department of Defense to make improvements to
22 Greenbury Point Conservation Area at Naval Support Ac-
23 tivity Annapolis, Maryland.

1 **SEC. 2849. APPLICATION OF CERTAIN AUTHORITIES AND**
 2 **STANDARDS TO HISTORIC MILITARY HOUS-**
 3 **ING AND ASSOCIATED HISTORIC PROPERTIES**
 4 **OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AND THE**
 5 **DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE.**

6 Title 54, United States Code, is amended by inserting
 7 after section 307108 the following new section:

8 **“§ 307109. Application of certain authorities and**
 9 **standards to historic military housing**
 10 **and associated historic properties of the**
 11 **Department of the Navy and the Depart-**
 12 **ment of the Air Force**

13 “(a) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO NAVY
 14 AND AIR FORCE MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING.—The Sec-
 15 retary of the Navy and the Secretary of the Air Force,
 16 in satisfaction of requirements under this division, may
 17 apply the authority and standards contained in the docu-
 18 ments titled ‘Department of the Army Program Comment
 19 for the Preservation of Pre-1919 Historic Army Housing,
 20 Associated Buildings and Structures, and Landscape Fea-
 21 tures’ (published on June 13, 2024) (89 Fed. Reg.
 22 50350), ‘Department of the Army Program Comment for
 23 Inter-War Era Historic Housing, Associated Buildings
 24 and Structures, and Landscape Features (1919–1940)’
 25 (published on October 13, 2020) (85 Fed. Reg. 64491),
 26 and ‘Department of the Army Program Comment for Viet-

1 nam War Era Historic Housing, Associated Buildings and
 2 Structures, and Landscape Features (1963–1975)’ (pub-
 3 lished on May 4, 2023) (88 Fed. Reg. 28573) to all mili-
 4 tary housing (including privatized military housing under
 5 subchapter IV of this chapter) constructed during the ap-
 6 plicable periods.

7 “(b) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO
 8 CAPEHART AND WHERRY ERA NAVY AND AIR FORCE
 9 MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING.—The Secretary of the Navy
 10 and the Secretary of the Air Force may apply the author-
 11 ity and standards contained in the document titled ‘Pro-
 12 gram Comment for Capehart and Wherry Era Housing
 13 and Associated Structures and Landscape Features
 14 (1949–1962)’ (published on November 18, 2005) (70 Fed.
 15 Reg. 69959) to all military housing (including privatized
 16 military housing under subchapter IV of this chapter) con-
 17 structed during the period beginning on January 1, 1941,
 18 and ending on December 31, 1948, located on a military
 19 installation under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the
 20 Navy or the Secretary of the Air Force.

21 “(c) TEMPORARY APPLICATION OF CERTAIN AU-
 22 THORITY TO VIETNAM WAR ERA NAVY AND AIR FORCE
 23 MILITARY HOUSING.—During the period beginning on the
 24 date of the enactment of the Military Construction Au-
 25 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 and ending on De-

1 cember 31, 2045, the Secretary of the Navy and the Sec-
2 retary of the Air Force, in satisfaction of requirements
3 under this division, may apply the authority and standards
4 contained in the document titled ‘Department of the Army
5 Program Comment for Vietnam War Era Historic Hous-
6 ing, Associated Buildings and Structures, and Landscape
7 Features (1963–1975)’ (published on May 4, 2023) (88
8 Fed. Reg. 28573) to all military housing (including
9 privatized military housing under subchapter IV of this
10 chapter) constructed after 1975 located on a military in-
11 stallation under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the
12 Navy or the Secretary of the Air Force.

13 “(d) REPORT.—As part of each report of the Navy
14 or the Air Force required under section 3(c) of Executive
15 Order 13287 (54 U.S.C. 306101 note), the Secretary of
16 the Navy or the Secretary of the Air Force, as the case
17 may be, shall submit to the Advisory Council on Historic
18 Preservation a report on the implementation of this sec-
19 tion.

20 “(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
21 tion may be construed to preclude or require the amend-
22 ment of the documents of the Office of the Assistant Sec-
23 retary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environ-
24 ment described in subsection (a) by the Secretary of the

1 Army or the Chair of the Advisory Council on Historic
2 Preservation.”.

3 **DIVISION C—DEPARTMENT OF**
4 **ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY**
5 **AUTHORIZATIONS AND**
6 **OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS**

7 **TITLE XXXI—DEPARTMENT OF**
8 **ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY**
9 **PROGRAMS**

10 **Subtitle A—National Security**
11 **Programs and Authorizations**

12 **SEC. 3101. NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRA-**
13 **TION.**

14 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds
15 are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Depart-
16 ment of Energy for fiscal year 2026 for the activities of
17 the National Nuclear Security Administration in carrying
18 out programs as specified in the funding table in section
19 4701.

20 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF NEW PLANT PROJECTS.—
21 From funds referred to in subsection (a) that are available
22 for carrying out plant projects, the Secretary of Energy
23 may carry out new plant projects for the National Nuclear
24 Security Administration as follows:

1 Project 26-D-511 MESA Photolithography Ca-
2 pability (MPC), Sandia National Laboratories,
3 \$40,000,000.

4 Project 26-D-510 Product Realization Infra-
5 structure for Stockpile Modernization, Lawrence
6 Livermore National Laboratory, \$15,000,000.

7 Project 26-D-512 LANSCE Modernization
8 Project (LAMP), Los Alamos National Laboratory,
9 \$20,000,000.

10 Project 26-D-513 Combined Radiation Environ-
11 ments for Survivability Testing, Sandia National
12 Laboratories, \$52,248,000.

13 Project 26-D-514 NIF Enhanced Fusion Yield
14 Capability, Lawrence Livermore National Labora-
15 tory, \$26,000,000.

16 Project 26-D-530 East Side Office Building,
17 \$75,000,000.

18 **SEC. 3102. DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP.**

19 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated to
20 the Department of Energy for fiscal year 2026 for defense
21 environmental cleanup activities in carrying out programs
22 as specified in the funding table in section 4701.

23 **SEC. 3103. OTHER DEFENSE ACTIVITIES.**

24 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated to
25 the Department of Energy for fiscal year 2026 for other

1 defense activities in carrying out programs as specified in
 2 the funding table in section 4701.

3 **SEC. 3104. NUCLEAR ENERGY.**

4 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated to
 5 the Department of Energy for fiscal year 2026 for nuclear
 6 energy as specified in the funding table in section 4701.

7 **Subtitle B—Program Authoriza-**
 8 **tions, Restrictions, and Limita-**
 9 **tions**

10 **SEC. 3111. ORGANIZATION AND CODIFICATION OF PROVI-**
 11 **SIONS OF LAW RELATING TO ATOMIC EN-**
 12 **ERGY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart A of part VI of subtitle
 14 A of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding
 15 at the end the following new chapter:

16 **“CHAPTER 552—ATOMIC ENERGY**
 17 **DEFENSE**

“CHAPTER 552—ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE

“Sec. 5601. Definitions.

“SUBCHAPTER I—ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

“Sec. 5611. Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program.

“Sec. 5612. Management structure for nuclear security enterprise.

“Sec. 5613. Monitoring of industrial base for nuclear weapons components,
subsystems, and materials .

“Sec. 5614. Common financial reporting system for the nuclear security enter-
prise .

“Sec. 5615. Restriction on licensing requirement for certain defense activities
and facilities.

“Sec. 5616. Establishment of Center for Security Technology, Analysis, Re-
sponse, and Testing.

“SUBCHAPTER II—NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILE MATTERS

“PART A—STOCKPILE STEWARDSHIP AND WEAPONS PRODUCTION

- “Sec. 5621. Stockpile stewardship program.
- “Sec. 5622. Portfolio management framework for National Nuclear Security Administration .
- “Sec. 5623. Stockpile stewardship criteria.
- “Sec. 5624. Nuclear weapons stockpile stewardship, management, and responsiveness plan.
- “Sec. 5625. Major warhead refurbishment program .
- “Sec. 5626. Stockpile management program.
- “Sec. 5627. Annual assessments and reports to the President and Congress regarding the condition of the United States nuclear weapons stockpile.
- “Sec. 5628. Form of certifications regarding the safety or reliability of the nuclear weapons stockpile.
- “Sec. 5629. Nuclear test ban readiness program.
- “Sec. 5630. Requirements for specific request for new or modified nuclear weapons.
- “Sec. 5631. Testing of nuclear weapons.
- “Sec. 5632. Manufacturing infrastructure for refabrication and certification of nuclear weapons stockpile.
- “Sec. 5633. Acceleration of depleted uranium manufacturing processes .
- “Sec. 5634. Reports on critical difficulties at national security laboratories and nuclear weapons production facilities.
- “Sec. 5635. Selected acquisition reports and independent cost estimates and reviews of certain programs and facilities.
- “Sec. 5636. Advice to President and Congress regarding safety, security, and reliability of United States nuclear weapons stockpile.
- “Sec. 5637. Notification of certain regulations that impact the National Nuclear Security Administration .
- “Sec. 5638. Plutonium pit production capacity.
- “Sec. 5639. Certification of completion of milestones with respect to plutonium pit aging .
- “Sec. 5640. Authorization of workforce development and training partnership programs within National Nuclear Security Administration .
- “Sec. 5641. Stockpile responsiveness program.
- “Sec. 5642. Long-term plan for meeting national security requirements for unencumbered uranium.
- “Sec. 5643. Plan for domestic enrichment capability to satisfy Department of Defense uranium requirements .
- “Sec. 5644. Incorporation of integrated surety architecture.
- “Sec. 5645. W93 nuclear warhead acquisition process.
- “Sec. 5646. Earned value management and technology readiness levels for life extension programs.

“PART B—TRITIUM

- “Sec. 5651. Tritium production program.
- “Sec. 5652. Tritium recycling.
- “Sec. 5653. Modernization and consolidation of tritium recycling facilities .

“SUBCHAPTER III—PROLIFERATION MATTERS

- “Sec. 5661. Authority to conduct program relating to fissile materials.
- “Sec. 5662. Completion of material protection, control, and accounting activities in the Russian Federation .

- “Sec. 5663. Disposition of weapons-usable plutonium at Savannah River Site.
- “Sec. 5664. Disposition of surplus defense plutonium at Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina.
- “Sec. 5665. Acceleration of removal or security of fissile materials, radiological materials, and related equipment at vulnerable sites worldwide.
- “Sec. 5666. Acceleration of replacement of cesium blood irradiation sources .
- “Sec. 5667. International agreements on nuclear weapons data.
- “Sec. 5668. International agreements on information on radioactive materials.
- “Sec. 5669. Defense nuclear nonproliferation management plan.
- “Sec. 5670. Information relating to certain defense nuclear nonproliferation programs.
- “Sec. 5671. Annual Selected Acquisition Reports on certain hardware relating to defense nuclear nonproliferation.

“SUBCHAPTER IV—DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP MATTERS

“PART A—DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP

- “Sec. 5681. Defense environmental cleanup account.
- “Sec. 5682. Classification of defense environmental cleanup as capital asset projects or operations activities .
- “Sec. 5683. Requirement to develop future use plans for defense environmental cleanup.
- “Sec. 5684. Future-years defense environmental cleanup plan.
- “Sec. 5685. Accelerated schedule for defense environmental cleanup activities.
- “Sec. 5686. Defense environmental cleanup technology program.
- “Sec. 5687. Other programs relating to technology development.
- “Sec. 5688. Report on defense environmental cleanup expenditures.
- “Sec. 5689. Public participation in planning for defense environmental cleanup.
- “Sec. 5690. Policy of Department of Energy regarding future defense environmental management matters .
- “Sec. 5691. Estimation of costs of meeting defense environmental cleanup milestones required by consent orders.
- “Sec. 5692. Public statement of environmental liabilities.

“PART B—CLOSURE OF FACILITIES

- “Sec. 5701. Reports in connection with permanent closures of Department of Energy defense nuclear facilities.
- “Sec. 5702. Defense site acceleration completion .
- “Sec. 5703. Sandia National Laboratories .
- “Sec. 5704. Plan for deactivation and decommissioning of nonoperational defense nuclear facilities.

“PART C—HANFORD RESERVATION, WASHINGTON

- “Sec. 5711. Safety measures for waste tanks at Hanford Nuclear Reservation.
- “Sec. 5712. Hanford waste tank cleanup program reforms.
- “Sec. 5713. River protection project.
- “Sec. 5714. Notification regarding air release of radioactive or hazardous material.

“PART D—SAVANNAH RIVER SITE, SOUTH CAROLINA

- “Sec. 5721. Accelerated schedule for isolating high-level nuclear waste at the Defense Waste Processing Facility, Savannah River Site.
- “Sec. 5722. Multi-year plan for clean-up.

“Sec. 5723. Continuation of processing, treatment, and disposal of legacy nuclear materials.

“SUBCHAPTER V—SAFEGUARDS AND SECURITY MATTERS

“PART A—SAFEGUARDS AND SECURITY

- “Sec. 5731. Prohibition on international inspections of Department of Energy facilities unless protection of restricted data is certified.
- “Sec. 5732. Restrictions on access to national security laboratories by foreign visitors from sensitive countries.
- “Sec. 5733. Background investigations of certain personnel at Department of Energy facilities.
- “Sec. 5734. Department of Energy counterintelligence polygraph program.
- “Sec. 5735. Notice to congressional committees of certain security and counterintelligence failures within atomic energy defense programs.
- “Sec. 5736. Annual report and certification on status of security of atomic energy defense facilities.
- “Sec. 5737. Protection of certain nuclear facilities and assets from unmanned aircraft.
- “Sec. 5738. Reporting on penetrations of networks of contractors and subcontractors.

“PART B—CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

- “Sec. 5741. Review of certain documents before declassification and release.
- “Sec. 5742. Protection against inadvertent release of restricted data and formerly restricted data.
- “Sec. 5743. Supplement to plan for declassification of restricted data and formerly restricted data.
- “Sec. 5744. Protection of classified information during laboratory-to-laboratory exchanges.
- “Sec. 5745. Identification in budget materials of amounts for declassification activities and limitation on expenditures for such activities.

“SUBCHAPTER VI—PERSONNEL MATTERS

“PART A—PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

- “Sec. 5751. Authority for appointment of certain scientific, engineering, and technical personnel.
- “Sec. 5752. Whistleblower protection program.
- “Sec. 5753. Department of Energy defense nuclear facilities workforce restructuring plan.
- “Sec. 5754. Authority to provide certificate of commendation to Department of Energy and contractor employees for exemplary service in stockpile stewardship and security.

“PART B—EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- “Sec. 5761. Executive management training in Department of Energy.
- “Sec. 5762. Stockpile stewardship recruitment and training program.
- “Sec. 5763. Fellowship program for development of skills critical to the nuclear security enterprise.

“PART C—WORKER SAFETY

- “Sec. 5771. Worker protection at nuclear weapons facilities.

- “Sec. 5772. Safety oversight and enforcement at defense nuclear facilities.
- “Sec. 5773. Program to monitor department of energy workers exposed to hazardous and radioactive substances.
- “Sec. 5774. Programs for persons who may have been exposed to radiation released from Hanford Nuclear Reservation.
- “Sec. 5775. Use of probabilistic risk assessment to ensure nuclear safety of facilities of the Administration and the Office of Environmental Management.
- “Sec. 5776. Notification of nuclear criticality and non-nuclear incidents.

“SUBCHAPTER VII—BUDGET AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT MATTERS

“PART A—RECURRING NATIONAL SECURITY AUTHORIZATION PROVISIONS

- “Sec. 5781. Definitions.
- “Sec. 5782. Reprogramming.
- “Sec. 5783. Minor construction projects.
- “Sec. 5784. General plant projects .
- “Sec. 5785. Limits on construction projects.
- “Sec. 5786. Fund transfer authority.
- “Sec. 5787. Conceptual and construction design.
- “Sec. 5788. Authority for emergency planning, design, and construction activities.
- “Sec. 5789. Scope of authority to carry out plant projects.
- “Sec. 5790. Availability of funds.
- “Sec. 5791. Transfer of defense environmental cleanup funds.
- “Sec. 5792. Transfer of weapons activities funds.
- “Sec. 5793. Funds available for all national security programs of the Department of Energy.
- “Sec. 5794. Notification of cost overruns for certain Department of Energy projects.
- “Sec. 5795. Life-cycle cost estimates of certain atomic energy defense capital assets.
- “Sec. 5796. Use of best practices for capital asset projects and nuclear weapon life extension programs .
- “Sec. 5797. Matters relating to critical decisions.
- “Sec. 5798. Unfunded priorities of the Administration.
- “Sec. 5799. Review of adequacy of nuclear weapons budget.
- “Sec. 5800. Improvements to cost estimates informing analyses of alternatives.

“PART B—PENALTIES

- “Sec. 5801. Restriction on use of funds to pay penalties under environmental laws.
- “Sec. 5802. Restriction on use of funds to pay penalties under Clean Air Act.

“PART C—OTHER MATTERS

- “Sec. 5811. Reports on financial balances for atomic energy defense activities.
- “Sec. 5812. Independent acquisition project reviews of capital assets acquisition projects.

“SUBCHAPTER VIII—ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

“PART A—CONTRACTS

- “Sec. 5821. Costs not allowed under covered contracts.

- “Sec. 5822. Prohibition and report on bonuses to contractors operating defense nuclear facilities.
- “Sec. 5823. Assessments of emergency preparedness of defense nuclear facilities.
- “Sec. 5824. Contractor liability for injury or loss of property arising out of atomic weapons testing programs.
- “Sec. 5825. Notice-and-wait requirement applicable to certain third-party financing arrangements.
- “Sec. 5826. Publication of contractor performance evaluations leading to award fees.
- “Sec. 5827. Enhanced procurement authority to manage supply chain risk.
- “Sec. 5828. Cost-benefit analyses for competition of management and operating contracts.

“PART B—RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

- “Sec. 5831. Laboratory-directed research and development programs.
- “Sec. 5832. Laboratory-directed research and development.
- “Sec. 5833. Funding for laboratory directed research and development .
- “Sec. 5834. Charges to individual program, project, or activity.
- “Sec. 5835. Limitations on use of funds for laboratory directed research and development purposes.
- “Sec. 5836. Report on use of funds for certain research and development purposes.
- “Sec. 5837. Critical technology partnerships and cooperative research and development centers.
- “Sec. 5838. University-based research collaboration program.
- “Sec. 5839. Limitation on establishing an enduring bioassurance program within the administration.

“PART C—FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

- “Sec. 5841. Transfers of real property at certain Department of Energy facilities.
- “Sec. 5842. Engineering and manufacturing research, development, and demonstration by managers of certain nuclear weapons production facilities.
- “Sec. 5843. Activities at covered nuclear weapons facilities .
- “Sec. 5844. Pilot program relating to use of proceeds of disposal or utilization of certain department of energy assets.
- “Sec. 5845. Department of Energy energy parks program.
- “Sec. 5846. Authority to use passenger carriers for contractor commuting.

“PART D—OTHER MATTERS

- “Sec. 5851. Payment of costs of operation and maintenance of infrastructure at Nevada National Security Site.
- “Sec. 5852. University-based defense nuclear policy collaboration program.

1 “§ 5601. Definitions

2 “Except as otherwise provided, in this chapter:

3 “(1) The term ‘Administration’ means the Na-
 4 tional Nuclear Security Administration.

1 “(2) The term ‘Administrator’ means the Ad-
2 ministrator for Nuclear Security.

3 “(3) The term ‘classified information’ means
4 any information that has been determined pursuant
5 to Executive Order No. 12333 of December 4, 1981
6 (50 U.S.C. 3001 note), Executive Order No. 12958
7 of April 17, 1995 (50 U.S.C. 3161 note), Executive
8 Order No. 13526 of December 29, 2009 (50 U.S.C.
9 3161 note), or successor orders, to require protec-
10 tion against unauthorized disclosure and that is so
11 designated.

12 “(4) The term ‘congressional defense commit-
13 tees’ means—

14 “(A) the Committee on Armed Services
15 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
16 Senate; and

17 “(B) the Committee on Armed Services
18 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
19 House of Representatives.

20 “(5) The terms ‘defense nuclear facility’ and
21 ‘Department of Energy defense nuclear facility’ have
22 the meaning given the term ‘Department of Energy
23 defense nuclear facility’ in section 318 of the Atomic
24 Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2286g).

1 “(6) The term ‘nuclear security enterprise’
2 means the physical facilities, technology, and human
3 capital of the national security laboratories and the
4 nuclear weapons production facilities.

5 “(7) The term ‘national security laboratory’
6 means any of the following:

7 “(A) Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los
8 Alamos, New Mexico.

9 “(B) Sandia National Laboratories, Albu-
10 querre, New Mexico, and Livermore, Cali-
11 fornia.

12 “(C) Lawrence Livermore National Lab-
13 oratory, Livermore, California.

14 “(8) The term ‘Nuclear Weapons Council’
15 means the Nuclear Weapons Council established by
16 section 179.

17 “(9) The term ‘nuclear weapons production fa-
18 cility’ means any of the following:

19 “(A) The Kansas City National Security
20 Campus, Kansas City, Missouri.

21 “(B) The Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas.

22 “(C) The Y-12 National Security Com-
23 plex, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

24 “(D) The Savannah River Site, Aiken,
25 South Carolina.

1 “(E) The Nevada National Security Site,
2 Nevada.

3 “(F) Any facility of the Department of En-
4 ergy that the Secretary of Energy, in consulta-
5 tion with the Administrator and Congress, de-
6 termines to be consistent with the mission of
7 the Administration.

8 “(10) The term ‘Restricted Data’ has the
9 meaning given such term in section 11 y. of the
10 Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2014(y)).

11 “SUBCHAPTER I—ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

12 **“§ 5611. Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program**

13 “The provisions of Executive Order Numbered
14 12344, dated February 1, 1982, pertaining to the Naval
15 Nuclear Propulsion Program, shall remain in force until
16 changed by law.

17 **“§ 5612. Management structure for nuclear security**
18 **enterprise**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall estab-
20 lish a management structure for the nuclear security en-
21 terprise in accordance with the National Nuclear Security
22 Administration Act (50 U.S.C. 2401 et seq.).

23 “(b) NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRA-
24 TION COUNCIL.—

1 “(1) The Administrator shall establish a council
2 to be known as the ‘National Nuclear Security Ad-
3 ministration Council’. The Council may advise the
4 Administrator on—

5 “(A) scientific and technical issues relating
6 to policy matters;

7 “(B) operational concerns;

8 “(C) strategic planning;

9 “(D) the development of priorities relating
10 to the mission and operations of the Adminis-
11 tration and the nuclear security enterprise; and

12 “(E) such other matters as the Adminis-
13 trator determines appropriate.

14 “(2) The Council shall be composed of the di-
15 rectors of the national security laboratories and the
16 nuclear weapons production facilities.

17 “(3) The Council may provide the Adminis-
18 trator or the Secretary of Energy recommenda-
19 tions—

20 “(A) for improving the governance, man-
21 agement, effectiveness, and efficiency of the Ad-
22 ministration; and

23 “(B) relating to any other matter in ac-
24 cordance with paragraph (1).

1 “(4) Not later than 60 days after the date on
 2 which any recommendation under paragraph (3) is
 3 received, the Administrator or the Secretary, as the
 4 case may be, shall respond to the Council with re-
 5 spect to whether such recommendation will be imple-
 6 mented and the reasoning for implementing or not
 7 implementing such recommendation.

8 “(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—This section may
 9 not be construed as affecting the authority of the Sec-
 10 retary of Energy, in carrying out national security pro-
 11 grams, with respect to the management, planning, and
 12 oversight of the Administration or as affecting the delega-
 13 tion by the Secretary of authority to carry out such activi-
 14 ties, as set forth under subsection (a) of section 4102 of
 15 the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2512) as it
 16 existed before the date of the enactment of the National
 17 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public
 18 Law 112–239; 126 Stat. 2169).

19 **“§ 5613. Monitoring of industrial base for nuclear**
 20 **weapons components, subsystems, and**
 21 **materials**

22 “(a) DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL.—Not later than
 23 March 1, 2021, the Administrator shall designate a senior
 24 official within the Administration to be responsible for
 25 monitoring the industrial base that supports the nuclear

1 weapons components, subsystems, and materials of the
2 Administration, including—

3 “(1) the consistent monitoring of the current
4 status of the industrial base;

5 “(2) tracking of industrial base issues over
6 time; and

7 “(3) proactively identifying gaps or risks in spe-
8 cific areas relating to the industrial base.

9 “(b) PROVISION OF RESOURCES.—The Adminis-
10 trator shall ensure that the official designated under sub-
11 section (a) is provided with resources sufficient to conduct
12 the monitoring required by that subsection.

13 “(c) CONSULTATIONS.—The Administrator, acting
14 through the official designated under subsection (a), shall,
15 to the extent practicable and beneficial, in conducting the
16 monitoring required by that subsection, consult with—

17 “(1) officials of the Department of Defense who
18 are members of the Nuclear Weapons Council estab-
19 lished under section 179;

20 “(2) officials of the Department of Defense re-
21 sponsible for the defense industrial base; and

22 “(3) other components of the Department of
23 Energy that rely on similar components, subsystems,
24 or materials.

25 “(d) BRIEFINGS.—

1 “(1) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than April
2 1, 2021, the Administrator shall provide to the Com-
3 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
4 House of Representatives a briefing on the designa-
5 tion of the official required by subsection (a), includ-
6 ing on—

7 “(A) the responsibilities assigned to that
8 official; and

9 “(B) the plan for providing that official
10 with resources sufficient to conduct the moni-
11 toring required by subsection (a).

12 “(2) SUBSEQUENT BRIEFINGS.—Not later than
13 April 1, 2022, and annually thereafter through
14 2024, the Administrator shall provide to the Com-
15 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
16 House of Representatives a briefing on activities car-
17 ried out under this section that includes an assess-
18 ment of the progress made by the official designated
19 under subsection (a) in conducting the monitoring
20 required by that subsection.

21 “(e) REPORTS.—The Administrator, acting through
22 the official designated under subsection (a), shall submit
23 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
24 the House of Representatives, contemporaneously with
25 each briefing required by subsection (d)(2), a report—

1 “(1) identifying actual or potential risks to or
2 specific gaps in any element of the industrial base
3 that supports the nuclear weapons components, sub-
4 systems, or materials of the Administration;

5 “(2) describing the actions the Administration
6 is taking to further assess, characterize, and
7 prioritize such risks and gaps;

8 “(3) describing mitigating actions, if any, the
9 Administration has underway or planned to mitigate
10 any such risks or gaps;

11 “(4) setting forth the anticipated timelines and
12 resources needed for such mitigating actions; and

13 “(5) describing the nature of any coordination
14 with or burden sharing by other departments or
15 agencies of the Federal Government or the private
16 sector to address such risks and gaps.

17 **“§ 5614. Common financial reporting system for the**
18 **nuclear security enterprise**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—By not later than four years
20 after the date of the enactment of the National Defense
21 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–
22 328), the Administrator shall, in consultation with the Na-
23 tional Nuclear Security Administration Council estab-
24 lished by section 5612, complete, to the extent practicable,

1 the implementation of a common financial reporting sys-
2 tem for the nuclear security enterprise.

3 “(b) ELEMENTS.—The common financial reporting
4 system implemented pursuant to subsection (a) shall in-
5 clude the following:

6 “(1) Common data reporting requirements for
7 work performed using funds of the Administration,
8 including reporting of financial data by standardized
9 labor categories, labor hours, functional elements,
10 and cost elements.

11 “(2) A common work breakdown structure for
12 the Administration that aligns contractor work
13 breakdown structures with the budget structure of
14 the Administration.

15 “(3) Definitions and methodologies for identi-
16 fying and reporting costs for programs of records
17 and base capabilities within the Administration.

18 “(4) A capability to leverage, where appro-
19 priate, the Defense Cost Analysis Resource Center
20 of the Office of Cost Assessment and Program Eval-
21 uation of the Department of Defense using historical
22 costing data by the Administration.

23 “(c) REPORTS.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1,
25 2017, and annually thereafter, the Administrator

1 shall, in consultation with the National Nuclear Se-
2 curity Administration Council, submit to the con-
3 gressional defense committees a report on progress
4 of the Administration toward implementing a com-
5 mon financial reporting system for the nuclear secu-
6 rity enterprise as required by subsection (a).

7 “(2) REPORT.—Each report under this sub-
8 section shall include the following:

9 “(A) A summary of activities, accomplish-
10 ments, challenges, benefits, and costs related to
11 the implementation of a common financial re-
12 porting system for the nuclear security enter-
13 prise during the year preceding the year in
14 which such report is submitted.

15 “(B) A summary of planned activities in
16 connection with the implementation of a com-
17 mon financial reporting system for the nuclear
18 security enterprise in the year in which such re-
19 port is submitted.

20 “(C) A description of any anticipated
21 modifications to the schedule for implementing
22 a common financial reporting system for the
23 nuclear security enterprise, including an update
24 on possible risks, challenges, and costs related
25 to such implementation.

1 “(3) TERMINATION.—No report is required
 2 under this subsection after the completion of the im-
 3 plementation of a common financial reporting sys-
 4 tem for the nuclear security enterprise.

5 **“§ 5615. Restriction on licensing requirement for cer-**
 6 **tain defense activities and facilities**

7 “None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
 8 the Department of Energy National Security and Military
 9 Applications of Nuclear Energy Authorization Act of 1981
 10 (Public Law 96–540; 94 Stat. 3197) or any other Act may
 11 be used for any purpose related to licensing of any defense
 12 activity or facility of the Department of Energy by the
 13 Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

14 **“§ 5616. Establishment of Center for Security Tech-**
 15 **nology, Analysis, Response, and Testing**

16 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator for Nu-
 17 clear Security shall establish within the nuclear security
 18 enterprise a Center for Security Technology, Analysis, Re-
 19 sponse, and Testing.

20 “(b) DUTIES.—The center established under sub-
 21 section (a) shall carry out the following:

22 “(1) Provide to the Administrator, the Chief of
 23 Defense Nuclear Security, and the management and
 24 operating contractors of the nuclear security enter-
 25 prise a wide range of objective expertise on security

1 technologies, systems, analysis, testing, and response
2 forces.

3 “(2) Assist the Administrator in developing
4 standards, requirements, analysis methods, and test-
5 ing criteria with respect to security.

6 “(3) Collect, analyze, and distribute lessons
7 learned with respect to security.

8 “(4) Support inspections and oversight activi-
9 ties with respect to security.

10 “(5) Promote professional development and
11 training for security professionals.

12 “(6) Provide for advance and bulk procurement
13 for security-related acquisitions that affect multiple
14 facilities of the nuclear security enterprise.

15 “(7) Advocate for continual improvement and
16 security excellence throughout the nuclear security
17 enterprise.

18 “(8) Such other duties as the Administrator
19 may assign.

1 “SUBCHAPTER II—NUCLEAR WEAPONS
2 STOCKPILE MATTERS

3 “PART A—STOCKPILE STEWARDSHIP AND
4 WEAPONS PRODUCTION

5 “§ 5621. Stockpile stewardship program

6 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Energy,
7 acting through the Administrator, shall establish a stew-
8 ardship program to ensure—

9 “(1) the preservation of the core intellectual
10 and technical competencies of the United States in
11 nuclear weapons, including weapons design, system
12 integration, manufacturing, security, use control, re-
13 liability assessment, and certification; and

14 “(2) that the nuclear weapons stockpile is safe,
15 secure, and reliable without the use of underground
16 nuclear weapons testing.

17 “(b) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—The program shall in-
18 clude the following:

19 “(1) An increased level of effort for the con-
20 struction of new facilities and the modernization of
21 existing facilities with production and manufacturing
22 capabilities that are necessary to support the deter-
23 rence of strategic attacks against the United States
24 by maintaining and enhancing the performance, reli-

1 ability, and security of the United States nuclear
2 weapons stockpile, including—

3 “(A) the nuclear weapons production facili-
4 ties; and

5 “(B) production and manufacturing capa-
6 bilities resident in the national security labora-
7 tories.

8 “(2) Support for advanced computational capa-
9 bilities to enhance the simulation and modeling ca-
10 pabilities of the United States with respect to the
11 performance over time of nuclear weapons.

12 “(3) Support for above-ground experimental
13 programs, such as hydrotesting, high-energy lasers,
14 inertial confinement fusion, plasma physics, and ma-
15 terials research.

16 “(4) Support for the modernization of facilities
17 and projects that contribute to the experimental ca-
18 pabilities of the United States that support the
19 sustainment and modernization of the United States
20 nuclear weapons stockpile and the capabilities re-
21 quired to assess nuclear weapons effects.

22 “(5) Support for the use of, and experiments
23 facilitated by, the advanced experimental facilities of
24 the United States, including—

1 “(A) the National Ignition Facility at Law-
2 rence Livermore National Laboratory;

3 “(B) the Dual Axis Radiographic Hydro-
4 dynamic Test Facility at Los Alamos National
5 Laboratory;

6 “(C) the Z Machine at Sandia National
7 Laboratories; and

8 “(D) the experimental facilities at the Ne-
9 vada National Security Site.

10 **“§ 5622. Portfolio management framework for Na-
11 tional Nuclear Security Administration**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
13 date of the enactment of the National Defense Authoriza-
14 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81), the
15 Administrator shall—

16 “(1) in consultation with the Nuclear Weapons
17 Council established under section 179, develop and
18 implement a portfolio management framework for
19 the nuclear security enterprise that—

20 “(A) defines the Administration’s portfolio
21 of nuclear weapons stockpile and infrastructure
22 maintenance and modernization programs;

23 “(B) establishes a portfolio governance
24 structure, including portfolio-level selection cri-

1 teria, prioritization criteria, and performance
2 metrics;

3 “(C) outlines the approach of the Adminis-
4 tration to managing that portfolio; and

5 “(D) incorporates the leading practices
6 identified by the Comptroller General of the
7 United States in the report titled “Nuclear Se-
8 curity Enterprise: NNSA Should Use Portfolio
9 Management Leading Practices to Support
10 Modernization Efforts” (GAO-21-398) and
11 dated June 2021; and

12 “(2) complete an integrated, comprehensive as-
13 sessment of the portfolio management capabilities
14 required to execute the weapons activities portfolio
15 of the Administration.

16 “(b) BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than June
17 1, 2022, the Administrator shall provide to the congres-
18 sional defense committees a briefing on—

19 “(1) the progress of the Administrator in devel-
20 oping the framework described in paragraph (1) of
21 subsection (a) and completing the assessment re-
22 quired by paragraph (2) of that subsection; and

23 “(2) the plans of the Administrator for imple-
24 menting the recommendations of the Comptroller

1 General in the report referred to in paragraph
2 (1)(D) of that subsection.

3 **“§ 5623. Stockpile stewardship criteria**

4 “(a) REQUIREMENT FOR CRITERIA.—The Secretary
5 of Energy shall develop clear and specific criteria for judg-
6 ing whether the science-based tools being used by the De-
7 partment of Energy for determining the safety and reli-
8 ability of the nuclear weapons stockpile are performing in
9 a manner that will provide an adequate degree of certainty
10 that the stockpile is safe and reliable.

11 “(b) COORDINATION WITH SECRETARY OF DE-
12 FENSE.—The Secretary of Energy, in developing the cri-
13 teria required by subsection (a), shall coordinate with the
14 Secretary of Defense.

15 **“§ 5624. Nuclear weapons stockpile stewardship,**
16 **management, and responsiveness plan**

17 “(a) PLAN REQUIREMENT.—The Administrator, in
18 consultation with the Secretary of Defense and other ap-
19 propriate officials of the departments and agencies of the
20 Federal Government, shall develop and annually update
21 a plan for sustaining the nuclear weapons stockpile. The
22 plan shall cover, at a minimum, stockpile stewardship,
23 stockpile management, stockpile responsiveness, stockpile
24 surveillance, program direction, infrastructure moderniza-
25 tion, human capital, and nuclear test readiness. The plan

1 shall be consistent with the programmatic and technical
2 requirements of the most recent annual Nuclear Weapons
3 Stockpile Memorandum.

4 “(b) SUBMISSIONS TO CONGRESS.—

5 “(1) In accordance with subsection (c), not
6 later than March 15 of each even-numbered year,
7 the Administrator shall submit to the congressional
8 defense committees a summary of the plan developed
9 under subsection (a).

10 “(2) In accordance with subsection (d), not
11 later than March 15 of each odd-numbered year, the
12 Administrator shall submit to the congressional de-
13 fense committees a detailed report on the plan devel-
14 oped under subsection (a).

15 “(3) The summaries and reports required by
16 this subsection shall be submitted in unclassified
17 form, but may include a classified annex.

18 “(c) ELEMENTS OF BIENNIAL PLAN SUMMARY.—
19 Each summary of the plan submitted under subsection
20 (b)(1) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

21 “(1) A summary of the status of the nuclear
22 weapons stockpile, including the number and age of
23 warheads (including both active and inactive) for
24 each warhead type.

1 “(2) A summary of the status, plans, budgets,
2 and schedules for warhead life extension programs
3 and any other programs to modify, update, or re-
4 place warhead types.

5 “(3) A summary of the methods and informa-
6 tion used to determine that the nuclear weapons
7 stockpile is safe and reliable, as well as the relation-
8 ship of science-based tools to the collection and in-
9 terpretation of such information.

10 “(4) A summary of the status of the nuclear se-
11 curity enterprise, including programs and plans for
12 infrastructure modernization and retention of human
13 capital, as well as associated budgets and schedules.

14 “(5) A summary of the status, plans, and budg-
15 ets for carrying out the stockpile responsiveness pro-
16 gram under section 5641.

17 “(6) A summary of the plan regarding the re-
18 search and development, deployment, and lifecycle
19 sustainment of technologies described in subsection
20 (d)(7).

21 “(7) A summary of the assessment under sub-
22 section (d)(8) regarding the execution of programs
23 with current and projected budgets and any associ-
24 ated risks.

1 “(8) Identification of any modifications or up-
 2 dates to the plan since the previous summary or de-
 3 tailed report was submitted under subsection (b).

4 “(9) Such other information as the Adminis-
 5 trator considers appropriate.

6 “(d) ELEMENTS OF BIENNIAL DETAILED REPORT.—
 7 Each detailed report on the plan submitted under sub-
 8 section (b)(2) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

9 “(1) With respect to stockpile stewardship,
 10 stockpile management, and stockpile responsive-
 11 ness—

12 “(A) the status of the nuclear weapons
 13 stockpile, including the number and age of war-
 14 heads (including both active and inactive) for
 15 each warhead type;

16 “(B) for each five-year period occurring
 17 during the period beginning on the date of the
 18 report and ending on the date that is 20 years
 19 after the date of the report—

20 “(i) the planned number of nuclear
 21 warheads (including active and inactive)
 22 for each warhead type in the nuclear weap-
 23 ons stockpile; and

1 “(ii) the past and projected future
2 total lifecycle cost of each type of nuclear
3 weapon;

4 “(C) the status, plans, budgets, and sched-
5 ules for warhead life extension programs and
6 any other programs to modify, update, or re-
7 place warhead types;

8 “(D) a description of the process by which
9 the Administrator assesses the lifetimes, and re-
10 quirements for life extension or replacement, of
11 the nuclear and non-nuclear components of the
12 warheads (including active and inactive war-
13 heads) in the nuclear weapons stockpile;

14 “(E) a description of the process used in
15 recertifying the safety, security, and reliability
16 of each warhead type in the nuclear weapons
17 stockpile;

18 “(F) any concerns of the Administrator
19 that would affect the ability of the Adminis-
20 trator to recertify the safety, security, or reli-
21 ability of warheads in the nuclear weapons
22 stockpile (including active and inactive war-
23 heads);

24 “(G) mechanisms to provide for the manu-
25 facture, maintenance, and modernization of

1 each warhead type in the nuclear weapons
2 stockpile, as needed;

3 “(H) mechanisms to expedite the collection
4 of information necessary for carrying out the
5 stockpile management program required by sec-
6 tion 5626, including information relating to the
7 aging of materials and components, new manu-
8 facturing techniques, and the replacement or
9 substitution of materials;

10 “(I) mechanisms to ensure the appropriate
11 assignment of roles and missions for each na-
12 tional security laboratory and nuclear weapons
13 production facility, including mechanisms for
14 allocation of workload, mechanisms to ensure
15 the carrying out of appropriate modernization
16 activities, and mechanisms to ensure the reten-
17 tion of skilled personnel;

18 “(J) mechanisms to ensure that each na-
19 tional security laboratory has full and complete
20 access to all weapons data to enable a rigorous
21 peer-review process to support the annual as-
22 sessment of the condition of the nuclear weap-
23 ons stockpile required under section 5627;

24 “(K) mechanisms for allocating funds for
25 activities under the stockpile management pro-

1 gram required by section 5626, including allo-
2 cations of funds by weapon type and facility;

3 “(L) for each of the five fiscal years fol-
4 lowing the fiscal year in which the report is
5 submitted, an identification of the funds needed
6 to carry out the program required under section
7 5626;

8 “(M) the status, plans, activities, budgets,
9 and schedules for carrying out the stockpile re-
10 sponsiveness program under section 5641;

11 “(N) for each of the five fiscal years fol-
12 lowing the fiscal year in which the report is
13 submitted, an identification of the funds needed
14 to carry out the program required under section
15 5641; and

16 “(O) as required, when assessing and de-
17 veloping prototype nuclear weapons of foreign
18 countries, a report from the directors of the na-
19 tional security laboratories on the need and
20 plan for such assessment and development that
21 includes separate comments on the plan from
22 the Secretary of Energy and the Director of
23 National Intelligence.

24 “(2) With respect to science-based tools—

1 “(A) a description of the information need-
2 ed to determine that the nuclear weapons stock-
3 pile is safe and reliable;

4 “(B) for each science-based tool used to
5 collect information described in subparagraph
6 (A), the relationship between such tool and
7 such information and the effectiveness of such
8 tool in providing such information based on the
9 criteria developed pursuant to section 5623(a);
10 and

11 “(C) the criteria developed under section
12 5623(a) (including any updates to such cri-
13 teria).

14 “(3) An assessment of the stockpile stewardship
15 program under section 5621(a) by the Adminis-
16 trator, in consultation with the directors of the na-
17 tional security laboratories, which shall set forth—

18 “(A) an identification and description of—

19 “(i) any key technical challenges to
20 the stockpile stewardship program; and

21 “(ii) the strategies to address such
22 challenges without the use of nuclear test-
23 ing;

24 “(B) a strategy for using the science-based
25 tools (including advanced simulation and com-

1 puting capabilities) of each national security
2 laboratory to ensure that the nuclear weapons
3 stockpile is safe, secure, and reliable without
4 the use of nuclear testing;

5 “(C) an assessment of the science-based
6 tools (including advanced simulation and com-
7 puting capabilities) of each national security
8 laboratory that exist at the time of the assess-
9 ment compared with the science-based tools ex-
10 pected to exist during the period covered by the
11 future-years nuclear security program; and

12 “(D) an assessment of the core scientific
13 and technical competencies required to achieve
14 the objectives of the stockpile stewardship pro-
15 gram and other weapons activities and weap-
16 ons-related activities of the Administration, in-
17 cluding—

18 “(i) the number of scientists, engi-
19 neers, and technicians, by discipline, re-
20 quired to maintain such competencies; and

21 “(ii) a description of any shortage of
22 such individuals that exists at the time of
23 the assessment compared with any short-
24 age expected to exist during the period cov-

1 ered by the future-years nuclear security
2 program.

3 “(4) With respect to the nuclear security infra-
4 structure—

5 “(A) a description of the modernization
6 and refurbishment measures the Administrator
7 determines necessary to meet the requirements
8 prescribed in—

9 “(i) the national security strategy of
10 the United States as set forth in the most
11 recent national security strategy report of
12 the President under section 108 of the Na-
13 tional Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.
14 3043) if such strategy has been submitted
15 as of the date of the plan;

16 “(ii) the most recent national defense
17 strategy as of the date of the plan; and

18 “(iii) the most recent Nuclear Posture
19 Review as of the date of the plan;

20 “(B) a schedule for implementing the
21 measures described under subparagraph (A)
22 during the 10-year period following the date of
23 the plan;

24 “(C) the estimated levels of annual funds
25 the Administrator determines necessary to

1 carry out the measures described under sub-
2 paragraph (A), including a discussion of the cri-
3 teria, evidence, and strategies on which such es-
4 timated levels of annual funds are based; and

5 “(D)(i) a description of-

6 “(I) the metrics (based on industry
7 best practices) used by the Administrator
8 to determine the infrastructure deferred
9 maintenance and repair needs of the nu-
10 clear security enterprise; and

11 “(II) the percentage of replacement
12 plant value being spent on maintenance
13 and repair needs of the nuclear security
14 enterprise; and

15 “(ii) an explanation of whether the annual
16 spending on such needs complies with the rec-
17 ommendation of the National Research Council
18 of the National Academies of Sciences, Engi-
19 neering, and Medicine that such spending be in
20 an amount equal to four percent of the replace-
21 ment plant value, and, if not, the reasons for
22 such noncompliance and a plan for how the Ad-
23 ministrator will ensure facilities of the nuclear
24 security enterprise are being properly sustained.

1 “(5) With respect to the nuclear test readiness
2 of the United States—

3 “(A) an estimate of the period of time that
4 would be necessary for the Administrator to
5 conduct an underground test of a nuclear weap-
6 on once directed by the President to conduct
7 such a test;

8 “(B) a description of the level of test read-
9 iness that the Administrator, in consultation
10 with the Secretary of Defense, determines to be
11 appropriate;

12 “(C) a list and description of the workforce
13 skills and capabilities that are essential to car-
14 rying out an underground nuclear test at the
15 Nevada National Security Site;

16 “(D) a list and description of the infra-
17 structure and physical plants that are essential
18 to carrying out an underground nuclear test at
19 the Nevada National Security Site; and

20 “(E) an assessment of the readiness status
21 of the skills and capabilities described in sub-
22 paragraph (C) and the infrastructure and phys-
23 ical plants described in subparagraph (D).

24 “(6) A strategy for the integrated management
25 of plutonium for stockpile and stockpile stewardship

1 needs over a 20-year period that includes the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(A) An assessment of the baseline science
4 issues necessary to understand plutonium aging
5 under static and dynamic conditions under
6 manufactured and nonmanufactured plutonium
7 geometries.

8 “(B) An assessment of scientific and test-
9 ing instrumentation for plutonium at elemental
10 and bulk conditions.

11 “(C) An assessment of manufacturing and
12 handling technology for plutonium and pluto-
13 nium components.

14 “(D) An assessment of computational mod-
15 els of plutonium performance under static and
16 dynamic loading, including manufactured and
17 nonmanufactured conditions.

18 “(E) An identification of any capability
19 gaps with respect to the assessments described
20 in subparagraphs (A) through (D).

21 “(F) An estimate of costs relating to the
22 issues, instrumentation, technology, and models
23 described in subparagraphs (A) through (D)
24 over the period covered by the future-years nu-
25 clear security program under section 3253 of

1 the National Nuclear Security Administration
2 Act (50 U.S.C. 2453).

3 “(G) An estimate of the cost of eliminating
4 the capability gaps identified under subpara-
5 graph (E) over the period covered by the fu-
6 ture-years nuclear security program.

7 “(H) Such other items as the Adminis-
8 trator considers important for the integrated
9 management of plutonium for stockpile and
10 stockpile stewardship needs.

11 “(7) A plan for the research and development,
12 deployment, and lifecycle sustainment of the tech-
13 nologies employed within the nuclear security enter-
14 prise to address physical and cyber security threats
15 during the five fiscal years following the date of the
16 report, together with—

17 “(A) for each site in the nuclear security
18 enterprise, a description of the technologies de-
19 ployed to address the physical and cybersecurity
20 threats posed to that site;

21 “(B) for each site and for the nuclear se-
22 curity enterprise, the methods used by the Ad-
23 ministration to establish priorities among in-
24 vestments in physical and cybersecurity tech-
25 nologies; and

1 “(C) a detailed description of how the
2 funds identified for each program element spec-
3 ified pursuant to paragraph (1) in the budget
4 for the Administration for each fiscal year dur-
5 ing that five-fiscal-year period will help carry
6 out that plan.

7 “(8) An assessment of whether the programs
8 described by the report can be executed with current
9 and projected budgets and any associated risks.

10 “(9) Identification of any modifications or up-
11 dates to the plan since the previous summary or de-
12 tailed report was submitted under subsection (b).

13 “(e) NUCLEAR WEAPONS COUNCIL ASSESSMENT.—

14 “(1) For each detailed report on the plan sub-
15 mitted under subsection (b)(2), the Nuclear Weap-
16 ons Council shall conduct an assessment that in-
17 cludes the following:

18 “(A) An analysis of the plan, including—

19 “(i) whether the plan supports the re-
20 quirements of the national security strat-
21 egy of the United States referred to in
22 subsection (d)(4)(A)(i), the most recent the
23 national defense strategy, and the most re-
24 cent Nuclear Posture Review;

1 “(ii) whether the modernization and
2 refurbishment measures described under
3 subparagraph (A) of subsection (d)(4) and
4 the schedule described under subparagraph
5 (B) of such subsection are adequate to
6 support such requirements; and

7 “(iii) whether the plan supports the
8 stockpile responsiveness program under
9 section 5641 in a manner that meets the
10 objectives of such program and an identi-
11 fication of any improvements that may be
12 made to the plan to better carry out such
13 program.

14 “(B) An analysis of whether the plan ade-
15 quately addresses the requirements for infra-
16 structure recapitalization of the facilities of the
17 nuclear security enterprise.

18 “(C) If the Nuclear Weapons Council de-
19 termines that the plan does not adequately sup-
20 port modernization and refurbishment require-
21 ments under subparagraph (A) or the nuclear
22 security enterprise facilities infrastructure re-
23 capitalization requirements under subparagraph
24 (B), a risk assessment with respect to—

1 “(i) supporting the annual certifi-
2 cation of the nuclear weapons stockpile;
3 and

4 “(ii) maintaining the long-term safety,
5 security, and reliability of the nuclear
6 weapons stockpile.

7 “(2) Not later than 180 days after the date on
8 which the Administrator submits the plan under
9 subsection (b)(2), the Nuclear Weapons Council
10 shall submit to the congressional defense committees
11 a report detailing the assessment required under
12 paragraph (1).

13 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 “(1) The term ‘budget’, with respect to a fiscal
15 year, means the budget for that fiscal year that is
16 submitted to Congress by the President under sec-
17 tion 1105(a) of title 31.

18 “(2) The term ‘future-years nuclear security
19 program’ means the program required by section
20 3253 of the National Nuclear Security Administra-
21 tion Act (50 U.S.C. 2453).

22 “(3) The term ‘national defense strategy’
23 means the review of the defense programs and poli-
24 cies of the United States that is carried out every
25 four years under section 113(g).

1 “(4) The term ‘nuclear security budget mate-
2 rials’, with respect to a fiscal year, means the mate-
3 rials submitted to Congress by the Administrator in
4 support of the budget for that fiscal year.

5 “(5) The term ‘weapons activities’ means each
6 activity within the budget category of weapons ac-
7 tivities in the budget of the Administration.

8 “(6) The term ‘weapons-related activities’
9 means each activity under the Department of En-
10 ergy that involves nuclear weapons, nuclear weapons
11 technology, or fissile or radioactive materials, includ-
12 ing activities related to—

13 “(A) nuclear nonproliferation;

14 “(B) nuclear forensics;

15 “(C) nuclear intelligence;

16 “(D) nuclear safety; and

17 “(E) nuclear incident response.

18 **“§ 5625. Major warhead refurbishment program**

19 “In fiscal year 2015 and subsequent fiscal years, the
20 Secretary of Energy shall submit to the congressional de-
21 fense committees (as defined in 10 U.S.C. 101(a)(16)) a
22 report, on each major warhead refurbishment program
23 that reaches the Phase 6.3 milestone, that provides an
24 analysis of alternatives. Such report shall include—

1 “(1) a full description of alternatives considered
2 prior to the award of Phase 6.3;

3 “(2) a comparison of the costs and benefits of
4 each of those alternatives, to include an analysis of
5 trade-offs among cost, schedule, and performance
6 objectives against each alternative considered;

7 “(3) identification of the cost and risk of crit-
8 ical technology elements associated with each alter-
9 native, including technology maturity, integration
10 risk, manufacturing feasibility, and demonstration
11 needs;

12 “(4) identification of the cost and risk of addi-
13 tional capital asset and infrastructure capabilities
14 required to support production and certification of
15 each alternative;

16 “(5) a comparative analysis of the risks, costs,
17 and scheduling needs for any military requirement
18 intended to enhance warhead safety, security, or
19 maintainability, including any requirement to con-
20 solidate and/or integrate warhead systems or mods
21 as compared to at least one other feasible refurbish-
22 ment alternative the Nuclear Weapons Council con-
23 siderers appropriate; and

1 “(6) a life-cycle cost estimate for the alternative
2 selected that details the overall cost, scope, and
3 schedule planning assumptions.

4 **“§ 5626. Stockpile management program**

5 “(a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary of En-
6 ergy, acting through the Administrator and in consulta-
7 tion with the Secretary of Defense, shall carry out a pro-
8 gram, in support of the stockpile stewardship program, to
9 provide for the effective management, modernization, and
10 replacement, as required, of the weapons in the nuclear
11 weapons stockpile. The program shall have the following
12 objectives:

13 “(1) To enhance the performance and reliability
14 of the nuclear weapons stockpile of the United
15 States.

16 “(2) To further reduce the likelihood of the re-
17 sumption of underground nuclear weapons testing.

18 “(3) To maintain the safety and security of the
19 nuclear weapons stockpile.

20 “(4) To optimize the future size of the nuclear
21 weapons stockpile.

22 “(5) To reduce the risk of an accidental detona-
23 tion of an element of the stockpile.

1 “(6) To reduce the risk of an element of the
2 stockpile being used by a person or entity hostile to
3 the United States, its vital interests, or its allies.

4 “(b) PROGRAM LIMITATIONS.—In carrying out the
5 stockpile management program under subsection (a), the
6 Secretary of Energy shall ensure that—

7 “(1) any changes made to the stockpile shall be
8 consistent with the objectives identified in subsection
9 (a);

10 “(2) any changes made to the stockpile con-
11 sistent with the objectives identified in subsection
12 (a) are carried out in a cost effective manner; and

13 “(3) any such changes made to the stockpile
14 shall—

15 “(A) be well understood and certifiable
16 without the need to resume underground nu-
17 clear weapons testing;

18 “(B) use the design, certification, and pro-
19 duction expertise resident in the nuclear secu-
20 rity enterprise to fulfill current mission require-
21 ments of the existing stockpile; and

22 “(C) develop future generations of design,
23 certification, and production expertise in the
24 nuclear security enterprise to support the fulfill-

1 ment of mission requirements of the future
2 stockpile.

3 “(c) PROGRAM BUDGET.—In accordance with the re-
4 quirements under section 5630, for each budget submitted
5 by the President to Congress under section 1105 of title
6 31, the amounts requested for the program under this sec-
7 tion shall be clearly identified in the budget justification
8 materials submitted to Congress in support of that budget.

9 **“§ 5627. Annual assessments and reports to the Presi-**
10 **dent and Congress regarding the condi-**
11 **tion of the United States nuclear weap-**
12 **ons stockpile**

13 “(a) ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED.—For each
14 nuclear weapon type in the stockpile of the United States,
15 each official specified in subsection (b) on an annual basis
16 shall, to the extent such official is directly responsible for
17 the safety, reliability, performance, or military effective-
18 ness of that nuclear weapon type, complete an assessment
19 of the safety, reliability, performance, or military effective-
20 ness (as the case may be) of that nuclear weapon type.

21 “(b) COVERED OFFICIALS.—The officials referred to
22 in subsection (a) are the following:

23 “(1) The head of each national security labora-
24 tory.

1 “(2) The Commander of the United States
2 Strategic Command.

3 “(c) DUAL VALIDATION TEAMS IN SUPPORT OF AS-
4 SESSMENTS.—In support of the assessments required by
5 subsection (a), the Administrator may establish teams,
6 known as ‘dual validation teams’, to provide each national
7 security laboratory responsible for weapons design with
8 independent evaluations of the condition of each warhead
9 for which such laboratory has lead responsibility. A dual
10 validation team established by the Administrator shall—

11 “(1) be comprised of weapons experts from the
12 laboratory that does not have lead responsibility for
13 fielding the warhead being evaluated;

14 “(2) have access to all surveillance and under-
15 ground test data for all stockpile systems for use in
16 the independent evaluations;

17 “(3) use all relevant available data to conduct
18 independent calculations; and

19 “(4) pursue independent experiments to support
20 the independent evaluations.

21 “(d) USE OF TEAMS OF EXPERTS FOR ASSESS-
22 MENTS.—The head of each national security laboratory
23 shall establish and use one or more teams of experts,
24 known as ‘red teams’, to assist in the assessments re-
25 quired by subsection (a). Each such team shall include ex-

1 perts from both of the other national security laboratories.

2 Each such team for a national security laboratory shall—

3 “(1) review both the matters covered by the as-
4 ssessments under subsection (a) performed by the
5 head of that laboratory and any independent evalua-
6 tions conducted by a dual validation team under
7 subsection (c);

8 “(2) subject such matters to challenge; and

9 “(3) submit the results of such review and chal-
10 lenge, together with the findings and recommenda-
11 tions of such team with respect to such review and
12 challenge, to the head of that laboratory.

13 “(e) REPORT ON ASSESSMENTS.—Not later than De-
14 cember 1 of each year, each official specified in subsection
15 (b) shall submit to the Secretary concerned, and to the
16 Nuclear Weapons Council, a report on the assessments
17 that such official was required by subsection (a) to com-
18 plete. The report shall include the following:

19 “(1) The results of each such assessment.

20 “(2)(A) Such official’s determination as to
21 whether or not one or more underground nuclear
22 tests are necessary to resolve any issues identified in
23 the assessments and, if so—

1 “(i) an identification of the specific under-
2 ground nuclear tests that are necessary to re-
3 solve such issues; and

4 “(ii) a discussion of why options other
5 than an underground nuclear test are not avail-
6 able or would not resolve such issues.

7 “(B) An identification of the specific under-
8 ground nuclear tests which, while not necessary,
9 might have value in resolving any such issues and a
10 discussion of the anticipated value of conducting
11 such tests.

12 “(C) Such official’s determination as to the
13 readiness of the United States to conduct the under-
14 ground nuclear tests identified under subparagraphs
15 (A)(i) and (B), if directed by the President to do so.

16 “(3) In the case of a report submitted by the
17 head of a national security laboratory—

18 “(A) a concise statement regarding the
19 adequacy of the science-based tools and meth-
20 ods, including with respect to cyber assurance,
21 being used to determine the matters covered by
22 the assessments;

23 “(B) a concise statement regarding the
24 adequacy of the tools and methods employed by
25 the manufacturing infrastructure required by

1 section 5632 to identify and fix any inadequacy
2 with respect to the matters covered by the as-
3 sessments, and the confidence of the head in
4 such tools and methods;

5 “(C) a concise summary of the findings
6 and recommendations of any teams under sub-
7 section (d) that relate to the assessments, to-
8 gether with a discussion of those findings and
9 recommendations;

10 “(D) a concise summary of the results of
11 any independent evaluation conducted by a dual
12 validation team under subsection (c); and

13 “(E) a concise summary of any significant
14 finding investigations initiated or active during
15 the previous year for which the head of the na-
16 tional security laboratory has full or partial re-
17 sponsibility.

18 “(4) In the case of a report submitted by the
19 Commander of the United States Strategic Com-
20 mand—

21 “(A) a discussion of the relative merits of
22 other nuclear weapon types (if any), or compen-
23 satory measures (if any) that could be taken,
24 that could enable accomplishment of the mis-
25 sions of the nuclear weapon types to which the

1 assessments relate, should such assessments
2 identify any deficiency with respect to such nu-
3 clear weapon types;

4 “(B) a summary of all major assembly re-
5 leases in place as of the date of the report for
6 the active and inactive nuclear weapon stock-
7 piles; and

8 “(C) the views of the Commander on the
9 stockpile responsiveness program under section
10 5641, the activities conducted under such pro-
11 gram, and any suggestions to improve such pro-
12 gram.

13 “(5) An identification and discussion of any
14 matter having an adverse effect on the capability of
15 the official submitting the report to accurately deter-
16 mine the matters covered by the assessments.

17 “(f) SUBMITTALS TO THE PRESIDENT AND CON-
18 GRESS.—

19 “(1) Not later than February 1 of each year,
20 the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of En-
21 ergy shall submit to the President—

22 “(A) each report, without change, sub-
23 mitted to either Secretary under subsection (e)
24 during the preceding year;

1 “(B) any comments that the Secretaries
2 individually or jointly consider appropriate with
3 respect to each such report;

4 “(C) the conclusions that the Secretaries
5 individually or jointly reach as to the safety, re-
6 liability, performance, and military effectiveness
7 of the nuclear weapons stockpile of the United
8 States; and

9 “(D) any other information that the Secre-
10 taries individually or jointly consider appro-
11 priate.

12 “(2) Not later than March 15 of each year, the
13 President shall forward to Congress the matters re-
14 ceived by the President under paragraph (1) for that
15 year, together with any comments the President con-
16 siders appropriate.

17 “(3) If the President does not forward to Con-
18 gress the matters required under paragraph (2) by
19 the date required by such paragraph, the officials
20 specified in subsection (b) shall provide a briefing to
21 the congressional defense committees not later than
22 March 30 on the report such officials submitted to
23 the Secretary concerned under subsection (e).

24 “(g) CLASSIFIED FORM.—Each submittal under sub-
25 section (f) shall be in classified form only, with the classi-

1 fication level required for each portion of such submittal
 2 marked appropriately.

3 “(h) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘Sec-
 4 retary concerned’ means—

5 “(1) the Secretary of Energy, with respect to
 6 matters concerning the Department of Energy; and

7 “(2) the Secretary of Defense, with respect to
 8 matters concerning the Department of Defense.

9 **“§ 5628. Form of certifications regarding the safety or**
 10 **reliability of the nuclear weapons stock-**
 11 **pile**

12 “Any certification submitted to the President by the
 13 Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of Energy regarding
 14 confidence in the safety or reliability of a nuclear weapon
 15 type in the United States nuclear weapons stockpile shall
 16 be submitted in classified form only.

17 **“§ 5629. Nuclear test ban readiness program**

18 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary
 19 of Energy shall establish and support a program to assure
 20 that the United States is in a position to maintain the
 21 reliability, safety, and continued deterrent effect of its
 22 stockpile of existing nuclear weapons designs in the event
 23 that a low-threshold or comprehensive ban on nuclear ex-
 24 plosives testing is negotiated and ratified within the

1 framework agreed to by the United States and the Rus-
2 sian Federation.

3 “(b) PURPOSES OF PROGRAM.—The purposes of the
4 program under subsection (a) shall be the following:

5 “(1) To assure that the United States main-
6 tains a vigorous program of stockpile inspection and
7 non-explosive testing so that, if a low-threshold or
8 comprehensive test ban is entered into, the United
9 States remains able to detect and identify potential
10 problems in stockpile reliability and safety in exist-
11 ing designs of nuclear weapons.

12 “(2) To assure that the specific materials, com-
13 ponents, processes, and personnel needed for the re-
14 manufacture of existing nuclear weapons or the sub-
15 stitution of alternative nuclear warheads are avail-
16 able to support such remanufacture or substitution
17 if such action becomes necessary in order to satisfy
18 reliability and safety requirements under a low-
19 threshold or comprehensive test ban agreement.

20 “(3) To assure that a vigorous program of re-
21 search in areas related to nuclear weapons science
22 and engineering is supported so that, if a low-
23 threshold or comprehensive test ban agreement is
24 entered into, the United States is able to maintain

1 a base of technical knowledge about nuclear weapons
2 design and nuclear weapons effects.

3 “(c) CONDUCT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary of En-
4 ergy shall carry out the program provided for in sub-
5 section (a). The program shall be carried out with the par-
6 ticipation of representatives of the Department of De-
7 fense, the nuclear weapons production facilities, and the
8 national security laboratories.

9 **“§ 5630. Requirements for specific request for new or**
10 **modified nuclear weapons**

11 “(a) REQUIREMENT FOR REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR
12 DEVELOPMENT.—

13 “(1) In any fiscal year after fiscal year 2002 in
14 which the Secretary of Energy plans to carry out ac-
15 tivities described in paragraph (2) relating to the de-
16 velopment of a new nuclear weapon or modified nu-
17 clear weapon beyond phase 2 or phase 6.2 (as the
18 case may be) of the nuclear weapon acquisition proc-
19 ess, the Secretary—

20 “(A) shall specifically request funds for
21 such activities in the budget of the President
22 for that fiscal year under section 1105(a) of
23 title 31; and

24 “(B) may carry out such activities only if
25 amounts are authorized to be appropriated for

1 such activities by an Act of Congress consistent
2 with section 660 of the Department of Energy
3 Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7270).

4 “(2) The activities described in this paragraph
5 are as follows:

6 “(A) The conduct, or provision for con-
7 duct, of research and development for the pro-
8 duction of a new nuclear weapon by the United
9 States.

10 “(B) The conduct, or provision for con-
11 duct, of engineering or manufacturing to carry
12 out the production of a new nuclear weapon by
13 the United States.

14 “(C) The conduct, or provision for con-
15 duct, of research and development for the pro-
16 duction of a modified nuclear weapon by the
17 United States.

18 “(D) The conduct, or provision for con-
19 duct, of engineering or manufacturing to carry
20 out the production of a modified nuclear weap-
21 on by the United States.

22 “(b) BUDGET REQUEST FORMAT.—In a request for
23 funds under subsection (a), the Secretary shall include a
24 dedicated line item for each activity described in sub-
25 section (a)(2) for a new nuclear weapon or modified nu-

1 clear weapon that is in phase 2 or higher or phase 6.2
2 or higher (as the case may be) of the nuclear weapon ac-
3 quisition process.

4 “(c) NOTIFICATION AND BRIEFING OF NONCOVERED
5 ACTIVITIES.—In any fiscal year after fiscal year 2022, the
6 Secretary of Energy, acting through the Administrator, in
7 conjunction with the annual submission of the budget of
8 the President to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title
9 31, shall notify the congressional defense committees of—

10 “(1) any activities described in subsection
11 (a)(2) relating to the development of a new nuclear
12 weapon or modified nuclear weapon that, during the
13 calendar year prior to the budget submission, were
14 carried out prior to phase 2 or phase 6.2 (as the
15 case may be) of the nuclear weapon acquisition proc-
16 ess; and

17 “(2) any plans to carry out, prior to phase 2 or
18 phase 6.2 (as the case may be) of the nuclear weap-
19 on acquisition process, activities described in sub-
20 section (a)(2) relating to the development of a new
21 nuclear weapon or modified nuclear weapon during
22 the fiscal year covered by that budget.

23 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) The term ‘modified nuclear weapon’ means
2 a nuclear weapon that contains a pit or canned sub-
3 assembly, either of which—

4 “(A) is in the nuclear weapons stockpile as
5 of December 2, 2002; and

6 “(B) is being modified in order to meet a
7 military requirement that is other than the mili-
8 tary requirements applicable to such nuclear
9 weapon when first placed in the nuclear weap-
10 ons stockpile.

11 “(2) The term ‘new nuclear weapon’ means a
12 nuclear weapon that contains a pit or canned sub-
13 assembly, either of which is neither—

14 “(A) in the nuclear weapons stockpile on
15 December 2, 2002; nor

16 “(B) in production as of that date.

17 **“§ 5631. Testing of nuclear weapons**

18 “(a) UNDERGROUND TESTING.—No underground
19 test of nuclear weapons may be conducted by the United
20 States after September 30, 1996, unless a foreign state
21 conducts a nuclear test after this date, at which time the
22 prohibition on United States nuclear testing is lifted.

23 “(b) ATMOSPHERIC TESTING.—None of the funds
24 appropriated pursuant to the National Defense Authoriza-
25 tion Act for Fiscal Year 1994 (Public Law 103–160; 107

1 Stat. 1547) or any other Act for any fiscal year may be
2 available to maintain the capability of the United States
3 to conduct atmospheric testing of a nuclear weapon.

4 **“§ 5632. Manufacturing infrastructure for refabrica-**
5 **tion and certification of nuclear weapons**
6 **stockpile**

7 “(a) MANUFACTURING PROGRAM.—

8 “(1) The Secretary of Energy shall carry out a
9 program for purposes of establishing within the Gov-
10 ernment a manufacturing infrastructure that has the
11 capabilities of meeting the following objectives:

12 “(A) To provide a stockpile surveillance
13 engineering base.

14 “(B) To refabricate and certify weapon
15 components and types in the enduring nuclear
16 weapons stockpile, as necessary.

17 “(C) To fabricate and certify new nuclear
18 warheads, as necessary.

19 “(D) To support nuclear weapons.

20 “(E) To supply sufficient tritium in sup-
21 port of nuclear weapons to ensure an upload
22 hedge in the event circumstances require.

23 “(2) The purpose of the program carried out
24 under paragraph (1) shall also be to develop manu-
25 facturing capabilities and capacities necessary to

1 meet the requirements specified in the annual Nu-
2 clear Weapons Stockpile Memorandum.

3 “(b) REQUIRED CAPABILITIES.—The manufacturing
4 infrastructure established under the program under sub-
5 section (a) shall include the following capabilities (modern-
6 ized to attain the objectives referred to in that subsection):

7 “(1) The weapons assembly and high explosives
8 manufacturing capabilities of the Pantex Plant.

9 “(2) The weapon secondary fabrication capabili-
10 ties of the Y-12 National Security Complex, Oak
11 Ridge, Tennessee.

12 “(3) The capabilities of the Savannah River
13 Site relating to tritium recycling and processing.

14 “(4) The fissile material component processing
15 and fabrication capabilities of the Savannah River
16 Plutonium Processing Facility and the Los Alamos
17 National Laboratory.

18 “(5) The non-nuclear component capabilities of
19 the Kansas City National Security Campus, Kansas
20 City, Missouri.

21 **“§ 5633. Acceleration of depleted uranium manufac-**
22 **turing processes**

23 “(a) ACCELERATION OF MANUFACTURING.—The Ad-
24 ministrator shall require the nuclear security enterprise to
25 accelerate the modernization of manufacturing processes

1 for depleted uranium by 2030 so that the nuclear security
2 enterprise—

3 “(1) demonstrates bulk cold hearth melting of
4 depleted uranium alloys to augment existing capa-
5 bilities on an operational basis for war reserve com-
6 ponents;

7 “(2) manufactures, on a repeatable and ongoing
8 basis, war reserve depleted uranium alloy compo-
9 nents using net shape casting;

10 “(3) demonstrates, if possible, a production fa-
11 cility to conduct routine operations for manufac-
12 turing depleted uranium alloy components outside of
13 the current perimeter security fencing of the Y-12
14 National Security Complex, Oak Ridge, Tennessee;
15 and

16 “(4) has available high purity depleted uranium
17 for the production of war reserve components.

18 “(b) ANNUAL BRIEFING.—Not later than March 31,
19 2023, and annually thereafter through 2030, the Adminis-
20 trator shall provide to the congressional defense commit-
21 tees a briefing on—

22 “(1) progress made in carrying out subsection
23 (a);

24 “(2) the cost of activities conducted under such
25 subsection during the preceding fiscal year; and

1 “(3) the ability of the nuclear security enter-
2 prise to convert depleted uranium fluoride
3 hexafluoride to depleted uranium tetrafluoride.

4 **“§ 5634. Reports on critical difficulties at national se-**
5 **curity laboratories and nuclear weapons**
6 **production facilities**

7 “(a) REPORTS BY HEADS OF LABORATORIES AND
8 FACILITIES.—In the event of a difficulty at a national se-
9 curity laboratory or a nuclear weapons production facility
10 that has a significant bearing on confidence in the safety
11 or reliability of a nuclear weapon or nuclear weapon type,
12 the head of the laboratory or facility, as the case may be,
13 shall submit to the Administrator a report on the dif-
14 ficulty. The head of the laboratory or facility shall submit
15 the report as soon as practicable after discovery of the
16 difficulty.

17 “(b) TRANSMITTAL BY ADMINISTRATOR.—Not later
18 than 10 days after receipt of a report under subsection
19 (a), the Administrator shall transmit the report (together
20 with the comments of the Administrator) to the congres-
21 sional defense committees, to the Secretary of Energy and
22 the Secretary of Defense, and to the President.

23 “(c) INCLUSION OF REPORTS IN ANNUAL STOCKPILE
24 ASSESSMENT.—Any report submitted pursuant to sub-
25 section (a) shall also be submitted to the President and

1 Congress with the matters required to be submitted under
2 section 5627(f) for the year in which such report is sub-
3 mitted.

4 **“§ 5635. Selected acquisition reports and independent**
5 **cost estimates and reviews of certain pro-**
6 **grams and facilities**

7 “(a) SELECTED ACQUISITION REPORTS.—

8 “(1) At the end of the first quarter of each fis-
9 cal year, the Secretary of Energy, acting through
10 the Administrator, shall submit to the congressional
11 defense committees a report on each nuclear weapon
12 system undergoing life extension and each major al-
13 teration project (as defined in section 5794(a)(2))
14 during the preceding fiscal year. The reports shall be
15 known as Selected Acquisition Reports for the weap-
16 on system concerned.

17 “(2) The information contained in the Selected
18 Acquisition Report for a fiscal year for a nuclear
19 weapon system shall be the information contained in
20 the Selected Acquisition Report for each fiscal-year
21 quarter in that fiscal year for a major defense acqui-
22 sition program under section 4351 or any successor
23 system, expressed in terms of the nuclear weapon
24 system.

1 “(b) INDEPENDENT COST ESTIMATES AND RE-
2 VIEWS.—

3 “(1) The Secretary, acting through the Admin-
4 istrator, shall submit to the congressional defense
5 committees and the Nuclear Weapons Council the
6 following:

7 “(A) An independent cost estimate of the
8 following:

9 “(i) Each nuclear weapon system un-
10 dergoing life extension at the completion of
11 phase 6.2A or new weapon system at the
12 completion of phase 2A, relating to design
13 definition and cost study.

14 “(ii) Each nuclear weapon system un-
15 dergoing life extension at the completion of
16 phase 6.3 or new weapon system at the
17 completion of phase 3, relating to develop-
18 ment engineering.

19 “(iii) Each nuclear weapon system un-
20 dergoing life extension at the completion of
21 phase 6.4, relating to production engineer-
22 ing, and before the initiation of phase 6.5,
23 relating to first production.

24 “(iv) Each new weapon system at the
25 completion of phase 4, relating to produc-

tion engineering, and before the initiation of phase 5, relating to first production.

“(v) Each new nuclear facility within the nuclear security enterprise that is estimated to cost more than \$500,000,000 before such facility achieves critical decision 1 and before such facility achieves critical decision 2 in the acquisition process.

“(vi) Each nuclear weapons system undergoing a major alteration project (as defined in section 5794(a)(2)).

“(B) An independent cost review of each nuclear weapon system undergoing life extension at the completion of phase 6.2 or new weapon system at the completion of phase 2, relating to study of feasibility and down-select.

“(2) Each independent cost estimate and independent cost review under paragraph (1) shall include—

“(A) whether the cost baseline or the budget estimate for the period covered by the future-years nuclear security program has changed, and the rationale for any such change; and

1 “(B) any views of the Secretary or the Ad-
2 ministrators regarding such estimate or review.

3 “(3) The Administrator shall review and con-
4 sider the results of any independent cost estimate or
5 independent cost review of a nuclear weapon system
6 or a nuclear facility, as the case may be, under this
7 subsection before entering the next phase of the de-
8 velopment process of such system or the acquisition
9 process of such facility.

10 “(4) Except as otherwise specified in paragraph
11 (1), each independent cost estimate or independent
12 cost review of a nuclear weapon system or a nuclear
13 facility under this subsection shall be submitted not
14 later than 30 days after the date on which—

15 “(A) in the case of a nuclear weapons sys-
16 tem, such system completes a phase specified in
17 such paragraph; or

18 “(B) in the case of a nuclear facility, such
19 facility achieves critical decision 1 as specified
20 in subparagraph (A)(v) of such paragraph.

21 “(5) Each independent cost estimate or inde-
22 pendent cost review submitted under this subsection
23 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in-
24 clude a classified annex if necessary.

1 “(c) AUTHORITY FOR FURTHER ASSESSMENTS.—
 2 Upon the request of the Administrator, the Secretary of
 3 Defense, acting through the Director of Cost Assessment
 4 and Program Evaluation and in consultation with the Ad-
 5 ministrator, may conduct an independent cost assessment
 6 of any initiative or program of the Administration that
 7 is estimated to cost more than \$500,000,000.

8 **“§ 5636. Advice to President and Congress regarding**
 9 **safety, security, and reliability of United**
 10 **States nuclear weapons stockpile**

11 “(a) POLICY.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—It is the policy of the
 13 United States—

14 “(A) to maintain a safe, secure, effective,
 15 and reliable nuclear weapons stockpile; and

16 “(B) as long as other nations control or
 17 actively seek to acquire nuclear weapons, to re-
 18 tain a credible nuclear deterrent.

19 “(2) NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILE.—It is in
 20 the security interest of the United States to sustain
 21 the United States nuclear weapons stockpile through
 22 a program of stockpile stewardship, carried out at
 23 the national security laboratories and nuclear weap-
 24 ons production facilities.

1 “(3) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
2 Congress that—

3 “(A) the United States should retain a
4 triad of strategic nuclear forces sufficient to
5 deter any future hostile foreign leadership with
6 access to strategic nuclear forces from acting
7 against the vital interests of the United States;

8 “(B) the United States should continue to
9 maintain nuclear forces of sufficient size and
10 capability to implement an effective and robust
11 deterrent strategy; and

12 “(C) the advice of the persons required to
13 provide the President and Congress with assur-
14 ances of the safety, security, effectiveness, and
15 reliability of the nuclear weapons force should
16 be scientifically based, without regard for poli-
17 tics, and of the highest quality and integrity.

18 “(b) ADVICE AND OPINIONS REGARDING NUCLEAR
19 WEAPONS STOCKPILE.—In addition to a director of a na-
20 tional security laboratory or a nuclear weapons production
21 facility under section 5634, any member of the Nuclear
22 Weapons Council may also submit to the President, the
23 Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Energy, or the con-
24 gressional defense committees advice or opinion regarding

1 the safety, security, effectiveness, and reliability of the nu-
2 clear weapons stockpile.

3 “(c) EXPRESSION OF INDIVIDUAL VIEWS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—No individual, including a
5 representative of the President, may take any action
6 against, or otherwise constrain, a director of a na-
7 tional security laboratory or a nuclear weapons pro-
8 duction facility or a member of the Nuclear Weap-
9 ons Council from presenting the professional views
10 of the director or member, as the case may be, to
11 the President, the National Security Council, or
12 Congress regarding—

13 “(A) the safety, security, reliability, or
14 credibility of the nuclear weapons stockpile and
15 nuclear forces; or

16 “(B) the status of, and plans for, the capa-
17 bilities and infrastructure that support and sus-
18 tain the nuclear weapons stockpile and nuclear
19 forces.

20 “(2) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in paragraph
21 (1)(B) may be construed to affect the interagency
22 budget process.

23 “(d) REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT DE-
24 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘representative of the
25 President’ means the following:

1 “(1) Any official of the Department of Defense
2 or the Department of Energy who is appointed by
3 the President and confirmed by the Senate.

4 “(2) Any member or official of the National Se-
5 curity Council.

6 “(3) Any member or official of the Joint Chiefs
7 of Staff.

8 “(4) Any official of the Office of Management
9 and Budget.

10 **“§ 5637. Notification of certain regulations that im-**
11 **act the National Nuclear Security Ad-**
12 **ministration**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—If a director of a national secu-
14 rity laboratory of the Administration determines that a
15 Federal regulation could inhibit the ability of the Adminis-
16 trator to maintain the safety, security, or effectiveness of
17 the nuclear weapons stockpile without engaging in explo-
18 sive nuclear testing, such director, not later than 15 days
19 after making such determination, shall submit to Congress
20 a notification of such determination.

21 “(b) FORM.—Each notification required by sub-
22 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but
23 may include a classified annex.

1 **“§ 5638. Plutonium pit production capacity**

2 “(a) REQUIREMENT.—Consistent with the require-
3 ments of the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of En-
4 ergy shall ensure that the nuclear security enterprise—

5 “(1) during 2021, begins production of quali-
6 fication plutonium pits;

7 “(2) during 2024, produces not less than 10
8 war reserve plutonium pits;

9 “(3) during 2025, produces not less than 20
10 war reserve plutonium pits;

11 “(4) during 2026, produces not less than 30
12 war reserve plutonium pits; and

13 “(5) during 2030, produces not less than 80
14 war reserve plutonium pits.

15 “(b) ANNUAL CERTIFICATION.—Not later than
16 March 1, 2015, and each year thereafter through 2030,
17 the Secretary of Energy shall certify to the congressional
18 defense committees and the Secretary of Defense that the
19 programs and budget of the Secretary of Energy will en-
20 able the nuclear security enterprise to meet the require-
21 ments under subsection (a).

22 “(c) PLAN.—If the Secretary of Energy does not
23 make a certification under subsection (b) by March 1 of
24 any year in which a certification is required under that
25 subsection, by not later than May 1 of such year, the
26 Chairman of the Nuclear Weapons Council shall submit

1 to the congressional defense committees a plan to enable
2 the nuclear security enterprise to meet the requirements
3 under subsection (a). Such plan shall include identification
4 of the resources of the Department of Energy that the
5 Chairman determines should be redirected to support the
6 plan to meet such requirements.

7 “(d) CERTIFICATIONS ON PLUTONIUM ENTER-
8 PRISE.—

9 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 30 days
10 after the date on which a covered project achieves a
11 critical decision milestone, the Assistant Secretary
12 for Environmental Management and the Deputy Ad-
13 ministrator for Defense Programs shall jointly cer-
14 tify to the congressional defense committees that the
15 operations, infrastructure, and workforce of such
16 project are adequate to carry out the delivery and
17 disposal of planned waste shipments relating to the
18 plutonium enterprise, as outlined in the critical deci-
19 sion memoranda of the Department of Energy with
20 respect to such project.

21 “(2) FAILURE TO CERTIFY.—If the Assistant
22 Secretary for Environmental Management and the
23 Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs fail to
24 make a certification under paragraph (1) by the
25 date specified in such paragraph with respect to a

1 covered project achieving a critical decision mile-
2 stone, the Assistant Secretary and the Deputy Ad-
3 ministrator shall jointly submit to the congressional
4 defense committees, by not later than 30 days after
5 such date, a plan to ensure that the operations, in-
6 frastructure, and workforce of such project will be
7 adequate to carry out the delivery and disposal of
8 planned waste shipments described in such para-
9 graph.

10 “(e) REPORTS.—

11 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than March 1
12 of each year during the period beginning on the date
13 on which the first covered project achieves critical
14 decision 2 in the acquisition process and ending on
15 the date on which the second project achieves critical
16 decision 4 and begins operations, the Administrator
17 for Nuclear Security shall submit to the congres-
18 sional defense committees a report on the planned
19 production goals of both covered projects during the
20 first 10 years of the operation of the projects.

21 “(2) ELEMENTS.—Each report under para-
22 graph (1) shall include-

23 “(A) the number of war reserve plutonium
24 pits planned to be produced during each year,
25 including the associated warhead type;

1 “(B) a description of risks and challenges
2 to meeting the performance baseline for the
3 covered projects, as approved in critical decision
4 2 in the acquisition process;

5 “(C) options available to the Administrator
6 to balance scope, costs, and production require-
7 ments at the projects to decrease overall risk to
8 the plutonium enterprise and enduring pluto-
9 nium pit requirements; and

10 “(D) an explanation of any changes to the
11 production goals or requirements as compared
12 to the report submitted during the previous
13 year.

14 “(f) PROHIBITION ON ARIES EXPANSION BEFORE
15 ACHIEVEMENT OF 30 PIT-PER-YEAR BASE CAPABILITY.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Until the date on which the
17 Administrator certifies to the congressional defense
18 committees that the base capability to produce not
19 less than 30 war reserve plutonium pits per year has
20 been established at Los Alamos National Labora-
21 tory, the Administrator may not—

22 “(A) carry out a project to expand the pit
23 disassembly and processing capability of the
24 spaces at PF-4 occupied by ARIES as of De-
25 cember 22, 2023; or

1 “(B) otherwise expand such spaces.

2 “(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Paragraph (1) shall not
3 apply with respect to—

4 “(A) ongoing or planned small projects to
5 sustain or improve the efficiency of plutonium
6 oxide production, provided that such projects do
7 not expand the spaces at PF-4 occupied by
8 ARIES as of December 22, 2023;

9 “(B) the planning and design of an addi-
10 tional ARIES capability at a location other
11 than PF-4; or

12 “(C) the transfer of the ARIES capability
13 to a location other than PF-4.

14 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

15 “(A) The term ‘ARIES’ means the Ad-
16 vanced Recovery and Integrated Extraction
17 System method, developed and piloted at Los
18 Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New
19 Mexico, for disassembling surplus defense pluto-
20 nium pits and converting the plutonium from
21 such pits into plutonium oxide.

22 “(B) The term ‘PF-4’ means the Pluto-
23 nium Facility at Technical Area 55 located at
24 Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos,
25 New Mexico.

1 “(g) COVERED PROJECT DEFINED.—In this sub-
2 section, the term ‘covered project’ means—

3 “(1) the Savannah River Plutonium Processing
4 Facility, Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina
5 (Project 21–D–511); or

6 “(2) the Plutonium Pit Production Project, Los
7 Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New
8 Mexico (Project 21–D–512).

9 “(h) MANAGEMENT OF PLUTONIUM MODERNIZATION
10 PROGRAM.—Not later than 570 days after December 22,
11 2023, the Administrator for Nuclear Security shall ensure
12 that the plutonium modernization program established by
13 the Office of Defense Programs of the National Nuclear
14 Security Administration, or any subsequently developed
15 program designed to meet the requirements under sub-
16 section (a), is managed in accordance with the best prac-
17 tices for schedule development and cost estimating of the
18 Government Accountability Office.

19 **“§ 5639. Certification of completion of milestones**
20 **with respect to plutonium pit aging**

21 “(a) REQUIREMENT.—The Administrator shall com-
22 plete the milestones on plutonium pit aging identified in
23 the report entitled “Research Program Plan for Pluto-
24 nium and Pit Aging”, published by the Administration in
25 September 2021.

1 “(b) ASSESSMENTS.—The Administrator shall—

2 “(1) acting through the Defense Programs Ad-
3 visory Committee, conduct biennial reviews during
4 the period beginning not later than one year after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act and ending
6 December 31, 2030, regarding the progress achieved
7 toward completing the milestones described in sub-
8 section (a); and

9 “(2) seek to enter into an arrangement with the
10 private scientific advisory group known as JASON
11 to conduct, not later than 2030, an assessment of
12 plutonium pit aging.

13 “(c) BRIEFINGS.—During the period beginning not
14 later than one year after the date of the enactment of this
15 Act and ending December 31, 2030, the Administrator
16 shall provide to the congressional defense committees bien-
17 nial briefings on—

18 “(1) the progress achieved toward completing
19 the milestones described in subsection (a); and

20 “(2) the results of the assessments described in
21 subsection (b).

22 “(d) CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF MILE-
23 STONES.—Not later than October 1, 2031, the Adminis-
24 trator shall—

1 “(1) certify to the congressional defense com-
 2 mittees whether the milestones described in sub-
 3 section (a) have been achieved; and

4 “(2) if the milestones have not been achieved,
 5 submit to such committees a report—

6 “(A) describing the reasons such mile-
 7 stones have not been achieved;

8 “(B) including, if the Administrator deter-
 9 mines the Administration will not be able to
 10 meet one of such milestones, an explanation for
 11 that determination; and

12 “(C) specifying new dates for the comple-
 13 tion of the milestones the Administrator antici-
 14 pates the Administration will meet.

15 **“§ 5640. Authorization of workforce development and**
 16 **training partnership programs within**
 17 **National Nuclear Security Administration**

18 “(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Administrator for Nuclear
 19 Security may authorize management and operating con-
 20 tractors at covered facilities to develop and implement
 21 workforce development and training partnership programs
 22 to further the education and training of employees or pro-
 23 spective employees of such management and operating
 24 contractors to meet the requirements of section 5638.

1 “(b) CAPACITY.—To carry out subsection (a), a man-
2 agement and operating contractor at a covered facility
3 may provide funding through grants or other means to
4 cover the costs of the development and implementation of
5 a workforce development and training partnership pro-
6 gram authorized under such subsection, including costs re-
7 lating to curriculum development, hiring of teachers, pro-
8 curement of equipment and machinery, use of facilities or
9 other properties, and provision of scholarships and fellow-
10 ships.

11 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 “(1) The term ‘covered facility’ means—

13 “(A) Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los
14 Alamos, New Mexico; or

15 “(B) the Savannah River Site, Aiken,
16 South Carolina.

17 “(2) The term ‘prospective employee’ means an
18 individual who has applied (or who, based on their
19 field of study and experience, is likely to apply) for
20 a position of employment with a management and
21 operating contractor to support plutonium pit pro-
22 duction at a covered facility.

23 **“§ 5641. Stockpile responsiveness program**

24 “(a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
25 United States to identify, sustain, enhance, integrate, and

1 continually exercise all capabilities required to concep-
2 tualize, study, design, develop, engineer, certify, produce,
3 and deploy nuclear weapons to ensure the nuclear deter-
4 rent of the United States remains safe, secure, reliable,
5 credible, and responsive.

6 “(b) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary of En-
7 ergy, acting through the Administrator and in consulta-
8 tion with the Secretary of Defense, shall carry out a stock-
9 pile responsiveness program, along with the stockpile stew-
10 ardship program under section 5621 and the stockpile
11 management program under section 5626, to identify, sus-
12 tain, enhance, integrate, and continually exercise all capa-
13 bilities required to conceptualize, study, design, develop,
14 engineer, certify, produce, and deploy nuclear weapons.

15 “(c) OBJECTIVES.—The program under subsection
16 (b) shall have the following objectives:

17 “(1) Identify, sustain, enhance, integrate, and
18 continually exercise all of the capabilities, infrastruc-
19 ture, tools, and technologies across the science, engi-
20 neering, design, certification, and manufacturing
21 cycle required to carry out all phases of the joint nu-
22 clear weapons life cycle process, with respect to both
23 the nuclear security enterprise and relevant elements
24 of the Department of Defense.

1 “(2) Identify, enhance, and transfer knowledge,
2 skills, and direct experience with respect to all
3 phases of the joint nuclear weapons life cycle process
4 from one generation of nuclear weapon designers
5 and engineers to the following generation.

6 “(3) Periodically demonstrate stockpile respon-
7 siveness throughout the range of capabilities as re-
8 quired, such as through the use of prototypes, flight
9 testing, and development of plans for certification
10 without the need for nuclear explosive testing.

11 “(4) Shorten design, certification, and manufac-
12 turing cycles and timelines to minimize the amount
13 of time and costs leading to an engineering proto-
14 type and production.

15 “(5) Continually exercise processes for the inte-
16 gration and coordination of all relevant elements and
17 processes of the Administration and the Department
18 of Defense required to ensure stockpile responsive-
19 ness.

20 “(6) The retention of the ability, in coordina-
21 tion with the Director of National Intelligence, to as-
22 sess and develop prototype nuclear weapons of for-
23 eign countries if needed to meet intelligence require-
24 ments and, if necessary, to conduct no-yield testing
25 of those prototypes.

1 “(d) JOINT NUCLEAR WEAPONS LIFE CYCLE PROC-
2 ESS DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘joint nuclear
3 weapons life cycle process’ means the process developed
4 and maintained by the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-
5 retary of Energy for the development, production, mainte-
6 nance, and retirement of nuclear weapons.

7 **“§ 5642. Long-term plan for meeting national security**
8 **requirements for unencumbered uranium**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31 of
10 each odd-numbered year through 2031, the Secretary of
11 Energy shall submit to the congressional defense commit-
12 tees a plan for meeting national security requirements for
13 unencumbered uranium through 2070.

14 “(b) PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—The plan required by
15 subsection (a) shall include the following:

16 “(1) An inventory of unencumbered uranium
17 (other than depleted uranium), by program source
18 and enrichment level, that, as of the date of the
19 plan, is allocated to national security requirements.

20 “(2) An inventory of unencumbered uranium
21 (other than depleted uranium), by program source
22 and enrichment level, that, as of the date of the
23 plan, is not allocated to national security require-
24 ments but could be allocated to such requirements.

1 “(3) An identification of national security re-
2 quirements for unencumbered uranium through
3 2070, by program source and enrichment level.

4 “(4) An assessment of current and projected
5 unencumbered uranium production by private indus-
6 try in the United States that could support future
7 defense requirements.

8 “(5) A description of any shortfall in obtaining
9 unencumbered uranium to meet national security re-
10 quirements and an assessment of whether that
11 shortfall could be mitigated through the blending
12 down of uranium that is of a higher enrichment
13 level.

14 “(6) An inventory of unencumbered depleted
15 uranium, an assessment of the portion of that ura-
16 nium that could be allocated to national security re-
17 quirements through re-enrichment, and an estimate
18 of the costs of re-enriching that uranium.

19 “(7) A description of the swap and barter
20 agreements involving unencumbered uranium needed
21 to meet national security requirements that are in
22 effect on the date of the plan.

23 “(8) An assessment of—

1 “(A) when additional enrichment of ura-
2 nium will be required to meet national security
3 requirements; and

4 “(B) the options the Secretary is consid-
5 ering to meet such requirements, including an
6 estimated cost and timeline for each option and
7 a description of any changes to policy or law
8 that the Secretary determines would be required
9 for each option.

10 “(9) An assessment of how options to provide
11 additional enriched uranium to meet national secu-
12 rity requirements could, as an additional benefit,
13 contribute to the establishment of a sustained do-
14 mestic enrichment capacity and allow the commer-
15 cial sector of the United States to reduce reliance on
16 importing uranium from adversary countries.

17 “(c) FORM OF PLAN.—The plan required by sub-
18 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but
19 may include a classified annex.

20 “(d) COMPTROLLER GENERAL BRIEFING.—Not later
21 than 180 days after the date on which the congressional
22 defense committees receive each plan under subsection (a),
23 the Comptroller General of the United States shall provide
24 to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of

1 Representatives and the Senate a briefing that includes
2 an assessment of the plan.

3 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) The term ‘depleted’, with respect to ura-
5 nium, means that the uranium is depleted in ura-
6 nium-235 compared with natural uranium.

7 “(2) The term ‘unencumbered’, with respect to
8 uranium, means that the United States has no obli-
9 gation to foreign governments to use the uranium
10 for only peaceful purposes.

11 **“§ 5643. Plan for domestic enrichment capability to**
12 **satisfy Department of Defense uranium**
13 **requirements**

14 “(a) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the
15 date of the enactment of National Defense Authorization
16 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31), the Ad-
17 ministrator shall submit to the Committees on Armed
18 Services and Appropriations of the Senate and the House
19 of Representatives a report that contains a plan to estab-
20 lish a domestic enrichment capability sufficient to meet
21 defense requirements for enriched uranium. Such plan
22 shall include—

23 “(1) a description of defense requirements for
24 enriched uranium expected to be necessary between
25 the date of the enactment of this Act and 2060 to

1 meet the requirements of the Department of De-
2 fense, including quantities, material assay, and the
3 dates by which new enrichment is required;

4 “(2) key milestones, steps, and policy decisions
5 required to achieve the domestic uranium enrich-
6 ment capability;

7 “(3) the dates by which such key milestones are
8 to be achieved;

9 “(4) a funding profile, broken down by project
10 and sub-project, for obtaining such capability;

11 “(5) a description of any changes in the re-
12 quirement of the Department of Defense for highly
13 enriched uranium due to AUKUS; and

14 “(6) any other elements or information the Ad-
15 ministrator determines appropriate.

16 “(b) ANNUAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than February 1
18 of each year after the year during which the report
19 required by subsection (a) is submitted until the
20 date specified in paragraph (2), the Administrator
21 shall submit to the congressional defense committees
22 a certification that—

23 “(A) the Administration is in compliance
24 with the plan and milestones contained in the
25 report; or

1 “(B) the Administration is not in compli-
2 ance with such plan or milestones, together
3 with—

4 “(i) a description of the nature of the
5 non-compliance;

6 “(ii) the reasons for the non-compli-
7 ance; and

8 “(iii) a plan to achieve compliance.

9 “(2) TERMINATION DATE.—No report shall be
10 required under paragraph (1) after the date on
11 which the Administrator certifies to the congres-
12 sional defense committees that the final key mile-
13 stone under the plan has been met.

14 “(c) FORM OF REPORTS.—The report under sub-
15 section (a) and each annual certification under subsection
16 (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in-
17 clude a classified annex.

18 **“§ 5644. Incorporation of integrated surety architec-**
19 **ture**

20 “(a) SHIPMENTS.—

21 “(1) The Administrator shall ensure that ship-
22 ments described in paragraph (2) incorporate surety
23 technologies relating to transportation and shipping
24 developed by the Integrated Surety Architecture pro-
25 gram of the Administration.

1 “(2) A shipment described in this paragraph is
2 an over-the-road shipment of the Administration
3 that involves any nuclear weapon planned to be in
4 the active stockpile after 2025.

5 “(b) CERTAIN PROGRAMS.—

6 “(1) The Administrator, in coordination with
7 the Chairman of the Nuclear Weapons Council, shall
8 ensure that each program described in paragraph
9 (2) incorporates integrated designs compatible with
10 the Integrated Surety Architecture program.

11 “(2) A program described in this subsection is
12 a program of the Administration that is a warhead
13 development program, a life extension program, or a
14 warhead major alteration program.

15 “(c) DETERMINATION.—

16 “(1) If, on a case-by-case basis, the Adminis-
17 trator determines that a shipment under subsection
18 (a) will not incorporate some or all of the surety
19 technologies described in such subsection, or that a
20 program under subsection (b) will not incorporate
21 some or all of the integrated designs described in
22 such subsection, the Administrator shall submit such
23 determination to the congressional defense commit-
24 tees, including the results of an analysis conducted
25 pursuant to paragraph (2).

1 “(2) Each determination made under paragraph
2 (1) shall be based on a documented, system risk
3 analysis that considers security risk reduction, oper-
4 ational impacts, and technical risk.

5 “(d) TERMINATION.—The requirements of sub-
6 sections (a) and (b) shall terminate on December 31,
7 2029.

8 **“§ 5645. W93 nuclear warhead acquisition process**

9 “(a) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

10 “(1) PHASE 1.—Upon receiving a concept defi-
11 nition study under phase 1 of the joint nuclear
12 weapons life cycle for the W93 nuclear weapon, the
13 Nuclear Weapons Council shall submit to the con-
14 gressional defense committees a report that includes
15 the following:

16 “(A) A description of the potential military
17 characteristics of the weapon.

18 “(B) A description of the stockpile-to-tar-
19 get sequence requirements of the weapon.

20 “(C) An initial assessment of the require-
21 ments a W93 nuclear weapon program is likely
22 to generate for the nuclear security enterprise,
23 including—

24 “(i) adjustments to the size and com-
25 position of the workforce;

1 “(ii) additions to existing weapon de-
2 sign and production capabilities; or

3 “(iii) additional facility recapitaliza-
4 tion or new construction.

5 “(D) A preliminary description of other
6 significant requirements for a W93 nuclear
7 weapon program, including—

8 “(i) first production unit date;

9 “(ii) initial operational capability date;

10 “(iii) full operational capability date;

11 and

12 “(iv) any unique safety and surety re-
13 quirements that could increase design com-
14 plexity or cost estimate uncertainty.

15 “(2) PHASE 2.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15
17 days after the date on which the Nuclear Weap-
18 ons Council approves phase 2 of the joint nu-
19 clear weapons life cycle for the W93 nuclear
20 weapon, the Administrator shall provide to the
21 congressional defense committees a briefing on
22 a plan to implement a process of independent
23 peer review or review by a board of experts, or
24 both, with respect to—

1 “(i) the nonnuclear components of the
2 weapon;
3 “(ii) subsystem design; and
4 “(iii) engineering aspects of the weap-
5 on.

6 “(B) REQUIREMENTS FOR PROCESS.—The
7 Administrator shall ensure that the process re-
8 quired by subparagraph (A)—

9 “(i) uses—

10 “(I) all relevant capabilities of
11 the Federal Government, the defense
12 industrial base, and institutions of
13 higher education; and

14 “(II) other capabilities that the
15 Administrator determines necessary;
16 and

17 “(ii) informs the entire development
18 life cycle of the W93 nuclear weapon.

19 “(b) CERTIFICATIONS AND REPORTS AT PHASE 3.—
20 Not later than 15 days after the date on which the Nu-
21 clear Weapons Council approves phase 3 of the joint nu-
22 clear weapons life cycle for the W93 nuclear weapon—

23 “(1) the administrator shall provide to the con-
24 gressional defense committees a briefing that in-
25 cludes certifications that—

1 “(A) phases 1 through 5 of the joint nu-
2 clear weapons life cycle for the weapon will em-
3 ploy, at a minimum, the same best practices
4 and will provide Congress with the same level of
5 programmatic insight as exists under the phase
6 6.X process for life extension programs; and

7 “(B) the proposed design for the weapon
8 can be carried out within estimated schedule
9 and cost objectives; and

10 “(2) the Commander of the United States Stra-
11 tegic Command shall submit to the congressional de-
12 fense committees a report containing, or provide to
13 such committees a briefing on, the requirements for
14 weapon quantity and composition by type for the
15 sub-surface ballistic nuclear (SSBN) force, including
16 such requirements planned for the 15-year period
17 following the date of the report or briefing, as the
18 case may be, including any planned life extensions,
19 retirements, or alterations.

20 “(c) WAIVERS.—Subsections (a) and (b) may be
21 waived during a period of war declared by Congress after
22 January 1, 2021.

23 “(d) JOINT NUCLEAR WEAPONS LIFE CYCLE DE-
24 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘joint nuclear weapons

1 life cycle’ has the meaning given that term in section
2 5641.

3 **“§ 5646. Earned value management and technology**
4 **readiness levels for life extension pro-**
5 **grams**

6 “(a) REVIEW OF CONTRACTOR EARNED VALUE MAN-
7 AGEMENT SYSTEMS.—The Administrator shall enter into
8 an arrangement with an independent entity under which
9 that entity shall—

10 “(1) review and validate whether the earned
11 value management systems of contractors of the Ad-
12 ministration for life extension programs meet the
13 earned value management national standard; and

14 “(2) conduct periodic surveillance reviews of
15 such systems to ensure that such systems maintain
16 compliance with that standard through program
17 completion.

18 “(b) BENCHMARKS FOR TECHNOLOGY READINESS
19 LEVELS.—The Administrator shall—

20 “(1) establish specific benchmarks for tech-
21 nology readiness levels of critical technologies for life
22 extension programs at key decision points; and

23 “(2) ensure that critical technologies meet such
24 benchmarks at such decision points.

1 “(c) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply to
 2 programs that, as of January 1, 2021, have not entered
 3 phase 3 of the nuclear weapons acquisition process or
 4 phase 6.3 of a nuclear weapons life extension program.

5 “(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘earned
 6 value management national standard’ means the most re-
 7 cent version of the EIA-748 Earned Value Management
 8 System Standard published by the National Defense In-
 9 dustrial Association.

10 **“PART B—TRITIUM**

11 **“§ 5651. Tritium production program**

12 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary
 13 of Energy shall establish a tritium production program
 14 that is capable of meeting the tritium requirements of the
 15 United States for nuclear weapons.

16 “(b) LOCATION OF TRITIUM PRODUCTION FACIL-
 17 ITY.—The Secretary shall locate any new tritium produc-
 18 tion facility of the Department of Energy at the Savannah
 19 River Site, South Carolina.

20 “(c) IN-REACTOR TESTS.—The Secretary may per-
 21 form in-reactor tests of tritium target rods as part of the
 22 activities carried out under the commercial light water re-
 23 actor program.

1 **“§ 5652. Tritium recycling**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
3 (b), the following activities shall be carried out at the Sa-
4 vannah River Site, South Carolina:

5 “(1) All tritium recycling for weapons, includ-
6 ing tritium refitting.

7 “(2) All activities regarding tritium formerly
8 carried out at the Mound Plant, Ohio.

9 “(b) EXCEPTION.—The following activities may be
10 carried out at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, New
11 Mexico:

12 “(1) Research on tritium.

13 “(2) Work on tritium in support of the defense
14 inertial confinement fusion program.

15 “(3) Provision of technical assistance to the Sa-
16 vannah River Site regarding the weapons surveil-
17 lance program.

18 **“§ 5653. Modernization and consolidation of tritium**
19 **recycling facilities**

20 “The Secretary of Energy shall carry out activities
21 at the Savannah River Site, South Carolina, to—

22 “(1) modernize and consolidate the facilities for
23 recycling tritium from weapons; and

24 “(2) provide a modern tritium extraction facil-
25 ity so as to ensure that such facilities have a capac-
26 ity to recycle tritium from weapons that is adequate

1 to meet the requirements for tritium for weapons
2 specified in the Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Memo-
3 randum.

4 “SUBCHAPTER III—PROLIFERATION MATTERS

5 **“§ 5661. Authority to conduct program relating to**
6 **fissile materials**

7 “The Secretary of Energy may conduct programs de-
8 signed to improve the protection, control, and account-
9 ability of fissile materials in Russia.

10 **“§ 5662. Completion of material protection, control,**
11 **and accounting activities in the Russian**
12 **Federation**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
14 (b) or specifically authorized by Congress, international
15 material protection, control, and accounting activities in
16 the Russian Federation shall be completed not later than
17 fiscal year 2018.

18 “(b) EXCEPTION.—The limitation in subsection (a)
19 shall not apply to international material protection, con-
20 trol, and accounting activities in the Russian Federation
21 associated with the Agreement Concerning the Manage-
22 ment and Disposition of Plutonium Designated as No
23 Longer Required for Defense Purposes and Related Co-
24 operation, signed at Moscow and Washington August 29
25 and September 1, 2000, and entered into force July 13,

1 2011 (TIAS 11–713.1), between the United States and
2 the Russian Federation.

3 **“§ 5663. Disposition of weapons-usable plutonium at**
4 **Savannah River Site**

5 “(a) PLAN FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF
6 MOX FACILITY.—

7 “(1) Not later than February 1, 2003, the Sec-
8 retary of Energy shall submit to Congress a plan for
9 the construction and operation of the MOX facility
10 at the Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina.

11 “(2) The plan under paragraph (1) shall in-
12 clude—

13 “(A) a schedule for construction and oper-
14 ations so as to achieve, as of January 1, 2012,
15 and thereafter, the MOX production objective,
16 and to produce 1 metric ton of mixed-oxide fuel
17 by December 31, 2012; and

18 “(B) a schedule of operations of the MOX
19 facility designed so that 34 metric tons of de-
20 fense plutonium and defense plutonium mate-
21 rials at the Savannah River Site will be proc-
22 essed into mixed-oxide fuel by January 1, 2019.

23 “(3)(A) Not later than February 15 each year,
24 beginning in 2004 and continuing through 2024, the
25 Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the

1 implementation of the plan required by paragraph
2 (1).

3 “(B) Each report under subparagraph (A) for
4 years before 2010 shall include—

5 “(i) an assessment of compliance with the
6 schedules included with the plan under para-
7 graph (2); and

8 “(ii) a certification by the Secretary wheth-
9 er or not the MOX production objective can be
10 met by January 2012.

11 “(C) Each report under subparagraph (A) for
12 years after 2014 shall—

13 “(i) address whether the MOX production
14 objective has been met; and

15 “(ii) assess progress toward meeting the
16 obligations of the United States under the Plu-
17 tonium Management and Disposition Agree-
18 ment.

19 “(D) Each report under subparagraph (A) for
20 years after 2019 shall also include an assessment of
21 compliance with the MOX production objective and,
22 if not in compliance, the plan of the Secretary for
23 achieving one of the following:

24 “(i) Compliance with such objective.

1 “(ii) Removal of all remaining defense plu-
2 tonium and defense plutonium materials from
3 the State of South Carolina.

4 “(b) CORRECTIVE ACTIONS.—

5 “(1) If a report under subsection (a)(3) indi-
6 cates that construction or operation of the MOX fa-
7 cility is behind the applicable schedule under sub-
8 section (g) by 12 months or more, the Secretary
9 shall submit to Congress, not later than August 15
10 of the year in which such report is submitted, a plan
11 for corrective actions to be implemented by the Sec-
12 retary to ensure that the MOX facility project is ca-
13 pable of meeting the MOX production objective.

14 “(2) If a plan is submitted under paragraph (1)
15 in any year after 2008, the plan shall include correc-
16 tive actions to be implemented by the Secretary to
17 ensure that the MOX production objective is met.

18 “(3) Any plan for corrective actions under para-
19 graph (1) or (2) shall include established milestones
20 under such plan for achieving compliance with the
21 MOX production objective.

22 “(4) If, before January 1, 2012, the Secretary
23 determines that there is a substantial and material
24 risk that the MOX production objective will not be
25 achieved by 2012 because of a failure to achieve

1 milestones set forth in the most recent corrective ac-
2 tion plan under this subsection, the Secretary shall
3 suspend further transfers of defense plutonium and
4 defense plutonium materials to be processed by the
5 MOX facility until such risk is addressed and the
6 Secretary certifies that the MOX production objec-
7 tive can be met by 2012.

8 “(5) If, after January 1, 2014, the Secretary
9 determines that the MOX production objective has
10 not been achieved because of a failure to achieve
11 milestones set forth in the most recent corrective ac-
12 tion plan under this subsection, the Secretary shall
13 suspend further transfers of defense plutonium and
14 defense plutonium materials to be processed by the
15 MOX facility until the Secretary certifies that the
16 MOX production objective can be met.

17 “(6)(A) Upon making a determination under
18 paragraph (4) or (5), the Secretary shall submit to
19 Congress a report on the options for removing from
20 the State of South Carolina an amount of defense
21 plutonium or defense plutonium materials equal to
22 the amount of defense plutonium or defense pluto-
23 nium materials transferred to the State of South
24 Carolina after April 15, 2002.

1 “(B) Each report under subparagraph (A) shall
2 include an analysis of each option set forth in the
3 report, including the cost and schedule for imple-
4 mentation of such option, and any requirements
5 under the National Environmental Policy Act of
6 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) relating to consider-
7 ation or selection of such option.

8 “(C) Upon submittal of a report under subpara-
9 graph (A), the Secretary shall commence any anal-
10 ysis that may be required under the National Envi-
11 ronmental Policy Act of 1969 in order to select
12 among the options set forth in the report.

13 “(c) CONTINGENT REQUIREMENT FOR REMOVAL OF
14 PLUTONIUM AND MATERIALS FROM SAVANNAH RIVER
15 SITE.—If the MOX production objective is not achieved
16 as of January 1, 2014, the Secretary shall, consistent with
17 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
18 4321 et seq.) and other applicable laws, remove from the
19 State of South Carolina, for storage or disposal else-
20 where—

21 “(1) not later than January 1, 2016, not less
22 than 1 metric ton of defense plutonium or defense
23 plutonium materials; and

24 “(2) not later than January 1, 2022, an
25 amount of defense plutonium or defense plutonium

1 materials equal to the amount of defense plutonium
2 or defense plutonium materials transferred to the
3 Savannah River Site between April 15, 2002, and
4 January 1, 2022, but not processed by the MOX fa-
5 cility.

6 “(d) ECONOMIC AND IMPACT ASSISTANCE.—

7 “(1) If the MOX production objective is not
8 achieved as of January 1, 2016, the Secretary shall,
9 subject to the availability of appropriations, pay to
10 the State of South Carolina each year beginning on
11 or after that date through 2021 for economic and
12 impact assistance an amount equal to \$1,000,000
13 per day, not to exceed \$100,000,000 per year, until
14 the later of—

15 “(A) the date on which the MOX produc-
16 tion objective is achieved in such year; or

17 “(B) the date on which the Secretary has
18 removed from the State of South Carolina in
19 such year at least 1 metric ton of defense pluto-
20 nium or defense plutonium materials.

21 “(2)(A) If, as of January 1, 2022, the MOX fa-
22 cility has not processed mixed-oxide fuel from de-
23 fense plutonium and defense plutonium materials in
24 the amount of not less than—

1 “(i) one metric ton, in each of any two
2 consecutive calendar years; and

3 “(ii) three metric tons total,
4 the Secretary shall, from funds available to the
5 Secretary, pay to the State of South Carolina
6 for economic and impact assistance an amount
7 equal to \$1,000,000 per day, not to exceed
8 \$100,000,000 per year, until the removal by the
9 Secretary from the State of South Carolina of
10 an amount of defense plutonium or defense plu-
11 tonium materials equal to the amount of de-
12 fense plutonium or defense plutonium materials
13 transferred to the Savannah River Site between
14 April 15, 2002, and January 1, 2022, but not
15 processed by the MOX facility.

16 “(B) Nothing in this paragraph may be con-
17 strued to terminate, supersede, or otherwise affect
18 any other requirements of this section.

19 “(3) If the State of South Carolina obtains an
20 injunction that prohibits the Department of Energy
21 from taking any action necessary for the Depart-
22 ment to meet any deadline specified by this sub-
23 section, that deadline shall be extended for a period
24 of time equal to the period of time during which the
25 injunction is in effect.

1 “(e) FAILURE TO COMPLETE PLANNED DISPOSITION
2 PROGRAM.—If less than 34 metric tons of defense pluto-
3 nium or defense plutonium materials have been processed
4 by the MOX facility by October 1, 2026, the Secretary
5 shall, not later than December 1, 2026, and on a biennial
6 basis thereafter, submit to Congress a plan for—

7 “(1) completing the processing of 34 metric
8 tons of defense plutonium and defense plutonium
9 material by the MOX facility; or

10 “(2) removing from the State of South Carolina
11 an amount of defense plutonium or defense pluto-
12 nium materials equal to the amount of defense plu-
13 tonium or defense plutonium materials transferred
14 to the Savannah River Site after April 15, 2002, but
15 not processed by the MOX facility.

16 “(f) REMOVAL OF MIXED-OXIDE FUEL UPON COM-
17 PLETION OF OPERATIONS OF MOX FACILITY.—If, one
18 year after the date on which operation of the MOX facility
19 permanently ceases, any mixed-oxide fuel remains at the
20 Savannah River Site, the Secretary shall submit to Con-
21 gress—

22 “(1) a report on when such fuel will be trans-
23 ferred for use in commercial nuclear reactors; or

24 “(2) a plan for removing such fuel from the
25 State of South Carolina.

1 “(g) BASELINE.—Not later than December 31, 2006,
2 the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the
3 construction and operation of the MOX facility that in-
4 cludes a schedule for revising the requirements of this sec-
5 tion during fiscal year 2007 to conform with the schedule
6 established by the Secretary for the MOX facility, which
7 shall be based on estimated funding levels for the fiscal
8 year.

9 “(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 “(1) MOX PRODUCTION OBJECTIVE.—The term
11 ‘MOX production objective’ means production at the
12 MOX facility of mixed-oxide fuel from defense pluto-
13 nium and defense plutonium materials at an average
14 rate equivalent to not less than one metric ton of
15 mixed-oxide fuel per year. The average rate shall be
16 determined by measuring production at the MOX fa-
17 cility from the date the facility is declared oper-
18 ational to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission
19 through the date of assessment.

20 “(2) MOX FACILITY.—The term ‘MOX facility’
21 means the mixed-oxide fuel fabrication facility at the
22 Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina.

23 “(3) DEFENSE PLUTONIUM; DEFENSE PLUTO-
24 NIUM MATERIALS.—The terms ‘defense plutonium’

1 and ‘defense plutonium materials’ mean weapons-us-
2 able plutonium.

3 **“§ 5664. Disposition of surplus defense plutonium at**
4 **Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Caro-**
5 **lina**

6 “(a) CONSULTATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
7 Energy shall consult with the Governor of the State of
8 South Carolina regarding any decisions or plans of the
9 Secretary related to the disposition of surplus defense plu-
10 tonium and defense plutonium materials located at the Sa-
11 vannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina.

12 “(b) NOTICE REQUIRED.—For each shipment of de-
13 fense plutonium or defense plutonium materials to the Sa-
14 vannah River Site, the Secretary shall, not less than 30
15 days before the commencement of such shipment, submit
16 to the congressional defense committees a report providing
17 notice of such shipment.

18 “(c) PLAN FOR DISPOSITION.—The Secretary shall
19 prepare a plan for disposal of the surplus defense pluto-
20 nium and defense plutonium materials currently located
21 at the Savannah River Site and for disposal of defense
22 plutonium and defense plutonium materials to be shipped
23 to the Savannah River Site in the future. The plan shall
24 include the following:

1 “(1) A review of each option considered for
2 such disposal.

3 “(2) An identification of the preferred option
4 for such disposal.

5 “(3) With respect to the facilities for such dis-
6 posal that are required by the Department of Ener-
7 gy’s Record of Decision for the Storage and Disposi-
8 tion of Weapons-Usable Fissile Materials Final Pro-
9 grammatic Environmental Impact Statement dated
10 January 14, 1997—

11 “(A) a statement of the cost of construc-
12 tion and operation of such facilities;

13 “(B) a schedule for the expeditious con-
14 struction of such facilities, including milestones;
15 and

16 “(C) a firm schedule for funding the cost
17 of such facilities.

18 “(4) A specification of the means by which all
19 such defense plutonium and defense plutonium ma-
20 terials will be removed in a timely manner from the
21 Savannah River Site for storage or disposal else-
22 where.

23 “(d) PLAN FOR ALTERNATIVE DISPOSITION.—If the
24 Secretary determines not to proceed at the Savannah
25 River Site with construction of the plutonium immobiliza-

1 tion plant, or with the mixed oxide fuel fabrication facility,
2 the Secretary shall prepare a plan that identifies a disposi-
3 tion path for all defense plutonium and defense plutonium
4 materials that would otherwise have been disposed of at
5 such plant or such facility, as applicable.

6 “(e) SUBMISSION OF PLANS.—Not later than Feb-
7 ruary 1, 2002, the Secretary shall submit to Congress the
8 plan required by subsection (c) (and the plan prepared
9 under subsection (d), if applicable).

10 “(f) LIMITATION ON PLUTONIUM SHIPMENTS.—If
11 the Secretary does not submit to Congress the plan re-
12 quired by subsection (c) (and the plan prepared under sub-
13 section (d), if applicable) by February 1, 2002, the Sec-
14 retary shall be prohibited from shipping defense plutonium
15 or defense plutonium materials to the Savannah River Site
16 during the period beginning on February 1, 2002, and
17 ending on the date on which such plans are submitted to
18 Congress.

19 “(g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
20 tion may be construed to prohibit or limit the Secretary
21 from shipping defense plutonium or defense plutonium
22 materials to sites other than the Savannah River Site dur-
23 ing the period referred to in subsection (f) or any other
24 period.

1 “(h) ANNUAL REPORT ON FUNDING FOR FISSILE
2 MATERIALS DISPOSITION ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary
3 shall include with the budget justification materials sub-
4 mitted to Congress in support of the Department of En-
5 ergy budget for each fiscal year (as submitted with the
6 budget of the President under section 1105(a) of title 31)
7 a report setting forth the extent to which amounts re-
8 quested for the Department for such fiscal year for fissile
9 materials disposition activities will enable the Department
10 to meet commitments for the disposition of surplus de-
11 fense plutonium and defense plutonium materials located
12 at the Savannah River Site, and for any other fissile mate-
13 rials disposition activities, in such fiscal year.

14 **“§ 5665. Acceleration of removal or security of fissile**
15 **materials, radiological materials, and re-**
16 **lated equipment at vulnerable sites**
17 **worldwide**

18 “(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—

19 “(1) It is the sense of Congress that the secu-
20 rity, including the rapid removal or secure storage,
21 of high-risk, proliferation-attractive fissile materials,
22 radiological materials, and related equipment at vul-
23 nerable sites worldwide should be a top priority
24 among the activities to achieve the national security
25 of the United States.

1 “(2) It is the sense of Congress that the Presi-
2 dent may establish in the Department of Energy a
3 task force to be known as the Task Force on Nu-
4 clear Materials to carry out the program authorized
5 by subsection (b).

6 “(b) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of En-
7 ergy may carry out a program to undertake an acceler-
8 ated, comprehensive worldwide effort to mitigate the
9 threats posed by high-risk, proliferation-attractive fissile
10 materials, radiological materials, and related equipment
11 located at sites potentially vulnerable to theft or diversion.

12 “(c) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—

13 “(1) Activities under the program under sub-
14 section (b) may include the following:

15 “(A) Accelerated efforts to secure, remove,
16 or eliminate proliferation-attractive fissile mate-
17 rials or radiological materials in research reac-
18 tors, other reactors, and other facilities world-
19 wide.

20 “(B) Arrangements for the secure ship-
21 ment of proliferation-attractive fissile materials,
22 radiological materials, and related equipment to
23 other countries willing to accept such materials
24 and equipment, or to the United States if such
25 countries cannot be identified, and the provision

1 of secure storage or disposition of such mate-
2 rials and equipment following shipment.

3 “(C) The transportation of proliferation-at-
4 tractive fissile materials, radiological materials,
5 and related equipment from sites identified as
6 proliferation risks to secure facilities in other
7 countries or in the United States.

8 “(D) The processing and packaging of pro-
9 liferation-attractive fissile materials, radiological
10 materials, and related equipment in accordance
11 with required standards for transport, storage,
12 and disposition.

13 “(E) The provision of interim security up-
14 grades for vulnerable, proliferation-attractive
15 fissile materials, radiological materials, and re-
16 lated equipment pending their removal from
17 their current sites.

18 “(F) The utilization of funds to upgrade
19 security and accounting at sites where prolifera-
20 tion-attractive fissile materials or radiological
21 materials will remain for an extended period of
22 time in order to ensure that such materials are
23 secure against plausible potential threats and
24 will remain so in the future.

1 “(G) The management of proliferation-at-
2 tractive fissile materials, radiological materials,
3 and related equipment at secure facilities.

4 “(H) Actions to ensure that security, in-
5 cluding security upgrades at sites and facilities
6 for the storage or disposition of proliferation-at-
7 tractive fissile materials, radiological materials,
8 and related equipment, continues to function as
9 intended.

10 “(I) The provision of technical support to
11 the International Atomic Energy Agency
12 (IAEA), other countries, and other entities to
13 facilitate removal of, and security upgrades to
14 facilities that contain, proliferation-attractive
15 fissile materials, radiological materials, and re-
16 lated equipment worldwide.

17 “(J) The development of alternative fuels
18 and irradiation targets based on low-enriched
19 uranium to convert research or other reactors
20 fueled by highly-enriched uranium to such alter-
21 native fuels, as well as the conversion of reac-
22 tors and irradiation targets employing highly-
23 enriched uranium to employment of such alter-
24 native fuels and targets.

1 “(K) Accelerated actions for the blend
2 down of highly-enriched uranium to low-en-
3 riched uranium.

4 “(L) The provision of assistance in the clo-
5 sure and decommissioning of sites identified as
6 presenting risks of proliferation of proliferation-
7 attractive fissile materials, radiological mate-
8 rials, and related equipment.

9 “(M) Programs to—

10 “(i) assist in the placement of employ-
11 ees displaced as a result of actions pursu-
12 ant to the program in enterprises not rep-
13 resenting a proliferation threat; and

14 “(ii) convert (including through the
15 use of alternative technologies) sites identi-
16 fied as presenting risks of proliferation re-
17 garding proliferation-attractive fissile ma-
18 terials, radiological materials, and related
19 equipment to purposes not representing a
20 proliferation threat to the extent necessary
21 to eliminate the proliferation threat.

22 “(2) The Secretary of Energy shall, in coordi-
23 nation with the Secretary of State, carry out the
24 program in consultation with, and with the assist-

1 ance of, appropriate departments, agencies, and
2 other entities of the United States Government.

3 “(3) The Secretary of Energy shall, with the
4 concurrence of the Secretary of State, carry out ac-
5 tivities under the program in collaboration with such
6 foreign governments, non-governmental organiza-
7 tions, and other international entities as the Sec-
8 retary of Energy considers appropriate for the pro-
9 gram.

10 “(d) FUNDING.—Amounts authorized to be appro-
11 priated to the Secretary of Energy for defense nuclear
12 nonproliferation activities shall be available for purposes
13 of the program under this section.

14 “(e) PARTICIPATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND
15 ORGANIZATIONS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy
17 may, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State,
18 enter into one or more agreements with any person
19 (including a foreign government, international orga-
20 nization, or multinational entity) that the Secretary
21 of Energy considers appropriate under which the
22 person contributes funds for purposes of the pro-
23 grams described in paragraph (2).

24 “(2) PROGRAMS COVERED.—The programs de-
25 scribed in this paragraph are any programs within

1 the Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation of
2 the National Nuclear Security Administration.

3 “(3) RETENTION AND USE OF AMOUNTS.—Not-
4 withstanding section 3302 of title 31, the Secretary
5 of Energy may retain and use amounts contributed
6 under an agreement under paragraph (1) for pur-
7 poses of the programs described in paragraph (2).
8 Amounts so contributed shall be retained in a sepa-
9 rate fund established in the Treasury for such pur-
10 poses and shall be available for use without further
11 appropriation and without fiscal year limitation.

12 “(4) RETURN OF AMOUNTS NOT USED WITHIN
13 5 YEARS.—If an amount contributed under an agree-
14 ment under paragraph (1) is not used under this
15 subsection within 5 years after it was contributed,
16 the Secretary of Energy shall return that amount to
17 the person who contributed it.

18 “(5) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than October
19 31 of each year, the Secretary of Energy shall sub-
20 mit to the congressional defense committees a report
21 on the receipt and use of amounts under this sub-
22 section during the preceding fiscal year. Each report
23 for a fiscal year shall set forth—

24 “(A) a statement of any amounts received
25 under this subsection, including, for each such

1 amount, the value of the contribution and the
2 person who contributed it;

3 “(B) a statement of any amounts used
4 under this subsection, including, for each such
5 amount, the purposes for which the amount was
6 used; and

7 “(C) a statement of the amounts retained
8 but not used under this subsection, including,
9 for each such amount, the purposes (if known)
10 for which the Secretary intends to use the
11 amount.

12 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 “(1) The term ‘fissile materials’ means pluto-
14 nium, highly-enriched uranium, or other material ca-
15 pable of sustaining an explosive nuclear chain reac-
16 tion, including irradiated items containing such ma-
17 terials if the radiation field from such items is not
18 sufficient to prevent the theft or misuse of such
19 items.

20 “(2) The term ‘radiological materials’ includes
21 Americium-241, Californium-252, Cesium-137, Co-
22 balt-60, Iridium-192, Plutonium-238, Radium-226,
23 Strontium-90, Curium-244, and irradiated items
24 containing such materials, or other materials des-

1 ignated by the Secretary of Energy for purposes of
2 this paragraph.

3 “(3) The term ‘related equipment’ includes
4 equipment useful for enrichment of uranium in the
5 isotope 235 and for extraction of fissile materials
6 from irradiated fuel rods and other equipment des-
7 ignated by the Secretary of Energy for purposes of
8 this section.

9 “(4) The term ‘highly-enriched uranium’ means
10 uranium enriched to or above 20 percent in the iso-
11 tope 235.

12 “(5) The term ‘low-enriched uranium’ means
13 uranium enriched below 20 percent in the isotope
14 235.

15 “(6) The term ‘proliferation-attractive’, in the
16 case of fissile materials and radiological materials,
17 means quantities and types of such materials that
18 are determined by the Secretary of Energy to
19 present a significant risk to the national security of
20 the United States if diverted to a use relating to
21 proliferation.

22 “(7) The term ‘alternative technologies’ means
23 technologies, such as accelerator-based equipment,
24 that do not use radiological materials.

1 **“§ 5666. Acceleration of replacement of cesium blood**
2 **irradiation sources**

3 “(a) GOAL.—The Administrator shall ensure that the
4 goal of the covered programs is eliminating the use of
5 blood irradiation devices in the United States that rely on
6 cesium chloride by December 31, 2027.

7 “(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—To meet the goal specified
8 by subsection (a), the Administrator shall carry out the
9 covered programs in a manner that—

10 “(1) is voluntary for owners of blood irradiation
11 devices;

12 “(2) allows for the United States, subject to the
13 review of the Administrator, to pay up to 50 percent
14 of the per-device cost of replacing blood irradiation
15 devices covered by the programs;

16 “(3) allows for the United States to pay up to
17 100 percent of the cost of removing and disposing
18 of cesium sources retired from service by the pro-
19 grams; and

20 “(4) replaces such devices with x-ray irradiation
21 devices or other devices approved by the Food and
22 Drug Administration that provide significant threat
23 reduction as compared to cesium chloride
24 irradiators.

25 “(c) DURATION.—The Administrator shall carry out
26 the covered programs until December 31, 2027.

1 “(d) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the
2 date of the enactment of the John S. McCain National
3 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public
4 Law 115–232), the Administrator shall submit to the ap-
5 propriate congressional committees a report on the cov-
6 ered programs, including—

7 “(1) identification of each cesium chloride blood
8 irradiation device in the United States, including the
9 number, general location, and user type;

10 “(2) a plan for achieving the goal established by
11 subsection (a);

12 “(3) a methodology for prioritizing replacement
13 of such devices that takes into account irradiator
14 age and prior material security initiatives;

15 “(4) in consultation with the Nuclear Regu-
16 latory Commission and the Food and Drug Adminis-
17 tration, a strategy identifying any legislative, regu-
18 latory, or other measures necessary to constrain the
19 introduction of new cesium chloride blood irradiation
20 devices;

21 “(5) identification of the annual funds required
22 to meet the goal established by subsection (a); and

23 “(6) a description of the disposal path for ce-
24 sium chloride sources under the covered programs.

1 “(e) ASSESSMENT.—The Administrator shall submit
2 an assessment to the appropriate congressional commit-
3 tees by September 20, 2023, of the results of the actions
4 on the covered programs under this section, including—

5 “(1) the number of replacement irradiators
6 under the covered programs;

7 “(2) the life-cycle costs of the programs, includ-
8 ing personnel training, maintenance, and replace-
9 ment costs for new irradiation devices;

10 “(3) the cost-effectiveness of the covered pro-
11 grams;

12 “(4) an analysis of the effectiveness of the new
13 irradiation devices’ technology; and

14 “(5) a forecast of whether the Administrator
15 will meet the goal established in subsection (a).

16 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 “(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
18 TEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional com-
19 mittees’ means—

20 “(A) the Committee on Appropriations, the
21 Committee on Armed Services, and the Com-
22 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House
23 of Representatives; and

24 “(B) the Committee on Appropriations, the
25 Committee on Armed Services, the Committee

1 on Energy and Natural Resources, and the
2 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
3 Pensions of the Senate.

4 “(2) COVERED PROGRAMS.—The term ‘covered
5 programs’ means the following programs of the Of-
6 fice of Radiological Security of the National Nuclear
7 Security Administration:

8 “(A) The Cesium Irradiator Replacement
9 Program.

10 “(B) The Off-Site Source Recovery Pro-
11 gram.

12 **“§ 5667. International agreements on nuclear weap-**
13 **ons data**

14 “The Secretary of Energy may, with the concurrence
15 of the Secretary of State and in coordination with the Sec-
16 retary of Defense, the Secretary of Homeland Security,
17 and the Director of National Intelligence, enter into agree-
18 ments with countries or international organizations to con-
19 duct data collection and analysis to determine accurately
20 and in a timely manner the source of any components of,
21 or fissile material used or attempted to be used in, a nu-
22 clear device or weapon.

1 **“§ 5668. International agreements on information on**
2 **radioactive materials**

3 “The Secretary of Energy may, with the concurrence
4 of the Secretary of State and in coordination with the Sec-
5 retary of Defense, the Secretary of Homeland Security,
6 and the Director of National Intelligence, enter into agree-
7 ments with countries or international organizations—

8 “(1) to acquire for the materials information
9 program of the Department of Energy validated in-
10 formation on the physical characteristics of radio-
11 active material produced, used, or stored at various
12 locations, in order to facilitate the ability to deter-
13 mine accurately and in a timely manner the source
14 of any components of, or fissile material used or at-
15 tempted to be used in, a nuclear device or weapon;
16 and

17 “(2) to obtain access to information described
18 in paragraph (1) in the event of—

19 “(A) a nuclear detonation; or

20 “(B) the interdiction or discovery of a nu-
21 clear device or weapon or nuclear material.

22 **“§ 5669. Defense nuclear nonproliferation manage-**
23 **ment plan**

24 “(a) PLAN REQUIRED.—The Administrator shall de-
25 velop and annually update a five-year management plan
26 for activities associated with the defense nuclear non-

1 proliferation programs of the Administration to prevent
2 and counter the proliferation of materials, technology,
3 equipment, and expertise related to nuclear and radio-
4 logical weapons in order to minimize and address the risk
5 of nuclear terrorism and the proliferation of such weapons.

6 “(b) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—

7 “(1) Not later than March 15 of each even-
8 numbered year, the Administrator shall submit to
9 the congressional defense committees a summary of
10 the plan developed under subsection (a).

11 “(2) Not later than March 15 of each odd-num-
12 bered year, the Administrator shall submit to the
13 congressional defense committees a detailed report
14 on the plan developed under subsection (a).

15 “(3) Each summary submitted under paragraph
16 (1) and each report submitted under paragraph (2)
17 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in-
18 clude a classified annex if necessary.

19 “(c) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by subsection
20 (a) shall include, with respect to each defense nuclear non-
21 proliferation program of the Administration, the following:

22 “(1) A description of the policy context in
23 which the program operates, including—

1 “(A) a list of relevant laws, policy direc-
2 tives issued by the President, and international
3 agreements; and

4 “(B) nuclear nonproliferation activities
5 carried out by other Federal agencies.

6 “(2) A description of the objectives and prior-
7 ities of the program during the year preceding the
8 submission of the summary required by paragraph
9 (1) of subsection (b) or the report required by para-
10 graph (2) of that subsection, as the case may be.

11 “(3) A description of the activities carried out
12 under the program during that year.

13 “(4) A description of the accomplishments and
14 challenges of the program during that year, based
15 on an assessment of metrics and objectives pre-
16 viously established to determine the effectiveness of
17 the program.

18 “(5) A description of any gaps that remain that
19 were not or could not be addressed by the program
20 during that year.

21 “(6) An identification and explanation of un-
22 committed or uncosted balances for the program, as
23 of the date of the submission of the summary re-
24 quired by paragraph (1) of subsection (b) or the re-
25 port required by paragraph (2) of that subsection, as

1 the case may be, that are greater than the accept-
2 able carryover thresholds, as determined by the Sec-
3 retary of Energy.

4 “(7) An identification of funds for the program
5 received through contributions from or cost-sharing
6 agreements with foreign governments consistent with
7 section 5665(e) during the year preceding the sub-
8 mission of the summary required by paragraph (1)
9 of subsection (b) or the report required by para-
10 graph (2) of that subsection, as the case may be,
11 and an explanation of such contributions and agree-
12 ments.

13 “(8) A description and assessment of activities
14 carried out under the program during that year that
15 were coordinated with other elements of the Depart-
16 ment of Energy, with the Department of Defense,
17 and with other Federal agencies, to maximize effi-
18 ciency and avoid redundancies.

19 “(9) Plans for activities of the program during
20 the five-year period beginning on the date on which
21 the summary required by paragraph (1) of sub-
22 section (b) or the report required by paragraph (2)
23 of that subsection, as the case may be, is submitted,
24 including activities with respect to the following:

1 “(A) Preventing nuclear and radiological
2 proliferation and terrorism, including through—

3 “(i) material management and mini-
4 mization, particularly with respect to re-
5 moving or minimizing the use of highly en-
6 riched uranium, plutonium, and radio-
7 logical materials worldwide (and identi-
8 fying the countries in which such materials
9 are located), efforts to dispose of surplus
10 material, converting reactors from highly
11 enriched uranium to low-enriched uranium
12 (and identifying the countries in which
13 such reactors are located);

14 “(ii) global nuclear material security,
15 including securing highly enriched ura-
16 nium, plutonium, and radiological mate-
17 rials worldwide (and identifying the coun-
18 tries in which such materials are located),
19 and providing radiation detection capabili-
20 ties at foreign ports and borders;

21 “(iii) nonproliferation and arms con-
22 trol, including nuclear verification and
23 safeguards;

24 “(iv) defense nuclear research and de-
25 velopment, including a description of ac-

1 activities related to developing and improving
 2 technology to detect the proliferation and
 3 detonation of nuclear weapons, verifying
 4 compliance of foreign countries with com-
 5 mitments under treaties and agreements
 6 relating to nuclear weapons, and detecting
 7 the diversion of nuclear materials (includ-
 8 ing safeguards technology); and

9 “(v) nonproliferation construction pro-
 10 grams, including activities associated with
 11 Department of Energy Order 413.1 (relat-
 12 ing to program management controls).

13 “(B) Countering nuclear and radiological
 14 proliferation and terrorism.

15 “(C) Responding to nuclear and radio-
 16 logical proliferation and terrorism, including
 17 through—

18 “(i) crisis operations;

19 “(ii) consequences management; and

20 “(iii) emergency management, includ-
 21 ing international capacity building.

22 “(10) A threat assessment, carried out by the
 23 intelligence community (as defined in section 3(4) of
 24 the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.
 25 3003(4))), with respect to the risk of nuclear and

1 radiological proliferation and terrorism and a de-
2 scription of how each activity carried out under the
3 program will counter the threat during the five-year
4 period beginning on the date on which the summary
5 required by paragraph (1) of subsection (b) or the
6 report required by paragraph (2) of that subsection,
7 as the case may be, is submitted and, as appro-
8 priate, in the longer term.

9 “(11) A plan for funding the program during
10 that five-year period.

11 “(12) An identification of metrics and objec-
12 tives for determining the effectiveness of each activ-
13 ity carried out under the program during that five-
14 year period.

15 “(13) A description of the activities to be car-
16 ried out under the program during that five-year pe-
17 riod and a description of how the program will be
18 prioritized relative to other defense nuclear non-
19 proliferation programs of the Administration during
20 that five-year period to address the highest priority
21 risks and requirements, as informed by the threat
22 assessment carried out under paragraph (10).

23 “(14) A description and assessment of activities
24 to be carried out under the program during that
25 five-year period that will be coordinated with other

1 elements of the Department of Energy, with the De-
2 partment of Defense, and with other Federal agen-
3 cies, to maximize efficiency and avoid redundancies.

4 “(15) A summary of the technologies and capa-
5 bilities documented under section 5670(a).

6 “(16) A summary of the assessments conducted
7 under section 5670(b)(1).

8 “(17) Such other matters as the Administrator
9 considers appropriate.

10 **“§ 5670. Information relating to certain defense nu-**
11 **clear nonproliferation programs**

12 “(a) TECHNOLOGIES AND CAPABILITIES.—The Ad-
13 ministrator shall document, for efforts that are not fo-
14 cused on basic research, the technologies and capabilities
15 of the defense nuclear nonproliferation research and devel-
16 opment program that—

17 “(1) are transitioned to end users for further
18 development or deployment; and

19 “(2) are deployed.

20 “(b) ASSESSMENTS OF STATUS.—

21 “(1) In assessing projects under the defense nu-
22 clear nonproliferation research and development pro-
23 gram or the defense nuclear nonproliferation and
24 arms control program, the Administrator shall com-
25 pare the status of each such project, including with

1 respect to the final results of such project, to the
2 baseline targets and goals established in the initial
3 project plan of such project.

4 “(2) The Administrator may carry out para-
5 graph (1) using a common template or such other
6 means as the Administrator determines appropriate.

7 **“§ 5671. Annual Selected Acquisition Reports on cer-**
8 **tain hardware relating to defense nuclear**
9 **nonproliferation**

10 “(a) ANNUAL SELECTED ACQUISITION REPORTS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—At the end of each fiscal
12 year, the Administrator shall submit to the congres-
13 sional defense committees a report on each covered
14 hardware project. The reports shall be known as Se-
15 lected Acquisition Reports for the covered hardware
16 project concerned.

17 “(2) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The information
18 contained in the Selected Acquisition Report for a
19 fiscal year for a covered hardware project shall be
20 the information contained in the Selected Acquisition
21 Report for such fiscal year for a major defense ac-
22 quisition program under section 4351 or any suc-
23 cessor system, expressed in terms of the covered
24 hardware project.

1 “(b) COVERED HARDWARE PROJECT DEFINED.—In
 2 this section, the term ‘covered hardware project’ means
 3 a project carried out under the defense nuclear non-
 4 proliferation research and development program that—

5 “(1) is focused on the production and deploy-
 6 ment of hardware, including with respect to the de-
 7 velopment and deployment of satellites or satellite
 8 payloads; and

9 “(2) exceeds \$500,000,000 in total program
 10 cost over the course of five years.

11 “SUBCHAPTER IV—DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL
 12 CLEANUP MATTERS

13 **“PART A—DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP**

14 **“§ 5681. Defense environmental cleanup account**

15 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established
 16 in the Treasury of the United States for the Department
 17 of Energy an account to be known as the ‘Defense Envi-
 18 ronmental Cleanup Account’ (hereafter in this section re-
 19 ferred to as the ‘Account’).

20 “(b) AMOUNTS IN ACCOUNT.—All sums appropriated
 21 to the Department of Energy for defense environmental
 22 cleanup at defense nuclear facilities shall be credited to
 23 the Account. Such appropriations shall be authorized an-
 24 nually by law. To the extent provided in appropriations

1 Acts, amounts in the Account shall remain available until
2 expended.

3 **“§ 5682. Classification of defense environmental**
4 **cleanup as capital asset projects or oper-**
5 **ations activities**

6 “The Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environ-
7 mental Management, in consultation with other appro-
8 priate officials of the Department of Energy, shall estab-
9 lish requirements for the classification of defense environ-
10 mental cleanup projects as capital asset projects or oper-
11 ations activities.

12 **“§ 5683. Requirement to develop future use plans for**
13 **defense environmental cleanup**

14 “(a) **AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP FUTURE USE**
15 **PLANS.**—The Secretary of Energy may develop future use
16 plans for any defense nuclear facility at which defense en-
17 vironmental cleanup activities are occurring.

18 “(b) **REQUIREMENT TO DEVELOP FUTURE USE**
19 **PLANS.**—The Secretary shall develop a future use plan for
20 each of the following defense nuclear facilities:

21 “(1) Hanford Site, Richland, Washington.

22 “(2) Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Caro-
23 lina.

24 “(3) Idaho National Engineering Laboratory,
25 Idaho.

1 “(c) CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD.—

2 “(1) At each defense nuclear facility for which
3 the Secretary of Energy intends or is required to de-
4 velop a future use plan under this section and for
5 which no citizen advisory board has been established,
6 the Secretary shall establish a citizen advisory
7 board.

8 “(2) The Secretary may authorize the manager
9 of a defense nuclear facility for which a future use
10 plan is developed under this section (or, if there is
11 no such manager, an appropriate official of the De-
12 partment of Energy designated by the Secretary) to
13 pay routine administrative expenses of a citizen advi-
14 sory board established for that facility. Such pay-
15 ments shall be made from funds available to the Sec-
16 retary for defense environmental cleanup activities
17 necessary for national security programs.

18 “(d) REQUIREMENT TO CONSULT WITH CITIZEN AD-
19 VISORY BOARD.—In developing a future use plan under
20 this section with respect to a defense nuclear facility, the
21 Secretary of Energy shall consult with a citizen advisory
22 board established pursuant to subsection (c) or a similar
23 advisory board already in existence as of September 23,
24 1996, for such facility, affected local governments (includ-

1 ing any local future use redevelopment authorities), and
2 other appropriate State agencies.

3 “(e) 50-YEAR PLANNING PERIOD.—A future use plan
4 developed under this section shall cover a period of at least
5 50 years.

6 “(f) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after com-
7 pleting development of a final plan for a site listed in sub-
8 section (b), the Secretary of Energy shall submit to Con-
9 gress a report on the plan. The report shall describe the
10 plan and contain such findings and recommendations with
11 respect to the site as the Secretary considers appropriate.

12 “(g) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.—

13 “(1) Nothing in this section, or in a future use
14 plan developed under this section with respect to a
15 defense nuclear facility, shall be construed as requir-
16 ing any modification to a future use plan with re-
17 spect to a defense nuclear facility that was developed
18 before September 23, 1996.

19 “(2) Nothing in this section may be construed
20 to affect statutory requirements for a defense envi-
21 ronmental cleanup activity or project or to modify or
22 otherwise affect applicable statutory or regulatory
23 defense environmental cleanup requirements, includ-
24 ing substantive standards intended to protect public
25 health and the environment, nor shall anything in

1 this section be construed to preempt or impair any
2 local land use planning or zoning authority or State
3 authority.

4 **“§ 5684. Future-years defense environmental cleanup**
5 **plan**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall
7 submit to Congress each year, at or about the same time
8 that the President’s budget is submitted to Congress for
9 a fiscal year under section 1105(a) of title 31, a future-
10 years defense environmental cleanup plan that—

11 “(1) reflects the estimated expenditures and
12 proposed appropriations included in that budget for
13 the Department of Energy for defense environmental
14 cleanup; and

15 “(2) covers a period that includes the fiscal
16 year for which that budget is submitted and not less
17 than the four succeeding fiscal years.

18 “(b) ELEMENTS.—Each future-years defense envi-
19 ronmental cleanup plan required by subsection (a) shall
20 contain the following:

21 “(1) A detailed description of the projects and
22 activities relating to defense environmental cleanup
23 to be carried out during the period covered by the
24 plan at the sites specified in subsection (c) and with
25 respect to the activities specified in subsection (d).

1 “(2) A statement of proposed budget authority,
2 estimated expenditures, and proposed appropriations
3 necessary to support such projects and activities.

4 “(3) With respect to each site specified in sub-
5 section (c), the following:

6 “(A) A statement of each milestone in-
7 cluded in an enforceable agreement governing
8 cleanup and waste remediation for that site for
9 each fiscal year covered by the plan.

10 “(B) For each such milestone, a statement
11 with respect to whether each such milestone will
12 be met in each such fiscal year.

13 “(C) For any milestone that will not be
14 met, an explanation of why the milestone will
15 not be met and the date by which the milestone
16 is expected to be met.

17 “(D) For any milestone that has been
18 missed, renegotiated, or postponed, a statement
19 of the current milestone, the original milestone,
20 and any interim milestones.

21 “(c) SITES SPECIFIED.—The sites specified in this
22 subsection are the following:

23 “(1) The Idaho National Laboratory, Idaho.

24 “(2) The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, Carlsbad,
25 New Mexico.

1 “(3) The Savannah River Site, Aiken, South
2 Carolina.

3 “(4) The Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak
4 Ridge, Tennessee.

5 “(5) The Hanford Site, Richland, Washington.

6 “(6) Any defense closure site of the Depart-
7 ment of Energy.

8 “(7) Any site of the National Nuclear Security
9 Administration.

10 “(d) ACTIVITIES SPECIFIED.—The activities specified
11 in this subsection are the following:

12 “(1) Program support.

13 “(2) Program direction.

14 “(3) Safeguards and security.

15 “(4) Technology development and deployment.

16 “(5) Federal contributions to the Uranium En-
17 richment Decontamination and Decommissioning
18 Fund established under section 1801 of the Atomic
19 Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2297g).

20 **“§ 5685. Accelerated schedule for defense environ-**
21 **mental cleanup activities**

22 “(a) ACCELERATED CLEANUP.—The Secretary of
23 Energy shall accelerate the schedule for defense environ-
24 mental cleanup activities and disposition projects for a site
25 at a Department of Energy defense nuclear facility if the

1 Secretary determines that such an accelerated schedule
2 will accelerate the recapitalization, modernization, or re-
3 placement of National Nuclear Security Administration
4 facilities supporting the nuclear weapons stockpile, achieve
5 meaningful, long-term cost savings to the Federal Govern-
6 ment, or could substantially accelerate the release of land
7 for local reuse without undermining national security ob-
8 jectives.

9 “(b) CONSIDERATION OF FACTORS.—In making a de-
10 termination under subsection (a), the Secretary shall con-
11 sider the following:

12 “(1) The extent to which accelerated cleanup
13 schedules can contribute to a more rapid moderniza-
14 tion of National Nuclear Security Administration fa-
15 cilities.

16 “(2) The cost savings achievable by the Federal
17 Government.

18 “(3) The potential for reuse of the site.

19 “(4) The risks that the site poses to local
20 health and safety.

21 “(5) The proximity of the site to populated
22 areas.

23 “(c) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this section
24 may be construed to affect a specific statutory require-
25 ment for a specific defense environmental cleanup activity

1 or project or to modify or otherwise affect applicable stat-
2 utory or regulatory defense environmental cleanup re-
3 quirements, including substantive standards intended to
4 protect public health and the environment.

5 **“§ 5686. Defense environmental cleanup technology**
6 **program**

7 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary
8 of Energy shall establish and carry out a program of re-
9 search for the development of technologies useful for—

10 “(1) the reduction of environmental hazards
11 and contamination resulting from defense waste; and

12 “(2) environmental restoration of inactive de-
13 fense waste disposal sites.

14 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

15 “(1) The term ‘defense waste’ means waste, in-
16 cluding radioactive waste, resulting primarily from
17 atomic energy defense activities of the Department
18 of Energy.

19 “(2) The term ‘inactive defense waste disposal
20 site’ means any site (including any facility) under
21 the control or jurisdiction of the Secretary of Energy
22 which is used for the disposal of defense waste and
23 is closed to the disposal of additional defense waste,
24 including any site that is subject to decontamination
25 and decommissioning.

1 **“§ 5687. Other programs relating to technology devel-**
2 **opment**

3 “(a) INCREMENTAL TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT
4 PROGRAM.—

5 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary may es-
6 tablish a program, to be known as the ‘Incremental
7 Technology Development Program’, to improve the
8 efficiency and effectiveness of the defense environ-
9 mental cleanup processes of the Office.

10 “(2) FOCUS.—

11 “(A) IMPROVEMENTS.—In carrying out the
12 Incremental Technology Development Program,
13 the Secretary shall focus on the continuous im-
14 provement of new or available technologies, in-
15 cluding—

16 “(i) decontamination chemicals and
17 techniques;

18 “(ii) remote sensing and wireless com-
19 munication to reduce manpower and lab-
20 oratory efforts;

21 “(iii) detection, assay, and certifi-
22 cation instrumentation; and

23 “(iv) packaging materials, methods,
24 and shipping systems.

25 “(B) OTHER AREAS.—The Secretary may
26 include in the Incremental Technology Develop-

1 ment Program mission-relevant development,
2 demonstration, and deployment activities unre-
3 lated to the focus areas described in subpara-
4 graph (A).

5 “(3) USE OF NEW AND EMERGING TECH-
6 NOLOGIES.—

7 “(A) DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRA-
8 TION.—In carrying out the Incremental Tech-
9 nology Development Program, the Secretary
10 shall ensure that site offices of the Office con-
11 duct technology development, demonstration,
12 testing, permitting, and deployment of new and
13 emerging technologies to establish a sound tech-
14 nical basis for the selection of technologies for
15 defense environmental cleanup or infrastructure
16 operations.

17 “(B) COLLABORATION REQUIRED.—The
18 Secretary shall collaborate, to the extent prac-
19 ticable, with the heads of other departments
20 and agencies of the Federal Government, the
21 National Laboratories, other Federal labora-
22 tories, appropriate State regulators and agen-
23 cies, and the Department of Labor in the devel-
24 opment, demonstration, testing, permitting, and

1 deployment of new technologies under the In-
2 cremental Technology Development Program.

3 “(4) AGREEMENTS TO CARRY OUT PROJECTS.—

4 “(A) AUTHORITY.—In carrying out the In-
5 cremental Technology Development Program,
6 the Secretary may enter into agreements with
7 nongovernmental entities for technology devel-
8 opment, demonstration, testing, permitting, and
9 deployment projects to improve technologies in
10 accordance with paragraph (2).

11 “(B) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall se-
12 lect projects under subparagraph (A) through a
13 rigorous process that involves—

14 “(i) transparent and open competi-
15 tion; and

16 “(ii) a review process that, if prac-
17 ticable, is conducted in an independent
18 manner consistent with Department guid-
19 ance on selecting and funding public-pri-
20 vate partnerships.

21 “(C) COST-SHARING.—The Federal share
22 of the costs of the development, demonstration,
23 testing, permitting, and deployment of new
24 technologies carried out under this paragraph
25 shall be not more than 70 percent.

1 “(D) BRIEFING.—Not later than 120 days
2 before the date on which the Secretary enters
3 into the first agreement under subparagraph
4 (A), the Secretary shall provide to the congres-
5 sional defense committees a briefing on the
6 process of selecting and funding efforts within
7 the Incremental Technology Development Pro-
8 gram, including with respect to the plans of the
9 Secretary to ensure a scientifically rigorous
10 process that minimizes potential conflicts of in-
11 terest.

12 “(b) HIGH-IMPACT TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT
13 PROGRAM.—

14 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-
15 tablish a program, to be known as the ‘High-Impact
16 Technology Development Program’, under which the
17 Secretary shall enter into agreements with non-
18 governmental entities for projects that pursue tech-
19 nologies that, with respect to the mission—

20 “(A) holistically address difficult chal-
21 lenges;

22 “(B) hold the promise of breakthrough im-
23 provements; or

24 “(C) align existing or in-use technologies
25 with difficult challenges.

1 “(2) AREAS OF FOCUS.—The Secretary may in-
2 clude as areas of focus for a project carried out
3 under the High-Impact Technology Development
4 Program the following:

5 “(A) Developing and demonstrating im-
6 proved methods for source and plume charac-
7 terization and monitoring, with an emphasis
8 on—

9 “(i) real-time field acquisition; and

10 “(ii) the use of indicator species anal-
11 yses with advanced contaminant transport
12 models to enable better understanding of
13 contaminant migration.

14 “(B) Developing and determining the lim-
15 its of performance for remediation technologies
16 and integrated remedial systems that prevent
17 migration of contaminants, including by pro-
18 ducing associated guidance and design manuals
19 for technologies that could be widely used
20 across the complex.

21 “(C) Demonstrating advanced monitoring
22 approaches that use multiple lines of evidence
23 for monitoring long-term performance of—

24 “(i) remediation systems; and

1 “(ii) noninvasive near-field monitoring
2 techniques.

3 “(D) Developing and demonstrating meth-
4 ods to characterize the physical and chemical
5 attributes of waste that control behavior, with
6 an emphasis on—

7 “(i) rapid and nondestructive exam-
8 ination and assay techniques; and

9 “(ii) methods to determine radio-nu-
10 clide, heavy metals, and organic constitu-
11 ents.

12 “(E) Demonstrating the technical basis for
13 determining when enhanced or natural attenu-
14 ation is an appropriate approach for remedi-
15 ation of complex sites.

16 “(F) Developing and demonstrating inno-
17 vative methods to achieve real-time and, if prac-
18 ticable, in situ characterization data for tank
19 waste and process streams that could be useful
20 for all phases of the waste management pro-
21 gram, including improving the accuracy and
22 representativeness of characterization data for
23 residual waste in tanks and ancillary equip-
24 ment.

1 “(G) Adapting existing waste treatment
2 technologies or demonstrating new waste treat-
3 ment technologies at the pilot plant scale using
4 real wastes or realistic surrogates—

5 “(i) to address engineering adapta-
6 tions;

7 “(ii) to ensure compliance with waste
8 treatment standards and other applicable
9 requirements under Federal and State law
10 and any existing agreements or consent de-
11 crees to which the Department is a party;
12 and

13 “(iii) to enable successful deployment
14 at full-scale and in support of operations.

15 “(H) Developing and demonstrating rapid
16 testing protocols that—

17 “(i) are accepted by the Environ-
18 mental Protection Agency, the Nuclear
19 Regulatory Commission, the Department,
20 and the scientific community;

21 “(ii) can be used to measure long-
22 term waste form performance under real-
23 istic disposal environments;

24 “(iii) can determine whether a sta-
25 bilized waste is suitable for disposal; and

1 “(iv) reduce the need for extensive,
2 time-consuming, and costly analyses on
3 every batch of waste prior to disposal.

4 “(I) Developing and demonstrating direct
5 stabilization technologies to provide waste forms
6 for disposing of elemental mercury.

7 “(J) Developing and demonstrating inno-
8 vative and effective retrieval methods for re-
9 moval of waste residual materials from tanks
10 and ancillary equipment, including mobile re-
11 trieval equipment or methods capable of imme-
12 diately removing waste from leaking tanks, and
13 connecting pipelines.

14 “(3) PROJECT SELECTION.—

15 “(A) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall se-
16 lect projects to be carried out under the High-
17 Impact Technology Development Program
18 through a rigorous process that involves—

19 “(i) transparent and open competi-
20 tion; and

21 “(ii) a review process that, if prac-
22 ticable, is conducted in an independent
23 manner consistent with Department guid-
24 ance on selecting and funding public-pri-
25 vate partnerships.

1 “(B) BRIEFING.—Not later than 120 days
2 before the date on which the Secretary enters
3 into the first agreement under paragraph (1),
4 the Secretary shall provide to the congressional
5 defense committees a briefing on the process of
6 selecting and funding efforts within the High-
7 Impact Technology Development Program, in-
8 cluding with respect to the plans of the Sec-
9 retary to ensure a scientifically rigorous process
10 that minimizes potential conflicts of interest.

11 “(c) ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY
12 PROGRAM.—

13 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-
14 tablish a program, to be known as the ‘Environ-
15 mental Management University Program’, to—

16 “(A) engage faculty, post-doctoral fellows
17 or researchers, and graduate students of insti-
18 tutions of higher education on subjects relating
19 to the mission to show a clear path for students
20 for employment within the environmental man-
21 agement enterprise;

22 “(B) provide institutions of higher edu-
23 cation and the Department access to advances
24 in engineering and science;

1 “(C) clearly identify to institutions of high-
2 er education the tools necessary to enter into
3 the environmental management field profes-
4 sionally; and

5 “(D) encourage current employees of the
6 Department to pursue advanced degrees.

7 “(2) AREAS OF FOCUS.—The Secretary may in-
8 clude as areas of focus for a grant made under the
9 Environmental Management University Program the
10 following:

11 “(A) The atomic- and molecular-scale
12 chemistries of waste processing.

13 “(B) Contaminant immobilization in engi-
14 neered and natural systems.

15 “(C) Developing innovative materials, with
16 an emphasis on nanomaterials or biomaterials,
17 that could enable sequestration of challenging
18 hazardous or radioactive constituents such as
19 technetium and iodine.

20 “(D) Elucidating and exploiting complex
21 speciation and reactivity far from equilibrium.

22 “(E) Understanding and controlling chem-
23 ical and physical processes at interfaces.

24 “(F) Harnessing physical and chemical
25 processes to revolutionize separations.

1 “(G) Tailoring waste forms for contami-
2 nants in harsh chemical environments.

3 “(H) Predicting and understanding sub-
4 surface system behavior and response to pertur-
5 bations.

6 “(3) INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH GRANTS.—In car-
7 rying out the Environmental Management University
8 Program, the Secretary may make individual re-
9 search grants to faculty, post-doctoral fellows or re-
10 searchers, and graduate students of institutions of
11 higher education for three-year research projects,
12 with an option for an extension of one additional
13 two-year period.

14 “(4) GRANTS FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY COL-
15 LABORATIONS.—In carrying out the Environmental
16 Management University Program, the Secretary may
17 make research grants for strategic partnerships
18 among scientists, faculty, post-doctoral fellows or re-
19 searchers, and graduate students of institutions of
20 higher education for three-year research projects.

21 “(5) HIRING OF UNDERGRADUATES.—In car-
22 rying out the Environmental Management University
23 Program, the Secretary may establish a summer in-
24 ternship program for undergraduates of institutions

1 of higher education to work on projects relating to
2 environmental management.

3 “(6) WORKSHOPS.—In carrying out the Envi-
4 ronmental Management University Program, the
5 Secretary may hold workshops with the Office of
6 Environmental Management, the Office of Science,
7 and members of academia and industry concerning
8 environmental management challenges and solutions.

9 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 “(1) The term ‘complex’ means all sites man-
11 aged in whole or in part by the Office.

12 “(2) The term ‘Department’ means the Depart-
13 ment of Energy.

14 “(3) The term ‘institution of higher education’
15 has the meaning given the term in section 101(a) of
16 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
17 1001(a)).

18 “(4) The term ‘mission’ means the mission of
19 the Office.

20 “(5) The term ‘National Laboratory’ has the
21 meaning given the term in section 2 of the Energy
22 Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15801).

23 “(6) The term ‘Office’ means the Office of En-
24 vironmental Management of the Department.

1 “(7) The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary
2 of Energy, acting through the Assistant Secretary
3 for Environmental Management.

4 **“§ 5688. Report on defense environmental cleanup ex-**
5 **penditures**

6 “Each year, at the same time the President submits
7 to Congress the budget for a fiscal year (pursuant to sec-
8 tion 1105 of title 31), the Secretary of Energy shall sub-
9 mit to Congress a report on how the defense environ-
10 mental cleanup funds of the Department of Energy were
11 expended during the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year
12 during which the budget is submitted. The report shall
13 include details on expenditures by operations office, instal-
14 lation, budget category, and activity. The report also shall
15 include any schedule changes or modifications to planned
16 activities for the fiscal year in which the budget is sub-
17 mitted.

18 **“§ 5689. Public participation in planning for defense**
19 **environmental cleanup**

20 “ The Secretary of Energy shall consult with the Ad-
21 ministrators of the Environmental Protection Agency, the
22 Attorney General, Governors and attorneys general of af-
23 fected States, appropriate representatives of affected In-
24 dian tribes, and interested members of the public in any
25 planning conducted by the Secretary for defense environ-

1 mental cleanup activities at Department of Energy defense
2 nuclear facilities.

3 **“§ 5690. Policy of Department of Energy regarding fu-**
4 **ture defense environmental management**
5 **matters**

6 “(a) POLICY REQUIRED.—

7 “(1) Commencing not later than October 1,
8 2005, the Secretary of Energy shall have in effect
9 a policy for carrying out future defense environ-
10 mental management matters of the Department of
11 Energy. The policy shall specify each officer within
12 the Department with responsibilities for carrying out
13 that policy and, for each such officer, the nature and
14 extent of those responsibilities.

15 “(2) In paragraph (1), the term ‘future defense
16 environmental management matter’ means any envi-
17 ronmental cleanup project, decontamination and de-
18 commissioning project, waste management project,
19 or related activity that arises out of the activities of
20 the Department in carrying out programs necessary
21 for national security and is to be commenced after
22 November 24, 2003. However, such term does not
23 include any such project or activity the responsibility
24 for which has been assigned, as of November 24,

1 2003, to the Environmental Management program
2 of the Department.

3 “(b) REFLECTION IN BUDGET.—For fiscal year 2006
4 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary shall ensure
5 that the budget justification materials submitted to Con-
6 gress in support of the Department of Energy budget for
7 such fiscal year (as submitted with the budget of the
8 President under section 1105(a) of title 31) reflect the
9 policy required by subsection (a).

10 “(c) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall carry out
11 this section in consultation with the Administrator for Nu-
12 clear Security and the Under Secretary of Energy for En-
13 ergy, Science, and Environment.

14 “(d) REPORT.—The Secretary shall include with the
15 budget justification materials submitted to Congress in
16 support of the Department of Energy budget for fiscal
17 year 2005 (as submitted with the budget of the President
18 under section 1105(a) of title 31) a report on the policy
19 that the Secretary plans to have in effect under subsection
20 (a) as of October 1, 2005. The report shall specify the
21 officers and responsibilities referred to in subsection (a).

1 **“§ 5691. Estimation of costs of meeting defense envi-**
2 **ronmental cleanup milestones required**
3 **by consent orders**

4 “The Secretary of Energy shall include in the budget
5 justification materials submitted to Congress in support
6 of the Department of Energy budget for each fiscal year
7 (as submitted with the budget of the President under sec-
8 tion 1105(a) of title 31) a report on the cost, for that
9 fiscal year and the four fiscal years following that fiscal
10 year, of meeting milestones required by a consent order
11 at each defense nuclear facility at which defense environ-
12 mental cleanup activities are occurring. The report shall
13 include, for each such facility—

14 “(1) a specification of the cost of meeting such
15 milestones during that fiscal year; and

16 “(2) an estimate of the cost of meeting such
17 milestones during the four fiscal years following that
18 fiscal year.

19 **“§ 5692. Public statement of environmental liabilities**

20 “ Each year, at the same time that the Department
21 of Energy submits its annual financial report under sec-
22 tion 3516 of title 31, the Secretary of Energy shall make
23 available to the public a statement of environmental liabil-
24 ities, as calculated for the most recent audited financial
25 statement of the Department under section 3515 of that

1 title, for each defense nuclear facility at which defense en-
2 vironmental cleanup activities are occurring.

3 **“PART B—CLOSURE OF FACILITIES**

4 **“§ 5701. Reports in connection with permanent clo-**
5 **tures of Department of Energy defense**
6 **nuclear facilities**

7 “(a) TRAINING AND JOB PLACEMENT SERVICES
8 PLAN.—Not later than 120 days before a Department of
9 Energy defense nuclear facility permanently ceases all pro-
10 duction and processing operations, the Secretary of En-
11 ergy shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services
12 of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report
13 containing a discussion of the training and job placement
14 services needed to enable the employees at such facility
15 to obtain employment in the defense environmental clean-
16 up activities at such facility. The discussion shall include
17 the actions that should be taken by the contractor oper-
18 ating and managing such facility to provide retraining and
19 job placement services to employees of such contractor.

20 “(b) CLOSURE REPORT.—Upon the permanent ces-
21 sation of production operations at a Department of En-
22 ergy defense nuclear facility, the Secretary of Energy shall
23 submit to Congress a report containing—

24 “(1) a complete survey of environmental prob-
25 lems at the facility;

1 “(2) budget quality data indicating the cost of
2 defense environmental cleanup activities at the facil-
3 ity; and

4 “(3) a discussion of the proposed cleanup
5 schedule.

6 **“§ 5702. Defense site acceleration completion**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the provisions
8 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C.
9 10101 et seq.), the requirements of section 202 of the En-
10 ergy Reorganization Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5842), and
11 other laws that define classes of radioactive waste, with
12 respect to material stored at a Department of Energy site
13 at which activities are regulated by a covered State pursu-
14 ant to approved closure plans or permits issued by the
15 State, the term ‘high-level radioactive waste’ does not in-
16 clude radioactive waste resulting from the reprocessing of
17 spent nuclear fuel that the Secretary of Energy (in this
18 section referred to as the ‘Secretary’), in consultation with
19 the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (in this section re-
20 ferred to as the ‘Commission’), determines—

21 “(1) does not require permanent isolation in a
22 deep geologic repository for spent fuel or high-level
23 radioactive waste;

24 “(2) has had highly radioactive radionuclides
25 removed to the maximum extent practical; and

1 “(3)(A) does not exceed concentration limits for
2 Class C low-level waste as set out in section 61.55
3 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, and will be
4 disposed of—

5 “(i) in compliance with the performance
6 objectives set out in subpart C of part 61 of
7 title 10, Code of Federal Regulations; and

8 “(ii) pursuant to a State-approved closure
9 plan or State-issued permit, authority for the
10 approval or issuance of which is conferred on
11 the State outside of this section; or

12 “(B) exceeds concentration limits for Class
13 C low-level waste as set out in section 61.55 of
14 title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, but will
15 be disposed of-

16 “(i) in compliance with the performance
17 objectives set out in subpart C of part 61 of
18 title 10, Code of Federal Regulations;

19 “(ii) pursuant to a State-approved closure
20 plan or State-issued permit, authority for the
21 approval or issuance of which is conferred on
22 the State outside of this section; and

23 “(iii) pursuant to plans developed by the
24 Secretary in consultation with the Commission.

1 “(b) MONITORING BY NUCLEAR REGULATORY COM-
2 MISSION.—(1) The Commission shall, in coordination with
3 the covered State, monitor disposal actions taken by the
4 Department of Energy pursuant to subparagraphs (A)
5 and (B) of subsection (a)(3) for the purpose of assessing
6 compliance with the performance objectives set out in sub-
7 part C of part 61 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations.

8 “(2) If the Commission considers any disposal actions
9 taken by the Department of Energy pursuant to those
10 subparagraphs to be not in compliance with those per-
11 formance objectives, the Commission shall, as soon as
12 practicable after discovery of the noncompliant conditions,
13 inform the Department of Energy, the covered State, and
14 the following congressional committees:

15 “(A) The Committee on Armed Services, the
16 Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the Com-
17 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Represent-
18 atives.

19 “(B) The Committee on Armed Services, the
20 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the
21 Committee on Environment and Public Works, and
22 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

23 “(3) For fiscal year 2005, the Secretary shall, from
24 amounts available for defense site acceleration completion,
25 reimburse the Commission for all expenses, including sala-

1 ries, that the Commission incurs as a result of perform-
2 ance under subsection (a) and this subsection for fiscal
3 year 2005. The Department of Energy and the Commis-
4 sion may enter into an interagency agreement that speci-
5 fies the method of reimbursement. Amounts received by
6 the Commission for performance under subsection (a) and
7 this subsection may be retained and used for salaries and
8 expenses associated with those activities, notwithstanding
9 section 3302 of title 31, and shall remain available until
10 expended.

11 “(4) For fiscal years after 2005, the Commission
12 shall include in the budget justification materials sub-
13 mitted to Congress in support of the Commission budget
14 for that fiscal year (as submitted with the budget of the
15 President under section 1105(a) of title 31) the amounts
16 required, not offset by revenues, for performance under
17 subsection (a) and this subsection.

18 “(c) INAPPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN MATERIALS.—
19 Subsection (a) shall not apply to any material otherwise
20 covered by that subsection that is transported from the
21 covered State.

22 “(d) COVERED STATES.—For purposes of this sec-
23 tion, the following States are covered States:

24 “(1) The State of South Carolina.

25 “(2) The State of Idaho.

1 “(e) CONSTRUCTION.—(1) Nothing in this section
2 shall impair, alter, or modify the full implementation of
3 any Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order or
4 other applicable consent decree for a Department of En-
5 ergy site.

6 “(2) Nothing in this section establishes any precedent
7 or is binding on the State of Washington, the State of
8 Oregon, or any other State not covered by subsection (d)
9 for the management, storage, treatment, and disposition
10 of radioactive and hazardous materials.

11 “(3) Nothing in this section amends the definition of
12 ‘transuranic waste’ or regulations for repository disposal
13 of transuranic waste pursuant to the Waste Isolation Pilot
14 Plant Land Withdrawal Act (Public Law 102–579; 106
15 Stat. 4777) or part 191 of title 40, Code of Federal Regu-
16 lations.

17 “(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to af-
18 fect in any way the obligations of the Department of En-
19 ergy to comply with section 5664.

20 “(5) Nothing in this section amends the West Valley
21 Demonstration Act (Public Law 96–368; 42 U.S.C. 2021a
22 note).

23 “(f) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Judicial review shall be
24 available in accordance with chapter 7 of title 5, for the
25 following:

1 “(1) Any determination made by the Secretary
2 or any other agency action taken by the Secretary
3 pursuant to this section.

4 “(2) Any failure of the Commission to carry out
5 its responsibilities under subsection (b).

6 **“§ 5703. Sandia National Laboratories**

7 “Funds appropriated by the Consolidated Appropria-
8 tions Act, 2004 (Public Law 108–199; 118 Stat. 3), or
9 any other Act thereafter, may not be obligated to pay, on
10 behalf of the United States or a contractor or subcon-
11 tractor of the United States, to post a bond or fulfill any
12 other financial responsibility requirement relating to clo-
13 sure or post-closure care and monitoring of Sandia Na-
14 tional Laboratories and properties held or managed by
15 Sandia National Laboratories prior to implementation of
16 closure or post-closure monitoring. The State of New Mex-
17 ico or any other entity may not enforce against the United
18 States or a contractor or subcontractor of the United
19 States, in this year or any other fiscal year, a requirement
20 to post bond or any other financial responsibility require-
21 ment relating to closure or postclosure care and moni-
22 toring of Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico and
23 properties held or managed by Sandia National Labora-
24 tories in New Mexico.

1 **“§ 5704. Plan for deactivation and decommissioning**
2 **of nonoperational defense nuclear facili-**
3 **ties**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall,
5 every four years beginning in 2025, develop and subse-
6 quently carry out a plan for the activities of the Depart-
7 ment of Energy relating to the deactivation and decommis-
8 sioning of nonoperational defense nuclear facilities.

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

11 “(1) A list of nonoperational defense nuclear fa-
12 cilities, prioritized for deactivation and decommis-
13 sioning based on the potential to reduce risks to
14 human health, property, or the environment and to
15 maximize cost savings.

16 “(2) An assessment of the life cycle costs of
17 each nonoperational defense nuclear facility during
18 the period beginning on the date on which the plan
19 is submitted under subsection (d) and ending on the
20 earlier of—

21 “(A) the date that is 25 years after the
22 date on which the plan is submitted; or

23 “(B) the estimated date for deactivation
24 and decommissioning of the facility.

1 “(3) An estimate of the cost and time needed
2 to deactivate and decommission each nonoperational
3 defense nuclear facility.

4 “(4) A schedule for when the Office of Environ-
5 mental Management will accept each nonoperational
6 defense nuclear facility for deactivation and decom-
7 missioning.

8 “(5) An estimate of costs that could be avoided
9 by—

10 “(A) accelerating the cleanup of non-
11 operational defense nuclear facilities; or

12 “(B) other means, such as reusing such fa-
13 cilities for another purpose.

14 “(c) PLAN FOR TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR
15 CERTAIN FACILITIES.—The Secretary shall, during 2025,
16 develop and subsequently carry out a plan under which
17 the Administrator shall transfer, by March 31, 2029, to
18 the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management
19 the responsibility for decontaminating and decommis-
20 sioning facilities of the Administration that the Secretary
21 determines are nonoperational as of September 30, 2024.

22 “(d) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
23 March 31, 2025, and every four years thereafter, the Sec-
24 retary shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
25 mittees a report that includes—

1 “(1) the plan required by subsection (a);

2 “(2) a description of the deactivation and de-
3 commissioning actions expected to be taken during
4 the following fiscal year pursuant to the plan;

5 “(3) in the case of the report submitted during
6 2025, the plan required by subsection (c); and

7 “(4) a description of the deactivation and de-
8 commissioning actions taken at each nonoperational
9 defense nuclear facility during the period following
10 the date on which the previous report required by
11 this section was submitted.

12 “(e) TERMINATION.—The requirements of this sec-
13 tion shall terminate after the submission to the appro-
14 priate congressional committees of the report required by
15 subsection (d) to be submitted not later than March 31,
16 2033.

17 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 “(1) The term ‘appropriate congressional com-
19 mittees’ means—

20 “(A) the congressional defense committees;
21 and

22 “(B) the Committee on Energy and Nat-
23 ural Resources of the Senate and the Com-
24 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House
25 of Representatives.

1 “(2) The term ‘life cycle costs’, with respect to
2 a facility, means—

3 “(A) the present and future costs of all re-
4 sources and associated cost elements required
5 to develop, produce, deploy, or sustain the facil-
6 ity; and

7 “(B) the present and future costs to de-
8 activate, decommission, and deconstruct the fa-
9 cility.

10 “(3) The term ‘nonoperational defense nuclear
11 facility’ means a production facility or utilization fa-
12 cility (as those terms are defined in section 11 of the
13 Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2014))
14 under the control or jurisdiction of the Secretary of
15 Energy and operated for national security purposes
16 that is no longer needed for the mission of the De-
17 partment of Energy, including the National Nuclear
18 Security Administration.

19 **“PART C—HANFORD RESERVATION,**
20 **WASHINGTON**

21 **“§ 5711. Safety measures for waste tanks at Hanford**
22 **Nuclear Reservation**

23 “(a) IDENTIFICATION AND MONITORING OF
24 TANKS.—Not later than February 3, 1991, the Secretary
25 of Energy shall identify which single-shelled or double-

1 shelled high-level nuclear waste tanks at the Hanford Nu-
2 clear Reservation, Richland, Washington, may have a seri-
3 ous potential for release of high-level waste due to uncon-
4 trolled increases in temperature or pressure. After com-
5 pleting such identification, the Secretary shall determine
6 whether continuous monitoring is being carried out to de-
7 tect a release or excessive temperature or pressure at each
8 tank so identified. If such monitoring is not being carried
9 out, as soon as practicable the Secretary shall install such
10 monitoring, but only if a type of monitoring that does not
11 itself increase the danger of a release can be installed.

12 “(b) ACTION PLANS.—Not later than March 5, 1991,
13 the Secretary of Energy shall develop action plans to re-
14 spond to excessive temperature or pressure or a release
15 from any tank identified under subsection (a).

16 “(c) PROHIBITION.—Beginning March 5, 1991, no
17 additional high-level nuclear waste (except for small
18 amounts removed and returned to a tank for analysis)
19 may be added to a tank identified under subsection (a)
20 unless the Secretary determines that no safer alternative
21 than adding such waste to the tank currently exists or that
22 the tank does not pose a serious potential for release of
23 high-level nuclear waste.

1 **“§ 5712. Hanford waste tank cleanup program re-**
2 **forms**

3 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF RIVER PRO-
4 TECTION.—The Secretary of Energy shall establish an of-
5 fice at the Hanford Reservation, Richland, Washington,
6 to be known as the ‘Office of River Protection’ (in this
7 section referred to as the ‘Office’).

8 “(b) MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OF-
9 FICE.—

10 “(1) The Office shall be headed by a senior offi-
11 cial of the Department of Energy, who shall report
12 to the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environ-
13 mental Management.

14 “(2) The head of the Office shall be responsible
15 for managing all aspects of the River Protection
16 Project, Richland, Washington, including Hanford
17 Tank Farm operations and the Waste Treatment
18 Plant.

19 “(3)(A) The Assistant Secretary of Energy for
20 Environmental Management shall delegate in writing
21 responsibility for the management of the River Pro-
22 tection Project, Richland, Washington, to the head
23 of the Office.

24 “(B) Such delegation shall include, at a min-
25 imum, authorities for contracting, financial manage-
26 ment, safety, and general program management that

1 are equivalent to the authorities of managers of
2 other operations offices of the Department of En-
3 ergy.

4 “(C) The head of the Office shall, to the max-
5 imum extent possible, coordinate all activities of the
6 Office with the manager of the Richland Operations
7 Office of the Department of Energy.

8 “(c) DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Sec-
9 retary shall provide the head of the Office with the re-
10 sources and personnel necessary to carry out the respon-
11 sibilities specified in subsection (b)(2).

12 “(d) NOTIFICATION.—The Assistant Secretary of
13 Energy for Environmental Management shall submit to
14 the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the
15 Committee on Armed Services of the House of Represent-
16 atives written notification detailing any changes in the
17 roles, responsibilities, and reporting relationships that in-
18 volve the Office.

19 “(e) TERMINATION.—The Office shall terminate on
20 September 30, 2024. The Office may be extended beyond
21 that date if the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Envi-
22 ronmental Management determines in writing that termi-
23 nation would disrupt effective management of the Hanford
24 Tank Farm operations.

1 **“§ 5713. River protection project**

2 “ The tank waste remediation system environmental
3 project, Richland, Washington, including all programs re-
4 lating to the retrieval and treatment of tank waste at the
5 site at Hanford, Washington, under the management of
6 the Office of River Protection, shall be known and des-
7 ignated as the ‘River Protection Project’. Any reference
8 to that project in any law, regulation, map, document,
9 record, or other paper of the United States shall be consid-
10 ered to be a reference to the River Protection Project.

11 **“§ 5714. Notification regarding air release of radio-**
12 **active or hazardous material**

13 “ If the Secretary of Energy (or a designee of the Sec-
14 retary) is notified of an improper release into the air of
15 radioactive or hazardous material above applicable statu-
16 tory or regulatory limits that resulted from waste gen-
17 erated by atomic energy defense activities at the Hanford
18 Nuclear Reservation, Richland, Washington, the Secretary
19 (or designee of the Secretary) shall—

20 “(1) not later than two business days after
21 being notified of the release, notify the congressional
22 defense committees of the release; and

23 “(2) not later than seven business days after
24 being notified of the release, provide the congres-
25 sional defense committees a briefing on the status of
26 the release, including—

8 **§ 5721. Accelerated schedule for isolating high-level**
9 **nuclear waste at the Defense Waste Proc-**
0 **essing Facility, Savannah River Site**

16 “(1) will achieve long-term cost savings to the
17 Federal Government; and

21 **“§ 5722. Multi-year plan for clean-up**

22 “The Secretary of Energy shall develop and imple-
23 ment a multi-year plan for the clean-up of nuclear waste
24 at the Savannah River Site that results, or has resulted,
25 from the following:

1 “(1) Nuclear weapons activities carried out at
2 the site.

3 “(2) The processing, treating, packaging, and
4 disposal of Department of Energy domestic and for-
5 eign spent nuclear fuel rods at the site.

6 **“§ 5723. Continuation of processing, treatment, and**
7 **disposal of legacy nuclear materials**

8 “ The Secretary of Energy shall continue operations
9 and maintain a high state of readiness at the H-canyon
10 facility at the Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina,
11 and shall provide technical staff necessary to operate and
12 so maintain such facility.

13 **“SUBCHAPTER V—SAFEGUARDS AND SECURITY**
14 **MATTERS**

15 **“PART A—SAFEGUARDS AND SECURITY**

16 **“§ 5731. Prohibition on international inspections of**
17 **Department of Energy facilities unless**
18 **protection of restricted data is certified**

19 “The Secretary of Energy may not allow an inspec-
20 tion of a national security laboratory or nuclear weapons
21 production facility by the International Atomic Energy
22 Agency until the Secretary certifies to Congress that no
23 Restricted Data will be revealed during such inspection.

1 **“§ 5732. Restrictions on access to national security**
2 **laboratories by foreign visitors from sen-**
3 **sitive countries**

4 “(a) BACKGROUND REVIEW REQUIRED.—The Sec-
5 retary of Energy and the Administrator may not admit
6 to any facility described in paragraph (3) of subsection
7 (c) other than areas accessible to the general public any
8 individual who is a citizen or agent of a covered foreign
9 nation or a nation on the current sensitive countries list
10 unless the Secretary or Administrator first completes a
11 background review with respect to that individual.

12 “(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING BACK-
13 GROUND REVIEWS.—It is the sense of Congress that the
14 Secretary of Energy, the Director of the Federal Bureau
15 of Investigation, and the Director of National Intelligence
16 should ensure that background reviews carried out under
17 this section are completed in not more than 15 days.

18 “(c) PROHIBITION ON ADMITTANCE.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to an indi-
20 vidual who is a citizen or agent of a covered foreign
21 nation, the Secretary and the Administrator may
22 not, except as provided in paragraph (2), admit such
23 individual to any areas not accessible to the general
24 public within a facility described in paragraph (3).

25 “(2) WAIVER.—The Secretary, acting through
26 the Administrator, may waive the prohibition under

1 paragraph (1) with respect to an individual who is
2 a citizen or agent of a covered foreign nation if, not
3 later than 30 days prior to admitting such individual
4 to a facility described in such paragraph, the Sec-
5 retary certifies to Congress that—

6 “(A) the admittance of such individual to
7 the facility is in the national security interests
8 of the United States;

9 “(B) no classified or restricted data will be
10 revealed to such individual in connection with
11 the admittance of such individual to the facility;

12 “(C) the Secretary or Administrator has
13 consulted with the heads of other relevant de-
14 partments or agencies of the United States
15 Government to mitigate risks associated with
16 the admittance of such individual; and

17 “(D) the background review completed to
18 subsection (a) with respect to such individual
19 did not uncover any previously unreported af-
20 filiation with military or intelligence organiza-
21 tions associated with a covered foreign nation.

22 “(3) FACILITIES DESCRIBED.—A facility de-
23 scribed in this paragraph is a facility, or any portion
24 thereof, that directly supports the mission, func-

1 tions, and operations of the Administration (as de-
2 scribed in this chapter) and is located on—

3 “(A) a national security laboratory;

4 “(B) a nuclear weapons production facility;

5 or

6 “(C) a site that directly supports the pro-
7 tection, development, sustainment, or disposal
8 of technologies or materials related to the provi-
9 sion of nuclear propulsion for United States
10 naval vessels.

11 “(4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The prohibition under
12 paragraph (1) shall take effect on April 15, 2025.

13 “(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
14 tion shall be construed to limit or otherwise affect the au-
15 thority of the Secretary or the Administrator to—

16 “(1) admit to a facility described in paragraph
17 (3) of subsection (c)—

18 “(A) a citizen or lawful permanent resident
19 of the United States;

20 “(B) an individual involved in an Inter-
21 national Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspec-
22 tion (as defined in the ‘Agreement between the
23 United States and the IAEA for the Application
24 of Safeguards in the U.S.’); or

“(C) an individual involved in information exchanges in support of activities of the United States with respect to nonproliferation, counterproliferation, and counterterrorism, in accordance with international treaties or other legally-binding agreements or instruments to which the United States is a party; or

“(2) admit any individual to a facility, or any portion thereof, that is not directly associated with or directly funded to perform the mission, functions, and operations of the Administration (as described in this chapter).

“(e) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

“(1) The term ‘background review’, commonly known as an indices check, means a review of information provided by the Director of National Intelligence and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding personal background, including information relating to any history of criminal activity or to any evidence of espionage.

“(2) The term ‘covered foreign nation’ means—

“(A) the People’s Republic of China;

“(B) the Russian Federation;

“(C) the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea; and

1 “(D) the Islamic Republic of Iran.

2 “(3) The term ‘sensitive countries list’ means
3 the list prescribed by the Secretary of Energy known
4 as the Department of Energy List of Sensitive
5 Countries.

6 **“§ 5733. Background investigations of certain per-**
7 **sonnel at Department of Energy facilities**

8 “The Secretary of Energy shall ensure that an inves-
9 tigation meeting the requirements of section 145 of the
10 Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2165) is made for
11 each Department of Energy employee, or contractor em-
12 ployee, at a national security laboratory or nuclear weap-
13 ons production facility who—

14 “(1) carries out duties or responsibilities in or
15 around a location where Restricted Data is present;
16 or

17 “(2) has or may have regular access to a loca-
18 tion where Restricted Data is present.

19 **“§ 5734. Department of Energy counterintelligence**
20 **polygraph program**

21 “(a) NEW COUNTERINTELLIGENCE POLYGRAPH
22 PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Energy shall
23 carry out, under regulations prescribed under this section,
24 a new counterintelligence polygraph program for the De-
25 partment of Energy. The purpose of the new program is

1 to minimize the potential for release or disclosure of classi-
2 fied data, materials, or information.

3 “(b) AUTHORITIES AND LIMITATIONS.—

4 “(1) The Secretary shall prescribe regulations
5 for the new counterintelligence polygraph program
6 required by subsection (a) in accordance with the
7 provisions of subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 5
8 (commonly referred to as the Administrative Proce-
9 dures Act).

10 “(2) In prescribing regulations for the new pro-
11 gram, the Secretary shall take into account the re-
12 sults of the Polygraph Review.

13 “(3) Not later than six months after obtaining
14 the results of the Polygraph Review, the Secretary
15 shall issue a notice of proposed rulemaking for the
16 new program.

17 “(4) In the event of a counterintelligence inves-
18 tigation, the regulations prescribed under paragraph
19 (1) may ensure that the persons subject to the coun-
20 terintelligence polygraph program required by sub-
21 section (a) include any person who is—

22 “(A) a national of the United States (as
23 such term is defined in section 101 of the Im-
24 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101))
25 and also a national of a foreign state; and

1 “(B) an employee or contractor who re-
2 quires access to classified information.

3 “(c) POLYGRAPH REVIEW DEFINED.—In this sec-
4 tion, the term ‘Polygraph Review’ means the review of the
5 Committee to Review the Scientific Evidence on the Poly-
6 graph of the National Academy of Sciences.

7 **“§ 5735. Notice to congressional committees of certain**
8 **security and counterintelligence failures**
9 **within atomic energy defense programs**

10 “(a) REQUIRED NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary of
11 Energy shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services
12 of the Senate and House of Representatives a notification
13 of each significant atomic energy defense intelligence loss.
14 Any such notification shall be provided only after consulta-
15 tion with the Director of National Intelligence and the Di-
16 rector of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as appro-
17 priate.

18 “(b) SIGNIFICANT ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE IN-
19 TELLIGENCE LOSSES.—In this section, the term ‘signifi-
20 cant atomic energy defense intelligence loss’ means any
21 national security or counterintelligence failure or com-
22 promise of classified information at a facility of the De-
23 partment of Energy or operated by a contractor of the
24 Department that the Secretary considers likely to cause

1 significant harm or damage to the national security inter-
2 ests of the United States.

3 “(c) MANNER OF NOTIFICATION.—Notification of a
4 significant atomic energy defense intelligence loss under
5 subsection (a) shall be provided, in accordance with the
6 procedures established pursuant to subsection (d), not
7 later than 30 days after the date on which the Department
8 of Energy determines that the loss has taken place.

9 “(d) PROCEDURES.—The Secretary of Energy and
10 the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
11 House of Representatives shall each establish such proce-
12 dures as may be necessary to protect from unauthorized
13 disclosure classified information, information relating to
14 intelligence sources and methods, and sensitive law en-
15 forcement information that is submitted to those commit-
16 tees pursuant to this section and that are otherwise nec-
17 essary to carry out the provisions of this section.

18 “(e) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—

19 “(1) Nothing in this section shall be construed
20 as authority to withhold any information from the
21 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
22 House of Representatives on the grounds that pro-
23 viding the information to those committees would
24 constitute the unauthorized disclosure of classified
25 information, information relating to intelligence

1 sources and methods, or sensitive law enforcement
2 information.

3 “(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed
4 to modify or supersede any other requirement to re-
5 port information on intelligence activities to Con-
6 gress, including the requirement under section 501
7 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.
8 3091) for the President to ensure that the congres-
9 sional intelligence committees are kept fully in-
10 formed of the intelligence activities of the United
11 States and for those committees to notify promptly
12 other congressional committees of any matter relat-
13 ing to intelligence activities requiring the attention
14 of those committees.

15 **“§ 5736. Annual report and certification on status of**
16 **security of atomic energy defense facili-**
17 **ties**

18 “(a) REPORT AND CERTIFICATION ON NUCLEAR SE-
19 CURITY ENTERPRISE.—

20 “(1) Not later than September 30 of each even-
21 numbered year, the Administrator shall submit to
22 the Secretary of Energy—

23 “(A) a report detailing the status of secu-
24 rity at facilities holding Category I and II

1 quantities of special nuclear material that are
2 administered by the Administration; and

3 “(B) written certification that such facili-
4 ties are secure and that the security measures
5 at such facilities meet the security standards
6 and requirements of the Administration and the
7 Department of Energy.

8 “(2) If the Administrator is unable to make the
9 certification described in paragraph (1)(B) with re-
10 spect to a facility, the Administrator shall submit to
11 the Secretary with the matters required by para-
12 graph (1) a corrective action plan for the facility de-
13 scribing—

14 “(A) the deficiency that resulted in the Ad-
15 ministrator being unable to make the certifi-
16 cation;

17 “(B) the actions to be taken to correct the
18 deficiency; and

19 “(C) timelines for taking such actions.

20 “(3) Not later than December 1 of each even-
21 numbered year, the Secretary shall submit to the
22 congressional defense committees the unaltered re-
23 port, certification, and any corrective action plans
24 submitted by the Administrator under paragraphs

1 (1) and (2) together with any comments of the Sec-
2 retary.

3 “(b) REPORT AND CERTIFICATION ON ATOMIC EN-
4 ERGY DEFENSE FACILITIES NOT ADMINISTERED BY THE
5 ADMINISTRATION.—

6 “(1) Not later than December 1 of each even-
7 numbered year, the Secretary shall submit to the
8 congressional defense committees—

9 “(A) a report detailing the status of the
10 security of atomic energy defense facilities hold-
11 ing Category I and II quantities of special nu-
12 clear material that are not administered by the
13 Administration; and

14 “(B) written certification that such facili-
15 ties are secure and that the security measures
16 at such facilities meet the security standards
17 and requirements of the Department of Energy.

18 “(2) If the Secretary is unable to make the cer-
19 tification described in paragraph (1)(B) with respect
20 to a facility, the Secretary shall submit to the con-
21 gressional defense committees, together with the
22 matters required by paragraph (1), a corrective ac-
23 tion plan describing—

1 “(A) the deficiency that resulted in the
2 Secretary being unable to make the certifi-
3 cation;

4 “(B) the actions to be taken to correct the
5 deficiency; and

6 “(C) timelines for taking such actions.

7 **“§ 5737. Protection of certain nuclear facilities and**
8 **assets from unmanned aircraft**

9 “(a) AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any provision of
10 title 18, the Secretary of Energy may take such actions
11 described in subsection (b)(1) that are necessary to miti-
12 gate the threat (as defined by the Secretary of Energy,
13 in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation) that
14 an unmanned aircraft system or unmanned aircraft poses
15 to the safety or security of a covered facility or asset.

16 “(b) ACTIONS DESCRIBED.—

17 “(1) The actions described in this paragraph
18 are the following:

19 “(A) Detect, identify, monitor, and track
20 the unmanned aircraft system or unmanned air-
21 craft, without prior consent, including by means
22 of intercept or other access of a wire, oral, or
23 electronic communication used to control the
24 unmanned aircraft system or unmanned air-
25 craft.

1 “(B) Warn the operator of the unmanned
2 aircraft system or unmanned aircraft, including
3 by passive or active, and direct or indirect phys-
4 ical, electronic, radio, and electromagnetic
5 means.

6 “(C) Disrupt control of the unmanned air-
7 craft system or unmanned aircraft, without
8 prior consent, including by disabling the un-
9 manned aircraft system or unmanned aircraft
10 by intercepting, interfering, or causing inter-
11 ference with wire, oral, electronic, or radio com-
12 munications used to control the unmanned air-
13 craft system or unmanned aircraft.

14 “(D) Seize or exercise control of the un-
15 manned aircraft system or unmanned aircraft.

16 “(E) Seize or otherwise confiscate the un-
17 manned aircraft system or unmanned aircraft.

18 “(F) Use reasonable force to disable, dam-
19 age, or destroy the unmanned aircraft system
20 or unmanned aircraft.

21 “(2) The Secretary of Energy shall develop the
22 actions described in paragraph (1) in coordination
23 with the Secretary of Transportation.

24 “(c) FORFEITURE.—Any unmanned aircraft system
25 or unmanned aircraft described in subsection (a) that is

1 seized by the Secretary of Energy is subject to forfeiture
2 to the United States.

3 “(d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Energy and
4 the Secretary of Transportation may prescribe regulations
5 and shall issue guidance in the respective areas of each
6 Secretary to carry out this section.

7 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 “(1) The term ‘covered facility or asset’ means
9 any facility or asset that is—

10 “(A) identified by the Secretary of Energy
11 for purposes of this section;

12 “(B) located in the United States (includ-
13 ing the territories and possessions of the United
14 States); and

15 “(C) owned by the United States or con-
16 tracted to the United States, to store or use
17 special nuclear material.

18 “(2) The terms ‘unmanned aircraft’ and ‘un-
19 manned aircraft system’ have the meanings given
20 those terms in section 331 of the FAA Moderniza-
21 tion and Reform Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–95;
22 49 U.S.C. 40101 note).

1 **“§ 5738. Reporting on penetrations of networks of**
2 **contractors and subcontractors**

3 “(a) PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING PENETRA-
4 TIONS.—The Administrator shall establish procedures
5 that require each contractor and subcontractor to report
6 to the Chief Information Officer when a covered network
7 of the contractor or subcontractor that meets the criteria
8 established pursuant to subsection (b) is successfully pene-
9 trated.

10 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF CRITERIA FOR COVERED
11 NETWORKS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall, in
13 consultation with the officials specified in paragraph
14 (2), establish criteria for covered networks to be sub-
15 ject to the procedures for reporting penetrations
16 under subsection (a).

17 “(2) OFFICIALS SPECIFIED.—The officials spec-
18 ified in this paragraph are the following officials of
19 the Administration:

20 “(A) The Deputy Administrator for De-
21 fense Programs.

22 “(B) The Associate Administrator for Ac-
23 quisition and Project Management.

24 “(C) The Chief Information Officer.

25 “(D) Any other official of the Administra-
26 tion the Administrator considers necessary.

1 “(c) PROCEDURE REQUIREMENTS.—

2 “(1) RAPID REPORTING.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The procedures estab-
4 lished pursuant to subsection (a) shall require
5 each contractor or subcontractor to submit to
6 the Chief Information Officer a report on each
7 successful penetration of a covered network of
8 the contractor or subcontractor that meets the
9 criteria established pursuant to subsection (b)
10 not later than 60 days after the discovery of the
11 successful penetration.

12 “(B) ELEMENTS.—Subject to subpara-
13 graph (C), each report required by subpara-
14 graph (A) with respect to a successful penetra-
15 tion of a covered network of a contractor or
16 subcontractor shall include the following:

17 “(i) A description of the technique or
18 method used in such penetration.

19 “(ii) A sample of the malicious soft-
20 ware, if discovered and isolated by the con-
21 tractor or subcontractor, involved in such
22 penetration.

23 “(iii) A summary of information cre-
24 ated by or for the Administration in con-
25 nection with any program of the Adminis-

1 tration that has been potentially com-
2 promised as a result of such penetration.

3 “(C) AVOIDANCE OF DELAYS IN REPORT-
4 ING.—If a contractor or subcontractor is not
5 able to obtain all of the information required by
6 subparagraph (B) to be included in a report re-
7 quired by subparagraph (A) by the date that is
8 60 days after the discovery of a successful pene-
9 tration of a covered network of the contractor
10 or subcontractor, the contractor or subcon-
11 tractor shall—

12 “(i) include in the report all informa-
13 tion available as of that date; and

14 “(ii) provide to the Chief Information
15 Officer the additional information required
16 by subparagraph (B) as the information
17 becomes available.

18 “(2) ACCESS TO EQUIPMENT AND INFORMATION
19 BY ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL.—Concurrent with
20 the establishment of the procedures pursuant to sub-
21 section (a), the Administrator shall establish proce-
22 dures to be used if information owned by the Admin-
23 istration was in use during or at risk as a result of
24 the successful penetration of a covered network—

25 “(A) in order to—

1 “(i) in the case of a penetration of a
2 covered network of a management and op-
3 erating contractor, enhance the access of
4 personnel of the Administration to Govern-
5 ment-owned equipment and information;
6 and

7 “(ii) in the case of a penetration of a
8 covered network of a contractor or subcon-
9 tractor that is not a management and op-
10 erating contractor, facilitate the access of
11 personnel of the Administration to the
12 equipment and information of the con-
13 tractor or subcontractor; and

14 “(B) which shall—

15 “(i) include mechanisms for personnel
16 of the Administration to, upon request, ob-
17 tain access to equipment or information of
18 a contractor or subcontractor necessary to
19 conduct forensic analysis in addition to any
20 analysis conducted by the contractor or
21 subcontractor;

22 “(ii) provide that a contractor or sub-
23 contractor is only required to provide ac-
24 cess to equipment or information as de-
25 scribed in clause (i) to determine whether

1 information created by or for the Adminis-
2 tration in connection with any program of
3 the Administration was successfully
4 exfiltrated from a network of the con-
5 tractor or subcontractor and, if so, what
6 information was exfiltrated; and

7 “(iii) provide for the reasonable pro-
8 tection of trade secrets, commercial or fi-
9 nancial information, and information that
10 can be used to identify a specific person.

11 “(3) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—The
12 procedures established pursuant to subsection (a)
13 shall allow for limiting the dissemination of informa-
14 tion obtained or derived through such procedures so
15 that such information may be disseminated only to
16 entities—

17 “(A) with missions that may be affected by
18 such information;

19 “(B) that may be called upon to assist in
20 the diagnosis, detection, or mitigation of cyber
21 incidents;

22 “(C) that conduct counterintelligence or
23 law enforcement investigations; or

1 “(D) for national security purposes, includ-
2 ing cyber situational awareness and defense
3 purposes.

4 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 “(1) CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER.—The term
6 ‘Chief Information Officer’ means the Associate Ad-
7 ministrators for Information Management and Chief
8 Information Officer of the Administration.

9 “(2) CONTRACTOR.—The term ‘contractor’
10 means a private entity that has entered into a con-
11 tract or contractual action of any kind with the Ad-
12 ministration to furnish supplies, equipment, mate-
13 rials, or services of any kind.

14 “(3) COVERED NETWORK.—The term ‘covered
15 network’ includes any network or information system
16 that accesses, receives, or stores—

17 “(A) classified information; or

18 “(B) sensitive unclassified information ger-
19 mane to any program of the Administration, as
20 determined by the Administrator.

21 “(4) SUBCONTRACTOR.—The term ‘subcon-
22 tractor’ means a private entity that has entered into
23 a contract or contractual action with a contractor or
24 another subcontractor to furnish supplies, equip-
25 ment, materials, or services of any kind in connec-

1 tion with another contract in support of any pro-
2 gram of the Administration.

3 **“PART B—CLASSIFIED INFORMATION**

4 **“§ 5741. Review of certain documents before declas-**
5 **sification and release**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall
7 ensure that, before a document of the Department of En-
8 ergy that contains national security information is re-
9 leased or declassified, such document is reviewed to deter-
10 mine whether it contains Restricted Data.

11 “(b) LIMITATION ON DECLASSIFICATION.—The Sec-
12 retary may not implement the automatic declassification
13 provisions of Executive Order No. 13526 (50 U.S.C. 3161
14 note) if the Secretary determines that such implementa-
15 tion could result in the automatic declassification and re-
16 lease of documents containing Restricted Data.

17 **“§ 5742. Protection against inadvertent release of re-**
18 **stricted data and formerly restricted data**

19 “(a) PLAN FOR PROTECTION AGAINST RELEASE.—
20 The Secretary of Energy and the Archivist of the United
21 States shall, after consultation with the members of the
22 National Security Council and in consultation with the
23 Secretary of Defense and the heads of other appropriate
24 Federal agencies, develop a plan to prevent the inad-
25 vertent release of records containing Restricted Data or

1 Formerly Restricted Data during the automatic declass-
2 sification of records under Executive Order No. 13526 (50
3 U.S.C. 3161 note).

4 “(b) PLAN ELEMENTS.—The plan under subsection
5 (a) shall include the following:

6 “(1) The actions to be taken in order to ensure
7 that records subject to Executive Order No. 13526
8 are reviewed on a page-by-page basis for Restricted
9 Data and Formerly Restricted Data unless they
10 have been determined to be highly unlikely to con-
11 tain Restricted Data or Formerly Restricted Data.

12 “(2) The criteria and process by which docu-
13 ments are determined to be highly unlikely to con-
14 tain Restricted Data or Formerly Restricted Data.

15 “(3) The actions to be taken in order to ensure
16 proper training, supervision, and evaluation of per-
17 sonnel engaged in declassification under that Execu-
18 tive order so that such personnel recognize Re-
19 stricted Data and Formerly Restricted Data.

20 “(4) The extent to which automated declass-
21 sification technologies will be used under that Exec-
22 utive order to protect Restricted Data and Formerly
23 Restricted Data from inadvertent release.

24 “(5) Procedures for periodic review and evalua-
25 tion by the Secretary of Energy, in consultation with

1 the Director of the Information Security Oversight
2 Office of the National Archives and Records Admin-
3 istration, of compliance by Federal agencies with the
4 plan.

5 “(6) Procedures for resolving disagreements
6 among Federal agencies regarding declassification
7 procedures and decisions under the plan.

8 “(7) The funding, personnel, and other re-
9 sources required to carry out the plan.

10 “(8) A timetable for implementation of the
11 plan.

12 “(c) LIMITATION ON DECLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN
13 RECORDS.—

14 “(1) Effective on October 17, 1998, and except
15 as provided in paragraph (3), a record referred to in
16 subsection (a) may not be declassified unless the
17 agency having custody of the record reviews the
18 record on a page-by-page basis to ensure that the
19 record does not contain Restricted Data or Formerly
20 Restricted Data.

21 “(2) Any record determined as a result of a re-
22 view under paragraph (1) to contain Restricted Data
23 or Formerly Restricted Data may not be declassified
24 until the Secretary of Energy, in conjunction with
25 the head of the agency having custody of the record,

1 determines that the document is suitable for declas-
2 sification.

3 “(3) After the date occurring 60 days after the
4 submission of the plan required by subsection (a) to
5 the committees referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2)
6 of subsection (d), the requirement under paragraph
7 (1) to review a record on a page-by-page basis shall
8 not apply in the case of a record determined, under
9 the actions specified in the plan pursuant to sub-
10 section (b)(1), to be a record that is highly unlikely
11 to contain Restricted Data or Formerly Restricted
12 Data.

13 “(d) SUBMISSION OF PLAN.—The Secretary of En-
14 ergy shall submit the plan required under subsection (a)
15 to the following:

16 “(1) The Committee on Armed Services of the
17 Senate.

18 “(2) The Committee on Armed Services of the
19 House of Representatives.

20 “(3) The Assistant to the President for Na-
21 tional Security Affairs.

22 “(e) REPORT AND NOTIFICATION REGARDING INAD-
23 VERTENT RELEASES.—

24 “(1) The Secretary of Energy shall submit to
25 the committees and Assistant to the President speci-

1 fied in subsection (d) a report on inadvertent re-
2 leases of Restricted Data or Formerly Restricted
3 Data under Executive Order No. 12958 that oc-
4 curred before October 17, 1998.

5 “(2) The Secretary of Energy shall, in each
6 even-numbered year beginning in 2010, submit to
7 the committees and Assistant to the President speci-
8 fied in subsection (d) a report identifying any inad-
9 vertent releases of Restricted Data or Formerly Re-
10 stricted Data under Executive Order No. 13526 dis-
11 covered in the two-year period preceding the sub-
12 mittal of the report.

13 **“§ 5743. Supplement to plan for declassification of re-**
14 **stricted data and formerly restricted data**

15 “(a) SUPPLEMENT TO PLAN.—The Secretary of En-
16 ergy and the Archivist of the United States shall, after
17 consultation with the members of the National Security
18 Council and in consultation with the Secretary of Defense
19 and the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, de-
20 velop a supplement to the plan required under subsection
21 (a) of section 5742.

22 “(b) CONTENTS OF SUPPLEMENT.—The supplement
23 shall provide for the application of that plan (including
24 in particular the element of the plan required by section
25 5742(b)(1)) to all records subject to Executive Order No.

1 12958 that were determined before October 17, 1998, to
2 be suitable for declassification.

3 “(c) LIMITATION ON DECLASSIFICATION OF
4 RECORDS.—All records referred to in subsection (b) shall
5 be treated, for purposes of subsection (c) of section 5742,
6 in the same manner as records referred to in subsection
7 (a) of such section.

8 “(d) SUBMISSION OF SUPPLEMENT.—The Secretary
9 of Energy shall submit the supplement required under
10 subsection (a) to the recipients of the plan referred to in
11 subsection (d) of section 5742.

12 **“§ 5744. Protection of classified information during**
13 **laboratory-to-laboratory exchanges**

14 “(a) PROVISION OF TRAINING.—The Secretary of
15 Energy shall ensure that all Department of Energy em-
16 ployees and Department of Energy contractor employees
17 participating in laboratory-to-laboratory cooperative ex-
18 change activities are fully trained in matters relating to
19 the protection of classified information and to potential
20 espionage and counterintelligence threats.

21 “(b) COUNTERING OF ESPIONAGE AND INTEL-
22 LIGENCE-GATHERING ABROAD.—

23 “(1) The Secretary shall establish a pool of De-
24 partment employees and Department contractor em-
25 ployees who are specially trained to counter threats

1 of espionage and intelligence-gathering by foreign
2 nationals against Department employees and De-
3 partment contractor employees who travel abroad for
4 laboratory-to-laboratory exchange activities or other
5 cooperative exchange activities on behalf of the De-
6 partment.

7 “(2) The Director of Intelligence and Counter-
8 intelligence of the Department of Energy may assign
9 at least one employee from the pool established
10 under paragraph (1) to accompany a group of De-
11 partment employees or Department contractor em-
12 ployees who travel to any nation designated to be a
13 sensitive country for laboratory-to-laboratory ex-
14 change activities or other cooperative exchange ac-
15 tivities on behalf of the Department.

16 **“§ 5745. Identification in budget materials of amounts**
17 **for declassification activities and limita-**
18 **tion on expenditures for such activities**

19 “(a) AMOUNTS FOR DECLASSIFICATION OF
20 RECORDS.—The Secretary of Energy shall include in the
21 budget justification materials submitted to Congress in
22 support of the Department of Energy budget for any fiscal
23 year (as submitted with the budget of the President under
24 section 1105(a) of title 31) specific identification, as a
25 budgetary line item, of the amounts required to carry out

1 programmed activities during that fiscal year to declassify
 2 records pursuant to Executive Order No. 13526 (50
 3 U.S.C. 3161 note), or any successor Executive order, or
 4 to comply with any statutory requirement to declassify
 5 Government records.

6 “(b) CERTIFICATION REQUIRED WITH RESPECT TO
 7 AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION OF RECORDS.—No
 8 records of the Department of Energy that have not as of
 9 October 5, 1999, been reviewed for declassification shall
 10 be subject to automatic declassification unless the Sec-
 11 retary of Energy certifies to Congress that such declas-
 12 sification would not harm the national security.

13 “SUBCHAPTER VI—PERSONNEL MATTERS

14 “PART A—PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

15 “§ 5751. Authority for appointment of certain sci-
 16 entific, engineering, and technical per-
 17 sonnel

18 “(a) AUTHORITY.—

19 “(1) Notwithstanding any provision of title 5
 20 governing appointments in the competitive service
 21 and General Schedule classification and pay rates,
 22 the Secretary of Energy may—

23 “(A) establish and set the rates of pay for
 24 not more than 200 positions in the Department
 25 of Energy for scientific, engineering, and tech-

1 nical personnel whose duties will relate to safety
2 at defense nuclear facilities of the Department;
3 and

4 “(B) appoint persons to such positions.

5 “(2) The rate of pay for a position established
6 under paragraph (1) may not exceed the rate of pay
7 payable for level III of the Executive Schedule under
8 section 5314 of title 5.

9 “(3) To the maximum extent practicable, the
10 Secretary shall appoint persons under paragraph
11 (1)(B) to the positions established under paragraph
12 (1)(A) in accordance with the merit system prin-
13 ciples set forth in section 2301 of such title.

14 “(b) OPM REVIEW.—

15 “(1) The Secretary shall enter into an agree-
16 ment with the Director of the Office of Personnel
17 Management under which agreement the Director
18 shall periodically evaluate the use of the authority
19 set forth in subsection (a)(1). The Secretary shall
20 reimburse the Director for evaluations conducted by
21 the Director pursuant to the agreement. Any such
22 reimbursement shall be credited to the revolving
23 fund referred to in section 1304(e) of title 5.

24 “(2) If the Director determines as a result of
25 such evaluation that the Secretary of Energy is not

1 appointing persons to positions under such authority
2 in a manner consistent with the merit system prin-
3 ciples set forth in section 2301 of title 5 or is setting
4 rates of pay at levels that are not appropriate for
5 the qualifications and experience of the persons ap-
6 pointed and the duties of the positions involved, the
7 Director shall notify the Secretary and Congress of
8 that determination.

9 “(3) Upon receipt of a notification under para-
10 graph (2), the Secretary shall—

11 “(A) take appropriate actions to appoint
12 persons to positions under such authority in a
13 manner consistent with such principles or to set
14 rates of pay at levels that are appropriate for
15 the qualifications and experience of the persons
16 appointed and the duties of the positions in-
17 volved; or

18 “(B) cease appointment of persons under
19 such authority.

20 “(c) TERMINATION.—

21 “(1) The authority provided under subsection
22 (a)(1) shall terminate on September 30, 2026.

23 “(2) An employee may not be separated from
24 employment with the Department of Energy or re-

1 ceive a reduction in pay by reason of the termination
2 of authority under paragraph (1).

3 **“§ 5752. Whistleblower protection program**

4 “(a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary of En-
5 ergy shall establish a program to ensure that covered indi-
6 viduals may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise dis-
7 criminated against as a reprisal for making protected dis-
8 closures.

9 “(b) COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—For purposes of this
10 section, a covered individual is an individual who is an em-
11 ployee of the Department of Energy, or of a contractor
12 of the Department, who is engaged in the defense activi-
13 ties of the Department.

14 “(c) PROTECTED DISCLOSURES.—For purposes of
15 this section, a protected disclosure is a disclosure—

16 “(1) made by a covered individual who takes
17 appropriate steps to protect the security of the infor-
18 mation in accordance with guidance provided under
19 this section;

20 “(2) made to a person or entity specified in
21 subsection (d); and

22 “(3) of classified or other information that the
23 covered individual reasonably believes to provide di-
24 rect and specific evidence of any of the following:

1 “(A) A violation of law or Federal regula-
2 tion.

3 “(B) Gross mismanagement, a gross waste
4 of funds, or abuse of authority.

5 “(C) A false statement to Congress on an
6 issue of material fact.

7 “(d) PERSONS AND ENTITIES TO WHICH DISCLO-
8 SURES MAY BE MADE.—A person or entity specified in
9 this subsection is any of the following:

10 “(1) A member of a committee of Congress
11 having primary responsibility for oversight of the de-
12 partment, agency, or element of the Government to
13 which the disclosed information relates.

14 “(2) An employee of Congress who is a staff
15 member of such a committee and has an appropriate
16 security clearance for access to information of the
17 type disclosed.

18 “(3) The Inspector General of the Department
19 of Energy.

20 “(4) The Federal Bureau of Investigation.

21 “(5) Any other element of the Government des-
22 ignated by the Secretary as authorized to receive in-
23 formation of the type disclosed.

24 “(e) OFFICIAL CAPACITY OF PERSONS TO WHOM IN-
25 FORMATION IS DISCLOSED.—A member of, or an em-

1 ployee of Congress who is a staff member of, a committee
2 of Congress specified in subsection (d) who receives a pro-
3 tected disclosure under this section does so in that mem-
4 ber or employee's official capacity as such a member or
5 employee.

6 “(f) ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE.—The Secretary,
7 acting through the Inspector General of the Department
8 of Energy, shall provide assistance and guidance to each
9 covered individual who seeks to make a protected disclo-
10 sure under this section. Such assistance and guidance
11 shall include the following:

12 “(1) Identifying the persons or entities under
13 subsection (d) to which that disclosure may be made.

14 “(2) Advising that individual regarding the
15 steps to be taken to protect the security of the infor-
16 mation to be disclosed.

17 “(3) Taking appropriate actions to protect the
18 identity of that individual throughout that disclo-
19 sure.

20 “(4) Taking appropriate actions to coordinate
21 that disclosure with any other Federal agency or
22 agencies that originated the information.

23 “(g) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe
24 regulations to ensure the security of any information dis-
25 closed under this section.

1 “(h) NOTIFICATION TO COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—
2 The Secretary shall notify each covered individual of the
3 following:

4 “(1) The rights of that individual under this
5 section.

6 “(2) The assistance and guidance provided
7 under this section.

8 “(3) That the individual has a responsibility to
9 obtain that assistance and guidance before seeking
10 to make a protected disclosure.

11 “(i) COMPLAINT BY COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—If a
12 covered individual believes that that individual has been
13 discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against
14 as a reprisal for making a protected disclosure under this
15 section, the individual may submit a complaint relating to
16 such matter to the Director of the Office of Hearings and
17 Appeals of the Department of Energy.

18 “(j) INVESTIGATION BY OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND
19 APPEALS.—

20 “(1) For each complaint submitted under sub-
21 section (i), the Director of the Office of Hearings
22 and Appeals shall—

23 “(A) determine whether or not the com-
24 plaint is frivolous; and

1 “(B) if the Director determines the com-
2 plaint is not frivolous, conduct an investigation
3 of the complaint.

4 “(2) The Director shall submit a report on each
5 investigation undertaken under paragraph (1)(B)
6 to—

7 “(A) the individual who submitted the
8 complaint on which the investigation is based;

9 “(B) the contractor concerned, if any; and

10 “(C) the Secretary of Energy.

11 “(k) REMEDIAL ACTION.—

12 “(1) Whenever the Secretary determines that a
13 covered individual has been discharged, demoted, or
14 otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for
15 making a protected disclosure under this section, the
16 Secretary shall—

17 “(A) in the case of a Department em-
18 ployee, take appropriate actions to abate the ac-
19 tion; or

20 “(B) in the case of a contractor employee,
21 order the contractor concerned to take appro-
22 priate actions to abate the action.

23 “(2)(A) If a contractor fails to comply with an
24 order issued under paragraph (1)(B), the Secretary

1 may file an action for enforcement of the order in
2 the appropriate United States district court.

3 “(B) In any action brought under subparagraph
4 (A), the court may grant appropriate relief, includ-
5 ing injunctive relief and compensatory and exem-
6 plary damages.

7 “(l) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS.—The protec-
8 tions provided by this section are independent of, and not
9 subject to any limitations that may be provided in, the
10 Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989 (Public Law 101–
11 12; 103 Stat. 16) or any other law that may provide pro-
12 tection for disclosures of information by employees of the
13 Department of Energy or of a contractor of the Depart-
14 ment.

15 “(m) ANNUAL REPORT.—

16 “(1) Not later than 30 days after the com-
17 mencement of each fiscal year, the Director shall
18 submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the
19 Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the
20 House of Representatives a report on the investiga-
21 tions undertaken under subsection (j)(1)(B) during
22 the preceding fiscal year, including a summary of
23 the results of each such investigation.

24 “(2) A report under paragraph (1) may not
25 identify or otherwise provide any information about

1 an individual submitting a complaint under this sec-
2 tion without the consent of the individual.

3 **“§ 5753. Department of Energy defense nuclear facili-**
4 **ties workforce restructuring plan**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Upon determination that a
6 change in the workforce at a defense nuclear facility is
7 necessary, the Secretary of Energy shall develop a plan
8 for restructuring the workforce for the defense nuclear fa-
9 cility that takes into account—

10 “(1) the reconfiguration of the defense nuclear
11 facility; and

12 “(2) the plan for the nuclear weapons stockpile
13 that is the most recently prepared plan at the time
14 of the development of the plan referred to in this
15 subsection.

16 “(b) CONSULTATION.—

17 “(1) In developing a plan referred to in sub-
18 section (a), the Secretary shall consult with the Sec-
19 retary of Labor, appropriate representatives of local
20 and national collective-bargaining units of individ-
21 uals employed at Department of Energy defense nu-
22 clear facilities, appropriate representatives of depart-
23 ments and agencies of State and local governments,
24 appropriate representatives of State and local insti-
25 tutions of higher education, and appropriate rep-

1 representatives of community groups in communities af-
2 fected by the restructuring plan.

3 “(2) The Secretary shall determine appropriate
4 representatives of the units, governments, institu-
5 tions, and groups referred to in paragraph (1).

6 “(c) OBJECTIVES.—In preparing the plan required
7 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall be guided by the
8 following objectives:

9 “(1) Changes in the workforce at a Department
10 of Energy defense nuclear facility—

11 “(A) should be accomplished so as to mini-
12 mize social and economic impacts;

13 “(B) should be made only after the provi-
14 sion of notice of such changes not later than
15 120 days before the commencement of such
16 changes to such employees and the communities
17 in which such facilities are located; and

18 “(C) should be accomplished, when pos-
19 sible, through the use of retraining, early retire-
20 ment, attrition, and other options that minimize
21 layoffs.

22 “(2) Employees whose employment in positions
23 at such facilities is terminated shall, to the extent
24 practicable, receive preference in any hiring of the
25 Department of Energy (consistent with applicable

1 employment seniority plans or practices of the De-
2 partment of Energy and with section 3152 of the
3 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years
4 1990 and 1991 (Public Law 101–189; 103 Stat.
5 1682)).

6 “(3) Employees shall, to the extent practicable,
7 be retrained for work in environmental restoration
8 and waste management activities at such facilities or
9 other facilities of the Department of Energy.

10 “(4) The Department of Energy should provide
11 relocation assistance to employees who are trans-
12 ferred to other Department of Energy facilities as a
13 result of the plan.

14 “(5) The Department of Energy should assist
15 terminated employees in obtaining appropriate re-
16 training, education, and reemployment assistance
17 (including employment placement assistance).

18 “(6) The Department of Energy should provide
19 local impact assistance to communities that are af-
20 fected by the restructuring plan and coordinate the
21 provision of such assistance with—

22 “(A) programs carried out by the Sec-
23 retary of Labor under title I of the Workforce
24 Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
25 3111 et seq.);

1 “(B) programs carried out pursuant to the
2 Defense Economic Adjustment, Diversification,
3 Conversion, and Stabilization Act of 1990 (divi-
4 sion D of Public Law 101–510; 10 U.S.C. 2391
5 note); and

6 “(C) programs carried out by the Depart-
7 ment of Commerce pursuant to title II of the
8 Public Works and Economic Development Act
9 of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.).

10 “(d) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary shall, sub-
11 ject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose,
12 work on an ongoing basis with representatives of the De-
13 partment of Labor, workforce bargaining units, and States
14 and local communities in carrying out a plan required
15 under subsection (a).

16 “(e) SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—

17 “(1) The Secretary shall submit to Congress a
18 plan referred to in subsection (a) with respect to a
19 defense nuclear facility within 90 days after the date
20 on which a notice of changes described in subsection
21 (c)(1)(B) is provided to employees of the facility, or
22 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
23 whichever is later.

24 “(2) In addition to the plans submitted under
25 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit to Con-

1 gress every six months a report setting forth a de-
2 scription of, and the amount or value of, all local im-
3 pact assistance provided during the preceding six
4 months under subsection (c)(6).

5 “(f) DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY DEFENSE NUCLEAR
6 FACILITY DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘Depart-
7 ment of Energy defense nuclear facility’ means—

8 “(1) a production facility or utilization facility
9 (as those terms are defined in section 11 of the
10 Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2014)) that
11 is under the control or jurisdiction of the Secretary
12 and that is operated for national security purposes
13 (including the tritium loading facility at Savannah
14 River, South Carolina, and the 236 H facility at Sa-
15 vannah River, South Carolina), but the term does
16 not include any facility that does not conduct atomic
17 energy defense activities and does not include any
18 facility or activity covered by Executive Order Num-
19 ber 12344, dated February 1, 1982, pertaining to
20 the naval nuclear propulsion program;

21 “(2) a nuclear waste storage or disposal facility
22 that is under the control or jurisdiction of the Sec-
23 retary;

24 “(3) a testing and assembly facility that is
25 under the control or jurisdiction of the Secretary

1 and that is operated for national security purposes
2 (including the Nevada National Security Site, Ne-
3 vada, and the Pantex facility, Texas);

4 “(4) an atomic weapons research facility that is
5 under the control or jurisdiction of the Secretary
6 (including Lawrence Livermore, Los Alamos, and
7 Sandia National Laboratories); or

8 “(5) any facility described in paragraphs (1)
9 through (4) that—

10 “(A) is no longer in operation;

11 “(B) was under the control or jurisdiction
12 of the Department of Defense, the Atomic En-
13 ergy Commission, or the Energy Research and
14 Development Administration; and

15 “(C) was operated for national security
16 purposes.

17 **“§ 5754. Authority to provide certificate of com-**
18 **mendation to Department of Energy and**
19 **contractor employees for exemplary serv-**
20 **ice in stockpile stewardship and security**

21 “(a) AUTHORITY TO PRESENT CERTIFICATE OF
22 COMMENDATION.—The Secretary of Energy may present
23 a certificate of commendation to any current or former
24 employee of the Department of Energy, and any current
25 or former employee of a Department contractor, whose

1 service to the Department in matters relating to stockpile
 2 stewardship and security assisted the Department in fur-
 3 thering the national security interests of the United
 4 States.

5 “(b) CERTIFICATE.—The certificate of commenda-
 6 tion presented to a current or former employee under sub-
 7 section (a) shall include an appropriate citation of the
 8 service of the current or former employee described in that
 9 subsection, including a citation for dedication, intellect,
 10 and sacrifice in furthering the national security interests
 11 of the United States by maintaining a strong, safe, and
 12 viable United States nuclear deterrent during the cold war
 13 or thereafter.

14 “(c) DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY DEFINED.—For pur-
 15 poses of this section, the term ‘Department of Energy’ in-
 16 cludes any predecessor agency of the Department of En-
 17 ergy.

18 **“PART B—EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

19 **“§ 5761. Executive management training in Depart-** 20 **ment of Energy**

21 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING PROGRAM.—The
 22 Secretary of Energy shall establish and implement a man-
 23 agement training program for personnel of the Depart-
 24 ment of Energy involved in the management of atomic en-
 25 ergy defense activities.

1 “(b) TRAINING PROVISIONS.—The training program
2 shall at a minimum include instruction in the following
3 areas:

4 “(1) Department of Energy policy and proce-
5 dures for management and operation of atomic en-
6 ergy defense facilities.

7 “(2) Methods of evaluating technical perform-
8 ance.

9 “(3) Federal and State environmental laws and
10 requirements for compliance with such environ-
11 mental laws, including timely compliance with re-
12 porting requirements in such laws.

13 “(4) The establishment of program milestones
14 and methods to evaluate success in meeting such
15 milestones.

16 “(5) Methods for conducting long-range tech-
17 nical and budget planning.

18 “(6) Procedures for reviewing and applying in-
19 novative technology to defense environmental clean-
20 up.

21 **“§ 5762. Stockpile stewardship recruitment and train-**
22 **ing program**

23 “(a) CONDUCT OF PROGRAM.—

24 “(1) As part of the stockpile stewardship pro-
25 gram established pursuant to section 5621, the Sec-

1 retary of Energy shall conduct a stockpile steward-
2 ship recruitment and training program at the na-
3 tional security laboratories.

4 “(2) The recruitment and training program
5 shall be conducted in coordination with the Chair-
6 man of the Joint Nuclear Weapons Council estab-
7 lished by section 179 and the directors of the labora-
8 tories referred to in paragraph (1).

9 “(b) SUPPORT OF DUAL-USE PROGRAMS.—As part of
10 the recruitment and training program, the directors of the
11 national security laboratories may employ undergraduate
12 students, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows to
13 carry out research sponsored by such laboratories for mili-
14 tary or nonmilitary dual-use programs related to nuclear
15 weapons stockpile stewardship.

16 “(c) ESTABLISHMENT OF RETIREE CORPS.—As part
17 of the training and recruitment program, the Secretary,
18 in coordination with the directors of the national security
19 laboratories, shall establish for the laboratories a retiree
20 corps of retired scientists who have expertise in research
21 and development of nuclear weapons. The directors may
22 employ the retired scientists on a part-time basis to pro-
23 vide appropriate assistance on nuclear weapons issues, to
24 contribute relevant information to be archived, and to help
25 to provide training to other scientists.

1 **“§ 5763. Fellowship program for development of skills**
2 **critical to the nuclear security enterprise**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall
4 conduct a fellowship program for the development of skills
5 critical to the ongoing mission of the nuclear security en-
6 terprise. Under the fellowship program, the Secretary
7 shall provide educational assistance and research assist-
8 ance to eligible individuals to facilitate the development
9 by such individuals of skills critical to maintaining the on-
10 going mission of the nuclear security enterprise.

11 “(b) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—Individuals eligible
12 for participation in the fellowship program are United
13 States citizens who are either of the following:

14 “(1) Students pursuing graduate degrees in
15 fields of science or engineering that are related to
16 nuclear weapons engineering or to the science and
17 technology base of the Department of Energy.

18 “(2) Individuals engaged in postdoctoral studies
19 in such fields.

20 “(c) COVERED FACILITIES.—The Secretary shall
21 carry out the fellowship program at or in connection with
22 the national security laboratories and nuclear weapons
23 production facilities.

24 “(d) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall carry
25 out the fellowship program at a facility referred to in sub-
26 section (c) through the stockpile manager of the facility.

1 “(e) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—The Secretary shall,
2 in consultation with the Assistant Secretary of Energy for
3 Defense Programs, allocate funds available for the fellow-
4 ship program under subsection (f) among the facilities re-
5 ferred to in subsection (c). The Secretary shall make the
6 allocation after evaluating an assessment by the weapons
7 program director of each such facility of the personnel and
8 critical skills necessary at the facility for carrying out the
9 ongoing mission of the facility.

10 “(f) AGREEMENT.—

11 “(1) The Secretary may allow an individual to
12 participate in the program only if the individual
13 signs an agreement described in paragraph (2).

14 “(2) An agreement referred to in paragraph (1)
15 shall be in writing, shall be signed by the partici-
16 pant, and shall include the participant’s agreement
17 to serve, after completion of the course of study for
18 which the assistance was provided, as a full-time em-
19 ployee in a position in the nuclear security enterprise
20 for a period of time to be established by the Sec-
21 retary of Energy of not less than one year, if such
22 a position is offered to the participant.

“PART C—WORKER SAFETY

“§ 5771. Worker protection at nuclear weapons facilities

“(a) TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM.—

“(1) The Secretary of Energy is authorized to award grants to organizations referred to in paragraph (2) in order for such organizations—

“(A) to provide training and education to persons who are or may be engaged in hazardous substance response or emergency response at Department of Energy nuclear weapons facilities; and

“(B) to develop curricula for such training and education.

“(2)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), the Secretary is authorized to award grants under paragraph (1) to non-profit organizations that have demonstrated (as determined by the Secretary) capabilities in-

“(i) implementing and conducting effective training and education programs relating to the general health and safety of workers; and

“(ii) identifying, and involving in training, groups of workers whose duties include hazardous substance response or emergency response.

1 “(B) The Secretary shall give preference in the
2 award of grants under this section to employee orga-
3 nizations and joint labor-management training pro-
4 grams that are grant recipients under section 126(g)
5 of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization
6 Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. 9660a).

7 “(3) An organization awarded a grant under
8 paragraph (1) shall carry out training, education, or
9 curricula development pursuant to Department of
10 Energy orders relating to employee safety training,
11 including orders numbered 5480.4 and 5480.11.

12 “(b) ENFORCEMENT OF EMPLOYEE SAFETY STAND-
13 ARDS.—

14 “(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary
15 shall assess civil penalties against any contractor of
16 the Department of Energy who (as determined by
17 the Secretary)—

18 “(A) employs individuals who are engaged
19 in hazardous substance response or emergency
20 response at Department of Energy nuclear
21 weapons facilities; and

22 “(B) fails (i) to provide for the training of
23 such individuals to carry out such hazardous
24 substance response or emergency response, or
25 (ii) to certify to the Department of Energy that

1 such employees are adequately trained for such
2 response pursuant to orders issued by the De-
3 partment of Energy relating to employee safety
4 training (including orders numbered 5480.4
5 and 5480.11).

6 “(2) Civil penalties assessed under this sub-
7 section may not exceed \$5,000 for each day in which
8 a failure referred to in paragraph (1)(B) occurs.

9 “(c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe
10 regulations to carry out this section.

11 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section,
12 the term ‘hazardous substance’ includes radioactive waste
13 and mixed radioactive and hazardous waste.

14 **“§ 5772. Safety oversight and enforcement at defense**
15 **nuclear facilities**

16 “The Secretary of Energy shall take appropriate ac-
17 tions to ensure that—

18 “(1) officials of the Department of Energy who
19 are responsible for independent oversight of matters
20 relating to nuclear safety at defense nuclear facilities
21 and enforcement of nuclear safety standards at such
22 facilities maintain independence from officials who
23 are engaged in, or who are advising persons who are
24 engaged in, management of such facilities;

1 “(2) the independent, internal oversight func-
2 tions carried out by the Department include activi-
3 ties relating to—

4 “(A) the assessment of the safety of de-
5 fense nuclear facilities;

6 “(B) the assessment of the effectiveness of
7 Department program offices in carrying out
8 programs relating to the environment, safety,
9 health, and security at defense nuclear facili-
10 ties;

11 “(C) the provision to the Secretary of over-
12 sight reports that—

13 “(i) contain validated technical infor-
14 mation; and

15 “(ii) provide a clear analysis of the ex-
16 tent to which line programs governing de-
17 fense nuclear facilities meet applicable
18 goals for the environment, safety, health,
19 and security at such facilities; and

20 “(D) the development of clear performance
21 standards to be used in assessing the adequacy
22 of the programs referred to in subparagraph
23 (C)(ii);

24 “(3) the Department has a system for bringing
25 issues relating to nuclear safety at defense nuclear

1 facilities to the attention of the officials of the De-
2 partment (including the Secretary of Energy) who
3 have authority to resolve such issues in an adequate
4 and timely manner; and

5 “(4) an adequate number of qualified personnel
6 of the Department are assigned to oversee matters
7 relating to nuclear safety at defense nuclear facilities
8 and enforce nuclear safety standards at such facili-
9 ties.

10 **“§ 5773. Program to monitor department of energy**
11 **workers exposed to hazardous and radio-**
12 **active substances**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall
14 establish and carry out a program for the identification
15 and on-going medical evaluation of current and former
16 Department of Energy employees who are subject to sig-
17 nificant health risks as a result of the exposure of such
18 employees to hazardous or radioactive substances during
19 such employment.

20 “(b) IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM.—

21 “(1) The Secretary shall, with the concurrence
22 of the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
23 issue regulations under which the Secretary shall im-
24 plement the program. Such regulations shall, to the
25 extent practicable, provide for a process to—

1 “(A) identify the hazardous substances and
2 radioactive substances to which current and
3 former Department of Energy employees may
4 have been exposed as a result of such employ-
5 ment;

6 “(B) identify employees referred to in sub-
7 paragraph (A) who received a level of exposure
8 identified under paragraph (2)(B);

9 “(C) determine the appropriate number,
10 scope, and frequency of medical evaluations and
11 laboratory tests to be provided to employees
12 who have received a level of exposure identified
13 under paragraph (2)(B) to permit the Secretary
14 to evaluate fully the extent, nature, and medical
15 consequences of such exposure;

16 “(D) make available the evaluations and
17 tests referred to in subparagraph (C) to the em-
18 ployees referred to in such subparagraph;

19 “(E) ensure that privacy is maintained
20 with respect to medical information that per-
21 sonally identifies any such employee; and

22 “(F) ensure that employee participation in
23 the program is voluntary.

24 “(2)(A) In determining the most appropriate
25 means of carrying out the activities referred to in

1 subparagraphs (A) through (D) of paragraph (1),
2 the Secretary shall consult with the Secretary of
3 Health and Human Services under the agreement
4 referred to in subsection (c).

5 “(B) The Secretary of Health and Human
6 Services, with the assistance of the Director of the
7 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the
8 Director of the National Institute for Occupational
9 Safety and Health, and the Secretary of Labor shall
10 identify the levels of exposure to the substances re-
11 ferred to in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) that
12 present employees referred to in such subparagraph
13 with significant health risks under Federal and
14 State occupational, health, and safety standards.

15 “(3) In prescribing the guidelines referred to in
16 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall consult with rep-
17 resentatives of the following entities:

18 “(A) The American College of Occupa-
19 tional and Environmental Medicine.

20 “(B) The National Academy of Sciences.

21 “(C) The National Council on Radiation
22 Protection and Measurements.

23 “(D) Any labor organization or other col-
24 lective bargaining agent authorized to act on

1 the behalf of employees of a Department of En-
2 ergy defense nuclear facility.

3 “(4) The Secretary shall provide for each em-
4 ployee identified under paragraph (1)(B) and pro-
5 vided with any medical examination or test under
6 paragraph (1) to be notified by the appropriate med-
7 ical personnel of the identification and the results of
8 any such examination or test. Each notification
9 under this paragraph shall be provided in a form
10 that is readily understandable by the employee.

11 “(5) The Secretary shall collect and assemble
12 information relating to the examinations and tests
13 carried out under paragraph (1).

14 “(6) The Secretary shall commence carrying
15 out the program described in this subsection not
16 later than October 23, 1993.

17 “(c) AGREEMENT WITH SECRETARY OF HEALTH
18 AND HUMAN SERVICES.—Not later than April 23, 1993,
19 the Secretary shall enter into an agreement with the Sec-
20 retary of Health and Human Services relating to the es-
21 tablishment and conduct of the program required and reg-
22 ulations issued under this section.

23 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) The term ‘Department of Energy defense
2 nuclear facility’ has the meaning given that term in
3 section 5753(f).

4 “(2) The term ‘Department of Energy em-
5 ployee’ means any employee of the Department of
6 Energy employed at a Department of Energy de-
7 fense nuclear facility, including any employee of a
8 contractor or subcontractor of the Department of
9 Energy employed at such a facility.

10 **“§ 5774. Programs for persons who may have been ex-**
11 **posed to radiation released from Hanford**
12 **Nuclear Reservation**

13 “(a) FUNDING.—Of the funds authorized to be ap-
14 propriated to the Department of Energy under title XXXI
15 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
16 1991 (Public Law 101–510), the Secretary of Energy
17 shall make available \$3,000,000 to the State of Wash-
18 ington, \$1,000,000 to the State of Oregon, and
19 \$1,000,000 to the State of Idaho. Such funds shall be
20 used to develop and implement programs for the benefit
21 of persons who may have been exposed to radiation re-
22 leased from the Department of Energy Hanford Nuclear
23 Reservation (Richland, Washington) between the years
24 1944 and 1972.

1 “(b) PROGRAMS.—The programs to be developed by
2 the States may include only the following activities:

3 “(1) Preparing and distributing information on
4 the health effects of radiation to health care profes-
5 sionals, and to persons who may have been exposed
6 to radiation.

7 “(2) Developing and implementing mechanisms
8 for referring persons who may have been exposed to
9 radiation to health care professionals with expertise
10 in the health effects of radiation.

11 “(3) Evaluating and, if feasible, implementing,
12 registration and monitoring of persons who may
13 have been exposed to radiation released from the
14 Hanford Nuclear Reservation.

15 “(c) PLAN AND REPORTS.—

16 “(1) The States of Washington, Oregon, and
17 Idaho shall jointly develop a single plan for imple-
18 menting this section.

19 “(2) Not later than May 5, 1991, such States
20 shall submit to the Secretary of Energy and Con-
21 gress a copy of the plan developed under paragraph
22 (1).

23 “(3) Not later than May 5, 1992, such States
24 shall submit to the Secretary of Energy and Con-

1 gress a single report on the implementation of the
2 plan developed under paragraph (1).

3 “(4) In developing and implementing the plan,
4 such States shall consult with persons carrying out
5 current radiation dose and epidemiological research
6 programs (including the Hanford Thyroid Disease
7 Study of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
8 vention and the Hanford Environmental Dose Re-
9 construction Project of the Department of Energy),
10 and may not cause substantial damage to such re-
11 search programs.

12 “(d) PROHIBITION ON DISCLOSURE OF EXPOSURE
13 INFORMATION.—

14 “(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a
15 person may not disclose to the public the following:

16 “(A) Any information obtained through a
17 program that identifies a person who may have
18 been exposed to radiation released from the
19 Hanford Nuclear Reservation.

20 “(B) Any information obtained through a
21 program that identifies a person participating
22 in any of the programs developed under this
23 section.

1 “(C) The name, address, and telephone
2 number of a person requesting information re-
3 ferred to in subsection (b)(1).

4 “(D) The name, address, and telephone
5 number of a person who has been referred to a
6 health care professional under subsection
7 (b)(2).

8 “(E) The name, address, and telephone
9 number of a person who has been registered
10 and monitored pursuant to subsection (b)(3).

11 “(F) Information that identifies the person
12 from whom information referred to in this para-
13 graph was obtained under a program or any
14 other third party involved with, or identified by,
15 any such information so obtained.

16 “(G) Any other personal or medical infor-
17 mation that identifies a person or party re-
18 ferred to in subparagraphs (A) through (F).

19 “(H) Such other information or categories
20 of information as the chief officers of the health
21 departments of the States of Washington, Or-
22 egon, and Idaho jointly designate as informa-
23 tion covered by this subsection.

24 “(2) Information referred to in paragraph (1)
25 may be disclosed to the public if the person identi-

1 fied by the information, or the legal representative
 2 of that person, has consented in writing to the dis-
 3 closure.

4 “(3) The States of Washington, Oregon, and
 5 Idaho shall establish uniform procedures for car-
 6 rying out this subsection, including procedures gov-
 7 erning the following:

8 “(A) The disclosure of information under
 9 paragraph (2).

10 “(B) The use of the Hanford Health Infor-
 11 mation Network database.

12 “(C) The future disposition of the data-
 13 base.

14 “(D) Enforcement of the prohibition pro-
 15 vided in paragraph (1) on the disclosure of in-
 16 formation described in that paragraph.

17 **“§ 5775. Use of probabilistic risk assessment to en-**
 18 **sure nuclear safety of facilities of the Ad-**
 19 **ministration and the Office of Environ-**
 20 **mental Management**

21 “(a) NUCLEAR SAFETY AT NNSA AND DOE FACILI-
 22 TIES.—The Administrator and the Secretary of Energy
 23 shall ensure that the methods for assessing, certifying,
 24 and overseeing nuclear safety at the facilities specified in
 25 subsection (c) use national and international standards

1 and nuclear industry best practices, including probabilistic
2 or quantitative risk assessment if sufficient data exist.

3 “(b) ADEQUATE PROTECTION.—The use of prob-
4 abilistic or quantitative risk assessment under subsection
5 (a) shall be to support, rather than replace, the require-
6 ment under section 182 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954
7 (42 U.S.C. 2232) that the utilization or production of spe-
8 cial nuclear material will be in accordance with the com-
9 mon defense and security and will provide adequate pro-
10 tection to the health and safety of the public.

11 “(c) FACILITIES SPECIFIED.—Subsection (a) shall
12 apply—

13 “(1) to the Administrator with respect to the
14 national security laboratories and the nuclear weap-
15 ons production facilities; and

16 “(2) to the Secretary of Energy with respect to
17 defense nuclear facilities of the Office of Environ-
18 mental Management of the Department of Energy.

19 **“§ 5776. Notification of nuclear criticality and non-**
20 **nuclear incidents**

21 “(a) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary of Energy or
22 the Administrator, as the case may be, shall submit to
23 the appropriate congressional committees a notification of
24 a nuclear criticality incident resulting from a covered pro-
25 gram that results in an injury or fatality or results in the

1 shutdown, or partial shutdown, of a covered facility by not
2 later than 15 days after the date of such incident.

3 “(b) ELEMENTS OF NOTIFICATION.—Each notifica-
4 tion submitted under subsection (a) shall include the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(1) A description of the incident, including the
7 cause of the incident.

8 “(2) In the case of a criticality incident, wheth-
9 er the incident caused a facility, or part of a facility,
10 to be shut down.

11 “(3) The effect, if any, on the mission of the
12 Administration or the Office of Environmental Man-
13 agement of the Department of Energy.

14 “(4) Any corrective action taken in response to
15 the incident.

16 “(c) DATABASE.—

17 “(1) The Secretary shall maintain a record of
18 incidents described in paragraph (2).

19 “(2) An incident described in this paragraph is
20 any of the following incidents resulting from a cov-
21 ered program:

22 “(A) A nuclear criticality incident that re-
23 sults in an injury or fatality or results in the
24 shutdown, or partial shutdown, of a covered fa-
25 cility.

1 “(B) A non-nuclear incident that results in
2 serious bodily injury or fatality at a covered fa-
3 cility.

4 “(d) COOPERATION.—In carrying out this section,
5 the Secretary and the Administrator shall ensure that
6 each management and operating contractor of a covered
7 facility cooperates in a timely manner.

8 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 “(1) The term ‘appropriate congressional com-
10 mittees’ means—

11 “(A) the congressional defense committees;
12 and

13 “(B) the Committee on Energy and Com-
14 merce of the House of Representatives and the
15 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of
16 the Senate.

17 “(2) The term ‘covered facility’ means—

18 “(A) a facility of the nuclear security en-
19 terprise; and

20 “(B) a facility conducting activities for the
21 defense environmental cleanup program of the
22 Office of Environmental Management of the
23 Department of Energy.

24 “(3) The term ‘covered program’ means—

25 “(A) programs of the Administration; and

1 “(B) defense environmental cleanup pro-
 2 grams of the Office of Environmental Manage-
 3 ment of the Department of Energy.

4 “SUBCHAPTER VII—BUDGET AND FINANCIAL
 5 MANAGEMENT MATTERS

6 **“PART A—RECURRING NATIONAL SECURITY**
 7 **AUTHORIZATION PROVISIONS**

8 **“§ 5781. Definitions**

9 “In this part:

10 “(1) The term ‘DOE national security author-
 11 ization’ means an authorization of appropriations for
 12 activities of the Department of Energy in carrying
 13 out programs necessary for national security.

14 “(2)(A) Except as provided by subparagraph
 15 (B), the term ‘minor construction threshold’ means
 16 \$30,000,000.

17 “(B) The Administrator may calculate the
 18 amount specified in subparagraph (A) based on fis-
 19 cal year 2022 constant dollars if the Administrator-

20 “(i) submits to the congressional defense
 21 committees a report on the method used by the
 22 Administrator to calculate the adjustment;

23 “(ii) a period of 30 days elapses following
 24 the date of such submission; and

1 “(iii) publishes the adjusted amount in the
2 Federal Register.

3 **“§ 5782. Reprogramming**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
5 (b) and in sections 5791 and 5792 of this title, the Sec-
6 retary of Energy may not use amounts appropriated pur-
7 suant to a DOE national security authorization for a pro-
8 gram—

9 “(1) in amounts that exceed, in a fiscal year—

10 “(A) 115 percent of the amount authorized
11 for that program by that authorization for that
12 fiscal year; or

13 “(B) \$5,000,000 more than the amount
14 authorized for that program by that authoriza-
15 tion for that fiscal year; or

16 “(2) which has not been presented to, or re-
17 quested of, Congress.

18 “(b) EXCEPTION WHERE NOTICE-AND-WAIT
19 GIVEN.—An action described in subsection (a) may be
20 taken if—

21 “(1) the Secretary submits to the congressional
22 defense committees a report referred to in subsection
23 (c) with respect to such action; and

24 “(2) a period of 30 days has elapsed after the
25 date on which such committees receive the report.

1 “(c) REPORT.—The report referred to in this sub-
2 section is a report containing a full and complete state-
3 ment of the action proposed to be taken and the facts and
4 circumstances relied upon in support of the proposed ac-
5 tion.

6 “(d) COMPUTATION OF DAYS.—In the computation
7 of the 30-day period under subsection (b), there shall be
8 excluded any day on which either House of Congress is
9 not in session because of an adjournment of more than
10 three days to a day certain.

11 “(e) LIMITATIONS.—

12 “(1) TOTAL AMOUNT OBLIGATED.—In no event
13 may the total amount of funds obligated pursuant to
14 a DOE national security authorization for a fiscal
15 year exceed the total amount authorized to be appro-
16 priated by that authorization for that fiscal year.

17 “(2) PROHIBITED ITEMS.—Funds appropriated
18 pursuant to a DOE national security authorization
19 may not be used for an item for which Congress has
20 specifically denied funds.

21 **“§ 5783. Minor construction projects**

22 “(a) AUTHORITY.—Using operation and maintenance
23 funds or facilities and infrastructure funds authorized by
24 a DOE national security authorization, the Secretary of
25 Energy may carry out minor construction projects.

1 “(b) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit
2 to the congressional defense committees on an annual
3 basis a report on each exercise of the authority in sub-
4 section (a) during the preceding fiscal year. Each report
5 shall provide a brief description of each minor construction
6 project covered by the report. The report shall include with
7 respect to each project the following:

8 “(1) The estimated original total project cost
9 and the estimated original date of completion.

10 “(2) The percentage of the project that is com-
11 plete.

12 “(3) The current estimated total project cost
13 and estimated date of completion.

14 “(c) COST VARIATION REPORTS TO CONGRESSIONAL
15 COMMITTEES.—If, at any time during the construction of
16 any minor construction project authorized by a DOE na-
17 tional security authorization, the estimated cost of the
18 project is revised and the revised cost of the project ex-
19 ceeds the minor construction threshold, the Secretary shall
20 immediately submit to the congressional defense commit-
21 tees a report explaining the reasons for the cost variation.

22 “(d) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN
23 PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Sec-
24 retary may not start a minor construction project with a
25 total estimated cost of more than \$5,000,000 until—

1 “(1) the Secretary notifies the congressional de-
2 fense committees of such project and total estimated
3 cost; and

4 “(2) a period of 15 days has elapsed after the
5 date on which such notification is received.

6 “(e) MINOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT DEFINED.—In
7 this section, the term ‘minor construction project’ means
8 any plant project not specifically authorized by law for
9 which the approved total estimated cost does not exceed
10 the minor construction threshold.

11 **“§ 5784. General plant projects**

12 “ Plant or construction projects for which amounts
13 are made available under this and subsequent appropria-
14 tion Acts with a current estimated cost of less than
15 \$10,000,000 are considered for purposes of section 5783
16 as a plant project for which the approved total estimated
17 cost does not exceed the minor construction threshold and
18 for purposes of section 5785 as a construction project with
19 a current estimated cost of less than a minor construction
20 threshold.

21 **“§ 5785. Limits on construction projects**

22 “(a) CONSTRUCTION COST CEILING.—Except as pro-
23 vided in subsection (b), construction on a construction
24 project which is in support of national security programs
25 of the Department of Energy and was authorized by a

1 DOE national security authorization may not be started,
2 and additional obligations in connection with the project
3 above the total estimated cost may not be incurred, when-
4 ever the current estimated cost of the construction project
5 exceeds by more than 25 percent the higher of—

6 “(1) the amount authorized for the project; or

7 “(2) the amount of the total estimated cost for
8 the project as shown in the most recent budget jus-
9 tification data submitted to Congress.

10 “(b) EXCEPTION WHERE NOTICE-AND-WAIT
11 GIVEN.—An action described in subsection (a) may be
12 taken if—

13 “(1) the Secretary of Energy has submitted to
14 the congressional defense committees a report on the
15 actions and the circumstances making such action
16 necessary; and

17 “(2) a period of 30 days has elapsed after the
18 date on which the report is received by the commit-
19 tees.

20 “(c) COMPUTATION OF DAYS.—In the computation
21 of the 30-day period under subsection (b), there shall be
22 excluded any day on which either House of Congress is
23 not in session because of an adjournment of more than
24 three days to a day certain.

1 “(d) EXCEPTION FOR MINOR PROJECTS.—Sub-
2 section (a) does not apply to a construction project with
3 a current estimated cost of less than the minor construc-
4 tion threshold.

5 **“§ 5786. Fund transfer authority**

6 “(a) TRANSFER TO OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.—
7 The Secretary of Energy may transfer funds authorized
8 to be appropriated to the Department of Energy pursuant
9 to a DOE national security authorization to other Federal
10 agencies for the performance of work for which the funds
11 were authorized. Funds so transferred may be merged
12 with and be available for the same purposes and for the
13 same time period as the authorizations of the Federal
14 agency to which the amounts are transferred.

15 “(b) TRANSFER WITHIN DEPARTMENT OF EN-
16 ERGY.—

17 “(1) TRANSFERS PERMITTED.—Subject to
18 paragraph (2), the Secretary of Energy may transfer
19 funds authorized to be appropriated to the Depart-
20 ment of Energy pursuant to a DOE national secu-
21 rity authorization to any other DOE national secu-
22 rity authorization. Amounts of authorizations so
23 transferred may be merged with and be available for
24 the same purposes and for the same period as the
25 authorization to which the amounts are transferred.

1 “(2) MAXIMUM AMOUNTS.—Not more than 5
 2 percent of any such authorization may be trans-
 3 ferred to another authorization under paragraph (1).
 4 No such authorization may be increased or de-
 5 creased by more than 5 percent by a transfer under
 6 such paragraph.

7 “(c) LIMITATIONS.—The authority provided by this
 8 subsection to transfer authorizations—

9 “(1) may be used only to provide funds for
 10 items relating to activities necessary for national se-
 11 curity programs that have a higher priority than the
 12 items from which the funds are transferred; and

13 “(2) may not be used to provide funds for an
 14 item for which Congress has specifically denied
 15 funds.

16 “(d) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary of En-
 17 ergy shall promptly notify the congressional defense com-
 18 mittees of any transfer of funds to or from any DOE na-
 19 tional security authorization.

20 **“§ 5787. Conceptual and construction design**

21 “(a) CONCEPTUAL DESIGN.—

22 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—Subject to paragraph (2)
 23 and except as provided in paragraph (3), before sub-
 24 mitting to Congress a request for funds for a con-
 25 struction project that is in support of a national se-

1 curity program of the Department of Energy, the
2 Secretary of Energy shall complete a conceptual de-
3 sign for that project.

4 “(2) REQUESTS FOR CONCEPTUAL DESIGN
5 FUNDS.—If the estimated cost of completing a con-
6 ceptual design for a construction project exceeds
7 \$5,000,000, the Secretary shall submit to Congress
8 a request for funds for the conceptual design before
9 submitting a request for funds for the construction
10 project.

11 “(3) EXCEPTIONS.—The requirement in para-
12 graph (1) does not apply to a request for funds—

13 “(A) for a construction project the total
14 estimated cost of which is less than the minor
15 construction threshold; or

16 “(B) for emergency planning, design, and
17 construction activities under section 5788.

18 “(b) CONSTRUCTION DESIGN.—

19 “(1) AUTHORITY.— Within the amounts au-
20 thorized by a DOE national security authorization,
21 the Secretary may carry out construction design (in-
22 cluding architectural and engineering services) in
23 connection with any proposed construction project if
24 the total estimated cost for such design does not ex-
25 ceed \$5,000,000.

1 “(2) LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS
2 FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS.—If the total estimated
3 cost for construction design in connection with any
4 construction project exceeds \$5,000,000, funds for
5 that design must be specifically authorized by law.

6 **“§ 5788. Authority for emergency planning, design,**
7 **and construction activities**

8 “(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Energy may use
9 any funds available to the Department of Energy pursuant
10 to a DOE national security authorization, including funds
11 authorized to be appropriated for advance planning, engi-
12 neering, and construction design, and for plant projects,
13 to perform planning, design, and construction activities
14 for any Department of Energy national security program
15 construction project that, as determined by the Secretary,
16 must proceed expeditiously in order to protect public
17 health and safety, to meet the needs of national defense,
18 or to protect property.

19 “(b) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not exercise
20 the authority under subsection (a) in the case of a con-
21 struction project until the Secretary has submitted to the
22 congressional defense committees a report on the activities
23 that the Secretary intends to carry out under this section
24 and the circumstances making those activities necessary.

1 “(c) SPECIFIC AUTHORITY.—The requirement of sec-
2 tion 5787(b)(2) does not apply to emergency planning, de-
3 sign, and construction activities conducted under this sec-
4 tion.

5 **“§ 5789. Scope of authority to carry out plant projects**

6 “ In carrying out programs necessary for national se-
7 curity, the authority of the Secretary of Energy to carry
8 out plant projects includes authority for maintenance, res-
9 toration, planning, construction, acquisition, modification
10 of facilities, and the continuation of projects authorized
11 in prior years, and land acquisition related thereto.

12 **“§ 5790. Availability of funds**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
14 (b), amounts appropriated pursuant to a DOE national
15 security authorization for operation and maintenance or
16 for plant projects may, when so specified in an appropria-
17 tions Act, remain available until expended.

18 “(b) EXCEPTION FOR PROGRAM DIRECTION
19 FUNDS.—Amounts appropriated for program direction
20 pursuant to a DOE national security authorization for a
21 fiscal year shall remain available to be obligated only until
22 the end of that fiscal year.

1 **“§ 5791. Transfer of defense environmental cleanup**
2 **funds**

3 “(a) TRANSFER AUTHORITY FOR DEFENSE ENVI-
4 RONMENTAL CLEANUP FUNDS.—The Secretary of Energy
5 shall provide the manager of each field office of the De-
6 partment of Energy with the authority to transfer defense
7 environmental cleanup funds from a program or project
8 under the jurisdiction of that office to another such pro-
9 gram or project.

10 “(b) LIMITATIONS.—

11 “(1) NUMBER OF TRANSFERS.—Not more than
12 one transfer may be made to or from any program
13 or project under subsection (a) in a fiscal year.

14 “(2) AMOUNTS TRANSFERRED.—The amount
15 transferred to or from a program or project in any
16 one transfer under subsection (a) may not exceed
17 \$5,000,000.

18 “(3) DETERMINATION REQUIRED.—A transfer
19 may not be carried out by a manager of a field office
20 under subsection (a) unless the manager determines
21 that the transfer is necessary—

22 “(A) to address a risk to health, safety, or
23 the environment; or

24 “(B) to assure the most efficient use of de-
25 fense environmental cleanup funds at the field
26 office.

1 “(4) IMPERMISSIBLE USES.—Funds transferred
2 pursuant to subsection (a) may not be used for an
3 item for which Congress has specifically denied
4 funds or for a new program or project that has not
5 been authorized by Congress.

6 “(c) EXEMPTION FROM REPROGRAMMING REQUIRE-
7 MENTS.—The requirements of section 5782 shall not
8 apply to transfers of funds pursuant to subsection (a).

9 “(d) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary, acting through
10 the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental
11 Management, shall notify Congress of any transfer of
12 funds pursuant to subsection (a) not later than 30 days
13 after such transfer occurs.

14 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 “(1) The term ‘program or project’ means, with
16 respect to a field office of the Department of En-
17 ergy, a program or project that is for defense envi-
18 ronmental cleanup activities necessary for national
19 security programs of the Department, that is being
20 carried out by that office, and for which defense en-
21 vironmental cleanup funds have been authorized and
22 appropriated.

23 “(2) The term ‘defense environmental cleanup
24 funds’ means funds appropriated to the Department
25 of Energy pursuant to an authorization for carrying

1 out defense environmental cleanup activities nec-
2 essary for national security programs.

3 **“§ 5792. Transfer of weapons activities funds**

4 “(a) TRANSFER AUTHORITY FOR WEAPONS ACTIVI-
5 TIES FUNDS.—The Secretary of Energy shall provide the
6 manager of each field office of the Department of Energy
7 with the authority to transfer weapons activities funds
8 from a program or project under the jurisdiction of that
9 office to another such program or project.

10 “(b) LIMITATIONS.—

11 “(1) NUMBER OF TRANSFERS.—Not more than
12 one transfer may be made to or from any program
13 or project under subsection (a) in a fiscal year.

14 “(2) AMOUNTS TRANSFERRED.—The amount
15 transferred to or from a program or project in any
16 one transfer under subsection (a) may not exceed
17 \$5,000,000.

18 “(3) DETERMINATION REQUIRED.—A transfer
19 may not be carried out by a manager of a field office
20 under subsection (a) unless the manager determines
21 that the transfer—

22 “(A) is necessary to address a risk to
23 health, safety, or the environment; or

24 “(B) will result in cost savings and effi-
25 ciencies.

1 “(4) LIMITATION.—A transfer may not be car-
2 ried out by a manager of a field office under sub-
3 section (a) to cover a cost overrun or scheduling
4 delay for any program or project.

5 “(5) IMPERMISSIBLE USES.—Funds transferred
6 pursuant to subsection (a) may not be used for an
7 item for which Congress has specifically denied
8 funds or for a new program or project that has not
9 been authorized by Congress.

10 “(c) EXEMPTION FROM REPROGRAMMING REQUIRE-
11 MENTS.—The requirements of section 5782 shall not
12 apply to transfers of funds pursuant to subsection (a).

13 “(d) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary, acting through
14 the Administrator, shall notify Congress of any transfer
15 of funds pursuant to subsection (a) not later than 30 days
16 after such transfer occurs.

17 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 “(1) The term ‘program or project’ means, with
19 respect to a field office of the Department of En-
20 ergy, a program or project that is for weapons ac-
21 tivities necessary for national security programs of
22 the Department, that is being carried out by that of-
23 fice, and for which weapons activities funds have
24 been authorized and appropriated.

1 “(2) The term ‘weapons activities funds’ means
 2 funds appropriated to the Department of Energy
 3 pursuant to an authorization for carrying out weap-
 4 ons activities necessary for national security pro-
 5 grams.

6 **“§ 5793. Funds available for all national security pro-**
 7 **grams of the Department of Energy**

8 “ Subject to the provisions of appropriation Acts and
 9 section 5782, amounts appropriated pursuant to a DOE
 10 national security authorization for management and sup-
 11 port activities and for general plant projects are available
 12 for use, when necessary, in connection with all national
 13 security programs of the Department of Energy.

14 **“§ 5794. Notification of cost overruns for certain De-**
 15 **partment of Energy projects**

16 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF COST AND SCHEDULE
 17 BASELINES.—

18 “(1) STOCKPILE LIFE EXTENSION AND NEW
 19 NUCLEAR WEAPON PROGRAM PROJECTS.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator
 21 shall establish a cost and schedule baseline for
 22 each nuclear stockpile life extension or new nu-
 23 clear weapon program project of the Adminis-
 24 tration. In addition to the requirement under
 25 subparagraph (B), the cost and schedule base-

1 line of a nuclear stockpile life extension or new
2 nuclear weapon program project established
3 under this subparagraph shall be the cost and
4 schedule as described in the first Selected Ac-
5 quisition Report submitted under section
6 5635(a) for the project.

7 “(B) PER UNIT COST.—The cost baseline
8 developed under subparagraph (A) shall in-
9 clude, with respect to each stockpile life exten-
10 sion or new nuclear weapon program project, an
11 estimated cost for each warhead in the project.

12 “(C) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESSIONAL
13 DEFENSE COMMITTEES.—Not later than 30
14 days after establishing a cost and schedule
15 baseline under subparagraph (A), the Adminis-
16 trator shall submit the cost and schedule base-
17 line to the congressional defense committees.

18 “(2) MAJOR ALTERATION PROJECTS.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator
20 shall establish a cost and schedule baseline for
21 each major alteration project.

22 “(B) PER UNIT COST.—The cost baseline
23 developed under subparagraph (A) shall in-
24 clude, with respect to each major alteration

1 project, an estimated cost for each warhead in
2 the project.

3 “(C) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESSIONAL
4 DEFENSE COMMITTEES.—Not later than 30
5 days after establishing a cost and schedule
6 baseline under subparagraph (A), the Adminis-
7 trator shall submit the cost and schedule base-
8 line to the congressional defense committees.

9 “(D) MAJOR ALTERATION PROJECT DE-
10 FINED.—In this paragraph, the term “major al-
11 teration project” means a nuclear weapon sys-
12 tem alteration project of the Administration the
13 cost of which exceeds \$800,000,000.

14 “(3) DEFENSE-FUNDED CONSTRUCTION
15 PROJECTS.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of En-
17 ergy shall establish a cost and schedule baseline
18 under the project management protocols of the
19 Department of Energy for each construction
20 project that is—

21 “(i) in excess of \$65,000,000; and

22 “(ii) carried out by the Department
23 using funds authorized to be appropriated
24 for a fiscal year pursuant to a DOE na-
25 tional security authorization.

1 “(B) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESSIONAL
2 DEFENSE COMMITTEES.—Not later than 30
3 days after establishing a cost and schedule
4 baseline under subparagraph (A), the Secretary
5 shall submit the cost and schedule baseline to
6 the congressional defense committees.

7 “(4) DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP
8 PROJECTS.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
10 establish a cost and schedule baseline under the
11 project management protocols of the Depart-
12 ment of Energy for each defense environmental
13 cleanup project that is—

14 “(i) in excess of \$65,000,000; and

15 “(ii) carried out by the Department
16 pursuant to such protocols.

17 “(B) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESSIONAL
18 DEFENSE COMMITTEES.—Not later than 30
19 days after establishing a cost and schedule
20 baseline under subparagraph (A), the Secretary
21 shall submit the cost and schedule baseline to
22 the congressional defense committees.

23 “(b) NOTIFICATION OF COSTS EXCEEDING BASE-
24 LINE.—The Administrator or the Secretary, as applicable,

1 shall notify the congressional defense committees not later
2 than 30 days after determining that—

3 “(1) the total cost for a project referred to in
4 paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4) of subsection (a) will
5 exceed an amount that is equal to 125 percent of the
6 cost baseline established under subsection (a) for
7 that project; and

8 “(2) in the case of a stockpile life extension or
9 new nuclear weapon program project referred to in
10 subsection (a)(1) or a major alteration project re-
11 ferred to in subsection (a)(2), the cost for any war-
12 head in the project will exceed an amount that is
13 equal to 150 percent of the cost baseline established
14 under subsection (a)(1)(B) or (a)(2)(B), as applica-
15 ble, for each warhead in that project.

16 “(c) NOTIFICATION OF DETERMINATION WITH RE-
17 SPECT TO TERMINATION OR CONTINUATION OF PROJECTS
18 AND ROOT CAUSE ANALYSES.—Not later than 90 days
19 after submitting a notification under subsection (b) with
20 respect to a project, the Administrator or the Secretary,
21 as applicable, shall—

22 “(1) notify the congressional defense commit-
23 tees with respect to whether the project will be ter-
24 minated or continued;

1 “(2) if the project will be continued, certify to
2 the congressional defense committees that—

3 “(A) a revised cost and schedule baseline
4 has been established for the project and, in the
5 case of a stockpile life extension or new nuclear
6 weapon program project referred to in subpara-
7 graph (A) or (B) of subsection (a)(1) or a
8 major alteration project referred to in sub-
9 section (a)(2), a revised estimate of the cost for
10 each warhead in the project has been made;

11 “(B) the continuation of the project is nec-
12 essary to the mission of the Department of En-
13 ergy and there is no alternative to the project
14 that would meet the requirements of that mis-
15 sion; and

16 “(C) a management structure is in place
17 adequate to manage and control the cost and
18 schedule of the project; and

19 “(3) submit to the congressional defense com-
20 mittees an assessment of the root cause or causes of
21 the growth in the total cost of the project, including
22 the contribution of any shortcomings in cost, sched-
23 ule, or performance of the program, including the
24 role, if any, of—

25 “(A) unrealistic performance expectations;

1 “(B) unrealistic baseline estimates for cost
2 or schedule;

3 “(C) immature technologies or excessive
4 manufacturing or integration risk;

5 “(D) unanticipated design, engineering,
6 manufacturing, or technology integration issues
7 arising during program performance;

8 “(E) changes in procurement quantities;

9 “(F) inadequate program funding or fund-
10 ing instability;

11 “(G) poor performance by personnel of the
12 Federal Government or contractor personnel re-
13 sponsible for program management; or

14 “(H) any other matters.

15 “(d) APPLICABILITY OF REQUIREMENTS TO REVISED
16 COST AND SCHEDULE BASELINES.—A revised cost and
17 schedule baseline established under subsection (c) shall—

18 “(1) be submitted to the congressional defense
19 committees with the certification submitted under
20 subsection (c)(2); and

21 “(2) be subject to the notification requirements
22 of subsections (b) and (c) in the same manner and
23 to the same extent as a cost and schedule baseline
24 established under subsection (a).

1 **“§ 5795. Life-cycle cost estimates of certain atomic en-**
2 **ergy defense capital assets**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall
4 ensure that an independent life-cycle cost estimate under
5 Department of Energy Order 413.3B (relating to program
6 management and project management for the acquisition
7 of capital assets), or a successor order, of each capital
8 asset described in subsection (b) is conducted before the
9 asset achieves critical decision 2 in the acquisition process.

10 “(b) CAPITAL ASSETS DESCRIBED.—A capital asset
11 described in this subsection is an atomic energy defense
12 capital asset—

13 “(1) the total project cost of which exceeds
14 \$100,000,000; and

15 “(2) the purpose of which is to perform a lim-
16 ited-life, single-purpose mission.

17 “(c) INDEPENDENT DEFINED.—For purposes of sub-
18 section (a), the term ‘independent’, with respect to a life-
19 cycle cost estimate of a capital asset, means that the life-
20 cycle cost estimate is prepared by an organization inde-
21 pendent of the project sponsor, using the same detailed
22 technical and procurement information as the sponsor, to
23 determine if the life-cycle cost estimate of the sponsor is
24 accurate and reasonable.

1 **“§ 5796. Use of best practices for capital asset**
2 **projects and nuclear weapon life exten-**
3 **sion programs**

4 “(a) ANALYSES OF ALTERNATIVES.—Not later than
5 30 days after the date of the enactment of the National
6 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public
7 Law 114–92; 129 Stat. 726), the Secretary of Energy,
8 in coordination with the Administrator, shall ensure that
9 analyses of alternatives are conducted (including through
10 contractors, as appropriate) in accordance with best prac-
11 tices for capital asset projects and life extension programs
12 of the Administration and capital asset projects relating
13 to defense environmental management.

14 “(b) COST ESTIMATES.—Not later than 30 days after
15 the date of the enactment of such Act, the Secretary, in
16 coordination with the Administrator, shall develop cost es-
17 timates in accordance with cost estimating best practices
18 for capital asset projects and life extension programs of
19 the Administration and capital asset projects relating to
20 defense environmental management.

21 “(c) REVISIONS TO DEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MAN-
22 AGEMENT ORDER AND NUCLEAR WEAPON LIFE EXTEN-
23 SION REQUIREMENTS.—As soon as practicable after the
24 date of the enactment of such Act, but not later than two
25 years after such date of enactment, the Secretary shall
26 revise—

1 “(1) the capital asset project management order
2 of the Department of Energy to require the use of
3 best practices for preparing cost estimates and for
4 conducting analyses of alternatives for Administra-
5 tion and defense environmental management capital
6 asset projects; and

7 “(2) the nuclear weapon life extension program
8 procedures of the Department to require the use of
9 best practices for preparing cost estimates and con-
10 ducting analyses of alternatives for Administration
11 life extension programs.

12 **“§ 5797. Matters relating to critical decisions**

13 “(a) POST-CRITICAL DECISION 2 CHANGES.—After
14 the date on which a plant project specifically authorized
15 by law and carried out under Department of Energy Order
16 413.3B (relating to program management and project
17 management for the acquisition of capital assets), or a
18 successor order, achieves critical decision 2, the Adminis-
19 trator may not change the requirements for such project
20 if such change increases the cost of such project by more
21 than the lesser of \$5,000,000 or 15 percent, unless—

22 “(1) the Administrator submits to the congres-
23 sional defense committees—

1 “(A) a certification that the Administrator,
2 without delegation, authorizes such proposed
3 change; and

4 “(B) a cost-benefit and risk analysis of
5 such proposed change, including with respect
6 to—

7 “(i) the effects of such proposed
8 change on the project cost and schedule;
9 and

10 “(ii) any mission risks and operational
11 risks from making such change or not
12 making such change; and

13 “(2) a period of 15 days elapses following the
14 date of such submission.

15 “(b) REVIEW AND APPROVAL.—The Administrator
16 shall ensure that critical decision packages are timely re-
17 viewed and either approved or disapproved.

18 **“§ 5798. Unfunded priorities of the Administration**

19 “(a) ANNUAL REPORT OR CERTIFICATION.—Not
20 later than 10 days after the date on which the budget of
21 the President for a fiscal year is submitted to Congress
22 pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31, the Administrator
23 shall submit to the Secretary of Energy and the congres-
24 sional defense committees either—

1 “(1) a report on the unfunded priorities of the
2 Administration; or

3 “(2) if the Administrator determines that there
4 are no unfunded priorities to include in such a re-
5 port, a certification and explanation by the Adminis-
6 trator, without delegation, of the determination.

7 “(b) ELEMENTS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each report under sub-
9 section (a)(1) shall specify, for each unfunded pri-
10 ority covered by the report, the following:

11 “(A) A summary description of that pri-
12 ority, including the objectives to be achieved or
13 the risk to be mitigated if that priority is fund-
14 ed (whether in whole or in part).

15 “(B) The additional amount of funds rec-
16 ommended in connection with the objectives or
17 risk mitigation under subparagraph (A).

18 “(C) Account information with respect to
19 that priority.

20 “(2) PRIORITIZATION OF PRIORITIES.—Each
21 report under subsection (a)(1) shall present the un-
22 funded priorities covered by the report in order of
23 urgency of priority.

24 “(c) UNFUNDED PRIORITY DEFINED.—In this sec-
25 tion, the term ‘unfunded priority’, in the case of a fiscal

1 year, means a program, activity, or mission requirement
2 that—

3 “(1) is not funded in the budget of the Presi-
4 dent for that fiscal year as submitted to Congress
5 pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31;

6 “(2) is necessary to address a requirement as-
7 sociated with the mission of the Administration; and

8 “(3) would have been recommended for funding
9 through the budget referred to in paragraph (1) by
10 the Administrator—

11 “(A) if additional resources were available
12 for the budget to fund the program, activity, or
13 mission requirement; or

14 “(B) in the case of a program, activity, or
15 mission requirement that emerged after the
16 budget was formulated, if the program, activity,
17 or mission requirement had emerged before the
18 budget was formulated.

19 **“§ 5799. Review of adequacy of nuclear weapons**
20 **budget**

21 “(a) REVIEW OF ADEQUACY OF ADMINISTRATION
22 BUDGET BY NUCLEAR WEAPONS COUNCIL.—

23 “(1) TRANSMISSION TO COUNCIL.—The Sec-
24 retary of Energy shall transmit to the Nuclear
25 Weapons Council (in this section referred to as the

1 ‘Council’) a copy of the proposed budget request of
2 the Administration for each fiscal year before that
3 budget request is submitted to the Director of the
4 Office of Management and Budget in relation to the
5 preparation of the budget of the President to be sub-
6 mitted to Congress under section 1105(a) of title 31.

7 “(2) REVIEW.—The Council shall review each
8 budget request transmitted to the Council under
9 paragraph (1) in accordance with section 179(f).

10 “(3) DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESPONSE.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Council submits
12 to the Secretary of Energy a written description
13 under section 179(f)(2)(B)(i) with respect to
14 the budget request of the Administration for a
15 fiscal year, the Secretary shall include as an ap-
16 pendix to the budget request submitted to the
17 Director of the Office of Management and
18 Budget—

19 “(i) the funding levels and initiatives
20 identified in that description; and

21 “(ii) any additional comments the
22 Secretary considers appropriate.

23 “(B) TRANSMISSION TO CONGRESS.—The
24 Secretary of Energy shall transmit to Congress,
25 with the budget justification materials sub-

mitted in support of the Department of Energy budget for a fiscal year (as submitted with the budget of the President under section 1105(a) of title 31), a copy of the appendix described in subparagraph (A).

“(b) REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET BY NUCLEAR WEAPONS COUNCIL.—At the time the Secretary of Energy submits the budget request of the Department of Energy for that fiscal year to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget in relation to the preparation of the budget of the President, the Secretary shall transmit a copy of the budget request of the Department to the Council.

“§ 5800. Improvements to cost estimates informing analyses of alternatives

“(a) REQUIREMENT FOR ANALYSES OF ALTERNATIVES.—The Administrator shall ensure that any cost estimate used in an analysis of alternatives for a project carried out using funds authorized by a DOE national security authorization is designed to fully satisfy the requirements outlined in the mission needs statement approved at critical decision 0 in the acquisition process, as set forth in Department of Energy Order 413.3B (relating to program management and project management for the acquisition of capital assets) or a successor order.

1 “(b) USE OF PROJECT ENGINEERING AND DESIGN
 2 FUNDS.—In the case of a project the total estimated cost
 3 of which exceeds \$500,000,000 and that has not reached
 4 critical decision 1 in the acquisition process, the Adminis-
 5 trator may use funds authorized by a DOE national secu-
 6 rity authorization for project engineering and design to
 7 begin the development of a conceptual design to facilitate
 8 the development of a cost estimate for the project during
 9 the analysis of alternatives for the project if—

10 “(1) the Administrator—

11 “(A) determines that such use of funds
 12 would improve the quality of the cost estimate
 13 for the project; and

14 “(B) notifies the congressional defense
 15 committees of that determination; and

16 “(2) a period of 15 days has elapsed after the
 17 date on which such committees receive the notifica-
 18 tion.

19 **“PART B—PENALTIES**

20 **“§ 5801. Restriction on use of funds to pay penalties** 21 **under environmental laws**

22 “(a) RESTRICTION.—Funds appropriated to the De-
 23 partment of Energy for the Naval Nuclear Propulsion
 24 Program or the nuclear weapons programs or other atomic
 25 energy defense activities of the Department of Energy

1 may not be used to pay a penalty, fine, or forfeiture in
2 regard to a defense activity or facility of the Department
3 of Energy due to a failure to comply with any environ-
4 mental requirement.

5 “(b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply
6 with respect to an environmental requirement if—

7 “(1) the President fails to request funds for
8 compliance with the environmental requirement; or

9 “(2) Congress has appropriated funds for such
10 purpose (and such funds have not been sequestered,
11 deferred, or rescinded) and the Secretary of Energy
12 fails to use the funds for such purpose.

13 **“§ 5802. Restriction on use of funds to pay penalties**
14 **under Clean Air Act**

15 “None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
16 the Department of Energy National Security and Military
17 Applications of Nuclear Energy Authorization Act of 1981
18 (Public Law 96–540; 94 Stat. 3197) or any other Act may
19 be used to pay any penalty, fine, forfeiture, or settlement
20 resulting from a failure to comply with the Clean Air Act
21 (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) with respect to any defense activ-
22 ity of the Department of Energy if—

23 “(1) the Secretary finds that compliance is
24 physically impossible within the time prescribed for
25 compliance; or

1 “(2) the President has specifically requested ap-
2 propriations for compliance and Congress has failed
3 to appropriate funds for such purpose.

4 **“PART C—OTHER MATTERS**

5 **“§ 5811. Reports on financial balances for atomic en-**
6 **ergy defense activities**

7 “(a) REPORTS REQUIRED.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Concurrent with the sub-
9 mission of the budget justification materials sub-
10 mitted to Congress in support of the budget of the
11 President for a fiscal year (submitted to Congress
12 pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31), the Sec-
13 retary of Energy shall submit to the congressional
14 defense committees a report on the financial bal-
15 ances for each atomic energy defense program.

16 “(2) PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION.—In
17 each report required by paragraph (1), the Secretary
18 shall—

19 “(A) present information on the financial
20 balances for each atomic energy defense pro-
21 gram at the budget control levels used in the
22 report accompanying the most current Act ap-
23 propriating funds for energy and water develop-
24 ment; and

1 “(B) present financial balances in connec-
2 tion with funding under recurring DOE na-
3 tional security authorizations (as defined in sec-
4 tion 5781) separately from balances in connec-
5 tion with funding under any other provision of
6 law.

7 “(b) ELEMENTS.—

8 “(1) FORMAT.—Each report required by sub-
9 section (a) shall—

10 “(A) be divided into two parts, as specified
11 in paragraphs (2) and (3); and

12 “(B) set forth the information required by
13 those paragraphs in summary form and by fis-
14 cal year.

15 “(2) PART 1.—The first part of the report re-
16 quired by subsection (a) shall set forth, for each
17 atomic energy defense program, the following infor-
18 mation, as of the end of the most recently completed
19 fiscal year:

20 “(A) The balance of any unobligated funds
21 and an explanation for why those funds are un-
22 obligated.

23 “(B) The total funds available to cost.

24 “(C) The total balance of costed funds.

25 “(D) The total balance of uncoded funds.

1 “(E) The threshold for the balance of
2 uncosted funds, stated in dollars.

3 “(F) The amount of any balance of
4 uncosted funds that is over or under that
5 threshold and, in the case of a balance over
6 that threshold, an explanation for why the bal-
7 ance is over that threshold.

8 “(G) The total balance of encumbered,
9 uncosted funds.

10 “(H) The total balance of unencumbered,
11 uncosted funds.

12 “(I) The amount of any balance of
13 unencumbered, uncosted funds that is over or
14 under the threshold described in subparagraph
15 (E) and, in the case of a balance over that
16 threshold, an explanation for why the balance is
17 over that threshold.

18 “(3) PART 2.—The second part of the report
19 required by subsection (a) shall set forth, for each
20 atomic energy defense program, the following infor-
21 mation:

22 “(A) The balance of any unobligated
23 funds, as of the end of the first quarter of the
24 current fiscal year.

1 “(B) The total balance of uncosted funds,
2 as of the end of the first quarter of the current
3 fiscal year.

4 “(C) Unallotted budget authority.

5 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 “(1) COSTED.—The term ‘costed’, with respect
7 to funds, means the funds have been obligated to a
8 contract and goods or services have been received
9 from the contractor in exchange for the funds.

10 “(2) ENCUMBERED.—The term ‘encumbered’,
11 with respect to funds, means the funds have been
12 obligated to a contract and are being held for a spe-
13 cific known purpose by the contractor.

14 “(3) UNCOSTED.—The term ‘uncosted’, with re-
15 spect to funds, means the funds have been obligated
16 to a contract and goods or services have not been re-
17 ceived from the contractor in exchange for the
18 funds.

19 “(4) UNENCUMBERED.—The term
20 ‘unencumbered’, with respect to funds, means the
21 funds have been obligated to a contract and are not
22 being held for a specific known purpose by the con-
23 tractor.

24 “(5) THRESHOLD.—The term ‘threshold’ means
25 a benchmark over which a balance carried over at

1 the end of a fiscal year should be given greater scrutiny by Congress.

3 “(6) TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE TO COST.—The
4 term ‘total funds available to cost’ means the sum
5 of—

6 “(A) total uncosted obligations from prior
7 fiscal years;

8 “(B) current fiscal year obligations; and

9 “(C) current fiscal year deobligations.

10 **“§ 5812. Independent acquisition project reviews of**
11 **capital assets acquisition projects**

12 “(a) REVIEWS.—The appropriate head shall ensure
13 that an independent entity conducts reviews of each capital assets acquisition project as the project moves toward
14 the approval of each of critical decision 0, critical decision
15 1, and critical decision 2 in the acquisition process.

17 “(b) PRE-CRITICAL DECISION 1 REVIEWS.—In addition to any other matters, with respect to each review of
18 a capital assets acquisition project under subsection (a)
19 that has not reached critical decision 1 approval in the
20 acquisition process, such review shall include—

22 “(1) a review using best practices of the analysis of alternatives for the project; and
23

1 “(2) identification of any deficiencies in such
2 analysis of alternatives for the appropriate head to
3 address.

4 “(c) INDEPENDENT ENTITIES.—The appropriate
5 head shall ensure that each review of a capital assets ac-
6 quisition project under subsection (a) is conducted by an
7 independent entity with the appropriate expertise with re-
8 spect to the project and the stage in the acquisition proc-
9 ess of the project.

10 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 “(1) The term ‘acquisition process’ means the
12 acquisition process for a project, as defined in De-
13 partment of Energy Order 413.3B (relating to
14 project management and project management for
15 the acquisition of capital assets), or a successor
16 order.

17 “(2) The term ‘appropriate head’ means—

18 “(A) the Administrator, with respect to
19 capital assets acquisition projects of the Admin-
20 istration; and

21 “(B) the Assistant Secretary of Energy for
22 Environmental Management, with respect to
23 capital assets acquisition projects of the Office
24 of Environmental Management.

1 “(3) The term ‘capital assets acquisition
2 project’ means a project—

3 “(A) the total project cost of which is more
4 than \$500,000,000; and

5 “(B) that is covered by Department of En-
6 ergy Order 413.3B, or a successor order, for
7 the acquisition of capital assets for atomic en-
8 ergy defense activities.

9 “SUBCHAPTER VIII—ADMINISTRATIVE

10 MATTERS

11 “PART A—CONTRACTS

12 “§ 5821. Costs not allowed under covered contracts

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The following costs are not al-
14 lowable under a covered contract:

15 “(1) Costs of entertainment, including amuse-
16 ment, diversion, and social activities and any costs
17 directly associated with such costs (such as tickets
18 to shows or sports events, meals, lodging, rentals,
19 transportation, and gratuities).

20 “(2) Costs incurred to influence (directly or in-
21 directly) legislative action on any matter pending be-
22 fore Congress or a State legislature.

23 “(3) Costs incurred in defense of any civil or
24 criminal fraud proceeding or similar proceeding (in-
25 cluding filing of any false certification) brought by

1 the United States where the contractor is found lia-
2 ble or has pleaded nolo contendere to a charge of
3 fraud or similar proceeding (including filing of false
4 certification).

5 “(4) Payments of fines and penalties resulting
6 from violations of, or failure to comply with, Fed-
7 eral, State, local, or foreign laws and regulations, ex-
8 cept when incurred as a result of compliance with
9 specific terms and conditions of the contract or spe-
10 cific written instructions from the contracting officer
11 authorizing in advance such payments in accordance
12 with applicable regulations of the Secretary of En-
13 ergy.

14 “(5) Costs of membership in any social, dining,
15 or country club or organization.

16 “(6) Costs of alcoholic beverages.

17 “(7) Contributions or donations, regardless of
18 the recipient.

19 “(8) Costs of advertising designed to promote
20 the contractor or its products.

21 “(9) Costs of promotional items and memora-
22 bilia, including models, gifts, and souvenirs.

23 “(10) Costs for travel by commercial aircraft or
24 by travel by other than common carrier that is not
25 necessary for the performance of the contract and

1 the cost of which exceeds the amount of the stand-
2 ard commercial fare.

3 “(b) REGULATIONS; COSTS OF INFORMATION PRO-
4 VIDED TO CONGRESS OR STATE LEGISLATURES AND RE-
5 LATED COSTS.—

6 “(1) Not later than 150 days after November
7 8, 1985, the Secretary of Energy shall prescribe reg-
8 ulations to implement this section. Such regulations
9 may establish appropriate definitions, exclusions,
10 limitations, and qualifications. Such regulations shall
11 be published in accordance with section 1707 of title
12 41.

13 “(2) In any regulations implementing sub-
14 section (a)(2), the Secretary may not treat as not al-
15 lowable (by reason of such subsection) the following
16 costs of a contractor:

17 “(A) Costs of providing to Congress or a
18 State legislature, in response to a request from
19 Congress or a State legislature, information of
20 a factual, technical, or scientific nature, or ad-
21 vice of experts, with respect to topics directly
22 related to the performance of the contract.

23 “(B) Costs for transportation, lodging, or
24 meals incurred for the purpose of providing
25 such information or advice.

1 “(c) COVERED CONTRACT DEFINED.—In this sec-
2 tion, the term ‘covered contract’ means a contract for an
3 amount more than \$100,000 entered into by the Secretary
4 of Energy obligating funds appropriated for national secu-
5 rity programs of the Department of Energy.

6 “(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall apply
7 with respect to costs incurred under a covered contract
8 on or after 30 days after the regulations required by sub-
9 section (b) are issued.

10 **“§ 5822. Prohibition and report on bonuses to con-**
11 **tractors operating defense nuclear facili-**
12 **ties**

13 “(a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Energy may
14 not provide any bonuses, award fees, or other form of
15 performance- or production-based awards to a contractor
16 operating a Department of Energy defense nuclear facility
17 unless, in evaluating the performance or production under
18 the contract, the Secretary considers the contractor’s com-
19 pliance with all applicable environmental, safety, and
20 health statutes, regulations, and practices for determining
21 both the size of, and the contractor’s qualification for,
22 such bonus, award fee, or other award. The prohibition
23 in this subsection applies with respect to contracts entered
24 into, or contract options exercised, after November 29,
25 1989.

1 “(b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Energy shall
2 promulgate regulations to implement subsection (a) not
3 later than March 1, 1990.

4 **“§ 5823. Assessments of emergency preparedness of**
5 **defense nuclear facilities**

6 “ The Secretary of Energy shall include, in each
7 award-fee evaluation conducted under section 16.401 of
8 title 48, Code of Federal Regulations, of a management
9 and operating contract for a Department of Energy de-
10 fense nuclear facility in 2016 or any even-numbered year
11 thereafter, an assessment of the adequacy of the emer-
12 gency preparedness of that facility, including an assess-
13 ment of the seniority level of management and operating
14 contractor employees that participate in emergency pre-
15 paredness exercises at that facility.

16 **“§ 5824. Contractor liability for injury or loss of prop-**
17 **erty arising out of atomic weapons test-**
18 **ing programs**

19 “(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
20 ‘Atomic Energy Testing Liability Act’.

21 “(b) FEDERAL REMEDIES APPLICABLE; EXCLUSIVE-
22 NESS OF REMEDIES.—

23 “(1) REMEDY.—The remedy against the United
24 States provided by sections 1346(b) and 2672 of
25 title 28, or by chapter 309 or 311 of title 46, as ap-

1 appropriate, for injury, loss of property, personal in-
2 jury, or death shall apply to any civil action for in-
3 jury, loss of property, personal injury, or death due
4 to exposure to radiation based on acts or omissions
5 by a contractor in carrying out an atomic weapons
6 testing program under a contract with the United
7 States.

8 “(2) EXCLUSIVITY.—The remedies referred to
9 in paragraph (1) shall be exclusive of any other civil
10 action or proceeding for the purpose of determining
11 civil liability arising from any act or omission of the
12 contractor without regard to when the act or omis-
13 sion occurred. The employees of a contractor re-
14 ferred to in paragraph (1) shall be considered to be
15 employees of the Federal Government, as provided
16 in section 2671 of title 28, for the purposes of any
17 such civil action or proceeding; and the civil action
18 or proceeding shall proceed in the same manner as
19 any action against the United States filed pursuant
20 to section 1346(b) of such title and shall be subject
21 to the limitations and exceptions applicable to those
22 actions.

23 “(c) PROCEDURE.—A contractor against whom a civil
24 action or proceeding described in subsection (b) is brought
25 shall promptly deliver all processes served upon that con-

1 tractor to the Attorney General of the United States.
2 Upon certification by the Attorney General that the suit
3 against the contractor is within the provisions of sub-
4 section (b), a civil action or proceeding commenced in a
5 State court shall be removed without bond at any time
6 before trial by the Attorney General to the district court
7 of the United States for the district and division embrac-
8 ing the place wherein it is pending and the proceedings
9 shall be deemed a tort action brought against the United
10 States under the provisions of section 1346(b), 2401(b),
11 or 2402, or sections 2671 through 2680 of title 28. For
12 purposes of removal, the certification by the Attorney Gen-
13 eral under this subsection establishes contractor status
14 conclusively.

15 “(d) ACTIONS COVERED.—The provisions of this sec-
16 tion shall apply to any action, within the provisions of sub-
17 section (b), which is pending on November 5, 1990, or
18 commenced on or after such date. Notwithstanding section
19 2401(b) of title 28, if a civil action or proceeding to which
20 this section applies is pending on November 5, 1990, and
21 is dismissed because the plaintiff in such action or pro-
22 ceeding did not file an administrative claim as required
23 by section 2672 of that title, the plaintiff in that action
24 or proceeding shall have 30 days from the date of the dis-
25 missal or two years from the date upon which the claim

1 accrued, whichever is later, to file an administrative claim,
2 and any claim or subsequent civil action or proceeding
3 shall thereafter be subject to the provisions of section
4 2401(b) of title 28.

5 “(e) CONTRACTOR DEFINED.—For purposes of this
6 section, the term ‘contractor’ includes a contractor or cost
7 reimbursement subcontractor of any tier participating in
8 the conduct of the United States atomic weapons testing
9 program for the Department of Energy (or its predecessor
10 agencies, including the Manhattan Engineer District, the
11 Atomic Energy Commission, and the Energy Research and
12 Development Administration). Such term also includes fa-
13 cilities which conduct or have conducted research con-
14 cerning health effects of ionizing radiation in connection
15 with the testing under contract with the Department of
16 Energy (or any of its predecessor agencies).

17 **“§ 5825. Notice-and-wait requirement applicable to**
18 **certain third-party financing arrange-**
19 **ments**

20 “(a) NOTICE-AND-WAIT REQUIREMENT.—The Sec-
21 retary of Energy may not enter into an arrangement de-
22 scribed in subsection (b) until 30 days after the date on
23 which the Secretary notifies the congressional defense
24 committees in writing of the proposed arrangement.

25 “(b) COVERED ARRANGEMENTS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
2 graph (2), an arrangement referred to in subsection
3 (a) is any alternative financing arrangement, third-
4 party financing arrangement, public-private partner-
5 ship, privatization arrangement, private capital ar-
6 rangement, or other financing arrangement that—

7 “(A) is entered into in connection with a
8 project conducted using funds authorized to be
9 appropriated to the Department of Energy to
10 carry out programs necessary for national secu-
11 rity; and

12 “(B) involves a contractor or Federal
13 agency obtaining and charging to the Depart-
14 ment of Energy as an allowable cost under a
15 contract the use of office space, facilities, or
16 other real property assets with a value of at
17 least \$5,000,000.

18 “(2) EXCEPTION.—An arrangement referred to
19 in subsection (a) does not include an arrangement
20 that—

21 “(A) involves the Department of Energy or
22 a contractor acquiring or entering into a capital
23 lease for office space, facilities, or other real
24 property assets; or

1 “(B) is entered into in connection with a
2 capital improvement project undertaken as part
3 of an energy savings performance contract
4 under section 801 of the National Energy Con-
5 servation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8287).

6 **“§ 5826. Publication of contractor performance eval-**
7 **uations leading to award fees**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall take ap-
9 propriate actions to make available to the public, to the
10 maximum extent practicable, contractor performance eval-
11 uations conducted by the Administration of management
12 and operating contractors of the nuclear security enter-
13 prise that results in the award of an award fee to the con-
14 tractor concerned.

15 “(b) FORMAT.—Performance evaluations shall be
16 made public under this section in a common format that
17 facilitates comparisons of performance evaluations be-
18 tween and among similar management and operating con-
19 tracts.

20 **“§ 5827. Enhanced procurement authority to manage**
21 **supply chain risk**

22 “(a) AUTHORITY.—Subject to subsection (b), the
23 Secretary of Energy may—

24 “(1) carry out a covered procurement action or
25 special exclusion action; and

1 “(2) notwithstanding any other provision of
2 law, limit, in whole or in part, the disclosure of in-
3 formation relating to the basis for carrying out a
4 covered procurement action or special exclusion ac-
5 tion.

6 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary may exercise
7 the authority under subsection (a) only after—

8 “(1) obtaining a risk assessment that dem-
9 onstrates that there is a significant supply chain risk
10 to a covered system;

11 “(2) making a determination in writing, in un-
12 classified or classified form, that—

13 “(A) the use of the authority under sub-
14 section (a) is necessary to protect national secu-
15 rity by reducing supply chain risk;

16 “(B) less restrictive measures are not rea-
17 sonably available to reduce the supply chain
18 risk; and

19 “(C) in a case in which the Secretary plans
20 to limit disclosure of information under sub-
21 section (a)(2), the risk to national security of
22 the disclosure of the information outweighs the
23 risk of not disclosing the information; and

24 “(3) submitting to the appropriate congres-
25 sional committees, not later than seven days after

1 the date on which the Secretary makes the deter-
2 mination under paragraph (2), a notice of such de-
3 termination, in classified or unclassified form, that
4 includes—

5 “(A) the information required by section
6 3304(e)(2)(A) of title 41;

7 “(B) a summary of the risk assessment re-
8 quired under paragraph (1); and

9 “(C) a summary of the basis for the deter-
10 mination, including a discussion of less restric-
11 tive measures that were considered and why
12 such measures were not reasonably available to
13 reduce supply chain risk.

14 “(c) NOTIFICATIONS.—If the Secretary has exercised
15 the authority under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

16 “(1) notify appropriate parties of the covered
17 procurement action or special exclusion action and
18 the basis for the action only to the extent necessary
19 to carry out the covered procurement action or spe-
20 cial exclusion action;

21 “(2) notify other Federal agencies responsible
22 for procurement that may be subject to the same or
23 similar supply chain risk, in a manner and to the ex-
24 tent consistent with the requirements of national se-
25 curity; and

1 “(3) ensure the confidentiality of any notifica-
2 tions under paragraph (1) or (2).

3 “(d) LIMITATION OF REVIEW.—No action taken by
4 the Secretary under the authority under subsection (a)
5 shall be subject to review in any Federal court.

6 “(e) DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.—The Secretary
7 may delegate the authority under this section to—

8 “(1) in the case of the Administration, the Ad-
9 ministrators; and

10 “(2) in the case of any other component of the
11 Department of Energy, the Senior Procurement Ex-
12 ecutive of the Department.

13 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 “(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
15 TEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional com-
16 mittees’ means—

17 “(A) the congressional defense committees;
18 and

19 “(B) the Committee on Energy and Nat-
20 ural Resources of the Senate and the Com-
21 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House
22 of Representatives.

23 “(2) COVERED ITEM OF SUPPLY.—The term
24 ‘covered item of supply’ means an item—

1 “(A) that is purchased for inclusion in a
2 covered system; and

3 “(B) the loss of integrity of which could
4 result in a supply chain risk for a covered sys-
5 tem.

6 “(3) COVERED PROCUREMENT.—The term ‘cov-
7 ered procurement’ means the following:

8 “(A) A source selection for a covered sys-
9 tem or a covered item of supply involving either
10 a performance specification, as described in
11 subsection (a)(3)(B) of section 3306 of title 41,
12 or an evaluation factor, as described in sub-
13 section (b)(1) of such section, relating to supply
14 chain risk.

15 “(B) The consideration of proposals for
16 and issuance of a task or delivery order for a
17 covered system or a covered item of supply, as
18 provided in section 4106(d)(3) of title 41,
19 where the task or delivery order contract con-
20 cerned includes a contract clause establishing a
21 requirement relating to supply chain risk.

22 “(C) Any contract action involving a con-
23 tract for a covered system or a covered item of
24 supply if the contract includes a clause estab-

1 lishing requirements relating to supply chain
2 risk.

3 “(4) COVERED PROCUREMENT ACTION.—The
4 term ‘covered procurement action’ means, with re-
5 spect to an action that occurs in the course of con-
6 ducting a covered procurement, any of the following:

7 “(A) The exclusion of a source that fails to
8 meet qualification requirements established pur-
9 suant to section 3311 of title 41 for the pur-
10 pose of reducing supply chain risk in the acqui-
11 sition of covered systems.

12 “(B) The exclusion of a source that fails to
13 achieve an acceptable rating with regard to an
14 evaluation factor providing for the consideration
15 of supply chain risk in the evaluation of pro-
16 posals for the award of a contract or the
17 issuance of a task or delivery order.

18 “(C) The withholding of consent for a con-
19 tractor to subcontract with a particular source
20 or the direction to a contractor for a covered
21 system to exclude a particular source from con-
22 sideration for a subcontract under the contract.

23 “(5) COVERED SYSTEM.—The term ‘covered
24 system’ means the following:

1 “(A) National security systems (as defined
2 in section 3552(b) of title 44) and components
3 of such systems.

4 “(B) Nuclear weapons and components of
5 nuclear weapons.

6 “(C) Items associated with the design, de-
7 velopment, production, and maintenance of nu-
8 clear weapons or components of nuclear weap-
9 ons.

10 “(D) Items associated with the surveillance
11 of the nuclear weapon stockpile.

12 “(E) Items associated with the design and
13 development of nonproliferation and counterpro-
14 liferation programs and systems.

15 “(6) SPECIAL EXCLUSION ACTION.—The term
16 ‘special exclusion action’ means an action to pro-
17 hibit, for a period not to exceed two years, the
18 award of any contracts or subcontracts by the Ad-
19 ministration or any other component of the Depart-
20 ment of Energy related to any covered system to a
21 source the Secretary determines to represent a sup-
22 ply chain risk.

23 “(7) SUPPLY CHAIN RISK.—The term ‘supply
24 chain risk’ means the risk that an adversary may
25 sabotage, maliciously introduce unwanted function,

1 or otherwise subvert the design, integrity, manufac-
2 turing, production, distribution, installation, oper-
3 ation, or maintenance of a covered system or covered
4 item of supply so as to surveil, deny, disrupt, or oth-
5 erwise degrade the function, use, or operation of the
6 system or item of supply.

7 “(g) TERMINATION.—The authority under this sec-
8 tion shall terminate on December 31, 2028.

9 **“§ 5828. Cost-benefit analyses for competition of man-**
10 **agement and operating contracts**

11 “(a) BRIEFINGS ON REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS.—
12 Not later than 7 days after issuing a request for proposals
13 for a contract to manage and operate a facility of the Ad-
14 ministration, the Administrator shall brief the congres-
15 sional defense committees on the preliminary assessment
16 of the Administrator of the costs and benefits of the com-
17 petition for the contract, including a preliminary assess-
18 ment of the matters described in subsection (c) with re-
19 spect to the contract.

20 “(b) REPORTS AFTER TRANSITION TO NEW CON-
21 TRACTS.—If the Administrator awards a new contract to
22 manage and operate a facility of the Administration, the
23 Administrator shall submit to the congressional defense
24 committees a report that includes the matters described
25 in subsection (c) with respect to the contract by not later

1 than 30 days after the completion of the period required
2 to transition to the contract.

3 “(c) MATTERS DESCRIBED.—The matters described
4 in this subsection, with respect to a contract, are the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(1) A clear and complete description of the
7 cost savings the Administrator expects to result
8 from the competition for the contract over the life of
9 the contract, including associated analyses, assump-
10 tions, and information sources used to determine
11 such expected cost savings.

12 “(2) A description of any key limitations or un-
13 certainties that could affect such costs savings, in-
14 cluding costs savings that are anticipated but not
15 fully known.

16 “(3) The costs of the competition for the con-
17 tract, including the immediate costs of conducting
18 the competition, the costs of the transition to the
19 contract from the previous contract, and any in-
20 creased costs over the life of the contract.

21 “(4) A description of any disruptions or delays
22 in mission activities or deliverables resulting from
23 the competition for the contract.

24 “(5) A clear and complete description of the
25 benefits expected by the Administrator with respect

1 to mission performance or operations resulting from
2 the competition.

3 “(6) How the competition for the contract com-
4 plied with the Federal Acquisition Regulation re-
5 garding Federally funded research and development
6 centers, if applicable.

7 “(7) The factors considered and processes used
8 by the Administrator to determine—

9 “(A) whether to compete or extend the
10 previous contract; and

11 “(B) which activities at the facility should
12 be covered under the contract rather than
13 under a different contract.

14 “(8) With respect to the matters included under
15 paragraphs (1) through (7), a detailed description of
16 the analyses conducted by the Administrator to
17 reach the conclusions presented in the report, includ-
18 ing any assumptions, limitations, and uncertainties
19 relating to such conclusions.

20 “(9) Any other matters the Administrator con-
21 siders appropriate.

22 “(d) INFORMATION QUALITY.—Each briefing re-
23 quired by subsection (a) and report required by subsection
24 (b) shall be prepared in accordance with—

1 “(1) the information quality guidelines of the
2 Department of Energy that are relevant to the clear
3 and complete presentation of the matters described
4 in subsection (c); and

5 “(2) best practices of the Government Account-
6 ability Office and relevant industries for cost esti-
7 mating, if appropriate.

8 “(e) REVIEW OF REPORTS BY COMPTROLLER GEN-
9 ERAL OF THE UNITED STATES.—

10 “(1) DETERMINATION.—The Comptroller Gen-
11 eral of the United States shall determine, in con-
12 sultation with the congressional defense committees,
13 whether to conduct an initial review, a comprehen-
14 sive review, or both, of a report required by sub-
15 section (b).

16 “(2) INITIAL REVIEW.—The Comptroller Gen-
17 eral shall provide any initial review of a report re-
18 quired by subsection (b) as a briefing to the congres-
19 sional defense committees not later than 180 days
20 after that report is submitted to the congressional
21 defense committees.

22 “(3) COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW.—

23 “(A) SUBMISSION.—The Comptroller Gen-
24 eral shall submit any comprehensive review of a
25 report required by subsection (b) to the con-

gressional defense committees not later than 3 years after that report is submitted to the congressional defense committees.

“(B) ELEMENTS.—A comprehensive review of a report required by subsection (b) shall include an assessment, based on the most current information available, of the following:

“(i) The actual cost savings achieved compared to cost savings estimated under subsection (c)(1), and any increased costs incurred under the contract that were unexpected or uncertain at the time the contract was awarded.

“(ii) Any disruptions or delays in mission activities or deliverables resulting from the competition for the contract compared to the disruptions and delays estimated under subsection (c)(4).

“(iii) Whether expected benefits of the competition with respect to mission performance or operations have been achieved.

“(iv) Such other matters as the Comptroller General considers appropriate.

“(f) APPLICABILITY.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The requirements for brief-
2 ings under subsection (a) and reports under sub-
3 section (b) shall apply with respect to requests for
4 proposals issued or contracts awarded, as applicable,
5 by the Administrator during fiscal years 2019
6 through 2032.

7 “(2) NAVAL REACTORS.—The requirements for
8 briefings under subsection (a) and reports under
9 subsection (b) shall not apply with respect to a man-
10 agement and operations contract for a Naval Reac-
11 tor facility.

12 **“PART B—RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

13 **“§ 5831. Laboratory-directed research and develop-**
14 **ment programs**

15 “(a) AUTHORITY.—Government-owned, contractor-
16 operated laboratories that are funded out of funds avail-
17 able to the Department of Energy for national security
18 programs are authorized to carry out laboratory-directed
19 research and development.

20 “(b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Energy shall
21 prescribe regulations for the conduct of laboratory-di-
22 rected research and development at such laboratories.

23 “(c) FUNDING.—Of the funds provided by the De-
24 partment of Energy to a national security laboratory for
25 national security activities, the Secretary shall provide a

1 specific amount, of not less than 5 percent and not more
 2 than 7 percent of such funds, to be used by the laboratory
 3 for laboratory-directed research and development.

4 “(d) LABORATORY-DIRECTED RESEARCH AND DE-
 5 VELOPMENT DEFINED.—For purposes of this section, the
 6 term ‘laboratory-directed research and development’
 7 means research and development work of a creative and
 8 innovative nature which, under the regulations prescribed
 9 pursuant to subsection (b), is selected by the director of
 10 a laboratory for the purpose of maintaining the vitality
 11 of the laboratory in defense-related scientific disciplines.

12 **“§ 5832. Laboratory-directed research and develop-**
 13 **ment**

14 “ Of the funds made available by the Department of
 15 Energy for activities at government-owned, contractor-op-
 16 erated laboratories funded in this Act or subsequent En-
 17 ergy and Water Development Appropriations Acts, the
 18 Secretary may authorize a specific amount, not to exceed
 19 8 percent of such funds, to be used by such laboratories
 20 for laboratory directed research and development: *Pro-*
 21 *vided*, That the Secretary may also authorize a specific
 22 amount not to exceed 4 percent of such funds, to be used
 23 by the plant manager of a covered nuclear weapons pro-
 24 duction plant or the manager of the Nevada Site Office
 25 for plant or site directed research and development: *Pro-*

1 *vided further*, That notwithstanding Department of En-
2 ergy order 413.2A, dated January 8, 2001, beginning in
3 fiscal year 2006 and thereafter, all DOE laboratories may
4 be eligible for laboratory directed research and develop-
5 ment funding.

6 **“§ 5833. Funding for laboratory directed research**
7 **and development**

8 “Notwithstanding section 307 of the Energy and
9 Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations
10 Act, 2010 (Public Law 111–85; 123 Stat. 2845), of the
11 funds made available by the Department of Energy for
12 activities at Government-owned, contractor-operated lab-
13 oratories funded in the Energy and Water Development
14 and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014 (div. D
15 of Pub. L. 113–76) or any subsequent Energy and Water
16 Development Appropriations Act for any fiscal year, the
17 Secretary may authorize a specific amount, not to exceed
18 6 percent of such funds, to be used by such laboratories
19 for laboratory directed research and development.

20 **“§ 5834. Charges to individual program, project, or**
21 **activity**

22 “ Of the funds authorized by the Secretary of Energy
23 for laboratory directed research and development, no indi-
24 vidual program, project, or activity funded by this or any
25 subsequent Act making appropriations for Energy and

1 Water Development for any fiscal year may be charged
2 more than the statutory maximum authorized for such ac-
3 tivities: *Provided*, That this section shall take effect not
4 earlier than October 1, 2015.

5 **“§ 5835. Limitations on use of funds for laboratory di-**
6 **rected research and development pur-**
7 **poses**

8 “(a) LIMITATION ON USE OF WEAPONS ACTIVITIES
9 FUNDS.—No funds authorized to be appropriated or oth-
10 erwise made available to the Department of Energy in any
11 fiscal year after fiscal year 1997 for weapons activities
12 may be obligated or expended for activities under the De-
13 partment of Energy Laboratory Directed Research and
14 Development Program, or under any Department of En-
15 ergy technology transfer program or cooperative research
16 and development agreement, unless such activities support
17 the national security mission of the Department of En-
18 ergy.

19 “(b) LIMITATION ON USE OF CERTAIN OTHER
20 FUNDS.—No funds authorized to be appropriated or oth-
21 erwise made available to the Department of Energy in any
22 fiscal year after fiscal year 1997 for defense environmental
23 cleanup may be obligated or expended for activities under
24 the Department of Energy Laboratory Directed Research
25 and Development Program, or under any Department of

1 Energy technology transfer program or cooperative re-
2 search and development agreement, unless such activities
3 support the defense environmental cleanup mission of the
4 Department of Energy.

5 “(c) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR OVER-
6 HEAD.—A national security laboratory may not use funds
7 made available under section 5831(c) to cover the costs
8 of general and administrative overhead for the laboratory.

9 **“§ 5836. Report on use of funds for certain research**
10 **and development purposes**

11 “(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than February
12 1 each year, the Secretary of Energy shall submit to the
13 congressional defense committees a report on the funds
14 expended during the preceding fiscal year on activities
15 under the Department of Energy Laboratory Directed Re-
16 search and Development Program. The purpose of the re-
17 port is to permit an assessment of the extent to which
18 such activities support the national security mission of the
19 Department of Energy.

20 “(b) PLANT-DIRECTED RESEARCH AND DEVELOP-
21 MENT.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The report required by
23 subsection (a) shall include, with respect to plant-di-
24 rected research and development, the following:

1 “(A) A financial accounting of expendi-
2 tures for such research and development,
3 disaggregated by nuclear weapons production
4 facility.

5 “(B) A breakdown of the percentage of re-
6 search and development conducted by each such
7 facility that is plant-directed research and de-
8 velopment.

9 “(C) An explanation of how each such fa-
10 cility plans to increase the availability and utili-
11 zation of funds for plant-directed research and
12 development.

13 “(2) PLANT-DIRECTED RESEARCH AND DEVEL-
14 OPMENT DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term
15 ‘plant-directed research and development’ means re-
16 search and development selected by the director of
17 a nuclear weapons production facility.

18 “(c) PREPARATION OF REPORT.—Each report shall
19 be prepared by the officials responsible for Federal over-
20 sight of the funds expended on activities under the pro-
21 gram.

22 “(d) CRITERIA USED IN PREPARATION OF RE-
23 PORT.—Each report shall set forth the criteria utilized by
24 the officials preparing the report in determining whether

1 or not the activities reviewed by such officials support the
2 national security mission of the Department.

3 **“§ 5837. Critical technology partnerships and cooper-**
4 **ative research and development centers**

5 “(a) PARTNERSHIPS.—For the purpose of facilitating
6 the transfer of technology, the Secretary of Energy shall
7 ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that research
8 on and development of dual-use critical technology carried
9 out through atomic energy defense activities is conducted
10 through cooperative research and development agree-
11 ments, or other arrangements, that involve laboratories of
12 the Department of Energy and other entities.

13 “(b) COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
14 CENTERS.—

15 “(1) Subject to the availability of appropria-
16 tions provided for such purpose, the Administrator
17 shall establish a cooperative research and develop-
18 ment center described in paragraph (2) at each na-
19 tional security laboratory.

20 “(2) A cooperative research and development
21 center described in this paragraph is a center to fos-
22 ter collaborative scientific research, technology devel-
23 opment, and the appropriate transfer of research
24 and technology to users in addition to the national
25 security laboratories.

1 “(3) In establishing a cooperative research and
2 development center under this subsection, the Ad-
3 ministrator—

4 “(A) shall enter into cooperative research
5 and development agreements with govern-
6 mental, public, academic, or private entities;
7 and

8 “(B) may enter into a contract with re-
9 spect to constructing, purchasing, managing, or
10 leasing buildings or other facilities.

11 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 “(1) The term ‘dual-use critical technology’
13 means a technology—

14 “(A) that is critical to atomic energy de-
15 fense activities, as determined by the Secretary
16 of Energy;

17 “(B) that has military applications and
18 nonmilitary applications; and

19 “(C) that is a defense critical technology
20 (as defined in section 4801).

21 “(2) The term ‘cooperative research and devel-
22 opment agreement’ has the meaning given that term
23 by section 12(d) of the Stevenson-Wydler Tech-
24 nology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C.
25 3710a(d)).

1 “(3) The term ‘other entities’ means—

2 “(A) firms, or a consortium of firms, that
3 are eligible to participate in a partnership or
4 other arrangement with a laboratory of the De-
5 partment of Energy, as determined in accord-
6 ance with applicable law and regulations; or

7 “(B) firms, or a consortium of firms, de-
8 scribed in subparagraph (A) in combination
9 with one or more of the following:

10 “(i) Institutions of higher education
11 in the United States.

12 “(ii) Departments and agencies of the
13 Federal Government other than the De-
14 partment of Energy.

15 “(iii) Agencies of State governments.

16 “(iv) Any other persons or entities
17 that may be eligible and appropriate, as
18 determined in accordance with applicable
19 laws and regulations.

20 “(4) The term ‘atomic energy defense activities’
21 does not include activities covered by Executive
22 Order No. 12344, dated February 1, 1982, per-
23 taining to the Naval nuclear propulsion program.

1 **“§ 5838. University-based research collaboration pro-**
2 **gram**

3 “(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
4 ings:

5 “(1) The maintenance of scientific and engi-
6 neering competence in the United States is vital to
7 long-term national security and the defense and na-
8 tional security missions of the Department of En-
9 ergy.

10 “(2) Engaging the universities and colleges of
11 the Nation in research on long-range problems of
12 vital national security interest will be critical to solv-
13 ing the technology challenges faced within the de-
14 fense and national security programs of the Depart-
15 ment of Energy in the next century.

16 “(3) Enhancing collaboration among the na-
17 tional laboratories, universities and colleges, and in-
18 dustry will contribute significantly to the perform-
19 ance of these Department of Energy missions.

20 “(b) PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Energy shall es-
21 tablish a university program at a location that can develop
22 the most effective collaboration among national labora-
23 tories, universities and colleges, and industry in support
24 of scientific and engineering advancement in key Depart-
25 ment of Energy defense and national security program
26 areas.

1 **“§ 5839. Limitation on establishing an enduring bio-**
2 **assurance program within the adminis-**
3 **tration**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator may not es-
5 tablish, administer, manage, or facilitate a program within
6 the Administration for the purposes of executing an en-
7 during national security research and development effort
8 to broaden the role of the Department of Energy in na-
9 tional biodefense.

10 “(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The limitation de-
11 scribed in subsection (a) shall not be interpreted—

12 “(1) to prohibit the establishment of a bioassur-
13 ance program for the purpose of executing enduring
14 national security research and development in any
15 component of the Department of Energy other than
16 the Administration or in any other Federal agency;
17 or

18 “(2) to impede the use of resources of the Ad-
19 ministration, including resources provided by a na-
20 tional security laboratory or a nuclear weapons pro-
21 duction facility site, to support the execution of a
22 bioassurance program, if such support is provided—

23 “(A) on a cost-reimbursable basis to an en-
24 tity that is not a component of the Department
25 of Energy; and

1 “(B) in a manner that does not interfere
2 with mission of such laboratory or facility.

3 **“PART C—FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

4 **“§ 5841. Transfers of real property at certain Depart-**
5 **ment of Energy facilities**

6 “(a) TRANSFER REGULATIONS.—

7 “(1) The Secretary of Energy shall prescribe
8 regulations for the transfer by sale or lease of real
9 property at Department of Energy defense nuclear
10 facilities for the purpose of permitting the economic
11 development of the property.

12 “(2) The Secretary may not transfer real prop-
13 erty under the regulations prescribed under para-
14 graph (1) until—

15 “(A) the Secretary submits a notification
16 of the proposed transfer to the congressional
17 defense committees; and

18 “(B) a period of 30 days has elapsed fol-
19 lowing the date on which the notification is sub-
20 mitted.

21 “(b) INDEMNIFICATION.—

22 “(1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) and
23 subject to subsection (c), in the sale or lease of real
24 property pursuant to the regulations prescribed
25 under subsection (a), the Secretary may hold harm-

1 less and indemnify a person or entity described in
2 paragraph (2) against any claim for injury to person
3 or property that results from the release or threat-
4 ened release of a hazardous substance or pollutant
5 or contaminant as a result of Department of Energy
6 activities at the defense nuclear facility on which the
7 real property is located. Before entering into any
8 agreement for such a sale or lease, the Secretary
9 shall notify the person or entity that the Secretary
10 has authority to provide indemnification to the per-
11 son or entity under this subsection. The Secretary
12 shall include in any agreement for such a sale or
13 lease a provision stating whether indemnification is
14 or is not provided.

15 “(2) Paragraph (1) applies to the following per-
16 sons and entities:

17 “(A) Any State that acquires ownership or
18 control of real property of a defense nuclear fa-
19 cility.

20 “(B) Any political subdivision of a State
21 that acquires such ownership or control.

22 “(C) Any other person or entity that ac-
23 quires such ownership or control.

1 “(D) Any successor, assignee, transferee,
2 lender, or lessee of a person or entity described
3 in subparagraphs (A) through (C).

4 “(3) To the extent the persons and entities de-
5 scribed in paragraph (2) contributed to any such re-
6 lease or threatened release, paragraph (1) shall not
7 apply.

8 “(c) CONDITIONS.—

9 “(1) No indemnification on a claim for injury
10 may be provided under this section unless the person
11 or entity making a request for the indemnification—

12 “(A) notifies the Secretary in writing with-
13 in two years after such claim accrues;

14 “(B) furnishes to the Secretary copies of
15 pertinent papers received by the person or enti-
16 ty;

17 “(C) furnishes evidence or proof of the
18 claim;

19 “(D) provides, upon request by the Sec-
20 retary, access to the records and personnel of
21 the person or entity for purposes of defending
22 or settling the claim; and

23 “(E) begins action within six months after
24 the date of mailing, by certified or registered

1 mail, of notice of final denial of the claim by
2 the Secretary.

3 “(2) For purposes of paragraph (1)(A), the
4 date on which a claim accrues is the date on which
5 the person asserting the claim knew (or reasonably
6 should have known) that the injury to person or
7 property referred to in subsection (b)(1) was caused
8 or contributed to by the release or threatened release
9 of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant
10 as a result of Department of Energy activities at the
11 defense nuclear facility on which the real property is
12 located.

13 “(d) AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY.—

14 “(1) In any case in which the Secretary deter-
15 mines that the Secretary may be required to indem-
16 nify a person or entity under this section for any
17 claim for injury to person or property referred to in
18 subsection (b)(1), the Secretary may settle or defend
19 the claim on behalf of that person or entity.

20 “(2) In any case described in paragraph (1), if
21 the person or entity that the Secretary may be re-
22 quired to indemnify does not allow the Secretary to
23 settle or defend the claim, the person or entity may
24 not be indemnified with respect to that claim under
25 this section.

1 “(e) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAW.—Nothing in
 2 this section shall be construed as affecting or modifying
 3 in any way section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Environ-
 4 mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of
 5 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)).

6 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘haz-
 7 ardous substance’, ‘release’, and ‘pollutant or contami-
 8 nant’ have the meanings provided by section 101 of the
 9 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation,
 10 and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601).

11 **“§ 5842. Engineering and manufacturing research, de-**
 12 **velopment, and demonstration by man-**
 13 **agers of certain nuclear weapons produc-**
 14 **tion facilities**

15 “(a) AUTHORITY FOR PROGRAMS AT NUCLEAR
 16 WEAPONS PRODUCTIONS FACILITIES.—The Adminis-
 17 trator shall authorize the head of each nuclear weapons
 18 production facility to establish an Engineering and Manu-
 19 facturing Research, Development, and Demonstration
 20 Program under this section.

21 “(b) PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES.—The projects and
 22 activities carried out through the program at a nuclear
 23 weapons production facility under this section shall sup-
 24 port innovative or high-risk design and manufacturing
 25 concepts and technologies with potentially high payoff for

1 the nuclear security enterprise. Those projects and activi-
 2 ties may include—

3 “(1) replacement of obsolete or aging design
 4 and manufacturing technologies;

5 “(2) development of innovative agile manufac-
 6 turing techniques and processes; and

7 “(3) training, recruitment, or retention of es-
 8 sential personnel in critical engineering and manu-
 9 facturing disciplines.

10 **“§ 5843. Activities at covered nuclear weapons facili-**
 11 **ties**

12 “The Administrator may authorize the manager of
 13 a covered nuclear weapons research, development, testing
 14 or production facility to engage in research, development,
 15 and demonstration activities with respect to the engineer-
 16 ing and manufacturing capabilities at such facility in
 17 order to maintain and enhance such capabilities at such
 18 facility: *Provided*, That of the amount allocated to a cov-
 19 ered nuclear weapons facility each fiscal year from
 20 amounts available to the Department of Energy for such
 21 fiscal year for national security programs, not more than
 22 an amount equal to 2 percent of such amount may be used
 23 for these activities: *Provided further*, That for purposes of
 24 this section, the term ‘covered nuclear weapons facility’
 25 means the following:

1 “(1) The Kansas City Plant, Kansas City, Mis-
2 souri.

3 “(2) The Y-12 Plant, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

4 “(3) The Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas.

5 “(4) The Savannah River Plant, South Caro-
6 lina.

7 “(5) The Nevada Test Site.

8 **“§ 5844. Pilot program relating to use of proceeds of**
9 **disposal or utilization of certain depart-**
10 **ment of energy assets**

11 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to en-
12 courage the Secretary of Energy to dispose of or otherwise
13 utilize certain assets of the Department of Energy by
14 making available to the Secretary the proceeds of such dis-
15 posal or utilization for purposes of defraying the costs of
16 such disposal or utilization.

17 “(b) USE OF PROCEEDS TO DEFRAY COSTS.—

18 “(1) Notwithstanding section 3302 of title 31,
19 the Secretary may retain from the proceeds of the
20 sale, lease, or disposal of an asset under subsection
21 (c) an amount equal to the cost of the sale, lease,
22 or disposal of the asset. The Secretary shall utilize
23 amounts retained under this paragraph to defray the
24 cost of the sale, lease, or disposal.

1 “(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), the cost of
2 a sale, lease, or disposal shall include—

3 “(A) the cost of administering the sale,
4 lease, or disposal;

5 “(B) the cost of recovering or preparing
6 the asset concerned for the sale, lease, or dis-
7 posal; and

8 “(C) any other cost associated with the
9 sale, lease, or disposal.

10 “(c) COVERED TRANSACTIONS.—Subsection (b) ap-
11 plies to the following transactions:

12 “(1) The sale of heavy water at the Savannah
13 River Site, South Carolina, that is under the juris-
14 diction of the Defense Environmental Management
15 Program.

16 “(2) The sale of precious metals that are under
17 the jurisdiction of the Defense Environmental Man-
18 agement Program.

19 “(3) The lease of buildings and other facilities
20 located at the Hanford Reservation, Washington,
21 that are under the jurisdiction of the Defense Envi-
22 ronmental Management Program.

23 “(4) The lease of buildings and other facilities
24 located at the Savannah River Site that are under

1 the jurisdiction of the Defense Environmental Man-
2 agement Program.

3 “(5) The disposal of equipment and other per-
4 sonal property located at the Rocky Flats Defense
5 Environmental Technology Site, Colorado, that is
6 under the jurisdiction of the Defense Environmental
7 Management Program.

8 “(6) The disposal of materials at the National
9 Electronics Recycling Center, Oak Ridge, Tennessee
10 that are under the jurisdiction of the Defense Envi-
11 ronmental Management Program.

12 “(d) APPLICABILITY OF DISPOSAL AUTHORITY.—
13 Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the ap-
14 plication of subchapter II of chapter 5 and section 549
15 of title 40 to the disposal of equipment and other personal
16 property covered by this section.

17 **“§ 5845. Department of Energy energy parks program**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy may es-
19 tablish a program to permit the establishment of energy
20 parks on former defense nuclear facilities.

21 “(b) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives for establishing
22 energy parks pursuant to subsection (a) are the following:

23 “(1) To provide locations to carry out a broad
24 range of projects relating to the development and de-

1 ployment of energy technologies and related ad-
2 vanced manufacturing technologies.

3 “(2) To provide locations for the implementa-
4 tion of pilot programs and demonstration projects
5 for new and developing energy technologies and re-
6 lated advanced manufacturing technologies.

7 “(3) To set a national example for the develop-
8 ment and deployment of energy technologies and re-
9 lated advanced manufacturing technologies in a
10 manner that will promote energy security, energy
11 sector employment, and energy independence.

12 “(4) To create a business environment that en-
13 courages collaboration and interaction between the
14 public and private sectors.

15 “(c) CONSULTATION.—In establishing an energy
16 park pursuant to subsection (a), the Secretary shall con-
17 sult with—

18 “(1) the local government with jurisdiction over
19 the land on which the energy park will be located;

20 “(2) the local governments of adjacent areas;
21 and

22 “(3) any community reuse organization recog-
23 nized by the Secretary at the former defense nuclear
24 facility on which the energy park will be located.

1 “(d) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 120 days
2 after January 7, 2011, the Secretary shall submit to the
3 Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Com-
4 mittee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives
5 a report on the implementation of the program under sub-
6 section (a). The report shall include such recommenda-
7 tions for additional legislative actions as the Secretary
8 considers appropriate to facilitate the development of en-
9 ergy parks on former defense nuclear facilities.

10 “(e) DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITY DEFINED.—In
11 this section, the term ‘defense nuclear facility’ has the
12 meaning given the term ‘Department of Energy defense
13 nuclear facility’ in section 318 of the Atomic Energy Act
14 of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2286g).

15 **“§ 5846. Authority to use passenger carriers for con-**
16 **tractor commuting**

17 “(a) AUTHORITY.—If and to the extent that the Ad-
18 ministrator deems it appropriate to further mission activi-
19 ties under section 3211 of the National Nuclear Security
20 Administration Act (50 U.S.C. 2401), a passenger carrier
21 may be used to provide transportation services to con-
22 tractor employees between the covered facility of the con-
23 tractor employee and a mass transit facility in accordance
24 with any applicable transportation plan adopted by the
25 Administrator pursuant to this section.

1 “(b) PLAN REQUESTS AND APPROVAL.—

2 “(1) The Administrator—

3 “(A) shall—

4 “(i) provide Management and Oper-
5 ating contractors at covered facilities the
6 opportunity to, on a voluntary basis, sub-
7 mit, through the cognizant contracting of-
8 ficer of the applicable covered facility, a
9 plan to provide transportation services de-
10 scribed in subsection (a) for contractor em-
11 ployees at the covered facility; and

12 “(ii) review each such plan submitted
13 in accordance with clause (i); and

14 “(B) may approve each such plan if the re-
15 quirements described in clauses (i) through (iv)
16 of paragraph (2)(B) are satisfied.

17 “(2) Each plan submitted pursuant to para-
18 graph (1)(A)—

19 “(A) may include proposals for parking fa-
20 cilities, road improvements, real property acqui-
21 sition, passenger carrier services, and com-
22 muting cost deferment payments to contractor
23 employees; and

24 “(B) shall include—

1 “(i) a description of how the use of
2 passenger carriers will facilitate the mis-
3 sion of the covered facility;

4 “(ii) a description of how the plan will
5 be economical and advantageous to the
6 Federal Government;

7 “(iii) a summary of the benefits that
8 will be provided under the plan and how
9 costs will be monitored; and

10 “(iv) a description of how the plan
11 will alleviate traffic congestion, reduce
12 commuting times, and improve recruitment
13 and retention of contractor employees.

14 “(3) The Administrator may delegate to the
15 Senior Procurement Executive of the Administration
16 the approval of any plan submitted under this sub-
17 section.

18 “(c) REIMBURSEMENT.—The Administration may re-
19 imburse a contractor for the costs of transportation serv-
20 ices incurred pursuant to a plan approved under sub-
21 section (b) using funds appropriated to the Administra-
22 tion.

23 “(d) IMPLEMENTATION.—In carrying out a plan ap-
24 proved under subsection (b), the Administrator, to the

1 maximum extent practicable and consistent with sound
2 budget policy, shall—

3 “(1) require the use of alternative fuel vehicles
4 to provide transportation services;

5 “(2) ensure funds spent for this plan further
6 the mission activities of the Administration under
7 section 3211 of the National Nuclear Security Ad-
8 ministration Act (50 U.S.C. 2401); and

9 “(3) ensure that the time during which a con-
10 tractor employee uses transportation services shall
11 not be included for purposes of calculating the hours
12 of work for such contractor employee.

13 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 “(1) The term ‘contractor employee’ means an
15 employee of a Management and Operating con-
16 tractor or subcontractor employee at any tier.

17 “(2) The term ‘covered facility’ means any fa-
18 cility of the Administration that directly supports
19 the mission of the Administration under section
20 3211 of the National Nuclear Security Administra-
21 tion Act (50 U.S.C. 2401).

22 “(3) The term ‘Management and Operating
23 contractor’ means a management and operating con-
24 tractor that manages a covered facility.

1 “(4) The term ‘passenger carrier’ means a pas-
2 senger motor vehicle, aircraft, boat, ship, train, or
3 other similar means of transportation that is owned,
4 leased, or provided pursuant to contract or sub-
5 contract by the Federal Government or through a
6 contractor of the Administration.

7 **“PART D—OTHER MATTERS**

8 **“§ 5851. Payment of costs of operation and mainte-**
9 **nance of infrastructure at Nevada Na-**
10 **tional Security Site**

11 “ Notwithstanding any other provision of law and ef-
12 fective as of September 30, 1996, the costs associated with
13 operating and maintaining the infrastructure at the Ne-
14 vada National Security Site, Nevada, with respect to any
15 activities initiated at the site after that date by the De-
16 partment of Defense pursuant to a work-for-others agree-
17 ment may be paid for from funds authorized to be appro-
18 priated to the Department of Energy for activities at the
19 Nevada National Security Site.

20 **“§ 5852. University-based defense nuclear policy col-**
21 **laboration program**

22 “(a) PROGRAM.—The Administrator shall carry out
23 a program under which the Administrator establishes a
24 policy research consortium of institutions of higher edu-
25 cation and nonprofit entities in support of implementing

1 and innovating the defense nuclear policy programs of the
2 Administration. The Administrator shall establish and
3 carry out such program in a manner similar to the pro-
4 gram established under section 5838.

5 “(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the consortium
6 under subsection (a) are as follows:

7 “(1) To shape the formulation and application
8 of policy through the conduct of research and anal-
9 ysis regarding defense nuclear policy programs.

10 “(2) To maintain open-source databases on
11 issues relevant to understanding defense nuclear
12 nonproliferation, arms control, nuclear deterrence,
13 foreign nuclear programs, and nuclear security.

14 “(3) To facilitate the collaboration of research
15 centers of excellence relating to defense nuclear pol-
16 icy to better distribute expertise to specific issues
17 and scenarios regarding such threats.

18 “(c) DUTIES.—

19 “(1) SUPPORT.—The Administrator shall en-
20 sure that the consortium established under sub-
21 section (a) provides support to individuals described
22 in paragraph (2) through the use of nongovern-
23 mental fellowships, scholarships, research intern-
24 ships, workshops, short courses, summer schools,
25 and research grants.

1 “(2) INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED.—The individ-
 2 uals described in this paragraph are graduate stu-
 3 dents, academics, and policy specialists, who are fo-
 4 cused on policy innovation related to—

5 “(A) defense nuclear nonproliferation;

6 “(B) arms control;

7 “(C) nuclear deterrence;

8 “(D) the study of foreign nuclear pro-
 9 grams;

10 “(E) nuclear security; or

11 “(F) educating and training the next gen-
 12 eration of defense nuclear policy experts.”.

13 (b) CONFORMING REPEALS.—The following provi-
 14 sions of law are repealed:

15 (1) Division D of the Bob Stump National De-
 16 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 (50
 17 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.).

18 (2) Sections 3116 and 3141 of the National
 19 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (50
 20 U.S.C. 2515, 2512 note).

21 (3) Sections 308 and 311 of the Energy and
 22 Water Development and Related Agencies Appro-
 23 priations Act, 2015 (50 U.S.C. 2523c, 2791b).

1 (4) Section 3132 of the National Defense Au-
2 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (50 U.S.C.
3 2589).

4 (5) Section 306 of the Energy and Water De-
5 velopment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
6 2012 (50 U.S.C. 2743a).

7 (6) Section 308 of the Energy and Water De-
8 velopment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
9 2009 (50 U.S.C. 2791a).

10 (7) Section 3124 of the Ike Skelton National
11 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (50
12 U.S.C. 2814).

13 (8) Sections 3113 and 3123 of the William M.
14 (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization
15 Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 50
16 U.S.C. 2512 note, 2581 note).

17 (9) Section 3113 of the National Defense Au-
18 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law
19 114–328; 50 U.S.C. 2512 note).

20 (10) Section 3121 of the National Defense Au-
21 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law
22 117–81; 50 U.S.C. 2521 note).

23 (11) Section 3121, 3124, and 3126 of the
24 James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization

1 Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 50
2 U.S.C. 2532 note, 2538a note).

3 (12) Section 3125 of the Servicemember Qual-
4 ity of Life Improvement and National Defense Au-
5 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law
6 118–159; 50 U.S.C. 2538 note).

7 (13) Section 3133 of the National Defense Au-
8 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law
9 118–31; 50 U.S.C. 2538c note).

10 (14) Section 3122 of the Carl Levin and How-
11 ard P. ‘Buck’ McKeon National Defense Authoriza-
12 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291;
13 50 U.S.C. 2565 note).

14 (15) Section 3141 of the John S. McCain Na-
15 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
16 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 50 U.S.C. 2569 note).

17 (16) Section 3116 of the Ronald W. Reagan
18 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
19 2005 (Public Law 108–375; 50 U.S.C. 2601 note).

20 (17) Section 127 of the Miscellaneous Appro-
21 priations and Offsets Act, 2004 (division H of Pub-
22 lic 108–199; 50 U.S.C. 2601 note).

23 (18) Section 3117 of the National Defense Au-
24 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
25 114–92; 50 U.S.C. 2754 note).

(19) Section 309 of the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014 (division D of Public Law 113–76; 50 U.S.C. 2791a note).

(20) Section 308 of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2005 (division C of Public Law 108–447; 50 U.S.C. 2812 note).

(21) Section 3114 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112–239; 50 U.S.C. 2535 note).

(c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 10.—Title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in section 179—

(i) in subsection (d)(13), by striking “section 4002 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2501)” and inserting “section 5601”; and

(ii) in subsection (f)—

(I) in paragraph (2), by striking “section 4717 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2757)” at each place it appears and inserting “section 5799”; and

1 (II) in paragraph (3), by striking
2 “section 4219(a) of the Atomic En-
3 ergy Defense Act (50 U.S.C.
4 2538a(a))” and inserting “section
5 5638”;

6 (B) in section 499a(e), by striking “section
7 4002 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50
8 U.S.C. 2501)” and inserting “section 5601”.

9 (2) AMENDMENTS TO OTHER LAWS.—

10 (A) Section 809(b)(2) of the James M.
11 Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for
12 Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 10
13 U.S.C. 4351 note) is amended by striking “sec-
14 tions 4217 and 4311 of the Atomic Energy De-
15 fense Act (50 U.S.C. 2537, 2577)” and insert-
16 ing “sections 5635 and 5671 of title 10, United
17 States Code”.

18 (B) Section 1635(c)(2) of the Servicemem-
19 ber Quality of Life Improvement and National
20 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025
21 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 4811 note) is
22 amended by striking “section 4002 of the
23 Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2501)”
24 and inserting “section 5601 of title 10, United
25 States Code”.

1 (C) Section 3111(b)(1) of the National De-
2 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018
3 (Public Law 115–91; 50 U.S.C. 2402 note) is
4 amended by striking “section 4002(6) of the
5 Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C.
6 2501(6))” and inserting “section 5601 of title
7 10, United States Code”.

8 (D) Section 3116(a)(3) of the National
9 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018
10 (Public Law 115–91; 131 Stat. 1888) is
11 amended by striking “section 4101 of the
12 Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2511)”
13 and inserting “section 5611 of title 10, United
14 States Code”.

15 (E) Section 3113 of the National Defense
16 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public
17 Law 114–328; 50 U.S.C. 2512 note) is amend-
18 ed—

19 (i) in subsection (a), by striking “sec-
20 tion 4102(b) of the Atomic Energy De-
21 fense Act (50 U.S.C. 2512(b))” and insert-
22 ing “section 5612 of title 10, United
23 States Code”; and

24 (ii) in subsection (d), by striking “sec-
25 tion 4002 of the Atomic Energy Defense

1 Act (50 U.S.C. 2501)” and inserting “sec-
2 tion 5601 of title 10, United States Code”.

3 (F) Section 3137(d) of the National De-
4 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016
5 (Public Law 114–92; 50 U.S.C. 2512 note) is
6 amended by striking “section 4002(6) of the
7 Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C.
8 2501(6))” and inserting “section 5601 of title
9 10, United States Code”.

10 (G) Section 3121(c) of the National De-
11 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022
12 (Public Law 117–81; 50 U.S.C. 2521 note) is
13 amended by striking “section 4002 of the
14 Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2501)”
15 and inserting “section 5601 of title 10, United
16 States Code”.

17 (H) Section 3129 of the National Defense
18 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public
19 Law 113–66; 50 U.S.C. 2521 note) is amend-
20 ed—

21 (i) in subsection (a), by striking “sec-
22 tion 4201 of the Atomic Energy Defense
23 Act (50 U.S.C. 2521)” and inserting “sec-
24 tion 5621 of title 10, United States
25 Code,”; and

1 (ii) in subsection (e), by striking “sec-
2 tion 4203 of the Atomic Energy Defense
3 Act (50 U.S.C. 2523)” and inserting “sec-
4 tion 5624 of title 10, United States
5 Code,”.

6 (I) Section 3116(c) of the National De-
7 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004
8 (Public Law 108–136; 50 U.S.C. 2529 note) is
9 amended by striking “section 4209(a) of the
10 Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C.
11 2529(a))” and inserting “section 5630 of title
12 10, United States Code”.

13 (J) Section 3121(c) of the James M.
14 Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for
15 Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 50
16 U.S.C. 2532 note) is amended by striking “sec-
17 tion 4002 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act
18 (50 U.S.C. 2501)” and inserting “section 5601
19 of title 10, United States Code”.

20 (K) Section 3126 of the James M. Inhofe
21 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
22 Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 50 U.S.C.
23 2538a note) is amended by striking “section
24 4219 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50

1 U.S.C. 2538a)” and inserting “section 5638 of
2 title 10, United States Code”.

3 (L) Section 3116(e)(4) of the Ronald W.
4 Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for
5 Fiscal Year 2005 (Public Law 108–375; 50
6 U.S.C. 2602 note) is amended by striking “sec-
7 tion 4306A of the Atomic Energy Defense Act
8 (50 U.S.C. 2567)” and inserting “section 5664
9 of title 10, United States Code”.

10 (M) Section 3121 of the John S. McCain
11 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
12 Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 50 U.S.C.
13 2652 note) is amended—

14 (i) by striking “section 4502(a) of the
15 Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C.
16 2652(a))” each place it appears and insert-
17 ing “section 5732(a) of title 10, United
18 States Code”; and

19 (ii) in subsection (f)(2), by striking
20 “section 4002 of the Atomic Energy De-
21 fense Act (50 U.S.C. 2501)” and inserting
22 “section 5601 of title 10, United States
23 Code”.

1 **SEC. 3112. ADJUSTMENT TO PLUTONIUM PIT PRODUCTION**

2 **CAPACITY.**

3 Section 4219 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50
4 U.S.C. 2538a) is amended—

5 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
6 lows:

7 “(a) REQUIREMENTS.—

8 “(1) OVERALL CAPACITY.—Consistent with the
9 requirements of the Secretary of Defense, the Sec-
10 retary of Energy shall ensure that the nuclear secu-
11 rity enterprise—

12 “(A) during 2021, begins production of
13 qualification plutonium pits;

14 “(B) during 2025, produces no fewer than
15 10 war reserve plutonium pits;

16 “(C) during 2026, produces no fewer than
17 20 war reserve plutonium pits;

18 “(D) during 2027, produces no fewer than
19 30 war reserve plutonium pits;

20 “(E) during 2029, produces no fewer than
21 50 war reserve plutonium pits; and

22 “(F) during 2032 and subsequent years,
23 produces no fewer than 80 war reserve pluto-
24 nium pits.

25 “(2) SITE SPECIFIC FULL PRODUCTION RATE
26 TARGETS.—In meeting the annual production rate

1 requirement under paragraph (1)(F), the Secretary
2 of Energy shall ensure that—

3 “(A) no fewer than 30 war reserve pluto-
4 nium pits are produced annually at Los Alamos
5 National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico;

6 “(B) no fewer than 50 war reserve pluto-
7 nium pits are produced annually at the Savan-
8 nah River Plutonium Processing Facility,
9 Aiken, South Carolina; and

10 “(C) total annual production quantities ex-
11 ceeding 80 war reserve plutonium pits are allo-
12 cated to each site as necessary to meet Depart-
13 ment of Defense requirements.”; and

14 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “2030” and
15 inserting “2032”.

16 **SEC. 3113. NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRA-**
17 **TION RAPID CAPABILITIES DEVELOPMENT**
18 **OFFICE.**

19 (a) REPEAL.—Section 4220 of the Atomic Energy
20 Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2538b) is repealed.

21 (b) ASSISTANT DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR RAPID
22 CAPABILITIES DEVELOPMENT.—National Nuclear Secu-
23 rity Administration Act (50 U.S.C. 2401 et seq.) is
24 amended by adding at the end of subtitle A the following
25 new section:

1 **“SEC. 3223. OFFICE OF RAPID CAPABILITIES DEVELOP-**
2 **MENT.**

3 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the
5 Administration an Office of Rapid Capabilities De-
6 velopment (referred to in this section as the ‘Of-
7 fice’), which shall be led by an Assistant Deputy Ad-
8 ministrator for Rapid Capabilities Development (re-
9 ferred to in this section as the ‘Assistant Deputy
10 Administrator’).

11 “(2) ASSISTANT DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR.—

12 “(A) SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE.—The
13 position of the Assistant Deputy Administrator
14 shall be a Senior Executive Service position (as
15 defined in section 3132(a) of title 5, United
16 States Code).

17 “(B) DUTIES.—The Assistant Deputy Ad-
18 ministrator shall report to the Board estab-
19 lished under subsection (c).

20 “(b) MISSION.—The primary objective of the Office
21 shall be to expedite the development and fielding of tech-
22 nologies and weapon systems in support of United States
23 strategic deterrence requirements, as determined by the
24 President or the Secretary of Defense. In achieving this
25 objective, the office shall—

1 “(1) leverage defense-wide and Administration
2 technology development efforts and existing capabili-
3 ties to achieve improved deterrence and operational
4 effects;

5 “(2) provide integration and technical support
6 to Department of Defense, the Administration, or
7 other activities of the United States Government;

8 “(3) identify and pursue opportunities to accel-
9 erate operationally-focused capabilities through ad-
10 vanced prototyping; and

11 “(4) explore innovative, cost-effective material
12 and non-material solutions to defeat rapidly-evolving
13 nuclear and radiological threats.

14 “(c) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—

15 “(1) COMPOSITION.—The Office shall be gov-
16 erned by a Board of Directors of (referred to in this
17 section as the ‘Board’), which shall be composed of
18 the following members:

19 “(A) The Administrator.

20 “(B) The Assistant Secretary of Defense
21 for Nuclear Deterrence, Chemical and Biologi-
22 cal Defense Policy and Programs.

23 “(C) The Deputy Commander of United
24 States Strategic Command.

1 “(D) The Joint Staff Director for Strat-
2 egy, Plans, and Policy (J5).

3 “(E) The Director of Navy Strategic Sys-
4 tems Programs.

5 “(F) The Deputy Commander of Air Force
6 Global Strike Command.

7 “(2) CHAIR.—The Chair of the Board shall be
8 the Administrator.

9 “(3) ORGANIZATION AND TASKING.—

10 “(A) OPERATIONS.—The Board shall oper-
11 ate on a consensus basis and issue taskings di-
12 rectly to the Assistant Deputy Administrator as
13 necessary to achieve the mission objectives out-
14 lined in subsection (b).

15 “(B) SUBMISSIONS TO BOARD.—

16 “(i) SUBMISSIONS FROM THE ASSIST-
17 ANT DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR.—The As-
18 sistant Deputy Administrator may submit
19 research and development proposals for
20 Board consideration if such proposals sup-
21 port the mission objectives outlined in sub-
22 section (b).

23 “(ii) SUBMISSIONS FROM MEMBERS.—
24 Members of the Board may submit—

1 “(I) research and development
2 proposals for Board consideration;
3 and

4 “(II) proposals on behalf of orga-
5 nizations that are not members of the
6 Board if such proposals support the
7 mission objectives outlined in sub-
8 section (b).

9 “(d) STAFF.—The Administrator shall ensure that
10 the Assistant Deputy Administrator has sufficient num-
11 bers of personnel with competence in technical, pro-
12 grammatic, and other appropriate matters necessary to
13 carry out the functions required by this section.

14 “(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
15 tion shall be construed to obviate or otherwise alter the
16 requirements for the development of new or modified nu-
17 clear weapons outlined by section 4209 of the Atomic En-
18 ergy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2529).

19 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 “(1) ADMINISTRATION.—The term ‘Administra-
21 tion’, with respect to any authority, duty, or respon-
22 sibility provided by this section, does not include the
23 Office of Naval Reactors.

24 “(2) PROTOTYPING.—The term ‘prototyping’
25 means the development of any physical or virtual

1 model used to evaluate the technical or manufac-
2 turing feasibility or military utility of a technology,
3 process, concept, end item, or system.”.

4 **SEC. 3114. REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF THE NATIONAL**
5 **NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION EN-**
6 **TERPRISE BLUEPRINT.**

7 (a) REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 30
8 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Chair
9 of the Nuclear Weapons Council shall initiate within the
10 Nuclear Weapons Council a review of the Enterprise Blue-
11 print and assess—

12 (1) the adequacy of the projected future infra-
13 structure to meet anticipated Department of De-
14 fense requirements; and

15 (2) the feasibility of executing the Enterprise
16 Blueprint for a period of 25 years beginning on the
17 date of the enactment of this Act.

18 (b) REPORT.—Not later than June 1, 2026, the
19 Chair of the Nuclear Weapons Council, acting through the
20 Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear Deterrence,
21 Chemical, and Biological Defense Policy and Programs,
22 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
23 port on—

24 (1) the conclusions of the review and assess-
25 ment described in subsection (a);

1 (2) any recommended modifications to the in-
2 frastructure recapitalization plans or future capabili-
3 ties described in the Enterprise Blueprint necessary
4 to meet future Department of Defense requirements;
5 and

6 (3) any other information the Chair determines
7 to be relevant.

8 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (b)
9 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
10 a classified annex.

11 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) NUCLEAR WEAPONS COUNCIL.—The term
13 “Nuclear Weapons Council” means the council es-
14 tablished by section 179 of title 10, United States
15 Code.

16 (2) ENTERPRISE BLUEPRINT.—The term “En-
17 terprise Blueprint” means the document entitled
18 “NNSA Enterprise Blueprint”, published in October
19 2024 by the Department of Energy and the National
20 Nuclear Security Administration.

21 **SEC. 3115. NOTIFICATION OF COST OVERRUNS FOR CER-**
22 **TAIN DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY PROJECTS.**

23 Section 4713 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50
24 U.S.C. 2753) is amended—

25 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1)(A), in the first sen-
 2 tence, by inserting “prior to entry into Phase
 3 6.3 or Phase 3, as appropriate” after “Adminis-
 4 tration”; and

5 (B) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting
 6 “prior to entry into Phase 6.3” after “project”;
 7 and

8 (2) in subsection (c)(2)—

9 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)
 10 and (C) as subparagraphs (C) and (D), respec-
 11 tively; and

12 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (A)
 13 the following new subparagraph (B):

14 “(B) the results of the review conducted by
 15 the Director of Cost Estimating and Program
 16 Evaluation are consistent with section
 17 3221(d)(1)(F) of the National Nuclear Security
 18 Administration Act (50 U.S.C.
 19 2411(d)(1)(F)).”.

20 **SEC. 3116. PROTECTION OF CERTAIN NUCLEAR FACILITIES**
 21 **AND ASSETS FROM UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.**

22 Section 4510(e)(1)(C) of the Atomic Energy Defense
 23 Act (50 U.S.C. 2661(e)(1)(C)) is amended to read as fol-
 24 lows:

1 “(C)(i) owned by or contracted to the Na-
 2 tional Nuclear Security Administration, includ-
 3 ing any facility that stores or uses special nu-
 4 clear material; or
 5 “(ii) a national security laboratory or nu-
 6 clear weapons production facility.”.

7 **SEC. 3117. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR APPOINTMENT**
 8 **OF CERTAIN SCIENTIFIC, ENGINEERING, AND**
 9 **TECHNICAL PERSONNEL.**

10 Section 4601(c)(1) of the Atomic Energy Defense Act
 11 (50 U.S.C. 2701(c)(1)) is amended by striking “2026”
 12 and inserting “2036”.

13 **SEC. 3118. APPROPRIATE SCOPING OF ARTIFICIAL INTEL-**
 14 **LIGENCE RESEARCH WITHIN THE NATIONAL**
 15 **NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title XLVIII of the
 17 Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2791 et seq.) is
 18 amended by adding at the end the following section:

19 **“SEC. 4816. APPROPRIATE SCOPING OF ARTIFICIAL INTEL-**
 20 **LIGENCE RESEARCH WITHIN THE ADMINIS-**
 21 **TRATION.**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Funds authorized to be appro-
 23 priated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal
 24 year 2026, or any subsequent fiscal year, for the Adminis-
 25 tration for the purposes of conducting research and devel-

1 opment of artificial intelligence technologies, executing a
2 program to develop or manage the application of such
3 technologies, or developing, acquiring, or sustaining any
4 associated computing hardware or supporting infrastruc-
5 ture may only be used to support the nuclear security mis-
6 sions of the Administration.

7 “(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The limitation de-
8 scribed in subsection (a) shall not be interpreted—

9 “(1) to prohibit the establishment of an endur-
10 ing national security artificial intelligence research
11 and development program in any component of the
12 Department of Energy other than the Administra-
13 tion or in any other Federal agency; or

14 “(2) to impede the use of resources of the Ad-
15 ministration, including resources provided by a na-
16 tional security laboratory or a nuclear weapons pro-
17 duction facility site, to support the execution of an
18 enduring national security artificial intelligence re-
19 search and development program or activity, if such
20 support is provided—

21 “(A) on a full cost recovery basis, includ-
22 ing any associated infrastructure or utility
23 costs, to an entity that is not a component of
24 the Department of Energy; and

1 “(B) in a manner that does not interfere
 2 with the nuclear security mission of such lab-
 3 oratory or facility.”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
 5 for the Atomic Energy Defense Act is amended by insert-
 6 ing after the item relating to section 4815 the following
 7 new item:

“Sec. 4816. Appropriate scoping of artificial intelligence research within the
 Administration.”.

8 **Subtitle C—Other Matters**

9 **SEC. 3121. NATIONAL SECURITY POSITIONS WITHIN THE** 10 **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.**

11 Any position of the Department of Energy requiring
 12 the performance of duties funded under Office of Manage-
 13 ment and Budget functional subcategory 053, Atomic En-
 14 ergy Defense Activities, shall be considered as a position
 15 that is necessary to meet national security responsibilities.

16 **SEC. 3122. OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT** 17 **PROGRAM-WIDE PERFORMANCE METRICS** 18 **FOR REDUCING RISK.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
 20 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy
 21 shall—

22 (1) develop and implement program perform-
 23 ance metrics for the Office of Environmental Man-
 24 agement (referred to in this section as the “Office”),

1 in addition to the program performance metrics
2 identified in the plan published by the Office of En-
3 vironmental Management entitled “EM Program
4 Plan 2022”; and

5 (2) revise the program performance metrics
6 identified in the “EM Program Plan 2022” in ac-
7 cordance with the requirements of subsection (b).

8 (b) REQUIRED ELEMENTS.—The program perform-
9 ance metrics described in subsection (a) shall incorporate
10 the following elements:

11 (1) LINKAGE.—Each metric shall—

12 (A) align with the goals and mission of the
13 Department of Energy (referred to in this sec-
14 tion as the “Department”) and the Office;

15 (B) link to the other metrics developed or
16 revised under subsection (a) and any other ex-
17 isting performance metrics of the Department
18 and the Office; and

19 (C) be clearly communicated throughout
20 the Department and the Office.

21 (2) CLARITY.—Each metric shall be clear and
22 the name and definition of such metric shall be con-
23 sistent with the methodology used to calculate the
24 metric.

1 (3) MEASURABLE.—Each metric shall have a
2 numerical goal.

3 (4) OBJECTIVE.—Each metric shall be reason-
4 ably free from significant bias or manipulation.

5 (5) RELIABLE.—Each metric shall produce the
6 same result under similar conditions.

7 (6) CORE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—The metrics
8 shall cover the activities that the Office is expected
9 to perform to support its mission.

10 (7) LIMITED OVERLAP.—Each metric shall pro-
11 vide new information beyond any information pro-
12 vided by other metrics.

13 (8) BALANCE.—The metrics shall ensure that
14 various priorities of the Office are covered.

15 (9) EFFECTIVENESS.—Each metric shall incor-
16 porate an effectiveness measure, such as quality,
17 timeliness, and cost of service.

18 (c) RISK REDUCTION PRIORITIZATION.—The pro-
19 gram performance metrics described in subsection (a)
20 shall—

21 (1) give first priority to addressing any issues
22 posing an immediate risk to human health or the en-
23 vironment;

24 (2) give second priority, as appropriate, to ad-
25 dressing issues based on achieving the highest risk

1 reduction benefit per radioactive or hazardous con-
2 tent removed; and

3 (3) measure the amount of radioactivity or haz-
4 ardous content removed, as determined by—

5 (A) curies, rads, or rems;

6 (B) pounds of hazardous content removed;

7 or

8 (C) such other appropriate measure.

9 (d) REPORT.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
11 the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 2
12 years thereafter until 2036, the Secretary of Energy
13 shall submit to the congressional defense committees
14 a report describing the outcomes achieved under the
15 program performance metrics described in sub-
16 section (a) for each fiscal year covered by such re-
17 port.

18 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report shall identify the
19 cost per curie, rad, or rem of radioactivity and cost
20 per pound of hazardous content removed program-
21 wide, by site, and by mission area.

1 **SEC. 3123. OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT IN-**
2 **TEGRATED RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL**
3 **PLANNING AND OPTIMIZATION.**

4 (a) RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL OPTIMIZATION
5 ANALYSES.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
8 of Energy shall develop a complex-wide analysis to
9 identify optimal disposal pathways and schedules for
10 defense radioactive waste produced by the Depart-
11 ment of Energy and its predecessor agencies and
12 managed by the Office of Environmental Manage-
13 ment.

14 (2) CONTENTS.—The analysis required by para-
15 graph (1) shall—

16 (A) incorporate modeling to identify opti-
17 mal disposal pathways and schedules that could
18 be achieved—

19 (i) considering regulatory constraints;
20 and
21 (ii) if key regulatory constraints were
22 lifted or altered; and

23 (B) identify strategic alternatives to radio-
24 active waste disposal plans and schedules.

25 (b) NATIONWIDE RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL
26 PLAN.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 months
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary of Energy shall develop an integrated, nation-
4 wide radioactive waste disposal plan.

5 (2) CONTENTS.—The plan required by para-
6 graph (1) shall—

7 (A) include, to the maximum extent prac-
8 ticable, optimal radioactive waste disposal path-
9 ways and schedules identified through the anal-
10 ysis conducted pursuant to subsection (a);

11 (B) identify specific opportunities for fur-
12 ther optimization of radioactive waste disposal
13 pathways and schedules that might be achieved
14 through changes in regulatory constraints;

15 (C) address complex-wide disposal issues,
16 such as waste with no disposal pathway; and

17 (D) incorporate feedback from key stake-
18 holders, including Federal and State regulators
19 and operators of radioactive waste disposal fa-
20 cilities.

21 (c) RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL FORUM.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months
23 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
24 retary of Energy shall establish a forum for Federal
25 and State agencies that regulate radioactive waste

1 cleanup and disposal activities by the Office of Envi-
2 ronmental Management.

3 (2) PURPOSE.—The forum established pursuant
4 to paragraph (1) shall holistically negotiate regu-
5 latory and other changes that could allow the De-
6 partment of Energy to implement opportunities for
7 optimal radioactive waste disposal identified pursu-
8 ant to subsection (b).

9 (d) REPORTING.—Not later than 2 years after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy
11 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
12 port on the results of the optimization analysis required
13 by subsection (a), the nationwide disposal plan required
14 by subsection (b), and the initial activities of the forum
15 established pursuant to subsection (c).

16 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) COMPLEX.—The term “complex” means the
18 set of sites across the United States where radio-
19 active waste cleanup and disposal activities are man-
20 aged by the Office of Environmental Management.

21 (2) INTEGRATED.—The term “integrated”
22 means inclusive of all radioactive waste across the
23 complex.

24 (3) OPTIMAL.—The term “optimal” means the
25 best possible outcome, such as the lowest cost or

1 highest profit, while following specific rules and limi-
2 tations.

3 (4) REGULATORY CONSTRAINTS.—The term
4 “regulatory constraints” means requirements in-
5 cluded in regulations or agreements with regulators
6 that affect decisions regarding radioactive waste dis-
7 posal pathways and schedules by the Office of Envi-
8 ronmental Management that could reasonably be the
9 subject of negotiation with Federal or State regu-
10 latory agencies.

11 **SEC. 3124. REPORT ON FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND RE-**
12 **SOURCES FOR THE DELIVERY OF SPECIAL-**
13 **IZED INFRASTRUCTURE.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than February 15,
15 2026, and annually thereafter until February 15, 2046,
16 the Administrator for Nuclear Security shall submit to the
17 appropriate congressional committees a report on future
18 activities and resources for the delivery of specialized in-
19 frastructure with demands across the nuclear stockpile,
20 global security, and naval nuclear propulsion missions,
21 which shall include the following:

22 (1) An assessment of infrastructure investments
23 necessary in the 5 fiscal years following the fiscal
24 year of the report, including—

1 (A) the cost estimates and schedules for
2 such infrastructure investments;

3 (B) the impacts to workforce requirements
4 of the Administration;

5 (C) the status of any reviews required by
6 the National Environmental Policy Act for such
7 infrastructure investments;

8 (D) an explanation of the targeted needs
9 addressed by such infrastructure investments;
10 and

11 (E) a summary of progress made towards
12 achieving such infrastructure investments.

13 (2) For fiscal year 2027 and each subsequent
14 fiscal year, an explanation of any changes in cost es-
15 timates and schedules for the projects listed in the
16 assessment required by paragraph (1) for the prior
17 fiscal year.

18 (3) An assessment of infrastructure investments
19 necessary in the 6 to 15 fiscal years following the
20 fiscal year of the report, including—

21 (A) an estimated schedule for such infra-
22 structure investments; and

23 (B) an explanation of the targeted needs
24 addressed by such infrastructure investments.

1 (4) For fiscal year 2027 and each subsequent
2 fiscal year, an explanation of any changes in cost es-
3 timates and schedules for the projects listed in the
4 assessment required by paragraph (3) for the prior
5 fiscal year.

6 (5) An assessment of the infrastructure invest-
7 ments necessary in the 16 to 25 fiscal years fol-
8 lowing the fiscal year of the report, including an ex-
9 planation of the targeted needs such infrastructure
10 investments are addressing.

11 (6) For fiscal year 2027 and each subsequent
12 fiscal year, an explanation of any changes in cost es-
13 timates and schedules for the projects listed in the
14 assessment required by paragraph (5) for the prior
15 fiscal year.

16 (b) FORM.—Each report required by subsection (a)
17 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
18 a classified annex.

19 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) ADMINISTRATION.—The term “Administra-
21 tion” means the National Nuclear Security Adminis-
22 tration.

23 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
24 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
25 mittees” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Armed Services and
2 the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Devel-
3 opment of the Committee on Appropriations of
4 the Senate; and

5 (B) the Committee on Armed Services and
6 the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Devel-
7 opment and Related Agencies of the Committee
8 on Appropriations of the House of Representa-
9 tives.

10 (3) SPECIALIZED INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term
11 “specialized infrastructure” means any facility—

12 (A) that supports the nuclear stockpile
13 mission, including capabilities to handle and
14 process—

15 (i) special nuclear materials;

16 (ii) radioactive, hazardous, and spe-
17 cialized materials;

18 (iii) non-nuclear unique components;

19 and

20 (iv) assembled nuclear weapons;

21 (B) that supports the global security mis-
22 sion of the Administration; or

23 (C) that supports naval spent fuel manage-
24 ment, nuclear material testing and examination,

1 and functional nuclear laboratory consolidation
2 for naval nuclear propulsion.

3 **SEC. 3125. PLAN TO MODERNIZE NUCLEAR SECURITY EN-**
4 **TERPRISE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator for
7 Nuclear Security shall develop a plan—

8 (1) to accelerate and modernize Material Stag-
9 ing Capabilities to replace aged, over-subscribed fa-
10 cilities within the nuclear security enterprise, which
11 shall include a description of all phases and an esti-
12 mate of the costs required to carry out such plan;
13 and

14 (2) to accelerate near-term Critical Decisions
15 milestones in fiscal year 2026.

16 (b) EXECUTION.—The Administrator for Nuclear Se-
17 curity shall carry out the plan required by subsection (a)
18 concurrently with an infrastructure modernization pro-
19 gram for high explosives capabilities, including continued
20 construction of the High Explosives Synthesis Formula-
21 tion and Production facility (21-D-510).

22 (c) BRIEFINGS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
24 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Ad-
25 ministrator for Nuclear Security shall brief the ap-

1 appropriate congressional committees on the Material
2 Staging Capabilities plan required by subsection (a).

3 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
4 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-
5 propriated congressional committees” means—

6 (A) the Committee on Armed Services and
7 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;
8 and

9 (B) the Committee on Armed Services and
10 the Committee on Appropriations of the House
11 of Representatives.

12 **TITLE XXXII—DEFENSE NU-**
13 **CLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY**
14 **BOARD**

15 **SEC. 3201. AUTHORIZATION.**

16 There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal
17 year 2026, \$45,000,000 for the operation of the Defense
18 Nuclear Facilities Safety Board under chapter 21 of the
19 Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2286 et seq.).

20 **DIVISION D—FUNDING TABLES**

21 **SEC. 4001. AUTHORIZATION OF AMOUNTS IN FUNDING TA-**
22 **BLES.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Whenever a funding table in this
24 division specifies a dollar amount authorized for a project,
25 program, or activity, the obligation and expenditure of the

1 specified dollar amount for the project, program, or activ-
2 ity is hereby authorized, subject to the availability of ap-
3 propriations.

4 (b) MERIT-BASED DECISIONS.—A decision to com-
5 mit, obligate, or expend funds with or to a specific entity
6 on the basis of a dollar amount authorized pursuant to
7 subsection (a) shall—

8 (1) be based on merit-based selection proce-
9 dures in accordance with the requirements of sec-
10 tions 3201 and 4024 of title 10, United States Code,
11 or on competitive procedures; and

12 (2) comply with other applicable provisions of
13 law.

14 (c) RELATIONSHIP TO TRANSFER AND PROGRAM-
15 MING AUTHORITY.—An amount specified in the funding
16 tables in this division may be transferred or repro-
17 grammed under a transfer or reprogramming authority
18 provided by another provision of this Act or by other law.
19 The transfer or reprogramming of an amount specified in
20 such funding tables shall not count against a ceiling on
21 such transfers or reprogrammings under section 1001 of
22 this Act or any other provision of law, unless such transfer
23 or reprogramming would move funds between appropria-
24 tion accounts.

1 (d) APPLICABILITY TO CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—This
2 section applies to any classified annex that accompanies
3 this Act.

4 (e) ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS.—No oral
5 or written communication concerning any amount speci-
6 fied in the funding tables in this division shall supersede
7 the requirements of this section.

1 TITLE XLI—PROCUREMENT

2 SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT.

SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, ARMY			
FIXED WING			
6	HADES PLATFORM, PAYLOADS/PED, AND INTEGRATION	26,850	26,850
ROTARY			
9	AH-64 APACHE BLOCK IIIA REMAN	1,669	1,669
13	UH-60 BLACKHAWK M MODEL (MYP)	732,060	732,060
17	CH-47 HELICOPTER	618,798	618,798
18	CH-47 HELICOPTER	61,421	61,421
MODIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT			
27	AH-64 MODS	125,236	125,236
28	SCALABLE CONTROL INTERFACE (SCI)	1,257	1,257
29	CH-47 CARGO HELICOPTER MODS (MYP)	17,709	17,709
34	UTILITY HELICOPTER MODS	33,659	33,659
36	NETWORK AND MISSION PLAN	40,472	40,472
37	COMMS, NAV SURVEILLANCE	11,566	11,566
39	AVIATION ASSURED PNT	49,475	49,475
40	GATM ROLLUP	4,651	4,651
GROUND SUPPORT AVIONICS			
45	AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY EQUIPMENT	129,167	129,167
47	CMWS	38,419	38,419
48	COMMON INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES (CIRCM)	225,647	225,647
OTHER SUPPORT			
50	COMMON GROUND EQUIPMENT	29,489	29,489
52	AIRCREW INTEGRATED SYSTEMS	14,986	14,986
53	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL	24,213	24,213
54	LAUNCHER, 2.75 ROCKET	1,611	1,611
AGILE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT			
57	SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS	726,034	741,034
	Flammable Solids UAS Applications		[15,000]
58	FUTURE UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (UAS) FAMILY	118,459	118,459
59	GRAY EAGLE MODIFICATIONS	12,351	12,351
	TOTAL AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, ARMY	3,045,199	3,060,199
MISSILE PROCUREMENT, ARMY			
SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE SYSTEM			
2	LOWER TIER AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE (AMD) SEN	637,473	1,250,473
	Procure additional 4x LTAMDS—misaligned budget request		[613,000]
4	M-SHORAD—PROCUREMENT	679,114	679,114
6	MSE MISSILE	945,905	1,485,525
	PAC-3 MSE missile recerts—misaligned budget request		[366,000]
	Patriot Mods: AMMPs/DEX		[173,620]
9	PRECISION STRIKE MISSILE (PRSM)	160,846	480,946
	Max PrSM Inc 1 procurement (+254 missiles)—misaligned budget request		[320,100]
11	INDIRECT FIRE PROTECTION CAPABILITY INC 2-I	830,579	1,018,579
	IFPC Inc 2 AIM 9X missile production to 432x AUR—misaligned budget request		[188,000]
12	MID-RANGE CAPABILITY (MRC)	82,407	179,407
	Hypersonics Rocket Motor Cost Reduction Initiative		[42,000]
	Maritime Strike Tomahawk (MST) (USA, USN)		[55,000]
AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILE SYSTEM			
15	JOINT AIR-TO-GROUND MSLs (JAGM)	84,667	84,667
17	LONG-RANGE HYPERSONIC WEAPON	353,415	353,415
ANTI-TANK/ASSAULT MISSILE SYS			
18	JAVELIN (AAWS-M) SYSTEM SUMMARY	329,205	329,205
19	TOW 2 SYSTEM SUMMARY	11,731	11,731
20	GUIDED MLRS ROCKET (GMLRS)	1,125,071	1,125,071
21	GUIDED MLRS ROCKET (GMLRS)	43,156	43,156
22	MLRS REDUCED RANGE PRACTICE ROCKETS (RRPR)	32,339	32,339
23	HIGH MOBILITY ARTILLERY ROCKET SYSTEM (HIMARS)	61,503	61,503
MODIFICATIONS			
29	PATRIOT MODS	757,800	757,800
32	STINGER MODS	428,935	450,935
	Qualification of Stinger additional SRMs		[22,000]
35	MLRS MODS	243,470	243,470
36	HIMARS MODIFICATIONS	54,005	54,005
SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS			
38	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	6,651	6,651
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES			
40	AIR DEFENSE TARGETS	12,801	12,801
AGILE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT			
44	LAUNCHED EFFECTS FAMILY	67,816	67,816
	TOTAL MISSILE PROCUREMENT, ARMY	6,948,889	8,728,609

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PROCUREMENT OF W&TCV, ARMY			
TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES			
2	ARMORED MULTI PURPOSE VEHICLE (AMPV)	554,678	554,678
4	ASSAULT BREACHER VEHICLE (ABV)	4,079	4,079
5	M10 BOOKER	64,919	64,919
MODIFICATION OF TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES			
8	STRYKER UPGRADE	135,816	135,816
9	BRADLEY FIRE SUPPORT TEAM (BFIST) VEHICLE	4,684	4,684
10	BRADLEY PROGRAM (MOD)	157,183	157,183
11	M109 FOV MODIFICATIONS	82,537	82,537
12	PALADIN INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT (PIM)	250,238	250,238
13	IMPROVED RECOVERY VEHICLE (M88 HERCULES)	155,540	155,540
17	JOINT ASSAULT BRIDGE	132,637	132,637
19	ABRAMS UPGRADE PROGRAM	740,528	740,528
21	VEHICLE PROTECTION SYSTEMS (VPS)	107,833	107,833
WEAPONS & OTHER COMBAT VEHICLES			
24	PERSONAL DEFENSE WEAPON (ROLL)	1,002	1,002
25	M240 MEDIUM MACHINE GUN (7.62MM)	5	5
27	MACHINE GUN, CAL .50 M2 ROLL	4	4
28	MORTAR SYSTEMS	5,807	5,807
29	LOCATION & AZIMUTH DETERMINATION SYSTEM (LADS)	9,477	9,477
31	PRECISION SNIPER RIFLE	1,853	1,853
34	NEXT GENERATION SQUAD WEAPON	365,155	365,155
36	HANDGUN	7	7
MOD OF WEAPONS AND OTHER COMBAT VEH			
38	M777 MODS	2,429	2,429
42	SNIPER RIFLES MODIFICATIONS	19	19
43	M119 MODIFICATIONS	4,642	4,642
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES			
46	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5.0M (WOCV-WTCV)	469	19,469
	Procurement of six additional Robotic Combat Vehicles (RCVs)		[19,000]
47	PRODUCTION BASE SUPPORT (WOCV-WTCV)	104,993	104,993
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF W&TCV, ARMY	2,886,534	2,905,534
PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, ARMY			
SMALL/MEDIUM CAL AMMUNITION			
1	CTG, 5.56MM, ALL TYPES	128,283	128,283
2	CTG, 7.62MM, ALL TYPES	62,157	62,157
3	NEXT GENERATION SQUAD WEAPON AMMUNITION	426,177	426,177
4	CTG, HANDGUN, ALL TYPES	7,750	7,750
5	CTG, .50 CAL, ALL TYPES	78,199	78,199
6	CTG, 20MM, ALL TYPES	25,773	25,773
7	CTG, 25MM, ALL TYPES	22,324	22,324
8	CTG, 30MM, ALL TYPES	100,392	100,392
9	CTG, 40MM, ALL TYPES	131,432	131,432
11	CTG, 50MM, ALL TYPES	42,131	42,131
MORTAR AMMUNITION			
12	60MM MORTAR, ALL TYPES	38,114	38,114
13	81MM MORTAR, ALL TYPES	41,786	41,786
14	120MM MORTAR, ALL TYPES	123,144	123,144
TANK AMMUNITION			
15	CARTRIDGES, TANK, 105MM AND 120MM, ALL TYPES	440,152	440,152
ARTILLERY AMMUNITION			
16	ARTILLERY CARTRIDGES, 75MM & 105MM, ALL TYPES	80,780	80,780
17	ARTILLERY PROJECTILE, 155MM, ALL TYPES	218,877	218,877
19	PRECISION ARTILLERY MUNITIONS	28,995	28,995
20	ARTILLERY PROPELLANTS, FUZES AND PRIMERS, ALL	168,737	168,737
MINES			
21	MINES & CLEARING CHARGERS, ALL TYPES	42,748	42,748
22	CLOSE TERRAIN SHAPING OBSTACLE	7,860	7,860
ROCKETS			
24	SHOULDER LAUNCHED MUNITIONS, ALL TYPES	46,089	46,089
25	ROCKET, HYDRA 70, ALL TYPES	34,836	34,836
OTHER AMMUNITION			
26	CAD/PAD, ALL TYPES	12,543	12,543
27	DEMOLITION MUNITIONS, ALL TYPES	21,409	21,409
28	GRENADES, ALL TYPES	56,530	56,530
29	SIGNALS, ALL TYPES	36,846	36,846
30	SIMULATORS, ALL TYPES	10,821	10,821
MISCELLANEOUS			
32	AMMO COMPONENTS, ALL TYPES	4,084	4,084
34	ITEMS LESS THEN \$5 MILLION (AMMO)	16,799	16,799
35	AMMUNITION PECULIAR EQUIPMENT	16,219	16,219
36	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION (AMMO)	18,600	18,600
37	CLOSEOUT LIABILITIES	102	102
PRODUCTION BASE SUPPORT			
40	INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES	1,084,611	1,334,611
	Modernization of organic industrial base		[250,000]

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41	CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS DEMILITARIZATION	155,050	155,050
42	ARMS INITIATIVE	3,885	3,885
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, ARMY	3,734,235	3,984,235
	OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY		
	TACTICAL VEHICLES		
2	FAMILY OF SEMITRAILERS	132,793	132,793
6	GROUND MOBILITY VEHICLES (GMV)	308,620	308,620
9	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE FAMILY OF VEHICL	45,840	79,840
	Infantry Squad Vehicle Procurement		[34,000]
10	TRUCK, DUMP, 20T (CCE)	17,000	30,506
	Heavy Dump Trucks		[13,506]
11	FAMILY OF MEDIUM TACTICAL VEH (FMTV)	85,490	85,490
12	FAMILY OF COLD WEATHER ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE (C	38,001	38,001
13	FIRETRUCKS & ASSOCIATED FIREFIGHTING EQUIP	39,761	39,761
14	FAMILY OF HEAVY TACTICAL VEHICLES (FHTV)	202,009	202,009
19	TACTICAL WHEELED VEHICLE PROTECTION KITS	2,660	2,660
20	MODIFICATION OF IN SVC EQUIP	98,728	98,728
	NON-TACTICAL VEHICLES		
23	NONTACTICAL VEHICLES, OTHER	8,462	8,462
	COMM—JOINT COMMUNICATIONS		
29	TACTICAL NETWORK COMMUNICATION	866,347	866,347
31	JCSE EQUIPMENT (USRDECOM)	5,389	5,389
	COMM—SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS		
32	SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS	114,770	114,770
36	DEFENSE ENTERPRISE WIDEBAND SATCOM SYSTEMS	65,591	65,591
39	ASSURED POSITIONING, NAVIGATION AND TIMING	212,469	212,469
	COMM—COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS		
46	HANDHELD MANPACK SMALL FORM FIT (HMS)	478,435	478,435
48	ARMY LINK 16 SYSTEMS	133,836	133,836
51	UNIFIED COMMAND SUITE	20,010	20,010
52	COTS COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT	207,402	207,402
54	ARMY COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS	110,678	110,678
	COMM—INTELLIGENCE COMM		
56	CI AUTOMATION ARCHITECTURE-INTEL	15,290	15,290
58	MULTI-DOMAIN INTELLIGENCE	108,655	108,655
	INFORMATION SECURITY		
60	INFORMATION SYSTEM SECURITY PROGRAM-ISSP	826	826
61	COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY (COMSEC)	125,970	125,970
66	BIOMETRIC ENABLING CAPABILITY (BEC)	65	65
	COMM—BASE COMMUNICATIONS		
70	INFORMATION SYSTEMS	209,378	209,378
72	BASE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION	50,177	50,177
74	INSTALLATION INFO INFRASTRUCTURE MOD PROGRAM	439,373	439,373
	ELECT EQUIP—TACT INT REL ACT (TIARA)		
78	TITAN	236,314	236,314
81	COLLECTION CAPABILITY	2,935	2,935
83	DCGS-A-INTEL	1,087	1,087
85	TROJAN	37,968	58,568
	AFRICOM: CRAM capabilities		[20,600]
86	MOD OF IN-SVC EQUIP (INTEL SPT)	20,598	134,376
	AN/TPQ-53 Counterfire Target Acquisition Radar		[113,778]
	ELECT EQUIP—ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW)		
91	AIR VIGILANCE (AV)	9,731	9,731
93	FAMILY OF PERSISTENT SURVEILLANCE CAP.	15,382	115,382
	CENTCOM: aerostat sensors		[100,000]
94	COUNTERINTELLIGENCE/SECURITY COUNTERMEASURES	8,283	8,283
	ELECT EQUIP—TACTICAL SURV. (TAC SURV)		
96	SENTINEL MODS	462,010	462,010
97	NIGHT VISION DEVICES	211,056	211,056
98	SMALL TACTICAL OPTICAL RIFLE MOUNTED MLRF	2,111	2,111
99	BASE EXPEDITARY TARGETING AND SURV SYS	1,801	1,801
100	INDIRECT FIRE PROTECTION FAMILY OF SYSTEMS	27,881	27,881
101	FAMILY OF WEAPON SIGHTS (FWS)	103,607	103,607
102	ENHANCED PORTABLE INDUCTIVE ARTILLERY FUZE SE	10,456	10,456
104	FORWARD LOOKING INFRARED (IFLIR)	60,765	60,765
106	JOINT BATTLE COMMAND—PLATFORM (JBC-P)	165,395	165,395
107	JOINT EFFECTS TARGETING SYSTEM (JETS)	48,715	48,715
109	COMPUTER BALLISTICS: LHMCB XM32	6,325	6,325
110	MORTAR FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM	3,657	3,657
111	MORTAR FIRE CONTROL SYSTEMS MODIFICATIONS	3,262	3,262
112	COUNTERFIRE RADARS	40,526	40,526
	ELECT EQUIP—TACTICAL C2 SYSTEMS		
113	ARMY COMMAND POST INTEGRATED INFRASTRUCTURE (.....	723,187	723,187
114	FIRE SUPPORT C2 FAMILY	3,389	3,389
115	AIR & MSL DEFENSE PLANNING & CONTROL SYS	33,103	33,103
116	IAAMD BATTLE COMMAND SYSTEM	546,480	546,480
117	IAAMD FAMILY OF SYSTEMS (FOS) COMPONENTS	31,016	31,016

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118	LIFE CYCLE SOFTWARE SUPPORT (LCSS)	5,175	5,175
119	NETWORK MANAGEMENT INITIALIZATION AND SERVICE	244,403	244,403
124	MOD OF IN-SVC EQUIPMENT (ENFIRE)	16,595	16,595
	ELECT EQUIP—AUTOMATION		
125	ARMY TRAINING MODERNIZATION	8,262	8,262
126	AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING EQUIP	93,804	93,804
129	HIGH PERF COMPUTING MOD PGM (HPCMP)	74,708	74,708
130	CONTRACT WRITING SYSTEM	468	468
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	1,546	1,546
	CHEMICAL DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT		
138	BASE DEFENSE SYSTEMS (BDS)	143	143
139	CBRN DEFENSE	69,739	69,739
	BRIDGING EQUIPMENT		
142	TACTICAL BRIDGE, FLOAT-RIBBON	69,863	69,863
	ENGINEER (NON-CONSTRUCTION) EQUIPMENT		
150	ROBOTICS AND APPLIQUE SYSTEMS	509	509
151	RENDER SAFE SETS KITS OUTFITS	14,184	14,184
	COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
153	HEATERS AND ECUS	14,288	14,288
156	GROUND SOLDIER SYSTEM	178,850	178,850
157	MOBILE SOLDIER POWER	15,729	15,729
159	FIELD FEEDING EQUIPMENT	4,500	4,500
160	CARGO AERIAL DEL & PERSONNEL PARACHUTE SYSTEM	61,224	61,224
161	FAMILY OF ENGR COMBAT AND CONSTRUCTION SETS	0	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
	MEDICAL EQUIPMENT		
165	COMBAT SUPPORT MEDICAL	99,567	99,567
	MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT		
166	MOBILE MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT SYSTEMS	63,311	63,311
	CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT		
169	CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT	92,299	92,299
	RAIL FLOAT CONTAINERIZATION EQUIPMENT		
179	ARMY WATERCRAFT ESP	57,342	57,342
180	MANEUVER SUPPORT VESSEL (MSV)	33,949	158,949
	MSV-L 2x ships per year		[125,000]
181	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5.0M (FLOAT/RAIL)	18,217	18,217
	GENERATORS		
182	GENERATORS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIP	89,073	89,073
	MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIPMENT		
184	FAMILY OF FORKLIFTS	12,576	45,777
	Family of All Terrain Cranes		[15,000]
	Type 1 Crane/Mobility		[18,201]
	TRAINING EQUIPMENT		
185	COMBAT TRAINING CENTERS SUPPORT	49,025	49,025
186	TRAINING DEVICES, NONSYSTEM	189,306	189,306
187	SYNTHETIC TRAINING ENVIRONMENT (STE)	166,402	166,402
189	GAMING TECHNOLOGY IN SUPPORT OF ARMY TRAINING	7,320	7,320
	TEST MEASURE AND DIG EQUIPMENT (TMD)		
191	INTEGRATED FAMILY OF TEST EQUIPMENT (IFTE)	38,784	38,784
193	TEST EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION (TEMOD)	51,119	51,119
	OTHER SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
195	PHYSICAL SECURITY SYSTEMS (OPA3)	136,315	136,315
196	BASE LEVEL COMMON EQUIPMENT	19,452	19,452
197	MODIFICATION OF IN-SVC EQUIPMENT (OPA-3)	31,452	31,452
198	BUILDING, PRE-FAB, RELOCATABLE	10,490	10,490
200	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FOR TEST AND EVALUATION	93,777	93,777
	OPA2		
205	INITIAL SPARES—C&E	7,254	7,254
	AGILE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT		
207	COUNTER-SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM (C-SUAS)	306,568	306,568
208	ELECTRONIC WARFARE	24,547	24,547
209	ELECTRONIC WARFARE AGILE	54,427	54,427
210	SOLDIER BORNE SENSOR	21,919	21,919
	TOTAL OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY	9,605,566	10,083,266
	AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, NAVY		
	COMBAT AIRCRAFT		
2	F/A-18E/F (FIGHTER) HORNET	50,607	50,607
4	JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER CV	1,951,629	1,951,629
5	JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER CV	401,596	401,596
6	JSF STOVL	1,787,313	1,787,313
7	JSF STOVL	113,744	113,744
8	CH-53K (HEAVY LIFT)	1,707,601	2,259,601
	USMC (+4) CH-53K		[552,000]

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9	CH-53K (HEAVY LIFT)	335,352	335,352
10	V-22 (MEDIUM LIFT)	47,196	47,196
12	H-1 UPGRADES (UH-1Y/AH-1Z)	8,305	8,305
14	P-8A POSEIDON	13,631	13,631
15	E-2D ADV HAWKEYE	1,503,556	3,556
	E-2D cancellation		[−1,500,000]
	OTHER AIRCRAFT		
23	KC-130J	18,017	18,017
27	MQ-4 TRITON	133,139	133,139
31	MQ-25	407,046	407,046
32	MQ-25	52,191	52,191
34	MARINE GROUP 5 UAS	15,162	15,162
36	OTHER SUPPORT AIRCRAFT	19,812	19,812
	MODIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT		
39	F-18 A-D UNIQUE	53,809	53,809
40	F-18E/F AND EA-18G MODERNIZATION AND SUSTAINM	576,229	576,229
41	MARINE GROUP 5 UAS SERIES	143,695	143,695
42	AEA SYSTEMS	25,848	25,848
44	INFRARED SEARCH AND TRACK (IRST)	173,351	173,351
45	ADVERSARY	21,535	21,535
46	F-18 SERIES	756,967	756,967
47	H-53 SERIES	69,227	69,227
48	MH-60 SERIES	115,545	115,545
49	H-1 SERIES	149,405	149,405
51	E-2 SERIES	143,772	143,772
52	TRAINER A/C SERIES	12,151	12,151
54	C-130 SERIES	144,017	144,017
55	FEWSG	5	5
56	CARGO/TRANSPORT A/C SERIES	7,526	7,526
57	E-6 SERIES	163,737	163,737
58	EXECUTIVE HELICOPTERS SERIES	66,645	66,645
60	T-45 SERIES	173,433	173,433
61	POWER PLANT CHANGES	18,707	18,707
62	JPATS SERIES	21,330	21,330
64	COMMON ECM EQUIPMENT	91,553	91,553
65	COMMON AVIONICS CHANGES	161,376	161,376
66	COMMON DEFENSIVE WEAPON SYSTEM	8,926	8,926
67	ID SYSTEMS	3,011	3,011
68	P-8 SERIES	320,130	320,130
69	MAGTF EW FOR AVIATION	22,356	22,356
71	V-22 (TILT/ROTOR ACFT) OSPREY	319,145	319,145
72	NEXT GENERATION JAMMER (NGJ)	439,493	439,493
73	F-35 STOVL SERIES	364,774	364,774
74	F-35 CV SERIES	180,533	180,533
75	QRC	24,893	24,893
76	MQ-4 SERIES	180,463	180,463
	AIRCRAFT SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS		
84	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	2,562,627	2,562,627
	AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIP & FACILITIES		
85	COMMON GROUND EQUIPMENT	584,561	584,561
86	AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES	112,513	112,513
87	WAR CONSUMABLES	45,153	45,153
88	OTHER PRODUCTION CHARGES	70,770	70,770
89	SPECIAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	130,993	130,993
	TOTAL AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, NAVY	17,028,101	16,080,101
	WEAPONS PROCUREMENT, NAVY		
	MODIFICATION OF MISSILES		
2	TRIDENT II MODS	2,582,029	2,582,029
	STRATEGIC MISSILES		
6	TOMAHAWK	12,593	205,593
	TLAM supplier base stabilization—turbofans		[193,000]
	TACTICAL MISSILES		
7	AMRAAM	69,913	763,913
	AMRAAM: maximize procurement		[694,000]
8	SIDEWINDER	84,713	84,713
9	JOINT ADVANCE TACTICAL MISSILE (JATM)	301,858	301,858
10	STANDARD MISSILE	187,420	249,420
	SM-6 procurement—misaligned budget request (+11 AURs)		[62,000]
12	SMALL DIAMETER BOBOMBMB II	86,255	86,255
13	RAM	122,372	122,372
15	JOINT AIR GROUND MISSILE (JAGM)	74,152	74,152
17	AERIAL TARGETS	182,704	182,704
19	OTHER MISSILE SUPPORT	3,490	3,490
20	LRASM	243,217	401,217
	LRASM supplier base Navy production to 160 per year		[68,000]
	LRASM: procurement +20 AURs to 120		[90,000]
21	NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM)	32,238	32,238

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22	NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM)	3,059	3,059
	MODIFICATION OF MISSILES		
25	TOMAHAWK MODS	6,283	41,283
	TLAM procurement increase		[35,000]
26	ESSM	503,381	503,381
28	AARGM-ER	261,041	261,041
29	AARGM-ER	24,284	24,284
31	STANDARD MISSILES MODS	32,127	32,127
	SUPPORT EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES		
32	WEAPONS INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES	127,222	527,222
	Navy munitions		[400,000]
	ORDNANCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
36	ORDNANCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	37,059	37,059
	TORPEDOES AND RELATED EQUIP		
39	SSTD	4,789	4,789
40	MK-48 TORPEDO	7,081	7,081
42	ASW TARGETS	38,386	38,386
	MOD OF TORPEDOES AND RELATED EQUIP		
43	MK-54 TORPEDO MODS	1,692	1,692
44	MK-48 TORPEDO ADCAP MODS	31,479	31,479
45	MARITIME MINES	0	75,000
	Enhanced Joint Direct Attack Missile (JDAM) (USN)		[75,000]
	SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
46	TORPEDO SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	161,218	161,218
47	ASW RANGE SUPPORT	4,328	4,328
	DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION		
48	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION	5,346	5,346
	GUNS AND GUN MOUNTS		
51	SMALL ARMS AND WEAPONS	9,987	9,987
	MODIFICATION OF GUNS AND GUN MOUNTS		
52	CIWS MODS	8,122	8,122
53	COAST GUARD WEAPONS	44,455	44,455
54	GUN MUNT MODS	83,969	83,969
55	LCS MODULE WEAPONS	2,200	2,200
56	AIRBORNE MINE NEUTRALIZATION SYSTEMS	14,413	14,413
	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS		
61	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	202,425	202,425
	TOTAL WEAPONS PROCUREMENT, NAVY	5,597,300	7,214,300
	PROCUREMENT OF AMMO, NAVY & MC		
	NAVY AMMUNITION		
1	GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS	30,915	30,915
2	JDAM	61,119	61,119
3	AIRBORNE ROCKETS, ALL TYPES	87,797	87,797
4	MACHINE GUN AMMUNITION	17,645	17,645
5	PRACTICE BOMBS	45,049	45,049
6	CARTRIDGES & CART ACTUATED DEVICES	74,535	74,535
7	AIR EXPENDABLE COUNTERMEASURES	98,437	98,437
8	JATOS	6,373	6,373
9	5 INCH/54 GUN AMMUNITION	24,864	24,864
10	INTERMEDIATE CALIBER GUN AMMUNITION	40,175	40,175
11	OTHER SHIP GUN AMMUNITION	43,763	43,763
12	SMALL ARMS & LANDING PARTY AMMO	49,493	49,493
13	PYROTECHNIC AND DEMOLITION	9,644	9,644
15	AMMUNITION LESS THAN \$5 MILLION	1,723	1,723
16	EXPEDITIONARY LOITERING MUNITIONS	0	64,000
	Expeditionary Loitering Munitions		[64,000]
	MARINE CORPS AMMUNITION		
18	MORTARS	141,135	141,135
19	DIRECT SUPPORT MUNITIONS	26,729	26,729
20	INFANTRY WEAPONS AMMUNITION	180,867	180,867
21	COMBAT SUPPORT MUNITIONS	12,936	12,936
22	AMMO MODERNIZATION	18,467	18,467
23	ARTILLERY MUNITIONS	147,473	147,473
24	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION	15,891	15,891
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF AMMO, NAVY & MC	1,135,030	1,199,030
	SHIPBUILDING AND CONVERSION, NAVY		
	FLEET BALLISTIC MISSILE SHIPS		
1	COLUMBIA CLASS SUBMARINE	3,928,828	3,928,828
2	COLUMBIA CLASS SUBMARINE	5,063,766	5,063,766
	OTHER WARSHIPS		
5	CARRIER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM	1,046,700	1,046,700
6	CARRIER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM	612,038	612,038
7	CVN-81	1,622,935	1,622,935
8	VIRGINIA CLASS SUBMARINE	816,705	2,016,705
	Virginia class submarine		[1,200,000]
9	VIRGINIA CLASS SUBMARINE	3,126,816	3,126,816

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10	CVN REFUELING OVERHAULS	1,779,011	1,779,011
12	DDG 1000	52,358	52,358
13	DDG-51	10,773	6,335,173
	DDG-51		[5,400,000]
	Wage and quality of life enhancements for conventional surface shipbuilding, private ship repair, and public shipyards		[924,400]
14	DDG-51	0	1,350,000
	DDG-51 Advance Procurement		[900,000]
	Large Surface Combatant Shipyard Infrastructure and Industrial Base		[450,000]
	AUXILIARIES, CRAFT AND PRIOR YR PROGRAM COST		
31	TAO FLEET OILER	8,346	8,346
34	TAGOS SURTASS SHIPS	612,205	612,205
41	OUTFITTING	863,846	886,846
	Outfitting		[23,000]
43	SERVICE CRAFT	34,602	174,602
	YRBM procurement		[140,000]
48	AUXILIARY VESSELS (USED SEALIFT)	45,000	648,000
	Auxiliary Personnel Lighter		[78,000]
	Used Sealift Vessels for the Ready Reserve Force (RRF)		[525,000]
49	COMPLETION OF PY SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMS	1,214,295	1,691,295
	Completion of prior year shipbuilding—misaligned budget request		[477,000]
	TOTAL SHIPBUILDING AND CONVERSION, NAVY	20,840,224	30,957,624
	OTHER PROCUREMENT, NAVY		
	SHIP PROPULSION EQUIPMENT		
1	SURFACE POWER EQUIPMENT	9,978	9,978
	GENERATORS		
2	SURFACE COMBATANT HM&E	62,004	71,004
	Mixed-Oxidant Electrolytic Disinfectant Generator		[9,000]
	NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT		
3	OTHER NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT	96,945	96,945
	OTHER SHIPBOARD EQUIPMENT		
4	SUB PERISCOPE, IMAGING AND SUPT EQUIP PROG	135,863	277,863
	Sub periscope, imaging and supt equip—misaligned budget request		[142,000]
5	DDG MOD	686,787	997,787
	DDG Mod		[311,000]
6	FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	36,488	36,488
7	COMMAND AND CONTROL SWITCHBOARD	2,417	2,417
8	LHA/LHD MIDLIFE	86,884	123,884
	LHA/LHD Midlife		[37,000]
9	LCC 19/20 EXTENDED SERVICE LIFE PROGRAM	19,276	19,276
10	POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT	22,477	22,477
11	SUBMARINE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	383,062	383,062
12	VIRGINIA CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	52,039	52,039
13	LCS CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	2,551	2,551
14	SUBMARINE BATTERIES	28,169	28,169
15	LPD CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	101,042	126,042
	LPD Class Support Equipment		[25,000]
16	DDG 1000 CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	115,267	115,267
17	STRATEGIC PLATFORM SUPPORT EQUIP	38,039	38,039
19	DSSP EQUIPMENT	5,849	5,849
22	UNDERWATER EOD EQUIPMENT	22,355	22,355
23	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION	11,691	86,691
	Misaligned budget request		[75,000]
24	CHEMICAL WARFARE DETECTORS	2,607	2,607
	REACTOR PLANT EQUIPMENT		
26	SHIP MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND MODERNIZATION	2,392,620	2,392,620
28	REACTOR COMPONENTS	399,603	474,603
	Navy budget request errata to restore funding for reactor plant components		[75,000]
	OCEAN ENGINEERING		
29	DIVING AND SALVAGE EQUIPMENT	7,842	7,842
	SMALL BOATS		
31	STANDARD BOATS	51,546	118,546
	40-foot Patrol Boat		[67,000]
	PRODUCTION FACILITIES EQUIPMENT		
32	OPERATING FORCES IPE	208,998	208,998
	OTHER SHIP SUPPORT		
33	LCS COMMON MISSION MODULES EQUIPMENT	38,880	38,880
34	LCS MCM MISSION MODULE	91,372	91,372
36	LCS SUW MISSION MODULES	3,790	3,790
37	LCS IN-SERVICE MODERNIZATION	203,442	203,442
38	SMALL & MEDIUM UUV	54,854	54,854
	LOGISTIC SUPPORT		
40	LSD MIDLIFE & MODERNIZATION	4,079	4,079
	SHIP SONARS		
43	AN/SQQ-89 SURF ASW COMBAT SYSTEM	144,425	144,425
44	SSN ACOUSTIC EQUIPMENT	498,597	498,597
	ASW ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT		

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46	SUBMARINE ACOUSTIC WARFARE SYSTEM	56,482	56,482
47	SSTD	14,915	14,915
48	FIXED SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM	352,312	352,312
49	SURTASS	31,169	31,169
	ELECTRONIC WARFARE EQUIPMENT		
50	AN/SLQ-32	461,380	461,380
	RECONNAISSANCE EQUIPMENT		
51	SHIPBOARD IW EXPLOIT	379,908	379,908
52	MARITIME BATTLESPACE AWARENESS	13,008	13,008
	OTHER SHIP ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT		
53	COOPERATIVE ENGAGEMENT CAPABILITY	26,648	26,648
54	NAVAL TACTICAL COMMAND SUPPORT SYSTEM (NTCSS)	7,972	7,972
55	ATDLS	58,739	58,739
56	NAVY COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (NCCS)	3,489	3,489
57	MINESWEEPING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT	16,426	22,426
	Dual-Modality Vehicle Mine Countermeasures		[6,000]
59	NAVSTAR GPS RECEIVERS (SPACE)	45,701	45,701
60	AMERICAN FORCES RADIO AND TV SERVICE	304	304
	AVIATION ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT		
62	ASHORE ATC EQUIPMENT	97,262	97,262
63	AFLOAT ATC EQUIPMENT	72,104	72,104
64	ID SYSTEMS	52,171	52,171
65	JOINT PRECISION APPROACH AND LANDING SYSTEM (.....	5,105	5,105
66	NAVAL MISSION PLANNING SYSTEMS	60,058	60,058
	OTHER SHORE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT		
68	TACTICAL/MOBILE C4I SYSTEMS	64,901	64,901
69	INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE AND RECONNAISSANCE (ISR)	12,112	12,112
70	CANES	534,324	534,324
71	RADIAC	31,289	31,289
72	CANES-INTELL	46,281	46,281
73	GPETE	33,395	33,395
74	MASF	13,205	13,205
75	INTEG COMBAT SYSTEM TEST FACILITY	11,493	11,493
76	EMI CONTROL INSTRUMENTATION	3,687	3,687
78	IN-SERVICE RADARS AND SENSORS	249,656	249,656
	SHIPBOARD COMMUNICATIONS		
79	BATTLE FORCE TACTICAL NETWORK	106,583	106,583
80	SHIPBOARD TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS	20,900	20,900
81	SHIP COMMUNICATIONS AUTOMATION	162,075	162,075
82	COMMUNICATIONS ITEMS UNDER \$5M	11,138	11,138
	SUBMARINE COMMUNICATIONS		
83	SUBMARINE BROADCAST SUPPORT	113,115	113,115
84	SUBMARINE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT	84,584	84,584
	SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS		
85	SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS	62,943	62,943
86	NAVY MULTIBAND TERMINAL (NMT)	63,433	63,433
87	MOBILE ADVANCED EHF TERMINAL (MAT)	220,453	220,453
	SHORE COMMUNICATIONS		
88	JOINT COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT ELEMENT (JCSE)	3,389	3,389
	CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT		
89	INFO SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM (ISSP)	191,239	191,239
90	MIO INTEL EXPLOITATION TEAM	1,122	1,122
	CRYPTOLOGIC EQUIPMENT		
91	CRYPTOLOGIC COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP	7,841	7,841
	OTHER ELECTRONIC SUPPORT		
109	COAST GUARD EQUIPMENT	61,512	61,512
	SONOBUOYS		
112	SONOBUOYS—ALL TYPES	249,908	249,908
	AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
113	MINOTAUR	5,191	5,191
114	WEAPONS RANGE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	123,435	123,435
115	AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	91,284	91,284
116	ADVANCED ARRESTING GEAR (AAG)	4,484	4,484
117	ELECTROMAGNETIC AIRCRAFT LAUNCH SYSTEM (EMALS)	16,294	16,294
118	METEOROLOGICAL EQUIPMENT	13,806	13,806
119	AIRBORNE MCM	9,643	9,643
121	AVIATION SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	111,334	111,334
122	UMCS-UNMAN CARRIER AVIATION(UCA)/MISSION CNTRL	189,553	189,553
	SHIP GUN SYSTEM EQUIPMENT		
125	SHIP GUN SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT	7,358	7,358
	SHIP MISSILE SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT		
126	HARPOON SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	209	209
127	SHIP MISSILE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	455,822	455,822
128	TOMAHAWK SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	107,709	107,709
	FBM SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
129	CPS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	67,264	67,264
130	STRATEGIC MISSILE SYSTEMS EQUIP	491,179	491,179
	ASW SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		

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131	SSN COMBAT CONTROL SYSTEM	102,954	102,954
132	ASW SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	25,721	25,721
	OTHER ORDNANCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
133	EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL EQUIP	24,822	24,822
134	DIRECTED ENERGY SYSTEMS	2,976	2,976
135	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION	3,635	3,635
	OTHER EXPENDABLE ORDNANCE		
136	ANTI-SHIP MISSIL DECOY SYSTEM	19,129	89,129
	ASCM decoy systems—misaligned budget request		[70,000]
137	SUBMARINE TRAINING DEVICE MODS	77,889	77,889
138	SURFACE TRAINING EQUIPMENT	186,085	186,085
	CIVIL ENGINEERING SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
141	PASSENGER CARRYING VEHICLES	3,825	3,825
142	GENERAL PURPOSE TRUCKS	5,489	5,489
143	CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE EQUIP	102,592	102,592
144	FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT	27,675	27,675
145	TACTICAL VEHICLES	37,262	37,262
146	AMPHIBIOUS EQUIPMENT	38,073	38,073
147	POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT	4,009	4,009
148	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION	127,086	127,086
149	PHYSICAL SECURITY VEHICLES	1,297	1,297
	SUPPLY SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
151	SUPPLY EQUIPMENT	38,838	38,838
152	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION	6,203	6,203
153	SPECIAL PURPOSE SUPPLY SYSTEMS	643,618	643,618
	TRAINING DEVICES		
155	TRAINING SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	3,480	3,480
156	TRAINING AND EDUCATION EQUIPMENT	75,048	75,048
	COMMAND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
157	COMMAND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	34,249	34,249
158	MEDICAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	12,256	12,256
160	NAVAL MIP SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	8,810	8,810
161	OPERATING FORCES SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	16,567	16,567
162	C4ISR EQUIPMENT	36,945	36,945
163	ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	42,860	42,860
164	PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT	166,577	166,577
165	ENTERPRISE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	42,363	42,363
	OTHER		
170	NEXT GENERATION ENTERPRISE SERVICE	185,755	185,755
171	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	5,446	19,986
	Information Security Cyber Security Chain Risk Management Program		[14,540]
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	41,991	41,991
	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS		
176	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	585,865	585,865
	TOTAL OTHER PROCUREMENT, NAVY	14,569,524	15,401,064
	PROCUREMENT, MARINE CORPS		
	TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES		
1	AAV7A1 PIP	21	21
2	AMPHIBIOUS COMBAT VEHICLE FAMILY OF VEHICLES	790,789	790,789
3	LAV PIP	764	764
	ARTILLERY AND OTHER WEAPONS		
4	155MM LIGHTWEIGHT TOWED HOWITZER	3	3
5	ARTILLERY WEAPONS SYSTEM	221,897	221,897
6	WEAPONS AND COMBAT VEHICLES UNDER \$5 MILLION	13,401	13,401
	GUIDED MISSILES		
11	NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM)	143,711	143,711
12	NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM)	20,930	20,930
13	GROUND BASED AIR DEFENSE	620,220	620,220
14	ANTI-ARMOR MISSILE-JAVELIN	32,576	32,576
15	FAMILY ANTI-ARMOR WEAPONS SYSTEMS (FOAAWS)	107	107
16	ANTI-ARMOR MISSILE-TOW	2,173	2,173
17	GUIDED MLRS ROCKET (GMLRS)	61,490	61,490
	COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEMS		
21	COMMON AVIATION COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (C	68,589	68,589
	REPAIR AND TEST EQUIPMENT		
22	REPAIR AND TEST EQUIPMENT	61,264	61,264
	OTHER SUPPORT (TEL)		
23	MODIFICATION KITS	1,108	1,108
	COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (NON-TEL)		
24	ITEMS UNDER \$5 MILLION (COMM & ELEC)	202,679	202,679
25	AIR OPERATIONS C2 SYSTEMS	15,784	15,784
	RADAR + EQUIPMENT (NON-TEL)		
27	GROUND/AIR TASK ORIENTED RADAR (G/ATOR)	79,542	190,742
	USMC (+2) G/ATOR Radar Systems		[111,200]
	INTELL/COMM EQUIPMENT (NON-TEL)		
29	ELECTRO MAGNETIC SPECTRUM OPERATIONS (EMSO)	35,396	35,396

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30	GCSS-MC	3,303	3,303
31	FIRE SUPPORT SYSTEM	116,304	116,304
32	INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	67,690	85,390
	Marine Littoral Regiment Organic Find, Fix, and Track (F2T)		[17,700]
34	UNMANNED AIR SYSTEMS (INTEL)	14,991	14,991
35	DCGS-MC	42,946	42,946
36	UAS PAYLOADS	12,232	12,232
	OTHER SUPPORT (NON-TEL)		
40	MARINE CORPS ENTERPRISE NETWORK (MCEN)	205,710	205,710
41	COMMON COMPUTER RESOURCES	21,064	21,064
42	COMMAND POST SYSTEMS	50,549	50,549
43	RADIO SYSTEMS	209,444	209,444
44	COMM SWITCHING & CONTROL SYSTEMS	100,712	100,712
45	COMM & ELEC INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	16,163	16,163
46	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	14,541	14,541
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	2,145	2,145
	ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLES		
51	COMMERCIAL CARGO VEHICLES	24,699	24,699
	TACTICAL VEHICLES		
52	MOTOR TRANSPORT MODIFICATIONS	16,472	16,472
53	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE	81,893	249,893
	USMC JLTV procurement (+224)		[168,000]
	ENGINEER AND OTHER EQUIPMENT		
58	TACTICAL FUEL SYSTEMS	33,611	33,611
59	POWER EQUIPMENT ASSORTED	24,558	24,558
60	AMPHIBIOUS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	9,049	59,049
	ALPV procurement		[50,000]
61	EOD SYSTEMS	21,069	21,069
	MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT		
62	PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT	52,394	52,394
	GENERAL PROPERTY		
63	FIELD MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	58,768	58,768
64	TRAINING DEVICES	63,133	63,133
65	FAMILY OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT	33,644	33,644
66	ULTRA-LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE (ULTV)	7,836	7,836
	OTHER SUPPORT		
67	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION	35,920	35,920
	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS		
70	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	40,828	40,828
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT, MARINE CORPS	3,754,112	4,101,012
	AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE		
	STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE		
1	B-21 RAIDER	2,590,116	2,590,116
2	B-21 RAIDER	862,000	862,000
	TACTICAL FORCES		
3	F-35	3,555,503	4,545,000
	Procure 10x F-35As		[989,497]
4	F-35	531,241	531,241
8	LC-130	0	300,000
	LC-130		[300,000]
9	JOINT SIMULATION ENVIRONMENT	17,985	35,970
	TACTICAL AIRLIFT		
12	KC-46A MDAP	2,799,633	2,799,633
	UPT TRAINERS		
17	ADVANCED PILOT TRAINING T-7A	362,083	362,083
	HELICOPTERS		
19	MH-139A	4,478	4,478
20	COMBAT RESCUE HELICOPTER	107,500	107,500
	MISSION SUPPORT AIRCRAFT		
24	CIVIL AIR PATROL A/C	3,131	3,131
	OTHER AIRCRAFT		
26	TARGET DRONES	34,224	34,224
34	RQ-20B PUMA	11,437	11,437
	STRATEGIC AIRCRAFT		
36	B-2A	76,906	76,906
37	B-1B	73,893	73,893
38	B-52	223,827	223,827
39	LARGE AIRCRAFT INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES	35,165	35,165
	TACTICAL AIRCRAFT		
41	COLLABORATIVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT MODS	15,048	15,048
42	E-11 BACN/HAG	28,797	28,797
43	F-15	120,044	120,044
45	F-16 MODIFICATIONS	448,116	448,116
46	F-22A	977,526	977,526
47	F-35 MODIFICATIONS	380,337	380,337
48	F-15 EPAW	252,607	252,607

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50	KC-46A MDAP	19,344	19,344
	AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT		
51	C-5	34,939	34,939
52	C-17A	9,853	9,853
56	OSA-EA MODIFICATIONS	87,515	87,515
	TRAINER AIRCRAFT		
57	GLIDER MODS	159	159
58	T-6	247,814	247,814
59	T-1	137	152,137
	Common ASE		[152,000]
60	T-38	85,381	85,381
	OTHER AIRCRAFT		
68	C-130	144,041	144,041
70	C-135	124,368	124,368
73	CVR (CONNOR ULF RECEIVER) INC 2	79,859	79,859
74	RC-135	231,001	231,001
75	E-3	17,291	17,291
76	E-4	45,232	45,232
80	H-1	17,899	17,899
81	MH-139A MOD	4,992	4,992
82	H-60	1,749	1,749
83	HH60W MODIFICATIONS	9,150	9,150
85	HC/MC-130 MODIFICATIONS	365,086	365,086
86	OTHER AIRCRAFT	263,902	263,902
88	MQ-9 MODS	100,923	100,923
90	SENIOR LEADER C3 SYSTEM—AIRCRAFT	24,414	24,414
91	CV-22 MODS	78,713	78,713
	AIRCRAFT SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS		
94	INITIAL SPARES/REPAIR PARTS	973,535	973,535
	COMMON SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
99	AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT SUPPORT EQUIP	156,776	156,776
	POST PRODUCTION SUPPORT		
103	B-2B	18,969	18,969
104	B-52	111	111
106	C-17A	2,672	2,672
111	F-15	5,112	5,112
114	F-16 POST PRODUCTION SUPPORT	18,402	18,402
116	HC/MC-130 POST PROD	17,986	17,986
117	JOINT SIMULATION ENVIRONMENT POST PRODUCTION SUPPORT	28,524	57,048
	INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS		
122	INDUSTRIAL RESPONSIVENESS	19,998	19,998
	WAR CONSUMABLES		
123	WAR CONSUMABLES	26,323	26,323
	OTHER PRODUCTION CHARGES		
124	OTHER PRODUCTION CHARGES	940,190	940,190
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	16,006	222,006
	Acceleration of Air Force program		[206,000]
	TOTAL AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE	17,776,472	19,423,969
	MISSILE PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE		
	MISSILE REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT—BALLISTIC		
1	MISSILE REPLACEMENT EQ-BALLISTIC	35,116	35,116
2	MISSILE REPLACEMENT EQ-BALLISTIC	2,166	2,166
5	LONG RANGE STAND-OFF WEAPON	192,409	192,409
6	LONG RANGE STAND-OFF WEAPON	250,300	250,300
7	REPLAC EQUIP & WAR CONSUMABLES	12,436	12,436
8	ADVANCED PRECISION KILL WEAPON SYSTEM (APKWS) MISSILE	13,428	13,428
9	AGM-183A AIR-LAUNCHED RAPID RESPONSE WEAPON	387,055	669,055
11	JOINT AIR-SURFACE STANDOFF MISSILE	328,081	650,081
	Joint Air to Surface Stand-Off Missile (JASSM) (USAF)		[322,000]
13	JOINT ADVANCED TACTICAL MISSILE	368,593	368,593
15	LRASM0	294,401	294,401
17	SIDEWINDER (AIM-9X)	100,352	100,352
18	AMRAAM	365,125	365,125
21	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB	41,510	191,510
	GLSDB procurement		[150,000]
22	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB II	307,743	307,743
23	STAND-IN ATTACK WEAPON (SIAW)	185,324	185,324
	INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES		
24	INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS/POL PREVENTION	917	917
	CLASS IV		
25	ICBM FUZE MOD	119,376	119,376
27	MM III MODIFICATIONS	14,604	14,604
29	AIR LAUNCH CRUISE MISSILE (ALCM)	41,393	41,393
	MISSILE SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS		
30	MSL SPRS/REPAIR PARTS (INITAL)	5,824	5,824
31	MSL SPRS/REPAIR PARTS (REPLEN)	108,249	358,249

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	Air Force munitions—misaligned budget request		[250,000]
	SPECIAL PROGRAMS		
33	SPECIAL UPDATE PROGRAMS	221,199	221,199
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	828,275	828,275
	TOTAL MISSILE PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE	4,223,876	5,227,876
	PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, AIR FORCE		
	CARTRIDGES		
3	CARTRIDGES	126,077	126,077
	BOMBS		
5	GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS	189,097	189,097
6	MASSIVE ORDNANCE PENETRATOR (MOP)	6,813	6,813
7	JOINT DIRECT ATTACK MUNITION	126,389	126,389
9	B61-12 TRAINER	7,668	7,668
	OTHER ITEMS		
10	CAD/PAD	58,454	58,454
11	EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL (EOD)	7,297	7,297
12	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	636	636
14	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION	2,955	2,955
15	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5,000,000	5,571	5,571
	FLARES		
17	EXPENDABLE COUNTERMEASURES	101,540	101,540
	FUZES		
18	FUZES	125,721	125,721
	SMALL ARMS		
19	SMALL ARMS	26,260	26,260
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, AIR FORCE	784,478	784,478
	PROCUREMENT, SPACE FORCE		
	SPACE PROCUREMENT, SF		
2	AF SATELLITE COMM SYSTEM	68,238	68,238
4	COUNTERSPACE SYSTEMS	2,027	2,027
6	EVOLVED STRATEGIC SATCOM (ESS)	64,996	64,996
7	FAMILY OF BEYOND LINE-OF-SIGHT TERMINALS	15,404	15,404
10	GENERAL INFORMATION TECH—SPACE	1,835	1,835
11	GPSIII FOLLOW ON	109,944	109,944
12	GPS III SPACE SEGMENT	29,274	29,274
13	GLOBAL POSITIONING (SPACE)	870	870
17	SPACEBORNE EQUIP (COMSEC)	84,044	84,044
18	MILSATCOM	36,447	36,447
20	SPECIAL SPACE ACTIVITIES	482,653	482,653
21	MOBILE USER OBJECTIVE SYSTEM	48,977	48,977
22	NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE LAUNCH	1,466,963	1,466,963
24	PTES HUB	29,949	29,949
26	SPACE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY LAUNCH	648,446	648,446
27	SPACE DIGITAL INTEGRATED NETWORK (SDIN)	4,984	4,984
29	SPACE MODS	115,498	115,498
30	SPACELIFT RANGE SYSTEM SPACE	64,321	64,321
31	WIDEBAND SATCOM OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	92,380	92,380
	SPARES		
32	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	938	938
	NON-TACTICAL VEHICLES		
33	USSF VEHICLES	5,000	5,000
	SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
35	POWER CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT	20,449	20,449
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT, SPACE FORCE	3,393,637	3,393,637
	OTHER PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE		
	PASSENGER CARRYING VEHICLES		
2	PASSENGER CARRYING VEHICLES	5,557	5,557
	CARGO AND UTILITY VEHICLES		
3	MEDIUM TACTICAL VEHICLE	3,938	3,938
4	CAP VEHICLES	1,175	1,175
5	CARGO AND UTILITY VEHICLES	56,940	56,940
	SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES		
6	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE	62,202	62,202
7	SECURITY AND TACTICAL VEHICLES	129	129
8	SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES	68,242	68,242
	FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT		
9	FIRE FIGHTING/CRASH RESCUE VEHICLES	58,416	58,416
	MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT		
10	MATERIALS HANDLING VEHICLES	18,552	18,552
	BASE MAINTENANCE SUPPORT		
11	RUNWAY SNOW REMOV AND CLEANING EQU	11,045	11,045
12	BASE MAINTENANCE SUPPORT VEHICLES	25,291	25,291
	COMM SECURITY EQUIPMENT(COMSEC)		
15	COMSEC EQUIPMENT	169,363	169,363

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	INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS		
17	INTERNATIONAL INTEL TECH & ARCHITECTURES	5,833	5,833
18	INTELLIGENCE TRAINING EQUIPMENT	5,273	5,273
19	INTELLIGENCE COMM EQUIPMENT	42,257	42,257
	ELECTRONICS PROGRAMS		
20	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL & LANDING SYS	26,390	26,390
21	NATIONAL AIRSPACE SYSTEM	11,810	11,810
22	BATTLE CONTROL SYSTEM—FIXED	16,592	16,592
23	THEATER AIR CONTROL SYS IMPROVEMEN	27,650	27,650
24	3D EXPEDITIONARY LONG-RANGE RADAR	103,226	103,226
25	WEATHER OBSERVATION FORECAST	31,516	31,516
26	STRATEGIC COMMAND AND CONTROL	82,912	82,912
27	CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN COMPLEX	22,021	22,021
28	MISSION PLANNING SYSTEMS	18,722	18,722
31	STRATEGIC MISSION PLANNING & EXECUTION SYSTEM	6,383	6,383
	SPCL COMM-ELECTRONICS PROJECTS		
32	GENERAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	172,085	172,085
34	AF GLOBAL COMMAND & CONTROL SYS	1,947	1,947
36	MOBILITY COMMAND AND CONTROL	11,648	11,648
37	AIR FORCE PHYSICAL SECURITY SYSTEM	294,747	294,747
38	COMBAT TRAINING RANGES	231,987	231,987
39	MINIMUM ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY COMM N	94,995	94,995
40	WIDE AREA SURVEILLANCE (WAS)	29,617	29,617
41	C3 COUNTERMEASURES	116,410	116,410
44	DEFENSE ENTERPRISE ACCOUNTING & MGT SYS	698	698
46	THEATER BATTLE MGT C2 SYSTEM	442	442
47	AIR & SPACE OPERATIONS CENTER (AOC)	22,785	22,785
	AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS		
50	BASE INFORMATION TRANSP T INFRAST (BITI) WIRED	79,091	79,091
51	AFNET	282,907	282,907
52	JOINT COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT ELEMENT (JCSE)	5,930	5,930
53	USCENTCOM	14,919	14,919
54	USSTRATCOM	4,788	4,788
55	USSPACECOM	32,633	32,633
	ORGANIZATION AND BASE		
56	TACTICAL C-E EQUIPMENT	143,829	143,829
59	RADIO EQUIPMENT	50,730	50,730
61	BASE COMM INFRASTRUCTURE	67,015	67,015
	MODIFICATIONS		
62	COMM ELECT MODS	76,034	76,034
	PERSONAL SAFETY & RESCUE EQUIP		
63	PERSONAL SAFETY AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT	81,782	81,782
	DEPOT PLANT+MTRLS HANDLING EQ		
64	POWER CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT	13,711	13,711
65	MECHANIZED MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIP	21,143	21,143
	BASE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
66	BASE PROCURED EQUIPMENT	90,654	90,654
67	ENGINEERING AND EOD EQUIPMENT	253,799	353,799
	Regional Base Cluster Prepositioning (RBCP)		[100,000]
68	MOBILITY EQUIPMENT	95,584	95,584
69	FUELS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT (FSE)	34,794	34,794
70	BASE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	59,431	59,431
	SPECIAL SUPPORT PROJECTS		
72	DARP RC135	30,136	30,136
73	DCGS-AF	87,044	87,044
77	SPECIAL UPDATE PROGRAM	1,178,397	1,178,397
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	26,920,092	27,138,092
	Acceleration of Air Force program		[218,000]
	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS		
80	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS (CYBER)	1,075	1,075
81	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	20,330	20,330
	TOTAL OTHER PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE	31,504,644	31,822,644
	PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE		
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DCSA		
38	MAJOR EQUIPMENT	2,230	2,230
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DHRA		
59	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	3,797	3,797
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DISA		
16	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY	6,254	6,254
17	TELEPORT PROGRAM	112,517	112,517
19	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION	23,673	23,673
20	DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEM NETWORK	252,370	277,370
	Defense Information System Network (DISN)—Service Delivery Nodes		[25,000]
21	WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATION AGENCY	125,292	125,292
22	SENIOR LEADERSHIP ENTERPRISE	175,264	175,264
23	JOINT REGIONAL SECURITY STACKS (JRSS)	1,496	33,570

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	Army Modernization—JRSS		[32,074]
24	JOINT SERVICE PROVIDER	54,186	54,186
25	FOURTH ESTATE NETWORK OPTIMIZATION (4ENO)	75,386	75,386
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DLA		
37	MAJOR EQUIPMENT	79,251	79,251
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DMACT		
70	MAJOR EQUIPMENT	7,258	7,258
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DODEA		
68	AUTOMATION/EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT & LOGISTICS	0	5,000
	Blast Overpressure Analysis and Mitigation		[5,000]
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DPAA		
4	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DPAA	475	475
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY		
62	VEHICLES	911	911
63	OTHER MAJOR EQUIPMENT	12,023	12,023
65	DTRA CYBER ACTIVITIES	1,800	1,800
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY		
44	THAAD	523,125	673,125
	Maximize THAAD Talon production line (+12–16 AURs)—misaligned budget request ...		[150,000]
46	AEGIS BMD	0	400,000
	Maximize SM–3 IB production line		[400,000]
48	BMDS AN/TPY–2 RADARS	36,530	36,530
49	SM–3 ILAS	444,835	444,835
50	ARROW 3 UPPER TIER SYSTEMS	100,000	100,000
51	SHORT RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE (SRBMD)	40,000	40,000
52	DEFENSE OF GUAM PROCUREMENT	11,351	11,351
56	IRON DOME	60,000	60,000
58	AEGIS BMD HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE	17,211	17,211
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, OSD		
5	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, OSD	164,900	164,900
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, TJS		
42	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, TJS	33,090	33,090
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, WHS		
15	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, WHS	403	403
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, USCYBERCOM		
71	CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS	73,358	73,358
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	1,129,183	1,129,183
	AVIATION PROGRAMS		
91	ARMED OVERWATCH/TARGETING	156,606	156,606
95	ROTARY WING UPGRADES AND SUSTAINMENT	189,059	189,059
96	UNMANNED ISR	6,858	6,858
97	NON-STANDARD AVIATION	7,849	17,849
	Non-Standard Aviation—Sea Planes		[10,000]
98	U–28	2,031	2,031
99	MH–47 CHINOOK	156,934	156,934
100	CV–22 MODIFICATION	19,692	19,692
101	MQ–9 UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE	12,890	12,890
102	PRECISION STRIKE PACKAGE	61,595	61,595
103	AC/MC–130J	236,312	236,312
	AMMUNITION PROGRAMS		
106	ORDNANCE ITEMS <\$5M	116,972	116,972
	OTHER PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS		
107	INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS	227,073	227,073
108	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS	2,824	2,824
109	OTHER ITEMS <\$5M	95,685	95,685
110	COMBATANT CRAFT SYSTEMS	0	9,600
	Combatant Craft Assault		[9,600]
111	SPECIAL PROGRAMS	30,418	30,418
112	TACTICAL VEHICLES	54,100	54,100
113	WARRIOR SYSTEMS <\$5M	303,991	303,991
114	COMBAT MISSION REQUIREMENTS	4,985	4,985
116	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS INTELLIGENCE	21,339	21,339
117	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS	352,100	352,100
	CBDP		
120	CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS	208,051	208,051
121	CB PROTECTION & HAZARD MITIGATION	213,330	213,330
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE	6,048,863	6,680,537
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT	152,876,684	171,048,115

1 TITLE XLII—RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION

2 SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION.

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Line	Program Element	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST & EVAL, ARMY				
BASIC RESEARCH				
1	0601102A	DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES	237,678	237,678
2	0601103A	UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES	78,947	78,947
3	0601104A	UNIVERSITY AND INDUSTRY RESEARCH CENTERS	69,391	69,391
4	0601121A	CYBER COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ALLIANCE	5,463	5,463
5	0601275A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE BASIC RESEARCH	88,053	88,053
6	0601601A	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING BASIC RESEARCH.	7,012	7,012
		SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH	486,544	486,544
APPLIED RESEARCH				
7	0602002A	ARMY AGILE INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT-APPLIED RESEARCH.	9,455	9,455
8	0602134A	COUNTER IMPROVISED-THREAT ADVANCED STUDIES	6,174	6,174
9	0602135A	COUNTER SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (C-SUAS) APPLIED RESEARCH.	12,618	12,618
10	0602141A	LETHALITY TECHNOLOGY	97,157	107,157
		Advanced Materials and Manufacturing for Hypersonics (AMMH)		[10,000]
12	0602143A	SOLDIER LETHALITY TECHNOLOGY	72,670	110,670
		Army Pathfinder Airborne		[5,000]
		Decrease Soldier load and power burden		[8,000]
		Enhancing Energy Technologies in Cold Regions		[15,000]
		Pathfinder—Air Assault		[10,000]
13	0602144A	GROUND TECHNOLOGY	56,342	69,342
		Earth Sciences Polar Proving Ground & Training Program		[5,000]
		Engineered Roadway Repair Materials for Effective Maneuver of Military Assets.		[5,000]
		Geotechnical Intelligence and Terrain Analytics Network for Arctic Maneuverability.		[3,000]
14	0602145A	NEXT GENERATION COMBAT VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY	71,547	90,547
		Platform anti-idle and mobility technology		[15,000]
		Standardized Army Battery		[4,000]
15	0602146A	NETWORK C3I TECHNOLOGY	56,529	56,529
16	0602147A	LONG RANGE PRECISION FIRES TECHNOLOGY	25,744	32,744
		Novel Printed Armament Components for Distributed Operations		[7,000]
17	0602148A	FUTURE VERTICLE LIFT TECHNOLOGY	20,420	20,420
18	0602150A	AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY	25,992	30,992
		Counter-UAS Testing and Research Center (CTRC)		[5,000]
19	0602180A	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES.	13,745	13,745
21	0602182A	C3I APPLIED RESEARCH	22,317	22,317
22	0602183A	AIR PLATFORM APPLIED RESEARCH	53,305	63,305
		Shape-shifting Drones Powered by Mechanical Intelligence		[10,000]
23	0602184A	SOLDIER APPLIED RESEARCH	27,597	27,597
24	0602213A	C3I APPLIED CYBER	4,716	4,716
25	0602275A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE APPLIED RESEARCH	45,415	45,415
26	0602276A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE CYBER APPLIED RESEARCH	17,102	17,102
27	0602345A	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS LAUNCHED EFFECTS APPLIED RESEARCH.	18,408	18,408
28	0602386A	BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR MATERIALS—APPLIED RESEARCH	8,209	8,209
30	0602785A	MANPOWER/PERSONNEL/TRAINING TECHNOLOGY	17,191	17,191
31	0602787A	MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY	143,293	143,293
999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	34,599	34,599
		SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH	860,545	962,545
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT				
32	0603002A	MEDICAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	1,860	1,860
33	0603007A	MANPOWER, PERSONNEL AND TRAINING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.	13,559	13,559
34	0603025A	ARMY AGILE INNOVATION AND DEMONSTRATION	19,679	19,679
35	0603040A	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING AD- VANCED TECHNOLOGIES.	20,487	32,487

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		Multi-Domain Kill Chain Automation		[12,000]
36	0603041A	ALL DOMAIN CONVERGENCE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	10,560	10,560
37	0603042A	C3I ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	15,028	15,028
38	0603043A	AIR PLATFORM ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	41,266	41,266
39	0603044A	SOLDIER ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	18,143	18,143
40	0603116A	LETHALITY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	13,232	13,232
42	0603118A	SOLDIER LETHALITY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	95,186	100,186
		Aerial Delivery of Fire Suppression		[5,000]
43	0603119A	GROUND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	30,507	46,507
		Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory		[5,000]
		Fuel Cell Multi-Modular Use		[5,000]
		Improvements in Mobility Modeling		[6,000]
44	0603134A	COUNTER IMPROVISED-THREAT SIMULATION	15,692	15,692
45	0603135A	COUNTER SMALL UNMANNED-AERIAL SYSTEMS (C-SUAS) ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.	7,773	7,773
46	0603275A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	83,922	83,922
47	0603276A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE CYBER ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	15,254	15,254
48	0603345A	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS LAUNCHED EFFECTS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	13,898	13,898
49	0603386A	BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR MATERIALS—ADVANCED RESEARCH.	24,683	29,683
		NCSEB Recommendation—AI-Ready Biological Data		[5,000]
50	0603457A	C3I CYBER ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT	3,329	3,329
51	0603461A	HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING MODERNIZATION PROGRAM.	241,855	291,855
		High Performance Computing Modernization Program		[50,000]
52	0603462A	NEXT GENERATION COMBAT VEHICLE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.	141,301	148,301
		Acceleration of leap ahead systems for ground vehicles		[7,000]
53	0603463A	NETWORK C3I ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	78,539	88,539
		Geophysical Littoral Autonomous Detection and Exploitation II (GLADE II).		[5,000]
		Network C3I Advanced Technology		[5,000]
54	0603464A	LONG RANGE PRECISION FIRES ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	162,236	162,236
55	0603465A	FUTURE VERTICAL LIFT ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	66,686	66,686
56	0603466A	AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	23,330	33,330
		Material Improvements for Electric Motors		[10,000]
58	0603920A	HUMANITARIAN DEMINING	9,349	9,349
999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	72,837	72,837
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	1,240,191	1,355,191
		ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES		
60	0603305A	ARMY MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEMS INTEGRATION	8,141	8,141
61	0603308A	ARMY SPACE SYSTEMS INTEGRATION	83,080	83,080
63	0603619A	LANDMINE WARFARE AND BARRIER—ADV DEV	41,516	41,516
64	0603639A	TANK AND MEDIUM CALIBER AMMUNITION	85,472	90,472
		Large caliber automated ammunition resupply		[5,000]
65	0603645A	ARMORED SYSTEM MODERNIZATION—ADV DEV	22,645	22,645
66	0603747A	SOLDIER SUPPORT AND SURVIVABILITY	4,033	4,033
67	0603766A	TACTICAL ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM—ADV DEV.	107,525	107,525
68	0603774A	NIGHT VISION SYSTEMS ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT	5,153	5,153
69	0603779A	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TECHNOLOGY—DEM/VAL	11,343	11,343
70	0603790A	NATO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT	5,031	5,031
72	0603804A	LOGISTICS AND ENGINEER EQUIPMENT—ADV DEV	15,435	15,435
73	0603807A	MEDICAL SYSTEMS—ADV DEV	1,000	1,000
74	0603827A	SOLDIER SYSTEMS—ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT	41,856	41,856
75	0604017A	ROBOTICS DEVELOPMENT	35,082	35,082
76	0604019A	EXPANDED MISSION AREA MISSILE (EMAM)	178,137	178,137
78	0604035A	LOW EARTH ORBIT (LEO) SATELLITE CAPABILITY	17,063	17,063
79	0604036A	MULTI-DOMAIN SENSING SYSTEM (MDSS) ADV DEV	239,813	239,813
80	0604037A	TACTICAL INTEL TARGETING ACCESS NODE (TITAN) ADV DEV.	3,092	3,092
81	0604100A	ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES	9,865	9,865
85	0604114A	LOWER TIER AIR MISSILE DEFENSE (LTAMD) SENSOR	196,448	196,448
86	0604115A	TECHNOLOGY MATURATION INITIATIVES	267,619	277,619
		Short Pulse Laser Directed Energy Demonstration		[10,000]
87	0604117A	MANEUVER—SHORT RANGE AIR DEFENSE (M-SHORAD)	238,247	238,247
89	0604120A	ASSURED POSITIONING, NAVIGATION AND TIMING (PNT) ..	8,686	8,686
90	0604121A	SYNTHETIC TRAINING ENVIRONMENT REFINING & PROTOTYPING.	240,899	240,899
91	0604134A	COUNTER IMPROVISED-THREAT DEMONSTRATION, PROTOTYPE DEVELOPMENT, AND TESTING.	5,491	5,491
92	0604135A	STRATEGIC MID-RANGE FIRES	231,401	231,401
93	0604182A	HYPERSONICS	25,000	38,000
		Emerging Hypersonic Capabilities (USA, USN)		[13,000]

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95	0604403A	FUTURE INTERCEPTOR	8,019	8,019
97	0604531A	COUNTER—SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT.	45,281	45,281
99	0604541A	UNIFIED NETWORK TRANSPORT	29,191	29,191
100	0305251A	CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS FORCES AND FORCE SUPPORT	5,605	5,605
999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	203,746	203,746
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES.	2,420,915	2,448,915
		SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION		
101	0604201A	AIRCRAFT AVIONICS	2,696	2,696
102	0604270A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT	9,153	9,153
103	0604601A	INFANTRY SUPPORT WEAPONS	56,553	56,553
104	0604604A	MEDIUM TACTICAL VEHICLES	18,503	18,503
105	0604611A	JAVELIN	9,810	9,810
106	0604622A	FAMILY OF HEAVY TACTICAL VEHICLES	47,064	47,064
110	0604645A	ARMORED SYSTEMS MODERNIZATION (ASM)—ENG DEV	16,593	16,593
111	0604710A	NIGHT VISION SYSTEMS—ENG DEV	351,274	351,274
112	0604713A	COMBAT FEEDING, CLOTHING, AND EQUIPMENT	5,654	5,654
113	0604715A	NON-SYSTEM TRAINING DEVICES—ENG DEV	19,063	19,063
114	0604741A	AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, CONTROL AND INTELLIGENCE—ENG DEV.	13,892	13,892
115	0604742A	CONSTRUCTIVE SIMULATION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	7,790	7,790
116	0604746A	AUTOMATIC TEST EQUIPMENT DEVELOPMENT	9,512	9,512
117	0604760A	DISTRIBUTIVE INTERACTIVE SIMULATIONS (DIS)—ENG DEV.	7,724	7,724
118	0604798A	BRIGADE ANALYSIS, INTEGRATION AND EVALUATION	24,318	24,318
119	0604802A	WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS—ENG DEV	150,344	150,344
120	0604804A	LOGISTICS AND ENGINEER EQUIPMENT—ENG DEV	50,194	50,194
121	0604805A	COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS—ENG DEV.	63,725	63,725
122	0604807A	MEDICAL MATERIEL/MEDICAL BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE EQUIPMENT—ENG DEV.	6,252	6,252
123	0604808A	LANDMINE WARFARE/BARRIER—ENG DEV	9,862	9,862
124	0604818A	ARMY TACTICAL COMMAND & CONTROL HARDWARE & SOFTWARE.	430,895	430,895
125	0604820A	RADAR DEVELOPMENT	53,226	53,226
127	0604827A	SOLDIER SYSTEMS—WARRIOR DEM/VAL	4,137	4,137
128	0604852A	SUITE OF SURVIVABILITY ENHANCEMENT SYSTEMS—EMD.	76,903	76,903
129	0604854A	ARTILLERY SYSTEMS—EMD	80,862	80,862
130	0605013A	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	125,701	125,701
131	0605018A	INTEGRATED PERSONNEL AND PAY SYSTEM-ARMY (IPPS-A).	164,600	164,600
132	0605030A	JOINT TACTICAL NETWORK CENTER (JTNC)	20,954	20,954
133	0605031A	JOINT TACTICAL NETWORK (JTN)	41,696	41,696
134	0605035A	COMMON INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES (CIRCM)	10,789	10,789
135	0605036A	COMBATING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (CWMD)	13,322	13,322
136	0605037A	EVIDENCE COLLECTION AND DETAINEE PROCESSING	4,619	4,619
137	0605038A	NUCLEAR BIOLOGICAL CHEMICAL RECONNAISSANCE VEHICLE (NBCRV) SENSOR SUITE.	13,459	13,459
138	0605041A	DEFENSIVE CYBER TOOL DEVELOPMENT	3,611	3,611
139	0605042A	TACTICAL NETWORK RADIO SYSTEMS (LOW-TIER)	3,222	3,222
140	0605047A	CONTRACT WRITING SYSTEM	8,101	8,101
142	0605051A	AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY DEVELOPMENT	44,182	52,182
		Advances in surface-to-air missile technologies		[8,000]
143	0605052A	INDIRECT FIRE PROTECTION CAPABILITY INC 2—BLOCK 1	248,659	248,659
144	0605053A	GROUND ROBOTICS	227,038	227,038
145	0605054A	EMERGING TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES	57,546	95,546
		Operationalize anti-idle ground vehicles		[38,000]
146	0605144A	NEXT GENERATION LOAD DEVICE—MEDIUM	24,492	24,492
147	0605148A	TACTICAL INTEL TARGETING ACCESS NODE (TITAN) EMD	44,273	44,273
152	0605224A	MULTI-DOMAIN INTELLIGENCE	34,844	39,844
		DeepFake and AI-synthesized Image Detection		[5,000]
154	0605232A	HYPERSONICS EMD	513,027	513,027
155	0605233A	ACCESSIONS INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT (AIE)	32,710	32,710
156	0605235A	STRATEGIC MID-RANGE CAPABILITY	186,304	188,394
		Maritime Strike Tomahawk (MST) (USA, USN)		[2,090]
157	0605236A	INTEGRATED TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS	22,732	22,732
158	0605241A	FUTURE LONG RANGE ASSAULT AIRCRAFT DEVELOPMENT.	1,248,544	1,248,544
160	0605244A	JOINT REDUCED RANGE ROCKET (JR3)	28,893	28,893
163	0605457A	ARMY INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE (AIAMD) ..	146,056	146,056
164	0605531A	COUNTER—SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS SYS DEV & DEMONSTRATION.	55,196	55,196
166	0605625A	MANNED GROUND VEHICLE	386,393	386,393
167	0605766A	NATIONAL CAPABILITIES INTEGRATION (MIP)	16,913	16,913
168	0605812A	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE (JLTV) ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING DEVELOPMENT PHASE (EMD).	2,664	2,664

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169	0605830A	AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	930	930
170	0303032A	TROJAN—RH12	3,920	3,920
999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	117,428	117,428
		SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.	5,378,817	5,431,907
		MANAGEMENT SUPPORT		
173	0604256A	THREAT SIMULATOR DEVELOPMENT	74,767	74,767
174	0604258A	TARGET SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	16,004	16,004
175	0604759A	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT	101,027	101,027
176	0605103A	RAND ARROYO CENTER	10,892	10,892
177	0605301A	ARMY KWAJALEIN ATOLL	379,283	832,058
		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
180	0605601A	ARMY TEST RANGES AND FACILITIES	425,108	425,108
181	0605602A	ARMY TECHNICAL TEST INSTRUMENTATION AND TARGETS.	69,328	69,328
182	0605604A	SURVIVABILITY/LETHALITY ANALYSIS	31,306	31,306
183	0605606A	AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION	1,887	1,887
184	0605706A	MATERIEL SYSTEMS ANALYSIS	19,100	19,100
185	0605709A	EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN ITEMS	6,277	6,277
186	0605712A	SUPPORT OF OPERATIONAL TESTING	63,637	63,637
187	0605716A	ARMY EVALUATION CENTER	62,343	62,343
188	0605718A	ARMY MODELING & SIM X-CMD COLLABORATION & INTEGRATION	11,825	11,825
189	0605801A	PROGRAMWIDE ACTIVITIES	54,172	54,172
190	0605803A	TECHNICAL INFORMATION ACTIVITIES	26,592	26,592
191	0605805A	MUNITIONS STANDARDIZATION, EFFECTIVENESS AND SAFETY.	44,465	44,465
192	0605857A	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TECHNOLOGY MGMT SUPPORT	2,857	2,857
193	0605898A	ARMY DIRECT REPORT HEADQUARTERS—R&D - MHA	53,436	53,436
194	0606002A	RONALD REAGAN BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TEST SITE.	72,302	80,302
		Multi-level security modernization		[8,000]
195	0606003A	COUNTERINTEL AND HUMAN INTEL MODERNIZATION	5,660	5,660
196	0606118A	AIAMD SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT & INTEGRATION	358,854	358,854
197	0606942A	ASSESSMENTS AND EVALUATIONS CYBER VULNERABILITIES.	6,354	6,354
		SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT	1,956,082	2,416,857
		OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT		
199	0603778A	MLRS PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	14,639	34,639
		GLSDB HIMARS integration work		[20,000]
200	0605024A	ANTI-TAMPER TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT	6,449	6,449
201	0607101A	COMBATING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (CWMD) PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT.	115	115
202	0607131A	WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS.	13,687	13,687
203	0607136A	BLACKHAWK PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	23,998	23,998
204	0607137A	CHINOOK PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	10,859	10,859
208	0607145A	APACHE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT	44,371	44,371
209	0607148A	AN/TPQ-53 COUNTERFIRE TARGET ACQUISITION RADAR SYSTEM.	43,054	43,054
210	0607150A	INTEL CYBER DEVELOPMENT	13,129	13,129
215	0607663A	FAMILY OF BIOMETRICS	1,594	1,594
216	0607863A	PATRIOT PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT	183,763	183,763
217	0203728A	JOINT AUTOMATED DEEP OPERATION COORDINATION SYSTEM (JADOCs).	8,424	8,424
218	0203735A	COMBAT VEHICLE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS	744,085	744,085
219	0203743A	155MM SELF-PROPELLED HOWITZER IMPROVEMENTS	107,826	107,826
220	0203752A	AIRCRAFT ENGINE COMPONENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	237	237
221	0203758A	DIGITIZATION	1,013	1,013
222	0203801A	MISSILE/AIR DEFENSE PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.	1,338	1,338
225	0205778A	GUIDED MULTIPLE-LAUNCH ROCKET SYSTEM (GMLRS)	33,307	33,307
230	0303140A	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM	15,040	15,040

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232	0303142A	SATCOM GROUND ENVIRONMENT (SPACE)	35,720	35,720
235	0305179A	INTEGRATED BROADCAST SERVICE (IBS)	6,653	6,653
236	0305219A	MQ-1 GRAY EAGLE UAV	3,444	3,444
237	0708045A	END ITEM INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES	67,002	67,002
999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	46,872	46,872
		SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	1,426,619	1,446,619
		SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS		
238	0608041A	DEFENSIVE CYBER—SOFTWARE PROTOTYPE DEVELOPMENT.	89,238	91,238
		Army Cyber/NETCOM – AI Enabled Network Visibility and Security Controls.		[2,000]
		SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS.	89,238	91,238
		AGILE RDTE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT		
239	0609135A	COUNTER UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (UAS) AGILE DEVELOPMENT.	143,618	143,618
240	0609277A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE AGILE DEVELOPMENT	127,081	127,081
241	0609278A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE AGILE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT ..	59,202	59,202
242	0609345A	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS LAUNCHED EFFECTS AGILE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT.	187,473	187,473
243	0609346A	UAS LAUNCHED EFFECTS AGILE DEVELOPMENT	172,898	172,898
		SUBTOTAL AGILE RDTE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT	690,272	690,272
		TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST & EVAL, ARMY.	14,549,223	15,330,088
		RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST & EVAL, NAVY		
		BASIC RESEARCH		
1	0601103N	UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES	67,306	72,306
		Artificial Intelligence Maritime Maneuvering (AIMM) 2.0		[5,000]
2	0601153N	DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES	511,163	526,263
		NCSEB Recommendation—AI-Ready Biological Data		[5,000]
		Precision interferometer at Lowell Observatory		[10,100]
		SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH	578,469	598,569
		APPLIED RESEARCH		
3	0602114N	POWER PROJECTION APPLIED RESEARCH	30,635	30,635
4	0602123N	FORCE PROTECTION APPLIED RESEARCH	125,699	149,699
		Advanced Circuit Breaker		[12,000]
		Battery vulnerability		[2,000]
		Multi-Material Flexible Automated Manufacturing		[5,000]
		Sea-Launched Aerial Drones		[5,000]
5	0602131M	MARINE CORPS LANDING FORCE TECHNOLOGY	45,697	52,697
		Unmanned Logistics Solutions		[7,000]
6	0602235N	COMMON PICTURE APPLIED RESEARCH	55,246	55,246
7	0602236N	WARFIGHTER SUSTAINMENT APPLIED RESEARCH	74,264	79,264
		On-Demand IV Fluids for Expeditionary Medicine		[5,000]
8	0602271N	ELECTROMAGNETIC SYSTEMS APPLIED RESEARCH	79,929	84,929
		Future Radio Frequency Digital Array Technology Development and Demonstration.		[5,000]
9	0602435N	OCEAN WARFIGHTING ENVIRONMENT APPLIED RESEARCH.	81,270	81,270
10	0602651M	JOINT NON-LETHAL WEAPONS APPLIED RESEARCH	7,300	7,300
11	0602747N	UNDERSEA WARFARE APPLIED RESEARCH	64,335	64,335
12	0602750N	FUTURE NAVAL CAPABILITIES APPLIED RESEARCH	279,815	279,815
13	0602782N	MINE AND EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE APPLIED RESEARCH.	29,081	29,081
15	0602861N	SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT—ONR FIELD ACTIVITIES.	81,423	81,423
		SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH	954,694	995,694
		ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT		
16	0603123N	FORCE PROTECTION ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	43,527	43,527
17	0603271N	ELECTROMAGNETIC SYSTEMS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ..	8,644	8,644
18	0603273N	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FOR NUCLEAR RE-ENTRY SYSTEMS.	121,618	121,618
19	0603640M	USMC ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION (ATD) ..	309,711	322,711
		Autonomous Amphibious Robotic Vehicle Development and Integration.		[8,000]
		Low-Cost Tactical Hypersonic Long-Range Precision Fires		[5,000]
20	0603651M	JOINT NON-LETHAL WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	6,561	6,561
21	0603673N	FUTURE NAVAL CAPABILITIES ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	455,851	455,851
22	0603680N	MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM	63,903	63,903

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23	0603729N	WARFIGHTER PROTECTION ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	7,653	7,653
24	0603758N	NAVY WARFIGHTING EXPERIMENTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS.	81,923	81,923
25	0603782N	MINE AND EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.	2,075	2,075
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	1,101,466	1,114,466
		ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES		
27	0603128N	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM	28,388	28,388
29	0603207N	AIR/OCEAN TACTICAL APPLICATIONS	35,870	35,870
30	0603216N	AVIATION SURVIVABILITY	24,064	24,064
31	0603239N	NAVAL CONSTRUCTION FORCES	8,603	8,603
32	0603254N	ASW SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	18,904	18,904
33	0603261N	TACTICAL AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE	2,241	2,241
34	0603382N	ADVANCED COMBAT SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY	2,083	0
		Excess to need		[-2,083]
35	0603502N	SURFACE AND SHALLOW WATER MINE COUNTERMEASURES.	32,359	32,359
36	0603506N	SURFACE SHIP TORPEDO DEFENSE	11,832	11,832
37	0603512N	CARRIER SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	8,361	8,361
38	0603525N	PILOT FISH	1,218,486	1,218,486
40	0603536N	RETRACT JUNIPER	206,429	206,429
41	0603542N	RADIOLOGICAL CONTROL	730	730
43	0603561N	ADVANCED SUBMARINE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	162,651	162,651
45	0603563N	SHIP CONCEPT ADVANCED DESIGN	59,218	59,218
46	0603564N	SHIP PRELIMINARY DESIGN & FEASIBILITY STUDIES	96,022	96,022
47	0603570N	ADVANCED NUCLEAR POWER SYSTEMS	383,831	449,831
		Advanced Nuclear Power Systems		[66,000]
48	0603573N	ADVANCED SURFACE MACHINERY SYSTEMS	101,136	101,136
49	0603576N	CHALK EAGLE	156,686	156,686
50	0603581N	LITTORAL COMBAT SHIP (LCS)	10,203	203
		Excess to Need		[-10,000]
51	0603582N	COMBAT SYSTEM INTEGRATION	19,643	19,643
52	0603595N	OHIO REPLACEMENT	273,265	283,265
		Rapid Realization of Composites for Wet Submarine Application		[10,000]
53	0603596N	LCS MISSION MODULES	39,258	29,258
		Mine Countermeasure (MCM) Mission Package		[-10,000]
54	0603597N	AUTOMATED TEST AND RE-TEST (ATRT)	9,862	9,862
55	0603598N	ATRT ENTERPRISE RAPID CAPABILITY	20,000	20,000
56	0603599N	FRIGATE DEVELOPMENT	84,199	84,199
57	0603609N	CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS	10,877	10,877
58	0603635M	MARINE CORPS GROUND COMBAT/SUPPORT SYSTEM	278,261	278,261
59	0603654N	JOINT SERVICE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DEVELOPMENT	43,657	43,657
60	0603713N	OCEAN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	9,647	9,647
61	0603721N	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	22,829	22,829
62	0603724N	NAVY ENERGY PROGRAM	46,577	69,577
		LOCNESS: derisking DEW/advanced sensors on DDGx		[11,000]
		Safety certification and USMC support for soldier/ground vehicle auxiliary power.		[12,000]
63	0603725N	FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT	10,925	10,925
64	0603734N	CHALK CORAL	414,282	414,282
65	0603739N	NAVY LOGISTIC PRODUCTIVITY	1,016	1,016
66	0603746N	RETRACT MAPLE	647,914	732,464
		Joint Warfighting Critical Munitions		[84,550]
67	0603748N	LINK PLUMERIA	376,672	876,672
		F/A-XX		[500,000]
68	0603751N	RETRACT ELM	106,810	106,810
69	0603764M	LINK EVERGREEN	529,550	529,550
70	0603790N	NATO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT	5,234	5,234
71	0603795N	LAND ATTACK TECHNOLOGY	1,056	1,056
72	0603851M	JOINT NON-LETHAL WEAPONS TESTING	9,832	9,832
73	0603860N	JOINT PRECISION APPROACH AND LANDING SYSTEMS—DEM/VAL.	41,978	41,978
76	0604025M	RAPID DEFENSE EXPERIMENTATION RESERVE (RDER)	99	99
77	0604027N	DIGITAL WARFARE OFFICE	151,271	151,271
78	0604028N	SMALL AND MEDIUM UNMANNED UNDERSEA VEHICLES	4,855	4,855
79	0604029N	UNMANNED UNDERSEA VEHICLE CORE TECHNOLOGIES	47,106	47,106
82	0604112N	GERALD R. FORD CLASS NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT CARRIER (CVN 78—80).	112,704	112,704
83	0604127N	SURFACE MINE COUNTERMEASURES	18,504	18,504
84	0604272N	TACTICAL AIR DIRECTIONAL INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES (TADIRCM).	14,387	14,387
85	0604286N	NAVY ADVANCED MANUFACTURING	10,585	10,585
86	0604289M	NEXT GENERATION LOGISTICS	2,722	2,722
87	0604292N	FUTURE VERTICAL LIFT (MARITIME STRIKE)	7,125	7,125
88	0604295M	MARINE AVIATION DEMONSTRATION/VALIDATION	38,873	38,873

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89	0604320M	RAPID TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITY PROTOTYPE	16,316	16,316
90	0604454N	LX (R)	26,709	26,709
91	0604536N	ADVANCED UNDERSEA PROTOTYPING	143,943	143,943
92	0604636N	COUNTER UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (C-UAS)	16,689	16,689
93	0604659N	PRECISION STRIKE WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ...	110,072	235,072
		Emerging Hypersonic Capabilities (USA, USN)		[25,000]
		Navy MACE		[100,000]
94	0604707N	SPACE AND ELECTRONIC WARFARE (SEW) ARCHITEC- TURE/ENGINEERING SUPPORT.	6,866	6,866
95	0604786N	OFFENSIVE ANTI-SURFACE WARFARE WEAPON DEVELOP- MENT.	225,773	285,773
		LRASM MADCAP C-3 development acceleration		[60,000]
97	0605513N	UNMANNED SURFACE VEHICLE ENABLING CAPABILITIES	3,712	3,712
98	0605514M	GROUND BASED ANTI-SHIP MISSILE	29,004	29,004
100	0605518N	CONVENTIONAL PROMPT STRIKE (CPS)	798,337	798,337
101	0105519N	NUCLEAR-ARMED SEA-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILE (SLCM- N) SUPPORT.	0	320,000
		Restoration of full funding for Nuclear-Armed Sea-Launched Cruise Missile.		[320,000]
102	0207147M	COLLABORATIVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT	58,000	58,000
103	0303260N	DEFENSE MILITARY DECEPTION INITIATIVE	1,980	1,980
104	0303354N	ASW SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT—MIP	3,864	3,864
105	0304240M	ADVANCED TACTICAL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM	2,822	2,822
106	0304270N	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT—MIP	1,278	1,278
107	0304797N	UNDERSEA ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE / MACHINE LEARNING (AI/ML).	29,308	29,308
SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOP- MENT AND PROTOTYPES.			7,454,345	8,620,812
SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION				
108	0603208N	TRAINING SYSTEM AIRCRAFT	15,101	15,101
109	0604038N	MARITIME TARGETING CELL	147,802	147,802
111	0604212N	OTHER HELO DEVELOPMENT	987	987
113	0604215N	STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT	4,540	4,540
114	0604216N	MULTI-MISSION HELICOPTER UPGRADE DEVELOPMENT ...	64,838	64,838
116	0604230N	WARFARE SUPPORT SYSTEM	15,778	15,778
117	0604231N	COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEMS	64,547	64,547
118	0604234N	ADVANCED HAWKEYE	350,324	350,324
119	0604245M	H-1 UPGRADES	62,240	62,240
120	0604261N	ACOUSTIC SEARCH SENSORS	52,549	52,549
121	0604262N	V-22	124,958	124,958
122	0604264N	AIR CREW SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	44,297	44,297
123	0604269N	EA-18	184,921	184,921
124	0604270N	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT	185,606	185,606
125	0604273M	EXECUTIVE HELO DEVELOPMENT	74,980	74,980
126	0604274N	NEXT GENERATION JAMMER (NGJ)	64,167	64,167
127	0604280N	JOINT TACTICAL RADIO SYSTEM—NAVY (JTRS-NAVY)	289,345	289,345
128	0604282N	NEXT GENERATION JAMMER (NGJ) INCREMENT II	228,256	228,256
129	0604307N	SURFACE COMBATANT COMBAT SYSTEM ENGINEERING ...	432,981	432,981
130	0604329N	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB (SDB)	23,836	23,836
131	0604366N	STANDARD MISSILE IMPROVEMENTS	412,964	412,964
132	0604373N	AIRBORNE MCM	8,372	8,372
133	0604378N	NAVAL INTEGRATED FIRE CONTROL—COUNTER AIR SYS- TEMS ENGINEERING.	39,878	39,878
135	0604501N	ADVANCED ABOVE WATER SENSORS	67,881	67,881
136	0604503N	SUBMARINE SWFTS MODERNIZATION	204,158	204,158
137	0604504N	AIR CONTROL	23,930	23,930
138	0604512N	SHIPBOARD AVIATION SYSTEMS	33,704	33,704
139	0604516N	SHIP SURVIVABILITY	4,364	4,364
141	0604522N	AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE RADAR (AMDR) SYSTEM	74,937	74,937
142	0604530N	ADVANCED ARRESTING GEAR (AAG)	32,037	32,037
143	0604558N	NEW DESIGN SSN	247,293	247,293
145	0604567N	SHIP CONTRACT DESIGN/ LIVE FIRE T&E	28,400	28,400
146	0604574N	NAVY TACTICAL COMPUTER RESOURCES	3,552	3,552
147	0604601N	MINE DEVELOPMENT	130	79,430
		Enhanced Joint Direct Attack Missile (JDAM) (USN)		[50,000]
		Quickstrike Extended Range (QS-ER) (USN)		[29,300]
148	0604610N	LIGHTWEIGHT TORPEDO DEVELOPMENT	12,565	12,565
149	0604654N	JOINT SERVICE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DEVELOPMENT ...	8,740	8,740
150	0604657M	USMC GROUND COMBAT/SUPPORTING ARMS SYSTEMS— ENG DEV.	17,377	17,377
151	0604703N	PERSONNEL, TRAINING, SIMULATION, AND HUMAN FAC- TORS.	6,703	6,703
152	0604727N	JOINT STANDOFF WEAPON SYSTEMS	895	895
153	0604755N	SHIP SELF DEFENSE (DETECT & CONTROL)	167,711	167,711
154	0604756N	SHIP SELF DEFENSE (ENGAGE: HARD KILL)	145,007	145,007
155	0604757N	SHIP SELF DEFENSE (ENGAGE: SOFT KILL/EW)	232,368	232,368
156	0604761N	INTELLIGENCE ENGINEERING	7,023	7,023

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157	0604771N	MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT	7,629	7,629
158	0604777N	NAVIGATION/ID SYSTEM	3,724	3,724
159	0604850N	SSN(X)	365,987	365,987
160	0605013M	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	16,000	16,000
161	0605013N	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	192,784	192,784
162	0605024N	ANTI-TAMPER TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT	3,428	3,428
163	0605180N	TACAMO MODERNIZATION	1,243,978	1,243,978
164	0605212M	CH-53K RDTE	135,432	135,432
165	0605215N	MISSION PLANNING	120,255	120,255
166	0605217N	COMMON AVIONICS	67,944	67,944
167	0605220N	SHIP TO SHORE CONNECTOR (SSC)	7,267	7,267
168	0605285N	NEXT GENERATION FIGHTER	74,320	74,320
170	0605414N	UNMANNED CARRIER AVIATION (UCA)	305,487	305,487
171	0605450M	JOINT AIR-TO-GROUND MISSILE (JAGM)	59,077	59,077
172	0605500N	MULTI-MISSION MARITIME AIRCRAFT (MMA)	41,129	41,129
173	0605504N	MULTI-MISSION MARITIME (MMA) INCREMENT III	103,397	103,397
174	0605516N	LONG RANGE FIRES	138,443	138,443
175	0605611M	MARINE CORPS ASSAULT VEHICLES SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT & DEMONSTRATION.	44,644	44,644
176	0605813M	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE (JLTV) SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT & DEMONSTRATION.	6,984	6,984
177	0204202N	DESTROYERS GUIDED MISSILE (DDG-1000)	58,817	58,817
178	0301377N	COUNTERING ADVANCED CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS (CACW).	16,906	16,906
179	0302315N	NON-KINETIC COUNTERMEASURE SUPPORT	23,818	23,818
183	0304785N	ISR & INFO OPERATIONS	170,567	170,567
185	0306250M	CYBER OPERATIONS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	11,936	11,936
		SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.	7,431,995	7,511,295
		MANAGEMENT SUPPORT		
186	0604256N	THREAT SIMULATOR DEVELOPMENT	25,133	25,133
187	0604258N	TARGET SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	14,191	24,191
		Secure power: high value target protection		[10,000]
188	0604759N	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT	61,946	61,946
189	0605152N	STUDIES AND ANALYSIS SUPPORT—NAVY	3,596	3,596
190	0605154N	CENTER FOR NAVAL ANALYSES	31,695	31,695
193	0605853N	MANAGEMENT, TECHNICAL & INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT ..	133,538	133,538
194	0605856N	STRATEGIC TECHNICAL SUPPORT	3,709	3,709
195	0605863N	RDT&E SHIP AND AIRCRAFT SUPPORT	151,479	151,479
196	0605864N	TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT	463,725	463,725
197	0605865N	OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION CAPABILITY	30,880	30,880
198	0605866N	NAVY SPACE AND ELECTRONIC WARFARE (SEW) SUPPORT	22,563	22,563
199	0605867N	SEW SURVEILLANCE/RECONAISSANCE SUPPORT	7,325	7,325
200	0605873M	MARINE CORPS PROGRAM WIDE SUPPORT	28,816	28,816
201	0605898N	MANAGEMENT HQ—R&D	42,751	42,751
202	0606295M	MARINE AVIATION DEVELOPMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT.	4,732	4,732
203	0606355N	WARFARE INNOVATION MANAGEMENT	37,551	37,551
204	0305327N	INSIDER THREAT	2,653	2,653
205	0902498N	MANAGEMENT HEADQUARTERS (DEPARTMENTAL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES).	2,041	2,041
		SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT	1,068,324	1,078,324
		OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT		
208	0604840M	F-35 C2D2	494,034	494,034
209	0604840N	F-35 C2D2	475,710	475,710
210	0605520M	MARINE CORPS AIR DEFENSE WEAPONS SYSTEMS	56,140	56,140
211	0607658N	COOPERATIVE ENGAGEMENT CAPABILITY (CEC)	136,436	136,436
212	0101221N	STRATEGIC SUB & WEAPONS SYSTEM SUPPORT	807,099	807,099
213	0101224N	SSBN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM	63,252	68,252
		Strategic Weapon System shipboard navigation system modernization		[5,000]
214	0101226N	SUBMARINE ACOUSTIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT	56,401	56,401
215	0101402N	NAVY STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS	52,404	52,404
216	0204136N	F/A-18 SQUADRONS	369,863	369,863
218	0204229N	TOMAHAWK AND TOMAHAWK MISSION PLANNING CENTER (TMPC).	151,177	151,177
219	0204311N	INTEGRATED SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM	71,800	71,800
220	0204313N	SHIP-TOWED ARRAY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS	1,990	1,990
222	0204460M	GROUND/AIR TASK ORIENTED RADAR (G/ATOR)	32,045	32,045
223	0204571N	CONSOLIDATED TRAINING SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	199,067	199,067
224	0204575N	ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW) READINESS SUPPORT	115,834	115,834
225	0205601N	ANTI-RADIATION MISSILE IMPROVEMENT	33,659	33,659
227	0205632N	MK-48 ADCAP	84,338	84,338
228	0205633N	AVIATION IMPROVEMENTS	127,421	137,321
		Autonomous airfield FOD sweeping systems		[9,900]
229	0205675N	OPERATIONAL NUCLEAR POWER SYSTEMS	209,200	209,200
230	0206313M	MARINE CORPS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS	125,488	134,488

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		Hydrogen Fuel Cell for small-UAS		[5,000]
		Integrated Contested Logistics Communications		[4,000]
231	0206335M	COMMON AVIATION COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (CAC2S).	17,813	17,813
232	0206623M	MARINE CORPS GROUND COMBAT/SUPPORTING ARMS SYSTEMS.	70,139	70,139
233	0206624M	MARINE CORPS COMBAT SERVICES SUPPORT	20,419	20,419
234	0206625M	USMC INTELLIGENCE/ELECTRONIC WARFARE SYSTEMS ...	34,289	34,289
236	0207161N	TACTICAL AIM MISSILES	34,650	34,650
237	0207163N	ADVANCED MEDIUM RANGE AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE (AMRAAM).	26,286	26,286
238	0208043N	PLANNING AND DECISION AID SYSTEM (PDAS)	3,572	3,572
242	0303138N	AFLOAT NETWORKS	70,742	70,742
243	0303140N	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM	64,147	64,147
244	0305192N	MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM (MIP) ACTIVITIES	3,311	3,311
247	0305208M	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS	61,238	61,238
248	0305220N	MQ-4C TRITON	14,421	14,421
250	0305232M	RQ-11 UAV	1,063	1,063
252	0305241N	MULTI-INTELLIGENCE SENSOR DEVELOPMENT	41,414	41,414
253	0305242M	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (UAS) PAYLOADS (MIP)	9,157	9,157
255	0305421N	MQ-4C TRITON MODERNIZATION	361,943	361,943
256	0307577N	INTELLIGENCE MISSION DATA (IMD)	803	803
257	0308601N	MODELING AND SIMULATION SUPPORT	12,389	12,389
258	0702207N	DEPOT MAINTENANCE (NON-IF)	23,372	23,372
259	0708730N	MARITIME TECHNOLOGY (MARITECH)	3,600	3,600
999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	2,554,769	2,578,769
		Acceleration of Navy program		[24,000]
		SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	7,092,895	7,140,795
		SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS		
260	0608013N	RISK MANAGEMENT INFORMATION—SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM.	13,341	13,341
261	0608231N	MARITIME TACTICAL COMMAND AND CONTROL (MTC2)—SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM.	12,520	12,520
		SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS	25,861	25,861
		TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST & EVAL, NAVY.	25,708,049	27,085,816
		RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST & EVAL, AF BASIC RESEARCH		
1	0601102F	DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES	302,716	302,716
2	0601103F	UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES	94,121	94,121
		SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH	396,837	396,837
		APPLIED RESEARCH		
3	0602020F	FUTURE AF CAPABILITIES APPLIED RESEARCH	78,214	78,214
4	0602022F	UNIVERSITY AFFILIATED RESEARCH CENTER (UARC)—TACTICAL AUTONOMY.	6,294	6,294
5	0602102F	MATERIALS	147,422	167,422
		Advanced materials science for manufacturing research		[10,000]
		Metals Affordability Initiative		[5,000]
		NCSEB Recommendation—AI-Ready Biological Data		[5,000]
7	0602202F	HUMAN EFFECTIVENESS APPLIED RESEARCH	133,928	133,928
8	0602203F	AEROSPACE SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGIES	321,059	321,059
9	0602204F	AEROSPACE SENSORS	199,120	199,120
11	0602298F	SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT— MAJOR HEADQUARTERS ACTIVITIES.	10,813	10,813
12	0602336F	NUCLEAR DELIVERY SYSTEMS TECH EXPLORATION	4,969	4,969
13	0602602F	CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS	125,102	125,102
14	0602605F	DIRECTED ENERGY TECHNOLOGY	92,331	92,331
15	0602788F	DOMINANT INFORMATION SCIENCES AND METHODS	187,036	217,036
		Agile, Assured, and Autonomous Battle Management Network and Readiness Accelerator (3A-BMN).		
		Dependable AI for National Security		[15,000]
		Distributed Quantum Networking Testbed and Quantum Cloud Computing Environment.		[10,000]
		SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH	1,306,288	1,356,288
		ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT		
16	0603032F	FUTURE AF INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY DEMOS	268,754	268,754
17	0603112F	ADVANCED MATERIALS FOR WEAPON SYSTEMS	31,021	31,021
18	0603199F	SUSTAINMENT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (S&T)	12,915	12,915
19	0603203F	ADVANCED AEROSPACE SENSORS	69,652	69,652
20	0603211F	AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY DEV/DEMO	102,125	102,125
23	0603273F	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FOR NUCLEAR RE-ENTRY SYSTEMS.	128,407	148,407

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		S&T for Nuclear Reentry Systems—Resonating Fiber Optic Gyroscopes.		[20,000]
25	0603456F	HUMAN EFFECTIVENESS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	19,790	19,790
26	0603601F	CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY	99,263	99,263
27	0603605F	ADVANCED WAEPONS TECHNOLOGY	4,434	4,434
28	0603680F	MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM	38,891	42,891
		Additive Manufacturing for Engineer Components		[4,000]
29	0603788F	BATTLESPACE KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.	30,812	30,812
30	0604776F	DEPLOYMENT & DISTRIBUTION ENTERPRISE R&D	28,316	28,316
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	834,380	858,380
		ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES		
32	0603260F	INTELLIGENCE ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT	3,901	3,901
33	0603742F	COMBAT IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY	25,172	25,172
34	0603790F	NATO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT	4,595	4,595
35	0603851F	INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE—DEM/VAL	90,096	90,096
36	0604001F	NC3 ADVANCED CONCEPTS	15,910	15,910
37	0604003F	ADVANCED BATTLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ABMS)	1,040,475	1,040,475
39	0604005F	NC3 COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT & PROTOTYPING	67,081	67,081
40	0604007F	E-7	199,676	899,676
		E-7 continued development and procurement		[700,000]
41	0604009F	AFWERX	18,499	18,499
42	0604010F	NEXT GENERATION ADAPTIVE PROPULSION	330,270	330,270
43	0604015F	LONG RANGE STRIKE—BOMBER	2,347,225	2,347,225
47	0604183F	HYPERSONICS PROTOTYPING—HYPERSONIC ATTACK CRUISE MISSILE (HACM).	802,810	802,810
49	0604257F	ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND SENSORS AND SENSORS	40,779	40,779
52	0604317F	TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER	3,558	3,558
53	0604327F	HARD AND DEEPLY BURIED TARGET DEFEAT SYSTEM (HDBTDS) PROGRAM.	144,143	144,143
54	0604336F	NUCLEAR DELIVERY SYSTEMS PROTOTYPING	56,926	56,926
55	0604414F	CYBER RESILIENCY OF WEAPON SYSTEMS-ACS	46,148	46,148
56	0604609F	REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS & CONCEPT MATURATION	22,754	22,754
57	0604668F	JOINT TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (JTMS) ...	129,626	129,626
58	0604776F	DEPLOYMENT & DISTRIBUTION ENTERPRISE R&D	4,996	4,996
59	0604858F	TECH TRANSITION PROGRAM	134,833	155,833
		Blended Wing Body—Next Generation Aircraft		[21,000]
60	0604860F	OPERATIONAL ENERGY AND INSTALLATION RESILIENCE	49,460	115,460
		Operational energy program increase		[56,000]
		XR (AR/VR) plus mission execution tools		[10,000]
61	0605057F	NEXT GENERATION AIR-REFUELING SYSTEM	12,960	12,960
63	0606004F	NUCLEAR ENTERPRISE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT	1,097	6,097
		Wing-level additive manufacturing		[5,000]
64	0606005F	DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OFFICE	15,997	30,997
		Adaptive Threat Modeling Lab		[15,000]
65	0207110F	F-47	0	500,000
		F-47—misaligned budget request		[500,000]
66	0207147F	COLLABORATIVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT	111,365	789,365
		CCA—misaligned budget request		[678,000]
67	0207179F	AUTONOMOUS COLLABORATIVE PLATFORMS	62,019	62,019
68	0207420F	COMBAT IDENTIFICATION	1,713	1,713
71	0207455F	THREE DIMENSIONAL LONG-RANGE RADAR (3DELRR)	17,344	17,344
72	0207522F	AIRBASE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS (ABADS)	15,785	15,785
73	0207606F	JOINT SIMULATION ENVIRONMENT (JSE)	260,667	260,667
74	0208030F	WAR RESERVE MATERIEL—AMMUNITION	9,865	9,865
75	0303010F	AF ISR DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE	24,817	24,817
76	0305236F	COMMON DATA LINK EXECUTIVE AGENT (CDL EA)	32,511	32,511
77	0305601F	MISSION PARTNER ENVIRONMENTS	14,956	14,956
78	0701200F	ENTERPRISE SELECT CLASS II	1,000	1,000
79	0708051F	RAPID SUSTAINMENT MODERNIZATION (RSM)	32,666	101,666
		B-21 Additive Manufacturing		[40,000]
		Engine wash, data analysis, mission execution excellence program		[29,000]
80	0808736F	SPECIAL VICTIM ACCOUNTABILITY AND INVESTIGATION ...	1,997	1,997
81	0808737F	INTEGRATED PRIMARY PREVENTION	5,167	5,167
82	0901410F	CONTRACTING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM	29,277	29,277
83	1206415F	U.S. SPACE COMMAND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT.	36,913	36,913
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES.	6,267,049	8,321,049
		SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION		
84	0604200F	FUTURE ADVANCED WEAPON ANALYSIS & PROGRAMS	36,125	36,125
85	0604201F	PNT RESILIENCY, MODS, AND IMPROVEMENTS	125,663	125,663
86	0604222F	NUCLEAR WEAPONS SUPPORT	79,312	79,312

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87	0604270F	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT	17,013	17,013
88	0604281F	TACTICAL DATA NETWORKS ENTERPRISE	77,170	77,170
89	0604287F	PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT	10,589	10,589
90	0604288F	SURVIVABLE AIRBORNE OPERATIONS CENTER (SAOC)	1,826,328	1,826,328
91	0604602F	ARMAMENT/ORDNANCE DEVELOPMENT	7,253	7,253
92	0604604F	SUBMUNITIONS	3,502	3,502
93	0604617F	AGILE COMBAT SUPPORT	23,474	23,474
94	0604706F	LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS	20,542	20,542
95	0604735F	COMBAT TRAINING RANGES	139,499	139,499
96	0604932F	LONG RANGE STANDOFF WEAPON	606,955	755,955
		Conventional Variant Advance Planning		[8,000]
		Long Range Standoff Weapon Acceleration		[141,000]
97	0604933F	ICBM FUZE MODERNIZATION	3,252	3,252
100	0605056F	OPEN ARCHITECTURE MANAGEMENT	44,150	44,150
101	0605223F	ADVANCED PILOT TRAINING	172,378	172,378
103	0605238F	GROUND BASED STRATEGIC DETERRENT EMD	2,647,563	4,647,563
		Restoration of full funding for Sentinel ICBM program EMD		[2,000,000]
104	0605296F	MICROELECTRONICS SECURE ENCLAVE	104,990	104,990
106	0207039F	COGNITIVE ELECTROMAGNETIC WARFARE	44,267	44,267
107	0207110F	F-47	2,579,362	2,579,362
109	0207279F	ISOLATED PERSONNEL SURVIVABILITY AND RECOVERY ...	99,248	99,248
110	0207328F	STAND IN ATTACK WEAPON	255,336	255,336
111	0207407F	ELECTROMAGNETIC BATTLE MANAGEMENT (EMBM)	20,439	20,439
112	0207701F	FULL COMBAT MISSION TRAINING	12,898	12,898
114	0303008F	SATURN	4,985	4,985
117	0305155F	THEATER NUCLEAR WEAPON STORAGE & SECURITY SYS- TEM	19,875	19,875
120	0401221F	KC-46A TANKER SQUADRONS	145,434	145,434
121	0401319F	VC-25B	602,318	602,318
122	0701212F	AUTOMATED TEST SYSTEMS	30,341	30,341
123	0804772F	TRAINING DEVELOPMENTS	5,067	5,067
		SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEM- ONSTRATION.	9,765,328	11,914,328
		MANAGEMENT SUPPORT		
125	0604256F	THREAT SIMULATOR DEVELOPMENT	41,125	41,125
126	0604759F	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT	156,915	156,915
127	0605101F	RAND PROJECT AIR FORCE	32,405	32,405
129	0605712F	INITIAL OPERATIONAL TEST & EVALUATION	13,872	13,872
130	0605807F	TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT	1,098,871	1,098,871
133	0605829F	ACQ WORKFORCE- CYBER, NETWORK, & BUS SYS	435,918	435,918
134	0605831F	ACQ WORKFORCE- CAPABILITY INTEGRATION	1,153,165	1,153,165
136	0605833F	ACQ WORKFORCE- NUCLEAR SYSTEMS	368,881	368,881
137	0605898F	MANAGEMENT HQ—R&D	5,960	5,960
138	0605976F	FACILITIES RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION—TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT.	217,761	217,761
139	0605978F	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT—TEST AND EVALUATION SUP- PORT.	91,969	91,969
140	0606017F	REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS AND MATURATION	28,157	28,157
141	0606398F	MANAGEMENT HQ—T&E	7,417	7,417
142	0208201F	OFFENSIVE SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (SUAS).	4,985	4,985
143	0303255F	COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATION, AND COMPUTERS (C4)—STRATCOM	15,662	65,662
		C4 STRATCOM		[20,000]
		NC3 network sensor demonstration		[15,000]
		NC3 REACH		[15,000]
144	0308602F	ENTEPRISE INFORMATION SERVICES (EIS)	101,779	101,779
145	0702806F	ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT	22,670	22,670
146	0804776F	ADVANCED DISTRIBUTED LEARNING	1,698	1,698
148	1001004F	INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES	4,430	4,430
		SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT	3,803,640	3,853,640
		OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT		
149	0604233F	SPECIALIZED UNDERGRADUATE FLIGHT TRAINING	66,200	66,200
150	0604283F	BATTLE MGMT COM & CTRL SENSOR DEVELOPMENT	17,353	17,353
153	0604840F	F-35 C2D2	1,182,094	1,182,094
154	0605018F	AF INTEGRATED PERSONNEL AND PAY SYSTEM (AF-IPPS)	64,050	64,050
155	0605024F	ANTI-TAMPER TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVE AGENCY	62,965	62,965
157	0605229F	HH-60W	43,579	43,579
158	0605278F	HC/MC-130 RECAP RDT&E	50,845	50,845
159	0606018F	NC3 INTEGRATION	40,066	40,066
160	0101113F	B-52 SQUADRONS	931,164	931,164
161	0101122F	AIR-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILE (ALCM)	555	555
162	0101126F	B-1B SQUADRONS	116,589	116,589
163	0101127F	B-2 SQUADRONS	12,519	12,519
164	0101213F	MINUTEMAN SQUADRONS	106,032	106,032
165	0101316F	WORLDWIDE JOINT STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION	24,081	24,081

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166	0101318F	SERVICE SUPPORT TO STRATCOM—GLOBAL STRIKE	6,928	6,928
167	0101328F	ICBM REENTRY VEHICLES	259,605	259,605
169	0102110F	MH-139A	5,982	5,982
170	0102326F	REGION/SECTOR OPERATION CONTROL CENTER MOD-ERNIZATION PROGRAM.	726	726
171	0102417F	OVER-THE-HORIZON BACKSCATTER RADAR	132,097	132,097
172	0202834F	VEHICLES AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT—GENERAL	744	744
173	0205219F	MQ-9 UAV	26,689	26,689
174	0205671F	JOINT COUNTER RCIED ELECTRONIC WARFARE	3,424	3,424
176	0207133F	F-16 SQUADRONS	216,638	366,638
		F-16 Open Systems Environment/BLOS Systems		[75,000]
		IVEWS development for F-16		[75,000]
177	0207134F	F-15E SQUADRONS	233,018	413,018
		F-15 Global Lighting/Eagle Tether		[180,000]
178	0207136F	MANNED DESTRUCTIVE SUPPRESSION	17,680	17,680
179	0207138F	F-22A SQUADRONS	852,332	852,332
180	0207142F	F-35 SQUADRONS	48,446	48,446
181	0207146F	F-15EX	78,345	78,345
182	0207161F	TACTICAL AIM MISSILES	86,549	86,549
183	0207163F	ADVANCED MEDIUM RANGE AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE (AMRAAM).	51,242	51,242
184	0207172F	JOINT ADVANCED TACTICAL MISSILE (JATM)	425,029	425,029
186	0207238F	E-11A	15,244	15,244
188	0207247F	AF TENCAP	52,492	52,492
189	0207249F	PRECISION ATTACK SYSTEMS PROCUREMENT	13,613	13,613
191	0207268F	AIRCRAFT ENGINE COMPONENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	52,734	52,734
192	0207325F	JOINT-TO-SURFACE STANDOFF MISSILE (JASSM)	232,252	237,252
		Joint Air to Surface Stand-Off Missile (JASSM) (USAF)		[5,000]
193	0207327F	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB (SDB)	24,810	24,810
194	0207410F	AIR & SPACE OPERATIONS CENTER (AOC)	113,086	113,086
195	0207412F	CONTROL AND REPORTING CENTER (CRC)	17,569	17,569
198	0207431F	COMBAT AIR INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM ACTIVITIES	33,601	33,601
199	0207438F	THEATER BATTLE MANAGEMENT (TBM) C4I	6,787	6,787
200	0207439F	ELECTROMAGNETIC WARFARE INT REPROG (EWIR)	60,072	60,072
202	0207452F	DCAPEs	8,507	8,507
203	0207457F	AIR FORCE SPECIAL WARFARE (SPECWAR)	27,526	27,526
204	0207521F	AIR FORCE CALIBRATION PROGRAMS	2,273	2,273
206	0207590F	SEEK EAGLE	33,707	33,707
208	0207611F	READINESS DECISION SUPPORT ENTERPRISE	8,880	8,880
209	0207697F	DISTRIBUTED TRAINING AND EXERCISES	4,399	4,399
210	0207701F	FULL COMBAT MISSION TRAINING	8,096	8,096
211	0208006F	MISSION PLANNING SYSTEMS	138,745	138,745
212	0208007F	TACTICAL DECEPTION	13,711	13,711
213	0208087F	DISTRIBUTED CYBER WARFARE OPERATIONS	31,197	31,197
214	0208088F	AF DEFENSIVE CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS	95,034	95,034
218	0208288F	INTEL DATA APPLICATIONS	1,012	1,012
219	0301025F	GEOBASE	999	999
220	0301113F	CYBER SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT	14,749	14,749
226	0301377F	COUNTERING ADVANCED CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS (CACW).	1,117	1,117
228	0301401F	AF MULTI-DOMAIN NON-TRADITIONAL ISR BATTLESPACE AWARENESS.	2,987	2,987
229	0302015F	E-4B NATIONAL AIRBORNE OPERATIONS CENTER (NAOC)	54,457	54,457
230	0302315F	NON-KINETIC COUNTERMEASURE SUPPORT	7,006	7,006
232	0303089F	CYBERSPACE AND DODIN OPERATIONS	10,080	10,080
233	0303131F	MINIMUM ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (MEECN).	99,599	99,599
234	0303133F	HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO SYSTEMS	19,955	19,955
235	0303140F	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM	98,414	98,414
236	0303248F	ALL DOMAIN COMMON PLATFORM	76,642	76,642
237	0303260F	JOINT MILITARY DECEPTION INITIATIVE	356	356
238	0304100F	STRATEGIC MISSION PLANNING & EXECUTION SYSTEM (SMPEs).	75,164	75,164
239	0304109F	THRESHER	105	105
242	0304260F	AIRBORNE SIGINT ENTERPRISE	90,650	90,650
243	0304310F	COMMERCIAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS	4,127	4,127
247	0305020F	CCMD INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	1,547	1,547
248	0305022F	ISR MODERNIZATION & AUTOMATION DVMT (IMAD)	22,237	22,237
249	0305099F	GLOBAL AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (GATM)	4,257	4,257
250	0305103F	CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVE	310	310
251	0305111F	WEATHER SERVICE	30,509	30,509
252	0305114F	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, APPROACH, AND LANDING SYSTEM (ATCALS).	17,259	17,259
253	0305116F	AERIAL TARGETS	5,081	5,081
256	0305128F	SECURITY AND INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES	8,964	8,964
257	0305146F	DEFENSE JOINT COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES	6,524	6,524
258	0305158F	TACTICAL TERMINAL	1,099	1,099
259	0305179F	INTEGRATED BROADCAST SERVICE (IBS)	19,085	19,085

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261	0305206F	AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEMS	25,432	25,432
262	0305207F	MANNED RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEMS	16,643	16,643
263	0305208F	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEM	79,033	79,033
265	0305221F	NETWORK-CENTRIC COLLABORATIVE TARGETING	12,019	12,019
266	0305238F	NATO AGS	816	816
267	0305240F	ISR TRANSPORT AND PROCESSING	32,578	32,578
268	0305249F	AF JWICS ENTERPRISE	21,097	21,097
269	0305600F	INTERNATIONAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGY AND ARCHITECTURES.	18,946	18,946
270	0305836F	C2IMERA	13,867	13,867
272	0305903F	MOBILE COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTERS (MCCCS)	3,988	3,988
273	0305984F	PERSONNEL RECOVERY COMMAND & CTRL (PRC2)	2,891	2,891
274	0307577F	INTELLIGENCE MISSION DATA (IMD)	3,000	3,000
276	0401119F	C-5 AIRLIFT SQUADRONS (IF)	33,713	33,713
277	0401130F	C-17 AIRCRAFT (IF)	76,514	101,514
		C-17 blade coatings		[17,000]
		C-17 winglet procurement		[8,000]
278	0401132F	C-130J PROGRAM	31,354	101,354
		LC-130 Non-recurring engineering		[70,000]
279	0401134F	LARGE AIRCRAFT IR COUNTERMEASURES (LAIRCM)	52,928	52,928
280	0401218F	KC-135S	0	35,000
	0401218F	KC-135 drag reduction		[35,000]
281	0401318F	CV-22	653	653
283	0708610F	LOGISTICS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (LOGIT)	18,581	18,581
284	0801380F	AF LVC OPERATIONAL TRAINING (LVC-OT)	33,898	33,898
285	0804743F	OTHER FLIGHT TRAINING	2,371	2,371
286	0901202F	JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY AGENCY	2,080	2,080
287	0901218F	CIVILIAN COMPENSATION PROGRAM	4,355	4,355
288	0901220F	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	2,766	2,766
289	0901226F	AIR FORCE STUDIES AND ANALYSIS AGENCY	14,761	14,761
290	0901538F	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT.	3,982	3,982
291	0901554F	DEFENSE ENTERPRISE ACNTNG MGT SYS (DEAMS)	38,942	38,942
292	1201921F	SERVICE SUPPORT TO STRATCOM—SPACE ACTIVITIES	335	335
999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	22,264,031	22,398,031
		Acceleration of Air Force program		[121,000]
		Advanced Sensors Application Program		[13,000]
		SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	29,643,766	30,242,766
		TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST & EVAL, AF.	52,017,288	56,943,288
		RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST & EVAL, SF		
		BASIC RESEARCH		
1	0601102SF	DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES	22,270	22,270
2	0601103SF	UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES	14,569	14,569
		SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH	36,839	36,839
		APPLIED RESEARCH		
4	1206601SF	SPACE TECHNOLOGY	245,497	253,497
		Space Modeling, Simulation, & Analysis Hub		[8,000]
5	1206616SF	SPACE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/DEMO	2,591	3,591
		Service Support to SPACECOM Activities		[1,000]
		SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH	248,088	257,088
		ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT		
6	1206310SF	SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.	459,989	459,989
7	1206616SF	SPACE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/DEMO	128,588	129,588
		Rocket Cargo program		[–7,000]
		Space Advanced Technology Development/Demo		[8,000]
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	588,577	589,577
		ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES		
8	0604002SF	SPACE FORCE WEATHER SERVICES RESEARCH	857	857
9	1203010SF	SPACE FORCE IT, DATA ANALYTICS, DIGITAL SOLUTIONS	88,606	88,606
10	1203164SF	NAVSTAR GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (USER EQUIPMENT) (SPACE).	175,304	175,304
11	1203622SF	SPACE WARFIGHTING ANALYSIS	125,982	125,982
12	1203710SF	EO/IR WEATHER SYSTEMS	77,135	77,135
13	1203955SF	SPACE ACCESS, MOBILITY & LOGISTICS (SAML)	14,478	14,478
14	1206410SF	SPACE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPING	1,307,970	1,584,970
		SDA Tranche 3 Transport Layer		[277,000]
15	1206427SF	SPACE SYSTEMS PROTOTYPE TRANSITIONS (SSPT)	67,246	67,246
16	1206438SF	SPACE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY	60,106	60,106
17	1206458SF	TECH TRANSITION (SPACE)	326,144	326,144

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18	1206730SF	SPACE SECURITY AND DEFENSE PROGRAM	45,200	45,200
19	1206760SF	PROTECTED TACTICAL ENTERPRISE SERVICE (PTES)	114,430	114,430
20	1206761SF	PROTECTED TACTICAL SERVICE (PTS)	571,921	571,921
21	1206855SF	EVOLVED STRATEGIC SATCOM (ESS)	1,229,929	1,229,929
22	1206857SF	SPACE RAPID CAPABILITIES OFFICE	9,664	9,664
23	1206862SF	TACTICALLY RESPONSIVE SPACE	33,282	93,282
		Tactically Responsive Space		[60,000]
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES.	4,248,254	4,585,254
		SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION		
25	1203269SF	GPS III FOLLOW-ON (GPS IIIF)	179,249	179,249
26	1206421SF	COUNTERSPACE SYSTEMS	31,298	31,298
27	1206422SF	WEATHER SYSTEM FOLLOW-ON	38,501	38,501
28	1206425SF	SPACE SITUATION AWARENESS SYSTEM	992	992
29	1206431SF	ADVANCED EHF MILSATCOM (SPACE)	13,825	13,825
31	1206433SF	WIDEBAND GLOBAL SATCOM (SPACE)	29,609	29,609
32	1206440SF	NEXT-GEN OPIR—GROUND	358,330	358,330
33	1206442SF	NEXT GENERATION OPIR	189,621	189,621
34	1206443SF	NEXT-GEN OPIR—GEO	432,073	432,073
36	1206445SF	COMMERCIAL SATCOM (COMSATCOM) INTEGRATION	132,060	132,060
37	1206446SF	RESILIENT MISSILE WARNING MISSILE TRACKING—LOW EARTH ORBIT (LEO).	1,757,354	1,757,354
38	1206447SF	RESILIENT MISSILE WARNING MISSILE TRACKING—MEDIUM EARTH ORBIT (MEO).	686,348	686,348
39	1206771SF	COMMERCIAL SERVICES	36,628	36,628
40	1206853SF	NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE LAUNCH PROGRAM (SPACE)—EMD.	6,595	6,595
		SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.	3,892,483	3,892,483
		MANAGEMENT SUPPORT		
44	1206392SF	ACQ WORKFORCE—SPACE & MISSILE SYSTEMS	269,162	269,162
45	1206398SF	SPACE & MISSILE SYSTEMS CENTER—MHA	15,356	15,356
46	1206399SF	SSC ENTERPRISE ENGINEERING & INTEGRATION	110,598	110,598
47	1206759SF	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT—SPACE	189,083	189,083
48	1206860SF	ROCKET SYSTEMS LAUNCH PROGRAM (SPACE)	19,857	19,857
49	1206864SF	SPACE TEST PROGRAM (STP)	28,787	28,787
		SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT	632,843	632,843
		OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT		
51	1201212SF	SERVICE-WIDE SUPPORT (NOT OTHERWISE ACCOUNTED FOR).	18,451	18,451
52	1203001SF	FAMILY OF ADVANCED BLOS TERMINALS (FAB-T)	303	303
53	1203040SF	DCO-SPACE	102,439	102,439
54	1203109SF	NARROWBAND SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS	421,847	421,847
55	1203110SF	SATELLITE CONTROL NETWORK (SPACE)	93,780	93,780
56	1203154SF	LONG RANGE KILL CHAINS	1,916	1,916
57	1203155SF	GROUND MOVING TARGET INDICATOR (GMTI)	1,063,384	1,063,384
58	1203173SF	SPACE AND MISSILE TEST AND EVALUATION CENTER	22,128	22,128
59	1203174SF	SPACE INNOVATION, INTEGRATION AND RAPID TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	82,399	82,399
60	1203182SF	SPACELIFT RANGE SYSTEM (SPACE)	54,996	54,996
61	1203330SF	SPACE SUPERIORITY ISR	24,411	24,411
62	1203609SF	PLEO SATCOM (MILNET)	277,407	277,407
63	1203873SF	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE RADARS	0	22,000
		PARCS radar upgrades		[22,000]
64	1203906SF	NCMC—ITW/AA SYSTEM	25,839	25,839
66	1203913SF	NUDET DETECTION SYSTEM (SPACE)	96,836	96,836
67	1203940SF	SPACE SITUATION AWARENESS OPERATIONS	182,377	182,377
68	1206423SF	GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM III—OPERATIONAL CONTROL SEGMENT.	190,484	190,484
73	1206772SF	RAPID RESILIENT COMMAND AND CONTROL (R2C2)	106,220	106,220
75	1208053SF	JOINT TACTICAL GROUND SYSTEM	6,698	6,698
999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	2,866,499	2,866,499
		SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	5,638,414	5,660,414
		SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS		
76	1208248SF	SPACE DOMAIN AWARENESS/PLANNING/TASKING SW	200,968	200,968
		SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS.	200,968	200,968
		TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST & EVAL, SF.	15,486,466	15,855,466
		RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST & EVAL, DW BASIC RESEARCH		

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1	0601000BR	DTRA BASIC RESEARCH	15,643	15,643
3	0601108D8Z	HIGH ENERGY LASER RESEARCH INITIATIVES	16,817	16,817
4	0601110D8Z	BASIC RESEARCH INITIATIVES	82,264	112,264
		Defense Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research		[30,000]
6	0601120D8Z	NATIONAL DEFENSE EDUCATION PROGRAM	146,010	146,010
7	0601122E	EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES	360,456	360,456
8	0601228D8Z	HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES/MINORITY INSTITUTIONS.	99,610	109,610
		Efficient AI Linguistics Algorithmic Development to Support National Security.		[10,000]
9	0601384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM	36,582	36,582
		SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH	757,382	797,382
		APPLIED RESEARCH		
10	0602000D8Z	JOINT MUNITIONS TECHNOLOGY	19,734	19,734
11	0602023E	ACCESS AND AWARENESS	100,791	100,791
12	0602024E	WARFIGHTING PERFORMANCE	278,121	278,121
13	0602025E	MAKING, MAINTAINING, SUPPLY CHAIN AND LOGISTICS	1,347,049	1,347,049
14	0602026E	EFFECTS	20,275	20,275
16	0602128D8Z	PROMOTION AND PROTECTION STRATEGIES	3,166	3,166
17	0602230D8Z	DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION	46,261	46,261
18	0602234D8Z	LINCOLN LABORATORY RESEARCH PROGRAM	11,479	41,479
		Lincoln Laboratory Research Program		[30,000]
19	0602251D8Z	APPLIED RESEARCH FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF S&T PRIORITIES.	53,983	53,983
21	0602384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM	230,751	230,751
22	0602668D8Z	CYBER SECURITY RESEARCH	17,988	50,988
		University Consortium for Cybersecurity		[20,000]
		Pacific Intelligence and Innovation Initiative (P3I)		[13,000]
28	0602718BR	COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION APPLIED RESEARCH.	161,495	161,495
29	0602751D8Z	SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE (SEI) APPLIED RESEARCH.	8,883	8,883
30	0602890D8Z	HIGH ENERGY LASER RESEARCH	48,738	48,738
31	0602891D8Z	FSRM MODELLING	994	994
32	1160401BB	SOF TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	50,026	61,226
		Comprehensive Protective Cold Weather Layering System		[11,200]
		SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH	2,399,734	2,473,934
		ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT		
33	0603000D8Z	JOINT MUNITIONS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	50,663	50,663
35	0603055D8Z	OPERATIONAL ENERGY CAPABILITY IMPROVEMENT	168,253	183,253
		Power generation		[15,000]
37	0603122D8Z	COMBATING TERRORISM TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT	81,513	96,513
		U.S.-Israel Joint R&D on emerging technologies		[15,000]
38	0603133D8Z	FOREIGN COMPARATIVE TESTING	27,958	37,958
		Foreign Comparative Testing program		[10,000]
39	0603142D8Z	MISSION ENGINEERING & INTEGRATION (ME&I)	99,534	99,534
40	0603160BR	COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	393,469	393,469
42	0603176C	ADVANCED CONCEPTS AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT	21,625	38,625
		Directed energy technology maturation		[17,000]
43	0603180C	ADVANCED RESEARCH	42,093	42,093
44	0603183D8Z	JOINT HYPERSONIC TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT &TRANSITION.	50,998	50,998
45	0603225D8Z	JOINT DOD-DOE MUNITIONS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	35,505	35,505
48	0603288D8Z	ANALYTIC ASSESSMENTS	41,010	41,010
49	0603289D8Z	ADVANCED INNOVATIVE ANALYSIS AND CONCEPTS	57,457	57,457
50	0603330D8Z	QUANTUM APPLICATION	59,521	59,521
51	0603342D8Z	DEFENSE INNOVATION UNIT (DIU)	0	5,000
		DIU OnRamp Hub		[5,000]
52	0603375D8Z	TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION	19,654	29,654
		Auxiliary equipment		[10,000]
53	0603379D8Z	ADVANCED TECHNICAL INTEGRATION	19,991	19,991
54	0603384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM—ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT.	247,043	247,043
55	0603467E	DARPA ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	1,643,465	1,643,465
56	0603468E	ADVANCED COMPLEX SYSTEMS	350,695	350,695
57	0603469E	ADVANCED ENABLING TECHNOLOGIES	335,647	335,647
59	0603618D8Z	JOINT ELECTRONIC ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	20,575	20,575
60	0603662D8Z	NETWORKED COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES	19,937	19,937
62	0603680D8Z	DEFENSE-WIDE MANUFACTURING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM.	409,493	584,493
		Critical Minerals RDT&E Increase		[15,000]
		Advanced manufacturing		[150,000]
		Biotechnology Manufacturing		[5,000]
		Robotics Enhancements for Armaments Manufacturing		[5,000]

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63	0603680S	MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM	50,610	55,610
		DIA Critical Materials		[5,000]
64	0603712S	GENERIC LOGISTICS R&D TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATIONS.	19,640	19,640
65	0603716D8Z	STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH PROGRAM	58,092	58,092
66	0603720S	MICROELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT.	135,016	135,016
67	0603727D8Z	JOINT WARFIGHTING PROGRAM	945	945
70	0603766E	NETWORK-CENTRIC WARFARE TECHNOLOGY	0	14,000
		Air Combat Evolution (ACE)—autonomous air-to-air cruise missile and drone defense.		[14,000]
72	0603781D8Z	SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE	12,972	12,972
73	0603838D8Z	DEFENSE INNOVATION ACCELERATION (DIA)	211,027	211,027
74	0603924D8Z	HIGH ENERGY LASER ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM	114,577	124,577
		Ultra-Short Pulsed Laser (USPL) Weapons Lethality		[10,000]
75	0603941D8Z	TEST & EVALUATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	1,095,772	1,105,772
		Reusable Hypersonic Test Bed Integration & Testing		[10,000]
76	0603945D8Z	INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION INITIATIVES	173,048	178,048
		Critical Minerals for Energy Storage Solutions		[5,000]
78	0604055D8Z	OPERATIONAL ENERGY CAPABILITY IMPROVEMENT	0	17,000
		Micro-Reactor Program Advancement		[5,000]
		TRISO fuel development		[12,000]
80	1160402BB	SOF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	152,282	152,282
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	6,220,080	6,528,080
		ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES		
81	0603161D8Z	NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT RDT&E ADC&P.	55,465	103,465
		Nuclear Advanced Concept Development & Prototypes		[48,000]
82	0603600D8Z	WALKOFF	152,449	152,449
83	0603851D8Z	ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY TECHNICAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.	123,981	123,981
84	0603881C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TERMINAL DEFENSE SEGMENT.	508,898	508,898
85	0603882C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE MIDCOURSE DEFENSE SEGMENT.	825,919	825,919
86	0603884BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM—DEM/VAL.	272,940	272,940
87	0603884C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SENSORS	197,641	197,641
88	0603890C	BMD ENABLING PROGRAMS	646,039	646,039
89	0603891C	SPECIAL PROGRAMS—MDA	498,630	562,630
		AMD/LTRI		[55,000]
		C2BMC-G		[9,000]
90	0603892C	AEGIS BMD	588,440	588,440
91	0603896C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND AND CONTROL, BATTLE MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS (C2BMC).	634,183	636,183
		Fiber Festoon Cable sustainment		[2,000]
92	0603898C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE JOINT WARFIGHTER SUPPORT.	45,758	47,758
		DEEP SENTRY		[2,000]
93	0603904C	MISSILE DEFENSE INTEGRATION & OPERATIONS CENTER (MDIOC).	55,097	55,097
94	0603906C	REGARDING TRENCH	29,608	29,608
95	0603907C	SEA BASED X-BAND RADAR (SBX)	166,813	166,813
96	0603913C	ISRAELI COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS	300,000	300,000
97	0603914C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TEST	463,079	463,079
98	0603915C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TARGETS	514,904	559,904
		Advanced reactive target simulation development		[5,000]
		Affordable air-breathing hypersonic flight vehicle		[10,000]
		High Mach Airbreathing Targets		[20,000]
		Sea-based launch for missile defense targets		[10,000]
99	0603923D8Z	COALITION WARFARE	10,090	10,090
100	0604011D8Z	NEXT GENERATION INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (5G).	41,815	41,815
101	0604016D8Z	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CORROSION PROGRAM	2,545	8,545
		Corrosion Control Research		[6,000]
102	0604102C	GUAM DEFENSE DEVELOPMENT	128,485	244,485
		AGS integration of AN/TPY-6 TAUs		[116,000]
105	0604125D8Z	ADVANCED MANUFACTURING COMPONENTS AND PROTOTYPES.	45,513	45,513
106	0604181C	HYPERSONIC DEFENSE	200,627	200,627
107	0604250D8Z	ADVANCED INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES	749,452	768,452
		EUCOM: Defense of undersea infrastructure		[9,000]
		Project Pele		[10,000]
108	0604294D8Z	TRUSTED & ASSURED MICROELECTRONICS	512,151	512,151
109	0604331D8Z	RAPID PROTOTYPING PROGRAM	235,292	235,292

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112	0604400D8Z	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) UNMANNED SYSTEM COMMON DEVELOPMENT.	2,142	2,142
113	0604551BR	CATAPULT INFORMATION SYSTEM	4,161	4,161
114	0604555D8Z	OPERATIONAL ENERGY PROTOTYPING—NON S&T	55,005	55,005
117	0604682D8Z	SUPPORT FOR STRATEGIC ANALYSIS	2,776	2,776
119	0604791D8Z	MULTI-DOMAIN JOINT OPERATIONS (MDJO)	20,343	20,343
120	0604797D8Z	JOINT ENERGETIC TRANSITION OFFICE	3,000	3,000
121	0604826J	JOINT C5 CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT, INTEGRATION AND INTEROPERABILITY ASSESSMENTS.	25,889	25,889
122	0604873C	LONG RANGE DISCRIMINATION RADAR (LRDR)	60,443	60,443
123	0604874C	IMPROVED HOMELAND DEFENSE INTERCEPTORS	1,582,414	1,582,414
124	0604876C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TERMINAL DEFENSE SEGMENT TEST.	37,784	37,784
125	0604878C	AEGIS BMD TEST	153,618	153,618
126	0604879C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SENSOR TEST	68,699	84,699
		Sensor Ground Testing		[16,000]
127	0604880C	LAND-BASED SM-3 (LBSM3)	24,555	42,555
		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
129	0604924D8Z	HIGH ENERGY LASER ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT & PROTOTYPE.	5,589	5,589
130	0202057C	SAFETY PROGRAM MANAGEMENT	1,806	1,806
131	0208059JCY	CYBERCOM ACTIVITIES	30,212	30,212
133	0208086JCY	CYBER TRAINING ENVIRONMENT (CTE)	124,971	124,971
135	0305103C	CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVE	2,131	2,131
136	0305245D8Z	INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES AND INNOVATION INVESTMENTS.	43,596	48,596
		Geospatial Workforce Development Program		[5,000]
139	1206895C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM SPACE PROGRAMS	97,061	97,061
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES.	10,390,334	10,731,334
		SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION		
141	0604123D8Z	CHIEF DIGITAL AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER (CDAO)—DEM/VAL ACTIVITIES.	9,196	9,196
142	0604133D8Z	ALPHA-1 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES	441,821	441,821
143	0604161D8Z	NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT RDT&E SDD.	12,874	12,874
144	0604384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM—EMD ...	255,630	255,630
145	0604771D8Z	JOINT TACTICAL INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (JTIDS).	10,527	10,527
146	0605000BR	COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT.	14,931	14,931
147	0605013BL	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	1,283	1,283
148	0605021SE	HOMELAND PERSONNEL SECURITY INITIATIVE	9,137	9,137
149	0605022D8Z	DEFENSE EXPORTABILITY PROGRAM	6,780	6,780
150	0605027D8Z	OUSD(C) IT DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES	9,765	9,765
151	0605080S	DEFENSE AGENCY INITIATIVES (DAI)—FINANCIAL SYSTEM.	31,714	31,714
152	0605141BR	MISSION ASSURANCE RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (MARMS).	9,573	9,573
153	0605210D8Z	DEFENSE-WIDE ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT CAPABILITIES.	9,366	9,366
154	0605294D8Z	TRUSTED & ASSURED MICROELECTRONICS	143,475	143,475
155	0605649D8Z	ACQUISITION INTEGRATION AND INTEROPERABILITY (AI2).	13,556	13,556
156	0605755D8Z	RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR DEFENSE MODERNIZATION SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.	3,307	3,307
157	0605772D8Z	NUCLEAR COMMAND, CONTROL, & COMMUNICATIONS	3,158	3,158
159	0305282K	JOINT FIRES NETWORK (JFN)	10,000	10,000
160	0305304D8Z	REAL PROPERTY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT	6,473	6,473
161	0305310D8Z	COUNTERPROLIFERATION ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT	12,107	12,107
		SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.	1,014,673	1,014,673
		MANAGEMENT SUPPORT		
163	0603829J	JOINT CAPABILITY EXPERIMENTATION	13,822	13,822
164	0604122D8Z	JADC2 DEVELOPMENT AND EXPERIMENTATION ACTIVITIES.	297,801	297,801
165	0604774D8Z	DEFENSE READINESS REPORTING SYSTEM (DRRS)	8,552	8,552
166	0604875D8Z	JOINT SYSTEMS ARCHITECTURE DEVELOPMENT	8,627	8,627
167	0604940D8Z	CENTRAL TEST AND EVALUATION INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT (CTEIP).	542,773	542,773
168	0604942D8Z	ASSESSMENTS AND EVALUATIONS	1,275	1,275
170	0605001E	MISSION SUPPORT	115,673	115,673
171	0605100D8Z	JOINT MISSION ENVIRONMENT TEST CAPABILITY (JMETC)	210,878	210,878

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172	0605126J	JOINT INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE ORGANIZATION (JIAMDO).	78,057	78,057
174	0605142D8Z	SYSTEMS ENGINEERING	23,405	23,405
175	0605151D8Z	STUDIES AND ANALYSIS SUPPORT—OSD	5,301	5,301
176	0605161D8Z	NUCLEAR MATTERS-PHYSICAL SECURITY	12,549	22,549
		Nuclear Matters Management Support		[10,000]
177	0605170D8Z	SUPPORT TO NETWORKS AND INFORMATION INTEGRATION.	15,597	15,597
178	0605200D8Z	GENERAL SUPPORT TO OUSD(INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY).	3,468	3,468
179	0605384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM	67,263	67,263
186	0605711D8Z	CRITICAL TECHNOLOGY ANALYSIS	11,781	11,781
187	0605790D8Z	SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH (SBIR)/ SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER (STTR) ADMINISTRATION.	5,411	5,411
188	0605797D8Z	MAINTAINING TECHNOLOGY ADVANTAGE	29,675	34,675
		NSCEB recommendation—AlxBio Sandbox		[5,000]
189	0605798D8Z	DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY ANALYSIS	45,134	45,134
190	0605801KA	DEFENSE TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER (DTIC)	60,209	60,209
191	0605803SE	R&D IN SUPPORT OF DOD ENLISTMENT, TESTING AND EVALUATION.	30,778	30,778
192	0605804D8Z	DEVELOPMENT TEST AND EVALUATION	37,381	37,381
193	0605898E	MANAGEMENT HQ—R&D	13,623	13,623
194	0605998KA	MANAGEMENT HQ—DEFENSE TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER (DTIC).	3,466	3,466
195	0606005D8Z	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	18,594	18,594
196	0606100D8Z	BUDGET AND PROGRAM ASSESSMENTS	13,084	13,084
197	0606114D8Z	ANALYSIS WORKING GROUP (AWG) SUPPORT	5,229	5,229
199	0606225D8Z	ODNA TECHNOLOGY AND RESOURCE ANALYSIS	3,461	3,461
200	0606300D8Z	DEFENSE SCIENCE BOARD	6,563	6,563
201	0606301D8Z	AVIATION SAFETY TECHNOLOGIES	1,702	1,702
202	0606771D8Z	CYBER RESILIENCY AND CYBERSECURITY POLICY	14,220	14,220
203	0606774D8Z	DEFENSE CIVILIAN TRAINING CORPS	8,752	8,752
204	0606775D8Z	JOINT PRODUCTION ACCELERATOR CELL (JPAC)	5,493	5,493
205	0606829D8Z	SUSTAINMENT TRANSITION CAPABILITIES	30,000	30,000
206	0606853BR	MANAGEMENT, TECHNICAL & INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT ..	14,841	24,841
		Critical Infrastructure Defense Analysis Center (CIDAC)		[10,000]
207	0203345D8Z	DEFENSE OPERATIONS SECURITY INITIATIVE (DOSI)	2,493	2,493
208	0204571J	JOINT STAFF ANALYTICAL SUPPORT	8,070	8,070
209	0208045K	C4I INTEROPERABILITY	70,893	70,893
210	0303169D8Z	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RAPID ACQUISITION	4,355	4,355
211	0305172K	COMBINED ADVANCED APPLICATIONS	5,447	5,447
213	0305208K	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS	2,887	2,887
214	0305248J	JOINT STAFF OFFICE OF THE CHIEF DATA OFFICER (OCDO) ACTIVITIES.	14,500	14,500
215	0804768J	COCOM EXERCISE ENGAGEMENT AND TRAINING TRANSFORMATION (CE2T2)—NON-MHA.	91,952	91,952
216	0808709SE	DEFENSE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (DEOMI).	388	388
217	0808737SE	INTEGRATED PRIMARY PREVENTION	5,744	5,744
218	0901598C	MANAGEMENT HQ—MDA	28,719	28,719
219	0903235K	JOINT SERVICE PROVIDER (JSP)	1,283	1,283
999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	31,148	31,148
		SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT	2,032,317	2,057,317
		OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT		
220	0604011D8Z	NEXT GENERATION INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (5G).	22,439	22,439
223	0607162D8Z	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS ELIMINATION TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT.	2,360	2,360
224	0607210D8Z	INDUSTRIAL BASE ANALYSIS AND SUSTAINMENT SUPPORT.	273,379	294,379
		Corrosion Resistant Magnesium Coating for Aircraft		[17,000]
		Rare Earth Magnet Manufacturing		[4,000]
225	0607310D8Z	COUNTERPROLIFERATION MODERNIZATION	12,704	12,704
226	0607327T	GLOBAL THEATER SECURITY COOPERATION MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS (G-TSCMIS).	6,173	6,173
227	0607384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE (OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT).	79,118	79,118
228	0607757D8Z	RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR DEFENSE MODERNIZATION OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT.	2,945	2,945
229	0208085JCY	ROBUST INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCESS	88,522	88,522
230	0208097JCY	CYBER COMMAND AND CONTROL (CYBER C2)	85,833	85,833
231	0208099JCY	DATA AND UNIFIED PLATFORM (D&UP)	83,039	83,039
235	0302019K	DEFENSE INFO INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERING AND INTEGRATION.	16,162	16,162
236	0302609V	COUNTERING THREATS AUTOMATED PLATFORM	5,030	5,030
237	0303126K	LONG-HAUL COMMUNICATIONS—DCS	40,293	40,293

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238	0303131K	MINIMUM ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (MEECN).	5,113	5,113	
240	0303140D8Z	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM	25,347	40,347	
		National Narrative Intelligence Research Center		[15,000]	
242	0303140K	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM	23,224	23,224	
243	0303153K	DEFENSE SPECTRUM ORGANIZATION	20,174	20,174	
244	0303171K	JOINT PLANNING AND EXECUTION SERVICES	6,242	6,242	
246	0303430V	FEDERAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES INFORMATION TECH- NOLOGY.	22,700	22,700	
252	0305104D8Z	DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE (DIB) CYBER SECURITY INI- TIATIVE.	10,840	10,840	
257	0305146V	DEFENSE JOINT COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES	1,800	1,800	
258	0305172D8Z	COMBINED ADVANCED APPLICATIONS	22,548	22,548	
260	0305186D8Z	POLICY R&D PROGRAMS	6,043	6,043	
262	0305199D8Z	NET CENTRICITY	17,114	17,114	
264	0305208BB	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS	5,656	5,656	
270	0305387D8Z	HOMELAND DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAM	1,771	1,771	
279	0306250JCY	CYBER OPERATIONS TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT	473,399	473,399	
280	0307609V	NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY SYSTEMS (NISS)	34,710	34,710	
283	0708012K	LOGISTICS SUPPORT ACTIVITIES	2,876	2,876	
284	0708012S	PACIFIC DISASTER CENTERS	2,000	4,000	
		Pacific Disaster Centers		[2,000]	
285	0708047S	DEFENSE PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM	3,020	3,020	
289	1160403BB	AVIATION SYSTEMS	119,699	134,699	
		Vertical Take Off and Landing Optionally Piloted Vehicle (VTOL- OPV).		[15,000]	
290	1160405BB	INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT'	102,732	105,732	
		Ultra-lightweight Group 1 Small UAS		[3,000]	
291	1160408BB	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS	234,653	234,653	
292	1160431BB	WARRIOR SYSTEMS	279,639	284,639	
		Blast Overpressure Analysis and Mitigation		[5,000]	
293	1160432BB	SPECIAL PROGRAMS	550	550	
294	1160434BB	UNMANNED ISR	2,281	2,281	
295	1160480BB	SOF TACTICAL VEHICLES	9,213	9,213	
296	1160483BB	MARITIME SYSTEMS	120,475	120,475	
297	1160490BB	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS INTELLIGENCE	21,752	21,752	
298	1203610K	TELEPORT PROGRAM	24,319	24,319	
999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	8,276,313	8,276,313	
		SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	10,594,200	10,655,200	
		SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PRO- GRAMS			
299	0608140D8Z	ENTERPRISE PLATFORMS AND CAPABILITIES—SOFT- WARE PILOT PROGRAM.	402,783	402,783	
300	0608648D8Z	ACQUISITION VISIBILITY—SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM	17,549	17,549	
301	0608776D8Z	DEFENSE INNOVATION UNIT FIELDING	48,413	198,413	
		Attributable autonomous systems		[150,000]	
302	0303150K	GLOBAL COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM	44,474	44,474	
		SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS.	513,219	663,219	
		TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST & EVAL, DW.	33,921,939	34,921,139	
		OPERATIONAL TEST & EVAL, DEFENSE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT			
1	0605118OTE	OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION	133,542	133,542	
2	0605131OTE	LIVE FIRE TEST AND EVALUATION	108,109	108,109	
3	0605814OTE	OPERATIONAL TEST ACTIVITIES AND ANALYSES	76,492	76,492	
		SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT	318,143	318,143	
		TOTAL OPERATIONAL TEST & EVAL, DEFENSE	318,143	318,143	
		TOTAL RDT&E	142,001,108	150,453,940	

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	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY		
	OPERATING FORCES		
010	MANEUVER UNITS	4,671,407	4,671,407
020	MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES	221,578	221,578
030	ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE	927,219	927,219
040	THEATER LEVEL ASSETS	2,220,746	2,320,746
	FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning		[100,000]
050	LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT	1,333,769	1,333,769
060	AVIATION ASSETS	1,829,054	1,829,054
070	FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT	7,497,735	7,599,735
	FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning		[102,000]
080	LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS	583,196	583,196
090	LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE	152,404	152,404
100	MEDICAL READINESS	844,140	844,140
110	BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT	10,694,915	10,694,915
120	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MOD- ERNIZATION	6,159,744	0
	Transferred to Division B		[-6,159,744]
130	MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS	263,147	263,147
140	ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES	392,457	392,457
150	RESET	111,688	111,688
160	US AFRICA COMMAND	413,046	414,046
	AFRICOM: Office of Strategic Capital detailees		[1,000]
170	US EUROPEAN COMMAND	385,744	586,744
	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	225,971
	SOUTHCOM: Office of Strategic Capital detailees		[1,000]
190	US FORCES KOREA	77,049	77,049
200	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS ...	331,467	331,467
210	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSECURITY	550,089	553,089
	Human-Artificial Intelligence teaming		[3,000]
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	39,885,565	34,133,821
	MOBILIZATION		
220	STRATEGIC MOBILITY	134,892	134,892
230	ARMY PREPOSITIONED STOCKS	330,812	362,212
	Army Prepositioned Stocks		[31,400]
240	INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS	3,162	3,162
	SUBTOTAL MOBILIZATION	468,866	500,266
	TRAINING AND RECRUITING		
250	OFFICER ACQUISITION	172,424	172,424
260	RECRUIT TRAINING	78,929	78,929
270	ONE STATION UNIT TRAINING	88,033	88,033
280	SENIOR RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS	508,982	508,982
290	SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING	988,901	988,901
300	FLIGHT TRAINING	1,398,974	1,398,974
310	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION	202,738	202,738
320	TRAINING SUPPORT	596,528	596,528
330	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	747,712	747,712
340	EXAMINING	177,666	177,666
350	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION	181,211	181,211
360	CIVILIAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING	227,476	227,476
370	JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS	190,668	212,668
	Fully fund Army JROTC		[22,000]
	SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING	5,560,242	5,582,242
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
390	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION	1,306,690	1,306,690

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Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
400	CENTRAL SUPPLY ACTIVITIES	740,581	740,581
410	LOGISTIC SUPPORT ACTIVITIES	588,151	588,151
420	AMMUNITION MANAGEMENT	344,948	344,948
430	ADMINISTRATION	408,825	408,825
440	SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS	2,171,607	2,256,487
	Army Data Platform 1.0 (VANTAGE)/Army Data Platform 2.0 ...		[74,880]
	Army Data Platform 2.0		[10,000]
450	MANPOWER MANAGEMENT	313,323	313,323
460	OTHER PERSONNEL SUPPORT	853,139	853,139
470	OTHER SERVICE SUPPORT	2,078,411	2,078,411
480	ARMY CLAIMS ACTIVITIES	223,611	223,611
490	REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT	294,705	294,705
500	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT READINESS	618,471	618,471
510	DEF ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AC- COUNT	36,510	36,510
520	INTERNATIONAL MILITARY HEADQUARTERS	664,510	664,510
530	MISC. SUPPORT OF OTHER NATIONS	31,387	31,387
999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	2,385,523	2,385,523
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	13,060,392	13,145,272
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-812,335
	Unobligated balances		[-812,335]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-812,335
	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY	58,975,065	52,549,266
	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARMY RES OPERATING FORCES		
010	MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES	14,651	14,651
020	ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE	703,286	703,286
030	THEATER LEVEL ASSETS	146,794	146,794
040	LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT	685,541	685,541
050	AVIATION ASSETS	55,155	55,155
060	FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT	438,508	438,508
070	LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS	23,783	23,783
080	LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE	40,426	40,426
090	BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT	557,465	557,465
100	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MOD- ERNIZATION	504,922	0
	Transferred to Division B		[-504,922]
110	MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS	20,531	20,531
120	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS ..	2,174	2,174
130	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSECURITY	19,041	19,041
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	3,212,277	2,707,355
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
140	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION	14,629	14,629
150	ADMINISTRATION	16,798	16,798
160	SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS	6,432	6,432
170	MANPOWER MANAGEMENT	7,186	7,186
180	OTHER PERSONNEL SUPPORT	56,856	56,856
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	101,901	101,901
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-10,222
	Unobligated balances		[-10,222]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-10,222
	TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARMY RES	3,314,178	2,799,034
	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARNG OPERATING FORCES		
010	MANEUVER UNITS	911,525	911,525
020	MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES	210,737	210,737
030	ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE	879,111	879,111
040	THEATER LEVEL ASSETS	88,001	88,001
050	LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT	350,261	350,261
060	AVIATION ASSETS	1,128,195	1,128,195
070	FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT	810,263	810,263

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Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
080	LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS	34,354	34,354
090	LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE	179,622	179,622
100	BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT	1,246,273	1,246,273
110	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MOD- ERNIZATION	1,275,984	0
	Transferred to Division B		[-1,275,984]
120	MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS	1,203,158	1,203,158
130	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS ..	5,136	5,136
140	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSECURITY	24,096	24,096
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	8,346,716	7,070,732
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
150	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION	6,460	6,460
160	ADMINISTRATION	45,919	45,919
170	SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS	9,373	9,373
190	OTHER PERSONNEL SUPPORT	261,622	261,622
200	REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT	3,891	3,891
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	327,265	327,265
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-246,699
	Unobligated balances		[-246,699]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-246,699
	TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARNG	8,673,981	7,151,298
	COUNTER-ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA TRAIN AND EQUIP		
	COUNTER ISIS TRAIN AND EQUIP FUND (CTEF)		
010	IRAQ	212,516	212,516
020	SYRIA	130,000	130,000
030	LEBANON	15,000	15,000
	SUBTOTAL COUNTER ISIS TRAIN AND EQUIP FUND (CTEF)	357,516	357,516
	TOTAL COUNTER-ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA TRAIN AND EQUIP	357,516	357,516
	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY OPERATING FORCES		
010	MISSION AND OTHER FLIGHT OPERATIONS	7,720,210	7,720,210
020	FLEET AIR TRAINING	2,925,791	2,925,791
050	AIR SYSTEMS SUPPORT	1,447,480	1,447,480
060	AIRCRAFT DEPOT MAINTENANCE	1,661,933	1,661,933
080	AVIATION LOGISTICS	2,147,907	2,147,907
090	MISSION AND OTHER SHIP OPERATIONS	5,350,073	5,350,073
100	SHIP OPERATIONS SUPPORT & TRAINING	1,719,580	1,719,580
110	SHIP DEPOT MAINTENANCE	13,803,188	13,803,188
120	SHIP DEPOT OPERATIONS SUPPORT	2,760,878	2,760,878
130	COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC WAR- FARE	1,830,993	1,830,993
140	MEDICAL READINESS	604,287	604,287
150	SPACE SYSTEMS AND SURVEILLANCE	453,847	453,847
160	WARFARE TACTICS	1,000,516	1,000,516
170	OPERATIONAL METEOROLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY	454,803	454,803
180	COMBAT SUPPORT FORCES	2,291,340	2,442,570
	AFRICOM: Safeguarding U.S. Operations in Somalia		[53,500]
	FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning		[97,730]
190	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND DEPOT OPERATIONS SUPPORT	62,495	62,495
200	COMBATANT COMMANDERS CORE OPERATIONS	105,914	127,634
	Critical Joint Manpower		[16,720]
	INDOPACOM's Community Engagement Initiative		[5,000]
210	COMBATANT COMMANDERS DIRECT MISSION SUPPORT	386,657	647,157
	AI-Enabled Planning & Wargaming (Thunderforge)		[18,000]
	Critical Joint Manpower		[29,390]
	FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning		[30,780]
	INDOPACOM: Office of Strategic Capital detailees		[1,000]
	Joint Sustainment Decision Tool (JSDT)		[42,000]
	Prepositioned Material in Support of SOF		[43,000]

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Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
	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	634,746
230	FLEET BALLISTIC MISSILE	1,837,670	1,837,670
240	WEAPONS MAINTENANCE	1,601,768	1,601,768
250	OTHER WEAPON SYSTEMS SUPPORT	839,619	839,619
260	ENTERPRISE INFORMATION	2,185,422	2,185,422
270	SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION	3,991,438	0
	Transferred to Division B		[-3,991,438]
280	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	6,166,266	6,210,266
	Barber's Point—sec. 2856 of FY24 NDAA		[9,000]
	Red Hill long-term monitoring, research, and remediation		[35,000]
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	63,984,821	60,470,833
	MOBILIZATION		
290	SHIP PREPOSITIONING AND SURGE	388,627	388,627
300	READY RESERVE FORCE	785,052	785,052
310	SHIP ACTIVATIONS/INACTIVATIONS	583,296	583,296
330	COAST GUARD SUPPORT	22,192	22,192
	SUBTOTAL MOBILIZATION	1,779,167	1,779,167
	TRAINING AND RECRUITING		
340	OFFICER ACQUISITION	202,397	202,397
350	RECRUIT TRAINING	16,945	16,945
360	RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS	164,348	164,348
370	SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING	1,026,076	1,026,076
380	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION	272,964	272,964
390	TRAINING SUPPORT	463,572	463,572
400	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	303,177	303,177
410	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION	914	914
420	CIVILIAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING	65,819	65,819
430	JUNIOR ROTC	25,334	61,334
	Fully fund Navy JROTC		[36,000]
	SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING	2,541,546	2,577,546
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
440	ADMINISTRATION	1,357,428	1,357,428
450	CIVILIAN MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT	239,918	239,918
460	MILITARY MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT	690,712	690,712
490	DEF ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AC- COUNT	61,046	61,046
500	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION	289,748	289,748
520	PLANNING, ENGINEERING, AND PROGRAM SUPPORT	543,911	543,911
530	ACQUISITION, LOGISTICS, AND OVERSIGHT	853,340	853,340
540	INVESTIGATIVE AND SECURITY SERVICES	1,007,078	1,007,078
999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	731,405	731,405
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	5,774,586	5,774,586
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-540,421
	Unobligated balances		[-540,421]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-540,421
	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY	74,080,120	70,061,711
	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS OPERATING FORCES		
010	OPERATIONAL FORCES	1,950,784	2,054,684
	FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning		[103,900]
020	FIELD LOGISTICS	1,981,840	1,981,840
030	DEPOT MAINTENANCE	236	236
040	MARITIME PREPOSITIONING	175,091	175,091
050	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	349,082	349,082
060	SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION	2,079,890	0
	Transferred to Division B		[-2,079,890]
070	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	2,834,721	2,834,721
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	9,371,644	7,395,654
	TRAINING AND RECRUITING		

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080	RECRUIT TRAINING	26,350	26,350
090	OFFICER ACQUISITION	1,282	1,282
100	SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING	119,526	119,526
110	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION	58,696	58,696
120	TRAINING SUPPORT	538,812	538,812
130	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	237,004	237,004
140	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION	27,500	27,500
150	JUNIOR ROTC	30,808	30,808
	SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING	1,039,978	1,039,978
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
180	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION	87,509	87,509
190	ADMINISTRATION	431,282	431,282
999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	73,788	73,788
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	592,579	592,579
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-89,275
	Unobligated balances		[-89,275]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-89,275
	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS	11,004,201	8,938,936
	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, NAVY RES OPERATING FORCES		
010	MISSION AND OTHER FLIGHT OPERATIONS	759,843	759,843
030	AIR SYSTEMS SUPPORT	9,972	9,972
040	AIRCRAFT DEPOT MAINTENANCE	204,603	204,603
060	AVIATION LOGISTICS	24,469	24,469
070	COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS	19,698	19,698
080	COMBAT SUPPORT FORCES	186,946	186,946
090	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	294	294
100	ENTERPRISE INFORMATION	33,414	33,414
110	SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION	58,213	0
	Transferred to Division B		[-58,213]
120	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	118,361	118,361
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	1,415,813	1,357,600
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
130	ADMINISTRATION	2,539	2,539
140	MILITARY MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT	22,185	22,185
150	ACQUISITION AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT	1,517	1,517
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	26,241	26,241
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-19,763
	Unobligated balances		[-19,763]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-19,763
	TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, NAVY RES	1,442,054	1,364,078
	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, MC RESERVE OPERATING FORCES		
010	OPERATING FORCES	117,987	117,987
020	DEPOT MAINTENANCE	22,686	22,686
030	SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION	48,519	0
	Transferred to Division B		[-48,519]
040	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	123,079	123,079
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	312,271	263,752
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
050	ADMINISTRATION	49,774	49,774
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	49,774	49,774
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-12,267
	Unobligated balances		[-12,267]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-12,267

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Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
	TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, MC RE-SERVE	362,045	301,259
	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE OPERATING FORCES		
010	PRIMARY COMBAT FORCES	1,425,125	1,711,125
	DAF campaigning and exercises		[150,000]
	FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning		[136,000]
020	COMBAT ENHANCEMENT FORCES	2,753,789	2,773,789
	FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning		[20,000]
030	AIR OPERATIONS TRAINING (OJT, MAINTAIN SKILLS)	1,701,493	1,706,493
	FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning		[5,000]
040	DEPOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	4,676,962	4,676,962
050	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MOD- ERNIZATION	3,093,331	0
	Transferred to Division B		[-3,093,331]
060	CYBERSPACE SUSTAINMENT	245,874	245,874
070	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUP- PORT	9,283,958	9,305,458
	FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning		[21,500]
080	FLYING HOUR PROGRAM	6,772,468	7,675,468
	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	11,328,614
100	GLOBAL C3I AND EARLY WARNING	1,239,641	1,239,641
110	OTHER COMBAT OPS SPT PROGRAMS	1,896,441	1,896,441
120	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	858,321	858,321
140	MEDICAL READINESS	554,180	554,180
150	US NORTHCOM/NORAD	266,248	266,248
160	US STRATCOM	593,503	593,503
170	US CENTCOM	350,566	1,351,566
	CENTCOM: Office of Strategic Capital detailees		[1,000]
	CENTCOM: replenishment of munitions and readiness for Oper- ations ROUGH RIDER and MIDNIGHT HAMMER		[1,000,000]
180	US SOCOM	28,018	28,018
190	US TRANSCOM	703	703
200	CENTCOM CYBERSPACE SUSTAINMENT	928	1,928
	Cooperation with the Kingdom of Jordan		[1,000]
210	USSPACECOM	369,658	369,658
999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	1,805,672	1,805,672
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	49,245,493	48,389,662
	MOBILIZATION		
220	AIRLIFT OPERATIONS	3,391,672	3,391,672
230	MOBILIZATION PREPAREDNESS	279,205	279,205
	SUBTOTAL MOBILIZATION	3,670,877	3,670,877
	TRAINING AND RECRUITING		
240	OFFICER ACQUISITION	250,380	250,380
250	RECRUIT TRAINING	29,335	29,335
260	RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC)	131,342	131,342
270	SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING	522,068	528,068
	Local cyber training supplementals		[6,000]
280	FLIGHT TRAINING	1,065,465	1,065,465
290	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION	284,442	284,442
300	TRAINING SUPPORT	181,966	181,966
310	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	256,687	256,687
320	EXAMINING	6,990	6,990
330	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION	224,340	224,340
340	CIVILIAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING	360,260	360,260
350	JUNIOR ROTC	0	80,000
	Fully fund AF JROTC		[80,000]
	SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING	3,313,275	3,399,275
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
360	LOGISTICS OPERATIONS	1,155,659	1,155,659
370	TECHNICAL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES	158,965	158,965
380	ADMINISTRATION	1,221,364	1,221,364
390	SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS	45,228	45,228

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410	OTHER SERVICEWIDE ACTIVITIES	1,712,600	1,712,600
420	CIVIL AIR PATROL	32,394	32,394
430	DEF ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AC- COUNT	48,741	48,741
450	INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT	89,341	89,341
999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	1,735,598	1,735,598
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	6,199,890	6,199,890
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-1,020,189
	Unobligated balances		[-1,020,189]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-1,020,189
	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE	62,429,535	60,639,515
	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, SPACE FORCE OPERATING FORCES		
010	GLOBAL C3I & EARLY WARNING	846,856	846,856
020	SPACE LAUNCH OPERATIONS	397,822	397,822
030	SPACE OPERATIONS	983,784	983,784
040	EDUCATION & TRAINING	302,939	302,939
060	DEPOT MAINTENANCE	67,126	67,126
070	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MOD- ERNIZATION	557,175	0
	Transferred to Division B		[-557,175]
080	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS AND SYSTEM SUPPORT	1,495,242	1,495,242
090	SPACE OPERATIONS -BOS	233,546	233,546
100	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	141,512	141,512
999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	641,519	641,519
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	5,667,521	5,110,346
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
110	LOGISTICS OPERATIONS	35,889	35,889
120	ADMINISTRATION	184,753	184,753
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	220,642	220,642
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-218,077
	Unobligated balances		[-218,077]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-218,077
	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, SPACE FORCE	5,888,163	5,112,911
	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, AF RESERVE OPERATING FORCES		
010	PRIMARY COMBAT FORCES	2,010,793	2,010,793
020	MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS	214,701	214,701
030	DEPOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	702,575	702,575
040	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MOD- ERNIZATION	188,802	0
	Transferred to Division B		[-188,802]
050	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUP- PORT	493,324	493,324
060	BASE SUPPORT	585,430	585,430
070	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	2,484	2,484
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	4,198,109	4,009,307
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
080	ADMINISTRATION	98,418	98,418
090	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	10,618	10,618
100	MILITARY MANPOWER AND PERS MGMT (ARPC)	14,951	14,951
120	AUDIOVISUAL	521	521
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	124,508	124,508
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-224,891
	Unobligated balances		[-224,891]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-224,891

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	TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, AF RE-SERVE	4,322,617	3,908,924
	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ANG		
	OPERATING FORCES		
010	AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS	2,501,226	2,501,226
020	MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS	627,680	627,680
030	DEPOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	1,024,171	1,024,171
040	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MOD-ERNIZATION	549,496	0
	Transferred to Division B		[-549,496]
050	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUP-PORT	1,258,081	1,258,081
060	BASE SUPPORT	1,110,875	1,110,875
070	CYBERSPACE SUSTAINMENT	16,134	16,134
080	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	112,205	112,205
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	7,199,868	6,650,372
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
090	ADMINISTRATION	82,280	82,280
100	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	50,451	50,451
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	132,731	132,731
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-5,861
	Unobligated balances		[-5,861]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-5,861
	TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ANG	7,332,599	6,777,242
	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE		
	OPERATING FORCES		
010	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF	414,097	414,097
020	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF—JTEEP	1,026,502	1,082,462
	Program increase		[55,960]
030	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF—CYBER	9,086	9,086
040	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE—MISO	209,442	251,242
	AFRICOM: MISO		[14,000]
	INDOPACOM Information Operations (MISO)		[27,800]
050	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND COMBAT DEVELOP-MENT ACTIVITIES	2,136,165	2,136,165
060	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND MAINTENANCE	1,273,409	1,273,409
070	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND MANAGEMENT/OPER-ATIONAL HEADQUARTERS	181,122	181,122
080	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND THEATER FORCES	3,409,285	3,479,285
	Blast Overpressure Analysis and Mitigation		[5,000]
	Prepositioned Material in Support of SOF		[65,000]
090	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND CYBERSPACE ACTIVI-TIES	77,241	77,241
100	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND INTELLIGENCE	1,187,600	1,187,600
110	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND OPERATIONAL SUP-PORT	1,579,137	1,579,137
120	CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS	1,300,384	1,310,384
	IOM capabilities		[10,000]
130	USCYBERCOM HEADQUARTERS	314,284	314,284
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	13,117,754	13,295,514
	TRAINING AND RECRUITING		
140	DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY	173,265	173,265
150	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF	124,869	124,869
160	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND/PROFESSIONAL DE-VELOPMENT EDUCATION	28,697	28,697
	SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING	326,831	326,831
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
170	CIVIL MILITARY PROGRAMS	126,637	126,637
180	DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY—CYBER	3,844	3,844
190	DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY	632,959	632,959
200	DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY	1,441,456	1,441,456

SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
210	DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY—CYBER ..	43,434	43,434
220	DEFENSE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY	1,168,366	1,168,366
240	DEFENSE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY—CYBER	11,120	11,120
250	DEFENSE HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITY—CYBER	46,621	46,621
260	DEFENSE HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITY	932,144	967,144
	DLNSEO Restoration		[20,000]
	Flagship Language Program for Chinese & Arabic		[15,000]
290	DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS AGENCY	3,042,559	3,047,559
	Defense Information System Network (DISN)—Service Delivery Nodes		[5,000]
300	DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS AGENCY—CYBER	559,426	559,426
310	DEFENSE LEGAL SERVICES AGENCY	164,770	164,770
320	DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY	401,513	401,513
330	DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY	226,665	226,665
340	DEFENSE POW/MIA OFFICE	171,339	190,339
	Reverse cuts to Defense POW/MIA office (DPAA)		[19,000]
350	DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY	2,864,252	3,570,252
	Irregular Warfare Center of Excellence		[6,000]
	ISCP—EUCOM		[200,000]
	Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative		[500,000]
360	DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY SECURITY ADMINISTRATION ...	40,052	40,052
370	DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY	708,214	708,214
390	DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY—CYBER	71,925	71,925
400	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY	3,600,175	3,680,175
	Impact Aid		[50,000]
	Impact Aid for children with severe disabilities		[30,000]
410	MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY	720,365	720,365
420	OFFICE OF THE LOCAL DEFENSE COMMUNITY CO- OPERATION	159,534	159,534
460	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE—CYBER	98,034	134,934
	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	2,238,117
	2026 NDS Commission funding		[5,000]
	Afghanistan War Commission		[11,400]
	Anomalous Health Incidents Cross-Functional Team		[13,000]
	Bien Hoa dioxin remediation		[30,000]
	Defense Community Infrastructure Program		[50,000]
	Defense Operational Resilience International Cooperation		[15,000]
	Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI)		[20,000]
530	WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS SERVICES	411,182	411,182
999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	22,750,830	22,750,830
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	42,491,133	43,517,433
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	–935,000
	Unobligated balances		[–935,000]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	–935,000
	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DE- FENSE-WIDE	55,935,718	56,204,778
	MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS		
	UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES		
010	US COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES, DE- FENSE	21,243	21,243
	SUBTOTAL UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES	21,243	21,243
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS	21,243	21,243
	MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS		
	OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DISASTER, AND CIVIC AID		
010	OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DISASTER AND CIVIC AID ...	100,793	100,793

SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
	SUBTOTAL OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DIS- ASTER, AND CIVIC AID	100,793	100,793
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS	100,793	100,793
	MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION ACCOUNT		
010	COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION	282,830	282,830
	SUBTOTAL COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION ACCOUNT	282,830	282,830
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS	282,830	282,830
	MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT		
010	ACQ WORKFORCE DEV FD	45,346	45,346
	SUBTOTAL ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOP- MENT	45,346	45,346
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS	45,346	45,346
	MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, ARMY		
050	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, ARMY	148,070	148,070
	SUBTOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, ARMY	148,070	148,070
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS	148,070	148,070
	MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE		
080	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE	8,885	8,885
	SUBTOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DE- FENSE	8,885	8,885
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS	8,885	8,885
	MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE		
070	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AIR FORCE	342,149	342,149
	SUBTOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DE- FENSE	342,149	342,149
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS	342,149	342,149
	MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE		
060	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, NAVY	357,949	357,949
	SUBTOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DE- FENSE	357,949	357,949
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS	357,949	357,949
	MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES		
090	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION FORMERLY USED SITES	235,156	235,156
	SUBTOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES	235,156	235,156
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS	235,156	235,156
	TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	295,660,213	277,708,889

1 TITLE XLIV—MILITARY 2 PERSONNEL

3 SEC. 4401. MILITARY PERSONNEL.

SEC. 4401. MILITARY PERSONNEL (In Thousands of Dollars)		
Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
MILITARY PERSONNEL		
MILITARY PERSONNEL APPROPRIATIONS		
MILITARY PERSONNEL APPROPRIATIONS	181,803,437	181,063,437
Unobligated balances		[−740,000]
SUBTOTAL MILITARY PERSONNEL APPROPRIATIONS	181,803,437	181,063,437
MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE RETIREE HEALTH CARE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS		
MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE RETIREE HEALTH CARE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS	12,850,165	12,850,165
SUBTOTAL MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE RETIREE HEALTH CARE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS	12,850,165	12,850,165
TOTAL MILITARY PERSONNEL	194,653,602	193,913,602

4 TITLE XLV—OTHER 5 AUTHORIZATIONS

6 SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS.

SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
WORKING CAPITAL FUND			
WORKING CAPITAL FUND, ARMY			
010	INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS	20,589	520,589
	Spares and readiness		[500,000]
	SUBTOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, ARMY	20,589	520,589
WORKING CAPITAL FUND, NAVY			
010	NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTERS	381,600	381,600
	SUBTOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, NAVY	381,600	381,600
WORKING CAPITAL FUND, AIR FORCE			
020	SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	90,262	90,262
	SUBTOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, AIR FORCE	90,262	90,262
NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE TRANSACTION FUND			
010	DEFENSE STOCKPILE	5,700	5,700
	SUBTOTAL NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE TRANSACTION FUND	5,700	5,700
WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE-WIDE			
020	ENERGY MANAGEMENT—DEF	1,272	1,272
030	SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT—DEFENSE	10,697	10,697
	SUBTOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE-WIDE	1,272	1,272
	SUBTOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE-WIDE	10,697	10,697
WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DECA			
010	WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DECA	1,527,817	1,527,817
	SUBTOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DECA	1,527,817	1,527,817
	TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND	2,037,937	2,537,937

SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
	CHEM AGENTS & MUNITIONS DESTRUCTION OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		
1	CHEM DEMILITARIZATION—O&M	3,243	3,243
	SUBTOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	3,243	3,243
	RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION		
3	CHEM DEMILITARIZATION -RDT&E	210,039	210,039
	SUBTOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION	210,039	210,039
	TOTAL CHEM AGENTS & MUNITIONS DESTRUCTION	213,282	213,282
	DRUG INTERDICTION & CTR-DRUG ACTIVITIES, DEF DRUG INTRDCTN		
010	COUNTER-NARCOTICS SUPPORT	398,424	398,424
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	254,460	254,460
	SUBTOTAL DRUG INTRDCTN	652,884	652,884
	DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAM		
020	DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAM	134,938	134,938
	SUBTOTAL DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAM	134,938	134,938
	NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG PROGRAM		
030	NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG PROGRAM	110,125	295,125
	National Guard Counter-Drug Program		[185,000]
	SUBTOTAL NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG PRO- GRAM	110,125	295,125
	NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG SCHOOLS		
040	NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG SCHOOLS	6,354	6,354
	SUBTOTAL NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG SCHOOLS	6,354	6,354
	TOTAL DRUG INTERDICTION & CTR-DRUG ACTIVI- TIES, DEF	904,301	1,089,301
	OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL		
010	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	494,865	514,036
	Office of the Inspector General		[19,171]
020	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	2,030	2,030
030	RDT&E	4,625	4,625
040	PROCUREMENT	1,079	1,079
	SUBTOTAL OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL	496,895	516,066
	SUBTOTAL OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL	4,625	4,625
	SUBTOTAL OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL	1,079	1,079
	TOTAL OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL	502,599	521,770
	DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		
010	IN-HOUSE CARE	10,731,135	11,021,135
	Fully fund military medical treatment facilities		[290,000]
020	PRIVATE SECTOR CARE	21,023,765	21,023,765
030	CONSOLIDATED HEALTH SUPPORT	2,116,278	2,116,278
040	INFORMATION MANAGEMENT	2,271,798	2,321,798
	Fully fund Defense Health Agency information management systems		[50,000]
050	MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES	303,898	303,898
060	EDUCATION AND TRAINING	371,426	371,426
070	BASE OPERATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS	2,356,290	2,356,290
	SUBTOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	39,174,590	39,514,590
	RDT&E		
080	R&D RESEARCH	41,660	41,660
090	R&D EXPLORATORY DEVELOPMENT	183,398	183,398
100	R&D ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT	333,072	333,072
110	R&D DEMONSTRATION/VALIDATION	178,983	178,983
120	R&D ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT	117,190	117,190
130	R&D MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT	99,338	99,338

SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
140	R&D CAPABILITIES ENHANCEMENT	19,071	19,071
	SUBTOTAL RDT&E	972,712	972,712
	PROCUREMENT		
150	PROC INITIAL OUTFITTING	24,597	24,597
160	PROC REPLACEMENT & MODERNIZATION	222,445	222,445
170	PROC JOINT OPERATIONAL MEDICINE INFORMATION SYS- TEM	30,732	30,732
180	PROC MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM—DESKTOP TO DATACENTER	77,047	77,047
	SUBTOTAL PROCUREMENT	354,821	354,821
	TOTAL DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM	40,502,123	40,842,123
	TOTAL OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS	44,160,242	45,204,413

1 TITLE XLVI—MILITARY

2 CONSTRUCTION

3 SEC. 4601. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION.

SEC. 4601. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION (In Thousands of Dollars)				
Account	State/Country and Installation	Project Title	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION				
ARMY				
Army	Alabama Redstone Arsenal	COST TO COMPLETE—PROPULSION SYSTEMS BUILDING	55,000	55,000
Army	Alaska Fort Wainwright	BARRACKS	208,000	63,000
Army	Fort Wainwright	DINING FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	8,000
Army	Arizona Fort Huachuca	FLIGHT CONTROL TOWER (DESIGN)	0	2,000
Army	Yuma Proving Ground	POLE LINE ROAD (DESIGN)	0	990
Army	Florida Eglin Air Force Base	BARRACKS	91,000	50,000
Army	Naval Air Station Key West	COMMAND & CONTROL FACILITY (INC)	50,000	50,000
Army	Georgia Fort Benning	CAMP MERRILL BARRACKS (DESIGN)	0	3,800
Army	Fort Gillem	EVIDENCE STORAGE BUILDING	166,000	45,000
Army	Fort Gordon	CYBER FACULTY OPERATIONS AND AUDITORIUM FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	6,100
Army	Germany U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	92,000	92,000
Army	U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz	KNOWN DISTANCE RANGE	9,800	9,800
Army	U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz	LIVE FIRE EXERCISE SHOOTHOUSE	13,200	13,200
Army	U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	39,000	39,000
Army	Guam Joint Region Marianas	PDI: GUAM DEFENSE SYSTEM, ELAMD, PHASE 2 (INC)	33,000	33,000
Army	Hawaii Pohakuloa Training Area	AIRFIELD OPERATIONS BUILDING	0	20,000
Army	Schofield Barracks	MCA WILDLAND FIRE STATION (DE- SIGN)	0	2,100
Army	Illinois Rock Island Arsenal	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	0	50,000
Army	Rock Island Arsenal	FORGING EQUIPMENT ANNEX (DE- SIGN)	0	5,000
Army	Indiana Crane Army Ammuni- tion Plant	PYROTECHNIC PRODUCTION FACILITY	161,000	72,000

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Account	State/Country and Installation	Project Title	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
	Kansas			
Army	Fort Riley	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER	0	26,000
Army	Fort Riley	AUTOMATED INFANTRY PLATOON BATTLE COURSE	13,200	13,200
Army	Fort Riley	BARRACKS (DESIGN)	0	16,000
	Kentucky			
Army	Fort Campbell	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER	0	45,000
Army	Fort Campbell	BARRACKS	112,000	40,000
Army	Fort Campbell	FLIGHT CONTROL TOWER	0	55,000
	Maryland			
Army	Aberdeen Proving Ground	APPLIED SCIENCE CENTER, ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND (DESIGN)	0	8,000
	New York			
Army	Fort Drum	AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR ADDITION DESIGN)	0	9,824
Army	Fort Drum	ORTC TRANSIENT TRAINING BARRACKS (DEISGN)	0	8,655
Army	Fort Drum	RANGE 41C, AUTOMATED RECORD FIRE PLUS RANGE (DESIGN)	0	2,500
Army	Fort Hamilton	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	31,000	31,000
Army	Watervliet Arsenal	ELECTRICAL SWITCHING STATION	29,000	29,000
	North Carolina			
Army	Fort Bragg	AUTOMATED INFANTRY PLATOON BATTLE COURSE	19,000	19,000
Army	Fort Bragg	COST TO COMPLETE AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR	24,000	24,000
	Oklahoma			
Army	McAlester Army Ammunition Plant	COST TO COMPLETE—AMMUNITION DEMOLITION SHOP	55,000	55,000
	Pennsylvania			
Army	Letterkenny Army Depot	DEFENSE ACCESS ROADS	7,500	7,500
Army	Letterkenny Army Depot	GUIDED MISSILE MAINTENANCE BUILDING	84,000	84,000
Army	Tolyhanna Army Depot	RADAR TEST RANGE EXPANSION	68,000	68,000
	Republic of the Marshall Islands			
Army	U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein	AIRFIELD APRON & TAXIWAY REPAIR	0	161,000
	South Carolina			
Army	Fort Jackson	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	51,000	51,000
	Texas			
Army	Corpus Christi Army Depot	COST TO COMPLETE—POWERTRAIN FACILITY (ENGINE ASSEMBLY)	60,000	60,000
Army	Red River Army Depot	COST TO COMPLETE—COMPONENT REBUILD SHOP	93,000	48,000
	Washington			
Army	Joint Base Lewis-McChord	COMMAND & CONTROL FACILITY	128,000	55,000
	Worldwide Unspecified Locations			
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN	287,557	287,557
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (\$6,159,744 TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	6,459,744
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	HOST NATION SUPPORT	46,031	46,031
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	PDI: INDOPACOM MINOR CONSTRUCTION PILOT	68,453	68,453
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	79,218	79,218
Subtotal Military Construction, Army			2,173,959	8,477,672
NAVY & MARINE CORPS				
	Arizona			
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Air Station Yuma	UDP TRANSIENT BARRACKS (DESIGN)	0	6,700
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Air Station Yuma	WATER TREATMENT PLANT (DESIGN)	0	26,100
	Australia			
Navy & Marine Corps	Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin	PDI: AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON (INC)	190,630	190,630
	Bahrain			
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Support Activity Bahrain	COST TO COMPLETE—FLEET MAINTENANCE FACILITY & TOC	42,000	42,000
	California			
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton	COMMUNICATION CENTER (AREA 52)	18,480	18,480

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Account	State/Country and Installation	Project Title	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton	FIRE EMERGENCY RESPONSE STATION	0	43,800
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton	MESS HALL & ARMORY (AREA 43)	108,740	22,740
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Air Station Lemoore	STRIKE FIGHTER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE PACIFIC (INC)	55,542	55,542
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base Coronado	FORD CLASS CVN INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES, PIER LIMA	103,000	24,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base Coronado	UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING	0	199,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base San Diego	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	86,820	86,820
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base San Diego	RECONNGURABLE CYBER LABORATORY	0	68,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base Ventura County	COMMUNITY & AIRFIELD AREA FLOOD PROTECTION	0	104,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base Ventura County Point Mugu	COST TO COMPLETE—MQ-25 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR	71,200	71,200
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Support Activity Monterey	NAVAL INNOVATION CENTER (INC)	30,000	30,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Connecticut Naval Submarine Base New London	WEAPONS MAGAZINE & ORDNANCE OPERATIONS FACILITY	30,000	30,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Submarine Base New London	SUBMARINE PIER 8 REPLACEMENT	0	225,000
Navy & Marine Corps	District of Columbia Marine Barracks Washington (8th Street & I)	BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS & SUPPORT FACILITY (INC)	65,900	65,900
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Research Laboratory	BIOMOLECULAR SCIENCE & SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY LABORATORY	0	157,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Djibouti Camp Lemmonier	ELECTRICAL POWER PLANT (INC)	51,600	51,600
Navy & Marine Corps	Florida Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	COST TO COMPLETE—ENGINEERING TEST FACILITY	15,600	15,600
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Air Station Pensacola	CONSOLIDATED "A" SCHOOL DORMITORY	0	164,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Air Station Whiting Field	ADVANCED HELICOPTER TRAINING SYSTEM HANGAR (INC)	98,505	98,505
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Air Station Whiting Field	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (DESIGN)	0	3,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Georgia Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay	TRIDENT REFIT FACILITY EXPANSION—COLUMBIA (INC)	119,030	119,030
Navy & Marine Corps	Guam Joint Region Marianas	BLK V VA CLASS OPERATIONAL STORAGE FACILITY	0	103,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	NEX COLD STORAGE WAREHOUSE	0	62,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Andersen Air Force Base	PDI: JOINT CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (INC)	181,124	121,124
Navy & Marine Corps	Andersen Air Force Base	PDI: WATER WELLS	70,070	70,070
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: COST TO COMPLETE—X-RAY WHARF BERTH	31,000	31,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: JOINT COMMUNICATION UPGRADE (INC)	158,600	83,600
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: MISSILE INTEGRATION TEST FACILITY (INC)	87,270	87,270
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base Guam	PDI: INNER APRA HARBOR RESILIENCY	105,950	105,950
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base Guam North Finegayan Telecommunications Site	PDI: ARTILLERY BATTERY FACILITIES (INC)	64,774	64,774
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base Guam North Finegayan Telecommunications Site	PDI: RECYCLE CENTER	61,010	61,010
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	POLARIS POINT ECP UPGRADE	0	35,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	POLARIS POINT ECP UPGRADE	0	587,020
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	SATELLITE FIRE STATION	0	23,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	SUBMARINE MAINTENANCE FACILITY PHASES 1–3	0	537,100
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE & ACCESS ROAD	0	32,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Hawaii Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	DDG-1000 SHIP SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES	83,000	83,000

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Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	DRY DOCK 3 REPLACEMENT (INC)	553,720	492,720
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	WATER TREATMENT PLANT (INC)	141,650	141,650
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay	ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION MOD-ERNIZATION	0	94,250
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay	MAIN GATE ENTRY REPLACEMENT	0	49,260
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay	WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY COM-PLIANCE UPGRADE (INC)	108,350	37,350
Navy & Marine Corps	Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands	PDI: AIRFIELD PAVEMENT UPGRADES	235,730	65,730
	Japan			
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler	PDI: SCHOOL AGE CARE CENTERS	58,000	58,000
	Maine			
Navy & Marine Corps	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	MULTI-MISSION DRYDOCK #1 EXTEN-SION (INC)	220,793	220,793
Navy & Marine Corps	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	POWER RELIABILITY & WATER RESIL-IENCE UPGRADES (INC)	227,769	227,769
	Maryland			
Navy & Marine Corps	National Maritime In-telligence Center	FOREIGN MATERIALS EXPLOITATION LAB	114,000	73,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Support Facility Indian Head	CONT AINED BURN FACILITY	0	65,000
Navy & Marine Corps	US Naval Academy An-napolis	STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FACILI-TIES	0	86,000
	Nevada			
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Air Station Fallon	RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX IMPROVE-MENTS	47,000	47,000
	North Carolina			
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Air Sta-tion Cherry Point	F-35 AIRCRAFT SUSTAINMENT CTR (INC)	200,000	40,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Air Sta-tion Cherry Point	FLIGHTLINE UTILITIES MODERNIZA-TION, PHASE 2 (DESIGN)	0	15,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune	AMPHIBIOUS COMBAT VEHICLE SHEL-TERS	0	48,280
	Pennsylvania			
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Support Activity Mechanicsburg	MACHINERY CONTROL DEVELOPMENT CENTER	0	88,000
	Rhode Island			
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Station Newport	CONSOLIDATED RDT&E SYSTEMS FA-CILITY	0	40,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Station Newport	NEXT GENERATION SECURE SUB-MARINE PLATFORM FACILITY	0	73,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Station Newport	NEXT GENERATION TORPEDO INTE-GRATION LAB	0	37,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Station Newport	SUBMARINE PAYLOAD INTEGRATION LABORATORY	0	40,000
	South Carolina			
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Base Charleston	NUCLEAR POWER TRAINING FACILITY SIMULATION EXPANSION (INC)	65,400	65,400
	Virginia			
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story	COST TO COMPLETE—CHILD DEVEL-OPMENT CENTER	12,360	12,360
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Base Quantico	WATER TREATMENT PLANT	63,560	63,560
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Station Norfolk	COST TO COMPLETE—CHILD DEVEL-OPMENT CENTER	11,700	11,700
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Station Norfolk	ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM UPGRADES (INC)	93,307	93,307
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Station Norfolk	MQ-25 AIRCRAFT LAYDOWN FACILI-TIES	20,430	20,430
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Station Norfolk	PPV UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IN-VESTMENT	380,000	380,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Weapons Station Yorktown	WEAPONS MAGAZINES (INC)	71,758	71,758
Navy & Marine Corps	Norfolk Naval Shipyard	DRY DOCK 3 MODERNIZATION (INC)	188,576	188,576
	Washington			
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Air Station Whidbey Island	EA-18G GROWLER MAINTENANCE FA-CILITY	0	75,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor	TRIDENT REFIT FACILITY WARE-HOUSE	245,700	95,700

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Navy & Marine Corps	Puget Sound Naval Shipyard	COST TO COMPLETE—CVN 78 AIRCRAFT CARRIER ELECTRICAL UPGRADES	48,800	48,800
Navy & Marine Corps	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	DATA PROCESSING FACILITY	57,190	57,190
Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN	562,423	562,423
Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (NAVY) (\$3,991,438 TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	4,191,438
Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (MARINE CORPS) (\$2,079,890 TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	2,179,890
Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	INDOPACOM MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PILOT PROGRAM	162,855	162,855
Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	JOINT MARITIME FACILITY	72,430	72,430
Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	119,331	119,331
Subtotal Military Construction, Navy & Marine Corps			6,012,677	14,517,515
AIR FORCE				
	Alaska			
Air Force	Eielson Air Force Base	COAL THAW SHED ADDITION (DESIGN)	0	1,750
Air Force	Eielson Air Force Base	CONSOLIDATED MUNITIONS COMPLEX (DESIGN)	0	13,200
Air Force	Eielson Air Force Base	JOINT PACIFIC ALASKA RANGE COMPLEX OPERATIONS FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	8,040
Air Force	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	JOINT INTEGRATED TEST & TRAINING CENTER (INC)	152,000	82,000
	Arizona			
Air Force	Davis-Monthan Air Force Base	COMMUNICATIONS HEADQUARTERS FACILITY	49,000	49,000
Air Force	Davis-Monthan Air Force Base	MC-130J HANGAR/AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE UNIT	125,000	50,000
Air Force	Luke Air Force Base	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	0	45,000
	California			
Air Force	Travis Air Force Base	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	60,000	60,000
Air Force	Diego Garcia	Naval Support Facility	29,000	29,000
	Florida			
Air Force	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	INSTALL WASTE WATER "FORCE" MAIN, ICBM ROAD	11,400	11,400
Air Force	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	INSTALL WATER MAIN, ICBM ROAD	10,400	10,400
Air Force	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	PHILLIPS PARKWAY HAUL ROUTE	28,000	28,000
Air Force	Eglin Air Force Base	350TH SPECTRUM WARFARE WING (DESIGN)	0	3,300
Air Force	Eglin Air Force Base	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER WITH LAND ACQUISITION	41,000	41,000
Air Force	Eglin Air Force Base	F-35A ADAL SQUADRON OPERATIONS	23,000	23,000
Air Force	Eglin Air Force Base	F-35A DEVELOPMENTAL TEST 2-BAY MX HANGAR	52,000	52,000
Air Force	Eglin Air Force Base	F-35A DEVELOPMENTAL TEST 2-BAY TEST HANGAR	50,000	50,000
Air Force	Hurlburt Field	361 ISRG MISSION OPERATIONS FACILITY	0	66,000
Air Force	MacDill Air Force Base	KC-46A ADAL AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR 2	30,000	30,000
Air Force	MacDill Air Force Base	KC-46A ADAL AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR 3	33,000	33,000
Air Force	MacDill Air Force Base	KC-46A GENERAL PURPOSE WAREHOUSE	11,000	11,000
Air Force	Tyndall Air Force Base	FIRE/CRASH RESCUE STATION	0	48,000
	Georgia			
Air Force	Moody Air Force Base	23RD SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON OPS FACILITY	0	35,000
Air Force	Moody Air Force Base	MILITARY WORKING DOG KENNEL	0	14,500
Air Force	Robins Air Force Base	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER	28,000	28,000
	Germany			

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Air Force	Ramstein Air Base	35 POINT INDOOR FIRING RANGE	44,000	44,000
Air Force	Ramstein Air Base	AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION COM- POUND	29,000	0
Air Force	Greenland Pituffik Space Base	RUNWAY APPROACH LANDING SYSTEM	32,000	32,000
Air Force	Hawaii Joint Base Pearl Har- bor-Hickam	COMBINED OPERATIONS CENTER (DE- SIGN)	0	5,000
Air Force	Japan Kadena Air Base	PDI: THEATER A/C CORROSION CON- TROL CENTER (INC)	66,350	66,350
Air Force	Louisiana Barksdale Air Force Base	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (DE- SIGN)	0	2,200
Air Force	Barksdale Air Force Base	WEAPONS GENERATION FACILITIES DORMITORY	116,000	18,000
Air Force	Maryland Joint Base Anacostia- Bolling	LARGE VEHICLE INSPECTION STATION	0	50,000
Air Force	Massachusetts Hanscom Air Force Base	FIRE STATION	55,000	55,000
Air Force	Mississippi Columbus Air Force Base	WATER TANK STORAGE	0	14,200
Air Force	Missouri Whiteman Air Force Base	B-21 ADAL WEAPONS RELEASE SYS- TEM STORAGE	13,600	13,600
Air Force	Whiteman Air Force Base	B-21 RADIO FREQUENCY HANGAR	114,000	20,000
Air Force	Montana Malmstrom Air Force Base	WEAPONS STORAGE & MAINTENANCE FACILITY (INC)	60,000	60,000
Air Force	Nebraska Offutt Air Force Base	SAOC BEDDOWN—1-BAY HANGAR (DE- SIGN)	0	1,900
Air Force	Offutt Air Force Base	SAOC BEDDOWN—2-BAY HANGAR (DE- SIGN)	0	16,000
Air Force	Offutt Air Force Base	SAOC BEDDOWN—SUPPLY STORAGE FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	7,350
Air Force	New Hampshire Pease Air Force Base	JOINT USE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (DESIGN)	0	3,613
Air Force	New Jersey Joint Base McGuire- Dix-Lakehurst	WELL NO. 5	0	11,500
Air Force	Joint Base McGuire- Dix-Lakehurst	WELL NO. 6	0	11,500
Air Force	New Mexico Cannon Air Force Base	192 BED DORMITORY (DESIGN)	0	9,000
Air Force	Cannon Air Force Base	DEPLOYMENT PROCESSING CENTER	0	79,000
Air Force	Cannon Air Force Base	DORMITORY	90,000	10,000
Air Force	Kirtland Air Force Base	58 SOW/PJ/CRO PIPELINE DORM	0	91,000
Air Force	Kirtland Air Force Base	COMBAT RESCUE HELICOPTER SIMU- LATOR	0	33,000
Air Force	Kirtland Air Force Base	EXPLOSIVE OPERATIONS BUILDING	0	26,000
Air Force	Kirtland Air Force Base	JOINT NAVIGATION WARFARE CENTER HEADQUARTERS (DESIGN)	0	6,200
Air Force	Kirtland Air Force Base	SPACE RAPID CAPABILITIES OFFICE HEADQUARTERS	83,000	83,000
Air Force	North Carolina Seymour Johnson Air Force Base	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	0	54,000
Air Force	Seymour Johnson Air Force Base	COMBAT ARMS TRAINING AND MAIN- TENANCE COMPLEX	0	41,000
Air Force	Norway Royal Norwegian Air Force Base Rygge	QUICK REACTION AIRCRAFT HANGAR	72,000	72,000
Air Force	Ohio Wright-Patterson Air Force Base	AI SUPERCOMPUTING CENTER (DE- SIGN)	0	2,800
Air Force	Wright-Patterson Air Force Base	HUMAN PERFORMANCE CENTER LAB	0	45,000
Air Force	Wright-Patterson Air Force Base	RUNWAY (DESIGN)	0	15,000
	Oklahoma			

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Air Force	Tinker Air Force Base	BOMBER	AGILE	COMMON	HANGAR	127,000	15,000
Air Force	Tinker Air Force Base	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER				54,000	54,000
Air Force	Tinker Air Force Base	E-7 SQUAD OPERATIONS CENTER				0	108,000
Air Force	South Dakota Ellsworth Air Force Base	B-21 ADD FLIGHT SIMULATOR 2				63,000	63,000
Air Force	Ellsworth Air Force Base	B-21 ALERT FACILITY				71,000	71,000
Air Force	Ellsworth Air Force Base	B-21 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SHELTERS				75,000	75,000
Air Force	Ellsworth Air Force Base	B-21 S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SHELTERS				88,000	88,000
Air Force	Ellsworth Air Force Base	B-21 W. ALERT APRON & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SHELTERS				81,000	81,000
Air Force	Tennessee Arnold Air Force Base	INSTALLATION ACP GATE 2 UPGRADE				0	17,500
Air Force	Texas Dyess Air Force Base	B-21 LOW OBSERVABLE CORROSION HANGAR AND THE MISSION PLANNING FACILITY (DESIGN)				0	24,700
Air Force	Dyess Air Force Base	B-21 MISSION PLANNING FACILITY				78,000	78,000
Air Force	Dyess Air Force Base	B-21 UTILITIES & SITE IMPROVEMENTS				12,800	12,800
Air Force	Dyess Air Force Base	GATE REPAIRS (DESIGN)				0	4,500
Air Force	Goodfellow Air Force Base	PIPELINE STUDENT DORMITORY				112,000	23,000
Air Force	Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland	BMT CLASSROOMS/DINING FACILITY 4 (INC)				79,000	29,000
Air Force	United Kingdom Royal Air Force Feltwell	RADR STORAGE FACILITY				20,000	20,000
Air Force	Royal Air Force Lakenheath	SURETY: COMMAND POST				104,000	10,000
Air Force	Royal Air Force Lakenheath	SURETY: DEFENDER OPERATIONS COMPOUND				149,000	10,000
Air Force	Utah Hill Air Force Base	F-35 MAINTENANCE FACILITY, PHASE 1 (INC)				22,000	22,000
Air Force	Hill Air Force Base	T-7A DEPOT MAINTENANCE COMPLEX (INC)				178,000	123,000
Air Force	Virginia Joint Base Langley-Eustis	FUEL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE DOCK				0	49,000
Air Force	Langley Air Force Base	192ND WING HEADQUARTERS (DESIGN)				0	3,200
Air Force	Washington Fairchild Air Force Base	ALTERATION AIRCRAFT PARTS WAREHOUSE (DESIGN)				0	2,500
Air Force	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	DESIGN				573,223	573,223
Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (AIR FORCE) (\$3,093,331 TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)				0	3,643,331
Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (SPACE FORCE) (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)				0	557,175
Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	INDOPACOM MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PILOT PROGRAM				123,800	123,800
Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION				72,900	72,900
Air Force	Wyoming F.E. Warren Air Force Base	GBSD UTILITY CORRIDOR (INC)				130,000	130,000
Subtotal Military Construction, Air Force						3,721,473	7,906,432
DEFENSE-WIDE							
Defense-Wide	Alabama DLA Distribution Center Anniston	GENERAL PURPOSE WAREHOUSE				32,000	32,000
Defense-Wide	California Armed Forces Reserve Center Mountain View	POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID				0	20,600

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Defense-Wide	Naval Base Coronado	SOF SEAL TEAM SEVENTEEN OPERATIONS FACILITY	0	75,900
Defense-Wide	Travis Air Force Base	MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ADDITION	49,980	49,980
Defense-Wide	Travis Air Force Base	POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID	0	25,120
	Cuba			
Defense-Wide	Naval Station Guantanamo Bay	HOSPITAL REPLACEMENT (INC 3)	35,794	35,794
	Florida			
Defense-Wide	Homestead Air Reserve Base	SOF CLIMATE CONTROLLED TACTICAL STORAGE WAREHOUSE	0	33,000
Defense-Wide	Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island	POWER GENERATION & ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCE	0	30,500
	Georgia			
Defense-Wide	Fort Benning	DEXTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	127,375	22,375
	Germany			
Defense-Wide	Rhine Ordnance Barracks	MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT (INC 12)	99,167	99,167
Defense-Wide	U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach	POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID	0	73,000
Defense-Wide	U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz	SOF HUMAN PERFORMANCE TRAINING CENTER	16,700	16,700
	Guam			
Defense-Wide	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: GUAM DEFENSE SYSTEM, COMMAND CENTER (INC)	183,900	88,900
Defense-Wide	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: GUAM DEFENSE SYSTEM, ELAMD, PHASE 1 (INC)	61,903	61,903
Defense-Wide	Joint Region Marianas	POWER RESILIENCY UPGRADES	0	53,000
Defense-Wide	Naval Base Guam	POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID	0	63,010
	Japan			
Defense-Wide	Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni	POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID	0	10,000
	Maryland			
Defense-Wide	Fort Meade	NSAW EAST CAMPUS BUILDING #5 (INC 2)	455,000	395,000
Defense-Wide	Fort Meade	NSAW VENONA WIDENING	26,600	26,600
Defense-Wide	Walter Reed National Military Medical Center	MEDCEN ADDITION/ALTERATION (INC 9)	70,000	70,000
	Massachusetts			
Defense-Wide	Cape Cod Space Force Station	POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID	0	10,000
	New Mexico			
Defense-Wide	White Sands Missile Range	POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID	0	38,500
	North Carolina			
Defense-Wide	Fort Bragg	POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID	0	80,000
Defense-Wide	Fort Bragg	SOF MISSION COMMAND CENTER	130,000	32,000
Defense-Wide	Fort Bragg	SOF OPERATIONAL AMMUNITION	0	65,000
Defense-Wide	Fort Bragg	SOF OPERATIONAL AMMUNITION SUPPLY POINT	80,000	80,000
Defense-Wide	Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune	SOF COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT/ MOTOR TRANSPORT EXPANSION	0	34,000
Defense-Wide	Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune	SOF MARINE RAIDER BATTALION OPS FACILITY (INC)	90,000	90,000
	Pennsylvania			
Defense-Wide	DLA Distribution Center Susquehanna	GENERAL PURPOSE WAREHOUSE	90,000	90,000
Defense-Wide	Harrisburg Air National Guard Base	SOF SIMULATOR FACILITY (MC-130J)	13,400	13,400
	Puerto Rico			
Defense-Wide	Punta Borinquen	RAMEY UNIT SCHOOL REPLACEMENT	155,000	41,000
	Texas			
Defense-Wide	Camp Swift	SMART WATER GRID	0	19,800
Defense-Wide	Fort Hood	CENTRAL ENERGY PLANT	0	34,500
Defense-Wide	NSA Texas	NSA/CSS TEXAS CRYPTOLOGIC CENTER (INC)	500,000	147,327
	United Kingdom			
Defense-Wide	Royal Air Force Lakenheath	HOSPITAL REPLACEMENT, PHASE 2 (INC)	322,200	47,200
Defense-Wide	Royal Air Force Mildenhall	SOF MRSP & PARTS STORAGE	45,000	45,000
	Utah			
Defense-Wide	Camp Williams	POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID	0	28,500
	Virginia			
Defense-Wide	Pentagon	OPERATIONS FACILITY	34,000	34,000
	Washington			
Defense-Wide	Fairchild Air Force Base	HYDRANT SYSTEM AREA C	85,000	85,000

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Defense-Wide	Manchester Tank Farm	BULK STORAGE TANKS, PHASE 3	71,000	71,000
Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	DESIGN (DEFENSE-WIDE)	26,571	26,571
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN (DHA)	29,077	29,077
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN (DLA)	30,900	30,900
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN (ERCIP)	38,669	38,669
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN (MDA)	21,360	21,360
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN (NSA)	14,842	14,842
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN (SOCOM)	32,731	32,731
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN (TJS)	2,000	2,000
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN (WHS)	14,851	14,851
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	ENERGY RESILIENCE & CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM	684,330	0
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	EXERCISE RELATED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	4,727	4,727
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	INDOPACOM MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PILOT PROGRAM	77,000	77,000
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION (DEFENSE-WIDE)	3,000	3,000
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION (DLA)	3,084	3,084
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION (MDA)	4,140	4,140
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION (NSA)	6,000	6,000
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION (SOCOM)	25,000	25,000
Subtotal Military Construction, Defense-Wide			3,792,301	2,702,728
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD				
Army National Guard	Arizona Camp Navajo	BRIDGE (DESIGN)	0	4,000
Army National Guard	Guam Joint Forces Headquarters—Guam	READINESS CENTER ADDITION	55,000	55,000
Army National Guard	Illinois General Richard L. Jones National Guard Readiness Center	READINESS CENTER ALTERATION (DESIGN)	0	5,000
Army National Guard	Marseilles Training Center	RANGE CONTROL (DESIGN)	0	3,050
Army National Guard	Peoria Armory	READINESS CENTER (DESIGN)	0	8,000
Army National Guard	Indiana Shelbyville Armory	AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR ADDITION/ALTERATION	0	55,000
Army National Guard	Iowa Waterloo Armory	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	13,800	13,800
Army National Guard	Kentucky Jackson Field	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP (DESIGN)	0	1,850
Army National Guard	Michigan Camp Grayling	ALL-DOMAIN WARFIGHTING TRAINING COMPLEX (DESIGN)	0	4,400
Army National Guard	Mississippi Camp Shelby	ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY AND READINESS CENTER (DESIGN)	0	11,600
Army National Guard	Meridian Readiness Center and Army Aviation Support Facility	ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	2,200
Army National Guard	Nevada Henderson Armory	ARMORY EXPANSION (DESIGN)	0	2,371
Army National Guard	New Hampshire Plymouth Training Center	READINESS CENTER	26,000	26,000
	New Mexico			

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Army National Guard	Santa Fe Training Center	SOLDIER PERFORMANCE READINESS CENTER (DESIGN)	0	4,250		
Army National Guard	New York Albany	READINESS CENTER	0	90,000		
Army National Guard	North Carolina Salisbury Training Center	AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR ADDITION/ALTERATION	0	69,000		
Army National Guard	North Dakota Jamestown Armory	ARMORY (DESIGN)	0	5,200		
Army National Guard	Oregon Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility Boardman	AUTOMATED MULTIPURPOSE MACHINE GUN (MPMG) RANGE	0	16,000		
Army National Guard	South Dakota Watertown Training Center	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	28,000	28,000		
Army National Guard	Tennessee Smyrna Training Site	AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR (DESIGN)	0	4,000		
Army National Guard	Vermont Swanton Armory	READINESS CENTER (DESIGN)	0	4,000		
Army National Guard	Virginia Army Aviation Support Facility Sandston	COST TO COMPLETE—AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR	15,500	15,500		
Army National Guard	Washington Fairchild Air Force Base	DINING FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	1,800		
Army National Guard	Wisconsin Black River Falls	READINESS CENTER (DESIGN)	0	2,000		
Army National Guard	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	DESIGN	13,580	13,580		
Army National Guard	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	1,275,984		
Army National Guard	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	0	39,000		
Subtotal Military Construction, Army National Guard			151,880	1,760,585		
ARMY RESERVE						
Army Reserve	Alabama Maxwell Gunter	AREA MAINTENANCE SUPPORT ACTIVITY	0	28,000		
Army Reserve	Alaska Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	MAINTENANCE FACILITY	0	46,000		
Army Reserve	Illinois Fort Sheridan	AREA MAINTENANCE SUPPORT ACTIVITY	0	36,000		
Army Reserve	Pennsylvania New Castle Army Reserve Center	AREA MAINTENANCE SUPPORT ACTIVITY/VMS/LAND	30,000	30,000		
Army Reserve	Texas Conroe Army Reserve Center	ROTARY-WING LANDING PAD & TAXI-WAY	0	12,000		
Army Reserve	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	DESIGN	6,013	6,013		
Army Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	504,922		
Army Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	6,226	6,226		
Subtotal Military Construction, Army Reserve			42,239	669,161		
NAVY RESERVE & MARINE CORPS RESERVE						
Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve	Maine Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	PARKING CONSOLIDATION (DESIGN)	0	1,020		
Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve	Texas Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth	AIRCRAFT HANGAR MODERNIZATION	0	106,870		
	Worldwide Unspecified					

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Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN	2,255	2,255
Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (MARINE CORPS RESERVE) (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	48,519
Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (NAVY RESERVE) (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	58,213
Subtotal Military Construction, Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve			2,255	216,877
AIR NATIONAL GUARD				
Alaska				
Air National Guard	Eielson Air Force Base	BCE PAVEMENTS & GROUNDS FACILITY	0	16,000
Air National Guard	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	BASE SUPPLY COMPLEX	46,000	46,000
Georgia				
Air National Guard	Savannah Combat Readiness Training Center	C130J CORROSION CONTROL FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	1,130
Air National Guard	Savannah Combat Readiness Training Center	TROOP CAMP (DESIGN)	0	3,800
Air National Guard	Savannah Hilton Head International Airport	C-130J CORROSION CONTROL FACILITY	0	11,400
Air National Guard	Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport	DINING HALL & SERVICES TRAIN FACILITY	27,000	27,000
Illinois				
Air National Guard	Scott Air Force Base	AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR (DESIGN)	0	6,000
Indiana				
Air National Guard	Fort Wayne International Airport	F16 MISSION TRAINING FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	18,000
Iowa				
Air National Guard	Sioux Gateway Airport	ADAL AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON	0	45,000
Air National Guard	Sioux Gateway Airport	EXTEND RUNWAY 13-31	0	47,000
Air National Guard	Sioux Gateway Airport	REPAIR RUNWAY 13-31	0	45,000
Air National Guard	Sioux Gateway Airport	WARM-UP / HOLDING PAD	0	11,000
Maine				
Air National Guard	Bangor Air National Guard Base	MENG 101ST ARW AMXS/AGE FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	2,500
Maryland				
Air National Guard	Warfield Air National Guard Base	ENGINE SOUND SUPPRESSOR EQUIPMENT (DESIGN)	0	1,000
Massachusetts				
Air National Guard	Otis Air National Guard Base	DINING FACILITY / EMEDS	31,000	31,000
Michigan				
Air National Guard	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	BRAVO RUNWAY IMPROVEMENT (DESIGN)	0	2,400
Air National Guard	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	RUNWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (DESIGN)	0	9,000
Air National Guard	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	TAXIWAY ALPHA RUNWAY IMPROVEMENT (DESIGN)	0	2,800
Mississippi				
Air National Guard	Key Field Air National Guard Base	BASE SUPPLY WAREHOUSE	19,000	19,000
Air National Guard	Key Field Air National Guard Base	CORROSION CONTROL HANGAR (DESIGN)	0	6,700
Nevada				
Air National Guard	Reno-Tahoe International Airport	ENGINE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	3,200
Air National Guard	Reno-Tahoe International Airport	FUEL CELL HANGAR (DESIGN)	0	5,400
New Hampshire				
Air National Guard	Pease Air National Guard Base	SMALL ARMS RANGE	0	16,000
New Jersey				
Air National Guard	Atlantic City International Airport	MAINTENANCE HANGAR ADDITION PHASE 1	0	68,000
Oregon				
Air National Guard	Kingsley Field Air National Guard Base	ACADEMIC TRAINING CENTER (DESIGN)	0	8,000
Air National Guard	Klamath Falls Airport	F-35 FTU ACADEMIC TRAINING CENTER	0	80,000

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Air National Guard	Portland International Airport	ADAL COMMUNICATIONS ANNEX	16,500	16,500
	Utah			
Air National Guard	Salt Lake City International Airport	FUEL CELL CORROSION CONTROL HANGAR	0	73,000
Air National Guard	Salt Lake City International Airport	MAINT HANGAR & SHOPS	0	72,000
	West Virginia			
Air National Guard	Melaughlin Air National Guard Base	SQUADRON OPERATIONS FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	3,300
	Wisconsin			
Air National Guard	Volk Air National Guard Base	ADAL ACS COMPLEX	0	8,400
	Worldwide Unspecified			
Air National Guard	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN	24,146	24,146
Air National Guard	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	549,496
Air National Guard	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	25,000	25,000
Subtotal Military Construction, Air National Guard			188,646	1,304,172
AIR FORCE RESERVE				
	Delaware			
Air Force Reserve	Dover Air Force Base	512TH OPERATIONS GROUP FACILITY	42,000	0
	New York			
Air Force Reserve	Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station	COMBINED OPERATIONS FACILITY	0	54,000
	South Carolina			
Air Force Reserve	Joint Base Charleston Air Reserve Base	MEDICAL FACILITY ADDITION 307BW	0	33,000
	Texas			
Air Force Reserve	Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland	C5M AGE MAINTENANCE FACILITY	18,000	18,000
	Virginia			
Air Force Reserve	Joint Base Langley-Eustis	TARGETING ISR CRITICAL COMMUNICATIONS DATA FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	15,000
	Worldwide Unspecified			
Air Force Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN	270	270
Air Force Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	188,802
Air Force Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	188	188
Subtotal Military Construction, Air Force Reserve			60,458	309,260
NATO SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM				
	Worldwide Unspecified			
NATO	NATO Security Investment Program	NATO SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM	481,832	531,832
Subtotal NATO Security Investment Program			481,832	531,832
INDOPACIFIC COMBATANT COMMAND				
	Worldwide Unspecified			
MILCON, INDOPACOM	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	INDOPACOM MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PILOT PROGRAM	0	150,000
Subtotal INDOPACOM MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PILOT PROGRAM			0	150,000
TOTAL MILITARY CONSTRUCTION			16,627,720	38,546,234
FAMILY HOUSING				
FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY				
	Belgium			
Fam Hsg Con, Army	Chievres Air Base	FAMILY HOUSING NEW CONSTRUCTION (100 UNITS)	145,042	45,042
	Germany			
Fam Hsg Con, Army	U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria	FAMILY HOUSING REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION (27 UNITS)	50,692	50,692
	Worldwide Unspecified			

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Fam Hsg Con, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN	32,824	32,824
Subtotal Family Housing Construction, Army			228,558	128,558
FAMILY HOUSING O&M, ARMY				
	Worldwide Unspecified			
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FURNISHINGS	16,254	16,254
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	HOUSING PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT	41,089	41,089
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	LEASED HOUSING	116,275	116,275
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MAINTENANCE	110,941	110,941
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MANAGEMENT	41,450	41,450
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MISCELLANEOUS	319	319
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	SERVICES	8,096	8,096
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UTILITIES	43,994	43,994
Subtotal Family Housing Operation And Maintenance, Army			378,418	378,418
FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY & MARINE CORPS				
	Guam			
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	COST TO COMPLETE—REPLACE ANDERSEN HOUSING, PHASE 4 (68 UNITS)	19,384	19,384
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	COST TO COMPLETE—REPLACE ANDERSEN HOUSING, PHASE 7 (46 UNITS)	18,000	18,000
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	REPLACE ANDERSEN HOUSING, PHASE 9 (136 UNITS) (INC)	63,378	63,378
	Japan			
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni	REPAIR WHOLE HOUSE BUILDING 1255 (6 UNITS)	11,230	11,230
	Worldwide Unspecified			
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN	3,806	3,806
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN (DPRI/GUAM)	2,799	2,799
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	NAVY SOUTHEAST MHPI (2ND RE-STRUCTURE) (100 UNITS)	57,000	57,000
Subtotal Family Housing Construction, Navy & Marine Corps			177,597	177,597
FAMILY HOUSING O&M, NAVY & MARINE CORPS				
	Worldwide Unspecified			
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FURNISHINGS	16,820	16,820
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	HOUSING PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT	57,061	57,061
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	LEASING	68,426	68,426
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MAINTENANCE	112,019	112,019
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MANAGEMENT	56,956	56,956
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MISCELLANEOUS	435	435
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	SERVICES	17,424	17,424
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UTILITIES	44,967	44,967
Subtotal Family Housing Operation & Maintenance, Navy & Marine Corps.			374,108	374,108
FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE				
	Colorado			
Fam Hsg Con, Air Force	Buckley Air Force Base	MHPI RESTRUCTURE (351 UNITS)	12,000	12,000

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Account	State/Country and Installation	Project Title	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
Fam Hsg Con, Air Force	Hawaii Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	MHIPI RESTRUCTURE (460 UNITS)	147,555	147,555
Fam Hsg Con, Air Force	Japan Kadena Air Base	FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS, KADENA TOWER 4511 (68 UNITS)	34,100	34,100
Fam Hsg Con, Air Force	Yokota Air Base	FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS, PAIP 9, PHASE 3 (34 UNITS)	44,000	44,000
Fam Hsg Con, Air Force	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN	36,575	36,575
Subtotal Family Housing Construction, Air Force			274,230	274,230
FAMILY HOUSING O&M, AIR FORCE				
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FURNISHINGS	31,275	31,275
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	HOUSING PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT	38,987	38,987
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	LEASING	5,436	5,436
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MAINTENANCE	142,572	142,572
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MANAGEMENT	54,581	54,581
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MISCELLANEOUS	1,475	1,475
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	SERVICES	12,701	12,701
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UTILITIES	72,738	72,738
Subtotal Family Housing Operation And Maintenance, Air Force			359,765	359,765
FAMILY HOUSING O&M, DEFENSE-WIDE				
Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FURNISHINGS (DIA)	553	553
Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FURNISHINGS (NSA)	93	93
Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	LEASING (DIA)	33,911	33,911
Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	LEASING (NSA)	14,320	14,320
Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MAINTENANCE (NSA)	37	37
Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UTILITIES (DIA)	4,445	4,445
Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UTILITIES (NSA)	15	15
Subtotal Family Housing Operation And Maintenance, Defense-Wide			53,374	53,374
FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND				
Family Housing Improvement Fund	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES—FHIF	8,315	8,315
Subtotal Family Housing Improvement Fund			8,315	8,315
UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND				
Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES—UHIF	497	497
Subtotal Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund			497	497
TOTAL FAMILY HOUSING			1,854,862	1,754,862
DEFENSE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE				
BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE, ARMY				
Worldwide Unspecified				

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BRAC, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	BASE REALIGNMENT & CLOSURE	171,870	171,870
Subtotal Base Realignment and Closure—Army			171,870	171,870
BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE, NAVY				
	Worldwide Unspecified			
BRAC, Navy	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	BASE REALIGNMENT & CLOSURE	112,791	112,791
Subtotal Base Realignment and Closure—Navy			112,791	112,791
BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE, AIR FORCE				
	Worldwide Unspecified			
BRAC, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	BASE REALIGNMENT & CLOSURE	124,196	124,196
Subtotal Base Realignment and Closure—Air Force			124,196	124,196
BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE, DEFENSE-WIDE				
	Worldwide Unspecified			
BRAC, Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	BASE REALIGNMENT & CLOSURE	1,304	1,304
Subtotal Base Realignment and Closure—Defense-Wide			1,304	1,304
TOTAL DEFENSE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE			410,161	410,161
TOTAL MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, FAMILY HOUSING, AND BRAC			18,892,743	40,711,57

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Program	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized	
Discretionary Summary by Appropriation			
Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies			
Appropriation Summary:			
Energy Programs			
Nuclear Energy	160,000	160,000	
Atomic Energy Defense Activities			
National Nuclear Security Administration:			
Weapons Activities	20,074,400	21,831,587	
Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation	2,284,600	2,238,653	
Naval Reactors	2,346,000	2,247,000	
Federal Salaries and Expenses	555,000	555,000	
Total, National Nuclear Security Administration	25,260,000	26,872,240	
Defense Environmental Cleanup	6,956,000	6,961,000	
Defense Uranium Enrichment D&D	278,000	0	
Other Defense Activities	1,182,000	1,182,000	
Total, Atomic Energy Defense Activities	33,676,000	35,015,250	

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Program	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
Total, Discretionary Funding	33,836,000	35,175,250
Nuclear Energy		
Safeguards and security	160,000	160,000
Total, Nuclear Energy	160,000	160,000
National Nuclear Security Administration		
Weapons Activities		
Stockpile management		
Stockpile major modernization		
B61-12 Life Extension Program	16,000	16,000
W80-4 Life extension program	1,259,048	1,259,048
SLCM-N Warhead	0	186,000
Restoration of full funding for Nuclear-Armed Sea-Launched Cruise Missile Warhead		(186,000)
W87-1 Modification Program	649,096	770,283
Restoration of management reserve for program stabilization		(121,187)
W93	806,797	781,797
Program decrease		(-25,000)
B61-13	49,357	49,357
Subtotal, Stockpile major modernization	2,780,298	3,062,485
Stockpile sustainment	1,720,200	1,620,200
Program decrease		(-100,000)
Weapons dismantlement and disposition	82,367	87,367
Realignment of improperly applied reconciliation funds		(-20,000)
Harvesting dismantlement for stockpile modernization		(25,000)
Production operations	1,020,243	1,020,243
Nuclear enterprise assurance	117,193	98,193
Realignment of improperly applied reconciliation funds		(-19,000)
Total, Stockpile management	5,720,301	5,888,488
Production Modernization		
Primary Capability Modernization		
Plutonium Modernization		
Los Alamos Plutonium Modernization		
Los Alamos Pit Production	982,263	982,263
21-D-512 Plutonium Pit Production Project, LANL	509,316	509,316
15-D-302 TA-55 Reinvestments Project, Phase 3, LANL	7,942	7,942
07-D-220-04 Transuranic Liquid Waste Facility, LANL	5,865	5,865
Subtotal, Los Alamos Plutonium Modernization	1,505,386	1,505,386
Savannah River Plutonium Modernization		
Savannah River Pit Production	75,486	75,486
21-D-511 Savannah River Plutonium Processing Facility, SRS	1,130,000	1,130,000
Subtotal, Savannah River Plutonium Modernization	1,205,486	1,205,486
Enterprise Plutonium Support	122,094	122,094
Total, Plutonium Modernization	2,832,966	2,832,966
High Explosives & Energetics		
High Explosives & Energetics	132,023	156,023
Realignment of improperly applied rec- onciliation funds		(24,000)
21-D-510 HE Synthesis, Formulation, and Production, PX	0	125,000
Project Continuation		(125,000)
PFAS Binder Mitigation and Future Alternatives		(60,000)
Subtotal, High Explosives & Energetics	132,023	341,023
Total, Primary Capability Modernization	2,964,989	3,173,989
Secondary Capability Modernization		
Secondary Capability Modernization	770,186	1,052,186
Depleted uranium risk reduction		(145,000)
Realignment of improperly applied reconciliation funds		(137,000)
18-D-690 Lithium Processing Facility, Y-12	0	150,000
Project Continuation		(150,000)
06-D-141 Uranium Processing Facility, Y-12	0	830,000

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Program	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
Realignment of improperly applied reconciliation funds		(830,000)
Total, Secondary Capability Modernization	770,186	2,032,186
Tritium and Defense Fuels Program		
Tritium and Defense Fuels Program	568,384	568,384
18-D-650 Tritium Finishing Facility, SRS	0	35,000
Program increase		(35,000)
Total, Tritium and Domestic Uranium Enrichment	568,384	603,384
Non-Nuclear Capability Modernization		
Non-Nuclear Capability Modernization	221,588	190,588
Program decrease		(-31,000)
26-D-511 MESA Photolithography Capability (MPC), SNL ...	40,000	40,000
26-D-510 Product Realization Infrastructure for Stockpile Modernization (PRISM), LLNL	15,000	15,000
Total, Non-Nuclear Capability Modernization	276,588	245,588
Capability Based Investments	177,996	153,996
Program decrease		(-24,000)
Warhead Assembly Modernization	34,336	34,336
Total, Production Modernization	4,792,479	6,243,479
Stockpile research, technology, and engineering		
Assessment Science		
Assessment Science	980,959	992,959
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
Total, Assessment Science	1,000,959	1,012,959
Engineering and integrated assessments		
Engineering and Integrated Assessments	399,777	473,777
Establishment of Rapid Capabilities Develop- ment 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
Total, Engineering and Integrated Assessments	452,025	526,025
Inertial Confinement Fusion		
Inertial Confinement Fusion	699,206	724,206
Enhanced facility sustainment		(25,000)
26-D-514 NIF Enhanced Fusion Yield Capability, LLNL	26,000	26,000
Total, Inertial Confinement Fusion	725,206	750,206
Advanced simulation and computing	865,995	865,995
Weapons technology and manufacturing maturation	276,279	276,279
Total, Stockpile research, technology, and engineering	3,320,464	3,431,464
Academic Programs	94,000	94,000
Infrastructure and operations		
Operating		
Operations of facilities	1,722,000	1,642,000
Program decrease		(-80,000)
Safety and Environmental Operations	194,360	194,360
Maintenance and Repair of Facilities	920,000	1,061,000
Program decrease		(-50,000)
Deferred maintenance buy-down		(191,000)
Recapitalization	741,179	935,000
Program decrease		(-31,179)
Deferred maintenance buy-down		(225,000)
Total, Operating	3,577,539	3,832,360
Total, Infrastructure and operations	3,577,539	3,832,360
Secure transportation asset		
Operations and equipment	299,541	269,541
Program decrease		(-30,000)
Program direction	149,244	149,244
Total, Secure transportation asset	448,785	418,785
Defense nuclear security		

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Program	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
Operations and maintenance	1,245,418	1,200,418
Program decrease		(-45,000)
Construction:		
Total, Defense nuclear security	1,245,418	1,200,418
Information Technology and Cybersecurity	811,208	658,387
Program decrease		(-152,821)
Legacy Contractor Pensions and Settlement Payments	64,206	64,206
Total, Weapons Activities	20,074,400	21,831,587
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Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation		
Material Management and Minimization		
Reactor conversion and uranium supply	63,383	63,383
Nuclear material removal and elimination	61,000	38,000
Program decrease		(-23,000)
Plutonium disposition	150,686	150,686
Total, Material Management and Minimization	275,069	252,069
Global Material Security		
International nuclear security	62,865	62,865
Radiological security	186,406	186,406
Nuclear smuggling detection and deterrence	140,601	140,601
Total, Global Material Security	389,872	389,872
Nonproliferation and Arms Control	221,008	221,008
Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation R&D		
Proliferation detection	269,376	269,376
Nonproliferation stewardship program	149,383	124,383
Program decrease		(-25,000)
Nuclear detonation detection	307,435	309,488
Restoral of orbital sensors	0	(2,053)
Forensics R&D	20,460	20,460
Nonproliferation fuels development	0	0
Total, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation R&D	746,654	723,707
Nonproliferation Construction:		
U.S. Construction		
18-D-150 Surplus Plutonium Disposition Project, SRS	50,000	50,000
Total, Nonproliferation Construction	50,000	50,000
Legacy contractor pensions	20,993	20,993
Nuclear Counterterrorism and Incident Response Program		
Emergency Management	33,122	33,122
Counterterrorism and Counterproliferation	596,878	596,878
Total, Nuclear Counterterrorism and Incident Response Program	630,000	630,000
Subtotal, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation	2,333,596	2,287,649
Adjustments		
Use of prior year balances	-39,574	-39,574
Cancellation of Prior Year Balances	-9,422	-9,422
Total, Adjustments	-48,996	-48,996
Total, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation	2,284,600	2,238,653
Naval Reactors		
Naval reactors development	884,579	884,579
Columbia-Class reactor systems development	35,300	35,300
Naval reactors operations and infrastructure	703,581	703,581
Program direction	61,540	61,540
Construction:		
14-D-901 Spent Fuel Handling Recapitalization Project, NRF	526,000	427,000
Program decrease		(-99,000)
25-D-530 Naval Examination Acquisition Project	60,000	60,000
26-D-530 East Side Office Building	75,000	75,000
Total, Naval Reactors Construction	661,000	562,000
Total, Naval Reactors	2,346,000	2,247,000
Federal Salaries and Expenses		

SEC. 4701. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS (In Thousands of Dollars)		
Program	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
Program direction	555,000	555,000
Total, Federal Salaries and Expenses	555,000	555,000
TOTAL, National Nuclear Security Administration	25,260,000	26,872,240
Defense Environmental Cleanup		
Closure sites administration	500	500
Richland		
River corridor and other cleanup operations	68,562	68,562
Central plateau remediation	754,259	754,259
Richland community and regulatory support	10,700	10,700
22-D-402 L-897 200 Area Water Treatment Facility	4,000	4,000
Total, Richland	837,521	837,521
Office of River Protection:		
Waste Treatment Immobilization Plant Commissioning	390,415	390,415
Tank Farm Activities	923,212	923,212
Construction:		
23-D-403 Hanford 200 West Area Tank Farms Risk Manage- ment Project	108,200	108,200
15-D-409 Low Activity Waste Pretreatment System	78,600	78,600
01-D-416: Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant, RL ...	600,000	600,000
Subtotal, Construction	786,800	786,800
Total, Office of River Protection	2,100,427	2,100,427
Idaho National Laboratory:		
Idaho cleanup and waste disposition	452,242	452,242
Idaho community and regulatory support	3,779	3,779
Construction:		
22-D-403 Idaho Spent Nuclear Fuel Staging Facility	2,000	2,000
22-D-402 Calcine Construction	2,000	2,000
Subtotal, Construction	4,000	4,000
Total, Idaho National Laboratory	460,021	460,021
NNSA sites and Nevada off-sites		
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	1,955	1,955
Separations Processing Research Unit	950	950
Nevada	64,835	64,835
Sandia National Laboratory	1,030	1,030
Los Alamos National Laboratory	278,288	278,288
Los Alamos Excess Facilities D&D	1,693	1,693
Total, NNSA sites and Nevada off-sites	348,751	348,751
Oak Ridge Reservation:		
OR Nuclear Facility D&D	346,562	346,562
U233 Disposition Program	63,000	63,000
OR cleanup and waste disposition	75,000	75,000
Construction:		
14-D-403 Outfall 200 Mercury Treatment Facility	34,885	34,885
17-D-401 On-site Waste Disposal Facility	15,050	15,050
Subtotal, Construction	49,935	49,935
OR reservation community & regulatory support	5,900	5,900
OR technology development and deployment	3,300	3,300
Total, Oak Ridge Reservation	543,697	543,697
Savannah River Site:		
Savannah River risk management operations	396,394	396,394
Savannah River community and regulatory support	5,317	10,317
Payment in lieu of taxes		(5,000)
Savannah River National Laboratory O&M	90,719	90,719
Construction:		
20-D-401 Saltstone Disposal Unit #10, 11, 12	52,500	52,500
19-D-701: SR Security Systems Replacement	708	708
Subtotal, Construction	53,208	53,208
Radioactive liquid tank waste stabilization and disposition	1,066,000	1,066,000
Total, Savannah River Site	1,611,638	1,616,638
Waste Isolation Pilot Plant		
Waste Isolation Pilot Plant	413,424	413,414
Construction:		

SEC. 4701. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS (In Thousands of Dollars)		
Program	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
21-D-401: Hoisting Capability Project	2,000	2,000
Total, Construction	2,000	2,000
Total, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant	415,424	415,424
Program direction	312,818	312,818
Program support	20,320	20,320
Safeguards and Security—Defense Environmental Cleanup	288,871	288,871
Technology development and deployment	16,012	16,012
Subtotal, Defense Environmental Cleanup	6,956,000	6,961,000
TOTAL, Defense Environmental Cleanup	6,956,000	6,961,000
Defense Uranium Enrichment D&D	278,000	0
Program Reduction		(-278,000)
Other Defense Activities		
Environment, health, safety and security		
Environment, health, safety and security mission support	141,908	141,908
Program direction	90,555	90,555
Total, Environment, health, safety and security	232,463	232,463
Office of Enterprise Assessments		
Enterprise assessments	30,022	30,022
Program direction	59,132	59,132
Total, Office of Enterprise Assessments	89,154	89,154
Specialized security activities	441,000	441,000
Legacy Management		
Legacy Management Activities—Defense	177,716	177,716
Program Direction	22,542	22,542
Total, Legacy Management	200,258	200,258
Defense-Related Administrative Support	214,626	214,626
Office of Hearings and Appeals	4,499	4,499
Subtotal, Other Defense Activities	1,182,000	1,182,000
Total, Other Defense Activities	1,182,000	1,182,000

1 **DIVISION E—ADDITIONAL**
2 **PROVISIONS**
3 **TITLE LII—RESEARCH, DEVEL-**
4 **OPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUA-**
5 **TION**
6 **Subtitle B—Program Require-**
7 **ments, Restrictions, and Limita-**
8 **tions**

9 **SEC. 5211. AVOIDING DUPLICATION OF HYPERSONIC TEST-**
10 **ING EFFORTS.**

11 To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary of
12 Defense shall use existing hypersonic testing facilities or
13 hypersonic testing facilities currently undergoing refur-
14 bishment, including those owned by other departments
15 and agencies, for testing related to the development of
16 hypersonic systems.

17 **Subtitle C—Plans, Reports, and**
18 **Other Matters**

19 **SEC. 5221. EVALUATION OF ADDITIONAL TEST CORRIDORS**
20 **FOR HYPERSONIC AND LONG-RANGE WEAP-**
21 **ONS.**

22 The text of section 223 is hereby deemed to read as
23 follows:

1 **“SEC. 5223. EVALUATION OF ADDITIONAL TEST CORRIDORS**
2 **FOR HYPERSONIC AND LONG-RANGE WEAP-**
3 **ONS.**

4 “(a) EVALUATION REQUIRED.—To assess impact ef-
5 fectiveness and increase the cadence of testing and train-
6 ing for long-range and hypersonic systems, the Secretary
7 of Defense shall, acting through the Under Secretary of
8 Defense for Research and Engineering and the Director
9 of the Test Resource Management Center and in consulta-
10 tion with requirements owners of long-range and
11 hypersonic systems of the Armed Forces, evaluate—

12 “(1) the comparative advantages of episodic
13 and permanent special activity airspace designated
14 by the Federal Aviation Administration for use by
15 the Department of Defense suitable for the test and
16 training of long-range and hypersonic systems;

17 “(2) requirements for continental test ranges,
18 including—

19 “(A) attributes, including live, virtual, and
20 constructive capabilities;

21 “(B) scheduling and availability;

22 “(C) safety;

23 “(D) end strength;

24 “(E) facilities, infrastructure, radar, and
25 related systems;

26 “(F) launch locations including—

1 “(i) Bearpaw Air Traffic Control As-
2 signed Airspace, Montana;
3 “(ii) Mountain Home Range Complex,
4 Idaho;
5 “(iii) Fallon Range Training Complex,
6 Nevada;
7 “(iv) Utah Test and Training Range,
8 Utah;
9 “(v) Nevada Test and Training
10 Range, Nevada;
11 “(vi) Green River Test Complex,
12 Utah; and
13 “(vii) White Sands Missile Range,
14 New Mexico;
15 “(G) impact areas within the White Sands
16 Missile Range, New Mexico; and
17 “(H) such other characteristics as the Sec-
18 retary considers appropriate; and
19 “(3) potential enhancements to existing Na-
20 tional Aeronautics and Space Administration facili-
21 ties needed to enable use of these facilities by the
22 Department of Defense for testing and research of
23 hypersonic systems.
24 “(b) BRIEFING.—Not later than December 1, 2026,
25 the Secretary shall provide to the Committee on Armed

1 Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Serv-
 2 ices of the House of Representatives a briefing on the find-
 3 ings of the Secretary with respect to the evaluation con-
 4 ducted pursuant to subsection (a), including an assess-
 5 ment of the completion date.

6 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 “(1) The term ‘impact area’ means the point at
 8 which a test terminates.

9 “(2) The term ‘launch location’ means the point
 10 from which a test is initiated.”.

11 **TITLE LIII—OPERATION AND** 12 **MAINTENANCE**

13 **Subtitle D—Reports**

14 **SEC. 5331. REPORT ON ADOPTION OF GRAPHITE OXIDE-** 15 **BASED FIREFIGHTING FOAMS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than February 1, 2026,
 17 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional
 18 defense committees a report on the progress and strategy
 19 of the Department of Defense for accelerating adoption
 20 of graphite oxide-based firefighting foams.

21 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
 22 (a) shall include the following:

23 (1) A summary of current testing, evaluation,
 24 and certification efforts for graphite oxide-based

1 firefighting foams, including performance data and
2 environmental assessments.

3 (2) An identification of any remaining tech-
4 nical, regulatory, or logistical barriers to full-scale
5 adoption of such foams, along with proposed mitiga-
6 tion strategies.

7 (3) A timeline for the phased replacement
8 throughout the Department of firefighting foams
9 containing perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl sub-
10 stances with graphite oxide-based alternatives.

11 (4) A description of interagency coordination
12 and partnerships with industry and academia to en-
13 sure such foams meet relevant safety, operational,
14 and environmental standards for military use.

15 **TITLE LVI—COMPENSATION AND** 16 **OTHER MATTERS** 17 **Subtitle B—Special and Incentive** 18 **Pay**

19 **SEC. 5611. ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF CERTAIN EXPIRING** 20 **BONUS AND SPECIAL PAY AUTHORITIES.**

21 (a) AUTHORITIES RELATING TO RESERVE
22 FORCES.—Section 910(g) of title 37, United States Code,
23 relating to income replacement payments for reserve com-
24 ponent members experiencing extended and frequent mo-
25 bilization for active duty service, is amended by striking

1 “December 31, 2025” and inserting “December 31,
2 2026”.

3 (b) TITLE 10 AUTHORITIES RELATING TO HEALTH
4 CARE PROFESSIONALS.—The following sections of title
5 10, United States Code, are amended by striking “Decem-
6 ber 31, 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2026”:

7 (1) Section 2130a(a)(1), relating to nurse offi-
8 cer candidate accession program.

9 (2) Section 16302(d), relating to repayment of
10 education loans for certain health professionals who
11 serve in the Selected Reserve.

12 (c) AUTHORITIES RELATING TO NUCLEAR OFFI-
13 CERS.—Section 333(i) of title 37, United States Code, is
14 amended by striking “December 31, 2025” and inserting
15 “December 31, 2026”.

16 (d) AUTHORITIES RELATING TO TITLE 37 CONSOLI-
17 DATED SPECIAL PAY, INCENTIVE PAY, AND BONUS AU-
18 THORITIES.—The following sections of title 37, United
19 States Code, are amended by striking “December 31,
20 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2026”:

21 (1) Section 331(h), relating to general bonus
22 authority for enlisted members.

23 (2) Section 332(g), relating to general bonus
24 authority for officers.

1 (3) Section 334(i), relating to special aviation
2 incentive pay and bonus authorities for officers.

3 (4) Section 335(k), relating to special bonus
4 and incentive pay authorities for officers in health
5 professions.

6 (5) Section 336(g), relating to contracting
7 bonus for cadets and midshipmen enrolled in the
8 Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

9 (6) Section 351(h), relating to hazardous duty
10 pay.

11 (7) Section 352(g), relating to assignment pay
12 or special duty pay.

13 (8) Section 353(i), relating to skill incentive
14 pay or proficiency bonus.

15 (9) Section 355(h), relating to retention incen-
16 tives for members qualified in critical military skills
17 or assigned to high priority units.

18 (e) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY INCREASE
19 IN RATES OF BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING.—Section
20 403(b) of title 37, United States Code, is amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (7)(E), relating to an area
22 covered by a major disaster declaration or con-
23 taining an installation experiencing an influx of mili-
24 tary personnel, by striking “December 31, 2025”
25 and inserting “December 31, 2026”; and

(2) in paragraph (8)(C), relating to an area where actual housing costs differ from current rates by more than 20 percent, by striking “December 31, 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2026”.

Subtitle C—Other Matters

SEC. 5621. PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE COUPONS TO JUNIOR ENLISTED MEMBERS TO PURCHASE FOOD AT COMMISSARIES.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) members of the Armed Forces and their families deserve access to affordable and healthy food options, including during their duty day;

(2) there has been increased awareness about the challenges members and their families face in accessing affordable and healthy food options;

(3) those challenges have been especially acute for unaccompanied junior enlisted members who live in government-provided quarters on military installations; and

(4) the Department of Defense should explore a variety of proposals for expanding the accessibility of healthy and affordable food options to members, especially members who live in unaccompanied housing on military installations.

1 (b) PILOT PROGRAM.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
3 may conduct a pilot program to assess the efficacy
4 of providing junior enlisted members of the Armed
5 Forces a monthly coupon for use in procuring food
6 at commissaries.

7 (2) SELECTION OF INSTALLATIONS.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
9 conduct the pilot program authorized by para-
10 graph (1) at 2 military installations.

11 (B) CONSIDERATIONS.—In selecting instal-
12 lations for the pilot program authorized by
13 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall consider in-
14 stallations with—

15 (i) large numbers of enlisted members
16 who live in unaccompanied housing;

17 (ii) the largest ratios of enlisted mem-
18 bers to commissioned officers;

19 (iii) unaccompanied housing that pro-
20 vides access to functioning kitchens that
21 residents may use to prepare meals;

22 (iv) commissaries that are experi-
23 menting with or expanding their selection
24 of nutritious and minimally processed
25 ready-made and easy-to-make food options;

1 (v) low rates of attendance at dining
2 facilities;

3 (vi) low customer satisfaction ratings
4 for dining facilities, including installations
5 with complaints about dining facilities sub-
6 mitted through the Interactive Customer
7 Evaluation system of the Department of
8 Defense; and

9 (vii) commissaries located within eas-
10 ily accessible distances from unaccom-
11 panied housing.

12 (3) COUPONS.—

13 (A) AMOUNT.—The Secretary may deter-
14 mine the amount of the coupons to be provided
15 under the pilot program authorized by para-
16 graph (1).

17 (B) USE.—

18 (i) IN GENERAL.—A coupon provided
19 under the pilot program authorized by
20 paragraph (1) may be used only to pur-
21 chase food at commissaries.

22 (ii) EXCLUSIONS.—A coupon provided
23 under the pilot program authorized by
24 paragraph (1) may not be used—

1 (I) to purchase alcoholic bev-
2 erages or tobacco; or

3 (II) to pay any deposit fee in ex-
4 cess of the amount of the State fee re-
5 imbursement (if any) required to pur-
6 chase any food or food product con-
7 tained in a returnable bottle or can,
8 without regard to whether the fee is
9 included in the shelf price posted for
10 the food or food product.

11 (C) SUPPLEMENT TO OTHER FOOD ASSIST-
12 ANCE.—A coupon provided to a member under
13 the pilot program authorized by paragraph (1)
14 shall be supplement and not supplant—

15 (i) the basic allowance for subsistence
16 under section 402 of title 37, United
17 States Code; and

18 (ii) any program to provide meals or
19 rations in kind for which the member is el-
20 igible.

21 (4) DURATION OF PILOT PROGRAM.—The pilot
22 program authorized by paragraph (1) shall termi-
23 nate not later than one year after the pilot program
24 commences.

25 (5) REPORT REQUIRED.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
2 after the termination under paragraph (4) of
3 the pilot program authorized by paragraph (1),
4 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the
5 congressional defense committees a report de-
6 tailing the results of the pilot program.

7 (B) ELEMENTS.—The report required by
8 subparagraph (A) shall include an assessment
9 of the following:

10 (i) The use of coupons by members
11 who received coupons under the pilot pro-
12 gram.

13 (ii) The satisfaction of and feedback
14 from such members relating to the cou-
15 pons.

16 (iii) The impact of providing the cou-
17 pons on—

18 (I) the rates at which such mem-
19 bers used commissaries; and

20 (II) the rates at which such
21 members used dining facilities on
22 their installations.

23 (iv) Historical rates of use of dining
24 facilities on installations and historical cus-
25 tomer satisfaction metrics for such facili-

ties, including the number of complaints with respect to such facilities submitted through the Interactive Customer Evaluation system of the Department of Defense.

(v) The efficacy of the pilot program in—

(I) reducing food insecurity rates among junior enlisted members;

(II) increasing the availability of nutritious food options for such members at commissaries; and

(III) increasing the availability of nutritious food options for such members generally, including such members living in unaccompanied housing.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COUPON.—The term “coupon” means a voucher or monetary benefit for a member of the Armed Forces that may be used only at a commissary for the purchase of food.

(2) FOOD.—The term “food” means any food or food product intended for home consumption, including a ready-made food item.

1 **TITLE LVII—HEALTH CARE**
2 **PROVISIONS**
3 **Subtitle C—Reports and Other**
4 **Matters**

5 **SEC. 5721. BRIEFING ON USE OF OTHER TRANSACTION**
6 **AGREEMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF MED-**
7 **ICAL PROTOTYPES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
10 shall provide to the congressional defense committees a
11 briefing on how the use of other transaction agreements
12 can expedite development of medical prototypes for assess-
13 ment by end-user communities to address capability gaps
14 in medical research by leveraging subject matter expertise,
15 infrastructure, and resources to include developing, test-
16 ing, and fielding prototype technologies and solutions for
17 the military health system.

18 (b) ELEMENTS.—The briefing required under sub-
19 section (a) shall include an update on the following:

20 (1) Current medical research and development
21 efforts to support the health and readiness of mem-
22 bers of the Armed Forces.

23 (2) Efforts of the Department of Defense to es-
24 tablish partnerships with small businesses, academic
25 institutions, and industry to facilitate the advance-

1 ment of medical concepts and prototypes to protect,
2 treat, and optimize health, performance, and surviv-
3 ability of members of the Armed Forces.

4 (3) How the Department is addressing critical
5 gaps in combat casualty care, including trauma care
6 delivery, musculoskeletal injury, and wound manage-
7 ment.

8 **SEC. 5722. REPORT ON INTEGRATION OF LIFESTYLE AND**
9 **PERFORMANCE MEDICINE AND BEHAVIORS**
10 **TO SUPPORT HEALTH AND MILITARY READI-**
11 **NESS.**

12 Not later than December 1, 2026, the Secretary of
13 Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
14 ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives a re-
15 port containing recommendations on how to integrate life-
16 style and performance medicine and behaviors (such as
17 diet, exercise, and sleep) throughout the Department of
18 Defense to support the health and military readiness of
19 members of the Armed Forces.

20 **SEC. 5723. EVALUATION OF CERTAIN RESEARCH RELATED**
21 **TO MENOPAUSE, PERIMENOPAUSE, OR MID-**
22 **LIFE WOMEN'S HEALTH.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in co-
24 ordination with Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall evalu-
25 ate—

1 (1) the results of completed research related to
2 menopause, perimenopause, or mid-life women's
3 health among women who are members of the uni-
4 formed services or veterans;

5 (2) the status of such research that is ongoing;

6 (3) any gaps in knowledge and research on—

7 (A) treatments for menopause-related
8 symptoms, including hormone and non-hormone
9 treatments;

10 (B) the safety and effectiveness of treat-
11 ments for menopause-related symptoms;

12 (C) the relation of service in the uniformed
13 services to perimenopause and menopause and
14 the impact of such service on perimenopause
15 and menopause; and

16 (D) the impact of perimenopause and
17 menopause on the mental health of women who
18 are members of the uniformed services or vet-
19 erans;

20 (4) the availability of and uptake of professional
21 training resources for covered providers relating to
22 mid-life women's health with respect to the care,
23 treatment, and management of perimenopause and
24 menopausal symptoms, and related support services;
25 and

1 (5) the availability of and uptake of treatments
2 for women who are members of the uniformed serv-
3 ices or veterans who are experiencing perimenopause
4 or menopause.

5 (b) REPORT; STRATEGIC PLAN.—Not later than 180
6 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
8 shall each submit to Congress a report containing—

9 (1) the findings of the evaluation conducted
10 under subsection (a);

11 (2) recommendations for improving professional
12 training resources described in subsection (a)(4) for
13 covered providers; and

14 (3) a strategic plan that—

15 (A) resolves the gaps in knowledge and re-
16 search identified in the report; and

17 (B) identifies topics in need of further re-
18 search relating to potential treatments for
19 menopause-related symptoms of women who are
20 members of the uniformed services or veterans.

21 (c) NONDUPLICATION AND SUPPLEMENTATION OF
22 EFFORTS.—In carrying out activities under this section,
23 the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans
24 Affairs shall ensure that such activities minimize dupli-
25 cation and supplement, not supplant, existing information-

1 sharing efforts of the Department of Health and Human
2 Services.

3 (d) SENSE OF CONGRESS ON ADDITIONAL RESEARCH
4 RELATED TO MENOPAUSE, PERIMENOPAUSE, OR MID-
5 LIFE WOMEN’S HEALTH.—It is the sense of Congress that
6 the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans
7 Affairs should each conduct research related to meno-
8 pause, perimenopause, or mid-life health regarding women
9 who are members of the uniformed services or veterans.

10 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) COVERED PROVIDER.—The term “covered
12 provider” means a health care provider employed by
13 the Department of Defense or the Department of
14 Veterans Affairs.

15 (2) MENOPAUSE.—The term “menopause”
16 means the stage of a woman’s life—

17 (A) when menstrual periods stop perma-
18 nently and she can no longer get pregnant; and

19 (B) that is not a disease state, but a nor-
20 mal part of aging for women.

21 (3) MID-LIFE.—The term “mid-life” means a
22 life stage that—

23 (A) coincides with the menopausal transi-
24 tion in women, which may be physical or emo-
25 tional;

1 (B) encompasses the late reproductive age,
2 which can begin at approximately 35 years of
3 age, to the late postmenopausal stages of repro-
4 ductive aging, which can extend to approxi-
5 mately 65 years of age; and

6 (C) often marks the onset of many chronic
7 diseases.

8 (4) PERIMENOPAUSE.—The term
9 “perimenopause” means the time during a woman’s
10 life when levels of the hormone estrogen fall un-
11 evenly in a woman’s body and is also called the men-
12 opausal transition.

13 (5) POSTMENOPAUSAL.—The term “post-
14 menopausal” means the stage of a woman’s life after
15 a woman has been without a menstrual period for 12
16 months that lasts for the rest of a woman’s life and
17 reflects a time when women are at increased risk for
18 osteoporosis and heart disease.

1 **TITLE LVIII—ACQUISITION POL-**
2 **ICY, ACQUISITION MANAGE-**
3 **MENT, AND RELATED MAT-**
4 **TERS**

5 **Subtitle E—Other Matters**

6 **SEC. 5861. REPEALS OF EXISTING LAWS TO STREAMLINE**
7 **THE DEFENSE ACQUISITION PROCESS.**

8 The text of section 868 is hereby deemed to read as
9 follows:

10 **“SEC. 868. REPEALS OF EXISTING LAW TO STREAMLINE**
11 **THE DEFENSE ACQUISITION PROCESS.**

12 “The following provisions are hereby repealed:

13 “(1) Section 3070 of title 10, United States
14 Code.

15 “(2) Section 874 of the National Defense Au-
16 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law
17 115–91; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3101).

18 “(3) Section 810 of the National Defense Au-
19 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
20 114–92; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3101).

21 “(4) Section 3106 of title 10, United States
22 Code.

23 “(5) Section 8688 of title 10, United States
24 Code.

1 “(6) Subsections (a)–(c) of section 804 of the
2 Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act
3 for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122
4 Stat. 4356).

5 “(7) Section 822 of the National Defense Au-
6 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (Public Law
7 104–106; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3201).

8 “(8) Section 892 of the National Defense Au-
9 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law
10 110–181; 10 U.S.C. 3201 note).

11 “(9) Section 805 of the National Defense Au-
12 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Public Law
13 108–136; 10 U.S.C. 3201 note).

14 “(10) Section 802 of the National Defense Au-
15 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law
16 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 3206 note).

17 “(11) Section 3208 of title 10, United States
18 Code.

19 “(12) Section 852 of the Carl Levin and How-
20 ard P. ‘Buck’ McKeon National Defense Authoriza-
21 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291;
22 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3241).

23 “(13) Subsections (a)–(f) of section 866 of the
24 Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for

1 Fiscal Year 2011 (Public Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C.
2 note prec. 3241).

3 “(14) Section 143 of the Duncan Hunter Na-
4 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
5 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
6 3241).

7 “(15) Section 254 of the Duncan Hunter Na-
8 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
9 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
10 3241).

11 “(16) Section 886 of the National Defense Au-
12 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law
13 110–181; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3241).

14 “(17) Section 851 of the Ronald W. Reagan
15 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
16 2005 (Public Law 108–375; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
17 3241).

18 “(18) Section 314 of the Bob Stump National
19 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003
20 (Public Law 107–314; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3241).

21 “(19) Section 826 of the Floyd D. Spence Na-
22 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
23 2001 (Public Law 106–398; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
24 3241).

1 “(20) Section 806 of the Strom Thurmond Na-
2 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
3 1999 (Public Law 105–261; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
4 3241).

5 “(21) Section 368 of the National Defense Au-
6 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law
7 112–81; 10 U.S.C. 3303 note).

8 “(22) Section 875 of the National Defense Au-
9 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law
10 117–81; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3344).

11 “(23) Section 816 of the National Defense Au-
12 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law
13 109–163; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3344).

14 “(24) Section 3373 of title 10, United States
15 Code.

16 “(25) Section 883 of the James M. Inhofe Na-
17 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
18 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 10 U.S.C. 3372 note).

19 “(26) Section 3455 of title 10, United States
20 Code.

21 “(27) Section 3678 of title 10, United States
22 Code.

23 “(28) Section 133 of the Bob Stump National
24 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003
25 (Public Law 107–314; 10 U.S.C. 3678 note).

1 “(29) Section 891 of the William M. (Mac)
2 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
3 Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C.
4 3804 note).

5 “(30) Section 380 of the National Defense Au-
6 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law
7 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note).

8 “(31) Section 1056 of the National Defense
9 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
10 114–92; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note).

11 “(32) Section 1603 of the National Defense
12 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law
13 113–66; 10 U.S.C. 4007 note).

14 “(33) Section 1089 of the National Defense
15 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law
16 115–91; 10 U.S.C. 4025 note).

17 “(34) Section 812 of the National Defense Au-
18 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law
19 106–65; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4061).

20 “(35) Section 235 of the National Defense Au-
21 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law
22 114–328; 10 U.S.C. 4126 note).

23 “(36) Section 252 of the National Defense Au-
24 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law
25 116–92; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4141).

1 “(37) Section 1043 of the National Defense
2 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law
3 111–84; 10 U.S.C. 4174 note).

4 “(38) Section 828 of the National Defense Au-
5 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
6 114–92; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4201).

7 “(39) Section 1252 of the Defense Procurement
8 Reform Act of 1984 (Public Law 98–525; 10 U.S.C.
9 4205 note).

10 “(40) Section 812 of the Ike Skelton National
11 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011
12 (Public Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4211).

13 “(41) Section 806 of the National Defense Au-
14 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law
15 109–163; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4211).

16 “(42) Section 818 of the John Warner National
17 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007
18 (Public Law 109–364; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4231).

19 “(43) Section 802(d)(2) of the National De-
20 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Pub-
21 lic Law 114–92; 10 U.S.C. 4251 note).

22 “(44) Section 4271 of title 10, United States
23 Code.

1 “(45) Section 814 of the Duncan Hunter Na-
2 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
3 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 10 U.S.C. 4271 note).

4 “(46) Section 925(b) of the National Defense
5 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law
6 114–328; 10 U.S.C. 4271 note).

7 “(47) Section 812 of the John Warner National
8 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007
9 (Public Law 109–364; 10 U.S.C. 4325 note).

10 “(48) Section 4423 of title 10, United States
11 Code.

12 “(49) Section 831(b) of the Ike Skelton Na-
13 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
14 2011 (Public Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
15 4501).

16 “(50) Section 863(a)–(h) of the Ike Skelton
17 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
18 2011 (Public Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
19 4501).

20 “(51) Section 832 of the John Warner National
21 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007
22 (Public Law 109–364; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4501).

23 “(52) Section 883(e) of the National Defense
24 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
25 114–92; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4571).

1 “(53) Section 938 of the National Defense Au-
2 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law
3 113–66; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4571).

4 “(54) Section 1272 of the National Defense
5 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law
6 115–91; 10 U.S.C. 4571 note).

7 “(55) Section 2867 of the National Defense
8 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law
9 112–81; 10 U.S.C. 4571 note).

10 “(56) Section 215 of the Ike Skelton National
11 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011
12 (Public Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C. 4571 note).

13 “(57) Section 881 of the National Defense Au-
14 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law
15 110–181; 10 U.S.C. 4571 note).

16 “(58) Section 804 of the Bob Stump National
17 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003
18 (Public Law 107–314; 10 U.S.C. 4571 note).

19 “(59) Chapter 345 of title 10, United States
20 Code.

21 “(60) Section 378 of the National Defense Au-
22 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law
23 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 113 note).

24 “(61) Section 846(a) of the William M. (Mac)
25 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for

1 Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C.
2 4811 note).

3 “(62) Section 932 of the Ike Skelton National
4 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011
5 (Public Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C. 2224 note).

6 “(63) Section 849 of the National Defense Au-
7 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law
8 115–91; 131 Stat. 1487).

9 “(64) Section 804 of the National Defense Au-
10 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law
11 111–84; 123 Stat. 2402).

12 “(65) Section 881 of the National Defense Au-
13 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
14 114–92; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4601).

15 “(66) Section 802 of the Ronald W. Reagan
16 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
17 2005 (Public Law 108–375; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
18 3062).

19 “(67) Section 913 of the Department of De-
20 fense Authorization Act, 1986 (Public Law 99–145;
21 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3201).

22 “(68) Section 821 of the National Defense Au-
23 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law
24 110–181; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3451).

1 “(69) Section 824(a) of the Ike Skelton Na-
2 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
3 2011 (Public Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C. 3774 note).

4 “(70) Section 805 of the National Defense Au-
5 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law
6 110–181; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3451).

7 “(71) Section 844(b) of the National Defense
8 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
9 114–92; 10 U.S.C. 3453 note).

10 “(72) Section 238(b) of the National Defense
11 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law
12 110–181; 10 U.S.C. 4841 note).

13 “(73) Subtitle D of title II of the National De-
14 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Pub-
15 lic Law 109–163; 119 Stat. 3175).

16 “(74) Section 214 of the National Defense Au-
17 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law
18 110–181; 10 U.S.C. 4841 note).

19 “(75) Section 218 of the William M. (Mac)
20 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
21 Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C.
22 8013 note).

23 “(76) Section 229 of the National Defense Au-
24 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law
25 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note).

1 “(77) Section 232 of the National Defense Au-
2 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law
3 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note).

4 “(78) Section 222 of the John S. McCain Na-
5 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
6 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. 4014 note).

7 “(79) Section 230 of the John S. McCain Na-
8 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
9 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
10 4061).

11 “(80) Section 843 of the John S. McCain Na-
12 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
13 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
14 4171).

15 “(81) Section 938 of the National Defense Au-
16 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law
17 113–66; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4571).

18 “(82) Section 1651 of the National Defense
19 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law
20 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 4571 note).

21 “(83) Section 1064 of the John S. McCain Na-
22 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
23 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. 4571 note).

24 “(84) Section 854 of the Carl Levin and How-
25 ard P. ‘Buck’ McKeon National Defense Authoriza-

1 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291;
2 10 U.S.C. 4571 note).”.

3 **SEC. 5862. DUTY-FREE ENTRY OF SUPPLIES PROCURED BY**
4 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

5 The text of section 874 is hereby deemed to read as
6 follows:

7 **“SEC. 874. DUTY-FREE ENTRY OF SUPPLIES PROCURED BY**
8 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

9 “The Secretary of Defense shall—

10 “(1) track the impact of economic fluctuations,
11 include tariffs, supply chain disruptions and infla-
12 tion, on all major prime contracts entered into by
13 the Department of Defense; and

14 “(2) not later than January 30, 2026, submit
15 to the congressional defense committees a report
16 that includes—

17 “(A) an assessment of cost increases to
18 both the Department and contractors as a re-
19 sult of tariffs imposed under the International
20 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C.
21 1701 et seq.) and section 232 of the Trade Ex-
22 pansion Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1862);

23 “(B) an assessment of the effects of such
24 tariffs on supply chains and lead times for
25 major defense platforms; and

“(C) 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.”.

TITLE LX—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Subtitle D—Miscellaneous Authorities and Limitations

SEC. 6011. SUPPORT FOR COUNTERDRUG ACTIVITIES AND ACTIVITIES TO COUNTER TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME.

The text of section 1033 is hereby deemed to read as follows:

“SEC. 1033. SUPPORT FOR COUNTERDRUG ACTIVITIES AND ACTIVITIES TO COUNTER TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME.

“Subsection (h) of section 284 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

“(1) in paragraph (1)—

“(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respectively; and

1 “(B) by inserting before subparagraph (B),
2 as redesignated by subparagraph (A) of this
3 paragraph, the following new subparagraph:

4 “(C) In the case of support for a purpose
5 described in subsection (b)—

6 “(i) the agency to which support is
7 provided;

8 “(ii) the budget, and anticipated deliv-
9 ery schedule for support;

10 “(iii) the source of funds provided for
11 the project or purpose;

12 “(iv) a description of the arrange-
13 ments, if any, for the sustainment of the
14 project or purpose and the source of funds
15 to support sustainment of the capabilities
16 and performance outcomes achieved using
17 such support, if applicable;

18 “(v) a description of the objectives for
19 the project or purpose; and

20 “(vi) information, including the
21 amount, type, and purpose, about the sup-
22 port provided the agency during the three
23 fiscal years preceding the fiscal year for
24 which the support covered by the notice is

provided under this section with respect
to—

“(I) this section;

“(II) counterdrug activities authorized by section 1033 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (Public Law 105–85; 111 Stat. 1811); or

“(III) any other significant program, account, or activity for the provision of security assistance that the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State consider appropriate.
and

“(2) in paragraph (3)(B)(i), by striking ‘the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives’ and inserting ‘the congressional defense committees’.”.

Subtitle F—Other Matters

SEC. 6021. TAKING OR TRANSMITTING VIDEO OF DEFENSE INFORMATION PROHIBITED.

Section 793 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting “video,” after “photographic negative,” each place such term appears.

1 **SEC. 6022. STUDY AND REPORT.**

2 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment
3 of this Act, the Securities and Exchange Commission
4 shall—

5 (1) conduct a study on the transparency and
6 cooperation regarding—

7 (A) brokers and dealers that are a member
8 of a national securities association and reg-
9 istered with the Securities and Exchange Com-
10 mission that are controlled by or organized
11 under the laws of the People’s Republic of
12 China; and

13 (B) investment advisors registered with the
14 Securities and Exchange Commission and con-
15 trolled by or organized under the laws of the
16 People’s Republic of China; and

17 (2) submit to Congress a report that includes
18 the results of the study conducted under paragraph
19 (1).

20 **SEC. 6023. INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR ENERGY.**

21 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the
22 “International Nuclear Energy Act of 2025”.

23 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

24 (1) **ADVANCED NUCLEAR REACTOR.**—The term
25 “advanced nuclear reactor” means—

1 (A) a nuclear fission reactor, including a
2 prototype plant (as defined in sections 50.2 and
3 52.1 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations
4 (or successor regulations)), with significant im-
5 provements compared to reactors operating on
6 October 19, 2016, including improvements such
7 as—

- 8 (i) additional inherent safety features;
- 9 (ii) lower waste yields;
- 10 (iii) improved fuel and material per-
11 formance;
- 12 (iv) increased tolerance to loss of fuel
13 cooling;
- 14 (v) enhanced reliability or improved
15 resilience;
- 16 (vi) increased proliferation resistance;
- 17 (vii) increased thermal efficiency;
- 18 (viii) reduced consumption of cooling
19 water and other environmental impacts;
- 20 (ix) the ability to integrate into elec-
21 tric applications and nonelectric applica-
22 tions;
- 23 (x) modular sizes to allow for deploy-
24 ment that corresponds with the demand
25 for electricity or process heat; and

1 (xi) operational flexibility to respond
2 to changes in demand for electricity or
3 process heat and to complement integra-
4 tion with intermittent renewable energy or
5 energy storage;

6 (B) a fusion machine (as defined in section
7 11 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42
8 U.S.C. 2014)); and

9 (C) a radioisotope power system that uti-
10 lizes heat from radioactive decay to generate
11 energy.

12 (2) ALLY OR PARTNER NATION.—The term
13 “ally or partner nation” means—

14 (A) the Government of any country that is
15 a member of the Organisation for Economic Co-
16 operation and Development;

17 (B) the Government of the Republic of
18 India; and

19 (C) the Government of any country des-
20 ignated as an ally or partner nation by the Sec-
21 retary of State for purposes of this section.

22 (3) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
23 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
24 gress” means—

1 (A) the Committees on Foreign Relations,
2 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs,
3 and Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-
4 ate; and

5 (B) the Committees on Foreign Affairs
6 and Energy and Commerce of the House of
7 Representatives.

8 (4) ASSOCIATED ENTITY.—The term “associ-
9 ated entity” means an entity that—

10 (A) is owned, controlled, or operated by—

11 (i) an ally or partner nation; or

12 (ii) an associated individual; or

13 (B) is organized under the laws of, or oth-
14 erwise subject to the jurisdiction of, a country
15 described in paragraph (2), including a corpora-
16 tion that is incorporated in a country described
17 in that paragraph.

18 (5) ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “asso-
19 ciated individual” means a foreign national who is a
20 national of a country described in paragraph (2).

21 (6) CIVIL NUCLEAR.—The term “civil nuclear”
22 means activities relating to—

23 (A) nuclear plant construction;

24 (B) nuclear fuel services;

25 (C) nuclear energy financing;

- 1 (D) nuclear plant operations;
- 2 (E) nuclear plant regulation;
- 3 (F) nuclear medicine;
- 4 (G) nuclear safety;
- 5 (H) community engagement in areas in
- 6 reasonable proximity to nuclear sites;
- 7 (I) infrastructure support for nuclear en-
- 8 ergy;
- 9 (J) nuclear plant decommissioning;
- 10 (K) nuclear liability;
- 11 (L) safe storage and safe disposal of spent
- 12 nuclear fuel;
- 13 (M) environmental safeguards;
- 14 (N) nuclear nonproliferation and security;
- 15 and
- 16 (O) technology related to the matters de-
- 17 scribed in subparagraphs (A) through (N).
- 18 (7) EMBARKING CIVIL NUCLEAR NATION.—
- 19 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “embarking
- 20 civil nuclear nation” means a country that—
- 21 (i) does not have a civil nuclear en-
- 22 ergy program;
- 23 (ii) is in the process of developing or
- 24 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) advanced nuclear reactor licensing;

(iii) is in the process of selecting, developing, constructing, or utilizing advanced light water reactors, 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;

- 1 (iii) the Republic of Belarus;
- 2 (iv) the Islamic Republic of Iran;
- 3 (v) the Democratic People's Republic
- 4 of Korea;
- 5 (vi) the Republic of Cuba;
- 6 (vii) the Bolivarian Republic of Ven-
- 7 ezuela;
- 8 (viii) Burma; or
- 9 (ix) any other country—
- 10 (I) the property or interests in
- 11 property of the government of which
- 12 are blocked pursuant to the Inter-
- 13 national Emergency Economic Powers
- 14 Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); or
- 15 (II) the government of which the
- 16 Secretary of State has determined has
- 17 repeatedly provided support for acts
- 18 of international terrorism for purposes
- 19 of—
- 20 (aa) section 620A(a) of the
- 21 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
- 22 (22 U.S.C. 2371(a));
- 23 (bb) section 40(d) of the
- 24 Arms Export Control Act (22
- 25 U.S.C. 2780(d));

1 (cc) section 1754(c)(1)(A)(i)
2 of the Export Control Reform
3 Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C.
4 4813(c)(1)(A)(i)); or
5 (dd) any other relevant pro-
6 vision of law.

7 (8) NATIONAL ENERGY DOMINANCE COUNCIL.—
8 The term “National Energy Dominance Council”
9 means the National Energy Dominance Council es-
10 tablished within the Executive Office of the Presi-
11 dent under Executive Order 14213 (90 Fed. Reg.
12 9945; relating to establishing the National Energy
13 Dominance Council).

14 (9) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
15 the Secretary of Energy.

16 (10) SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL.—The term “spent
17 nuclear fuel” has the meaning given the term in sec-
18 tion 2 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42
19 U.S.C. 10101).

20 (11) U.S. NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY.—The
21 term “U.S. nuclear energy company” means a com-
22 pany that—

23 (A) is organized under the laws of, or oth-
24 erwise subject to the jurisdiction of, the United
25 States; and

1 (B) is involved in the nuclear energy indus-
2 try.

3 (c) NUCLEAR EXPORTS WORKING GROUP.—

4 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a
5 working group, to be known as the “Nuclear Ex-
6 ports Working Group” (referred to in this subsection
7 as the “working group”).

8 (2) COMPOSITION.—The working group shall be
9 composed of—

10 (A) senior-level Federal officials, selected
11 internally by the applicable Federal agency or
12 organization, from any Federal agency or orga-
13 nization that the President determines to be ap-
14 propriate; and

15 (B) other senior-level Federal officials, se-
16 lected internally by the applicable Federal agen-
17 cy or organization, from any other Federal
18 agency or organization that the Secretary deter-
19 mines to be appropriate.

20 (3) REPORTING.—The working group shall re-
21 port to the President or 1 or more Federal officials
22 designated by the President, if applicable.

23 (4) DUTIES.—The working group shall coordi-
24 nate, not less frequently than quarterly, with the
25 Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee of the De-

1 partment of Commerce, the Nuclear Energy Advi-
2 sory Committee of the Department of Energy, and
3 other advisory or stakeholder groups, as necessary,
4 to maintain an accurate and up-to-date knowledge of
5 the standing of civil nuclear exports from the United
6 States, including with respect to meeting the targets
7 established as part of the 10-year civil nuclear trade
8 strategy described in paragraph (5)(A).

9 (5) STRATEGY.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year
11 after the date of enactment of this Act, the
12 working group shall establish a 10-year civil nu-
13 clear trade strategy, including biennial targets
14 for the export of civil nuclear technologies, in-
15 cluding light water and non-light water reactors
16 and associated equipment and technologies, civil
17 nuclear materials, and nuclear fuel that align
18 with meeting international energy demand while
19 seeking to avoid or reduce emissions and pre-
20 vent the dissemination of nuclear technology,
21 materials, and weapons to adversarial nations
22 and terrorist groups.

23 (B) COLLABORATION REQUIRED.—In es-
24 tablishing the strategy under subparagraph (A),
25 the working group shall collaborate with—

- 1 (i) any Federal agency that the Presi-
2 dent determines to be appropriate; and
3 (ii) representatives of private industry
4 and experts in nuclear security and risk re-
5 duction, as appropriate.

6 (d) ENGAGEMENT WITH ALLY OR PARTNER NA-
7 TIONS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall launch,
9 in accordance with applicable nuclear technology ex-
10 port laws (including regulations), an international
11 initiative to modernize the civil nuclear outreach to
12 embarking civil nuclear nations.

13 (2) FINANCING.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the ini-
15 tiative described in paragraph (1), the Presi-
16 dent, acting through an appropriate Federal of-
17 ficial, and in coordination with the officials de-
18 scribed in subparagraph (B), may, if the Presi-
19 dent determines to be appropriate, seek to es-
20 tablish cooperative financing relationships for
21 the export of civil nuclear technology, compo-
22 nents, materials, and infrastructure to embark-
23 ing civil nuclear nations.

24 (B) OFFICIALS DESCRIBED.—The officials
25 referred to in subparagraph (A) are—

1 (i) appropriate officials of any Federal
2 agency that the President determines to be
3 appropriate; and

4 (ii) appropriate officials representing
5 foreign countries and governments, includ-
6 ing—

7 (I) ally or partner nations;

8 (II) embarking civil nuclear na-
9 tions; and

10 (III) any other country or gov-
11 ernment that the President (or 1 or
12 more Federal officials designated by
13 the President) and the officials de-
14 scribed in clause (i) jointly determine
15 to be appropriate.

16 (3) ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the initiative
17 described in paragraph (1), the President shall—

18 (A) assist nongovernmental organizations
19 and appropriate offices, administrations, agen-
20 cies, laboratories, and programs of the Depart-
21 ment of Energy and other relevant Federal
22 agencies and offices in providing education and
23 training to foreign governments in nuclear safe-
24 ty, security, and safeguards—

1 (i) through engagement with the
2 International Atomic Energy Agency; or

3 (ii) independently, if the applicable
4 entity determines that it would be more
5 advantageous under the circumstances to
6 provide the applicable education and train-
7 ing independently;

8 (B) assist the efforts of the International
9 Atomic Energy Agency to expand the support
10 provided by the International Atomic Energy
11 Agency to embarking civil nuclear nations for
12 nuclear safety, security, and safeguards;

13 (C) coordinate with appropriate Federal
14 departments and agencies on efforts to expand
15 outreach to the private investment community
16 and establish public-private financing relation-
17 ships that enable the adoption of civil nuclear
18 technologies by embarking civil nuclear nations,
19 including through exports from the United
20 States;

21 (D) seek to better coordinate, to the max-
22 imum extent practicable, the work carried out
23 by any Federal agency that the President deter-
24 mines to be appropriate; and

1 (E) coordinate with the Export-Import
 2 Bank of the United States to improve the effi-
 3 cient and effective exporting and importing of
 4 civil nuclear technologies and materials.

5 (e) COOPERATIVE FINANCING RELATIONSHIPS WITH
 6 ALLY OR PARTNER NATIONS AND EMBARKING CIVIL NU-
 7 CLEAR NATIONS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall des-
 9 ignate an appropriate White House official to coordi-
 10 nate with the officials described in subsection
 11 (d)(2)(B) to develop, as the President determines to
 12 be appropriate, financing relationships with ally or
 13 partner nations to assist in the adoption of civil nu-
 14 clear technologies exported from the United States
 15 or ally or partner nations to embarking civil nuclear
 16 nations.

17 (2) UNITED STATES COMPETITIVENESS
 18 CLAUSES.—

19 (A) DEFINITION OF UNITED STATES COM-
 20 PETITIVENESS CLAUSE.—In this paragraph, the
 21 term “United States competitiveness clause”
 22 means any United States competitiveness provi-
 23 sion in any agreement entered into by the De-
 24 partment of Energy, including—

25 (i) a cooperative agreement;

- 1 (ii) a cooperative research and devel-
 2 opment agreement; and
 3 (iii) a patent waiver.

4 (B) CONSIDERATION.—In carrying out
 5 paragraph (1), the relevant officials described
 6 in that paragraph shall consider the impact of
 7 United States competitiveness clauses on any fi-
 8 nancing relationships entered into or proposed
 9 to be entered into under that paragraph.

10 (C) WAIVER.—The Secretary shall facili-
 11 tate waivers of United States competitiveness
 12 clauses as necessary to facilitate financing rela-
 13 tionships with ally or partner nations under
 14 paragraph (1).

15 (f) COOPERATION WITH ALLY OR PARTNER NATIONS
 16 ON ADVANCED NUCLEAR REACTOR DEMONSTRATION AND
 17 COOPERATIVE RESEARCH FACILITIES FOR CIVIL NU-
 18 CLEAR ENERGY.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
 20 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
 21 State, in coordination with the Secretary and the
 22 Secretary of Commerce, shall conduct bilateral and
 23 multilateral meetings with not fewer than 5 ally or
 24 partner nations, with the aim of enhancing nuclear
 25 energy cooperation among those ally or partner na-

1 tions and the United States, for the purpose of de-
2 veloping collaborative relationships with respect to
3 research, development, licensing, and deployment of
4 advanced nuclear reactor technologies for civil nu-
5 clear energy.

6 (2) REQUIREMENT.—The meetings described in
7 paragraph (1) shall include—

8 (A) a focus on cooperation to demonstrate
9 and deploy advanced nuclear reactors, with an
10 emphasis on U.S. nuclear energy companies,
11 during the 10-year period beginning on the date
12 of enactment of this Act to provide options for
13 addressing energy security and environmental
14 impacts; and

15 (B) a focus on developing a memorandum
16 of understanding or any other appropriate
17 agreement between the United States and ally
18 or partner nations with respect to—

19 (i) the demonstration and deployment
20 of advanced nuclear reactors; and

21 (ii) the development of cooperative re-
22 search facilities.

23 (3) FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS.—In con-
24 ducting the meetings described in paragraph (1), the
25 Secretary of State, in coordination with the Sec-

retary, 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 CO-OPERATION.—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

1 (ii) in subparagraph (C)(v), by strik-
2 ing the period at the end and inserting a
3 semicolon; and

4 (C) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(3) to support, with the concurrence of the
6 Secretary of State, the safe, secure, and peaceful use
7 of civil nuclear technology in countries developing
8 nuclear energy programs, with a focus on countries
9 that have increased civil nuclear cooperation with
10 the Russian Federation or the People’s Republic of
11 China; and

12 “(4) to promote the fullest utilization of the re-
13 actors, fuel, equipment, services, and technology of
14 U.S. nuclear energy companies (as defined in sub-
15 section (b) of the International Nuclear Energy Act
16 of 2025) in civil nuclear energy programs outside
17 the United States through—

18 “(A) bilateral and multilateral arrange-
19 ments developed and executed with the concur-
20 rence of the Secretary of State that contain
21 commitments for the utilization of the reactors,
22 fuel, equipment, services, and technology of
23 U.S. nuclear energy companies (as defined in
24 that subsection);

1 “(B) the designation of 1 or more U.S. nu-
2 clear energy companies (as defined in that sub-
3 section) to implement an arrangement under
4 subparagraph (A) if the Secretary determines
5 that the designation is necessary and appro-
6 priate to achieve the objectives of this section;
7 and

8 “(C) the waiver of any provision of law re-
9 lating to competition with respect to any activ-
10 ity related to an arrangement under subpara-
11 graph (A) if the Secretary, in consultation with
12 the Attorney General and the Secretary of
13 Commerce, determines that a waiver is nec-
14 essary and appropriate to achieve the objectives
15 of this section.”; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The program under sub-
18 section (a) shall be supported in consultation with the Sec-
19 retary of State and implemented by the Secretary—

20 “(1) to facilitate, to the maximum extent prac-
21 ticable, workshops and expert-based exchanges to en-
22 gage industry, stakeholders, and foreign govern-
23 ments with respect to international civil nuclear
24 issues, such as—

25 “(A) training;

1 “(B) financing;
 2 “(C) safety;
 3 “(D) security;
 4 “(E) safeguards;
 5 “(F) liability;
 6 “(G) advanced fuels;
 7 “(H) operations; and
 8 “(I) options for multinational cooperation
 9 with respect to the disposal of spent nuclear
 10 fuel (as defined in section 2 of the Nuclear
 11 Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101));
 12 and
 13 “(2) in coordination with any Federal agency
 14 that the President determines to be appropriate.

15 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of
 16 funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the Sec-
 17 retary to carry out the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
 18 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) in fiscal years 2026 through
 19 2030, the Secretary may use \$15,500,000 to carry out this
 20 section.”.

21 (h) INTERNATIONAL CIVIL NUCLEAR PROGRAM SUP-
 22 PORT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
 24 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
 25 retary of State, in coordination with the Secretary

1 and 1 or more other Federal officials designated by
2 the President, if applicable, shall launch an inter-
3 national initiative (referred to in this subsection as
4 the “initiative”) to provide financial assistance to,
5 and facilitate the building of technical capacities by,
6 in accordance with this subsection, embarking civil
7 nuclear nations for activities relating to the develop-
8 ment of civil nuclear energy programs.

9 (2) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the ini-
11 tiative, the Secretary of State, in coordination
12 with the Secretary and 1 or more other Federal
13 officials designated by the President, if applica-
14 ble, is authorized to award grants of financial
15 assistance in amounts not greater than
16 \$5,500,000 to embarking civil nuclear nations
17 in accordance with this paragraph—

18 (i) for activities relating to the devel-
19 opment of civil nuclear energy programs;
20 and

21 (ii) to facilitate the building of tech-
22 nical capacities for those activities.

23 (B) LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary of
24 State, in coordination with the Secretary and 1

1 or more other Federal officials designated by
2 the President, if applicable, may award—

3 (i) not more than 1 grant of financial
4 assistance under subparagraph (A) to any
5 1 embarking civil nuclear nation each fiscal
6 year; and

7 (ii) not more than a total of 5 grants
8 of financial assistance under subparagraph
9 (A) to any 1 embarking civil nuclear na-
10 tion.

11 (3) SENIOR ADVISORS.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the ini-
13 tiative, the Secretary of State, in coordination
14 with the Secretary and 1 or more other Federal
15 officials designated by the President, if applica-
16 ble, is authorized to provide financial assistance
17 to an embarking civil nuclear nation for the
18 purpose of contracting with a U.S. nuclear en-
19 ergy company to hire 1 or more senior advisors
20 to assist the embarking civil nuclear nation in
21 establishing a civil nuclear program.

22 (B) REQUIREMENT.—A senior advisor de-
23 scribed in subparagraph (A) shall have relevant
24 experience and qualifications to advise the em-
25 barking civil nuclear nation on, and facilitate on

1 behalf of the embarking civil nuclear nation, 1
2 or more of the following activities:

3 (i) The development of financing rela-
4 tionships.

5 (ii) The development of a standard-
6 ized financing and project management
7 framework for the construction of nuclear
8 power plants.

9 (iii) The development of a standard-
10 ized licensing framework for—

11 (I) light water civil nuclear tech-
12 nologies; and

13 (II) non-light water civil nuclear
14 technologies and advanced nuclear re-
15 actors.

16 (iv) The identification of qualified or-
17 ganizations and service providers.

18 (v) The identification of funds to sup-
19 port payment for services required to de-
20 velop a civil nuclear program.

21 (vi) Market analysis.

22 (vii) The identification of the safety,
23 security, safeguards, and nuclear govern-
24 ance required for a civil nuclear program.

1 (viii) Risk allocation, risk manage-
2 ment, and nuclear liability.

3 (ix) Technical assessments of nuclear
4 reactors and technologies.

5 (x) The identification of actions nec-
6 essary to participate in a global nuclear li-
7 ability regime based on the Convention on
8 Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear
9 Damage, with Annex, done at Vienna Sep-
10 tember 12, 1997 (TIAS 15–415).

11 (xi) Stakeholder engagement.

12 (xii) Management of spent nuclear
13 fuel and nuclear waste.

14 (xiii) Any other major activities to
15 support the establishment of a civil nuclear
16 program, such as the establishment of ex-
17 port, financing, construction, training, op-
18 erations, and education requirements.

19 (C) CLARIFICATION.—Financial assistance
20 under this paragraph is authorized to be pro-
21 vided to an embarking civil nuclear nation in
22 addition to any financial assistance provided to
23 that embarking civil nuclear nation under para-
24 graph (2).

1 (4) LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE TO EMBARKING
2 CIVIL NUCLEAR NATIONS.—Not later than 1 year
3 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Offices
4 of the Inspectors General for the Department of
5 State and the Department of Energy shall coordi-
6 nate—

7 (A) to establish and submit to the appro-
8 priate committees of Congress a joint strategic
9 plan to conduct comprehensive oversight of ac-
10 tivities authorized under this subsection to pre-
11 vent fraud, waste, and abuse; and

12 (B) to engage in independent and effective
13 oversight of activities authorized under this
14 subsection through joint or individual audits,
15 inspections, investigations, or evaluations.

16 (5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of
17 funds appropriated or otherwise made available to
18 the Secretary of State to carry out the Foreign As-
19 sistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) in fis-
20 cal years 2026 through 2030, the Secretary of State
21 may use \$50,000,000 to carry out this subsection.

22 (i) BIENNIAL CABINET-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL CON-
23 FERENCE ON NUCLEAR SAFETY, SECURITY, SAFE-
24 GUARDS, AND SUSTAINABILITY.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President, in coordina-
 2 tion with international partners, as determined by
 3 the President, and industry, shall hold a biennial
 4 conference on civil nuclear safety, security, safe-
 5 guards, and sustainability (referred to in this sub-
 6 section as a “conference”).

7 (2) CONFERENCE FUNCTIONS.—It is the sense
 8 of Congress that each conference should—

9 (A) be a forum in which ally or partner na-
 10 tions may engage with each other for the pur-
 11 pose of reinforcing the commitment to—

12 (i) nuclear safety, security, safe-
 13 guards, and sustainability;

14 (ii) environmental safeguards; and

15 (iii) local community engagement in
 16 areas in reasonable proximity to nuclear
 17 sites; and

18 (B) facilitate—

19 (i) the development of—

20 (I) joint commitments and goals
 21 to improve—

22 (aa) nuclear safety, security,
 23 safeguards, and sustainability;

24 (bb) environmental safe-
 25 guards; and

1 (cc) local community en-
2 gagement in areas in reasonable
3 proximity to nuclear sites;

4 (II) stronger international insti-
5 tutions that support nuclear safety,
6 security, safeguards, and sustain-
7 ability;

8 (III) cooperative financing rela-
9 tionships to promote competitive alter-
10 natives to Chinese and Russian fi-
11 nancing;

12 (IV) a standardized financing
13 and project management framework
14 for the construction of civil nuclear
15 power plants;

16 (V) a standardized licensing
17 framework for civil nuclear tech-
18 nologies;

19 (VI) a strategy to change inter-
20 nal policies of multinational develop-
21 ment banks, such as the World Bank,
22 to support the financing of civil nu-
23 clear projects;

24 (VII) a document containing any
25 lessons learned from countries that

1 have partnered with the Russian Fed-
 2 eration or the People's Republic of
 3 China with respect to civil nuclear
 4 power, including any detrimental out-
 5 comes resulting from that partner-
 6 ship; and

7 (VIII) a global civil nuclear liabil-
 8 ity regime;

9 (ii) cooperation for enhancing the
 10 overall aspects of civil nuclear power, such
 11 as—

12 (I) nuclear safety, security, safe-
 13 guards, and sustainability;

14 (II) nuclear laws (including regu-
 15 lations);

16 (III) waste management;

17 (IV) quality management sys-
 18 tems;

19 (V) technology transfer;

20 (VI) human resources develop-
 21 ment;

22 (VII) localization;

23 (VIII) reactor operations;

24 (IX) nuclear liability; and

25 (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.

(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.

1 (j) ADVANCED REACTOR COORDINATION AND RE-
2 SOURCE CENTER.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall consider
4 the feasibility of leveraging existing activities or
5 frameworks or, as necessary, establishing a center,
6 to be known as the “Advanced Reactor Coordination
7 and Resource Center” (referred to in this subsection
8 as the “Center”), for the purposes of—

9 (A) identifying qualified organizations and
10 service providers—

11 (i) for embarking civil nuclear na-
12 tions;

13 (ii) to develop and assemble docu-
14 ments, contracts, and related items re-
15 quired to establish a civil nuclear program;
16 and

17 (iii) to develop a standardized model
18 for the establishment of a civil nuclear pro-
19 gram that can be used by the International
20 Atomic Energy Agency;

21 (B) coordinating with countries partici-
22 pating in the Center and with the Nuclear Ex-
23 ports Working Group established under sub-
24 section (c)—

- 1 (i) to identify funds to support pay-
2 ment for services required to develop a civil
3 nuclear program;
- 4 (ii) to provide market analysis; and
- 5 (iii) to create—
 - 6 (I) project structure models;
 - 7 (II) models for electricity market
8 analysis;
 - 9 (III) models for nonelectric appli-
10 cations market analysis; and
 - 11 (IV) financial models;
- 12 (C) identifying and developing the safety,
13 security, safeguards, and nuclear governance re-
14 quired for a civil nuclear program;
- 15 (D) supporting multinational regulatory
16 standards to be developed by countries with
17 civil nuclear programs and experience;
- 18 (E) developing and strengthening commu-
19 nications, engagement, and consensus-building;
- 20 (F) carrying out any other major activities
21 to support export, financing, education, con-
22 struction, training, and education requirements
23 relating to the establishment of a civil nuclear
24 program;

1 (G) developing mechanisms for how to
2 fund and staff the Center; and

3 (H) determining mechanisms for the selec-
4 tion of the location or locations of the Center.

5 (2) OBJECTIVE.—The President shall carry out
6 paragraph (1) with the objective of establishing the
7 Center if the President determines that it is feasible
8 to do so.

9 (k) STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE FUND WORKING
10 GROUP.—

11 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a
12 working group, to be known as the “Strategic Infra-
13 structure Fund Working Group” (referred to in this
14 subsection as the “working group”) to provide input
15 on the feasibility of establishing a program to sup-
16 port strategically important capital-intensive infra-
17 structure projects.

18 (2) COMPOSITION.—The working group shall be
19 composed of—

20 (A) senior-level Federal officials, selected
21 by the head of the applicable Federal agency or
22 organization, from any Federal agency or orga-
23 nization that the President determines to be ap-
24 propriate;

1 (B) other senior-level Federal officials, se-
2 lected by the head of the applicable Federal
3 agency or organization, from any other Federal
4 agency or organization that the Secretary deter-
5 mines to be appropriate; and

6 (C) any senior-level Federal official se-
7 lected by the President or 1 or more Federal of-
8 ficials designated by the President from any
9 Federal agency or organization.

10 (3) REPORTING.—The working group shall re-
11 port to the National Security Council.

12 (4) DUTIES.—The working group shall—

13 (A) provide direction and advice to the of-
14 ficials described in subsection (d)(2)(B)(i) and
15 appropriate Federal agencies, as determined by
16 the working group, with respect to the estab-
17 lishment of a Strategic Infrastructure Fund
18 (referred to in this paragraph as the “Fund”)
19 to be used—

20 (i) to support those aspects of projects
21 relating to—

22 (I) civil nuclear technologies; and

23 (II) microprocessors; and

24 (ii) for strategic investments identified
25 by the working group; and

1 (B) address critical areas in determining
2 the appropriate design for the Fund, includ-
3 ing—

4 (i) transfer of assets to the Fund;

5 (ii) transfer of assets from the Fund;

6 (iii) how assets in the Fund should be
7 invested; and

8 (iv) governance and implementation of
9 the Fund.

10 (5) BRIEFING AND REPORT REQUIRED.—

11 (A) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days
12 after the date of enactment of this Act, the
13 working group shall brief the committees de-
14 scribed in subparagraph (C) on the status of
15 the development of the processes necessary to
16 implement this subsection.

17 (B) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after
18 the date of the enactment of this Act, the work-
19 ing group shall submit to the committees de-
20 scribed in subparagraph (C) a report on the
21 findings of the working group that includes sug-
22 gested legislative text for how to establish and
23 structure a Strategic Infrastructure Fund.

1 (C) COMMITTEES DESCRIBED.—The com-
2 mittees referred to in subparagraphs (A) and
3 (B) are—

4 (i) the Committee on Foreign Rela-
5 tions, the Committee on Commerce,
6 Science, and Transportation, the Com-
7 mittee on Armed Services, the Committee
8 on Energy and Natural Resources, the
9 Committee on Environment and Public
10 Works, the Committee on Finance, and the
11 Committee on Appropriations of the Sen-
12 ate; and

13 (ii) the Committee on Foreign Affairs,
14 the Committee on Energy and Commerce,
15 the Committee on Armed Services, the
16 Committee on Science, Space, and Tech-
17 nology, the Committee on Ways and
18 Means, and the Committee on Appropria-
19 tions of the House of Representatives.

20 (D) ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND.—The
21 report submitted under subparagraph (B) shall
22 include suggested legislative language requiring
23 all expenditures from a Strategic Infrastructure
24 Fund established in accordance with this sub-

1 section to be administered by the Secretary of
2 State (or a designee of the Secretary of State).

3 (I) JOINT ASSESSMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED
4 STATES AND INDIA ON NUCLEAR LIABILITY RULES.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in
6 consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal
7 departments and agencies, shall establish and main-
8 tain within the U.S.-India Strategic Security Dia-
9 logue a joint consultative mechanism with the Gov-
10 ernment of the Republic of India that convenes on
11 a recurring basis—

12 (A) to assess the implementation of the
13 Agreement for Cooperation between the Govern-
14 ment of the United States of America and the
15 Government of India Concerning Peaceful Uses
16 of Nuclear Energy, signed at Washington Octo-
17 ber 10, 2008 (TIAS 08–1206);

18 (B) to discuss opportunities for the Repub-
19 lic of India to align domestic nuclear liability
20 rules with international norms; and

21 (C) to develop a strategy for the United
22 States and the Republic of India to pursue bi-
23 lateral and multilateral diplomatic engagements
24 related to analyzing and implementing those op-
25 portunities.

1 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
3 thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary of State, in con-
4 sultation with the heads of other relevant Federal
5 departments and agencies, shall submit to the ap-
6 propriate committees of Congress a report that de-
7 scribes the joint assessment developed pursuant to
8 paragraph (1)(A).

9 (m) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Except as expressly
10 stated in this section, nothing in this section may be con-
11 strued to alter or otherwise affect the interpretation or
12 implementation of section 123 of the Atomic Energy Act
13 of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2153) or any other provision of law,
14 including the requirement that agreements pursuant to
15 that section be submitted to Congress for consideration.

16 (n) SUNSET.—This section and the amendments
17 made by this section shall cease to have effect on the date
18 that is 20 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

19 **SEC. 6024. NATIONAL REGISTRY OF KOREAN AMERICAN DI-**
20 **VIDED FAMILIES.**

21 (a) NATIONAL REGISTRY.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, act-
23 ing through the Special Envoy on North Korean
24 Human Rights Issues, the Assistant Secretary of

1 State for Consular Affairs, or such other individual
2 as the Secretary may designate, shall—

3 (A) engage, to the extent practicable, Ko-
4 rean American families who wish to be reunited
5 with family members residing in North Korea
6 from which such Korean American families
7 were divided after the signing of the Agreement
8 Concerning a Military Armistice in Korea,
9 signed at Panmunjom July 27, 1953 (com-
10 monly referred to as the “Korean War Armi-
11 stice Agreement”), in anticipation of future re-
12 unions for such families and family members,
13 including in-person and video reunions; and

14 (B) establish a private, internal national
15 registry of the names and other relevant infor-
16 mation of such Korean American families—

17 (i) to facilitate such future reunions;

18 and

19 (ii) to provide for a repository of in-
20 formation about such Korean American
21 families and family members in North
22 Korea, including information about individ-
23 uals who may be deceased.

24 (2) DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION.—The Sec-
25 retary of State may enter into agreements with Ko-

1 rean individuals and families, academic institutions,
 2 or other members of the public, as appropriate, to
 3 share, in whole or in part, information collected and
 4 housed in the database if—

5 (A) the United States person whose per-
 6 sonally identifiable information would be dis-
 7 closed as a result of an agreement has provided
 8 consent to such disclosure; and

9 (B) the agreement outlines reasonable
 10 steps and commitments to ensure that any in-
 11 formation disclosed as a result of such agree-
 12 ment is—

13 (i) kept private and confidential; and

14 (ii) will not be disclosed improperly to

15 other parties outside the agreement.

16 (b) ACTIONS TO FACILITATE DIALOGUE BETWEEN
 17 THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH KOREA.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State
 19 should take steps to ensure that any direct dialogue
 20 between the United States and North Korea includes
 21 progress towards holding future reunions for Korean
 22 American families and their family members in
 23 North Korea.

24 (2) CONSULTATIONS.—The Secretary of State
 25 shall consult with the Government of the Republic of

1 Korea, as appropriate, in carrying out this sub-
2 section.

3 (3) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State,
5 acting through the Special Envoy on North Ko-
6 rean Human Rights Issues, shall include in
7 each report required under section 107(d) of
8 the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004
9 (22 U.S.C. 7817(d)) a description of the con-
10 sultations described in paragraph (2) conducted
11 during the year preceding the submission of the
12 report.

13 (B) ELEMENTS.—The reporting required
14 under subparagraph (A) should include—

15 (i) the status of the national registry
16 established pursuant to subsection
17 (a)(1)(B);

18 (ii) the number of individuals included
19 on the registry who—

20 (I) have met their family mem-
21 bers in North Korea during previous
22 reunions; and

23 (II) have yet to meet their family
24 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. 6025. REPORTS ON FOOD INSECURITY IN ARMED FORCES.

Not later than 5 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 5 years thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on food insecurity in the Armed Forces.

1 **SEC. 6026. ALIGNMENT OF UPDATES OF STRATEGIC PLAN**
2 **FOR THE MANUFACTURING USA PROGRAM**
3 **WITH UPDATES TO NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR**
4 **ADVANCED MANUFACTURING.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 34(i) of
6 the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act
7 (15 U.S.C. 278s(i)) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and up-
9 date not less frequently than once every 3 years
10 thereafter,”;

11 (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (D)
12 through (M) as subparagraphs (E) through (N), re-
13 spectively; and

14 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (C), the fol-
15 lowing new bsubparagraph:

16 “(D) to update the strategic plan devel-
17 oped under subparagraph (C) not less fre-
18 quently than once every 4 years such that the
19 planning cycle for the updates aligns with the
20 planning cycle for updates to the National
21 Strategy for Advanced Manufacturing required
22 under section 102(c)(4) of the America COM-
23 PETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 (42
24 U.S.C. 6622(c)(4)) to better ensure the Pro-
25 gram reflects the priorities of the national
26 strategy;”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such section is
2 further amended—

3 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “paragraph
4 (2)(C)” and inserting “subparagraphs (C) and (D)
5 of paragraph (2)”; and

6 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking “paragraph
7 (2)(C)” and inserting “subparagraph (C) of para-
8 graph (2) and any update to the plan required under
9 subparagraph (D) of such paragraph”.

10 **SEC. 6027. EXTENSION OF DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF**
11 **1950.**

12 Section 717(a) of the Defense Production Act of
13 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4564(a)) is amended by striking “Sep-
14 tember 30, 2025” and inserting “September 30, 2026”.

15 **SEC. 6028. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS UNDER THE FOR-**
16 **EIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT.**

17 (a) DEFINITION OF INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL.—
18 Section 1 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938,
19 as amended (22 U.S.C. 611) is amended by inserting after
20 subsection (p) the following:

21 “(q) INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL.—The term ‘infor-
22 mational material’ means any material that a person dis-
23 seminating the material believes or has reason to believe
24 will, or that the person intends to in any way, influence
25 any agency or official of the Government of the United

1 States or any section of the public within the United
2 States with reference to—

3 “(1) formulating, adopting, or changing the do-
4 mestic or foreign policies of the United States; or

5 “(2) the political or public interests, policies, or
6 relations of a government of a foreign country or a
7 foreign political party.”.

8 (b) FILING AND LABELING OF INFORMATIONAL MA-
9 TERIALS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION OR AD-
10 VICE.—Section 4 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act
11 of 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 614) is amended—

12 (1) in the section heading, by striking “POLIT-
13 ICAL PROPAGANDA” and inserting “INFORMATIONAL
14 MATERIALS”;

15 (2) in subsection (b), by inserting “that states
16 the name of the foreign country in which the foreign
17 principal is located,” after “on behalf of the foreign
18 principal,”; and

19 (3) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the
20 following:

21 “(e) INFORMATION FURNISHED TO AGENCIES OR
22 OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.—It
23 shall be unlawful for any person within the United States
24 who is an agent of a foreign principal required to register
25 under the provisions of this Act to transmit, convey, or

1 otherwise furnish to any agency or official of the Govern-
 2 ment (including a Member or committee of either House
 3 of Congress) for or in the interests of such foreign prin-
 4 cipal any informational material or to request from any
 5 such agency or official for or in the interests of such for-
 6 eign principal any information or advice with respect to
 7 any matter pertaining to the political or public interests,
 8 policies, or relations of a foreign country or of a political
 9 party or pertaining to the foreign or domestic policies of
 10 the United States unless the informational material or the
 11 request is prefaced or accompanied by a true and accurate
 12 statement to the effect that such person is registered as
 13 an agent of such foreign principal under this Act.”.

14 (c) REPORTS TO THE CONGRESS.—Section 11 of the
 15 Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended (22
 16 U.S.C. 621) is amended by striking “political propa-
 17 ganda” and inserting “informational material”.

18 **SEC. 6029. CREDIT MONITORING.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Fair Credit Reporting Act
 20 (15 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) is amended—

21 (1) in section 605A(k) (15 U.S.C. 1681c–
 22 1(k))—

23 (A) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
 24 ing the following:

25 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

1 “(A) ARMED FORCES.—The term ‘armed
2 forces’ has the meaning given the term in sec-
3 tion 101(a) of title 10, United States Code.

4 “(B) ARMED FORCES MEMBER CON-
5 SUMER.—The term ‘armed forces member con-
6 sumer’ means a consumer who, regardless of
7 duty status, is a member of the armed forces.”;
8 and

9 (B) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “ac-
10 tive duty military consumer” and inserting
11 “armed forces member consumer”; and

12 (2) in section 625(b)(1)(K) (15 U.S.C.
13 1681t(b)(1)(K)), by striking “active duty military
14 consumers” and inserting “armed forces member
15 consumers”.

16 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 1 year
18 after the date of enactment of this Act.

19 **SEC. 6030. TREATMENT OF EXEMPTIONS UNDER THE FOR-**
20 **EIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT OF 1938.**

21 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
22 “Preventing Adversary Influence, Disinformation, and Ob-
23 scured Foreign Financing Act of 2025” or the “PAID
24 OFF Act of 2025”.

1 (b) TREATMENT OF EXEMPTIONS UNDER THE FOR-
 2 EIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT OF 1938.—Section 3
 3 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as
 4 amended (22 U.S.C. 613), is amended—

5 (1) in the matter preceding subsection (a), by
 6 inserting “, except as provided in subsection (i)”
 7 after “principals”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(i) LIMITATIONS.—The exemptions under sub-
 10 sections (d)(1), (d)(2), and (h) shall not apply to any
 11 agent of a foreign principal that is a corporate or govern-
 12 ment entity that is owned or controlled by 1 or more of
 13 the identified countries listed in clauses (i) through (v)
 14 of section 1(m)(1)(A) of the State Department Basic Au-
 15 thorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a(m)(1)(A)).”.

16 (c) MECHANISM TO AMEND DEFINITION OF “COUN-
 17 TRY OF CONCERN”.—Section 1(m) of the State Depart-
 18 ment Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a(m))
 19 is amended—

20 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as
 21 paragraphs (7) and (8), respectively; and

22 (2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-
 23 lowing:

24 “(6) MODIFICATION TO DEFINITION OF ‘COUN-
 25 TRY OF CONCERN’.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of
 2 State may, in consultation with the Attorney
 3 General, propose the addition or deletion of
 4 countries described in paragraph (1)(A).

5 “(B) SUBMISSION.—Any proposal de-
 6 scribed in subparagraph (A) shall—

7 “(i) be submitted to the Chairman
 8 and Ranking Member of the Committee on
 9 Foreign Relations of the Senate and the
 10 Chairman and Ranking Member of the
 11 Committee on the Judiciary of the House
 12 of Representatives; and

13 “(ii) become effective upon enactment
 14 of a joint resolution of approval as de-
 15 scribed in subparagraph (C).

16 “(C) JOINT RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL.—

17 “(i) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of
 18 subparagraph (B)(ii), the term ‘joint reso-
 19 lution of approval’ means only a joint reso-
 20 lution—

21 “(I) that does not have a pre-
 22 amble;

23 “(II) that includes in the matter
 24 after the resolving clause the fol-
 25 lowing: ‘That Congress approves the

modification of the definition of
 “country of concern” under section
 1(m) of the State Department Basic
 Authorities Act of 1956, as submitted
 by the Secretary of State on
 _____; and section 1(m)(1)(A) of
 the State Department Basic Authori-
 ties Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C.
 2651a(m)(1)(A)) is amended by
 _____.’, the blank spaces
 being appropriately filled in with the
 appropriate date and the amendatory
 language required to modify the list of
 countries in paragraph (1)(A) of this
 subsection by adding or deleting 1 or
 more countries; and

“(III) the title of which is as fol-
 lows: ‘Joint resolution approving
 modifications to definition of “country
 of concern” under section 1(m) of the
 State Department Basic Authorities
 Act of 1956.’.

“(ii) REFERRAL.—

“(I) SENATE.—A resolution de-
 scribed in clause (i) that is introduced

1 in the Senate shall be referred to the
2 Committee on Foreign Relations of
3 the Senate.

4 “(II) HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-
5 TIVES.—A resolution described in
6 clause (i) that is introduced in the
7 House of Representatives shall be re-
8 ferred to the Committee on the Judi-
9 ciary of the House of Representa-
10 tives.”.

11 (d) SUNSET.—The amendments made by this section
12 shall terminate on the date that is 5 years after the date
13 of enactment of this Act.

14 **SEC. 6031. DRINKING WATER WELL REPLACEMENT FOR**
15 **CHINCOTEAGUE, VIRGINIA.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
17 sion of law, the Administrator of the National Aeronautics
18 and Space Administration may enter into an agreement,
19 as appropriate, with the Town of Chincoteague, Virginia,
20 for a period of up to five years, for reimbursement of the
21 Town of Chincoteague’s costs directly associated with—

22 (1) the development of a plan for removal of
23 drinking water wells currently situated on property
24 administered by the National Aeronautics and Space
25 Administration; and

1 (2) the establishment of alternative drinking
2 water wells on property under the administrative
3 control, through lease, ownership, or easement, of
4 the Town of Chincoteague.

5 (b) ELEMENTS.—An agreement under subsection (a)
6 shall include, to the extent practicable—

7 (1) a provision for the removal and relocation
8 of the three remaining wells described in that sub-
9 section;

10 (2) a description of the location of the site to
11 which such wells will be relocated or are planned to
12 be relocated; and

13 (3) a current estimated cost of such relocation,
14 including for the purchase, lease, or use of addi-
15 tional property, engineering, design, permitting, and
16 construction.

17 (c) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 18
18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
19 Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Ad-
20 ministration, in coordination with the heads or other ap-
21 propriate representatives of relevant entities, shall submit
22 to the appropriate committees of Congress any agreement
23 entered into under subsection (a).

1 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
2 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
3 tees of Congress” means—

4 (1) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
5 Transportation of the Senate; and

6 (2) the Committee on Science, Space, and
7 Technology of the House of Representatives.

8 **SEC. 6032. REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTIFICIAL**
9 **INTELLIGENCE INTO CERTAIN ANTI-MONEY**
10 **LAUNDERING INVESTIGATIONS.**

11 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
12 of this Act, the Director of the Financial Crimes Enforce-
13 ment Network of the Department of the Treasury, in con-
14 sultation with the Chair of the Federal Deposit Insurance
15 Corporation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve,
16 the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Chair of the Na-
17 tional Credit Union Administration, shall submit to the
18 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of
19 the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of
20 the House of Representatives a report on the feasibility
21 of implementing artificial intelligence into anti-money
22 laundering investigations relating to activity by foreign
23 terrorist organizations, drug cartels, and other
24 transnational criminal organizations that addresses the
25 following:

1 (1) The types of investigations in which artifi-
2 cial intelligence would be helpful.

3 (2) The types of artificial intelligence programs
4 that would be effective in such investigations.

5 (3) The types of schemes artificial intelligence
6 would be best placed to detect.

7 (4) Any potential issues to implementation of
8 artificial intelligence in such investigations.

9 **SEC. 6033. KEEPING DRUGS OUT OF SCHOOLS.**

10 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
12 the Director of the Office of National Drug Control
13 Policy.

14 (2) DRUG-FREE COMMUNITIES FUNDED COALI-
15 TION.—The term “Drug-Free Communities funded
16 coalition” means a recipient of a grant under section
17 1032 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (21
18 U.S.C. 1532).

19 (3) EFFECTIVE DRUG PREVENTION PRO-
20 GRAMS.—The term “effective drug prevention pro-
21 grams”, with respect to a school-community partner-
22 ship between a Drug-Free Communities funded coa-
23 lition and a local school, means strategies, policies,
24 and activities that—

1 (A) are tailored to meet the needs of the
2 student population of the school, based on the
3 environment of the school and the community
4 surrounding the school; and

5 (B) prevent and reduce substance use and
6 misuse among local youth.

7 (4) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
8 ty” means a coalition (within the meaning of section
9 1032 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (21
10 U.S.C. 1532)) that—

11 (A) receives or has received a grant under
12 subchapter I of chapter 2 of title I of the Anti-
13 Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (21 U.S.C. 1523 et
14 seq.); and

15 (B) has a memorandum of understanding
16 in effect with not less than 1 local school to es-
17 tablish a school-community partnership.

18 (5) LOCAL SCHOOL.—The term “local school”
19 means an elementary, middle, or high school located
20 in an area served by an eligible entity.

21 (6) SCHOOL-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP.—The
22 term “school-community partnership” means a part-
23 nership between a Drug-Free Communities funded
24 coalition and not less than 1 local school for the pur-

pose of implementing effective drug prevention programs.

(7) SUBSTANCE USE AND MISUSE.—The term “substance use and misuse”—

(A) has the meaning given the term in paragraph (9) of section 1023 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (21 U.S.C. 1523); and

(B) includes the use of electronic or other delivery mechanisms to consume a substance described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of that paragraph.

(b) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—

(A) INITIAL GRANTS.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Director may award grants to eligible entities for the purpose of implementing a school-community partnership.

(B) RENEWAL GRANTS.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Director may award to an eligible entity who has received a grant under subparagraph (A) an additional grant for each fiscal year during the 3-fiscal-year period following the fiscal year for which the grant was awarded under subparagraph (A), for the pur-

1 pose of continuing the school-community part-
2 nership.

3 (2) LIMITATIONS.—

4 (A) AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant
5 under this subsection may not exceed \$75,000
6 for a fiscal year.

7 (B) RECIPIENTS.—Not more than 1 eligi-
8 ble entity may receive a grant under this sub-
9 section to establish a school-community partner-
10 ship with a particular local school.

11 (c) INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT.—The Director may
12 enter into an interagency agreement with a National Drug
13 Control Program agency, as defined in section 702 of the
14 Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization
15 Act of 1998 (21 U.S.C. 1701), to delegate authority for—

16 (1) the execution of grants under this section;
17 and

18 (2) other activities necessary to carry out the
19 responsibilities of the Director under this section.

20 (d) APPLICATION.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity desiring a
22 grant under this section, in coordination with each
23 local school with which the eligible entity has a
24 school-community partnership, shall submit to the
25 Director an application at such time, in such man-

1 ner, and accompanied by such information as the
2 Director may require.

3 (2) PLAN.—The application submitted under
4 paragraph (1) shall include a detailed, comprehen-
5 sive plan for the school-community partnership to
6 implement effective drug prevention programs.

7 (e) USE OF FUNDS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity receiving a
9 grant under this section shall use funds from the
10 grant—

11 (A) to implement the plan described in
12 subsection (d)(2); and

13 (B) if necessary, to obtain specialized
14 training and assistance from the organization
15 receiving the grant under section 4(a) of Public
16 Law 107–82 (21 U.S.C. 1521 note).

17 (2) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Grants pro-
18 vided under this section shall be used to supplement,
19 and not supplant, Federal and non-Federal funds
20 that are otherwise available for drug prevention pro-
21 grams in local schools.

22 (f) EVALUATION.—Section 1032(a)(6) of the Anti-
23 Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (21 U.S.C. 1532(a)(6)) shall
24 apply to a grant under this section in the same manner
25 as that section applies to a grant under subchapter I of

1 chapter 2 of subtitle A of title I of that Act (21 U.S.C.
2 1531 et seq.).

3 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
5 appropriated to carry out this section \$7,000,000 for
6 each of fiscal years 2026 through 2031.

7 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Not more than 8
8 percent of the funds appropriated pursuant to para-
9 graph (1) may be used by the Director for adminis-
10 trative expenses associated with the responsibilities
11 of the Director under this section.

12 **SEC. 6034. DISCLOSURES BY DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND**
13 **PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS.**

14 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
15 “Holding Foreign Insiders Accountable Act”.

16 (b) DISCLOSURES.—

17 (1) AMENDMENTS.—Section 16(a) of the Secu-
18 rities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78p(a)) is
19 amended—

20 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “(in-
21 cluding, solely for the purposes of this sub-
22 section, every person who is a director or an of-
23 ficer of a foreign private issuer, as that term is
24 defined in section 240.3b–4 of title 17, Code of
25 Federal Regulations, or any successor regula-

tion)” 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.”; and

(C) in paragraph (4)(A), by inserting “and in English” after “electronically”.

(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

1 no force or effect beginning on the effective date described
2 in subsection (b)(2).

3 (d) ISSUANCE OR AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
5 the date of enactment of this Act, the Securities and
6 Exchange Commission shall issue final regulations
7 (or amend or rescind, in whole or in part, existing
8 regulations of the Commission) to carry out the
9 amendments made by subsection (b).

10 (2) ADDITIONAL RULEMAKING.—The Securities
11 and Exchange Commission may issue such addi-
12 tional regulations (or amend or rescind, in whole or
13 in part, existing regulations of the Commission) as
14 necessary to implement the intent of this section.

15 **SEC. 6035. REQUIREMENT TO TESTIFY.**

16 Section 104(b) of the Community Development
17 Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 (12
18 U.S.C. 4703(b)) is amended by adding to the end the fol-
19 lowing:

20 “(5) ANNUAL TESTIMONY.—The Secretary of
21 the Treasury (or a designee of the Secretary) shall,
22 at the discretion of the chairman of the Committee
23 on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Sen-
24 ate and chairman of the Committee on Financial
25 Services of the House of Representatives, annually

1 testify before such committees (or a subcommittee of
2 such committees) regarding the operations of the
3 Fund during the previous fiscal year.”.

4 **SEC. 6036. CDFI BOND GUARANTEE PROGRAM IMPROVE-**
5 **MENT.**

6 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
7 “CDFI Bond Guarantee Program Improvement Act of
8 2025”.

9 (b) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Con-
10 gress that the authority to guarantee bonds under section
11 114A of the Community Development Banking and Fi-
12 nancial Institutions Act of 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4713a) (com-
13 monly referred to as the “CDFI Bond Guarantee Pro-
14 gram”) provides community development financial institu-
15 tions with a sustainable source of long-term capital and
16 further the mission of the Community Development Fi-
17 nancial Institutions Fund (established under section
18 104(a) of such Act (12 U.S.C. 4703(a)) to increase eco-
19 nomic opportunity and promote community development
20 investments for underserved populations and distressed
21 communities in the United States.

22 (c) **GUARANTEES FOR BONDS AND NOTES ISSUED**
23 **FOR COMMUNITY OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PUR-**
24 **POSES.**—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 114A of the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4713a) is amended—

(A) in subsection (c)(2), by striking “, multiplied by an amount equal to the outstanding principal balance of issued notes or bonds”;

(B) by amending subsection (e)(2) to read as follows:

“(2) LIMITATION ON GUARANTEE AMOUNT.—

The Secretary may not guarantee any amount under the program equal to less than \$25,000,000, but the total of all such guarantees in any fiscal year may not exceed \$1,000,000,000.”; and

(C) in subsection (k), by striking “September 30, 2014” and inserting “the date that is 4 years after the later of the date of enactment of the CDFI Bond Guarantee Program Improvement Act of 2025 or December 31, 2029.”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents in section 1(b) of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 (Public Law 103–325; 108 Stat. 2160) is amended

1 by inserting after the item relating to section 114
2 the following:

“Sec. 114A. Guarantees for bonds and notes issued for community or economic development purposes.”.

3 (d) REPORT ON THE CDFI BOND GUARANTEE PRO-
4 GRAM.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
5 of this Act, and not later than 3 years after such date
6 of enactment, the Secretary of the Treasury shall issue
7 a report to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
8 Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Finan-
9 cial Services of the House of Representatives on the effec-
10 tiveness of the CDFI bond guarantee program established
11 under section 114A of the Community Development Bank-
12 ing and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 (12 U.S.C.
13 4713a).

14 **SEC. 6037. CAPITALIZATION ASSISTANCE TO ENHANCE LI-**
15 **QUIDITY.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 113 of the Community
17 Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of
18 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4712) is amended—

19 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
20 following:

21 “(a) ASSISTANCE.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Fund may provide
23 funds to organizations for the purpose of—

1 “(A) purchasing loans that are originated
 2 by community development financial institu-
 3 tions, loan participations, or interests therein
 4 from community development financial institu-
 5 tions;

6 “(B) providing guarantees, loan loss re-
 7 serves, or other forms of credit enhancement to
 8 promote liquidity for community development
 9 financial institutions; and

10 “(C) otherwise enhancing the liquidity of
 11 community development financial institutions.

12 “(2) CONSTRUCTION OF FEDERAL GOVERN-
 13 MENT FUNDS.—For purposes of this subsection, not-
 14 withstanding section 105(a)(9) of the Housing and
 15 Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.
 16 5305(a)(9)), funds provided pursuant to such Act
 17 shall be considered to be Federal Government
 18 funds.”;

19 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
 20 following:

21 “(b) SELECTION.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The selection of organiza-
 23 tions to receive assistance and the amount of assist-
 24 ance to be provided to any organization under this

1 section shall be at the discretion of the Fund and in
2 accordance with criteria established by the Fund.

3 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—Organizations eligible to re-
4 ceive assistance under this section—

5 “(A) shall have a primary purpose of pro-
6 moting community development; and

7 “(B) are not required to be community de-
8 velopment financial institutions.

9 “(3) PRIORITIZATION.—For the purpose of
10 making an award of funds under this section, the
11 Fund shall prioritize the selection of organizations
12 that—

13 “(A) demonstrate relevant experience or an
14 ability to carry out the activities under this sec-
15 tion, including experience leading or partici-
16 pating in loan purchase structures or pur-
17 chasing or participating in the purchase of, as-
18 signing, or otherwise transferring, assets from
19 community development financial institutions;

20 “(B) demonstrate the capacity to increase
21 the number or dollar volume of loan origina-
22 tions or expand the products or services of com-
23 munity development financial institutions, in-
24 cluding by leveraging the award with private
25 capital; and

1 “(C) will use the funds to support commu-
2 nity development financial institutions that rep-
3 resent broad geographic coverage or that serve
4 borrowers that have experienced significant
5 unmet capital or financial services needs.”;

6 (3) in subsection (c), in the first sentence—

7 (A) by striking “\$5,000,000” and inserting
8 “\$20,000,000”; and

9 (B) by striking “during any 3-year pe-
10 riod”; and

11 (4) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(g) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may promulgate
13 such regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to
14 carry out the authorities or purposes of this section.”.

15 (b) EMERGENCY CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUNDS.—
16 Section 104A of the Community Development Banking
17 and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4703a)
18 is amended by striking subsection (l) and inserting the fol-
19 lowing:

20 “(l) DEPOSIT OF FUNDS.—All funds received by the
21 Secretary in connection with purchases made pursuant
22 this section, including interest payments, dividend pay-
23 ments, and proceeds from the sale of any financial instru-
24 ment, shall be deposited into the Fund and used—

1 “(1) to provide financial assistance to organiza-
2 tions pursuant to section 113; and

3 “(2) to provide financial and technical assist-
4 ance pursuant to section 108, except that subsection
5 (e) of that section shall be waived.”.

6 (c) ANNUAL REPORTS.—

7 (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the
8 terms “community development financial institu-
9 tion” and “Fund” have the meanings given the
10 terms in section 103 of the Community Development
11 Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 (12
12 U.S.C. 4702).

13 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than 1 year
14 after the date on which assistance is first provided
15 under section 113 of the Community Development
16 Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 (12
17 U.S.C. 4712) pursuant to the amendments made by
18 subsection (a) of this section, and annually there-
19 after through 2028, the Secretary of the Treasury
20 shall submit to Congress a written report describing
21 the use of the Fund for the 1-year period preceding
22 the submission of the report for the purposes de-
23 scribed in subsection (a)(1) of such section 113, as
24 amended by subsection (a) of this section, which

1 shall include, with respect to the period covered by
2 the report—

3 (A) the total amount of—

4 (i) loans, loan participations, and in-
5 terests therein purchased from community
6 development financial institutions;

7 (ii) loans that support affordable
8 housing construction; and

9 (iii) guarantees, loan loss reserves,
10 and other forms of credit enhancement
11 provided to community development finan-
12 cial institutions;

13 (B) the effect of the purchases and guar-
14 antees made by the Fund on the overall com-
15 petitiveness of community development financial
16 institutions; and

17 (C) the impact of the purchases and guar-
18 antees made by the Fund on the liquidity of
19 community development financial institutions.

20 **SEC. 6038. NATIVE CDFI RELENDING PROGRAM.**

21 Section 502 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.
22 1472) is amended by adding at the end the following:

23 “(j) SET ASIDE FOR NATIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOP-
24 MENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—

25 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

1 “(A) the term ‘Alaska Native’ has the
2 meaning given the term ‘Native’ in section 3(b)
3 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43
4 U.S.C. 1602(b));

5 “(B) the term ‘appropriate congressional
6 committees’ means—

7 “(i) the Committee on Agriculture of
8 the Senate;

9 “(ii) the Committee on Indian Affairs
10 of the Senate;

11 “(iii) the Committee on Banking,
12 Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate;

13 “(iv) the Committee on Agriculture of
14 the House of Representatives;

15 “(v) the Committee on Natural Re-
16 sources of the House of Representatives;
17 and

18 “(vi) the Committee on Financial
19 Services of the House of Representatives;

20 “(C) the term ‘community development fi-
21 nancial institution’ has the meaning given the
22 term in section 103 of the Community Develop-
23 ment Banking and Financial Institutions Act of
24 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4702);

1 “(D) the term ‘Indian Tribe’ has the
2 meaning given the term ‘Indian tribe’ in section
3 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance
4 and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C.
5 4103);

6 “(E) the term ‘Native community develop-
7 ment financial institution’ means an entity—

8 “(i) that has been certified as a com-
9 munity development financial institution by
10 the Secretary of the Treasury;

11 “(ii) that is not less than 51 percent
12 owned or controlled by members of Indian
13 Tribes, Alaska Native communities, or Na-
14 tive Hawaiian communities; and

15 “(iii) for which not less than 51 per-
16 cent of the activities of the entity serve In-
17 dian Tribes, Alaska Native communities,
18 or Native Hawaiian communities;

19 “(F) the term ‘Native Hawaiian’ has the
20 meaning given the term in section 801 of the
21 Native American Housing Assistance and Self-
22 Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4221);
23 and

24 “(G) the term ‘priority Tribal land’
25 means—

1 “(i) any land located within the
2 boundaries of—

3 “(I) an Indian reservation, pueb-
4 lo, or rancharia; or

5 “(II) a former reservation within
6 Oklahoma;

7 “(ii) any land not located within the
8 boundaries of an Indian reservation, pueb-
9 lo, or rancharia, the title to which is held—

10 “(I) in trust by the United States
11 for the benefit of an Indian Tribe or
12 an individual Indian;

13 “(II) by an Indian Tribe or an
14 individual Indian, subject to restric-
15 tion against alienation under laws of
16 the United States; or

17 “(III) by a dependent Indian
18 community;

19 “(iii) any land located within a region
20 established pursuant to section 7(a) of the
21 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43
22 U.S.C. 1606(a));

23 “(iv) Hawaiian Home Lands, as de-
24 fined in section 801 of the Native Amer-

1 ican Housing Assistance and Self-Deter-
2 mination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4221); or

3 “(v) those areas or communities des-
4 ignated by the Assistant Secretary of In-
5 dian Affairs of the Department of the Inte-
6 rior that are near, adjacent, or contiguous
7 to reservations where financial assistance
8 and social service programs are provided to
9 Indians because of their status as Indians.

10 “(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this subsection
11 is to—

12 “(A) increase homeownership opportunities
13 for Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Communities,
14 and Native Hawaiian communities in rural
15 areas; and

16 “(B) provide capital to Native community
17 development financial institutions to increase
18 the number of mortgage transactions carried
19 out by those institutions.

20 “(3) SET ASIDE FOR NATIVE CDFIS.—Of
21 amounts appropriated to make direct loans under
22 this section for each fiscal year, the Secretary may
23 use not more than \$50,000,000 to make direct loans
24 to Native community development financial institu-
25 tions in accordance with this subsection.

1 “(4) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—A Native
2 community development financial institution desiring
3 a loan under this subsection shall demonstrate that
4 the institution—

5 “(A) can provide the non-Federal cost
6 share required under paragraph (6); and

7 “(B) is able to originate and service loans
8 for single family homes.

9 “(5) LENDING REQUIREMENTS.—A Native com-
10 munity development financial institution that re-
11 ceives a loan pursuant to this subsection shall—

12 “(A) use those amounts to make loans to
13 borrowers—

14 “(i) who otherwise meet the require-
15 ments for a loan under this section; and

16 “(ii) who—

17 “(I) are members of an Indian
18 Tribe, an Alaska Native community,
19 or a Native Hawaiian community; or

20 “(II) maintain a household in
21 which not less than 1 member is a
22 member of an Indian Tribe, an Alaska
23 Native community, or a Native Ha-
24 waiian community; and

1 “(B) in making loans under subparagraph
2 (A), give priority to borrowers described in that
3 subparagraph who are residing on priority Trib-
4 al land.

5 “(6) NON-FEDERAL COST SHARE.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A Native community
7 development financial institution that receives a
8 loan under this section shall be required to
9 match not less than 20 percent of the amount
10 received.

11 “(B) WAIVER.—In the case of a loan for
12 which amounts are used to make loans to bor-
13 rowers described in paragraph (5)(B), the Sec-
14 retary shall waive the non-Federal cost share
15 requirement described in subparagraph (A) with
16 respect to those loan amounts.

17 “(7) REPORTING.—

18 “(A) ANNUAL REPORT BY NATIVE
19 CDFIS.—Each Native community development
20 financial institution that receives a loan pursu-
21 ant to this subsection shall submit an annual
22 report to the Secretary on the lending activities
23 of the institution using the loan amounts, which
24 shall include—

1 “(i) a description of the outreach ef-
2 forts of the institution in local communities
3 to identify eligible borrowers;

4 “(ii) a description of how the institu-
5 tion leveraged additional capital to reach
6 prospective borrowers;

7 “(iii) the number of loan applications
8 received, approved, and deployed;

9 “(iv) the average loan amount;

10 “(v) the number of finalized loans
11 that were made on Tribal trust lands and
12 not on Tribal trust lands; and

13 “(vi) the number of finalized loans
14 that were made on priority Tribal land and
15 not priority Tribal land.

16 “(B) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

17 Not later than 1 year after the date of enact-
18 ment of this subsection, and every year there-
19 after, the Secretary shall submit to the appro-
20 priate congressional communities a report that
21 includes—

22 “(i) a list of loans made to Native
23 community development financial institu-
24 tions pursuant to this subsection, including

1 the name of the institution and the loan
2 amount;

3 “(ii) the percentage of loans made
4 under this section to members of Indian
5 Tribes, Alaska Native communities, and
6 Native Hawaiian communities, respectively,
7 including a breakdown of loans made to
8 households residing on and not on Tribal
9 trust lands; and

10 “(iii) the average loan amount made
11 by Native community development finan-
12 cial institutions pursuant to this sub-
13 section.

14 “(C) EVALUATION OF PROGRAM.—Not
15 later than 3 years after the date of enactment
16 of this subsection, the Secretary and the Sec-
17 retary of the Treasury shall conduct an evalua-
18 tion of and submit to the appropriate congres-
19 sional committees a report on the program
20 under this subsection, which shall—

21 “(i) evaluate the effectiveness of the
22 program, including an evaluation of the de-
23 mand for loans under the program; and

24 “(ii) include recommendations relating
25 to the program, including whether—

1 “(I) the program should be ex-
2 panded to such that all community de-
3 velopment financial institutions may
4 make loans under the program to the
5 borrowers described in paragraph (5);
6 and

7 “(II) the set aside amount para-
8 graph (3) should be modified in order
9 to match demand under the program.

10 “(8) GRANTS FOR OPERATIONAL SUPPORT.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
12 make grants to Native community development
13 financial institutions that receive a loan under
14 this section to provide operational support and
15 other related services to those institutions, sub-
16 ject to—

17 “(i) the satisfactory performance, as
18 determined by the Secretary, of a Native
19 community development financial institu-
20 tion in carrying out this section; and

21 “(ii) the availability of funding.

22 “(B) AMOUNT.—A Native community de-
23 velopment financial institution that receives a
24 loan under this section shall be eligible to re-
25 ceive a grant described in subparagraph (A) in

1 an amount equal to 20 percent of the direct
2 loan amount received by the Native community
3 development financial institution under the pro-
4 gram under this section as of the date on which
5 the direct loan is awarded.

6 “(9) OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL ASSIST-
7 ANCE.—There is authorized to be appropriated to
8 the Secretary \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years
9 2025, 2026, and 2027—

10 “(A) to provide technical assistance to Na-
11 tive community development financial institu-
12 tions—

13 “(i) relating to homeownership and
14 other housing-related assistance provided
15 by the Secretary; and

16 “(ii) to assist those institutions to
17 perform outreach to eligible homebuyers
18 relating to the loan program under this
19 section; or

20 “(B) to provide funding to a national orga-
21 nization representing Native American housing
22 interests to perform outreach and provide tech-
23 nical assistance as described in clauses (i) and
24 (ii), respectively, of subparagraph (A).

1 “(10) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—In addition to
 2 other available funds, the Secretary may use not
 3 more than 3 percent of the amounts made available
 4 to carry out this subsection for administration of the
 5 programs established under this subsection.”.

6 **Subtitle G—Sentencing Enhance-**
 7 **ments for Certain Criminal Of-**
 8 **fenses Directed by or Coordi-**
 9 **nated With Foreign Govern-**
 10 **ments**

11 **SEC. 6071. SHORT TITLE.**

12 This subtitle may be cited as the “Deterring External
 13 Threats and Ensuring Robust Responses to Egregious and
 14 Nefarious Criminal Endeavors Act” or the “DETER-
 15 RENCE Act”.

16 **SEC. 6072. KIDNAPPING.**

17 Section 1201 of title 18, United States Code, is
 18 amended—

19 (1) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-
 20 section (i);

21 (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-
 22 lowing:

23 “(h) SENTENCE ENHANCEMENTS FOR OFFENSES DI-
 24 RECTED BY OR COORDINATED WITH FOREIGN GOVERN-
 25 MENTS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The sentence of a person
2 convicted of an offense under subsection (a) may be
3 increased by up to 10 years if such offense was com-
4 mitted knowingly at the direction of or in coordina-
5 tion with a foreign government or an agent of a for-
6 eign government.

7 “(2) CONSPIRACY.—The sentence of a person
8 convicted of conspiring to commit a violation of sub-
9 section (a) as part of a conspiracy under the ele-
10 ments specified in subsection (c) may be increased
11 by up to 10 years if—

12 “(A) 1 or more of the persons involved in
13 such conspiracy were knowingly acting in co-
14 ordination with a foreign government or an
15 agent of a foreign government; and

16 “(B) the person convicted of conspiring to
17 commit a violation of subsection (a) knew that
18 1 or more of the persons involved in such con-
19 spiracy were knowingly acting in coordination
20 with a foreign government or an agent of a for-
21 eign government.

22 “(3) ATTEMPT.—The sentence of a person con-
23 victed of an attempt to violate subsection (a) may be
24 increased by up to 5 years if such attempt was
25 knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with

1 a foreign government or an agent of a foreign gov-
 2 ernment.”; and

3 (3) in subsection (i), as so designated, by in-
 4 serting “DEFINITION.—” before “As used in this
 5 section”.

6 **SEC. 6073. USE OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE FACILITIES IN**
 7 **THE COMMISSION OF MURDER-FOR-HIRE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1958 of title 18, United
 9 States Code, is amended—

10 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
 11 section (c);

12 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
 13 lowing:

14 “(b) SENTENCE ENHANCEMENTS FOR OFFENSES DI-
 15 RECTED BY OR COORDINATED WITH FOREIGN GOVERN-
 16 MENTS.—The sentence of a person convicted of an offense
 17 under subsection (a)—

18 “(1) may be increased by up to 5 years, if such
 19 offense was committed knowingly at the direction of
 20 or in coordination with a foreign government or an
 21 agent of a foreign government; and

22 “(2) may be increased by up to 10 years—

23 “(A) if such offense was committed know-
 24 ingly at the direction of or in coordination with

a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government; and

“(B) personal injury results.”; and

(3) in subsection (c), as so redesignated, by inserting “DEFINITIONS.—” before “As used in this section”.

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 2332b(g)(2) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “section 1958(b)(2)” and inserting “section 1958”.

(2) Section 1010A(d) of the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C. 960a(d)) is amended by striking “section 1958(b)(1)” and inserting “section 1958”.

**SEC. 6074. INFLUENCING, IMPEDING, OR RETALIATING
AGAINST A FEDERAL OFFICIAL BY THREAT-
ENING OR INJURING A FAMILY MEMBER.**

Section 115(b) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(5) The sentence of a person convicted of an offense under subsection (a), if such offense was committed knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government—

“(A) may be increased by up to 5 years if the offense committed was an assault involving physical

1 contact with the victim of that assault or the intent
2 to commit another felony;

3 “(B) may be increased by up to 10 years if—

4 “(i) the offense committed was an assault
5 resulting in bodily injury (including serious bod-
6 ily injury (as that term is defined in section
7 1365 of this title));

8 “(ii) the offense involved any conduct that,
9 if the conduct occurred in the special maritime
10 and territorial jurisdiction of the United States,
11 would violate section 2241 or 2242 of this title;

12 or

13 “(iii) a dangerous weapon was used during
14 and in relation to the offense; and

15 “(C) may be increased by up to 10 years if the
16 offense committed was a murder, attempted murder,
17 or conspiracy to murder.”.

18 **SEC. 6075. STALKING.**

19 Section 2261A of title 18, United States Code, is
20 amended—

21 (1) by striking “Whoever—” and inserting “(a)

22 IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b),
23 whoever—”; and

24 (2) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(b) ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES IN-
 2 VOLVING FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.—The sentence of a
 3 person convicted of an offense under paragraph (1) or (2)
 4 of subsection (a), if such offense was committed knowingly
 5 at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign gov-
 6 ernment or an agent of a foreign government—

7 “(1) may be increased by up to 5 years if—

8 “(A) serious bodily injury (including per-
 9 manent disfigurement or life threatening bodily
 10 injury) to the victim results;

11 “(B) the offender uses a dangerous weap-
 12 on during the offense; or

13 “(C) the victim of the offense is under the
 14 age of 18 years;

15 “(2) may be increased by up to 10 years if
 16 death of the victim results; and

17 “(3) may be increased by up to 30 months in
 18 any other case.”.

19 **SEC. 6076. PROTECTION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF**
 20 **THE UNITED STATES.**

21 Section 1114 of title 18, United States Code, is
 22 amended—

23 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
 24 section (c); and

1 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
 2 lowing:

3 “(b) SENTENCE ENHANCEMENTS FOR OFFENSES DI-
 4 RECTED BY OR COORDINATED WITH FOREIGN GOVERN-
 5 MENTS.—The sentence of a person convicted of an offense
 6 under subsection (a) may be increased by up to 10 years
 7 if such offense was committed knowingly at the direction
 8 of or in coordination with a foreign government or an
 9 agent of a foreign government.”.

10 **SEC. 6077. PRESIDENTIAL AND PRESIDENTIAL STAFF AS-**
 11 **SASSINATION, KIDNAPPING, AND ASSAULT.**

12 Section 1751 of title 18, United States Code, is
 13 amended—

14 (1) by redesignating subsections (f) through (k)
 15 as subsections (g) through (i), respectively; and

16 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
 17 lowing:

18 “(f)(1) The sentence of a person convicted of an of-
 19 fense under subsection (a), (b), or (c) may be increased
 20 by up to 10 years if such offense was committed knowingly
 21 at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign gov-
 22 ernment or an agent of a foreign government.

23 “(2) The sentence of a person convicted of conspiring
 24 to kill or kidnap any individual designated in subsection

1 (a) as part of a conspiracy under the elements specified
2 in subsection (d) may be increased by up to 10 years if—

3 “(A) 1 or more of the persons involved in such
4 conspiracy were knowingly acting in coordination
5 with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign
6 government; and

7 “(B) the person convicted of conspiring to kill
8 or kidnap an individual designated in subsection (a)
9 knew that 1 or more of the persons involved in such
10 conspiracy were knowingly acting in coordination
11 with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign
12 government.

13 “(3) The sentence of a person convicted of an offense
14 under subsection (e) may be increased by up to 10 years
15 if—

16 “(A) the victim was any person designated in
17 subsection (a)(1); and

18 “(B) such offense was committed knowingly at
19 the direction of or in coordination with a foreign
20 government or an agent of a foreign government.

21 “(4) The sentence of a person convicted of an offense
22 under subsection (e) may be increased by up to 10 years
23 if—

24 “(A) the victim was any person designated in
25 subsection (a)(2); and

1 “(B) such offense was committed knowingly at
 2 the direction of or in coordination with a foreign
 3 government or an agent of a foreign government.

4 “(5) The sentence of a person convicted of an offense
 5 under subsection (e) may be increased by up to 10 years
 6 if—

7 “(A)(i) the offense involved the use of a dan-
 8 gerous weapon; or

9 “(ii) personal injury resulted; and

10 “(B) such offense was committed knowingly at
 11 the direction of or in coordination with a foreign
 12 government or an agent of a foreign government.”.

13 **Subtitle H—Export Controls for** 14 **Advanced Artificial Intelligence** 15 **Chips**

16 **SEC. 6081. SHORT TITLE.**

17 This subtitle may be cited as the “Guaranteeing Ac-
 18 cess and Innovation for National Artificial Intelligence Act
 19 of 2025” or the “GAIN AI Act of 2025”.

20 **SEC. 6082. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

21 It is the sense of Congress that—

22 (1) artificial intelligence is a transformative
 23 technology and United States policy should ensure
 24 that United States persons, including small busi-
 25 nesses, startups, and universities, are in the best po-

1 sition to innovate and harness the potential of artifi-
2 cial intelligence;

3 (2) the demand for advanced artificial intel-
4 ligence chips far exceeds the supply, and United
5 States persons are forced to wait many months, if
6 not longer, to acquire the latest chips;

7 (3) at the same time, United States chip devel-
8 opers are selling advanced artificial intelligence chips
9 to entities in countries that are subject to a United
10 States arms embargo or countries that have a close
11 relationship with such countries, so that United
12 States persons are unable to acquire such chips;

13 (4) the production of such chips for sale to enti-
14 ties in countries described in paragraph (3) is taking
15 up production capacity that would otherwise be used
16 to fabricate chips for United States persons; and

17 (5) it should be the policy of the United States
18 and the Department of Commerce—

19 (A) to deny licenses for the export of the
20 most powerful artificial intelligence chips, in-
21 cluding such chips with a total processing power
22 of 4,800 or above; and

23 (B) to restrict the export of less advanced
24 artificial intelligence chips to foreign entities in
25 countries of concern so long as United States

1 entities are waiting and unable to acquire those
2 same chips.

3 **SEC. 6083. PROHIBITION ON PRIORITIZING COUNTRIES OF**
4 **CONCERN OVER UNITED STATES PERSONS**
5 **FOR EXPORTS OF ADVANCED INTEGRATED**
6 **CIRCUITS.**

7 Part I of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50
8 U.S.C. 4811 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section
9 1758 the following:

10 **“SEC. 1758A. CONTROL OF EXPORTS OF ADVANCED INTE-**
11 **GRATED CIRCUITS.**

12 “(a) LICENSE REQUIREMENT.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by
14 paragraph (2), the Under Secretary of Commerce
15 for Industry and Security shall require a license for
16 the export, reexport, or in-country transfer of an ad-
17 vanced integrated circuit or a product containing
18 such a circuit.

19 “(2) AUTHORITY TO EXEMPT CERTAIN COUN-
20 TRIES.—The requirement for a license under para-
21 graph (1) does not apply with respect to the export,
22 reexport, or in-country transfer of an advanced inte-
23 grated circuit or a product containing such a circuit
24 to or in a country that is listed in Country Group

1 A:4, A:5, or A:6 in Supplement No. 1 to part 740
2 of the Export Administration Regulations.

3 “(b) CERTIFICATION OF PRIORITY FOR UNITED
4 STATES CUSTOMERS FOR CERTAIN ADVANCED INTE-
5 GRATED CIRCUITS.—

6 “(1) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—The
7 Under Secretary shall require a person submitting
8 an application for a license to export, reexport, or
9 in-country transfer an advanced integrated circuit or
10 a product containing such a circuit to or in a coun-
11 try subject to a comprehensive United States arms
12 embargo or a country of concern to certify in the ap-
13 plication that—

14 “(A) United States persons had a right-of-
15 first-refusal for the circuit or product, which
16 means the person submitting the application—

17 “(i) upon reaching the decision to
18 enter into a transaction for the sale of
19 such a circuit or product to a person in a
20 country subject to a comprehensive United
21 States arms embargo or a country of con-
22 cern, provided, in a manner accessible to
23 United States persons, a notice of—

1 “(I) intent to sell the circuit or
2 product to the person in that country;
3 and

4 “(II) the terms of the trans-
5 action, including the price and quan-
6 tity of the circuit or product involved
7 in the transaction;

8 “(ii) allowed not less than 15 business
9 days for United States persons to request
10 to purchase the full quantity or a lesser
11 quantity of the circuit or product on the
12 terms (other than quantity) specified under
13 clause (i); and

14 “(iii) provided preference to United
15 States persons that requested to purchase
16 the circuit or product over the person in
17 the country described in clause (i); and

18 “(B) the person submitting the applica-
19 tion—

20 “(i) has no current backlog of re-
21 quests from United States persons for the
22 circuit or product or a comparable circuit
23 or product;

24 “(ii) cannot foresee the export, reex-
25 port, or in-country transfer of the circuit

1 or product resulting in such a backlog or
2 a reduction in the capacity of production
3 lines for the production of the circuit or
4 product for United States persons; and

5 “(iii) is not providing advantageous
6 pricing or terms for the circuit or product
7 to foreign persons that the person is not
8 providing to United States persons.

9 “(2) DENIAL OF APPLICATIONS WITHOUT CER-
10 TIFICATION.—If a certification described in para-
11 graph (1) is not submitted with an application for
12 a license described in that paragraph, the Under
13 Secretary shall deny the application.

14 “(3) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 90
15 days after the date of the enactment of this section,
16 the Under Secretary shall prescribe regulations pro-
17 viding guidance for complying with the certification
18 requirement under paragraph (1), which shall in-
19 clude—

20 “(A) a description of the acceptable for-
21 mats for the notice required by paragraph
22 (1)(A)(i);

23 “(B) establishment of a portal that al-
24 lows—

1 “(i) persons applying for a license
2 under this section to submit details regard-
3 ing intended sales of advanced integrated
4 circuits and products containing such cir-
5 cuits; and

6 “(ii) United States persons to view
7 those details and submit requests to pur-
8 chase such circuits or products pursuant to
9 paragraph (1)(A)(ii);

10 “(C) procedures for handling multiple re-
11 quests for an intended sale of such a circuit or
12 product, which shall allow for combining re-
13 quests for lesser quantities of the circuit or
14 product to match the full quantity offered for
15 sale;

16 “(D) recordkeeping requirements;

17 “(E) penalties for misrepresentation and
18 concealment of material facts; and

19 “(F) metrics and procedures by which to
20 determine whether—

21 “(i) the export, reexport, or in-country
22 transfer of a circuit or product would cre-
23 ate—

24 “(I) a backlog of requests de-
25 scribed in paragraph (1)(B)(i); or

1 “(II) a reduction in capacity de-
2 scribed in paragraph (1)(B)(ii); and
3 “(ii) the person selling the circuit or
4 product is providing advantageous pricing
5 or terms described in paragraph (1)(B)(iii)
6 to foreign persons.

7 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—

8 “(1) ADVANCED INTEGRATED CIRCUIT.—In this
9 section, the term ‘advanced integrated circuit’ means
10 an integrated circuit (as defined Export Control
11 Classification Number 3A090 in the Commerce Con-
12 trol List) that has one or more digital processing
13 units with—

14 “(A) a total processing performance of
15 2,400 or more and a performance density of 1.6
16 or more;

17 “(B) a total processing performance of
18 1,600 or more and a performance density of 3.2
19 or more; or

20 “(C) a total DRAM bandwidth of 1,400
21 gigabytes per second or more, interconnect
22 bandwidth of 1,100 gigabytes per second or
23 more, or a sum of DRAM bandwidth and inter-
24 connect bandwidth of 1,700 gigabytes per sec-
25 ond or more.

“(2) COMMERCE CONTROL LIST.—In this section, the term ‘Commerce Control List’ means the list set forth in Supplement No. 1 to part 774 of the Export Administration Regulations.

“(3) COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—In this section, the term ‘country of concern’ means a country that the Director of National Intelligence assesses is hosting, or has the intention of hosting, a military or intelligence facility associated with a country subject to a comprehensive United States arms embargo.

“(4) PERFORMANCE DENSITY; TOTAL PROCESSING PERFORMANCE.—In this section, the terms ‘performance density’ and ‘total processing performance’ have the meanings given those terms in, and are calculated as provided for under, Export Control Classification Number 3A090 in the Commerce Control List.”.

TITLE LXI—CIVILIAN PERSONNEL MATTERS

SEC. 6101. DEFINITION OF DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE FACILITY FOR PURPOSES OF DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY.

Section 1125(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (10 U.S.C. 1580 note prec.;

1 Public Law 114–328) is amended by inserting “and in-
 2 cludes supporting units of a facility at an installation or
 3 base” after “United States”.

4 **SEC. 6102. PUBLIC SHIPYARD APPRENTICE PROGRAM.**

5 (a) FISCAL YEAR 2026 CLASSES.—During fiscal year
 6 2026, the Secretary of the Navy shall induct, at each of
 7 the Navy shipyards, a class of not fewer than 100 appren-
 8 tices.

9 (b) FISCAL YEAR 2027 COSTS.—The Secretary of the
 10 Navy shall include the costs of the classes of Navy ship-
 11 yard apprentices to be inducted in fiscal year 2027 in the
 12 materials of the Department of Defense supporting the
 13 fiscal year 2027 budget request submitted to Congress by
 14 the President pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31,
 15 United States Code.

16 **TITLE LXII—MATTERS RELAT-**
 17 **ING TO FOREIGN NATIONS**

18 **Subtitle B—Matters Relating to**
 19 **Syria, Iraq, and Iran**

20 **SEC. 6211. REPEAL OF CAESAR SYRIA CIVILIAN PROTEC-**
 21 **TION ACT OF 2019.**

22 The Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act of 2019
 23 (title LXXIV of division F of Public Law 116–92; 22
 24 U.S.C. 8791 note) is hereby repealed.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days there-
3 after for the following 4 years, the President or his des-
4 ignee shall submit to Congress an unclassified report, with
5 a classified annex if necessary, that certifies whether the
6 Government of Syria—

7 (1) has committed itself to the goal of elimi-
8 nating the threat posed by ISIS and other terrorist
9 groups and has worked in partnership with the
10 United States to join as a member of the Global Co-
11 alition To Defeat ISIS;

12 (2) is making progress in providing security for
13 religious and ethnic minorities in Syria and includes
14 representation from religious and ethnic minorities
15 in the government;

16 (3) is not taking unilateral, unprovoked military
17 action against its neighbors, including the State of
18 Israel, and continues to make progress towards
19 international security agreements, as appropriate;

20 (4) is not knowingly financing, assisting (mone-
21 tarily or through weapons transfers), or harboring
22 individuals or groups (including foreign terrorist or-
23 ganizations and specially designated global terror-
24 ists) that are harmful to the national security of the

1 United States or allies and partners of the United
2 States in the region;

3 (5) has removed, or has taken steps to remove,
4 foreign fighters from senior roles in the Government
5 of Syria, including those in the state and security in-
6 stitutions of Syria; and

7 (6) is in the process of investigating and has
8 committed to prosecuting those that have committed
9 serious abuses of internationally recognized human
10 rights since December 8, 2024, including those re-
11 sponsible for the massacre of religious minorities.

12 (c) NOTIFICATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
13 SYRIA.—The President or his designee shall inform the
14 Government of Syria of the findings of the report required
15 under subsection (b).

16 (d) SENSE OF CONGRESS ON REIMPOSITION OF
17 SANCTIONS.—If the President or his designee is unable
18 to make an affirmative certification under subsection (b)
19 for two consecutive reporting periods, it is the sense of
20 Congress that sanctions under the Caesar Syria Civilian
21 Protection Act of 2019 (title LXXIV of division F of Pub-
22 lic Law 116–92; 22 U.S.C. 8791 note) should be reim-
23 posed and remain in effect until the President or his des-
24 ignee makes an affirmative certification under subsection
25 (b).

1 **SEC. 6212. COUNTERING CAPTAGON PRODUCTION AND DIS-**
2 **TRIBUTION.**

3 The Secretary of State is authorize to establish a pro-
4 gram that—

5 (1) provides funding to rehabilitate border
6 crossings in Syria; and

7 (2) supports counter-narcotics, counterter-
8 rorism, and counter-weapons trafficking, particularly
9 by personnel and ministries linked to the new Gov-
10 ernment of Syria.

11 **Subtitle C—Matters Relating to Eu-**
12 **rope and the Russian Federa-**
13 **tion**

14 **SEC. 6221. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON RUSSIA’S ILLEGAL AB-**
15 **DUCTION OF UKRAINIAN CHILDREN.**

16 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

17 (1) Since the Russian Federation’s full-scale in-
18 vasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the Russian
19 Federation military forces and the Government of
20 the Russian Federation have abducted, forcibly
21 transferred, or facilitated the illegal deportation of
22 at least 20,000 Ukrainian children.

23 (2) The Russian Federation’s abduction, forc-
24 ible transfer, and facilitation of the illegal deporta-
25 tion of Ukrainian children has left countless children

1 and families with devastating physical and psycho-
2 logical trauma.

3 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
4 gress that Congress—

5 (1) condemns the Russian Federation’s abduc-
6 tion, forcible transfer, and facilitation of the illegal
7 deportation of Ukrainian children; and

8 (2) implores the Russian Federation to work
9 with the international community to ensure the re-
10 turn, without delay, of all forcibly transferred
11 Ukrainian children to their families.

12 **SEC. 6222. MODIFICATION OF ANNUAL REPORT ON MILI-**
13 **TARY AND SECURITY DEVELOPMENTS IN-**
14 **VOLVING THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO IN-**
15 **CLUDE AN ASSESSMENT ON USE OF CHEM-**
16 **ICAL WEAPONS.**

17 Section 1234 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry
18 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
19 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3936) is amended by
20 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

21 “(27) An assessment of the use by the Russian
22 Federation of chemical weapons (including chemical
23 munitions) during the preceding year, which shall in-
24 clude an assessment of each of the following:

“(A) The use, as part of armed conflict, of any substance the use of which is prohibited by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons or any other chemicals the use of which is considered by the United States to be a violation of international obligations.

“(B) The use of chemical weapons or agents to kill, maim, or incapacitate individuals outside an armed conflict.

“(C) Any actions taken by the United States Government to hold the Russian Federation accountable for the actions described in subparagraphs (A) and (B).”.

Subtitle D—Matters Relating to the Indo-Pacific Region

SEC. 6231. MODERNIZING THE DEFENSE CAPABILITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES.

(a) PURPOSE.—In addition to the purposes otherwise authorized for Foreign Military Financing with respect to the Philippines, the Secretary of State shall use the authorities under this section to—

(1) strengthen the United States-Philippines alliance in accordance with the historic agreement reached at the United States-Philippines 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue on August 2, 2024;

1 (2) enable the acceleration of phase three of the
2 modernization of the Armed Forces of the Phil-
3 ippines;

4 (3) provide additional information to the Chairs
5 of the United States-Philippine Bilateral Security
6 Dialogue to enable planning and prioritization of
7 Joint Capability Areas (JCA);

8 (4) support the execution of the Philippines-Se-
9 curity Sector Assistance Roadmap (P-SSAR); and

10 (5) provide assistance, including equipment,
11 training, and other support, to modernize the de-
12 fense capabilities of the Armed Forces of the Phil-
13 ippines in order to—

14 (A) safeguard the territorial sovereignty of
15 the Philippines;

16 (B) improve maritime domain awareness;

17 (C) counter coercive military activities;

18 (D) improve the military and civilian infra-
19 structure and capabilities necessary to prepare
20 for regional contingencies; and

21 (E) strengthen cooperation between the
22 United States and the Philippines on counter-
23 terrorism-related efforts.

24 (b) ANNUAL SPENDING PLAN.—Not later than
25 March 1, 2026, and annually thereafter for a period of

1 4 years, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the
 2 Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the appropriate con-
 3 gressional committees a plan describing how amounts au-
 4 thorized to be appropriated pursuant to subsection (e), if
 5 made available, would be used to achieve the purpose de-
 6 scribed in subsection (a).

7 (c) ANNUAL REPORT ON ENHANCING THE UNITED
 8 STATES-PHILIPPINES DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP.—

9 (1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 270
 10 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and
 11 annually thereafter for a period of 4 years, the Sec-
 12 retary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of
 13 Defense, and in consultation with such other heads
 14 of Federal departments and agencies as the Sec-
 15 retary of State considers appropriate, shall submit to
 16 the appropriate congressional committees a report
 17 that describes steps taken to enhance the United
 18 States-Philippines defense relationship.

19 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—Each report
 20 required under paragraph (1) shall include the fol-
 21 lowing:

22 (A) A description of the capabilities and
 23 defense infrastructure improvements needed to
 24 modernize the defense capabilities of the Phil-
 25ippines, including with respect to—

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- 1 (i) coastal defense;
- 2 (ii) long-range fires;
- 3 (iii) integrated air defenses;
- 4 (iv) maritime security;
- 5 (v) manned and unmanned aerial sys-
- 6 tems;
- 7 (vi) mechanized ground mobility vehi-
- 8 cles;
- 9 (vii) intelligence, surveillance, and re-
- 10 connaissance;
- 11 (viii) defensive cybersecurity;
- 12 (ix) military construction;
- 13 (x) maintenance and sustainment of
- 14 military capabilities; and
- 15 (xi) any other defense capabilities that
- 16 the Secretary of State determines, includ-
- 17 ing jointly with the Philippines, are crucial
- 18 to the defense of the Philippines.

19 (B) An assessment of the absorptive capac-

20 ity of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, in-

21 cluding the coast guard, over the next 5 years.

22 (C) A description of how statutory authori-

23 ties under title 10, United States Code, includ-

24 ing under section 333 of such title and authori-

25 ties relating to unspecified minor military con-

struction and overseas humanitarian, disaster,
and civic aid, will be used to provide support for
the Philippines-Security Sector Assistance
Roadmap and the defense capabilities described
in subparagraph (A), prioritized according to
the assessment of the absorptive capacity of the
Armed Forces of the Philippines required under
subparagraph (B).

(3) FORM.—Each report required under para-
graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form,
but may contain a classified annex.

(d) FOREIGN MILITARY FINANCING LOAN AND LOAN
GUARANTEE AUTHORITY.—

(1) DIRECT LOANS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—During fiscal years
2026 through 2030, the Secretary of State may
make direct loans available for the Philippines
pursuant to section 23 of the Arms Export
Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2763).

(B) MAXIMUM OBLIGATIONS.—Gross obli-
gations for the principal amounts of loans au-
thorized under subparagraph (A) may not ex-
ceed \$1,000,000,000.

(C) SOURCE OF FUNDS.—

1 (i) DEFINED TERM.—In this subpara-
2 graph, the term “cost”—

3 (I) has the meaning given such
4 term in section 502(5) of the Congres-
5 sional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C.
6 661a(5));

7 (II) shall include the cost of
8 modifying a loan authorized under
9 subparagraph (A); and

10 (III) may include the costs of
11 selling, reducing, or cancelling any
12 amounts owed to the United States or
13 to any agency of the United States.

14 (ii) IN GENERAL.—Amounts author-
15 ized to be appropriated under subsection
16 (e) may be made available to pay for the
17 cost of loans authorized under subpara-
18 graph (A).

19 (D) FEES AUTHORIZED.—

20 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Government of
21 the United States may charge processing
22 and origination fees for a loan made pur-
23 suant to subparagraph (A), not to exceed
24 the cost to the Government of making such
25 loan, which shall be collected from bor-

1 rowers through a financing account (as de-
2 fined in section 502(7) of the Congres-
3 sional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C.
4 661a(7)).

5 (ii) LIMITATION ON FEE PAYMENTS.—

6 Amounts made available under any appro-
7 priations Act for any fiscal year may not
8 be used to pay any fees associated with a
9 loan authorized under subparagraph (A).

10 (E) REPAYMENT.—Loans made pursuant
11 to subparagraph (A) shall be repaid not later
12 than 17 years after the loan is received by the
13 borrower, including a grace period of not more
14 than 1 year on repayment of principal.

15 (F) INTEREST.—

16 (i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding
17 section 23(c)(1) of the Arms Export Con-
18 trol Act (22 U.S.C. 2763(c)(1)), interest
19 for loans made pursuant to subparagraph
20 (A) may be charged at a rate determined
21 by the Secretary of State.

22 (ii) TREATMENT OF LOAN AMOUNTS
23 USED TO PAY INTEREST.—Amounts made
24 available under this paragraph for interest
25 costs shall not be considered assistance for

1 the purposes of any statutory limitation on
2 assistance to a country.

3 (2) LOAN GUARANTEES.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—Amounts authorized to
5 be appropriated under subsection (e) may be
6 made available for the costs of loan guarantees
7 for the Philippines under section 24 of the
8 Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2764) for
9 the Philippines to subsidize gross obligations
10 for the principal amount of commercial loans
11 and total loan principal, any part of which may
12 be guaranteed.

13 (B) MAXIMUM AMOUNTS.—Loan guaran-
14 tees authorized under subparagraph (A)—

15 (i) may be made only to the extent
16 that the total loan principal, any part of
17 which is guaranteed, does not exceed
18 \$1,000,000,000; and

19 (ii) may not exceed 80 percent of the
20 loan principal with respect to any single
21 borrower.

22 (C) SUBORDINATION.—Any loan guaran-
23 teed pursuant to subparagraph (A) may not be
24 subordinated to—

1 (i) another debt contracted by the
2 borrower; or

3 (ii) any other claims against the bor-
4 rower in the case of default.

5 (D) REPAYMENT.—Repayment in United
6 States dollars of any loan guaranteed under
7 this paragraph shall be required not later than
8 17 years after the loan agreement is signed.

9 (E) FEES.—Notwithstanding section 24 of
10 the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2764),
11 the Government of the United States may
12 charge processing and origination fees for a
13 loan guarantee authorized under subparagraph
14 (A), not to exceed the cost to the Government
15 of such loan guarantee, which shall be collected
16 from borrowers, or from third parties on behalf
17 of such borrowers, through a financing account
18 (as defined in section 502(7) of the Congres-
19 sional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 661a(7)).

20 (F) TREATMENTS OF LOAN GUARAN-
21 TEES.—Amounts made available under this
22 paragraph for the costs of loan guarantees au-
23 thorized under subparagraph (A) shall not be
24 considered assistance for the purposes of any
25 statutory limitation on assistance to a country.

1 (G) COMMERCIAL FLEXIBILITY.—Loan
2 guarantees authorized under subparagraph (A)
3 may be provided to entities doing business in-
4 side or outside the United States, notwith-
5 standing any provision of the Arms Export
6 Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.) that
7 would otherwise limit eligibility for such guar-
8 antees based on geographic location or business
9 operations.

10 (3) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Amounts
11 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this sub-
12 section may not be expended without prior notifica-
13 tion of the appropriate committees of Congress.

14 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts oth-
16 erwise authorized to be appropriated for Foreign
17 Military Financing, there is authorized to be appro-
18 priated to the Department of State for Foreign Mili-
19 tary Financing grant assistance for the Philippines
20 up to \$500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026
21 through 2030.

22 (2) TRAINING.—Of the amounts authorized to
23 be appropriated pursuant to paragraph (1), not less
24 than \$500,000 is authorized to be appropriated each
25 fiscal year for one or more blanket order agreements

1 for Foreign Military Financing training programs
2 related to the defense needs of the Philippines.

3 (f) SUNSET PROVISION.—Assistance may not be pro-
4 vided under this section after September 30, 2035.

5 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
7 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
8 mittees” means—

9 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
10 the Committee on Armed Services, and the
11 Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;
12 and

13 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
14 Committee on Armed Services, and the Com-
15 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
16 resentatives.

17 (2) BLANKET ORDER AGREEMENT.—The term
18 “blanket order agreement” means an agreement be-
19 tween a foreign customer and the United States
20 Government for a specific category of items or serv-
21 ices (including training) that—

22 (A) does not include a definitive list of
23 items or quantities; and

24 (B) specifies a dollar ceiling against which
25 orders may be placed.

1 **SEC. 6232. STRATEGY TO RESPOND TO THE PRC'S GLOBAL**
2 **BASING INTENTIONS.**

3 (a) **SHORT TITLES.**—This section may be cited as the
4 “Combating PRC Overseas and Unlawful Networked
5 Threats through Enhanced Resilience Act of 2025” or the
6 “COUNTER Act of 2025”.

7 (b) **FINDINGS.**—According to multiple sources, in-
8 cluding the 2024 annual report to Congress, titled “Mili-
9 tary and Security Developments Involving the People’s
10 Republic of China” and known informally as the “China
11 Military Power Report”—

12 (1) the PRC is seeking to expand its overseas
13 logistics and basing infrastructure to allow the PLA
14 to project and sustain military power at greater dis-
15 tances;

16 (2) a global PLA logistics network could give
17 the PRC increased capabilities to surveil or disrupt
18 United States military operations;

19 (3) in August 2017, the PRC officially opened
20 the first overseas PLA military base near the com-
21 mercial port of Doraleh in Djibouti;

22 (4) in 2019, the PRC also attempted to acquire
23 strategically important port infrastructure at Subic
24 Bay in the Philippines, but was stopped by the Gov-
25 ernments of the United States, the Philippines, and
26 Japan, and by private investors;

1 (5) in April 2025, officials from the PRC and
2 Cambodia officially inaugurated the China-Cambodia
3 Ream Naval Base Joint Support and Training Cen-
4 ter and celebrated the expansion of port facilities at
5 Ream Naval Base, some of which appear to have
6 been reserved for the use of PRC ships that have
7 been continuously stationed at Ream Naval Base
8 since December 2023; and

9 (6) in addition to the base in Djibouti and the
10 PRC's access to the port at the Ream Naval Base
11 in Cambodia, the PRC is likely pursuing access to
12 additional military facilities to support naval, air,
13 and ground forces projection in many countries.

14 (c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—While the executive
15 branch has undertaken case-by-case efforts to forestall the
16 establishment of new PRC permanent military presence
17 in several countries, it is the sense of Congress that future
18 efforts to counter the PRC's global basing intentions
19 must—

20 (1) proceed with the urgency required to ad-
21 dress the strategic implications of the PRC's actions;

22 (2) reflect sufficient interagency coordination
23 with respect to a problem that necessitates a whole-
24 of-government approach;

1 (3) ensure that the United States Government
2 maintains a proactive posture rather than a reactive
3 posture in order to maximize strategic decision
4 space;

5 (4) identify a comprehensive menu of actions
6 that would be influential in shaping a partner's deci-
7 sion making regarding giving the PRC military ac-
8 cess to its sovereign territory;

9 (5) appropriately prioritize the subject of the
10 PRC's global basing intentions within the context of
11 the overall United States strategic competition with
12 the PRC;

13 (6) consider how the PRC uses commercial and
14 scientific cooperation as a guise for establishing ac-
15 cess for the PLA and other PRC security forces in
16 foreign countries;

17 (7) factor in the potential contributions of key
18 allies and partners to help respond to the PRC's
19 pursuit of global basing, many of which—

20 (A) have historic ties and influence in
21 many of the geographic areas the PRC is tar-
22 geting for potential future bases; and

23 (B) rely on the same basic intelligence pic-
24 ture to form our baseline understanding of the
25 PRC's global intentions;

1 (8) establish and ensure sufficient resourcing
2 for enduring organizational structures and security
3 and foreign assistance and cooperation efforts to ef-
4 fectively address the issue of PRC global basing in-
5 tentions; and

6 (9) ensure that future force posture, freedom of
7 movement, and other interests of the United States
8 and our allies are not jeopardized by the continued
9 expansion of PRC bases.

10 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
12 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
13 mittees” means—

14 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
15 the Senate;

16 (B) the Committee on Armed Services of
17 the Senate;

18 (C) the Select Committee on Intelligence of
19 the Senate;

20 (D) the Committee on Appropriations of
21 the Senate;

22 (E) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
23 the House of Representatives;

24 (F) the Committee on Armed Services of
25 the House of Representatives;

1 (G) the Permanent Select Committee on
2 Intelligence of the House of Representatives;
3 and

4 (H) the Committee on Appropriations of
5 the House of Representatives.

6 (2) PLA.—The term “PLA” means the Peo-
7 ple’s Liberation Army of the PRC.

8 (3) PRC.—The term “PRC” means the Peo-
9 ple’s Republic of China.

10 (4) PRC GLOBAL BASING.—The term “PRC
11 global basing” means the establishment of physical
12 locations outside the geographic boundaries of the
13 PRC where the PRC maintains some element of the
14 People’s Liberation Army, PRC intelligence or secu-
15 rity forces, or infrastructure designed to support the
16 presence of PRC military, intelligence, or security
17 forces, for the purposes of potential power projec-
18 tion.

19 (e) ASSESSMENT OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH’S C–PRC
20 GLOBAL BASING STRATEGY.—Not later than 180 days
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director
22 of National Intelligence shall submit an intelligence as-
23 sessment, in classified form, if needed, to the appropriate
24 congressional committees. The assessment shall analyze
25 the risk posed by PRC global basing to the United States

1 or to any United States allies with respect to their ability
2 to project power, maintain freedom of movement, and pro-
3 tect other interests as a function of the PRC's current
4 or potential locations identified pursuant to subsection
5 (f)(2)(A).

6 (f) STRATEGY.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
9 retary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of
10 Defense and other appropriate senior Federal offi-
11 cials, shall submit a strategy to the appropriate con-
12 gressional committees that contains the information
13 described in paragraph (2).

14 (2) CONTENTS.—The strategy required under
15 paragraph (1) shall—

16 (A) identify not fewer than 5 locations that
17 pose the greatest potential risks, as identified in
18 the assessment required under subsection (e),
19 where the PRC maintains a physical presence,
20 or is suspected to be seeking a physical pres-
21 ence, which could ultimately transition into a
22 PRC global base;

23 (B) include a comprehensive listing of ex-
24 ecutive branch entities currently involved in ad-
25 dressing aspects of PRC global basing, includ-

1 ing estimated programmatic and personal re-
2 source requirements on an agency-by-agency
3 basis to effectively address the issue of PRC
4 global basing intentions, and any relevant re-
5 source constraints;

6 (C) describe in detail all executive branch
7 efforts to mitigate the impacts to the national
8 interests of the United States and partner
9 countries of the locations referred to in sub-
10 paragraph (A) and prevent the PRC from es-
11 tablishing new global bases, including with re-
12 sources described in subparagraph (B); and

13 (D) for each of the locations referred to in
14 subparagraph (A), identify the actions by the
15 United States or its allies that would be most
16 effective in ensuring the respective foreign gov-
17 ernments terminate plans for hosting a PRC
18 base.

19 (g) TASK FORCE.—Not later than 90 days after sub-
20 mitting the strategy described in subsection (f), the Sec-
21 retary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of De-
22 fense and other appropriate senior Federal officials, shall
23 establish an interagency task force—

24 (1) to implement such strategy to counter the
25 PRC's efforts at the locations of chief concern; and

(2) to identify mitigation measures that would prevent the PRC from establishing new bases in locations beyond the locations of chief concern identified pursuant to subsection (f)(2)(A).

(h) QUADRENNIAL REVIEWS AND REPORTS.—Not later than 4 years after the submission of the strategy required under subsection (f), 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 the PRC global basing intentions; and

(2) submit the results of such review, including the information described in subsection (f)(2), to the appropriate congressional committees.

SEC. 6233. STRATEGY TO STRENGTHEN MULTILATERAL DETERRENCE IN THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall develop and implement a strategy to strengthen multilateral deterrence against regional aggression in the Indo-Pacific region by expanding multilateral coordination with United States allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific region, particularly

1 Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Philippines, and Aus-
2 tralia, including by enhancing multilateral access and bas-
3 ing agreements, command and control structures, intel-
4 ligence-sharing, and exercises and operations.

5 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by subsection
6 (a) shall—

7 (1) describe current activities and identify fu-
8 ture actions to be taken over the next 5 years by the
9 Department of Defense—

10 (A) to leverage reciprocal access agree-
11 ments between the United States and allies and
12 partners in the Indo-Pacific region, particularly
13 Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Philippines,
14 and Australia, to expand regional access for the
15 military forces of such allies and partners, in-
16 cluding for purposes of enhancing interoper-
17 ability at locations across the Indo-Pacific re-
18 gion, pre-positioning munitions stockpiles, and
19 jointly supporting and leveraging shared facili-
20 ties, operational access, and infrastructure;

21 (B) to improve command and control
22 structures enabling enhanced multilateral co-
23 ordination with allies and partners in the Indo-
24 Pacific region, including through the Combined
25 Coordination Center in the Philippines, the

1 joint force headquarters of the United States in
2 Japan, the Combined Forces Command in the
3 Republic of Korea, and a potential combined co-
4 ordination structure in Australia;

5 (C) to expand intelligence-sharing and
6 maritime domain awareness among the United
7 States and allies and partners in the Indo-Pa-
8 cific region, including through the Bilateral In-
9 telligence Analysis Cell in Japan and the Com-
10 bined Coordination Center in the Philippines;
11 and

12 (D) to expand the scope and scale of multi-
13 lateral military exercises and operations as well
14 as basing infrastructure and posture in the
15 Indo-Pacific region, particularly among the
16 United States, Japan, the Republic of Korea,
17 the Philippines, and Australia, including more
18 frequent combined maritime operations through
19 the Taiwan Strait, the South China Sea, and
20 the Aleutian Islands;

21 (2) fully consider strategic and operational con-
22 tingencies for security of likely military and eco-
23 nomic avenues of approach and trade routes across
24 the South, Central, and North Indo-Pacific region;
25 and

1 (3) address the conduct of operations in accord-
2 ance with such strategic and operational contin-
3 gencies.

4 (c) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
6 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
7 the written strategy required by subsection (a), including
8 an identification of—

9 (1) any changes to funding or policy required to
10 strengthen multilateral deterrence among the United
11 States and allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific re-
12 gion against regional aggression; and

13 (2) any additional resources required to carry
14 out specific initiatives described in subsection (b),
15 such as expanding regional access to the military
16 forces of such allies and partners, improving com-
17 mand and control structures, expanding intelligence-
18 sharing and maritime domain awareness, and ex-
19 panding the scope and scale of multilateral exercises
20 and operations in the Indo-Pacific region.

21 (d) INTERIM REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION.—Not
22 later than March 15, 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall
23 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
24 port on the progress of the implementation of the strategy
25 required by subsection (a), including any resource or au-

1 thority gaps identified in the ability of the Department
2 of Defense to implement the strategy.

3 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
5 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
6 mittees” means—

7 (A) the congressional defense committees;
8 and

9 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
10 the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Af-
11 fairs of the House of Representatives.

12 (2) INDO-PACIFIC REGION.—The term “Indo-
13 Pacific region” means—

14 (A) the geographical area encompassing
15 the area of responsibility of the United States
16 Indo-Pacific Command; and

17 (B) the Alaska theater of operations, in-
18 cluding the entirety of the State of Alaska and
19 the entirety of the oceans or other such mari-
20 time features bordering the State of Alaska.

21 **Subtitle E—AUKUS Improvement**
22 **Act of 2025**

23 **SEC. 6240A SHORT TITLE.**

24 This subtitle may be cited as the “AUKUS Improve-
25 ment Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 6240B FLEXIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ARMS**
2 **EXPORT CONTROL ACT AND OTHER ARMS**
3 **TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS.**

4 Section 38(l) of the Arms Export Control Act (22
5 U.S.C. 2778(l)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new paragraph:

7 “(8) EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN REQUIRE-
8 MENTS.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Defense articles sold
10 by the United States under this Act, whether
11 pursuant to the exemption authorized under
12 this section or identical to defense articles eligi-
13 ble for export under that exemption, may be re-
14 exported, retransferred or temporarily imported
15 exclusively between the Government of Aus-
16 tralia, the Government of the United Kingdom,
17 or entities eligible under section 126.7(b)(2) of
18 title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations, or
19 successor regulations, notwithstanding the re-
20 quirement for the consent of the President
21 under section 3(a)(2) of this Act, or under sec-
22 tion 505(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of
23 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2314(a)(1)(B)).

24 “(B) INTRA-COMPANY, INTRA-ORGANIZA-
25 TIONAL, AND INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL TRANS-
26 FERS.—Intra-company, intra-organization, and

1 intra-governmental transfers related to defense
2 articles and defense services described under
3 subparagraph (A) are authorized between offi-
4 cers, employees, and agents who satisfy section
5 120.64 of title 22 of the Code of Federal Regu-
6 lations, or successor regulations, including dual
7 or third country nationals who satisfy section
8 126.18 of title 22 of the Code of Federal Regu-
9 lations, or successor regulations.”.

10 **SEC. 6240C ELIMINATION OF CERTIFICATION REQUIRE-**
11 **MENT FOR COMMERCIAL TECHNICAL ASSIST-**
12 **ANCE OR MANUFACTURING LICENSE AGREE-**
13 **MENTS INVOLVING AUSTRALIA AND THE**
14 **UNITED KINGDOM.**

15 Manufacturing Licensing Agreements and Technical
16 Licensing Agreements for Australia and the United King-
17 dom that do not involve defense articles that are not sub-
18 ject to the licensing exemption under section 38(l) of the
19 Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778(l)) are not sub-
20 ject to the requirements for congressional notification pur-
21 suant to section 36(d) of that Act (22 U.S.C. 2776(d)).

Subtitle F—Other Matters

SEC. 6241. MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATIONS RELATED TO MUNITIONS REPLACEMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1244 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 2844) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “**AND ISRAEL**” and inserting “**ISRAEL, AND THE UNITED STATES DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE**”; and

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “or Israel” each place it appears and inserting “Israel, or the United States defense industrial base”; and

(B) in paragraph (5), by striking “or Israel” each place it appears and inserting “Israel, or the United States defense industrial base”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) The table of contents at the beginning of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263;

1 136 Stat. 2395) is amended by striking the item re-
 2 lating to section 1244 and inserting the following:

“1244. Temporary authorizations related to Ukraine, Taiwan, Israel, and the
 United States defense industrial base.”.

3 (2) The table of contents at the beginning of
 4 title XII of the James M. Inhofe National Defense
 5 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law
 6 117–263; 136 Stat. 2820) is amended by striking
 7 the item relating to section 1244 and inserting the
 8 following:

“1244. Temporary authorizations related to Ukraine, Taiwan, Israel, and the
 United States defense industrial base.”.

9 **SEC. 6242. DISPOSITION OF WEAPONS AND MATERIEL IN**
 10 **TRANSIT FROM IRAN TO HOUTHIS IN YEMEN.**

11 (a) DISPOSITION OF WEAPONS AND MATERIEL.—
 12 The President may treat as stocks of the United States
 13 any weapon or materiel seized by the United States while
 14 in transit from the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Houthis
 15 in the Republic of Yemen.

16 (b) DRAWDOWN AUTHORITY.—Section 506(a) of the
 17 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2318(a)) is
 18 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
 19 graph:

20 “(4) In addition to amounts otherwise specified in
 21 this section, the President may direct the drawdown of
 22 weapons and materiel treated as stocks of the United
 23 States, seized pursuant to section 126__ (a) of the Na-

1 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026,
2 to be provided to foreign partners.”.

3 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the
5 President shall submit to the appropriate committees of
6 Congress a report that includes the following:

7 (1) The number of times the President exer-
8 cised the authority under subsection (a).

9 (2) An inventory of the weapons and materiel
10 treated as United States stocks pursuant to such au-
11 thority.

12 (3) An inventory of the weapons and materiel
13 provided to foreign partners pursuant to the author-
14 ity provided in paragraph (4) of section 506(a) of
15 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
16 2318(a)).

17 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
18 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
19 tees of Congress” means—

20 (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
21 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

22 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
23 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
24 resentatives.

1 **Subtitle G—Treatment of Taiwan**
2 **at International Financial Insti-**
3 **tutions**

4 **SEC. 6251. SHORT TITLE.**

5 This subtitle may be cited as the “Taiwan Non-Dis-
6 crimination Act of 2025”.

7 **SEC. 6252. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress finds as follows:

9 (1) As enshrined in its Articles of Agreement,
10 the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is devoted
11 to promoting international monetary cooperation, fa-
12 cilitating the expansion and balanced growth of
13 international trade, encouraging exchange stability,
14 and avoiding competitive exchange depreciation.

15 (2) Taiwan is the 21st largest economy in the
16 world and the 10th largest goods trading partner of
17 the United States.

18 (3) Although Taiwan is not an IMF member, it
19 is a member of the World Trade Organization, the
20 Asian Development Bank, and the Asia-Pacific Eco-
21 nomic Cooperation forum.

22 (4) According to the January 2020 Report on
23 Macroeconomic and Foreign Exchange Policies of
24 Major Trading Partners of the United States, pub-
25 lished by the Department of the Treasury, Taiwan

1 held \$471,900,000,000 in foreign exchange reserves,
2 more than major economies such as India, South
3 Korea, and Brazil.

4 (5) According to section 4(d) of the Taiwan Re-
5 lations Act (Public Law 96–8), enacted on April 10,
6 1979, “Nothing in this Act may be construed as a
7 basis for supporting the exclusion or expulsion of
8 Taiwan from continued membership in any inter-
9 national financial institution or any other inter-
10 national organization.”.

11 (6) Taiwan held membership in the IMF for 9
12 years following the recognition of the People’s Re-
13 public of China (PRC) by the United Nations, and
14 16 Taiwan staff members at the Fund were allowed
15 to continue their employment after the PRC was
16 seated at the IMF in 1980. As James M. Boughton
17 has noted in his *Silent Revolution: The International
18 Monetary Fund 1979–1989*, even as the PRC was
19 seated, the United States Executive Director to the
20 IMF, Sam Y. Cross, expressed support on behalf of
21 the United States Government for “some kind of as-
22 sociation between Taiwan and the Fund”.

23 (7) On September 27, 1994, in testimony be-
24 fore the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations re-
25 garding the 1994 Taiwan Policy Review, then-As-

1 sistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific
2 Affairs Winston Lord stated: “Recognizing Taiwan’s
3 important role in transnational issues, we will sup-
4 port its membership in organizations where state-
5 hood is not a prerequisite, and we will support op-
6 portunities for Taiwan’s voice to be heard in organi-
7 zations where its membership is not possible.”.

8 (8) The Congress has repeatedly reaffirmed
9 support for this policy, including in Public Laws
10 107–10, 107–158, 108–28, 108–235, 113–17, and
11 114–139, and the unanimous House and Senate
12 passage of the Taiwan Allies International Protec-
13 tion and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of
14 2019.

15 (9) In its fact sheet, entitled “U.S. Relations
16 with Taiwan”, published on August 31, 2018, the
17 Department of State asserts: “The United States
18 supports Taiwan’s membership in international orga-
19 nizations that do not require statehood as a condi-
20 tion of membership and encourages Taiwan’s mean-
21 ingful participation in international organizations
22 where its membership is not possible.”.

23 (10) According to the Articles of Agreement of
24 the IMF, “membership shall be open to other coun-

tries”, 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

1 the Fund usually takes into account the recognition
2 or nonrecognition of an entity as a state, there are
3 no rules or even informal understandings on the ex-
4 tent to which an applicant must have been recog-
5 nized by members or other international organiza-
6 tions before the Fund will regard it as eligible for
7 membership.”. In fact, when considering an applica-
8 tion for membership where the status of an appli-
9 cant may not be resolved, Mr. Gold writes “there
10 have been occasions on which the Fund has made a
11 finding before decisions had been taken by the
12 United Nations or by most members or by members
13 with a majority of the total voting power.” Mr. Gold
14 concludes, “the Fund makes its own findings on
15 whether an applicant is a ‘country’, and makes them
16 solely for its own purposes.”.

17 (13) Although not a member state of the
18 United Nations, the Republic of Kosovo is a member
19 of both the IMF and the World Bank, having joined
20 both organizations on June 29, 2009.

21 (14) On October 26, 2021, Secretary of State
22 Antony Blinken issued a statement in support of
23 Taiwan’s “robust, meaningful participation” in the
24 United Nations system, which includes the IMF, the
25 World Bank, and other specialized United Nations

1 agencies. Secretary of State Blinken noted, “As the
2 international community faces an unprecedented
3 number of complex and global issues, it is critical for
4 all stakeholders to help address these problems. This
5 includes the 24 million people who live in Taiwan.
6 Taiwan’s meaningful participation in the UN system
7 is not a political issue, but a pragmatic one.”. He
8 continued, “Taiwan’s exclusion undermines the im-
9 portant work of the UN and its related bodies, all
10 of which stand to benefit greatly from its contribu-
11 tions.”.

12 (15) In October 2024, Taiwan announced it
13 would seek IMF membership, with the Taipei Eco-
14 nomic and Cultural Representative Office in the
15 United States stating, “Taiwan’s membership at the
16 IMF would help boost financial resilience.”.

17 **SEC. 6253. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.**

18 It is the sense of the Congress that—

19 (1) the size, significance, and connectedness of
20 the Taiwanese economy highlight the importance of
21 greater participation by Taiwan in the International
22 Monetary Fund, given the purposes of the Fund ar-
23 ticulated in its Articles of Agreement; and

24 (2) the experience of Taiwan in developing a vi-
25 brant and advanced economy under democratic gov-

1 ernance and the rule of law should inform the work
2 of the international financial institutions, including
3 through increased participation by Taiwan in the in-
4 stitutions.

5 **SEC. 6254. SUPPORT FOR TAIWAN ADMISSION TO THE IMF.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The United States Governor of
7 the International Monetary Fund (in this section referred
8 to as the “Fund”) shall use the voice and vote of the
9 United States to vigorously support—

10 (1) the admission of Taiwan as a member of
11 the Fund, to the extent that admission is sought by
12 Taiwan;

13 (2) participation by Taiwan in regular surveil-
14 lance activities of the Fund with respect to the eco-
15 nomic and financial policies of Taiwan, consistent
16 with Article IV consultation procedures of the Fund;

17 (3) employment opportunities for Taiwan na-
18 tionals, without regard to any consideration that, in
19 the determination of the United States Governor,
20 does not generally restrict the employment of nation-
21 als of member countries of the Fund; and

22 (4) the ability of Taiwan to receive appropriate
23 technical assistance and training by the Fund.

1 (b) UNITED STATES POLICY.—It is the policy of the
2 United States not to discourage or otherwise deter Taiwan
3 from seeking admission as a member of the Fund.

4 (c) WAIVER.—The Secretary of the Treasury may
5 waive any requirement of subsection (a) for up to 1 year
6 at a time on reporting to Congress that providing the
7 waiver will substantially promote the objective of securing
8 the meaningful participation of Taiwan at each inter-
9 national financial institution (as defined in section
10 1701(c)(2) of the International Financial Institutions
11 Act).

12 (d) SUNSET.—This section shall have no force or ef-
13 fect on the earlier of—

14 (1) the date of approval by the Board of Gov-
15 ernors of the Fund for the admission of Taiwan as
16 a member of the Fund; or

17 (2) the date that is 10 years after the date of
18 the enactment of this Act.

19 **SEC. 6255. TESTIMONY REQUIREMENT.**

20 In each of the next 7 years in which the Secretary
21 of the Treasury is required by section 1705(b) of the
22 International Financial Institutions Act to present testi-
23 mony, the Secretary shall include in the testimony a de-
24 scription of the efforts of the United States to support
25 the greatest participation practicable by Taiwan at each

1 international financial institution (as defined in section
2 1701(c)(2) of such Act).

3 **TITLE LXV—SPACE ACTIVITIES,**
4 **STRATEGIC PROGRAMS, AND**
5 **INTELLIGENCE MATTERS**
6 **Subtitle A—Space Activities**

7 **SEC. 6501. ENHANCEMENT OF SPACE DOMAIN AWARENESS**
8 **THROUGH GROUND-BASED SENSOR DEVEL-**
9 **OPMENT.**

10 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
11 gress that—

12 (1) the expansion of space domain awareness
13 infrastructure, including advanced ground-based op-
14 tical sensing capabilities, is essential to the oper-
15 ational testing and training architecture of the
16 Space Force; and

17 (2) collaboration with academic institutions is
18 critical to advancing electro-optical sensor research
19 and development in support of national security ob-
20 jectives.

21 (b) REPORT.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
23 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
24 retary of the Air Force shall submit to the congres-
25 sional defense committees a report on efforts by the

1 Space Force to expand space domain awareness in-
2 frastructure.

3 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
4 graph (1) shall include, at a minimum—

5 (A) a description of current and planned
6 infrastructure, equipment, and capability expan-
7 sions;

8 (B) a summary of current and planned en-
9 gagement with institutions of higher education
10 that possess demonstrated expertise in space
11 domain awareness, including electro-optical sen-
12 sor development, tasking algorithms, and auto-
13 mation frameworks; and

14 (C) an assessment of the ability to inte-
15 grate research and development from academic
16 partners into operational testing and training
17 environments in support of space domain
18 awareness objectives.

19 **SEC. 6502. CONTINUATION OF OPERATION OF DEFENSE ME-**
20 **TEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE PROGRAM.**

21 The text of section 1507 is hereby deemed to read
22 as follows:

1 **“SEC. 1507. CONTINUATION OF OPERATION OF DEFENSE**
2 **METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE PROGRAM.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
4 continue to operate the Defense Meteorological Satellite
5 Program, and its existing functions and distribution capa-
6 bility, until the end of the functional life of the satellites
7 in orbit as of the date of the enactment of this Act under
8 such program.

9 “(b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 60 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
11 shall provide to the congressional defense committees a
12 briefing on—

13 “(1) the status of the Defense Meteorological
14 Satellite Program;

15 “(2) the requirements, capabilities, and costs
16 for such program for fiscal year 2026;

17 “(3) the projected costs—

18 “(A) to carry out such program for the
19 functional life of the satellites in orbit as of the
20 date of the enactment of this Act under such
21 program; and

22 “(B) to replace the satellite functions
23 under such program; and

24 “(4) any cybersecurity concerns relating to the
25 systems used to process the data under such pro-
26 gram.”.

1 **Subtitle B—Other Matters**

2 **SEC. 6551. TRANSFER OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES PROGRAM**

3 **TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

4 (a) TRANSFER.—Not later than the effective date set
 5 forth in subsection (d), the Director of National Intel-
 6 ligence and the Secretary of Defense shall take such ac-
 7 tions as may be necessary for the Secretary of Defense
 8 to carry out the Foreign Languages Program, including
 9 such transfer of personnel, assets, and facilities from the
 10 Director to the Secretary as the Director and the Sec-
 11 retary jointly consider appropriate.

12 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Part III of subtitle
 13 A of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding
 14 at the end the following new chapter:

15 **“CHAPTER 114—FOREIGN LANGUAGES**
 16 **PROGRAM**

17 **“§ 2200m. Program on advancement of foreign lan-**
 18 **guages critical to the Defense Intel-**
 19 **ligence Enterprise**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall,
 21 in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence,
 22 carry out a program to advance skills in foreign languages
 23 that are critical to the capability of the Defense Intel-
 24 ligence Enterprise to carry out the national security activi-

1 ties of the United States (hereinafter in this chapter re-
2 ferred to as the ‘Foreign Languages Program’).

3 “(b) IDENTIFICATION OF REQUISITE ACTIONS.—In
4 order to carry out the Foreign Languages Program, the
5 Secretary of Defense shall identify actions required to im-
6 prove the education of personnel in the Defense Intel-
7 ligence Enterprise in foreign languages that are critical
8 to the capability of the Defense Intelligence Enterprise to
9 carry out the national security activities of the United
10 States and to meet the long-term intelligence needs of the
11 United States.

12 **“§ 2200n. Education partnerships**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the Foreign
14 Languages Program, the head of a covered element of the
15 Defense Intelligence Enterprise may enter into one or
16 more education partnership agreements with educational
17 institutions in the United States in order to encourage and
18 enhance the study in such educational institutions of for-
19 eign languages that are critical to the capability of the
20 Defense Intelligence Enterprise to carry out the national
21 security activities of the United States.

22 “(b) ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER EDUCATIONAL
23 PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS.—Under an educational
24 partnership agreement entered into with an educational
25 institution pursuant to this section, the head of a covered

1 element of the Defense Intelligence Enterprise may pro-
2 vide the following assistance to the educational institution:

3 “(1) The loan of equipment and instructional
4 materials of the element of the Defense Intelligence
5 Enterprise to the educational institution for any
6 purpose and duration that the head of the element
7 considers appropriate.

8 “(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of
9 law relating to the transfer of surplus property, the
10 transfer to the educational institution of any com-
11 puter equipment, or other equipment, that is—

12 “(A) commonly used by educational insti-
13 tutions;

14 “(B) surplus to the needs of the element of
15 the Defense Intelligence Enterprise; and

16 “(C) determined by the head of the ele-
17 ment to be appropriate for support of such
18 agreement.

19 “(3) The provision of dedicated personnel to the
20 educational institution—

21 “(A) to teach courses in foreign languages
22 that are critical to the capability of the Defense
23 Intelligence Enterprise to carry out the national
24 security activities of the United States; or

1 “(B) to assist in the development for the
2 educational institution of courses and materials
3 on such languages.

4 “(4) The involvement of faculty and students of
5 the educational institution in research projects of the
6 element of the Defense Intelligence Enterprise.

7 “(5) Cooperation with the educational institu-
8 tion in developing a program under which students
9 receive academic credit at the educational institution
10 for work on research projects of the element of the
11 Defense Intelligence Enterprise.

12 “(6) The provision of academic and career ad-
13 vice and assistance to students of the educational in-
14 stitution.

15 “(7) The provision of cash awards and other
16 items that the head of the element of the Defense
17 Intelligence Enterprise considers appropriate.

18 **“§ 2200o. Voluntary services**

19 “(a) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT SERVICES.—Notwith-
20 standing section 1342 of title 31, and subject to sub-
21 section (b), the Foreign Languages Program under section
22 2200m shall include authority for the head of a covered
23 element of the Defense Intelligence Enterprise to accept
24 from any dedicated personnel voluntary services in support
25 of the activities authorized by this subtitle.

1 “(b) REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS.—(1) In ac-
2 cepting voluntary services from an individual under sub-
3 section (a), the head of a covered element of the Defense
4 Intelligence Enterprise shall—

5 “(A) supervise the individual to the same extent
6 as the head of the element would supervise a com-
7 pensated employee of that element providing similar
8 services; and

9 “(B) ensure that the individual is licensed, priv-
10 ileged, has appropriate educational or experiential
11 credentials, or is otherwise qualified under applicable
12 law or regulations to provide such services.

13 “(2) In accepting voluntary services from an indi-
14 vidual under subsection (a), the head of a covered element
15 of the Defense Intelligence Enterprise may not—

16 “(A) place the individual in a policymaking po-
17 sition, or other position performing inherently gov-
18 ernmental functions; or

19 “(B) compensate the individual for the provi-
20 sion of such services.

21 “(c) AUTHORITY TO RECRUIT AND TRAIN INDIVID-
22 UALS PROVIDING SERVICES.—The head of a covered ele-
23 ment of the Defense Intelligence Enterprise may recruit
24 and train individuals to provide voluntary services under
25 subsection (a).

1 “(d) STATUS OF INDIVIDUALS PROVIDING SERV-
2 ICES.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), while providing vol-
3 untary services under subsection (a) or receiving training
4 under subsection (c), an individual shall be considered to
5 be an employee of the Federal Government only for pur-
6 poses of the following provisions of law:

7 “(A) Section 552a of title 5 (relating to mainte-
8 nance of records on individuals).

9 “(B) Chapter 11 of title 18 (relating to con-
10 flicts of interest).

11 “(2)(A) With respect to voluntary services under
12 paragraph (1) provided by an individual that are within
13 the scope of the services accepted under that paragraph,
14 the individual shall be deemed to be a volunteer of a gov-
15 ernmental entity or nonprofit institution for purposes of
16 the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 14501
17 et seq.).

18 “(B) In the case of any claim against such an indi-
19 vidual with respect to the provision of such services, sec-
20 tion 4(d) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 14503(d)) shall not
21 apply.

22 “(3) Acceptance of voluntary services under this sec-
23 tion shall have no bearing on the issuance or renewal of
24 a security clearance.

1 “(e) REIMBURSEMENT OF INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.—

2 (1) The head of a covered element of the Defense Intel-
3 ligence Enterprise may reimburse an individual for inci-
4 dental expenses incurred by the individual in providing
5 voluntary services under subsection (a). The head of a cov-
6 ered element of the Defense Intelligence Enterprise shall
7 determine which expenses are eligible for reimbursement
8 under this subsection.

9 “(2) Reimbursement under paragraph (1) may be
10 made from appropriated or nonappropriated funds.

11 “(f) AUTHORITY TO INSTALL EQUIPMENT.—(1) The
12 head of a covered element of the Defense Intelligence En-
13 terprise may install telephone lines and any necessary tele-
14 communication equipment in the private residences of in-
15 dividuals who provide voluntary services under subsection
16 (a).

17 “(2) The head of a covered element of the Defense
18 Intelligence Enterprise may pay the charges incurred for
19 the use of equipment installed under paragraph (1) for
20 authorized purposes.

21 “(3) Notwithstanding section 1348 of title 31, United
22 States Code, the head of a covered element of the Defense
23 Intelligence Enterprise may use appropriated funds or
24 nonappropriated funds of the element in carrying out this
25 subsection.

1 **“§ 2200p. Regulations**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall,
3 in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence,
4 prescribe regulations to carry out the Foreign Languages
5 Program.

6 “(b) ELEMENTS OF THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE
7 ENTERPRISE.—The head of each covered element of the
8 Defense Intelligence Enterprise shall prescribe regulations
9 to carry out sections 2200n and 2200o with respect to
10 that element including the following:

11 “(1) Procedures to be utilized for the accept-
12 ance of voluntary services under section 2200o.

13 “(2) Procedures and requirements relating to
14 the installation of equipment under section 2200o(f).

15 **“§ 2200q. Definitions**

16 “In this chapter:

17 “(1) The term ‘covered element of the Defense
18 Intelligence Enterprise’ means an agency, office, bu-
19 reau, or element referred to in subparagraph (B) of
20 section 426(b)(4) of this title.

21 “(2) The term ‘dedicated personnel’ means em-
22 ployees of the Defense Intelligence Enterprise and
23 private citizens (including former civilian employees
24 of the Federal Government who have been volun-
25 tarily separated, and members of the United States
26 Armed Forces who have been honorably discharged,

1 honorably separated, or generally discharged under
2 honorably circumstances and rehired on a voluntary
3 basis specifically to perform the activities authorized
4 under this subtitle).

5 “(3) The term ‘Defense Intelligence Enterprise’
6 has the meaning given such term in section
7 426(b)(4) of this title.

8 “(4) The term ‘educational institution’ means—

9 “(A) a local educational agency (as that
10 term is defined in section 8101 of the Elemen-
11 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965);

12 “(B) an institution of higher education (as
13 defined in section 102 of the Higher Education
14 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002) other than insti-
15 tutions referred to in subsection (a)(1)(C) of
16 such section); or

17 “(C) any other nonprofit institution that
18 provides instruction of foreign languages in lan-
19 guages that are critical to the capability of the
20 Defense Intelligence Enterprise to carry out na-
21 tional security activities of the United States.”.

22 (c) CONFORMING REPEALS.—

23 (1) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title X of
24 the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3191

1 et seq.) is amended by striking subtitle B (50 U.S.C.
2 3201 et seq.).

3 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of
4 contents for such Act, in the matter preceding sec-
5 tion 2 of such Act, is amended by striking the items
6 relating to subtitle B of title X.

7 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
8 this section shall take effect on the date that is 90 days
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

10 **TITLE LXVI—CYBERSPACE-**
11 **RELATED MATTERS**
12 **Subtitle B—Matters Relating to De-**
13 **partment of Defense Cybersecu-**
14 **urity and Information Tech-**
15 **nology**

16 **SEC. 6611. STRATEGY ON QUANTUM READINESS.**

17 (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
19 of Defense shall, in coordination with the Chief Informa-
20 tion Officer of the Department of Defense, submit to the
21 congressional defense committees a strategy on quantum
22 readiness. Such strategy shall include each of the fol-
23 lowing:

1 (1) An assessment of the risks that quantum
2 computing pose to Department of Defense systems
3 and data.

4 (2) A determination of which Department sys-
5 tems and data are most vulnerable to quantum
6 threats and critical to protect, and timelines for the
7 transition of such systems and data.

8 (3) An identification of the progress made by
9 organizations and elements of the Department of
10 Defense in inventorying and migrating all cryp-
11 tographic systems to post-quantum cryptography by
12 2035 or earlier.

13 (4) A plan to adopt and deploy automated
14 quantum readiness platform tools, including capa-
15 bilities that—

16 (A) provide continuous visibility into an or-
17 ganization’s cryptographic landscape;

18 (B) automate the prioritization of cryp-
19 tographic risks; and

20 (C) facilitate the remediation of insecure
21 cryptography.

22 (5) An identification of the methodology used
23 for evaluating and validating Department cryp-
24 tographic modules as quantum ready.

1 (6) An estimate of resources needed to achieve
2 quantum readiness by the target deadline of 2035,
3 as well as an additional estimate of resources needed
4 to achieve quantum readiness earlier than 2035.

5 (7) A detailed breakdown of how the funds pro-
6 vided in section 20005(a)(29) of the Act entitled
7 “An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to
8 title II of H. Con. Res. 14”, approved July 4, 2025
9 (Public Law 119–21) will be allocated and obligated
10 across specific programs, projects, and activities.

11 (8) Any other matter the Secretary of Defense
12 considers relevant.

13 (b) FORM OF STRATEGY.—The strategy required by
14 subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but
15 may contain a classified annex.

16 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 240 days after the
17 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall, in
18 coordination with the Chief Information Officer, submit
19 to the congressional defense committees a briefing on the
20 strategy required under subsection (a).

21 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) The term “post-quantum cryptography” has
23 the meaning given that term in section 3 of the
24 Quantum Computing Cybersecurity Preparedness
25 Act (Public Law 117–260; 6 U.S.C. 1526 note).

(2) The term “quantum readiness” means the state in which an agency’s cryptographic systems have been inventoried, continuously assessed for quantum vulnerabilities, and remediated through the adoption of quantum-resistant cryptographic algorithms and other practices.

SEC. 6612. SECURE AND INTEROPERABLE DEFENSE COLLABORATION TECHNOLOGY.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER.—The term “Chief Information Officer” means the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense.

(2) COLLABORATION TECHNOLOGY.—The term “collaboration technology” means a software system or application that offers 1 or more primary collaboration technology features.

(3) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department” means the Department of Defense.

(4) END-TO-END ENCRYPTION.—The term “end-to-end encryption” means communications encryption in which data is encrypted when being passed through a network such that no party, other than the sender and each intended recipient of the communication, can access the decrypted communication, regardless of the transport technology used

1 and the intermediaries or intermediate steps along
2 the sending path.

3 (5) IDENTIFIED STANDARDS.—The term “iden-
4 tified standards” means the standard, or set of
5 standards, identified under subsection (b)(2).

6 (6) INTEROPERABILITY.—The term “interoper-
7 ability” has the meaning given the term in section
8 3601 of title 44, United States Code.

9 (7) OPEN STANDARD.—The term “open stand-
10 ard” means a standard, or a set of standards,
11 that—

12 (A) is available for any individual to read
13 and implement;

14 (B) does not impose any royalty or other
15 fee for use; and

16 (C) can be certified for low or no cost to
17 users of the standard or set of standards.

18 (8) PRIMARY COLLABORATION TECHNOLOGY
19 FEATURE.—The term “primary collaboration tech-
20 nology feature” means a technology feature or func-
21 tion that—

22 (A) facilitates remote work or collaboration
23 within the Department;

24 (B) facilitates the work or collaboration de-
25 scribed in subparagraph (A) by providing

1 functionality that is core or essential, rather
 2 than ancillary or secondary; and

3 (C) is identified by the Chief Information
 4 Officer under subsection (b)(1).

5 (9) STANDARDS-COMPATIBLE COLLABORATION
 6 TECHNOLOGY.—The term “standards-compatible col-
 7 laboration technology” means collaboration tech-
 8 nology—

9 (A) each primary collaboration technology
 10 feature of which is compatible with the identi-
 11 fied standards for such a primary collaboration
 12 technology feature; and

13 (B) that has demonstrated compliance
 14 under subsection (d)(2).

15 (10) VOLUNTARY CONSENSUS STANDARD.—The
 16 term “voluntary consensus standard” has the mean-
 17 ing given such term in Circular A–119 of the Office
 18 of Management and Budget entitled “Federal Par-
 19 ticipation in the Development and Use of Voluntary
 20 Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment
 21 Activities”, issued in revised form on January 27,
 22 2016.

23 (b) IDENTIFYING STANDARDS FOR DEFENSE COL-
 24 LABORATION TECHNOLOGY.—

1 (1) IDENTIFICATION OF FEATURES.—Not later
2 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of
3 this Act, the Chief Information Officer shall, in con-
4 sultation with such others as the Chief Information
5 Officer considers relevant, identify a list of primary
6 collaboration technology features, including—

7 (A) voice and video calling, including—

8 (i) calling between 2 individuals; and

9 (ii) calling between not less than 3 in-
10 dividuals;

11 (B) text-based messaging;

12 (C) file sharing;

13 (D) live document editing;

14 (E) scheduling and calendaring; and

15 (F) any other technology feature or func-
16 tion that the Chief Information Officer con-
17 siders appropriate.

18 (2) IDENTIFICATION OF STANDARDS.—Not
19 later than 2 years after the date of the enactment
20 of this Act, the Chief Information Officer shall iden-
21 tify a standard, or set of standards, for collaboration
22 technology used by the Department that—

23 (A) for each primary collaboration tech-
24 nology feature, specifies interoperability proto-
25 cols, and any other protocol, format, require-

1 ment, or guidance required to create interoper-
2 able implementations of that feature, includ-
3 ing—

4 (i) protocols for applications to specify
5 and standardize security, including systems
6 for—

7 (I) identifying and authenticating
8 the individuals who are party to a
9 communication or collaboration task;

10 (II) controlling the attendance
11 and security settings of voice and
12 video calls; and

13 (III) controlling access and edit-
14 ing rights for shared documents; and

15 (ii) protocols for any ancillary feature
16 the Chief Information Officer identifies to
17 support the core primary collaboration
18 technology feature, including participation
19 features available within video meetings;

20 (B) to the extent possible, is based on open
21 standards;

22 (C) to the extent possible, is based on
23 standards planned, developed, established, or
24 coordinated using procedures consistent with
25 those for voluntary consensus standards;

1 (D) subject to paragraph (3), uses end-to-
2 end encryption technology;

3 (E) incorporates protocols, guidance, and
4 requirements based on best practices for the cy-
5 bersecurity of collaboration technology and col-
6 laboration technology features;

7 (F) to the extent practicable, integrates cy-
8 bersecurity technology designed to protect com-
9 munications from surveillance by foreign adver-
10 saries, including technology to protect commu-
11 nications metadata from traffic analysis, with
12 requirements developed in consultation with
13 such others as the Chief Information Officer
14 considers relevant;

15 (G) to the extent practicable, is usable by,
16 or offers options for, users with internet con-
17 nections that have low-bandwidth or high-la-
18 tency; and

19 (H) subject to paragraph (5), with respect
20 to the use of primary collaboration technology
21 features, enables compliance with record reten-
22 tion and disclosure obligations.

23 (3) END-TO-END ENCRYPTION REQUIRE-
24 MENTS.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The end-to-end
2 encryption technology selected as part of the
3 identified standards under paragraph (2), to
4 the extent practicable, shall ensure that collabo-
5 ration and communications content data cannot
6 be compromised if a hosting server is com-
7 promised.

8 (B) END-TO-END ENCRYPTION NOT AVAIL-
9 ABLE.—Subject to subparagraph (C), if the
10 Chief Information Officer has identified an an-
11 cillary feature or function for a primary collabo-
12 ration technology feature and is unable to iden-
13 tify a standard, or set of standards, that uses
14 end-to-end encryption and that is compatible
15 with such ancillary feature or function, the
16 Chief Information Officer may identify a stand-
17 ard or set of standards that does not utilize
18 end-to-end encryption that may be used to sup-
19 port the ancillary feature or function.

20 (C) END-TO-END ENCRYPTION BY DE-
21 FAULT.—

22 (i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause
23 (ii), the Chief Information Officer shall en-
24 sure that, with respect to the use of stand-
25 ards-compatible collaboration technology

1 that offers an ancillary technology feature
2 or function described in subparagraph
3 (B)—

4 (I) the ancillary feature or func-
5 tion is disabled by default; and

6 (II) the primary collaboration
7 technology feature uses end-to-end
8 encryption.

9 (ii) EXCEPTION.—Clause (i) shall not
10 apply to the use of a primary collaboration
11 technology feature with an ancillary fea-
12 ture or function described in subparagraph
13 (B) if—

14 (I) the Chief Information Officer
15 has enabled the use of the ancillary
16 feature or function within the Depart-
17 ment;

18 (II) each user of the ancillary
19 feature or function has been notified
20 of the additional cybersecurity and
21 surveillance risks accompanying the
22 use of the ancillary feature or func-
23 tion;

24 (III) each user of the ancillary
25 feature or function has explicitly

1 opted into the use of the ancillary fea-
2 ture or function; and

3 (IV) the primary collaboration
4 technology feature offers a means for
5 the Chief Information Officer to col-
6 lect aggregate statistics about the use
7 of the options that are not end-to-end
8 encrypted.

9 (D) ENCRYPTION STATUS TRANS-
10 PARENCY.—To the extent practicable, the Chief
11 Information Officer shall identify protocols,
12 guidance, or requirements to ensure that stand-
13 ards-compatible collaboration technology pro-
14 vides users the ability to easily see the
15 encryption status of any collaboration feature in
16 use.

17 (4) CONSIDERATIONS.—In identifying the iden-
18 tified standards, the Chief Information Officer shall
19 consider secure, standards-based technologies adopt-
20 ed by a component or element of the Department,
21 allies of the United States, State and local govern-
22 ments, and the private sector.

23 (5) COMPLIANCE WITH RECORD-KEEPING RE-
24 QUIREMENTS.—The Chief Information Officer shall
25 ensure that requirements added to the identified

1 standards to achieve compliance with record reten-
2 tion and disclosure obligations to the greatest extent
3 practicable—

4 (A) preserve the security benefits of end-
5 to-end encryption;

6 (B) avoid storing information, like
7 plaintext messages or decryption keys, that
8 would compromise the security of communica-
9 tions content data if a hosting server were com-
10 promised;

11 (C) minimize other cybersecurity risks; and

12 (D) require that all users party to a com-
13 munication be notified that the communications
14 content data is being saved for archival pur-
15 poses.

16 (6) WAIVER TO EXTEND DEADLINE FOR STAND-
17 ARDS IDENTIFICATION.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—If the Chief Informa-
19 tion Officer determines that it is infeasible to
20 identify a standard for a particular primary col-
21 laboration technology feature not later than 2
22 years after the date of enactment of this Act,
23 the Chief Information Officer may issue a waiv-
24 er to extend the deadline for the identification

of such standard for the particular primary collaboration technology feature.

(B) WAIVER REQUIREMENTS.—A waiver described in subparagraph (A) shall include—

(i) the particular primary collaboration technology feature for which the waiver is issued; and

(ii) an explanation of the reason for which it is currently infeasible to identify a standard meeting the requirements under paragraph (2).

(C) WAIVER DURATION.—A waiver issued by the Chief Information Officer under subparagraph (A) shall be valid for 1 year.

(D) WAIVER RE-ISSUANCE.—The Chief Information Officer may re-issue a waiver under paragraph (1) for a primary collaboration technology feature not more than 10 times.

(c) REQUIREMENT TO USE IDENTIFIED STANDARDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date that is 4 years after the date on which the Chief Information Officer identifies the identified standards, the head of a component or element of the Department may only procure collaboration technology if

1 the collaboration technology is standards-compatible
2 collaboration technology.

3 (2) EXCEPTION FOR PARTICULAR COLLABORA-
4 TION SYSTEMS.—The following collaboration systems
5 shall not be subject to the requirements under para-
6 graph (1):

7 (A) Email.

8 (B) Voice services, as defined in section
9 227(e) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
10 U.S.C. 227(e)).

11 (C) National security systems, as defined
12 in section 11103(a) of title 40, United States
13 Code.

14 (3) EXCEPTION FOR POST-PURCHASE CONFIGU-
15 RATION.—If a software product or a device with a
16 software operating system has built-in primary col-
17 laboration technology features that are not compat-
18 ible with the identified standards, and the Chief In-
19 formation Officer cannot procure the product or de-
20 vice with those primary collaboration technology fea-
21 tures disabled before purchase, the Chief Informa-
22 tion Officer may comply with this subsection by dis-
23 abling the primary collaboration technology features
24 that are not compatible with the identified standards

1 before provisioning the software product or device to
2 an employee of the Department.

3 (4) CERTIFICATION FOR WAIVER.—

4 (A) CERTIFICATION.—The Chief Informa-
5 tion Officer may issue a certification for waiver
6 of the prohibition under paragraph (1) with re-
7 spect to a particular collaboration technology.

8 (B) REQUIREMENT.—A certification under
9 subparagraph (A) shall cite not less than 1 spe-
10 cific reason for which the Department is unable
11 to procure standards-compatible collaboration
12 technology that meets the needs of the Depart-
13 ment.

14 (C) SUBMISSION.—The Chief Information
15 Officer shall submit to the congressional de-
16 fense committees a copy of each certification
17 issued under subparagraph (A).

18 (D) ACCESSIBLE POSTING.—The Chief In-
19 formation Officer shall post a copy of each cer-
20 tification issued under subparagraph (A) on the
21 Department's website.

22 (E) DURATION; RENEWAL.—A certification
23 with respect to a particular collaboration tech-
24 nology under this paragraph shall result in a
25 waiver of the prohibition for that particular col-

1 laboration technology under paragraph (1)(B)
2 that—

3 (i) shall be valid for a 4-year period;
4 and
5 (ii) may be renewed by the Chief In-
6 formation Officer.

7 (d) ATTESTATION OF COMPLIANCE AND INTEROPER-
8 ABILITY TEST RESULTS.—

9 (1) INTEROPERABILITY TEST.—Not later than
10 1 year after the date on which the Chief Information
11 Officer identifies the identified standards, the Chief
12 Information Officer shall identify third-party online
13 interoperability test suites, including not less than 1
14 free test suite, or develop a free online interoper-
15 ability test suite if no suitable third-party test suite
16 can be identified, which shall—

17 (A) enable any entity to test whether an
18 implementation of a primary collaboration tech-
19 nology feature has interoperability with the
20 identified standards; and

21 (B) offer an externally-shareable version of
22 the interoperability test results that can be pro-
23 vided as part of a demonstration of compliance
24 under paragraph (2).

1 (2) DEMONSTRATION OF COMPLIANCE.—In
2 order to demonstrate that a collaboration technology
3 is a standards-compatible collaboration technology,
4 the provider of the collaboration technology shall
5 provide to the Chief Information Officer—

6 (A) an attestation that includes an affir-
7 mation that—

8 (i) each primary collaboration tech-
9 nology feature of the collaboration tech-
10 nology, by default—

11 (I) uses the relevant standard or
12 standards from the identified stand-
13 ards for the primary collaboration
14 technology feature to interoperate
15 with other instances of standards-
16 compatible collaboration technology;
17 and

18 (II) follows all guidance and re-
19 quirements from the identified stand-
20 ards that is applicable to the primary
21 collaboration technology feature; and

22 (ii) the collaboration technology en-
23 ables the Chief Information Officer to dis-
24 able the ability of users to use modes of
25 the collaboration technology that are not

1 compatible with the identified standards;
2 and

3 (B) interoperability test results described
4 in paragraph (1)(B) that demonstrate inter-
5 operability with the identified standards for
6 each primary collaboration technology feature
7 the collaboration technology offers.

8 (3) PUBLICATION OF STANDARDS-COMPATIBLE
9 COLLABORATION TECHNOLOGY VENDORS.—Upon a
10 review of the materials submitted under paragraph
11 (2), the Chief Information Officer shall publish on
12 the website of the Department a list of each collabo-
13 ration technology that the Chief Information Officer
14 has determined to be a standards-compatible collabo-
15 ration technology.

16 (4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
17 subsection shall be construed to require a collabora-
18 tion technology vendor to directly test the interoper-
19 ability of a primary collaboration technology feature
20 with the product of another collaboration technology
21 vendor.

22 (e) CYBERSECURITY REVIEWS OF COLLABORATION
23 TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 4 years after
25 the date on which the Chief Information Officer

1 identifies the identified standards, the Chief Infor-
2 mation Officer shall conduct security reviews of col-
3 laboration technology products used within the De-
4 partment, to identify any cybersecurity vulnerability
5 or threat relating to those collaboration technology
6 products.

7 (2) SELECTION AND PRIORITIZATION.—With
8 respect to collaboration technology products selected
9 for security reviews under paragraph (1), the Chief
10 Information Officer shall determine the number of
11 products, the specific products, and the prioritization
12 of products for security review, considering factors
13 including—

14 (A) the total number of users across the
15 Department using a collaboration technology
16 product; and

17 (B) an estimation of the likelihood of a col-
18 laboration technology product being targeted
19 for hacking.

20 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the
21 date on which the Chief Information Officer con-
22 ducts security reviews under paragraph (1), the
23 Chief Information Officer shall submit to the con-
24 gressional defense committees a report on the results
25 of the security reviews.

1 (f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
2 tion shall be construed to limit the ability of—

3 (1) the Department to communicate with other
4 entities using standards-compatible collaboration
5 technology; or

6 (2) other entities to use the identified standards
7 or standards-compatible collaboration technology.

8 **SEC. 6613. PROHIBITION ON ACCESS TO DEPARTMENT OF**
9 **DEFENSE CLOUD-BASED RESOURCES BY IN-**
10 **DIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT CITIZENS OF THE**
11 **UNITED STATES OR ALLIED COUNTRIES.**

12 (a) MAINTENANCE, ADMINISTRATION, OPERATION,
13 AND ACCESS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—An individual not described
15 in paragraph (2) may not maintain, administer, op-
16 erate, use, receive information about, or directly ac-
17 cess or indirectly access, irrespective of whether the
18 individual is supervised by a citizen of the United
19 States, any Department of Defense cloud computing
20 system or cloud-based software, Department data, or
21 Department-related data.

22 (2) INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED.—An individual is
23 described in this paragraph if the individual—

1 (A) has the requisite security clearance or
2 authorization required to access the applicable
3 system, software, or data; and

4 (B)(i) is person described in paragraph (1)
5 or (2) of section 504(b) of title 10, United
6 States Code; or

7 (ii) is a citizen of a member country of the
8 Five Eyes intelligence-sharing alliance or of a
9 country that is an ally or partner of the United
10 States that has a similar agreement in effect.

11 (3) SAFEGUARDS.—The Secretary of Defense
12 shall establish regulations to carry out this sub-
13 section, including safeguards to ensure that only in-
14 dividuals described in paragraph (2) maintain, ad-
15 minister, operate, access, and use the systems, soft-
16 ware, and data described in paragraph (1).

17 (b) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE GUIDANCE, DIREC-
18 TIVES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND REGULA-
19 TIONS.—The Secretary shall—

20 (1) review all relevant guidance, directives, pro-
21 cedures, requirements, and regulations of the De-
22 partment of Defense, including the Cloud Computing
23 Security Requirements Guide, the Security Technical
24 Implementation Guides, and related Department in-
25 structions; and

1 (2) make such revisions as may be necessary to
2 ensure conformity and compliance with subsection
3 (a).

4 (c) REVIEW AND REPORT.—The Secretary shall—

5 (1) conduct a review of all cloud computing con-
6 tracts in effect for the Department—

7 (A) for any violations of section 252.225–
8 7058 of the Defense Federal Acquisition Regu-
9 lation Supplement and recommended penalties;
10 and

11 (B) to determine—

12 (i) which contracts have allowed indi-
13 viduals not described in paragraph (2) to
14 maintain, administer, operate, or directly
15 access or indirectly access, whether super-
16 vised or unsupervised by a United States
17 citizen, any Government cloud computing
18 system or cloud-based software, Govern-
19 ment data, or Government-related data;
20 and

21 (ii) how many of the individuals de-
22 scribed in clause (i) are citizens of foreign
23 countries of concern; and

24 (2) submit to the Committee on Armed Services
25 of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services

1 of the House of Representatives a report on the
2 findings of the Secretary with respect to the review
3 conducted pursuant to paragraph (1).

4 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) The term “cloud computing” has the mean-
6 ing given such term in section 239.7601 of the De-
7 fense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement, or
8 successor regulation.

9 (2) The term “cloud-based software” means a
10 software application, platform, or computational
11 service that is—

12 (A) delivered to end users via internet-
13 based cloud computing infrastructure;

14 (B) hosted, operated, maintained, and con-
15 trolled by a third-party service provider; and

16 (C) accessed remotely by users without re-
17 quiring local installation or deployment of the
18 software on user devices or Department-con-
19 trolled systems.

20 (3) The terms “Department data” and “De-
21 partment-related data” have the meanings given the
22 terms “Government data” and “Government-related
23 data”, respectively, in section 239.7601 of the De-
24 fense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement, or

1 successor regulation, except in this section, such
2 terms apply only to the Department of Defense.

3 (4) The term “directly access”, with respect to
4 a system, software, or data, means—

5 (A) to physically access the system, soft-
6 ware, or data; or

7 (B) to logically access the system, soft-
8 ware, or data, through proxy, virtual, adminis-
9 trative, or programmatic means such that an
10 individual can modify, alter, control, administer,
11 configure, or deploy the system, software, or
12 data.

13 (5) The term “Five Eyes intelligence-sharing
14 alliance” includes the following:

15 (A) The Commonwealth of Australia.

16 (B) Canada.

17 (C) New Zealand.

18 (D) The United Kingdom of Great Britain
19 and Northern Ireland.

20 (E) The United States of America.

21 (6) The term “foreign country of concern” has
22 the meaning given that term in section 9901 of the
23 William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Au-
24 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (15 U.S.C.
25 4651).

(7) The term “indirectly access”, with respect to a system, software, or data, means to obtain, receive, collect, or derive information from the system, software, or data regarding technical details, operational characteristics, or security-related attributes, including—

(A) system configurations;

(B) network architecture;

(C) security controls;

(D) data schemas;

(E) performance metrics; and

(F) access logs or other information that could compromise the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of the system, software, or data.

Subtitle C—Data and Artificial Intelligence

SEC. 6621. COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE GOVERNANCE PROCESSES FOR ADOPTION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TOOLS.

(a) REVIEW.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review of the Department of Defense policies and governance relating to adoption of artificial intelligence tools for military needs.

1 (b) ELEMENTS.—The review conducted under sub-
2 section (a) shall include the following matters:

3 (1) An analysis of Department organizational
4 structure for overseeing, tracking, and responding to
5 risks and opportunities arising from military uses of
6 artificial intelligence, including—

7 (A) the responsibilities, functions, authori-
8 ties, and actions of the Chief Digital and Artifi-
9 cial Intelligence Office and other relevant De-
10 partment offices in the incorporation, imple-
11 mentation, and oversight of artificial intel-
12 ligence;

13 (B) Department processes for development
14 of lessons learned, adoption of best practices,
15 and information sharing with other government
16 agencies, industry, academia, and allies and
17 partners;

18 (C) the development of metrics, policy
19 guardrails, oversight mechanisms, and risk
20 mitigation procedures for Department use of
21 artificial intelligence tools;

22 (D) steps to ensure all Department en-
23 gagement with artificial intelligence companies
24 and industry leaders incorporate appropriate
25 recusal requirements, safeguards, and oversight

1 mechanisms to prevent conflicts of interest and
2 biased decisionmaking processes; and

3 (E) processes in place to ensure new con-
4 tracting mechanisms for artificial intelligence
5 provide for appropriate safeguards, trans-
6 parency requirements, and oversight mecha-
7 nisms to prevent conflicts of interest and to
8 limit Department exposure to artificial intel-
9 ligence risks.

10 (2) A full description and assessment of current
11 Department of Defense policies and practices relat-
12 ing to current and potential military and civilian ap-
13 plications of artificial intelligence.

14 (3) Recommendations for improvements to
15 standards, processes, procedures, and policy relating
16 to the use of artificial intelligence in improving De-
17 partment civilian and military operations, reducing
18 associated risks, and increasing reliability, effective-
19 ness, safety, and oversight of Department activities.

20 (c) SUBMISSION OF REPORT.—Not later than July
21 1, 2026, the Comptroller General shall submit to the con-
22 gressional defense committees a report on the findings of
23 the Comptroller General with respect to the review con-
24 ducted pursuant to subsection (a).

1 **TITLE LXXVIII—MILITARY CON-**
2 **STRUCTION GENERAL PROVI-**
3 **SIONS**

4 **Subtitle A—Military Construction**
5 **Program**

6 **SEC. 7801. INCLUSION OF DEMOLITION PROJECTS IN DE-**
7 **FENSE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PRO-**
8 **GRAM.**

9 Section 2391(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code,
10 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 paragraph:

12 “(C) A project selected to receive assistance under
13 this subsection may include a demolition project.”.

14 **Subtitle B—Military Housing**

15 **SEC. 7811. REPORT ON INDOOR MOLD, PATHOGENS, AND**
16 **AIRBORNE TOXINS WITHIN HOUSING UNITS**
17 **AT INSTALLATIONS OF THE AIR FORCE.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
19 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
20 Air Force shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
21 ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives a re-
22 port on the prevalence of indoor mold, pathogens, and air-
23 borne toxins within housing units at installations of the
24 Air Force.

1 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
2 section (a) shall include the following:

3 (1) An assessment of installations of the Air
4 Force in the United States with 500 or more hous-
5 ing units that have had reported instances of mold,
6 pathogens, or airborne toxins since 2010.

7 (2) The number of reports of mold, pathogens,
8 and airborne toxins at each installation specified
9 under paragraph (1), including relevant dates of the
10 reports.

11 (3) A description of the steps the Secretary of
12 the Air Force is taking to effectively remediate the
13 housing units where mold, pathogens, and airborne
14 toxins are found.

15 (4) An assessment of the ability of installations
16 of the Air Force to locate, mitigate, and prevent in-
17 door residential mold, pathogens, and airborne tox-
18 ins within housing units of the Air Force, including
19 the feasibility and cost associated with testing and
20 treating individual housing units located at such in-
21 stallations for mold, pathogens, and airborne toxins
22 prior to a member of the Air Force and their de-
23 pendents taking residence in the unit.

1 **SEC. 7813. MODIFICATION OF SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT ON**
2 **PRIVATIZED MILITARY HOUSING.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section 2884 of
4 title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
5 end the following new paragraphs:

6 “(15) An overview of the housing data being
7 used by the Department and the housing data being
8 sought from management companies.

9 “(16) An assessment of how the Secretary of
10 each military department is using such housing data
11 to inform the on-base housing decisions for such
12 military department.

13 “(17) An explanation of the limitations of any
14 customer satisfaction data collected (including with
15 respect to the availability of survey data), the proc-
16 ess for determining resident satisfaction, and rea-
17 sons for missing data.

18 “(18) To the maximum extent practicable, a
19 breakdown of the information under this paragraph
20 by installation and military housing project.”.

21 (b) PUBLIC REPORTING.—Such subsection is further
22 amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (14), by redesignating sub-
24 paragraphs (A) through (D) as clauses (i) through
25 (iv), respectively;

1 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
2 (18) as subparagraphs (A) through (R), respectively;
3 (3) in subparagraph (E), as redesignated by
4 paragraph (2), by striking “paragraphs (1) through
5 (4)” and inserting “subparagraphs (A) through
6 (D)”;

7 (4) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
8 as so redesignated, by striking “The Secretary” and
9 inserting “(1) The Secretary”; and

10 (5) by adding at the end the following new
11 paragraph:

12 “(2) Not later than 30 days after submitting a report
13 under paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense shall pub-
14 lish the report on a publicly available website of the De-
15 partment of Defense.”.

16 (c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The heading for such
17 subsection is amended by striking “ANNUAL” and insert-
18 ing “SEMI-ANNUAL”.

19 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (d)(1)
20 of such section is amended by striking “paragraphs (1)
21 through (14) of subsection (c)” and inserting “subpara-
22 graphs (A) through (R) of subsection (c)(1)”.

1 **SEC. 7814. IMPROVEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION OF MILI-**
2 **TARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING.**

3 (a) **UPDATED GUIDANCE ON SURVEYS.**—The Sec-
4 retary of Defense, in carrying out the satisfaction survey
5 requirement under section 3058 of the Military Construc-
6 tion Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (division B
7 of Public Law 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 2821 note), shall update
8 guidance to the Secretaries of the military departments
9 to ensure that members of the Armed Forces living in mili-
10 tary unaccompanied housing are surveyed in a consistent
11 and comparable manner.

12 (b) **REVIEW ON PROCESSES AND METHODOLOGIES**
13 **FOR CONDITION SCORES.**—

14 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense
15 shall conduct a review of the processes and meth-
16 odologies by which the Secretaries of the military de-
17 partments calculate condition scores for military un-
18 accompanied housing facilities under the jurisdiction
19 of the Secretary concerned.

20 (2) **ELEMENTS.**—The review required under
21 paragraph (1) shall, among other factors—

22 (A) consider how best to ensure a condi-
23 tion score of a facility reflects—

24 (i) the physical condition of the facil-
25 ity; and

1 (ii) the effect of that condition on the
2 quality of life of members of the Armed
3 Forces.

4 (B) aim to increase methodological consist-
5 ency between the military departments.

6 (3) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
8 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services
9 of the Senate and the House of Representatives a
10 report on the results of the review conducted under
11 paragraph (1).

12 (c) ACCOUNTING OF MEMBERS RESIDING IN MILI-
13 TARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
15 shall include with the submission to Congress by the
16 President of the annual budget of the Department
17 of Defense under section 1105(a) of title 31, United
18 States Code, an accounting of unaccompanied mem-
19 bers of the Armed Forces whose rank would require
20 that they live in military unaccompanied housing,
21 but that also receive a basic allowance for housing
22 under section 403 of title 37, United States Code.

23 (2) ELEMENTS.—The accounting required
24 under paragraph (1) shall include—

1 (A) the number of members of the Armed
2 Forces described in such paragraph;

3 (B) the total value of basic allowance for
4 housing payments provided to those members;
5 and

6 (C) such other information as the Sec-
7 retary considers appropriate.

8 (d) CENTRALIZED TRACKING.—Not later than one
9 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, each Sec-
10 retary of a military department shall develop a means for
11 centralized tracking, at the service level, of all military
12 construction requirements related to military unaccom-
13 panied housing that have been identified at the installation
14 level, regardless of whether or not they are submitted for
15 funding.

16 (e) MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING DE-
17 FINED.—In this section, the term “military unaccom-
18 panied housing” has the meaning given that term in sec-
19 tion 2871 of title 10, United States Code.

1 **TITLE LXXXI—DEPARTMENT OF**
2 **ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY**
3 **AUTHORIZATIONS AND**
4 **OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS**

5 **Subtitle B—Program Authoriza-**
6 **tions, Restrictions, and Limita-**
7 **tions**

8 **SEC. 8111. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON GROUND-BASED LEG**
9 **OF NUCLEAR TRIAD.**

10 It is the sense of Congress that—

11 (1) the modernization of the ground-based leg
12 of the nuclear triad of the United States is vital to
13 the security of the homeland and a core component
14 of the homeland defense mission;

15 (2) extending the lifecycle of the current Min-
16 uteman III platform is both costly and an
17 unsustainable long-term option for maintaining a
18 ready and capable ground-based leg of the nuclear
19 triad;

20 (3) the breach of chapter 325 of title 10,
21 United States Code (commonly known as the
22 “Nunn-McCurdy Act”) by the program to modernize
23 the ground-based leg of the nuclear triad should be
24 addressed in a way that balances the national secu-
25 rity need with fiscally responsible modifications to

1 the program that prevent future unanticipated cost
 2 overruns;

3 (4) that breach does not alter the fundamental
 4 national security need for the modernization pro-
 5 gram; and

6 (5) the modernization program should remain
 7 funded and active.

8 **DIVISION F—INTELLIGENCE AU-**
 9 **THORIZATION ACT FOR FIS-**
 10 **CAL YEAR 2026**

11 **SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

12 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This division may be cited as the
 13 “Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026”.

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

DIVISION F—INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL
 YEAR 2026

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

TITLE I—INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

Sec. 101. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 102. Classified Schedule of Authorizations.

Sec. 103. Increase in employee compensation and benefits authorized by law.

TITLE II—CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY RETIREMENT AND
 DISABILITY SYSTEM

Sec. 201. Authorization of appropriations.

TITLE III—INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY MATTERS

Sec. 301. Unauthorized access to intelligence community property.

Sec. 302. Annual survey of analytic objectivity among officers and employees of
 elements of the intelligence community.

Sec. 303. Annual training requirement and report regarding analytic standards.

- Sec. 304. Estimate of cost to ensure compliance with Intelligence Community Directive 705.
- Sec. 305. Amendments regarding Presidential appointments for intelligence community positions.
- Sec. 306. Counterintelligence support for Department of the Treasury networks and systems.
- Sec. 307. Report on Director's Initiatives Group personnel matters.
- Sec. 308. Higher Education Act of 1965 special rule.
- Sec. 309. Annual Central Intelligence Agency workplace climate assessment.
- Sec. 310. Report on secure mobile communications systems available to employees and of the intelligence community.
- Sec. 311. Plan for implementing an integrated system spanning the intelligence community for accreditation of sensitive compartmented information facilities.
- Sec. 312. Counterintelligence threats to United States space interests.
- Sec. 313. Chaplain Corps and Chief of Chaplains of the Central Intelligence Agency.
- Sec. 314. Prohibition on contractors collecting or selling location data of individuals at intelligence community locations.
- Sec. 315. Technical amendment to procurement authorities of Central Intelligence Agency.
- Sec. 316. Threat briefing to protect Federal Reserve information.
- Sec. 317. Plan to establish commercial geospatial intelligence data and services program management office.
- Sec. 318. Inspector General review of adequacy of policies and procedures governing use of commercial messaging applications by intelligence community.
- Sec. 319. Authority for National Security Agency to produce and disseminate intelligence products.
- Sec. 320. Prohibiting discrimination in the intelligence community.
- Sec. 321. Annual report on Federal Bureau of Investigation case data.

TITLE IV—INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS

- Sec. 401. Short title.
- Sec. 402. Modification of responsibilities and authorities of the Director of National Intelligence.
- Sec. 403. Reforms relating to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.
- Sec. 404. Appointment of Deputy Director of National Intelligence and Assistant Directors of National Intelligence.
- Sec. 405. Reform of the National Intelligence Council and National Intelligence Officers.
- Sec. 406. Transfer of National Counterintelligence and Security Center to Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- Sec. 407. Redesignation and reform of National Counterterrorism Center.
- Sec. 408. Transfer of National Counterproliferation and Biosecurity Center.
- Sec. 409. National Intelligence Task Forces.
- Sec. 410. Repeal of various positions, units, centers, councils, and offices.

TITLE V—MATTERS CONCERNING FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Subtitle A—Foreign Countries Generally

- Sec. 501. Declassification of information relating to actions by foreign governments to assist persons evading justice.
- Sec. 502. Enhanced intelligence sharing relating to foreign adversary biotechnological threats.
- Sec. 503. Threat assessment regarding unmanned aircraft systems at or near the international borders of the United States.
- Sec. 504. Assessment of the potential effect of expanded partnerships among western hemisphere countries.

Subtitle B—People's Republic of China

- Sec. 511. Countering Chinese Communist Party efforts that threaten Europe.
- Sec. 512. Prohibition on intelligence community contracting with Chinese military companies engaged in biotechnology research, development, or manufacturing.
- Sec. 513. Report on the wealth of the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party.
- Sec. 514. Assessment and report on investments by the People's Republic of China in the agriculture sector of Brazil.
- Sec. 515. Identification of entities that provide support to the People's Liberation Army.
- Sec. 516. Establishing a China Economics and Intelligence cell to publish China Economic Power Report.
- Sec. 517. Modification of annual reports on influence operations and campaigns in the United States by the Chinese Communist Party.

Subtitle C—The Russian Federation

- Sec. 521. Assessment of Russian destabilization efforts.

Subtitle D—Other Foreign Countries

- Sec. 531. Plan to enhance counternarcotics collaboration, coordination, and cooperation with the Government of Mexico.
- Sec. 532. Enhancing intelligence support to counter foreign adversary influence in Sudan.
- Sec. 533. Ukraine lessons learned working group.
- Sec. 534. Improvements to requirement for monitoring of Iranian enrichment of uranium-235.
- Sec. 535. Duty to warn United States persons threatened by Iranian lethal plotting.

TITLE VI—EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

- Sec. 601. Intelligence Community Technology Bridge Program.
- Sec. 602. Enhancing biotechnology talent within the intelligence community.
- Sec. 603. Enhanced intelligence community support to secure United States genomic data.
- Sec. 604. Ensuring intelligence community procurement of domestic United States production of synthetic DNA and RNA.
- Sec. 605. Report on identification of intelligence community sites for advanced nuclear technologies.
- Sec. 606. Addressing intelligence gaps relating to China's investment in United States-origin biotechnology.
- Sec. 607. Additional functions and requirements of Artificial Intelligence Security Center.

- Sec. 608. Artificial intelligence development and usage by intelligence community.
- Sec. 609. High-impact artificial intelligence systems.
- Sec. 610. Application of artificial intelligence policies of the intelligence community to publicly available models used for intelligence purposes.
- Sec. 611. Revision of interim guidance regarding acquisition and use of foundation models.
- Sec. 612. Strategy on intelligence coordination and sharing relating to critical and emerging technologies.

TITLE VII—CLASSIFICATION REFORM, SECURITY CLEARANCES, AND WHISTLEBLOWERS

- Sec. 701. Notification of certain declassifications.
- Sec. 702. Elimination of cap on compensatory damages for retaliatory revocation of security clearances and access determinations.
- Sec. 703. Reforms relating to inactive security clearances.
- Sec. 704. Study on protection of classified information relating to budget functions.
- Sec. 705. Report on executive branch approval of access to classified intelligence information outside of established review processes.
- Sec. 706. Whistleblower protections relating to psychiatric testing or examination.

TITLE VIII—ANOMALOUS HEALTH INCIDENTS

- Sec. 801. Standard guidelines for intelligence community to report and document anomalous health incidents.
- Sec. 802. Review and declassification of intelligence relating to anomalous health incidents.

TITLE IX—OTHER MATTERS

- Sec. 901. Declassification of intelligence and additional transparency measures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Sec. 902. Counterintelligence briefings for members of the Armed Forces.
- Sec. 903. Policy toward certain agents of foreign governments.
- Sec. 904. Tour limits of accredited diplomatic and consular personnel of certain nations in the United States.
- Sec. 905. Strict enforcement of travel protocols and procedures of accredited diplomatic and consular personnel of certain nations in the United States.
- Sec. 906. Repeal of certain report requirements.
- Sec. 907. Requiring penetration testing as part of the testing and certification of voting systems.
- Sec. 908. Independent security testing and coordinated cybersecurity vulnerability disclosure program for election systems.
- Sec. 909. Foreign material acquisitions.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this division:

3 (1) **CONGRESSIONAL INTELLIGENCE COMMIT-**
 4 **TEES.**—The term “congressional intelligence com-

1 mittees” has the meaning given such term in section
2 3 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.
3 3003).

4 (2) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—The term
5 “intelligence community” has the meaning given
6 such term in such section.

7 **TITLE I—INTELLIGENCE**
8 **ACTIVITIES**

9 **SEC. 101. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

13 **SEC. 102. CLASSIFIED SCHEDULE OF AUTHORIZATIONS.**

14 (a) SPECIFICATIONS OF AMOUNTS.—The amounts
15 authorized to be appropriated under section 101 for the
16 conduct of the intelligence activities of the Federal Gov-
17 ernment are those specified in the classified Schedule of
18 Authorizations prepared to accompany this division.

19 (b) AVAILABILITY OF CLASSIFIED SCHEDULE OF AU-
20 THORIZATIONS.—

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

1 (2) DISTRIBUTION BY THE PRESIDENT.—Sub-
2 ject to paragraph (3), the President shall provide for
3 suitable distribution of the classified Schedule of Au-
4 thorizations referred to in subsection (a), or of ap-
5 propriate portions of such Schedule, within the exec-
6 utive branch of the Federal Government.

7 (3) LIMITS ON DISCLOSURE.—The President
8 shall not publicly disclose the classified Schedule of
9 Authorizations or any portion of such Schedule ex-
10 cept—

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

14 (B) to the extent necessary to implement
15 the budget; or

16 (C) as otherwise required by law.

17 **SEC. 103. INCREASE IN EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AND**
18 **BENEFITS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.**

19 Appropriations authorized by this division for salary,
20 pay, retirement, and other benefits for Federal employees
21 may be increased by such additional or supplemental
22 amounts as may be necessary for increases in such com-
23 pensation or benefits authorized by law.

1 **TITLE II—CENTRAL INTEL-**
2 **LIGENCE AGENCY RETIRE-**
3 **MENT AND DISABILITY SYS-**
4 **TEM**

5 **SEC. 201. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 There is authorized to be appropriated for the Cen-
7 tral Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability Fund
8 \$514,000,000 for fiscal year 2026.

9 **TITLE III—INTELLIGENCE**
10 **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

11 **SEC. 301. UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO INTELLIGENCE COM-**
12 **MUNITY PROPERTY.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—The National Security Act of
14 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.) is amended by adding at
15 the end the following:

16 **“SEC. 1115. UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO INTELLIGENCE**
17 **COMMUNITY PROPERTY.**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful, within the
19 jurisdiction of the United States, without authorization to
20 willfully go upon any property, while knowing that such
21 property is—

22 “(1) under the jurisdiction of an element of the
23 intelligence community; and

24 “(2) closed or restricted.

1 “(b) PENALTIES.—Any person who violates sub-
 2 section (a) with intent to gather intelligence or informa-
 3 tion to the detriment of the United States shall—

4 “(1) in the case of the first offense, be fined
 5 under section 3517 of title 18, United States Code,
 6 imprisoned not more than 6 months, or both;

7 “(2) in the case of a second offense after a
 8 prior conviction under subsection (a) has become
 9 final, be fined under such title, imprisoned not more
 10 than 2 years, or both; and

11 “(3) in the case of a third or subsequent of-
 12 fense after a prior conviction under subsection (a)
 13 has become final, be fined under such title, impris-
 14 oned not more than 5 years, or both.”.

15 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
 16 preceding section 2 of such Act is amended by adding at
 17 the end the following:

“Sec. 1115. Unauthorized access to intelligence community property.”.

18 **SEC. 302. ANNUAL SURVEY OF ANALYTIC OBJECTIVITY**
 19 **AMONG OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF ELE-**
 20 **MENTS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently than once
 22 each year, each head of an element of the intelligence com-
 23 munity specified in subsection (c) shall—

24 (1) conduct a survey of analytic objectivity
 25 among officers and employees of the element of the

1 head who are involved in the production of intel-
2 ligence products; and

3 (2) submit to the congressional intelligence
4 committees a report on the findings of the head with
5 respect to the most recently completed survey under
6 paragraph (1).

7 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each survey conducted pursuant to
8 subsection (a)(1) for an element of the intelligence com-
9 munity shall cover the following:

10 (1) Perceptions of the officers and employees
11 regarding the presence of bias or politicization af-
12 fecting the intelligence cycle.

13 (2) Types of intelligence products perceived by
14 the officers and employees as most prone to objec-
15 tivity concerns.

16 (3) Whether objectivity concerns identified by
17 responders to the survey were otherwise raised with
18 an analytic ombudsman or appropriate entity.

19 (c) ELEMENTS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY
20 SPECIFIED.—The elements of the intelligence community
21 specified in this subsection are the following:

22 (1) The National Security Agency.

23 (2) The Defense Intelligence Agency.

24 (3) The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agen-
25 cy.

1 (4) Each intelligence element of the Army, the
2 Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, the Space
3 Force, and the Coast Guard.

4 (5) The Directorate of Intelligence of the Fed-
5 eral Bureau of Investigation.

6 (6) The Office of Intelligence and Counterintel-
7 ligence of the Department of Energy.

8 (7) The Bureau of Intelligence and Research of
9 the Department of State.

10 (8) The Office of Intelligence and Analysis of
11 the Department of Homeland Security.

12 (9) The Office of Intelligence and Analysis of
13 the Department of the Treasury.

14 **SEC. 303. ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENT AND REPORT**
15 **REGARDING ANALYTIC STANDARDS.**

16 Section 6312 of the James M. Inhofe National De-
17 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (50 U.S.C.
18 3364 note; Public Law 117–263) is amended—

19 (1) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-
20 lows:

21 “(b) CONDUCT OF TRAINING.—Training required
22 pursuant to the policy required by subsection (a) shall be
23 a dedicated, stand-alone training that includes instruction
24 on avoiding political bias.”; and

25 (2) in subsection (d)(1)—

1 (A) by striking “number and themes of”;
2 and
3 (B) by striking the period at the end and
4 inserting “, including the number and themes
5 of such incidents and a list of each intelligence
6 product reported during the preceding 1-year
7 period to the Analytic Ombudsman of the Office
8 of the Director of National Intelligence.”.

9 **SEC. 304. ESTIMATE OF COST TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE**
10 **WITH INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY DIREC-**
11 **TIVE 705.**

12 (a) **ESTIMATE REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director
14 of National Intelligence shall submit to the congressional
15 intelligence committees, the Committee on Appropriations
16 of the Senate, and the Committee on Appropriations of
17 the House of Representatives an estimate of the amount
18 of obligations expected to be incurred by the Federal Gov-
19 ernment after the date of the enactment of this Act to
20 ensure that all sensitive compartmented information facili-
21 ties of the intelligence community are compliant with In-
22 telligence Community Directive 705.

23 (b) **CONTENTS.**—The estimate submitted pursuant to
24 subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) The estimate described in subsection (a), disaggregated by element of the intelligence community.

(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. 305. AMENDMENTS REGARDING PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS FOR INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY POSITIONS.

(a) APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 104B(a) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3037(a)) is amended by inserting “, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate” after “President”.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall take effect on the first date after the date of the enactment of this Act that the position of Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency becomes vacant.

(b) APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY.—Section 2 of the National

1 Security Agency Act of 1959 (50 U.S.C. 3602) is amended
2 by adding at the end the following:

3 “(c) There is a Deputy Director of the National Secu-
4 rity Agency, who shall be appointed by the President, by
5 and with the advice and consent of the Senate.”.

6 (c) APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL
7 COUNTERTERRORISM CENTER.—Section 119(b)(1) of the
8 National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3056(b)(1)) is
9 amended by striking “President, by and with the advice
10 and consent of the Senate” and inserting “Director of Na-
11 tional Intelligence”.

12 (d) APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL
13 COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY CENTER.—Sec-
14 tion 902(a) of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal
15 Year 2003 (50 U.S.C. 3382a)) is amended by striking
16 “President, by and with the advice and consent of the Sen-
17 ate” and inserting “Director of National Intelligence”.

18 (e) APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE
19 OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTEL-
20 LIGENCE.—Section 103C(a) of the National Security Act
21 of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3028(a)) is amended by striking “by
22 the President, by and with the advice and consent of the
23 Senate” and inserting “by the Director of National Intel-
24 ligence”.

1 (f) APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE
2 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.—Section 20(a) of the
3 Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (50 U.S.C.
4 3520(a)) is amended by striking “by the President, by and
5 with the advice and consent of the Senate” and inserting
6 “by the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency”.

7 **SEC. 306. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE SUPPORT FOR DEPART-**
8 **MENT OF THE TREASURY NETWORKS AND**
9 **SYSTEMS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The head of the Office of Coun-
11 terintelligence of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis
12 of the Department of the Treasury shall implement poli-
13 cies and procedures that ensure counterintelligence sup-
14 port—

15 (1) to all entities of the Department of the
16 Treasury responsible for safeguarding networks and
17 systems; and

18 (2) for coordination between counterintelligence
19 threat mitigation activities and cyber network and
20 system defense efforts.

21 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after the date
22 of the enactment of this Act, the head described in sub-
23 section (a) shall submit to the congressional intelligence
24 committees, the Committee on Appropriations of the Sen-
25 ate, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House

1 of Representatives a report on the status of the implemen-
2 tation of such subsection.

3 **SEC. 307. REPORT ON DIRECTOR'S INITIATIVES GROUP**
4 **PERSONNEL MATTERS.**

5 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 30 days
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director
7 of National Intelligence shall submit to the congressional
8 intelligence committees, the Committee on Appropriations
9 of the Senate, and the Committee on Appropriations of
10 the House of Representatives a report on personnel mat-
11 ters of the Director's Initiatives Group.

12 (b) CONTENTS.—The report submitted pursuant to
13 subsection (a) shall include the following:

14 (1) The process for hiring members of the Di-
15 rector's Initiatives Group.

16 (2) A list of personnel of such group, from the
17 date of the creation of the group, including a de-
18 scription of responsibilities for each of the personnel.

19 (3) Funding sources for personnel of such
20 group.

21 (4) A list of which personnel of such group re-
22 ceived security clearances and the process for receiv-
23 ing such security clearances.

24 (c) NOTICE REGARDING ACTIONS AFFECTING NA-
25 TIONAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM RESOURCES.—Not

1 later than 30 days before taking any action affecting the
2 resources of the National Intelligence Program (as defined
3 in section 3 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50
4 U.S.C. 3003)), the Director shall submit to the congres-
5 sional intelligence committees, the Committee on Appro-
6 priations of the Senate, and the Committee on Appropria-
7 tions of the House of Representatives notice of the intent
8 of the Director to take such action.

9 **SEC. 308. HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965 SPECIAL RULE.**

10 Section 135 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
11 U.S.C. 1015d) is amended—

12 (1) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
13 subsections (d) and (e), respectively; and

14 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(c) SPECIAL RULE.—With respect to a member of
17 a qualifying Federal service who is an officer or employee
18 of an element of the intelligence community, the term ‘per-
19 manent duty station’, as used in this section, shall exclude
20 a permanent duty station that is within 50 miles of the
21 headquarters facility of such element.”.

1 **SEC. 309. ANNUAL CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**
2 **WORKPLACE CLIMATE ASSESSMENT.**

3 Section 30 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of
4 1949 (50 U.S.C. 3531) is amended by adding at the end
5 the following:

6 “(d) ANNUAL AGENCY CLIMATE ASSESSMENT.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently than
8 once every 365 days, the Director shall—

9 “(A) complete an Agency climate assess-
10 ment—

11 “(i) that does not request any infor-
12 mation that would make an Agency em-
13 ployee or an Agency employee’s position
14 identifiable;

15 “(ii) for the purposes of—

16 “(I) preventing and responding
17 to sexual assault and sexual harass-
18 ment; and

19 “(II) examining the prevalence of
20 sexual assault and sexual harassment
21 occurring among the Agency’s work-
22 force; and

23 “(iii) that includes an opportunity for
24 Agency employees to express their opinions
25 regarding the manner and extent to which
26 the Agency responds to allegations of sex-

1 ual assault and complaints of sexual har-
 2 assment, and the effectiveness of such re-
 3 sponse; and

4 “(B) submit to the appropriate congres-
 5 sional committees the findings of the Director
 6 with respect to the climate assessment com-
 7 pleted pursuant to subparagraph (A).

8 “(2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
 9 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘ap-
 10 propriate congressional committees’ means—

11 “(A) the Select Committee on Intelligence
 12 and the Subcommittee on Defense of the Com-
 13 mittee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

14 “(B) the Permanent Select Committee on
 15 Intelligence and the Subcommittee on Defense
 16 of the Committee on Appropriations of the
 17 House of Representatives.”.

18 **SEC. 310. REPORT ON SECURE MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS**
 19 **SYSTEMS AVAILABLE TO EMPLOYEES AND OF**
 20 **THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.**

21 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days
 22 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director
 23 of National Intelligence, in coordination with the Sec-
 24 retary of Defense, shall submit to the congressional intel-
 25 ligence committees, the congressional defense committees,

1 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, and the
2 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representa-
3 tives a report on the secure mobile communications sys-
4 tems available to employees and officers of the intelligence
5 community, disaggregated by element of the intelligence
6 community.

7 (b) CONTENTS.—The report submitted pursuant to
8 subsection (a) shall include the following:

9 (1) The number of employees and officers of
10 the intelligence community using each secure mobile
11 communications system, disaggregated by element of
12 the intelligence community and by employee or offi-
13 cer level.

14 (2) An estimate of the expenditures incurred by
15 the intelligence community to develop and maintain
16 the systems described in subsection (a),
17 disaggregated by system, element of the intelligence
18 community, year, and number of mobile devices
19 using or accessing the systems.

20 (3) A list of the capabilities of each system and
21 the level of classification for each.

22 (4) For each system described in subsection (a),
23 identification of the element of the intelligence com-
24 munity that developed and maintains the system and
25 whether that element has service agreements with

1 other elements of the intelligence community for use
2 of the system.

3 (5) Identification of any secure mobile commu-
4 nications systems that are in development, the capa-
5 bilities of such systems, how far along such systems
6 are in development, and an estimate of when the
7 systems will be ready for deployment.

8 (c) FORM.—The report submitted pursuant to sub-
9 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but
10 may include a classified annex.

11 **SEC. 311. PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING AN INTEGRATED SYS-**
12 **TEM SPANNING THE INTELLIGENCE COMMU-**
13 **NITY FOR ACCREDITATION OF SENSITIVE**
14 **COMPARTMENTED INFORMATION FACILI-**
15 **TIES.**

16 (a) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after
17 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of Na-
18 tional Intelligence shall—

19 (1) develop a plan to implement an integrated
20 tracking system that spans the intelligence commu-
21 nity for the accreditation of sensitive compartmented
22 information facilities to increase transparency, track
23 the status of accreditation, and to reduce and mini-
24 mize duplication of effort; and

1 (2) submit to the congressional intelligence
2 committees, the Committee on Appropriations of the
3 Senate, and the Committee on Appropriations of the
4 House of Representatives the plan developed pursu-
5 ant to paragraph (1).

6 (b) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by subsection
7 (a)(1) shall include the following:

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

9 (2) A description for how applicants and
10 cleared industry could monitor the status of their
11 sensitive compartmented information facility accredi-
12 tation.

13 (3) Guidelines for minimizing duplication of ef-
14 fort across the intelligence community and the De-
15 partment of Defense in the accreditation process for
16 sensitive compartmented information facilities.

17 (4) Creation of a mechanism to track compli-
18 ance with Intelligence Community Directive 705 (re-
19 lating to sensitive compartmented information facili-
20 ties), or successor directive.

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

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

1 **SEC. 312. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE THREATS TO UNITED**
2 **STATES SPACE INTERESTS.**

3 (a) ASSESSMENT OF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE
4 VULNERABILITIES OF THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
5 SPACE ADMINISTRATION.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director
8 of National Intelligence, in consultation with the Di-
9 rector of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, shall
10 submit to the appropriate congressional committees
11 an assessment of the counterintelligence
12 vulnerabilities of the National Aeronautics and
13 Space Administration.

14 (2) ELEMENTS.—The assessment required by
15 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

16 (A) An assessment of the vulnerability of
17 the security practices and facilities of the Na-
18 tional Aeronautics and Space Administration to
19 efforts by nation-state and non-nation-state ac-
20 tors to acquire United States space technology.

21 (B) An assessment of the counterintel-
22 ligence threat posed by nationals of the Russian
23 Federation and the People's Republic of China
24 at centers of the National Aeronautics and
25 Space Administration.

1 (C) Recommendations for how the Na-
2 tional Aeronautics and Space Administration
3 can mitigate any counterintelligence gaps iden-
4 tified under subparagraphs (A) and (B).

5 (D) A description of efforts of the National
6 Aeronautics and Space Administration to re-
7 spond to the efforts of state sponsors of ter-
8 rorism, other foreign countries, and entities to
9 illicitly acquire United States satellites and re-
10 lated items as described in reports submitted by
11 the Director of National Intelligence pursuant
12 to section 1261 of the National Defense Au-
13 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public
14 Law 112–239).

15 (E) An evaluation of the effectiveness of
16 the efforts of the National Aeronautics and
17 Space Administration described in subpara-
18 graph (D).

19 (3) COOPERATION BY NATIONAL AERONAUTICS
20 AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION.—The Administrator
21 of the National Aeronautics and Space Administra-
22 tion shall cooperate fully with the Director of Na-
23 tional Intelligence and the Director of the Federal
24 Bureau of Investigation in submitting the assess-
25 ment required by paragraph (1).

1 (4) FORM.—The assessment required by para-
 2 graph (1) may be submitted in unclassified form
 3 with a classified annex.

4 (5) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE CONGRES-
 5 SIONAL COMMITTEES.—In this subsection, the term
 6 “appropriate congressional committees” means—

7 (A) the congressional intelligence commit-
 8 tees;

9 (B) the Committee on the Judiciary, the
 10 Committee on Appropriations, the Committee
 11 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and
 12 the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
 13 ernmental Affairs of the Senate; and

14 (C) the Committee on the Judiciary, the
 15 Committee on Appropriations, the Committee
 16 on Science, Space, and Technology, and the
 17 Committee on Homeland Security of the House
 18 of Representatives.

19 (b) SUNSET.—Section 1261(e)(1) of the National De-
 20 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law
 21 112–239) is amended by inserting “until December 31,
 22 2026” after “thereafter”.

23 (c) COUNTERINTELLIGENCE SUPPORT TO COMMER-
 24 CIAL SPACEPORTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the head of
3 the Counterintelligence Division of the Federal Bu-
4 reau of Investigation, in coordination with the head
5 of the Office of Private Sector of the Federal Bu-
6 reau of Investigation, shall—

7 (A) develop an assessment of the counter-
8 intelligence risks to commercial spaceports; and

9 (B) distribute the assessment to—

10 (i) each field office of the Federal Bu-
11 reau of Investigation the area of responsi-
12 bility of which includes a federally licensed
13 commercial spaceport;

14 (ii) the leadership of each federally li-
15 censed commercial spaceport;

16 (iii) the congressional intelligence
17 committees;

18 (iv) the Committee on the Judiciary of
19 the Senate; and

20 (v) the Committee on the Judiciary of
21 the House of Representatives.

22 (2) CLASSIFICATION.—The assessment required
23 by paragraph (1) shall be distributed at the lowest
24 classification level possible, but may include classi-
25 fied annexes at higher classification levels.

1 **SEC. 313. CHAPLAIN CORPS AND CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS OF**
2 **THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.**

3 Section 26 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of
4 1949 (50 U.S.C. 3527) is amended to read as follows:

5 **“SEC. 26. CHAPLAIN CORPS AND CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS.**

6 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF CHAPLAIN CORPS.—There
7 is in the Agency a Chaplain Corps for the provision of
8 spiritual and religious pastoral services.

9 “(b) CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS.—The head of the Chap-
10 lain Corps shall be the Chief of Chaplains, who shall be
11 appointed by the Director and report directly to the Direc-
12 tor.

13 “(c) GLOBAL PRESENCE, SERVICES.—Chaplains of
14 the Chaplain Corps shall—

15 “(1) be located—

16 “(A) at the headquarters building of the
17 Agency; and

18 “(B) outside the United States in each re-
19 gion of the regional mission centers of the
20 Agency; and

21 “(2) travel as necessary to provide services to
22 personnel of the Agency where such personnel are lo-
23 cated.

24 “(d) STAFF.—

25 “(1) EMPLOYEES.—The Chaplain Corps—

1 “(A) shall be staffed by full-time employees
2 of the Agency; and

3 “(B) shall not be staffed by any govern-
4 ment contractor.

5 “(2) SERVICE.—

6 “(A) EXCLUSIVE ROLE.—A member of the
7 staff of the Chaplain Corps shall serve exclu-
8 sively in the member’s role in the Chaplain
9 Corps.

10 “(B) NOT COLLATERAL DUTY.—Assign-
11 ment to the Chaplain Corps shall not be a col-
12 lateral duty.

13 “(3) APPOINTMENT; COMPENSATION.—The Di-
14 rector may appoint and fix the compensation of such
15 staff of the Chaplain Corps as the Director considers
16 appropriate, except that the Director may not pro-
17 vide basic pay to any member of the staff of the
18 Chaplain Corps at an annual rate of basic pay in ex-
19 cess of the maximum rate of basic pay for grade GS-
20 15 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of
21 title 5, United States Code.

22 “(4) NUMBER OF CHAPLAINS.—The ratio of
23 chaplains of the Chaplain Corps to personnel of the
24 Agency shall be, to the extent practicable, equal to

1 the ratio of chaplains of the Armed Forces to mem-
2 bers of the Armed Forces.

3 “(5) QUALIFICATIONS OF CHAPLAINS.—Each
4 chaplain of the Chaplain Corps shall—

5 “(A) before being hired to the Chaplain
6 Corps—

7 “(i) have had experience in chaplaincy
8 or the provision of pastoral care; and

9 “(ii) be board certified and licensed as
10 a chaplain by a national chaplaincy and
11 pastoral care organization or equivalent;
12 and

13 “(B) maintain such certification while in
14 the Chaplain Corps.

15 “(e) ADMINISTRATION.—The Director shall—

16 “(1) reimburse members of the staff of the
17 Chaplain Corps for work-related travel expenses;

18 “(2) provide security clearances, including one-
19 time read-ins, to such members to ensure that per-
20 sonnel of the Agency can seek unrestricted chap-
21 laincy counseling; and

22 “(3) furnish such physical workspace at the
23 headquarters building of the Agency, and outside the
24 United States in each region of the regional missions

1 centers of the Agency, as the Director considers ap-
 2 propriate.

3 “(f) PRIVACY.—The Director shall implement privacy
 4 standards with respect to the physical workspaces of the
 5 Chaplain Corps to ensure privacy for individuals visiting
 6 such spaces.

7 “(g) PROTECTION OF CHAPLAIN CORPS.—The Direc-
 8 tor may not require a chaplain of the Chaplain Corps to
 9 perform any rite, ritual, or ceremony that is contrary to
 10 the conscience, moral principles, or religious beliefs of
 11 such chaplain.

12 “(h) CERTIFICATIONS TO CONGRESS.—Not less fre-
 13 quently than annually, the Director shall certify to Con-
 14 gress whether the chaplains of the Chaplain Corps meet
 15 the qualifications described in subsection (d)(5)(B).”.

16 **SEC. 314. PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTORS COLLECTING OR**
 17 **SELLING LOCATION DATA OF INDIVIDUALS**
 18 **AT INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY LOCATIONS.**

19 (a) PROHIBITION.—A contractor or subcontractor of
 20 an element of the intelligence community, as a condition
 21 on contracting with an element of the intelligence commu-
 22 nity, may not, while a contract or subcontract for an ele-
 23 ment of the intelligence community is effective—

24 (1) collect, retain, or knowingly or recklessly fa-
 25 cilitate the collection or retention of location data

1 from phones, wearable fitness trackers, and other
2 cellular-enabled or cellular-connected devices located
3 in any covered location, regardless of whether service
4 for such device is provided under contract with an
5 element of the intelligence community, except as nec-
6 essary for the provision of the service as specifically
7 contracted; or

8 (2) sell, monetize, or knowingly or recklessly fa-
9 cilitate the sale of, location data described in para-
10 graph (1) to any individual or entity that is not an
11 element of the intelligence community.

12 (b) COVERED LOCATIONS.—For purposes of sub-
13 section (a), a covered location is any location described
14 in section 202.222(a)(1) of title 28, Code of Federal Regu-
15 lations, or successor regulations.

16 (c) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 60 days after
17 the date of the enactment of this Act, each head of an
18 element of the intelligence community shall require each
19 contractor and subcontractor of the element to submit to
20 the head a certification as to whether the contractor or
21 subcontractor is in compliance with subsection (a).

22 (d) TREATMENT OF CERTIFICATIONS.—The veracity
23 of a certification under subsection (c) shall be treated as
24 “material” for purposes of section 3729 of title 31, United
25 States Code.

1 **SEC. 315. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO PROCUREMENT AU-**
2 **THORITIES OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE**
3 **AGENCY.**

4 Section 3(a) of the Central Intelligence Agency Act
5 of 1949 (50 U.S.C. 3503(a)) is amended by striking
6 “3069” and inserting “3066”.

7 **SEC. 316. THREAT BRIEFING TO PROTECT FEDERAL RE-**
8 **SERVE INFORMATION.**

9 The Director of National Intelligence, in coordination
10 with the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
11 and in consultation with the relevant heads of the elements
12 of the intelligence community, as determined by the Direc-
13 tors, shall brief the Board of Governors of the Federal
14 Reserve System on foreign threats to the Federal Reserve
15 System.

16 **SEC. 317. PLAN TO ESTABLISH COMMERCIAL GEOSPATIAL**
17 **INTELLIGENCE DATA AND SERVICES PRO-**
18 **GRAM MANAGEMENT OFFICE.**

19 (a) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days after
20 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the
21 National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and the Director
22 of the National Reconnaissance Office, in consultation
23 with the Director of National Intelligence and the Sec-
24 retary of Defense, shall jointly develop and submit to the
25 appropriate committees of Congress a plan to establish an
26 office described in subsection (b).

1 (b) OFFICE DESCRIBED.—An office described in this
2 subsection is a co-located joint program management of-
3 fice for commercial geospatial intelligence data and serv-
4 ices.

5 (c) CONTENTS.—The plan required by subsection (a)
6 shall include the following:

7 (1) Milestones for implementation of the plan.

8 (2) An updated acquisition strategy that con-
9 sider efficiencies to be gained from closely coordi-
10 nated acquisitions of geospatial intelligence data and
11 services.

12 (d) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF
13 CONGRESS.—In this section, the term “appropriate com-
14 mittees of Congress” means—

15 (1) the congressional intelligence committees;

16 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
17 Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

18 (3) the Committee on Armed Services and the
19 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
20 resentatives.

1 **SEC. 318. INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEW OF ADEQUACY OF**
2 **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING**
3 **USE OF COMMERCIAL MESSAGING APPLICA-**
4 **TIONS BY INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.**

5 (a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—Not later than 120 days
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector
7 General of the Intelligence Community shall submit to the
8 congressional intelligence committees, the Committee on
9 Homeland Security and Government Affairs and the Com-
10 mittee on the Judiciary of the Senate, and the Committee
11 Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on
12 the Judiciary of the House of Representatives on a review
13 of the adequacy of policies and procedures governing the
14 use of commercial messaging applications by the intel-
15 ligence community.

16 (b) CONTENTS.—The review required by subsection
17 (a) shall include an assessment of compliance by the intel-
18 ligence community with chapter 31 of title 44, United
19 States Code (commonly known as the “Federal Records
20 Act of 1950”).

21 (c) FORM.—The review required by subsection (a)
22 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
23 a classified annex.

1 **SEC. 319. AUTHORITY FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY**
2 **TO PRODUCE AND DISSEMINATE INTEL-**
3 **LIGENCE PRODUCTS.**

4 The National Security Agency Act of 1959 (50
5 U.S.C. 3602 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following:

7 **“SEC. 23. AUTHORITY TO PRODUCE AND DISSEMINATE IN-**
8 **TELLIGENCE PRODUCTS.**

9 “The Director of the National Security Agency may
10 correlate and evaluate intelligence related to national secu-
11 rity and provide appropriate dissemination of such intel-
12 ligence to appropriate legislative and executive branch cus-
13 tomers.”.

14 **SEC. 320. PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN THE INTEL-**
15 **LIGENCE COMMUNITY.**

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

24 (b) PROHIBITION.—None of the funds authorized to
25 be appropriated by any law for the National Intelligence

1 Program shall be used for the purposes of implementing
2 covered practices in the intelligence community.

3 (c) COVERED PRACTICE DEFINED.—In this section,
4 the term “covered practice” means any practice that dis-
5 criminate for or against any person in a manner prohib-
6 ited by the Constitution of the United States, the Civil
7 Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000 et seq.), or any other
8 Federal law.

9 **SEC. 321. ANNUAL REPORT ON FEDERAL BUREAU OF IN-**
10 **VESTIGATION CASE DATA.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title V of the National Security
12 Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.) is amended by in-
13 serting after section 512 the following:

14 **“SEC. 512A. ANNUAL REPORT ON FEDERAL BUREAU OF IN-**
15 **VESTIGATION CASE DATA.**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
17 date of the enactment of this section, and annually there-
18 after, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
19 shall submit to the congressional intelligence committees,
20 the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, and the
21 Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representa-
22 tives a report containing data on cases of the Federal Bu-
23 reau of Investigation for the fiscal year preceding the fis-
24 cal year in which the report is submitted.

1 “(b) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by sub-
 2 section (a) shall include, for the fiscal year covered by the
 3 report, the number of active cases, the number of unique
 4 cases, and the number of cases opened, for each of the
 5 following:

6 “(1) Russia counterintelligence cases.

7 “(2) China counterintelligence cases.

8 “(3) Espionage or leak cases.

9 “(4) All other counterintelligence cases.

10 “(5) ISIS counterterrorism cases.

11 “(6) Hizballah counterterrorism cases.

12 “(7) Cartel and other transnational criminal or-
 13 ganization counterterrorism cases.

14 “(8) All other international counterterrorism
 15 cases.

16 “(9) Russia cyber national security cases.

17 “(10) China cyber national security cases.

18 “(11) All other cyber national security cases.

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

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
 23 preceding section 2 of such Act is amended by inserting
 24 after the item relating to section 512 the following:

“Sec. 512A. Annual report on Federal Bureau of Investigation case data.”.

1 **TITLE IV—INTELLIGENCE COM-**
2 **MUNITY EFFICIENCY AND EF-**
3 **EFFECTIVENESS**

4 **SEC. 401. SHORT TITLE.**

5 This title may be cited as the “Intelligence Authoriza-
6 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2026”.

7 **SEC. 402. MODIFICATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES AND AU-**
8 **THORITIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL**
9 **INTELLIGENCE.**

10 (a) REPEAL OF SUNSETTED REQUIREMENT FOR
11 SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.—Subsection (c)(7) of section
12 102A of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.
13 3024) is amended by striking “(A) The Director” and all
14 that follows through “(B) The Director” and inserting
15 “The Director”.

16 (b) REPEAL OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER PER-
17 SONNEL TO NEW NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE CENTERS.—
18 Such section is amended by striking subsection (e).

19 (c) TASKING AND OTHER AUTHORITIES.—

20 (1) REPEAL OF AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH NA-
21 TIONAL INTELLIGENCE CENTERS; MODIFICATION OF
22 AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE PERSONNEL POLICIES
23 AND PROGRAMS.—Subsection (f) of such section is
24 amended—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and may” and all that follows through “determines necessary”; and

(B) in paragraph (3)(A)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “consultation” and inserting “coordination”;

(ii) in clause (iii)—

(I) by striking “recruitment and retention” and inserting “recruitment, retention, and training”; and

(II) by striking the semicolon at the end and inserting “, including those with diverse ethnic, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds; and”;

(iii) in clause (vi), by inserting “on behalf of the Director of National Intelligence” after “matters”;

(iv) by striking clauses (i), (ii), (iv), and (v); and

(v) by redesignating clauses (iii) and (vi) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively.

(2) ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEWS.—Paragraph (7) of such subsection is amended—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “con-
2 duct” and inserting “direct”;

3 (B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “di-
4 rected” before “under”; and

5 (C) in subsection (C)(i), by striking “con-
6 ducted” and inserting “directed”.

7 (3) INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENTS AND AUDITS
8 OF COMPLIANCE WITH MINIMUM INSIDER THREAT
9 POLICIES.—Paragraph (8)(A) of such subsection is
10 amended by striking “conduct” and inserting “direct
11 independent”.

12 (4) INDEPENDENT EVALUATIONS OF COUNTER-
13 INTELLIGENCE, SECURITY, AND INSIDER THREAT
14 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—Paragraph (8)(D) of such
15 subsection is amended by striking “carry out” and
16 inserting “direct independent”.

17 (d) REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT FOR ENHANCED PER-
18 SONNEL MANAGEMENT.—Such section is further amended
19 by striking subsection (l).

20 (e) ANALYSES AND IMPACT STATEMENTS REGARD-
21 ING PROPOSED INVESTMENT INTO THE UNITED
22 STATES.—Subsection (z) of such section is amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (1)—

24 (A) by inserting “, or the head of an ele-
25 ment of the intelligence community to whom

1 the Director has delegated such review or inves-
2 tigation,” after “for which the Director”; and

3 (B) by inserting “or such head” after “ma-
4 terials, the Director”; and

5 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, or the
6 head of an element of the intelligence community to
7 whom the Director has delegated such review or in-
8 vestigation,” after “the Director”.

9 (f) PLAN FOR REFORM OF INTELLIGENCE COMMU-
10 NITY ACQUISITION PROCESS.—

11 (1) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Di-
13 rector of National Intelligence shall, in consultation
14 with each head of an element of the intelligence
15 community, submit to the congressional intelligence
16 committees, the Committee on Appropriations of the
17 Senate, and the Committee on Appropriations of the
18 House of Representatives a plan to reform the ac-
19 quisition process of each element of the intelligence
20 community so that, to the maximum extent prac-
21 ticable, the process uses existing authorities to expe-
22 dite acquisitions and includes a preference for acqui-
23 sition of commercial solutions, consistent with sec-
24 tion 3453 of title 10, United States Code, and Exec-
25 utive Order 14265 (90 Fed. Reg. 15621; relating to

1 modernizing defense acquisitions and spurring inno-
2 vation in the defense industrial base).

3 (2) ITEMIZATION OF MAJOR PLANNED OR
4 PENDING ACQUISITIONS.—The plan required by
5 paragraph (1) shall include an itemization of major
6 planned or pending acquisitions for each element of
7 the intelligence community.

8 (g) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Such section is further
10 amended—

11 (A) by redesignating subsections (f)
12 through (k) as subsections (e) through (j), re-
13 spectively;

14 (B) by redesignating subsections (m)
15 through (z) as subsections (k) through (x), re-
16 spectively;

17 (C) in subsection (e), as redesignated by
18 subparagraph (A), in paragraph (7), by striking
19 “under subsection (m)” and inserting “under
20 subsection (k)”;

21 (D) in subsection (v)(3), as redesignated
22 by subparagraph (B), by striking “under sub-
23 section (f)(8)” and inserting “under subsection
24 (e)(8)”.

25 (2) EXTERNAL.—

1 (A) NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947.—
 2 The National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.
 3 3001 et seq.) is amended—

4 (i) in section 103(c)(15) (50 U.S.C.
 5 3025(c)(15)), by striking “, including na-
 6 tional intelligence centers”; and

7 (ii) in section 313(1) (50 U.S.C.
 8 3079(1)), by striking “with section
 9 102A(f)(8)” and inserting “with section
 10 102A(e)(8)”.

11 (B) REDUCING OVER-CLASSIFICATION
 12 ACT.—Section 7(a)(1)(A) of the Reducing Over-
 13 Classification Act (50 U.S.C. 3344(a)(1)(A)) is
 14 amended by striking “of section 102A(g)(1)”
 15 and inserting “of section 102A(f)(1)”.

16 (C) INTELLIGENCE REFORM AND TER-
 17 RORISM PREVENTION ACT OF 2004.—Section
 18 1019(a) of the Intelligence Reform and Ter-
 19 rorism Prevention Act of 2004 (50 U.S.C.
 20 3364(a)) is amended by striking “out section
 21 102A(h)” and inserting “out section 102A(g)”.

22 **SEC. 403. REFORMS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE DI-**
 23 **RECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.**

24 (a) PLAN FOR REDUCTION OF STAFF.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director
3 of National Intelligence shall submit to the congressional intelligence committees, the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives a
4 plan to reduce the staff of the Office of the Director
5 of National Intelligence.

6 (2) CONTENTS.—The plan required by paragraph (1) shall include a plan for reducing the staff
7 of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence
8 to the maximum number of full-time equivalent employees, detailees, and individuals under contract
9 with the Office that the Director requires for the optimized execution of the Director’s statutory authorities and ensures—

10 (A) each Federal employee who is employed by, detailed to, or assigned to the Office
11 of the Director of National Intelligence will be provided an opportunity to accept alternative
12 employment, detail, or assignment within the United States Government; and

13 (B) no such Federal employee will be involuntarily terminated by the implementation of
14 the plan required by paragraph (1).

1 (b) ORDERLY REDUCTION IN STAFF OF THE OFFICE
2 OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.—

3 (1) PROCESS.—On a date that is at least 90
4 days after the date on which the plan required by
5 subsection (a)(1) is submitted, or 1 year after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, whichever is later,
7 the Director of National Intelligence shall initiate a
8 process to reduce the staff of the Office of the Di-
9 rector of National Intelligence, provided the Director
10 submits to the congressional intelligence committees
11 a certification that—

12 (A) each Federal employee who is em-
13 ployed by, detailed to, or assigned to the Office
14 of the Director of National Intelligence will be
15 provided an opportunity to accept alternative
16 employment, detail, or assignment within the
17 United States Government; and

18 (B) no such Federal employee will be invol-
19 untarily terminated by the implementation of
20 such process, except as provided in subsection
21 (c)(1).

22 (2) INTERIM UPDATES.—Not later than 60
23 days after the date on which the plan required by
24 subsection (a)(1) is submitted, and every 60 days
25 thereafter until the staff of the Office of the Direc-

1 tor of National Intelligence does not exceed the
2 number of full-time equivalent employees, detailees,
3 and individuals under contract with the Office iden-
4 tified in the plan provided pursuant to subsection
5 (a), the Director of National Intelligence shall sub-
6 mit to the congressional intelligence committees, the
7 Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, and the
8 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
9 resentatives a written update identifying the posi-
10 tions of the employees, detailees, and individuals
11 under contract with the Office of the Director of Na-
12 tional Intelligence who have been part of the reduc-
13 tion in staff.

14 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
15 tion shall be construed as prohibiting—

16 (1) the involuntarily termination of a Federal
17 employee when there is—

18 (A) written documentation to support a se-
19 curity, counterintelligence, or other lawful basis
20 for termination based on misconduct; or

21 (B) written documentation over a period of
22 at least 180 days to support a performance
23 basis for the termination; or

1 (2) the return of detailees to their home agen-
 2 cies 45 days after the date on which the plan re-
 3 quired by subsection (a)(1) is submitted.

4 (d) LOCATION OF THE OFFICE.—Subsection (f) of
 5 such section is amended by inserting “, with facilities nec-
 6 essary to carry out the core intelligence mission of the Of-
 7 fice” before the period at the end.

8 **SEC. 404. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF NA-**
 9 **TIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND ASSISTANT DI-**
 10 **RECTORS OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.**

11 (a) REDESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL DEPUTY DIREC-
 12 TOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR
 13 OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section
 15 103A of the National Security Act of 1947 (50
 16 U.S.C. 3026) is amended—

17 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
 18 “PRINCIPAL”; and

19 (B) by striking “Principal” each place it
 20 appears.

21 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Subsection
 22 (c) of such section is amended—

23 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
 24 “PRINCIPAL”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “Principal”.

(3) ADDITIONAL CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—

(A) NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947.—

Such Act is further amended—

(i) in section 103(c)(2) (50 U.S.C. 3025(c)(2)), by striking “Principal”;

(ii) in section 103I(b)(1) (50 U.S.C. 3034(b)(1)), by striking “Principal”;

(iii) in section 106(a)(2)(A) (50 U.S.C. 3041(a)(2)(A)), by striking “Principal”; and

(iv) in section 116(b) (50 U.S.C. 3053(b)), by striking “Principal”.

(B) DAMON PAUL NELSON AND MATTHEW YOUNG POLLARD INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018, 2019, AND 2020.—Section 6310 of the Damon Paul Nelson and Matthew Young Pollard Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, and 2020 (50 U.S.C. 3351b) is amended by striking “Principal” each place it appears.

(C) NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.—Section 1683(b)(3) of the National Defense Authoriza-

1 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (50 U.S.C.
2 3373(b)(3)) is amended by striking “Principal”
3 both places it appears.

4 (b) ELIMINATION OF DEPUTY DIRECTORS OF NA-
5 TIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ASSIST-
6 ANT DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 103A(b) of the Na-
8 tional Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3026(b)) is
9 amended—

10 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
11 “DEPUTY” and inserting “ASSISTANT”;

12 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “may”
13 and all that follows through the period at the
14 end and inserting the following: “is an Assist-
15 ant Director of National Intelligence for Mis-
16 sion Integration and an Assistant Director of
17 National Intelligence for Policy and Capabili-
18 ties, who shall be appointed by the Director of
19 National Intelligence.”; and

20 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “Dep-
21 uty” and inserting “Assistant”.

22 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The National
23 Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.) is
24 amended—

1 (A) in section 102A(l)(4)(F) (50 U.S.C.
 2 3024(l)(4)(F)), as redesignated by section
 3 402(g)(1)(B), by striking “a Deputy” and in-
 4 serting “an Assistant”; and

5 (B) in section 103(c) (50 U.S.C. 3025(c)),
 6 by striking paragraph (3).

7 (c) REFERENCES TO PRINCIPAL DEPUTY DIRECTOR
 8 OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE IN LAW.—Any reference in
 9 law to the Principal Deputy Director of National Intel-
 10 ligence shall be treated as a reference to the Deputy Direc-
 11 tor of National Intelligence.

12 (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

13 (1) SECTION HEADING.—Section 103A of such
 14 Act (50 U.S.C. 3026) is further amended, in the
 15 section heading, by striking “DEPUTY DIRECTORS OF
 16 NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE” and inserting “DEPUTY
 17 DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND AS-
 18 SISTANT DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE”.

19 (2) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of con-
 20 tents for such Act, in the matter preceding section
 21 2 of such Act, is amended by striking the item relat-
 22 ing to section 103A and inserting the following:

“Sec. 103A. Deputy Director of National Intelligence and Assistant Directors
 of National Intelligence.”.

1 **SEC. 405. REFORM OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE**
 2 **COUNCIL AND NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OF-**
 3 **FICERS.**

4 (a) DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—Subsection
 5 (c)(1) of section 103B of the National Security Act of
 6 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3027) is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (A), by adding “or coordi-
 8 nate the production of” after “produce”; and

9 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and the
 10 requirements and resources of such collection and
 11 production”.

12 (b) STAFF.—Subsection (f) of such section is amend-
 13 ed by striking “The” and inserting “Subject to section
 14 103(d)(1), the”.

15 **SEC. 406. TRANSFER OF NATIONAL COUNTERINTEL-**
 16 **LIGENCE AND SECURITY CENTER TO FED-**
 17 **ERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.**

18 (a) PLAN FOR TRANSFERS.—

19 (1) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES
 20 OF CONGRESS.—In this subsection, the term “appro-
 21 priate committees of Congress” means—

22 (A) the congressional intelligence commit-
 23 tees;

24 (B) the Committee on the Judiciary and
 25 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;
 26 and

1 (C) the Committee on the Judiciary and
2 the Committee on Appropriations of the House
3 of Representatives.

4 (2) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Di-
6 rector of National Intelligence and the Director of
7 the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall jointly
8 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a
9 plan to achieve the transfer of—

10 (A) the National Counterintelligence and
11 Security Center to the Counterintelligence Divi-
12 sion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
13 and

14 (B) the duties of the Director of the Na-
15 tional Counterintelligence and Security Center
16 to the Assistant Director of the Federal Bureau
17 of Investigation for Counterintelligence.

18 (b) TRANSFERS.—

19 (1) TRANSFER OF CENTER.—On a date that is
20 at least 180 days after the date on which the plan
21 required by subsection (a) is submitted, or 1 year
22 after the date of the enactment of this Act, which-
23 ever is later, the Director of National Intelligence
24 shall initiate the transfer of the National Counter-
25 intelligence and Security Center to the Counterintel-

1 ligence Division of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
2 tion, including such staff and resources of the Cen-
3 ter as the Director of National Intelligence, in co-
4 ordination with the Director of the Federal Bureau
5 of Investigation, determines appropriate and as is
6 consistent with the provisions of this section.

7 (2) TRANSFER OF DUTIES OF DIRECTOR OF
8 THE CENTER.—On a date that is at least 90 days
9 after the date on which the plan required by sub-
10 section (a) is submitted, or 1 year after the date of
11 the enactment of this Act, whichever is later, the Di-
12 rector of National Intelligence shall initiate the
13 transfer to the Assistant Director of the Federal Bu-
14 reau of Investigation for Counterintelligence of such
15 duties of the Director of the National Counterintel-
16 ligence and Security Center as the Director of Na-
17 tional Intelligence, in coordination with the Director
18 of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, determines
19 appropriate and as is consistent with the provisions
20 of this section.

21 (3) COMPLETION.—Not later than 2 years after
22 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director
23 of National Intelligence shall complete the transfers
24 initiated under paragraphs (1) and (2).

1 (c) REDUCTIONS IN STAFF.—Any reduction in staff
2 of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center
3 shall comply with the requirements of section 403(b).

4 (d) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 90
6 days thereafter until the date specified in subsection (h),
7 the Director of National Intelligence and the Director of
8 the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall jointly submit
9 to the congressional intelligence committees, the Com-
10 mittee on Appropriations of the Senate, the Committee on
11 Appropriations of the House of Representatives, the Com-
12 mittee on the Judiciary of the Senate, and the Committee
13 on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives a report
14 on the status of the implementation of this section, includ-
15 ing—

16 (1) the missions and functions of the National
17 Counterintelligence and Security Center that have
18 been transferred to the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
19 tion;

20 (2) the missions and functions of such Center
21 that have been retained at the Office of the Director
22 of National Intelligence;

23 (3) the missions and functions of such Center
24 that have been transferred to another department or
25 agency; and

1 (4) the missions and functions of such Center
2 that have been terminated.

3 (e) REPEAL.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 103F of the Na-
5 tional Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3031) is re-
6 pealed.

7 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
8 tents for such Act, in the matter preceding section
9 2 of such Act, is amended by striking the item relat-
10 ing to section 103F.

11 (f) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO COUNTERINTEL-
12 LIGENCE ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2002.—

13 (1) HEAD OF CENTER.—Section 902 of the
14 Counterintelligence Enhancement Act of 2002 (50
15 U.S.C. 3382) is amended—

16 (A) in the section heading, by striking
17 “**DIRECTOR**” and inserting “**HEAD**”;

18 (B) by striking subsection (a) and insert-
19 ing the following:

20 “(a) HEAD OF CENTER.—The head of the National
21 Counterintelligence and Security Center shall be the As-
22 sistant Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for
23 Counterintelligence or the Assistant Director’s designee.”;

24 (C) in subsection (b), by striking “the Di-
25 rector” and inserting “the individual serving as

1 the head of the National Counterintelligence
2 and Security Center”; and

3 (D) in subsection (c)—

4 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph
5 (1), by striking “Subject to the direction
6 and control of the Director of National In-
7 telligence, the duties of the Director” and
8 inserting “The duties of the head of the
9 National Counterintelligence and Security
10 Center”; and

11 (ii) in paragraph (4), by striking “Di-
12 rector of National Intelligence” and insert-
13 ing “Director of the Federal Bureau of In-
14 vestigation”.

15 (2) NATIONAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SE-
16 CURITY CENTER.—Section 904 of such Act (50
17 U.S.C. 3383) is amended—

18 (A) in subsection (a), by inserting “in the
19 Counterintelligence Division of the Federal Bu-
20 reau of Investigation” before the period at the
21 end;

22 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “Director
23 of the National Counterintelligence and Secu-
24 rity Center” and inserting “Assistant Director
25 of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for

1 Counterintelligence or the Assistant Director's
2 designee";

3 (C) in subsection (c), by striking "Office of
4 the Director of National Intelligence" and in-
5 serting "Counterintelligence Division of the
6 Federal Bureau of Investigation";

7 (D) in subsection (e)—

8 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph
9 (1), by striking "Director of" and inserting
10 "head of"; and

11 (ii) in paragraphs (2)(B), (4), and
12 (5), by striking "Director of National In-
13 telligence" each place it appears and in-
14 serting "Director of the Federal Bureau of
15 Investigation";

16 (E) in subsection (f)(3), by striking "Di-
17 rector" and inserting "head";

18 (F) in subsection (g)(2), by striking "Di-
19 rector" and inserting "head"; and

20 (G) in subsection (i), by striking "Office of
21 the Director of National Intelligence" and in-
22 serting "Counterintelligence Division of the
23 Federal Bureau of Investigation".

24 (g) ADDITIONAL CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) TITLE 5.—Section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to the Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center.

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

(A) in section 103(c) (50 U.S.C. 3025(c)), by striking paragraph (9);

(B) in section 1107 (50 U.S.C. 3237)—

(i) in subsection (a), by striking “the Director” and inserting “the head”; and

(ii) in subsection (c), by striking “the Director shall” and inserting “the head of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center shall”; and

(C) in section 1108 (50 U.S.C. 3238)—

(i) in subsection (a), by striking “the Director” and inserting “the head”; and

(ii) in subsection (c), by striking “the Director shall” and inserting “the head of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center shall”.

(3) DAMON PAUL NELSON AND MATTHEW YOUNG POLLARD INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION

1 ACT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018, 2019, AND 2020.—The
2 Damon Paul Nelson and Matthew Young Pollard In-
3 telligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2018,
4 2019, and 2020 (division E of Public Law 116–92)
5 is amended—

6 (A) in section 6306(c)(6) (50 U.S.C.
7 3370(c)(6)), by striking “the Director” and in-
8 serting “the head”; and

9 (B) in section 6508 (50 U.S.C. 3371d), by
10 striking “Director of National Intelligence”
11 both places it appears and inserting “Director
12 of the Federal Bureau of Investigation”.

13 (4) INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR
14 FISCAL YEAR 1995.—Section 811 of the Intelligence
15 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1995 (50 U.S.C.
16 3381) is amended—

17 (A) by striking “Director of the National
18 Counterintelligence and Security Center” each
19 place it appears and inserting “head of the Na-
20 tional Counterintelligence and Security Center”;
21 and

22 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “ap-
23 pointed”.

24 (5) INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR
25 FISCAL YEAR 2024.—

(A) SECTION 7318.—Section 7318 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (50 U.S.C. 3384) is amended—

(i) in subsection (c)—

(I) in paragraph (1), by striking “, acting through the Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center,”; and

(II) in paragraph (3), by striking “Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center” and inserting “Director of National Intelligence, as the Security Executive Agent,”; and

(ii) in subsection (d)—

(I) in paragraph (1)—

(aa) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking “Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center” and inserting “Director of National Intelligence”; and

(bb) in subparagraph (B), by striking “National Counterintelligence and Security Center”

1 both places it appears and insert-
2 ing “Federal Bureau of Inves-
3 tigation”; and

4 (II) in paragraph (2)(A), by
5 striking “Director of the National
6 Counterintelligence and Security Cen-
7 ter” and inserting “Director of Na-
8 tional Intelligence”.

9 (B) SECTION 7334.—Section 7334(c)(2) of
10 the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal
11 Year 2024 (50 U.S.C. 3385(c)(2)) is amended
12 by striking “Director of the National Counter-
13 intelligence and Security Center” and inserting
14 “head of the National Counterintelligence and
15 Security Center”.

16 (h) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 this section shall take effect on the date that is 2 years
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

19 (i) REFERENCES IN LAW.—On and after the date
20 that is 2 years after the date of the enactment of this
21 Act, any reference to the Director of the National Coun-
22 terintelligence and Security Center in law shall be treated
23 as a reference to the Assistant Director of the Federal
24 Bureau of Investigation for Counterintelligence or the As-
25 sistant Director’s designee acting on behalf of the Assist-

1 ant Director as the head of the National Counterintel-
2 ligence and Security Center.

3 (j) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
4 tion shall preclude the Director of National Intelligence
5 from determining that—

6 (1) certain coordinating functions of the Na-
7 tional Counterintelligence and Security Center shall
8 be retained at the Office of the Director of National
9 Intelligence consistent with the authorities of the Di-
10 rector under section 102A of the National Security
11 Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3024), transferred to an-
12 other department or agency, or terminated; or

13 (2) certain missions or functions of the Na-
14 tional Counterintelligence and Security Center shall
15 be transferred to another department or agency, or
16 terminated.

17 **SEC. 407. REDESIGNATION AND REFORM OF NATIONAL**
18 **COUNTERTERRORISM CENTER.**

19 (a) DOMESTIC COUNTERTERRORISM INTEL-
20 LIGENCE.—Subsection (e) of section 119 of the National
21 Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3056) is amended to read
22 as follows:

23 “(e) LIMITATION ON DOMESTIC ACTIVITIES.—The
24 Center may, consistent with applicable law, the direction
25 of the President, and the guidelines referred to in section

1 102A(b), receive and retain intelligence pertaining to do-
 2 mestic terrorism (as defined in section 2331 of title 18,
 3 United States Code) to enable the Center to collect, retain,
 4 and disseminate intelligence pertaining only to inter-
 5 national terrorism (as defined in section 2331 of title 18,
 6 United States Code).”.

7 (b) REDESIGNATION OF NATIONAL COUNTERTER-
 8 RORISM CENTER AS NATIONAL COUNTERTERRORISM AND
 9 COUNTERNARCOTICS CENTER.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Such section is further
 11 amended—

12 (A) in the section heading, by striking
 13 “NATIONAL COUNTERTERRORISM CENTER” and
 14 inserting “NATIONAL COUNTERTERRORISM AND
 15 COUNTERNARCOTICS CENTER”;

16 (B) in subsection (b), in the subsection
 17 heading, by striking “NATIONAL COUNTERTER-
 18 RORISM CENTER” and inserting “NATIONAL
 19 COUNTERTERRORISM AND COUNTERNARCOTICS
 20 CENTER”; and

21 (C) by striking “National Counterterrorism
 22 Center” each place it appears and inserting
 23 “National Counterterrorism and Counter-
 24 narcotics Center”.

1 (2) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of con-
 2 tents for such Act, in the matter preceding section
 3 2 of such Act, is amended by striking the item relat-
 4 ing to section 119 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 119. National Counterterrorism and Counternarcotics Center.”.

5 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

6 (1) NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947.—Section
 7 102A(g)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50
 8 U.S.C. 3024(g)(3)) is amended by striking “Na-
 9 tional Counterterrorism Center” and inserting “Na-
 10 tional Counterterrorism and Counternarcotics Cen-
 11 ter”.

12 (2) HOMELAND SECURITY ACT OF 2002.—The
 13 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et
 14 seq.) is amended—

15 (A) in section 201(d)(1) (6 U.S.C.
 16 121(d)(1)), by striking “National Counterter-
 17 rorism Center” and inserting “National
 18 Counterterrorism and Counternarcotics Cen-
 19 ter”; and

20 (B) in section 210D (6 U.S.C. 124k)—

21 (i) in subsections (b), (c), (d), (f)(1),
 22 (f)(2)(A), and (f)(2)(C), by striking “Na-
 23 tional Counterterrorism Center” each place
 24 it appears and inserting “National

Counterterrorism and Counternarcotics
Center”; and

(ii) in subsection (f)(2)—

(I) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “Pursuant to section 119(f)(E) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 404o(f)(E)), the Director of the National Counterterrorism Center” and inserting “The Director of the National Counterterrorism and Counternarcotics Center”; and

(II) in subparagraph (B), by striking “119(f)(E)” and inserting “119(f)”.

(3) INTELLIGENCE REFORM AND TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT OF 2004.—The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–458) is amended by striking “National Counterterrorism Center” each place it appears and inserting “National Counterterrorism and Counternarcotics Center”.

(4) WILLIAM M. (MAC) THORNBERRY NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021.—Section 1299F of the William M. (Mac)

1 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
2 Fiscal Year 2021 (22 U.S.C. 2656j) is amended by
3 striking “Director of the National Counterterrorism
4 Center” each place it appears and inserting “Direc-
5 tor of the National Counterterrorism and Counter-
6 narcotics Center”.

7 (5) NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT
8 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008.—Section 1079 of the Na-
9 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
10 2008 (50 U.S.C. 3307) is amended by striking “Di-
11 rector of the National Counterterrorism Center”
12 both places it appears and inserting “Director of the
13 National Counterterrorism and Counternarcotics
14 Center”.

15 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 this section shall take effect on the date that is 30 days
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 (e) REFERENCES IN LAW.—

19 (1) NATIONAL COUNTERTERRORISM CENTER.—
20 On and after the date that is 30 days after the date
21 of the enactment of this Act, any reference to the
22 National Counterterrorism Center in law shall be
23 treated as a reference to the National Counterter-
24 rorism and Counternarcotics Center, as redesignated
25 by subsection (c).

1 (2) DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL COUNTER-
2 TERRORISM CENTER.—On and after the date that is
3 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
4 any reference to the Director of the National
5 Counterterrorism Center in law shall be treated as
6 a reference to the Director of the National Counter-
7 terrorism and Counternarcotics Center.

8 **SEC. 408. TRANSFER OF NATIONAL COUNTERPROLIFERA-**
9 **TION AND BIOSECURITY CENTER.**

10 (a) PLAN FOR TRANSFERS.—Not later than 90 days
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director
12 of National Intelligence and the Director of the Central
13 Intelligence Agency shall jointly submit to the congres-
14 sional intelligence committees, the Committee on Appro-
15 priations of the Senate, and the Committee on Appropria-
16 tions of the House of Representatives a plan to achieve
17 the transfer of—

18 (1) the National Counterproliferation and Bio-
19 security Center to the Central Intelligence Agency;
20 and

21 (2) the duties and responsibilities of the Direc-
22 tor of the National Counterproliferation and Bio-
23 security Center to the Director of the Central Intel-
24 ligence Agency.

25 (b) TRANSFERS.—

1 (1) TRANSFER OF CENTER.—On a date that is
2 at least 90 days after the date on which the plan re-
3 quired by subsection (a) is submitted, or 1 year after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, whichever is
5 later, the Director of National Intelligence shall ini-
6 tiate the transfer of the National Counterprolifera-
7 tion and Biosecurity Center to the Central Intel-
8 ligence Agency, including such missions, objectives,
9 staff, and resources of the Center as the Director of
10 National Intelligence, in coordination with the Direc-
11 tor of the Central Intelligence Agency, determines
12 appropriate and as is consistent with the provisions
13 of this section.

14 (2) TRANSFER OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBIL-
15 ITIES OF DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER.—On a date
16 that is at least 90 days after the date on which the
17 plan required by subsection (a) is submitted, or 1
18 year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
19 whichever is later, the Director of National Intel-
20 ligence shall initiate the transfer to the Director of
21 the Central Intelligence Agency of such duties and
22 responsibilities of the Director of the National
23 Counterproliferation and Biosecurity Center as the
24 Director of National Intelligence, in coordination
25 with the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency,

1 determines appropriate and as is consistent with the
2 provisions of this section.

3 (3) COMPLETION.—Not later than 455 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Di-
5 rector of National Intelligence shall complete the
6 transfers initiated under paragraphs (1) and (2).

7 (c) REDUCTIONS IN STAFF.—Any reduction in staff
8 of the National Counterproliferation and Biosecurity Cen-
9 ter shall comply with the requirements of section 403(b).

10 (d) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 90
12 days thereafter until the date specified in subsection (i),
13 the Director of National Intelligence and the Director of
14 the Central Intelligence Agency shall jointly submit to the
15 congressional intelligence committees, the Committee on
16 Appropriations of the Senate, and the Committee on Ap-
17 propriations of the House of Representatives a report on
18 the status of the implementation of this section, includ-
19 ing—

20 (1) the missions and functions of the National
21 Counterproliferation and Biosecurity Center that
22 have been transferred to the Central Intelligence
23 Agency;

1 (2) the missions and functions of such Center
2 that have been retained at the Office of the Director
3 of National Intelligence;

4 (3) the missions and functions of such Center
5 that have been transferred to another department or
6 agency; and

7 (4) the missions and functions of such Center
8 that have been terminated.

9 (e) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The National Se-
10 curity Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.) is amended—

11 (1) in section 103(c) (50 U.S.C. 3025(c)), by
12 striking paragraph (13); and

13 (2) in subsection (a) of section 119A (50
14 U.S.C. 3057)—

15 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “the Di-
16 rector of the National Counterproliferation and
17 Biosecurity Center, who shall be appointed by
18 the Director of National Intelligence” and in-
19 serting “the Director of the Central Intelligence
20 Agency or the Director’s designee”;

21 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “Office
22 of the Director of National Intelligence” and in-
23 serting “Central Intelligence Agency”; and

24 (C) by striking paragraph (4).

1 (f) REPEAL OF NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER AU-
2 THORITY.—Such section is further amended by striking
3 subsection (c).

4 (g) REPEAL OF REPORT REQUIREMENT.—Such sec-
5 tion is further amended by striking subsection (d).

6 (h) REPEAL OF SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Such section
7 is further amended by striking subsection (e).

8 (i) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 this section shall take effect 455 days after the date of
10 the enactment of this Act.

11 (j) REFERENCES IN LAW.—On and after the date
12 that is 455 days after the date of the enactment of this
13 Act, any reference to the Director of the National
14 Counterproliferation and Biosecurity Center in law shall
15 be treated as a reference to the Director of the Central
16 Intelligence Agency acting as the head of the National
17 Counterproliferation Center or the Director's designee
18 pursuant to section 119A(a)(2) of the National Security
19 Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3057(a)(2)), as amended by sub-
20 section (e)(2).

21 (k) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
22 tion shall preclude the Director of National Intelligence
23 from determining that—

24 (1) certain coordinating functions of the Na-
25 tional Counterproliferation and Biosecurity Center

1 shall be retained at the Office of the Director of Na-
2 tional Intelligence consistent with the authorities of
3 the Director under section 102A of the National Se-
4 curity Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3024), transferred to
5 another department or agency, or terminated; or

6 (2) certain missions or functions of the Na-
7 tional Counterproliferation and Biosecurity Center
8 shall be transferred to another department or agen-
9 cy, or terminated.

10 **SEC. 409. NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE TASK FORCES.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 119B of the National Se-
12 curity Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3058) is amended to read
13 as follows:

14 **“SEC. 119B. NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE TASK FORCES.**

15 “(a) AUTHORITY TO CONVENE.—The Director of Na-
16 tional Intelligence may convene 1 or more national intel-
17 ligence task forces, as the Director considers necessary,
18 to address intelligence priorities.

19 “(b) TASK FORCE AUTHORITIES.—Pursuant to the
20 direction of the Director of National Intelligence, a na-
21 tional intelligence task force convened under subsection
22 (a) may—

23 “(1) be comprised of select employees of ele-
24 ments of the intelligence community, other than the
25 Office of the Director of National Intelligence, as de-

1 terminated by the Director of National Intelligence to
2 be necessary and appropriate for the task force;

3 “(2) convene at the Office of the Director of
4 National Intelligence for a limited time in support of
5 a specific intelligence matter recognized by the Di-
6 rector; and

7 “(3) be dissolved by the Director of National
8 Intelligence not later than 540 days after the conclu-
9 sion of support to a specific intelligence matter.

10 “(c) TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY.—If the specific
11 intelligence matter a national intelligence task force has
12 been convened to support has not concluded within 540
13 days after the establishment of the task force, the Director
14 shall transfer responsibility for supporting the intelligence
15 matter to a specific element of the intelligence community.

16 “(d) COMPENSATION.—Employees of elements of the
17 intelligence community participating in a national intel-
18 ligence task force pursuant to subsection (b)(1) shall con-
19 tinue to receive compensation from their agency of employ-
20 ment.

21 “(e) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—

22 “(1) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—In any case in
23 which a national intelligence task force convened
24 under subsection (a) is in effect for a period of more
25 than 60 days, the Director of National Intelligence

1 shall, not later than 61 days after the date of the
2 convening of the task force, submit to the congres-
3 sional intelligence committees notice regarding the
4 task force.

5 “(2) CONTENTS.—A notice regarding a national
6 intelligence task force submitted pursuant to para-
7 graph (1) shall include the following:

8 “(A) The number of personnel of the intel-
9 ligence community participating in the task
10 force.

11 “(B) A list of the elements of the intel-
12 ligence community that are employing the per-
13 sonnel described in subparagraph (A).

14 “(C) Identification of the specific intel-
15 ligence matter the task force was convened to
16 support.

17 “(D) An approximate date by which the
18 task force will be dissolved.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
20 for such Act, in the matter preceding section 2 of such
21 Act, is amended by striking the item relating to section
22 119B and inserting the following:

“Sec. 119B. National Intelligence Task Forces.”.

1 **SEC. 410. REPEAL OF VARIOUS POSITIONS, UNITS, CEN-**
2 **TERS, COUNCILS, AND OFFICES.**

3 (a) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY CHIEF DATA OFFI-
4 CER.—

5 (1) REPEAL.—Title I of the National Security
6 Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3021 et seq.) is amended by
7 striking section 103K (50 U.S.C. 3034b).

8 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 103G
9 of such Act (50 U.S.C. 3032) is amended by striking
10 subsection (d).

11 (3) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
12 tents for such Act, in the matter preceding section
13 2 of such Act, is amended by striking the item relat-
14 ing to section 103K.

15 (b) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY INNOVATION
16 UNIT.—

17 (1) TERMINATION.—The Director of National
18 Intelligence shall take such actions as may be nec-
19 essary to terminate and wind down the operations of
20 the Intelligence Community Innovation Unit before
21 the date specified in paragraph (3).

22 (2) REPEAL.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the National
24 Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3021 et seq.)
25 is further amended by striking section 103L
26 (50 U.S.C. 3034c).

1 (B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of
 2 contents for such Act, in the matter preceding
 3 section 2 of such Act, is further amended by
 4 striking the item relating to section 103L.

5 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
 6 by this subsection shall take effect on the date that
 7 is 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
 8 Act.

9 (c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT REGARDING EXPIRED
 10 CLIMATE SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL.—

11 (1) REPEAL.—Title I of the National Security
 12 Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3021 et seq.) is further
 13 amended by striking section 120 (50 U.S.C. 3060).

14 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 331
 15 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
 16 Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 113
 17 note) is amended by striking paragraph (2) and in-
 18 serting the following:

19 “(2) The term ‘climate security’ means the ef-
 20 fects of climate change on the following:

21 “(A) The national security of the United
 22 States, including national security infrastruc-
 23 ture.

24 “(B) Subnational, national, and regional
 25 political stability.

1 “(C) The security of allies and partners of
2 the United States.

3 “(D) Ongoing or potential political vio-
4 lence, including unrest, rioting, guerrilla war-
5 fare, insurgency, terrorism, rebellion, revolution,
6 civil war, and interstate war.”.

7 (3) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
8 tents for such Act, in the matter preceding section
9 2 of such Act, is further amended by striking the
10 item relating to section 120.

11 (d) OFFICE OF ENGAGEMENT.—

12 (1) TERMINATION.—The Director of National
13 Intelligence shall take such actions as may be nec-
14 essary to terminate and wind down the operations of
15 the Office of Engagement before the date specified
16 in paragraph (3).

17 (2) REPEAL.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the National
19 Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3021 et seq.)
20 is further amended by striking section 122 (50
21 U.S.C. 3062).

22 (B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of
23 contents for such Act, in the matter preceding
24 section 2 of such Act, is further amended by
25 striking the item relating to section 122.

1 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
2 by this subsection shall take effect on the date that
3 is 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
4 Act.

5 (e) FRAMEWORK FOR CROSS-DISCIPLINARY EDU-
6 CATION AND TRAINING.—

7 (1) REPEAL.—Subtitle A of title X of the Na-
8 tional Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3191 et seq.)
9 is amended by striking section 1002 (50 U.S.C.
10 3192).

11 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
12 tents for such Act, in the matter preceding section
13 2 of such Act, is further amended by striking the
14 item relating to section 1002.

15 (f) JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY COUNCIL.—

16 (1) TERMINATION.—The Joint Intelligence
17 Community Council is terminated.

18 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Title I of the
19 National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3021 et
20 seq.) is amended by striking section 101A (50
21 U.S.C. 3022).

22 (3) REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT TO CONSULT
23 WITH JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
24 FOR NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM BUDGET.—
25 Section 102A(c)(1)(B) of the National Security Act

1 of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3024(c)(1)(B)) is amended by
 2 striking “, as appropriate, after obtaining the advice
 3 of the Joint Intelligence Community Council,”.

4 (4) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
 5 tents for such Act, in the matter preceding section
 6 2 of such Act, is amended by striking the item relat-
 7 ing to section 101A.

8 **TITLE V—MATTERS CON-**
 9 **CERNING FOREIGN COUN-**
 10 **TRIES**

11 **Subtitle A—Foreign Countries**
 12 **Generally**

13 **SEC. 501. DECLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION RELATING**
 14 **TO ACTIONS BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO**
 15 **ASSIST PERSONS EVADING JUSTICE.**

16 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
 17 ment of this Act, the Director of the Federal Bureau of
 18 Investigation shall, in coordination with the Director of
 19 National Intelligence, declassify, with any redactions nec-
 20 essary to protect intelligence sources and methods and to
 21 comply with provisions of Federal law relating to privacy,
 22 any information relating to whether foreign government
 23 officials have assisted or facilitated any citizen or national
 24 of their country in departing the United States while the
 25 citizen or national was under investigation or awaiting

1 trial or sentencing for a criminal offense committed in the
2 United States.

3 **SEC. 502. ENHANCED INTELLIGENCE SHARING RELATING**
4 **TO FOREIGN ADVERSARY BIOTECHNO-**
5 **LOGICAL THREATS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National
8 Intelligence, in consultation with such other heads of ele-
9 ments of the intelligence community as the Director con-
10 siderers appropriate, shall establish and submit to the con-
11 gressional intelligence committees, the Committee on
12 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
13 ate, and the Committee on Homeland Security of the
14 House of Representatives a policy for streamlining the de-
15 classification or downgrading and sharing of intelligence
16 information relating to biotechnological developments and
17 threats in order to counter efforts by foreign adversaries
18 to weaponize biotechnologies and biological weapons, in-
19 cluding threats relating to military, industrial, agricul-
20 tural, and health applications of biotechnology.

21 (b) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by subsection (a)
22 shall include mechanisms for sharing the information de-
23 scribed in such subsection—

24 (1) with allies and partners;

25 (2) with private sector partners; and

1 (3) across the Federal Government.

2 (c) REPORTING.— Not later than 1 year after the
3 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter
4 for 2 years, the Director shall submit to the committees
5 specified in subsection (a) a report on progress sharing
6 information with recipients under subsection (b).

7 **SEC. 503. THREAT ASSESSMENT REGARDING UNMANNED**
8 **AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS AT OR NEAR THE INTER-**
9 **NATIONAL BORDERS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

10 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
11 “Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026”.

12 (b) DEFINITIONS.— In this section:

13 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
14 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
15 gress” means—

16 (A) the congressional intelligence commit-
17 tees;

18 (B) the congressional defense committees;

19 (C) the Committee on the Judiciary, the
20 Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
21 mental Affairs, and the Committee on Appro-
22 priations of the Senate; and

23 (D) the Committee on the Judiciary, the
24 Committee on Homeland Security, and the

1 Committee on Appropriations of the House of
2 Representatives.

3 (2) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
4 the Director of National Intelligence.

5 (3) FOREIGN MALIGN INFLUENCE.—The term
6 “foreign malign influence” has the meaning given
7 such term in section 119B(f) of the National Secu-
8 rity Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3059(f)).

9 (4) MALIGN ACTOR.—The term “malign actor”
10 means any individual, group, or organization that is
11 engaged in foreign malign influence, illicit drug traf-
12 ficking, or other forms of transnational organized
13 crime.

14 (5) TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME.—The
15 term “transnational organized crime” has the mean-
16 ing given such term in section 284(i) of title 10,
17 United States Code.

18 (6) UNDER SECRETARY.—The term “Under
19 Secretary” means the Under Secretary for Intel-
20 ligence and Analysis of the Department of Home-
21 land Security.

22 (7) UNMANNED AIRCRAFT; UNMANNED AIR-
23 CRAFT SYSTEM.—The terms “unmanned aircraft”
24 and “unmanned aircraft system” have the meanings

1 given such terms in section 44801 of title 49, United
2 States Code.

3 (c) THREAT ASSESSMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director,
6 the Under Secretary, and the heads of the other ele-
7 ments of the intelligence community, shall complete
8 an assessment of the threat regarding unmanned
9 aircraft systems at or near the international borders
10 of the United States.

11 (2) ELEMENTS.—The threat assessment re-
12 quired under paragraph (1) shall include a descrip-
13 tion of—

14 (A) the malign actors operating unmanned
15 aircraft systems at or near the international
16 borders of the United States, including malign
17 actors who cross such borders;

18 (B) how a threat is identified and assessed
19 at or near the international borders of the
20 United States, including a description of the ca-
21 pabilities of the United States Government to
22 detect and identify unmanned aircraft systems
23 operated by, or on behalf of, malign actors;

24 (C) the data and information collected by
25 operators of unmanned aircraft systems at or

1 near the international borders of the United
2 States, including how such data is used by ma-
3 lign actors;

4 (D) the tactics, techniques, and procedures
5 used at or near the international borders of the
6 United States by malign actors with regard to
7 unmanned aircraft systems, including how un-
8 manned aircraft systems are acquired, modified,
9 and utilized to conduct malicious activities, in-
10 cluding attacks, surveillance, conveyance of con-
11 traband, and other forms of threats;

12 (E) the guidance, policies, and procedures
13 that address the privacy, civil rights, and civil
14 liberties of persons who lawfully operate un-
15 manned aircraft systems at or near the inter-
16 national borders of the United States; and

17 (F) an assessment of the adequacy of cur-
18 rent authorities of the United States Govern-
19 ment to counter the use of unmanned aircraft
20 systems by malign actors at or near the inter-
21 national borders of the United States.

22 (d) REPORT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
24 after completing the threat assessment required
25 under subsection (c), the Director and the Under

1 Secretary shall jointly submit to the appropriate
2 committees of Congress a report containing findings
3 with respect to such assessment.

4 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
5 paragraph (1) shall include a detailed description of
6 the threats posed to the national security of the
7 United States by unmanned aircraft systems oper-
8 ated by malign actors at or near the international
9 borders of the United States.

10 (3) FORM.—The report required under para-
11 graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form,
12 but may include a classified annex, as appropriate.

13 **SEC. 504. ASSESSMENT OF THE POTENTIAL EFFECT OF EX-**
14 **PANDED PARTNERSHIPS AMONG WESTERN**
15 **HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES.**

16 (a) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF
17 CONGRESS.—In this section, the term “appropriate com-
18 mittees of Congress” means—

19 (1) the congressional intelligence committees;

20 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
21 Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on
22 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
23 Senate; and

1 (3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
2 Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on
3 Homeland Security of the House of Representatives.

4 (b) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the National Intel-
6 ligence Council shall—

7 (1) conduct an assessment of the potential ef-
8 fect of expanding partnerships among countries in
9 the western hemisphere; and

10 (2) submit to the appropriate committees of
11 Congress a report on the findings of the National
12 Intelligence Council regarding the assessment con-
13 ducted pursuant to paragraph (1).

14 (c) ELEMENTS.—The assessment required by sub-
15 section (b) shall include an assessment of the potential ef-
16 fect of expanding such partnerships on—

17 (1) the illicit drug trade, human smuggling net-
18 works, and corruption in Latin America; and

19 (2) the efforts of China to control global manu-
20 facturing.

21 (d) FORM.—The report submitted pursuant to sub-
22 section (b)(2) shall be submitted in unclassified form and
23 made available to the public, but may include a classified
24 annex.

1 **Subtitle B—People’s Republic of**
2 **China**

3 **SEC. 511. COUNTERING CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY EF-**
4 **FORTS THAT THREATEN EUROPE.**

5 (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later than 120 days
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President,
7 acting through the National Security Council, shall de-
8 velop an interagency strategy to counter the efforts of the
9 Chinese Communist Party to expand its economic, mili-
10 tary, and ideological influence in Europe.

11 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by subsection
12 (a) shall include the following:

13 (1) An assessment of the current efforts by the
14 intelligence community to brief members of the
15 North Atlantic Treaty Organization on intelligence
16 and influence activities by the Chinese Communist
17 Party in Europe, including the following:

18 (A) Any support by the Chinese Com-
19 munist Party to the economy and defense in-
20 dustrial base of the Russian Federation.

21 (B) Any provision of lethal assistance to
22 the Russian army by the Chinese Communist
23 Party.

24 (C) Any cyber operations by the Chinese
25 Communist Party to gain the ability to re-

1 motely shut down critical infrastructure in Eu-
2 rope.

3 (D) Any influence operations by the Chi-
4 nese Communist Party to sway European public
5 opinion.

6 (E) Any use by the Chinese Communist
7 Party of economic coercion and weaponization
8 of economic ties to members of the North At-
9 lantic Treaty Organization for political gain.

10 (2) A strategic plan to counter the influence of
11 the Chinese Communist Party in Europe that in-
12 cludes proposals for actions by the United States, in-
13 cluding the following:

14 (A) Robust intelligence sharing with Euro-
15 pean allies in the areas described in paragraph
16 (1), and an identification of additional capabili-
17 ties and resources needed for such intelligence
18 sharing.

19 (B) Engagement with European allies re-
20 garding coordinated sanctions and export con-
21 trol actions, including compliance with existing
22 and future sanctions and export controls, de-
23 signed to deter and undermine the ongoing sup-
24 port of the People's Republic of China for the

1 defense industrial base of the Russian Federa-
2 tion.

3 (C) Actions required by the United States
4 Government to support United States and allied
5 country businesses to provide competitive alter-
6 natives to Chinese bids in the following Euro-
7 pean sectors:

8 (i) Energy

9 (ii) Telecommunications.

10 (iii) Defense

11 (iv) Finance.

12 (v) Ports and other critical infrastruc-
13 ture.

14 (D) Assistance to European governments
15 in passing legislation or enforcing regulations
16 that protect European academic institutions,
17 think tanks, research entities, and nongovern-
18 mental organizations from efforts by the United
19 Front Work Department of the Chinese Com-
20 munist Party to normalize talking points and
21 propaganda of the Chinese Communist Party.

22 (E) Any other action the President deter-
23 mines is necessary to counter the Chinese Com-
24 munist Party in Europe.

25 (c) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
2 the date on which the President completes develop-
3 ment of the strategy required by subsection (a), the
4 President shall submit the strategy to the appro-
5 priate committees of Congress.

6 (2) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES
7 OF CONGRESS.—In this subsection, the term “appro-
8 priate committees of Congress” means—

9 (A) the congressional intelligence commit-
10 tees;

11 (B) the Committee on Homeland Security
12 and Governmental Affairs, the Committee on
13 Foreign Relations, the Committee on Armed
14 Services, the Committee on the Judiciary, the
15 Committee on Finance, the Committee on Com-
16 merce, Science, and Transportation, the Com-
17 mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-
18 fairs, and the Committee on Appropriations of
19 the Senate; and

20 (C) the Committee on Homeland Security,
21 the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Com-
22 mittee on the Judiciary, the Committee on
23 Armed Services, the Committee on Financial
24 Services, and the Committee on Appropriations
25 of the House of Representatives.

1 **SEC. 512. PROHIBITION ON INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY**
2 **CONTRACTING WITH CHINESE MILITARY**
3 **COMPANIES ENGAGED IN BIOTECHNOLOGY**
4 **RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, OR MANUFAC-**
5 **TURING.**

6 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) 1260H LIST.—The term “1260H list”
8 means the list of Chinese military companies oper-
9 ating in the United States most recently submitted
10 under section 1260H(b)(1) of the William M. (Mac)
11 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
12 Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C. 113 note; Public Law
13 116–283).

14 (2) AFFILIATE.—The term “affiliate” means an
15 entity that directly or indirectly controls, is con-
16 trolled by, or is under common control with another
17 entity.

18 (3) BIOTECHNOLOGY.—The term “bio-
19 technology” means the use of biological processes,
20 organisms, or systems for manufacturing, research,
21 or medical purposes, including genetic engineering,
22 synthetic biology, and bioinformatics.

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

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

4 (2) any entity that is an affiliate, subsidiary, or
5 parent company of a biotechnology company in-
6 cluded on the 1260H list;

7 (3) any entity that has a known joint venture,
8 partnership, or contractual relationship with a bio-
9 technology company included on the 1260H list,
10 where such relationship presents a risk to national
11 security as determined by the Director of National
12 Intelligence; or

13 (4) any entity that is engaged in biotechnology
14 research, development, manufacturing, or related ac-
15 tivities and deemed to be a threat to national secu-
16 rity as determined by the Director.

17 (c) IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE.—The Di-
18 rector of National Intelligence shall—

19 (1) establish guidelines for determining affili-
20 ation and contractual relationships under this sec-
21 tion;

22 (2) maintain a publicly available list of bio-
23 technology companies and affiliates with whom con-
24 tracting is prohibited under subsection (b);

1 (3) require that each head of an element of the
2 intelligence community ensure that the contractors
3 and subcontractors engaged by the element certify
4 that they are not engaged in a contract for a good
5 or service with an entity included on the 1260H list
6 that is engaged in biotechnology research, develop-
7 ment, manufacturing, or a related activity; and

8 (4) conduct regular audits to ensure compliance
9 with subsection (b).

10 (d) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of National In-
12 telligence may waive the prohibition under sub-
13 section (b) for a procurement on a case-by-case basis
14 if the Director determines, in writing, that—

15 (A) the procurement is essential for na-
16 tional security and no reasonable alternative
17 source exists; and

18 (B) appropriate measures are in place to
19 mitigate risks associated with the procurement.

20 (2) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—For each
21 waiver for a procurement issued under subsection
22 (b), the Director shall, not later than 30 days after
23 issuing the waiver, submit to the congressional intel-
24 ligence committees, the Committee on Appropria-
25 tions of the Senate, and the Committee on Appro-

1 priations of the House of Representatives a notice of
2 the waiver, which shall include a justification for the
3 waiver and a description of the risk mitigation meas-
4 ures implemented for the procurement.

5 (e) EXCEPTIONS.—The prohibitions under subsection
6 (b) shall not apply to—

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

9 (A) employees of the United States, includ-
10 ing members of the uniformed services (as de-
11 fined in section 101(a) of title 10, United
12 States Code), whose official duty stations are
13 located overseas or who are on permissive tem-
14 porary duty travel overseas; or

15 (B) employees of contractors or sub-
16 contractors of the United States—

17 (i) who are performing under a con-
18 tract that directly supports the missions or
19 activities of individuals described in sub-
20 paragraph (A); and

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

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

4 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
5 on the date that is 60 days after the date of the enactment
6 of this Act.

7 (g) SUNSET.—The provisions of this section shall ter-
8 minate on the date that is 10 years after the date of the
9 enactment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 513. REPORT ON THE WEALTH OF THE LEADERSHIP**
11 **OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act, and not later than 180
14 days following the appointment of a new Central Com-
15 mittee within the Chinese Communist Party, the Director
16 of National Intelligence, in consultation with the Secretary
17 of State and the Secretary of Defense, shall post on a pub-
18 licly available website of the Office of the Director of Na-
19 tional Intelligence and submit to the Select Committee on
20 Intelligence and the Committee on Foreign Relations of
21 the Senate and the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
22 ligence and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
23 House of Representatives a report on the wealth of the
24 leadership of the Chinese Communist Party.

1 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
2 section (a) shall include the following elements:

3 (1) A detailed assessment of the personal
4 wealth, financial holdings, and business interests of
5 the following foreign persons, including the imme-
6 diate family members of such persons:

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

9 (B) Members of the Politburo Standing
10 Committee.

11 (C) Members of the full Politburo.

12 (2) Evidence of physical and financial assets
13 owned or controlled directly or indirectly by such of-
14 ficials and their immediate family members, includ-
15 ing, at a minimum—

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

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

21 (C) business holdings, investments, and fi-
22 nancial accounts held in foreign jurisdictions.

23 (3) Identification of financial proxies, business
24 associates, or other entities used to obscure the own-
25 ership of such wealth and assets, including as a

1 baseline those referenced in the March 2025 report
2 issued by the Office of the Director of National In-
3 telligence entitled, “Wealth and Corrupt Activities of
4 the Leadership of the Chinese Communist Party”.

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

9 (c) FORM.—The report posted and submitted under
10 subsection (a) shall be in unclassified form, but the version
11 submitted to the Select Committee on Intelligence and the
12 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the
13 Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Com-
14 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
15 may include a classified annex as necessary.

16 (d) SUNSET.—This section shall have no force or ef-
17 fect 5 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER.—The term
20 “immediate family member”, with respect to a for-
21 eign person, means—

22 (A) the spouse of the person;

23 (B) the natural or adoptive parent, child,
24 or sibling of the person;

1 (C) the stepparent, stepchild, stepbrother,
2 or stepsister of the person;

3 (D) the father-, mother-, daughter-, son-,
4 brother-, or sister-in-law of the person;

5 (E) the grandparent or grandchild of the
6 person; and

7 (F) the spouse of a grandparent or grand-
8 child of the person.

9 (2) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—the term “in-
10 telligence community” has the meaning given such
11 term in section 3(4) of the National Security Act of
12 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003(4)).

13 **SEC. 514. ASSESSMENT AND REPORT ON INVESTMENTS BY**
14 **THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN THE**
15 **AGRICULTURE SECTOR OF BRAZIL.**

16 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) AGRICULTURE SECTOR.—The term “agri-
18 culture sector” means any physical infrastructure,
19 energy production, land, or other inputs associated
20 with the production of agricultural commodities (as
21 defined in section 102 of the Agricultural Trade Act
22 of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5602)).

23 (2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
24 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
25 gress” means—

1 (A) the congressional intelligence commit-
2 tees;

3 (B) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-
4 tion, and Forestry and the Committee on For-
5 eign Relations of the Senate; and

6 (C) the Committee on Agriculture and the
7 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of
8 Representatives.

9 (b) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—

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

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

18 (A) The extent to which President Xi
19 Jinping has engaged in or directed engagement
20 with Brazilian leadership with regard to the ag-
21 riculture sector of Brazil.

22 (B) The extent of engagement between the
23 Government of the People’s Republic of China
24 and the agriculture sector of Brazil.

1 (C) The strategic intentions of the engage-
2 ment or direction of President Xi, if any, to in-
3 vest in the agriculture sector of Brazil.

4 (D) The number of entities based in or
5 owned by the People's Republic of China in-
6 vested in the agriculture sector of Brazil, in-
7 cluding joint ventures with Brazilian-owned
8 companies.

9 (E) The impacts to the supply chain, glob-
10 al market, and food security of investment in or
11 control of the agriculture sector in Brazil by the
12 People's Republic of China.

13 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
15 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director
16 shall submit to the appropriate committees of Con-
17 gress a report detailing the assessment required by
18 subsection (b).

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

1 **SEC. 515. IDENTIFICATION OF ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE**
2 **SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE’S LIBERATION**
3 **ARMY.**

4 (a) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF
5 CONGRESS.—In this section, the term “appropriate com-
6 mittees of Congress” means—

- 7 (1) the congressional intelligence committees;
8 (2) the congressional defense committees;
9 (3) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
10 Senate; and
11 (4) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
12 House of Representatives.

13 (b) IN GENERAL.—The Director of National Intel-
14 ligence shall identify the businesses, academic and re-
15 search institutions, and other entities in the People’s Re-
16 public of China that provide support to the People’s Lib-
17 eration Army, including—

- 18 (1) for national defense or military moderniza-
19 tion, including the development, application, or inte-
20 gration of civilian capabilities for military, para-
21 military, or security purposes;
22 (2) for the development, production, testing, or
23 proliferation of weapons systems, critical tech-
24 nologies, or dual-use items, as defined under applica-
25 ble United States law (including regulations); or

1 (3) academic, scientific, or technical collabora-
2 tion that materially contributes to or supports any
3 of the activities described in paragraphs (1) through
4 (3).

5 (c) SUBMISSION OF LIST TO CONGRESS.—Not later
6 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
7 and annually thereafter, the Director of National Intel-
8 ligence shall submit to the appropriate committees of Con-
9 gress a list of each entity identified under subsection (b).

10 **SEC. 516. ESTABLISHING A CHINA ECONOMICS AND INTEL-**
11 **LIGENCE CELL TO PUBLISH CHINA ECO-**
12 **NOMIC POWER REPORT.**

13 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after
14 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Sec-
15 retary of State for Intelligence and Research and the As-
16 sistant Secretary of the Treasury for Intelligence and
17 Analysis (referred to in this section as the “Assistant Sec-
18 retaries”) shall establish a joint cell to be known as the
19 “China Economics and Intelligence Cell”.

20 (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the China Eco-
22 nomics and Intelligence Cell, in coordination with other
23 elements of the intelligence community and Federal agen-
24 cies, as the Assistant Secretaries determine appropriate,
25 shall submit to the congressional intelligence committees,

1 the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and
2 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives a report on economic and technological devel-
4 opments involving the People's Republic of China.

5 (c) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
6 (b) shall include the following:

7 (1) An assessment of the economic goals and
8 strategies, financial capabilities, and current and fu-
9 ture technological developments used by the People's
10 Republic of China to become the dominant economic,
11 technological, and military power in the world.

12 (2) An assessment of efforts by the People's
13 Republic of China during the preceding year to ac-
14 quire technology from the United States and United
15 States allies, to increase dependence of the United
16 States on the economy of the People's Republic of
17 China, and to distort global markets and harm the
18 economy of the United States through predatory,
19 non-market practices.

20 (3) An assessment of plans and efforts by the
21 People's Republic of China to leverage and
22 weaponize the economic power of the country, in-
23 cluding access to markets, manufacturing capacity,
24 and use of trade and investment ties, to coerce the
25 United States and United States allies to make con-

1 cessions on economic security and national security
2 matters.

3 (4) An appendix that lists any Chinese entity
4 that is—

5 (A) included on the Entity List maintained
6 by the Department of Commerce and set forth
7 in Supplement No. 4 to part 744 of the Export
8 Administration Regulations under subchapter C
9 of chapter VII of title 15, Code of Federal Reg-
10 ulations;

11 (B) included on the Unverified List main-
12 tained by the Department of Commerce and set
13 forth in Supplement No. 6 to part 744 of the
14 Export Administration Regulations;

15 (C) included on the list of specially des-
16 ignated nationals and blocked persons main-
17 tained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control
18 of the Department of the Treasury (commonly
19 known as the “SDN list”);

20 (D) included on the Non-SDN Chinese
21 Military-Industrial Complex Companies List
22 maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets
23 Control of the Department of the Treasury pur-
24 suant to Executive Order 13959 (50 U.S.C.
25 1701 note; relating to addressing the threat

1 from securities investments that finance com-
2 munist Chinese military companies);

3 (E) designated by the Secretary of State
4 as a foreign terrorist organization pursuant to
5 section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality
6 Act (8 U.S.C. 1189);

7 (F) identified by the Secretary of Defense
8 under section 1260H(a) of the William M.
9 (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authoriza-
10 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law
11 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) as a Chinese
12 military company operating directly or indi-
13 rectly in the United States; or

14 (G) included on a list maintained under
15 clause (i), (ii), (iv), or (v) of section 2(d)(2)(B)
16 of the Act entitled “An Act to ensure that
17 goods made with forced labor in the Xinjiang
18 Autonomous Region of the People’s Republic of
19 China do not enter the United States market,
20 and for other purposes”, approved December
21 23, 2021 (Public Law 117–78; 22 U.S.C. 6901
22 note) (commonly referred to as the “Uyghur
23 Forced Labor Prevention Act”).

24 (d) USE OF INFORMATION.—In preparing the report
25 required by subsection (b), the Assistant Secretaries, in

1 coordination with the Director of National Intelligence,
 2 shall use all available source intelligence and strive to de-
 3 classify information included in the report.

4 (e) FORM.—The report required by subsection (b)
 5 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
 6 a classified annex.

7 (f) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The unclassified portion
 8 of the report required by subsection (b) shall be made
 9 available to the public.

10 **SEC. 517. MODIFICATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS ON INFLU-**
 11 **ENCE OPERATIONS AND CAMPAIGNS IN THE**
 12 **UNITED STATES BY THE CHINESE COM-**
 13 **MUNIST PARTY.**

14 Section 1107 of the National Security Act of 1947
 15 (50 U.S.C. 3237) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a)—

17 (A) by striking “Director of the National
 18 Counterintelligence and Security Center” and
 19 inserting “Director of National Intelligence, in
 20 coordination with the Director of the Federal
 21 Bureau of Investigation, the Director of the
 22 Central Intelligence Agency, the Director of the
 23 National Security Agency, and any other head
 24 of an element of the intelligence community the

1 Director of National Intelligence considers rel-
2 evant,”; and

3 (B) by inserting “the Committee on the
4 Judiciary of the Senate, the Committee on the
5 Judiciary of the House of Representatives,”
6 after “congressional intelligence committees”;

7 (2) in subsection (b)—

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

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

12 “(10) A listing of provincial, municipal, or
13 other law enforcement institutions, including police
14 departments, in the People’s Republic of China asso-
15 ciated with establishing or maintaining a Chinese
16 police presence in the United States.

17 “(11) A listing of colleges and universities in
18 the People’s Republic of China that conduct military
19 research or host dedicated military initiatives or lab-
20 oratories.”;

21 (3) by striking subsection (c); and

22 (4) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
23 section (c).

Subtitle C—The Russian Federation

SEC. 521. ASSESSMENT OF RUSSIAN DESTABILIZATION EFFORTS.

Section 1234(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3936) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(27) An assessment of the efforts by Russia to undermine or destabilize the national or economic security of the United States or members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, including plans or attempts by Russia to conduct sabotage, including damage to infrastructure, or acts of arson or vandalism.”.

Subtitle D—Other Foreign Countries

SEC. 531. PLAN TO ENHANCE COUNTERNARCOTICS COLLABORATION, COORDINATION, AND COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO.

(a) REQUIREMENT FOR INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY ELEMENTS.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the head of each element of the

1 intelligence community shall submit to the Director of Na-
2 tional Intelligence the following:

3 (1) A description and assessment of the intel-
4 ligence community element's direct relationship, if
5 any, with any element of the Government of Mexico,
6 including an assessment of the counterintelligence
7 risks of such relationship.

8 (2) A strategy to enhance counternarcotics co-
9 operation and appropriate coordination with each
10 element of the Government of Mexico with which the
11 intelligence community element has a direct relation-
12 ship.

13 (3) Recommendations and a description of the
14 resources required to efficiently and effectively im-
15 plement the strategy required by paragraph (2) in
16 furtherance of the national interest of the United
17 States.

18 (b) REQUIREMENT FOR DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL IN-
19 TELLIGENCE.—Not later than 180 days after the date of
20 the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intel-
21 ligence shall submit to the congressional intelligence com-
22 mittees, the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate,
23 and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of
24 Representatives the following:

1 (1) The submissions received by the Director
2 pursuant to subsection (a).

3 (2) An action plan to enhance counternarcotics
4 collaboration, coordination, and cooperation with the
5 Government of Mexico, including recommendations
6 or requests for any changes in authorities or re-
7 sources in order to effectuate the plan effectively in
8 fiscal year 2026.

9 (c) FORM.—

10 (1) SUBMISSIONS FROM INTELLIGENCE COMMU-
11 NITY ELEMENTS.—The submissions required by sub-
12 section (b)(1) shall be submitted to the relevant
13 committees in the same form in which they were
14 submitted to the Director of National Intelligence.

15 (2) ACTION PLAN.—The submission required by
16 subsection (b)(2) shall be submitted in unclassified
17 form, but may include a classified annex.

18 **SEC. 532. ENHANCING INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT TO**
19 **COUNTER FOREIGN ADVERSARY INFLUENCE**
20 **IN SUDAN.**

21 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
22 ment of this Act, the Director of the Central Intelligence
23 Agency shall, in consultation with such other heads of ele-
24 ments of the intelligence community as the Director con-
25 siders appropriate, develop a plan—

1 (1) to share relevant intelligence, if any, relat-
 2 ing to foreign adversary efforts to influence the con-
 3 flict in Sudan, with regional allies and partners of
 4 the United States, including to downgrade or declas-
 5 sify such intelligence as needed; and

6 (2) to counter foreign adversary efforts to influ-
 7 ence the conflict in Sudan in order to protect na-
 8 tional and regional security.

9 **SEC. 533. UKRAINE LESSONS LEARNED WORKING GROUP.**

10 Section 6413(e) of the Intelligence Authorization Act
 11 of 2025 (division F of Public Law 118–159) is amended—

12 (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
 13 graph (4); and

14 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
 15 lowing new paragraph (3):

16 “(3) Evaluate which lessons should be shared
 17 with Taiwan to assist Taiwan’s acquisitions deci-
 18 sions and capability development.”.

19 **SEC. 534. IMPROVEMENTS TO REQUIREMENT FOR MONI-**
 20 **TORING OF IRANIAN ENRICHMENT OF URA-**
 21 **NIUM-235.**

22 Paragraph (1) of section 7413(b) of the Intelligence
 23 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–
 24 31; 22 U.S.C. 8701 note) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-
2 graph (3);

3 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “assesses that
4 the Islamic Republic of Iran has produced or pos-
5 sesses any amount of uranium-235 enriched to
6 greater than 60 percent purity or has engaged in
7 significant enrichment activity,” and inserting
8 “makes a finding described in paragraph (2) pursu-
9 ant to an assessment,”; and

10 (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(2) FINDING DESCRIBED.—A finding de-
13 scribed in this paragraph is a finding that the Is-
14 lamic Republic of Iran has—

15 “(A) produced or possesses any amount of
16 uranium-235 enriched to greater than 60 per-
17 cent purity;

18 “(B) engaged in significant enrichment ac-
19 tivity; or

20 “(C) made the decision to produce a nu-
21 clear weapon from highly enriched uranium.”.

22 **SEC. 535. DUTY TO WARN UNITED STATES PERSONS**
23 **THREATENED BY IRANIAN LETHAL PLOT-**
24 **TING.**

25 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
2 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
3 mittees” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
5 the Select Committee on Intelligence, the Com-
6 mittee on Homeland Security and Govern-
7 mental Affairs, and the Committee on the Judi-
8 ciary of the Senate; and

9 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
10 Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,
11 the Committee on Homeland Security, and the
12 Committee on the Judiciary of the House of
13 Representatives.

14 (2) IRANIAN PROXY.—The term “Iranian
15 proxy” means any entity receiving support from the
16 Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran or the
17 Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps, including—

18 (A) Hizballah;

19 (B) Ansar Allah;

20 (C) Hamas; and

21 (D) Shia militia groups in Iraq and Syria.

22 (3) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
23 “United States person” means—

24 (A) a United States citizen;

25 (B) a national of the United States; or

1 (C) an alien lawfully admitted for perma-
2 nent residence to the United States.

3 (b) IN GENERAL.—Upon collecting or acquiring cred-
4 ible and specific information indicating an impending
5 threat of intentional killing, serious bodily injury, or kid-
6 napping directed at a United States person by the Islamic
7 Republic of Iran or an Iranian proxy, an element of the
8 intelligence community must immediately notify the Direc-
9 tor of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and, if the in-
10 tended victim is under protection of a government entity,
11 any persons responsible for protecting that individual of
12 such information.

13 (c) WARNING; TRANSMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not
14 later than 48 hours after receiving a notification pursuant
15 to subsection (b), the Director of the Federal Bureau of
16 Investigation shall—

17 (1) warn the intended victim, or any persons re-
18 sponsible for protecting the intended victim, of the
19 impending threat;

20 (2) inform the agencies with a protective mis-
21 sion of the information, consistent with the protec-
22 tion of sources and methods; and

23 (3) provide the information received pursuant
24 to subsection (b) to the appropriate congressional

1 committees, consistent with the protection of sources
2 and methods.

3 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
4 tion shall be construed to limit any duty to warn already
5 in effect, including under Intelligence Community Direc-
6 tive 191 (relating to duty to warn) and any policies or
7 procedures issued in accordance with such directive.

8 **TITLE VI—EMERGING** 9 **TECHNOLOGIES**

10 **SEC. 601. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY** 11 **BRIDGE PROGRAM.**

12 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term
14 “nonprofit organization” means an organization that
15 is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Rev-
16 enue Code of 1986 and that is exempt from tax
17 under section 501(a) of such Code.

18 (2) WORK PROGRAM.—The term “work pro-
19 gram” means any agreement between In-Q-Tel and
20 a third-party company, where such third-party com-
21 pany furnishes or is furnishing a product or service
22 for use by any government customer of In-Q-Tel to
23 address the technology needs or requirements of
24 such customer.

1 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—There is estab-
2 lished in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence
3 a program to be known as the “Intelligence Community
4 Technology Bridge Program” (in this subsection referred
5 to as the “Program”) to assist in the transitioning of
6 products or services from the research and development
7 phase to the prototype or production phase, subject to the
8 extent and in such amounts as specifically provided in ad-
9 vance in appropriations Acts for such purposes .

10 (c) PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (3),
12 the Director shall, in consultation with In-Q-Tel,
13 carry out the Program by providing assistance to a
14 business or nonprofit organization that is
15 transitioning a product or service to the prototype or
16 production phase, as a means of advancing govern-
17 ment acquisitions of the product or service.

18 (2) TYPES OF ASSISTANCE.—Assistance under
19 paragraph (1) may be provided in the form of a
20 grant or a payment for a product or service.

21 (3) REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSISTANCE.—Assist-
22 ance may be provided under paragraph (1) to a
23 business or nonprofit organization that is
24 transitioning a product or service only if—

1 (A) the business or nonprofit organiza-
2 tion—

3 (i) has participated or is participating
4 in a work program; or

5 (ii) is engaged with an element of the
6 intelligence community or Department of
7 Defense for research and development; and

8 (B) the Director of National Intelligence or
9 the head of an element of the intelligence com-
10 munity attests that the product or service will
11 be utilized by an element of the intelligence
12 community for a mission need, such as because
13 it would be valuable in addressing a needed ca-
14 pability, fill or complement a technology gap, or
15 increase the supplier base or price competitive-
16 ness for the Federal Government.

17 (4) PRIORITY FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS
18 AND NONTRADITIONAL DEFENSE CONTRACTORS.—In
19 providing assistance under paragraph (1), the Direc-
20 tor shall limit the provision of assistance to small
21 business concerns (as defined under section 3(a) of
22 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(a))) and
23 nontraditional defense contractors (as defined in sec-
24 tion 3014 of title 10, United States Code).

25 (d) ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAM.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Program shall be ad-
2 ministered by the Director of National Intelligence.

3 (2) CONSULTATION.—In administering the Pro-
4 gram, the Director—

5 (A) shall consult with the heads of the ele-
6 ments of the intelligence community; and

7 (B) may consult with In-Q-Tel, the De-
8 fense Advanced Research Projects Agency, In-
9 telligence Advanced Research Projects Activity,
10 National Laboratories intelligence community
11 laboratories, the North Atlantic Treaty Organi-
12 zation Investment Fund, the Defense Innova-
13 tion Unit, and such other entities as the Direc-
14 tor deems appropriate.

15 (e) SEMIANNUAL REPORTS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September
17 30, 2026, and not less frequently than twice each
18 fiscal year thereafter in which amounts are available
19 for the provision of assistance under the Program,
20 the Director shall submit to the congressional intel-
21 ligence committees, the Committee on Appropria-
22 tions of the Senate, and the Committee on Appro-
23 priations of the House of Representatives a report
24 on the Program.

1 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted pursu-
2 ant to paragraph (1) shall include, for the period
3 covered by the report, information about the fol-
4 lowing:

5 (A) How much was expended or obligated
6 by the Program in the provision of assistance
7 under subsection (c).

8 (B) For what the amounts were expended
9 or obligated.

10 (C) The effects of such expenditures and
11 obligations, including a timeline for expected
12 milestones for operational use.

13 (D) A summary of annual transition activi-
14 ties and outcomes of such activities for the in-
15 telligence community.

16 (E) A description of why products and
17 services were chosen for transition, including a
18 description of milestones achieved.

19 (3) FORM.—Each report submitted pursuant to
20 paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified
21 form, but may include a classified annex.

22 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
23 authorized to be appropriated to the Office of the Director
24 of National Intelligence to carry out the Program
25 \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2026.

1 **SEC. 602. ENHANCING BIOTECHNOLOGY TALENT WITHIN**
2 **THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National
5 Intelligence shall establish a policy for how existing and
6 future funding and resources of the intelligence commu-
7 nity can be directed to ensure the intelligence community
8 has sufficient cleared personnel, including private sector
9 experts, to identify and respond to biotechnology threats.

10 (b) ELEMENTS.—The policy required by subsection
11 (a) shall include the following:

12 (1) The exact number of personnel dedicated to
13 biotechnology issues apart from biological weapons,
14 including military, industrial, agricultural, and
15 healthcare threats, in each element of the intel-
16 ligence community as of the date on which the re-
17 port is submitted, including staff breakdowns by po-
18 sition function.

19 (2) An assessment on the following:

20 (A) Where additional full-time employees
21 or detailees are appropriate.

22 (B) How to increase partnerships with
23 other government and private sector organiza-
24 tions, including the National Laboratories (as
25 defined in section 2 of the Energy Policy Act of
26 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15801)), including how exist-

1 ing funding and resources of the intelligence
2 community can be directed to secure such ex-
3 pertise, including appropriate security clear-
4 ances.

5 (C) How to better use special hiring au-
6 thorities to accomplish the goal described in
7 subsection (a).

8 (D) How to increase recruitment and re-
9 tention of biotechnology talent.

10 (c) IMPLEMENTATION AND REPORT.—Not later than
11 180 days after the date of the establishment of the policy
12 required by subsection (a), the Director of National Intel-
13 ligence shall—

14 (1) direct the funding and resources described
15 in subsection (b)(2)(B) towards securing sufficient
16 expertise to identify and respond to biotechnology
17 threats; and

18 (2) submit to the congressional intelligence
19 committees, the Committee on Appropriations of the
20 Senate, and the Committee on Appropriations of the
21 House of Representatives a report on additional
22 funding and resources needed to carry out sub-
23 section (b)(2).

1 **SEC. 603. ENHANCED INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY SUP-**
2 **PORT TO SECURE UNITED STATES GENOMIC**
3 **DATA.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of National Intel-
5 ligence, in consultation with such other heads of elements
6 of the intelligence community as the Director considers
7 appropriate, shall provide support to and consult with the
8 Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Committee on For-
9 eign Investment in the United States, and other govern-
10 ment agencies as appropriate when reviewing transactions
11 relating to the acquisition of covered entities by foreign
12 entities, including attempts by the Government of the Peo-
13 ple’s Republic of China—

14 (1) to leverage and acquire biological and
15 genomic data in the United States; and

16 (2) to leverage and acquire biological and
17 genomic data outside the United States, including by
18 providing economic support to the military, indus-
19 trial, agricultural, or healthcare infrastructure of
20 foreign countries of concern.

21 (b) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 90 days after the
22 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National
23 Intelligence shall brief the appropriate congressional com-
24 mittees on—

25 (1) a formal process for ensuring intelligence
26 community support to Federal agencies relating to

1 adversary acquisition of genomic data, in compliance
2 with Executive Order 14117 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note;
3 relating to preventing access to Americans' bulk sen-
4 sitive personal data and United States Government-
5 related data by countries of concern), or any suc-
6 cessor order; and

7 (2) any additional resources or authorities need-
8 ed to conduct subsequent intelligence assessments
9 under such subsection.

10 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
12 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
13 mittees” means—

14 (A) the congressional intelligence commit-
15 tees;

16 (B) the congressional defense committees;

17 (C) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
18 the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Com-
19 mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
20 of the Senate; and

21 (D) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
22 Committee on the Judiciary, and the Com-
23 mittee on Financial Services of the House of
24 Representatives.

1 (2) BIOLOGICAL DATA.—The term “biological
2 data” means information, including associated
3 descriptors, derived from the structure, function, or
4 process of a biological system, that is either meas-
5 ured, collected, or aggregated for analysis, including
6 information from humans, animals, plants, or mi-
7 crobes.

8 (3) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered en-
9 tity” means a private entity involved in genomic
10 data (including genomic data equipment, tech-
11 nologies, sequencing, or synthesis), including a
12 biobank or other private entity that holds large
13 amounts of genomic or biological data.

14 (4) FOREIGN ENTITY OF CONCERN.—The term
15 “foreign entity of concern” has the meaning given
16 that term in section 10612(a) of the Research and
17 Development, Competition, and Innovation Act (42
18 U.S.C. 19221(a)).

19 **SEC. 604. ENSURING INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY PRO-**
20 **CUREMENT OF DOMESTIC UNITED STATES**
21 **PRODUCTION OF SYNTHETIC DNA AND RNA.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
23 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National
24 Intelligence, in consultation with such other heads of ele-
25 ments of the intelligence community as the Director con-

1 siders appropriate, shall establish a policy to ensure that
2 elements of the intelligence community may not contract
3 with Chinese biotechnology suppliers that are determined
4 by the Director to pose a security threat.

5 (b) ELEMENTS.—The policy required by subsection
6 (a) shall include that an element of the intelligence com-
7 munity may not procure or obtain any product made using
8 synthetic DNA or RNA unless—

9 (1) the final assembly or processing of the prod-
10 uct occurs in the United States;

11 (2) all significant processing of the product oc-
12 curs in the United States; and

13 (3) all or nearly all ingredients or components
14 of the product are made and sourced in the United
15 States.

16 (c) WAIVER.—The Director of National Intelligence
17 may waive the application of the policy required by sub-
18 section (a) to allow purchases prohibited by such policy
19 if the purpose of such a purchase fulfills a national secu-
20 rity need.

21 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) CHINESE BIOTECHNOLOGY SUPPLIER.—The
23 term “Chinese biotechnology supplier” means a sup-
24 plier of biotechnology that is organized under the

1 laws of, or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of,
2 the People's Republic of China.

3 (2) SYNTHETIC DNA OR RNA.—The term “syn-
4 thetic DNA or RNA” means any nucleic acid se-
5 quence that is produced de novo through chemical or
6 enzymatic synthesis.

7 **SEC. 605. REPORT ON IDENTIFICATION OF INTELLIGENCE**
8 **COMMUNITY SITES FOR ADVANCED NUCLEAR**
9 **TECHNOLOGIES.**

10 (a) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF
11 CONGRESS.—In this section, the term “appropriate com-
12 mittees of Congress” means—

13 (1) the congressional intelligence committees;

14 (2) the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
15 sources, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
16 Transportation, the Committee on Homeland Secu-
17 rity and Governmental Affairs, and the Committee
18 on Environment and Public Works of the Senate;
19 and

20 (3) the Committee on Energy and Commerce
21 and the Committee on Homeland Security of the
22 House of Representatives.

23 (b) REPORT ON IDENTIFICATION OF SITES.—Not
24 later than 240 days after the date of the enactment of
25 this Act, the Director of National Intelligence shall, in

1 consultation with such heads of elements of the intel-
2 ligence community as the Director considers necessary,
3 and in coordination with efforts of the Secretary of De-
4 fense and the Secretary of Energy, submit to the appro-
5 priate committees of Congress a report identifying 1 or
6 more sites which could benefit from secure, resilient en-
7 ergy through the deployment of advanced nuclear tech-
8 nologies, ranging from 1 to 100 megawatts, at minimum,
9 which deployment would be to serve in whole or in part
10 the facility, structure, infrastructure, or part thereof for
11 which a head of an element of the intelligence community
12 has financial or maintenance responsibility.

13 (c) PLANS.—The report submitted pursuant to sub-
14 section (b) shall include plans to ensure—

15 (1) prioritizing early site preparation and li-
16 censing activities for deployment of advanced nuclear
17 technologies with a goal of beginning advanced nu-
18 clear technology deployment at any identified site
19 not later than 3 years after the date of the enact-
20 ment of this Act;

21 (2) the ability to authorize an identified site to
22 interconnect with the commercial electric grid, in ac-
23 cordance with the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42
24 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), if the head of the element re-

1 sponsible for the reactor deployment determines that
2 such interconnection enhances national security; and
3 (3) fuel for the advanced nuclear technologies
4 operated at identified sites is not subject to obliga-
5 tions (as defined in section 110.2 of title 10, Code
6 of Federal Regulations, or successor regulations).

7 **SEC. 606. ADDRESSING INTELLIGENCE GAPS RELATING TO**
8 **CHINA’S INVESTMENT IN UNITED STATES-OR-**
9 **IGIN BIOTECHNOLOGY.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National
12 Intelligence, in coordination with the officials specified in
13 subsection (b), shall submit to the President, the congres-
14 sional intelligence committees, and the congressional de-
15 fense committees a strategy for addressing intelligence
16 gaps relating to—

17 (1) investment activity by the People’s Republic
18 of China in the biotechnology sector of the United
19 States;

20 (2) acquisition of intellectual property relating
21 to United States-origin biotechnology by entities of
22 the People’s Republic of China; and

23 (3) any authorities or resources needed to ad-
24 dress the gaps outlined in paragraphs (1) and (2).

1 (b) OFFICIALS SPECIFIED.—The officials specified in
2 this paragraph are the following:

3 (1) The Director of the Central Intelligence
4 Agency.

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

7 (3) The Director of the Defense Intelligence
8 Agency.

9 (4) The Director of the Office of Intelligence
10 and Counterintelligence of the Department of En-
11 ergy.

12 (5) The Assistant Secretary of State for Intel-
13 ligence and Research.

14 (6) The heads of such other elements of the in-
15 telligence community as the Director of National In-
16 telligence considers appropriate.

17 **SEC. 607. ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF**
18 **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SECURITY CEN-**
19 **TER.**

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

23 (1) in subsection (c)—

24 (A) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
25 paragraph (4); and

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

3 “(3) Making available a research test bed to
4 private sector and academic researchers, on a sub-
5 sidized basis, to engage in artificial intelligence secu-
6 rity research, including through the secure provision
7 of access in a secure environment to proprietary
8 third-party models with the consent of the vendors
9 of the models.”;

10 (2) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
11 section (f); and

12 (3) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(d) TEST BED REQUIREMENTS.—

15 “(1) ACCESS AND TERMS OF USAGE.—

16 “(A) RESEARCHER ACCESS.—The Director
17 shall establish terms of usage governing re-
18 searcher access to the test bed made available
19 under subsection (c)(3), with limitations on re-
20 searcher publication only to the extent nec-
21 essary to protect classified information or pro-
22 prietary information concerning third-party
23 models provided through the consent of model
24 vendors.

1 “(B) AVAILABILITY TO FEDERAL AGEN-
 2 CIES.—The Director shall ensure that the test
 3 bed made available under subsection (c)(3) is
 4 also made available to other Federal agencies
 5 on a cost-recovery basis.

6 “(2) USE OF CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE AND
 7 OTHER RESOURCES.—In carrying out subsection
 8 (c)(3), the Director shall coordinate with the Sec-
 9 retary of Energy to leverage existing infrastructure
 10 and other resources associated with the National Ar-
 11 tificial Intelligence Research Resource.

12 “(e) ACCESS TO PROPRIETARY MODELS.—In car-
 13 rying out this section, the Director shall establish such
 14 mechanisms as the Director considers appropriate, includ-
 15 ing potential contractual incentives, to ensure the provi-
 16 sion of access to proprietary models by qualified inde-
 17 pendent third-party researchers if commercial model ven-
 18 dors have voluntarily provided models and associated re-
 19 sources for such testing.”.

20 **SEC. 608. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE DEVELOPMENT AND**
 21 **USAGE BY INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.**

22 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF COMMONLY USED ARTIFI-
 23 CIAL INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS AND FUNCTIONS THAT
 24 CAN BE RE-USED BY OTHER ELEMENTS.—Not later than
 25 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the

1 Chief Information Officer of the Intelligence Community
2 shall, in coordination with the Chief Artificial Intelligence
3 Officer of the Intelligence Community, identify commonly
4 used artificial intelligence systems or functions that have
5 the greatest potential for re-use by intelligence community
6 elements.

7 (b) SHARING OF IDENTIFIED APPLICATIONS AND
8 FUNCTIONS.—Except as explicitly prohibited by a contrac-
9 tual obligation, and to the extent consistent with the pro-
10 tection of intelligence sources and methods, for any artifi-
11 cial intelligence system or function identified pursuant to
12 subsection (a), each Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer of
13 an element of the intelligence community shall adopt a pol-
14 icy to promote the sharing of any custom-developed code,
15 including models and model weights, whether agency-de-
16 veloped or procured, with other elements of the intelligence
17 community that rely on common artificial intelligence sys-
18 tems or functions.

19 (c) CONTRACTS.—

20 (1) RIGHTS TO FEDERAL DATA AND IMPROVE-
21 MENTS.—Each head of an element of the intelligence
22 community shall take such steps as the Chief Infor-
23 mation Officer of the element determines appro-
24 priate, to ensure that contracts to which the element
25 is a party provide for the retention of sufficient

1 rights to all Federal data and the retention of the
2 rights to any improvement to that data, including
3 the continued design, development, testing, and op-
4 eration of an artificial intelligence system.

5 (2) LIMITATIONS ON RE-USE OF DERIVED IN-
6 FORMATION.—Each head of an element of the intel-
7 ligence community shall consider contractual terms
8 that protect Federal information used by vendors in
9 the development and operation of artificial intel-
10 ligence products and services procured by the ele-
11 ment, including limitations on the re-use of derived
12 information for products or services sold to foreign
13 governments by such vendors.

14 (3) LIMITATIONS ON USE OF DATA TO TRAIN
15 OR IMPROVE COMMERCIAL OFFERINGS.—Each head
16 of an element of the intelligence community shall in-
17 clude terms in the contracts in which the elements
18 are parties to protect intelligence community data
19 from being used to train or improve the functionality
20 of a vendor's commercial offerings without express
21 permission from the head.

22 (d) MODEL CONTRACT TERMS.—The Chief Informa-
23 tion Officer of the Intelligence Community shall provide
24 the elements of the intelligence community with model
25 contractual terms for consideration by the heads of those

1 elements to prevent vendor lock-in, as well as the adoption
2 of procurement practices that encourage competition to
3 sustain a robust marketplace for artificial intelligence
4 products and services, including through contractual pref-
5 erences for interoperable artificial intelligence products
6 and services.

7 (e) TRACKING AND EVALUATING PERFORMANCE.—
8 Each head of an element of the intelligence community
9 shall track and evaluate performance of procured and ele-
10 ment-developed artificial intelligence by—

11 (1) documenting known capabilities and limita-
12 tions of the artificial intelligence system and any
13 guidelines on how the artificial intelligence is in-
14 tended to be used;

15 (2) documenting provenance of the data used to
16 train, fine-tune, or operate the artificial intelligence
17 system;

18 (3) conducting ongoing testing and validation
19 on artificial intelligence system performance, the ef-
20 fectiveness of vendor artificial intelligence offerings,
21 and associated risk management measures, including
22 by testing in real-world conditions;

23 (4) assessing for overfitting to known test data,
24 ensuring that artificial intelligence developers or ven-

1 dors are not directly relying on the test data to train
2 their artificial intelligence systems;

3 (5) considering contractual terms that prioritize
4 the continuous improvement, performance moni-
5 toring, and evaluation of effectiveness of procured
6 artificial intelligence;

7 (6) stipulating conditions for retraining or de-
8 commissioning artificial intelligence models; and

9 (7) requiring sufficient post-award monitoring
10 and evaluation of effectiveness of the artificial intel-
11 ligence system, where appropriate in the context of
12 the product or service acquired.

13 **SEC. 609. HIGH-IMPACT ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SYS-**
14 **TEMS.**

15 (a) DEFINITION OF USE CASE.—In this section, the
16 term “use case”, with respect to an artificial intelligence
17 system, means the specific mission being performed
18 through the use of an artificial intelligence system.

19 (b) GUIDANCE REGARDING DEFINITIONS OF HIGH-
20 IMPACT ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—Not later than 30
21 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Direc-
22 tor of National Intelligence shall issue guidance to the
23 heads of elements of the intelligence community to ensure
24 consistency and accuracy in each element’s interpretation
25 of the definition of high-impact artificial intelligence sys-

1 tems and high-impact artificial intelligence use cases to
2 apply to each element's respective missions.

3 (c) INVENTORY OF HIGH-IMPACT ARTIFICIAL INTEL-
4 LIGENCE USE CASES.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each head of an element of
6 the intelligence community shall maintain an annual
7 inventory of high-impact artificial intelligence use
8 cases, including detailed information on the specific
9 artificial intelligence systems associated with such
10 uses.

11 (2) SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—Not less fre-
12 quently than once each year, each head of an ele-
13 ment of the intelligence community shall submit to
14 the congressional intelligence committees the inven-
15 tory maintained by the head pursuant to paragraph
16 (1).

17 (d) GUIDANCE TO MAINTAIN MINIMUM STAND-
18 ARDS.—The Director of National Intelligence shall, in co-
19 ordination with the heads of the elements of the intel-
20 ligence community, issue guidance to ensure elements of
21 the intelligence community utilizing high-impact artificial
22 intelligence systems or executing high-impact artificial in-
23 telligence use cases maintain minimum standards for the
24 following:

25 (1) Whistleblower protections.

1 (2) Risk management practices and policies.

2 (3) Performance expectations to ensure high-
3 impact artificial intelligence systems or high-impact
4 artificial intelligence use cases are subject to policies
5 that ensure they continue to perform as expected
6 over time or be discontinued, including—

7 (A) continuous monitoring;

8 (B) independent testing by a reviewer or
9 team of reviewers within the element that have
10 not been involved in the development or pro-
11 curement of such artificial intelligence system;
12 and

13 (C) cost analyses, supported by a summary
14 of direct costs associated and expected savings,
15 if applicable, relative to existing or feasible
16 human-led alternatives.

17 (4) Pre-deployment requirements to ensure
18 high-impact artificial intelligence systems or high-
19 impact artificial intelligence use cases document—

20 (A) the advantages and risks of using such
21 capability, to include appropriate legal and pol-
22 icy safeguards;

23 (B) the cost of operating such a capability;

1 (C) a schedule to ensure such capability is
 2 periodically reevaluated for efficacy and per-
 3 formance; and

4 (D) the oversight and compliance mecha-
 5 nisms in place for reviewing the use and output
 6 of such capability.

7 (5) Policies to ensure appropriate human over-
 8 sight and training.

9 **SEC. 610. APPLICATION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**
 10 **POLICIES OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMU-**
 11 **NITY TO PUBLICLY AVAILABLE MODELS**
 12 **USED FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6702 of the Intelligence
 14 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (50 U.S.C.
 15 3334m) is amended—

16 (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
 17 section (e);

18 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
 19 lowing:

20 “(c) APPLICATION OF POLICIES TO PUBLICLY AVAIL-
 21 ABLE MODELS USED FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES.—

22 In carrying out subsections (a) and (b), the Director shall
 23 ensure that the policies established under such subsections
 24 apply to the greatest extent possible to artificial intel-
 25 ligence models generally available to the public in any con-

1 text in which they are used for an intelligence purpose and
2 hosted in classified environments.

3 “(d) COMMON TESTING STANDARDS AND BENCH-
4 MARKS.—

5 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Chief Artificial
6 Intelligence Officer of the Intelligence Community,
7 or any provider of common concern designated by
8 the Director of National Intelligence, shall establish
9 standards for testing of artificial intelligence models,
10 including common benchmarks and methodologies
11 for the performance of artificial intelligence models
12 across common use cases, including targeting, ma-
13 chine translation, object detection, and object rec-
14 ognition. Benchmarks and methodologies shall estab-
15 lish higher performance standards for any high-im-
16 pact artificial intelligence use case, including any ar-
17 tificial intelligence system task whose output (di-
18 rectly or indirectly) could serve as an input for a le-
19 thal application.

20 “(2) IDENTIFICATION OF COMPUTING
21 MODEL.—The Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer of
22 the Intelligence Community shall convene the Intel-
23 ligence Community Chief Artificial Intelligence Offi-
24 cer Council to identify an appropriate computing en-
25 vironment, at a level (or multiple levels) of classifica-

1 tion deemed appropriate, for elements of the intel-
2 ligence community to engage in testing and evalua-
3 tion of models prior to acquisition.”; and

4 (3) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(f) LIMITATION.—Under the policies established
6 pursuant to subsection (a)(1), no office or employee of the
7 intelligence community may direct or pressure a vendor
8 or prospective vendor to alter a model to favor a particular
9 viewpoint in a manner that would limit its ability to serve
10 as a neutral, nonpartisan tool that prioritizes accuracy.

11 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—

12 “(1) INTELLIGENCE PURPOSE DEFINED.—In
13 this section, the term ‘intelligence purpose’ means
14 the collection, analysis, or other mission-related in-
15 telligence activity.

16 “(2) GUIDANCE REGARDING DEFINITIONS OF
17 HIGH-IMPACT ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—Not later
18 than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this
19 subsection, the Director of National Intelligence
20 shall issue guidance to the heads of elements of the
21 intelligence community to ensure consistency and ac-
22 curacy in each element’s interpretation of the defini-
23 tion of high-impact artificial intelligence systems and
24 high-impact artificial intelligence use cases to apply
25 to each element’s respective missions.”.

1 (b) UPDATES.—The Director shall make such revi-
2 sions to Intelligence Community Directive 505 (relating
3 to Artificial Intelligence) and other relevant documents as
4 the Director considers necessary to ensure compliance
5 with subsection (c) of section 6702 of such Act, as added
6 by subsection (a).

7 **SEC. 611. REVISION OF INTERIM GUIDANCE REGARDING**
8 **ACQUISITION AND USE OF FOUNDATION**
9 **MODELS.**

10 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
11 gress that the evaluation of training data, methods of la-
12 beling data, and model weights pertaining to artificial in-
13 telligence systems being considered for use by an element
14 of the intelligence community does not constitute collec-
15 tion by such element of the intelligence community.

16 (b) IN GENERAL.—The Director of National Intel-
17 ligence, in coordination with the Attorney General, shall
18 revise the interim guidance of the intelligence community
19 entitled “Regarding the Acquisition and Use of Founda-
20 tion Models” to include the following:

21 (1) Guidance stipulating that the consideration
22 by an element of the intelligence community of ac-
23 quisition of a foundation model should involve con-
24 sideration of the data upon which the model was
25 trained on. Any element of the intelligence commu-

1 nity evaluating whether to acquire a foundation
2 model for a potential intelligence use shall request or
3 otherwise lawfully gather pertinent information on
4 sources of training data and methods of data label-
5 ing, including any functions carried out by third
6 party vendors, in order to make informed decisions
7 on what mitigation practices or other relevant dis-
8 semination, usage, or retention measures may be ap-
9 plicable to that element’s future adoption of the
10 foundation model under consideration.

11 (2) Guidance stipulating that each element of
12 the intelligence community shall to the greatest ex-
13 tent practicable avoid use of publicly available mod-
14 els found to contain information obtained unlawfully
15 by a model vendor.

16 **SEC. 612. STRATEGY ON INTELLIGENCE COORDINATION**
17 **AND SHARING RELATING TO CRITICAL AND**
18 **EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES.**

19 (a) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF
20 CONGRESS.—In this section, the term “appropriate com-
21 mittees of Congress” means—

22 (1) the congressional intelligence committees;

23 (2) the Committee on Homeland Security and
24 Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Appro-
25 priations of the Senate; and

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

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

7 (1) coordinating the collection, processing, anal-
8 ysis, and dissemination of intelligence relating to
9 critical and emerging technologies across the intel-
10 ligence community; and

11 (2) the appropriate sharing of such intelligence
12 with other Federal departments and agencies with
13 responsibilities for regulation, innovation and re-
14 search, science, public health, export control and
15 screenings, and Federal financial tools.

16 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the devel-
17 opment of the strategy required by subsection (b), the Di-
18 rector shall submit to the appropriate committees of Con-
19 gress a copy of the strategy.

1 **TITLE VII—CLASSIFICATION RE-**
2 **FORM, SECURITY CLEAR-**
3 **ANCES, AND WHISTLE-**
4 **BLOWERS**

5 **SEC. 701. NOTIFICATION OF CERTAIN DECLASSIFICATIONS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title VIII of the National Secu-
7 rity Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3161 et seq.) is amended by
8 adding at the end the following:

9 **“SEC. 806. NOTIFICATION OF CERTAIN**
10 **DECLASSIFICATIONS.**

11 **“(a) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS BY DIRECTOR OF**
12 **NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.—**

13 **“(1) IN GENERAL.—**Immediately upon declas-
14 sifying, downgrading, or directing the declassifica-
15 tion or downgrading of information or intelligence
16 relating to intelligence sources, methods, or activities
17 pursuant to section 3.1(c) of Executive Order 13526
18 (50 U.S.C. 3161 note; relating to classified national
19 security information), or any successor order, the
20 Director of National Intelligence, or the Principal
21 Deputy Director of National Intelligence, as dele-
22 gated by the Director of National Intelligence, shall
23 notify the congressional intelligence committees and
24 the Archivist of the United States in writing of such
25 declassification, downgrading, or direction.

1 “(2) CONTENTS.—Each notification required by
 2 paragraph (1) shall include a copy of the informa-
 3 tion that has been, or has been directed to be, de-
 4 classified or downgraded.

5 “(b) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS BY AGENCY
 6 HEAD.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Immediately upon the de-
 8 classification of information pursuant to section
 9 3.1(d) of Executive Order 13526, or any successor
 10 order, the head, or senior official, of a relevant ele-
 11 ment of the intelligence community, shall notify the
 12 congressional intelligence committees, the Committee
 13 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of
 14 the Senate, the Committee on Oversight and Gov-
 15 ernment Reform of the House of Representatives,
 16 and the Archivist of the United States in writing of
 17 such declassification.

18 “(2) CONTENTS.—Each notification required by
 19 paragraph (1) shall include a copy of the informa-
 20 tion that has been declassified.”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
 22 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3001 et
 23 seq.) is amended by inserting after the item relating to
 24 section 805 the following:

“Sec. 806. Notification of certain declassifications.”.

1 **SEC. 702. ELIMINATION OF CAP ON COMPENSATORY DAM-**
2 **AGES FOR RETALIATORY REVOCATION OF SE-**
3 **CURITY CLEARANCES AND ACCESS DETER-**
4 **MINATIONS.**

5 Section 3001(j)(4)(B) of the Intelligence Reform and
6 Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (50 U.S.C.
7 3341(j)(4)(B)) is amended, in the second sentence, by
8 striking “not to exceed \$300,000”.

9 **SEC. 703. REFORMS RELATING TO INACTIVE SECURITY**
10 **CLEARANCES.**

11 (a) EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF INACTIVE SECURITY
12 CLEARANCES.—The Director of National Intelligence
13 shall review and evaluate the feasibility of updating per-
14 sonnel security standards and procedures governing eligi-
15 bility for access to sensitive compartmented information
16 and other controlled access program information and secu-
17 rity adjudicative guidelines for determining eligibility for
18 access to sensitive compartmented information and other
19 controlled access program information to determine
20 whether individuals who have been retired or otherwise
21 separated from employment with the intelligence commu-
22 nity for a period of not more than 5 years and who was
23 eligible to access classified information on the day before
24 the individual retired or otherwise separated, could, as a
25 matter of policy, be granted eligibility by the Director to
26 access classified information as long as—

1 (1) there is no indication the individual no
2 longer satisfies the standards established for access
3 to classified information;

4 (2) the individual certifies in writing to an ap-
5 propriate security professional that there has been
6 no change in the relevant information provided for
7 the last background investigation of the individual;
8 and

9 (3) an appropriate record check reveals no un-
10 favorable information.

11 (b) FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY ASSESSMENT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall conduct
13 an assessment of the feasibility and advisability of
14 subjecting inactive security clearances to continuous
15 vetting and due diligence.

16 (2) FINDINGS.—Not later than 120 days after
17 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director
18 shall provide to the congressional intelligence com-
19 mittees, the Committee on Homeland Security and
20 Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Com-
21 mittee on Oversight and Government Reform of the
22 House of Representatives the findings from the as-
23 sessment conducted pursuant to paragraph (1).

1 **SEC. 704. STUDY ON PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED INFOR-**
2 **MATION RELATING TO BUDGET FUNCTIONS.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
5 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
6 mittees” means—

7 (A) the congressional intelligence commit-
8 tees;

9 (B) the Committee on Homeland Security
10 and Governmental Affairs, the Committee on
11 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, and the
12 Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;
13 and

14 (C) the Committee on Oversight and Gov-
15 ernment Reform, the Committee on Financial
16 Services, and the Committee on Appropriations
17 of the House of Representatives.

18 (2) COVERED OFFICIAL.—The term “covered
19 official” means the following:

20 (A) The Secretary of the Treasury.

21 (B) The Director of the Office of Manage-
22 ment and Budget.

23 (C) Each head of an element of the intel-
24 ligence community.

25 (D) Any other head of a department or
26 agency of the Federal Government carrying out

1 a function specified in paragraph (1), (2), or
2 (3) of subsection (a).

3 (3) FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERV-
4 ICE FUNCTIONS.—The term “Federal financial man-
5 agement service functions” means standard func-
6 tions, as determined by the Secretary of the Treas-
7 ury, that departments and agencies of the Federal
8 Government perform relating to Federal financial
9 management, including budget execution, financial
10 asset information management, payable manage-
11 ment, revenue management, reimbursable manage-
12 ment, receivable management, delinquent debt man-
13 agement, cost management, general ledger manage-
14 ment, financial reconciliation, and financial and per-
15 formance reporting.

16 (4) NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM.—The
17 term “National Intelligence Program” has the mean-
18 ing given such term in section 3 of the National Se-
19 curity Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).

20 (b) STUDY REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director
22 of National Intelligence, in coordination with the Sec-
23 retary of Defense, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the
24 Director of the Office of Management and Budget, shall
25 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a

1 study outlining the feasibility of and cost associated with
2 the department or agency of a covered official using secure
3 systems that meet the requirements to protect classified
4 information, including with respect to the location at
5 which the system is located or accessed, to carry out any
6 of the following activities of the department or agency:

7 (1) Formulating, developing, and submitting
8 the budget of the department or agency (including
9 the budget justification materials submitted to Con-
10 gress) under the National Intelligence Program.

11 (2) Apportioning, allotting, issuing warrants for
12 the disbursement of, and obligating and expending
13 funds under the National Intelligence Program.

14 (3) Carrying out Federal financial management
15 service functions or related activities of the intel-
16 ligence community.

17 (c) FORM.—The study required by subsection (b)
18 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
19 a classified annex.

20 **SEC. 705. REPORT ON EXECUTIVE BRANCH APPROVAL OF**
21 **ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INTELLIGENCE IN-**
22 **FORMATION OUTSIDE OF ESTABLISHED RE-**
23 **VIEW PROCESSES.**

24 (a) REPORTS REQUIRED.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
3 nually thereafter, the Director of National Intel-
4 ligence shall submit to the congressional intelligence
5 committees, the Committee on Homeland Security
6 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the
7 Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of
8 the House of Representatives a report on approvals
9 of interim security clearances or other access to clas-
10 sified intelligence information that does not satisfy
11 the investigative and adjudicative standards estab-
12 lished under Executive Order 12968 (50 U.S.C.
13 3161 note; relating to access to classified informa-
14 tion) for covered individuals issued during the pre-
15 ceding calendar year. The first report under this
16 paragraph shall include information for each of the
17 calendar years 2017 through the calendar year in
18 which this Act is enacted.

19 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report required by para-
20 graph (1) shall include—

21 (A) the number of such approvals,
22 disaggregated by sponsoring agency, duration of
23 access, and level of security clearance or access;

1 (B) the investigative and adjudicative proc-
2 ess conducted, if any, for each such level of se-
3 curity clearance or access;

4 (C) a categorization of the justifications
5 supporting such approvals, and the number of
6 approvals in each category; and

7 (D) the disposition of such approvals,
8 disaggregated by the number of instances in
9 which access was terminated, continued, or re-
10 sulted in completion of a process satisfying in-
11 vestigative and adjudicative standards required
12 by Executive Order 12986.

13 (b) COVERED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In this sec-
14 tion, the term “covered individual” means an individual
15 who—

16 (1) is an employee or contractor of the intel-
17 ligence community; or

18 (2) has been granted access to the facilities or
19 information of the intelligence community.

20 **SEC. 706. WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS RELATING TO**
21 **PSYCHIATRIC TESTING OR EXAMINATION.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1104(a)(3) of the Na-
23 tional Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3234(a)(3)), as
24 amended by section 803(a)(1), is further amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (J), by striking “; or” and
2 inserting a semicolon;

3 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (K) as sub-
4 paragraph (L); and

5 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (J) the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(K) a decision to order psychiatric testing
8 or examination; or”.

9 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this
10 section shall apply with respect to matters arising under
11 section 1104 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50
12 U.S.C. 3234) on or after the date of the enactment of
13 this Act.

14 **TITLE VIII—ANOMALOUS** 15 **HEALTH INCIDENTS**

16 **SEC. 801. STANDARD GUIDELINES FOR INTELLIGENCE** 17 **COMMUNITY TO REPORT AND DOCUMENT** 18 **ANOMALOUS HEALTH INCIDENTS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
20 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National
21 Intelligence shall, in coordination with such heads of ele-
22 ments of the intelligence community as the Director con-
23 siders appropriate, develop and issue standard guidelines
24 for personnel of the intelligence community to report and
25 properly document anomalous health incidents.

1 (b) CONFORMITY WITH DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
2 GUIDELINES.—In developing the standard guidelines re-
3 quired by subsection (a), the Director shall ensure that
4 such standard guidelines are as similar as practicable to
5 guidelines issued by the Secretary of Defense for personnel
6 of the Department of Defense to report and properly docu-
7 ment anomalous health incidents.

8 (c) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 10 days after the
9 date on which the Director issues the standard guidelines
10 required by subsection (a), the Director shall provide the
11 congressional intelligence committees with the standard
12 guidelines, including a statement describing the implemen-
13 tation of such standard guidelines, how the standard
14 guidelines differ from those issued by the Secretary, and
15 the justifications for such differences.

16 **SEC. 802. REVIEW AND DECLASSIFICATION OF INTEL-**
17 **LIGENCE RELATING TO ANOMALOUS HEALTH**
18 **INCIDENTS.**

19 (a) REVIEW.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
21 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director
22 of National Intelligence, in consultation with the
23 Secretary of Defense, shall initiate a review of hold-
24 ings of the intelligence community regarding anoma-
25 lous health incidents.

1 (2) ELEMENTS.—The review initiated pursuant
2 to paragraph (1) shall cover the following:

3 (A) Reports of anomalous health incidents
4 affecting personnel of the United States Gov-
5 ernment and dependents of such personnel.

6 (B) Reports of other incidents affecting
7 personnel of the United States Government that
8 have known causes that result in symptoms
9 similar to those observed in anomalous health
10 incidents.

11 (C) Information regarding efforts by for-
12 eign governments to covertly develop or deploy
13 weapons and technology that could cause any or
14 all symptoms observed in reported anomalous
15 health incidents.

16 (D) Assessment of the success of the intel-
17 ligence community in detecting clandestine
18 weapons programs of foreign governments.

19 (b) DECLASSIFICATION.—Not later than 180 days
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director
21 shall perform a declassification review of all intelligence
22 relating to anomalous health incidents reviewed pursuant
23 to subsection (a).

24 (c) PUBLICATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall provide for public release of a declassified report that contains all information declassified pursuant to the declassification review required by subsection (b) on the website of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

(2) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required by paragraph (1) may include only such redactions as the Director determines necessary to protect sources and methods and information of United States persons.

TITLE IX—OTHER MATTERS

SEC. 901. 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, in coordination with the heads of such Federal agencies as the Director considers appropriate—

(1) perform a declassification review of intelligence relating to research conducted at the Wuhan Institute of Virology or any other medical or scientific research center within the People's Republic of China, on coronaviruses, including—

1 (A) information relating to Gain of Func-
2 tion research and the intention of this research;

3 (B) information relating to sources of
4 funding or direction for research on
5 coronaviruses, including both sources within the
6 People's Republic of China and foreign sources;
7 and

8 (C) the names of researchers who con-
9 ducted research into coronaviruses, as well as
10 their current locations of employment;

11 (2) perform a declassification review of intel-
12 ligence relating to efforts by government officials of
13 entities of the People's Republic of China—

14 (A) to disrupt or obstruct information
15 sharing or investigations into the origins of the
16 coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pan-
17 demic;

18 (B) to disrupt the sharing of medically sig-
19 nificant information relating to the trans-
20 missibility and potential harm of SARS-CoV-2
21 to humans, including—

22 (i) efforts to limit the sharing of in-
23 formation with the United States Govern-
24 ment;

1 (ii) efforts to limit the sharing of in-
2 formation with the governments of allies
3 and partners of the United States; and

4 (iii) efforts to limit the sharing of in-
5 formation with the United Nations and
6 World Health Organization;

7 (C) to obstruct or otherwise limit the shar-
8 ing of information between national, provincial,
9 and city governments within the People's Re-
10 public of China and between subnational enti-
11 ties within the People's Republic of China and
12 external researchers;

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

18 (E) to pressure or lobby foreign govern-
19 ments, journalists, medical researchers, officials
20 of the United States Government, or officials of
21 multilateral organizations (including the United
22 Nations and the World Health Organization)
23 with respect to the source, scientific origins,
24 transmissibility, or other attributes of the

1 SARS-CoV-2 virus or the COVID-19 pan-
2 demic;

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

8 (G) to promote alternative narratives re-
9 garding the origins of COVID-19 as well as the
10 domestic Chinese and international response to
11 the COVID-19 pandemic;

12 (3) provide for public release a declassified re-
13 port that contains all appropriate information de-
14 scribed under paragraphs (1) and (2) and which in-
15 cludes only such redactions as the Director deter-
16 mines necessary to protect sources and methods and
17 information of United States persons; and

18 (4) submit to the congressional intelligence
19 committees an unredacted version of the declassified
20 report required under paragraph (3).

21 **SEC. 902. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE BRIEFINGS FOR MEM-**
22 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

23 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “covered
2 individual” has the meaning given such term in sec-
3 tion 989(h) of title 10, United States Code.

4 (2) GOVERNMENTS OR COMPANIES OF CON-
5 CERN.—The term “governments or companies of
6 concern” means a government described in subpara-
7 graph (A) of section 989(h)(2) of title 10, United
8 States Code, or a company, entity, or other person
9 described in subparagraph (B) of such section.

10 (b) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary of Defense
11 for Intelligence and Security shall issue appropriate policy
12 to require the military departments to conduct counter-
13 intelligence briefings for members of the Armed Forces as
14 part of the process required by section 989(c) of title 10,
15 United States Code.

16 (c) ELEMENTS.—Each briefing provided under sub-
17 section (b) shall provide members of the Armed Forces—

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

23 (2) recommended practices for covered individ-
24 uals to avoid a covered activity that could subject
25 the members 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.

SEC. 903. 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) in subsection (a), by striking “It is the sense of the Congress” and inserting “It is the policy of the United States”;

(2) by redesignating subsections (b) through (d) as subsections (d) through (f), respectively; and

(3) by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsections:

1 “(b) The Secretary of State, in negotiating agree-
2 ments with foreign governments regarding reciprocal privi-
3 leges and immunities of United States diplomatic per-
4 sonnel, shall consult with the Director of the Federal Bu-
5 reau of Investigation and the Director of National Intel-
6 ligence in achieving the statement of policy in subsection
7 (a).

8 “(c) Not later than 90 days after the date of the en-
9 actment of this subsection, and annually thereafter for 5
10 years, the Secretary of State, the Director of the Federal
11 Bureau of Investigation, and the Director of National In-
12 telligence shall submit to the Select Committee on Intel-
13 ligence, the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Com-
14 mittee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on Appropria-
15 tions of the Senate and the Permanent Select Committee
16 on Intelligence, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
17 Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on Ap-
18 propriations of the House of Representatives a report on
19 each foreign government that—

20 “(1) engages in intelligence activities within the
21 United States harmful to the national security of the
22 United States; and

23 “(2) possesses numbers, status, privileges and
24 immunities, travel accommodations, and facilities
25 within the United States that exceed the respective

1 numbers, status, privileges and immunities, travel
2 accommodations, and facilities within such country
3 of official representatives of the United States to
4 such country.”.

5 **SEC. 904. TOUR LIMITS OF ACCREDITED DIPLOMATIC AND**
6 **CONSULAR PERSONNEL OF CERTAIN NA-**
7 **TIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
10 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
11 mittees” means—

12 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
13 the Select Committee on Intelligence, and the
14 Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;
15 and

16 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
17 Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,
18 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
19 House of Representatives.

20 (2) COVERED NATION.—The term “covered na-
21 tion” means—

22 (A) the People’s Republic of China;

23 (B) the Russian Federation;

24 (C) the Islamic Republic of Iran;

1 (D) the Democratic People's Republic of
2 Korea; and

3 (E) the Republic of Cuba.

4 (b) IN GENERAL.—Accredited diplomatic and con-
5 sular personnel of covered nations in the United States
6 may not—

7 (1) receive diplomatic privileges and immunities
8 for more than 3 consecutive years;

9 (2) receive diplomatic privileges and immunities
10 for a second 3-year period until after living outside
11 of the United States for not less than 2 years; or

12 (3) receive diplomatic privileges and immunities
13 for more than 6 total years.

14 (c) WAIVER.—The Secretary of State may waive a
15 limitation in subsection (b) on a case-by-case basis that
16 permits accredited diplomatic and consular personnel of
17 covered nations to exceed the stated tour limits in such
18 subsection if the following conditions are met:

19 (1) The Secretary determines that doing so
20 serves United States national security interests, pro-
21 vided the Secretary submits a justification to the ap-
22 propriate congressional committees not later than 15
23 days prior to issuing the waiver that contains the
24 following:

1 (A) A description of the factors considered
 2 by the Secretary when evaluating whether to
 3 issue the waiver.

4 (B) A compelling justification as to why
 5 issuing the waiver is in the national security in-
 6 terests of the United States.

7 (2) The covered nation at issue reciprocally
 8 eases its tour limitations on United States diplo-
 9 matic and consular personnel.

10 **SEC. 905. STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF TRAVEL PROTOCOLS**
 11 **AND PROCEDURES OF ACCREDITED DIPLO-**
 12 **MATIC AND CONSULAR PERSONNEL OF CER-**
 13 **TAIN NATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.**

14 Section 502 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for
 15 Fiscal Year 2017 (division N of Public Law 115–31; 22
 16 U.S.C. 254a note) is amended—

17 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
 18 lows:

19 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 “(1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
 21 GRESS.—The term ‘appropriate congressional com-
 22 mittees’ means—

23 “(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
 24 the Select Committee on Intelligence, the Com-
 25 mittee on Homeland Security and Govern-

mental Affairs, the Committee on the Judiciary
 , and the Committee on Appropriations of the
 Senate; and

“(B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs,
 the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
 ligence, the Committee on Homeland Security,
 the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Com-
 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
 resentatives.

“(2) COVERED NATIONS.—The term ‘covered
 nations’ means—

“(A) the People’s Republic of China;

“(B) the Russian Federation;

“(C) the Islamic Republic of Iran;

“(D) the Democratic People’s Republic of
 Korea; and

“(E) the Republic of Cuba.”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking “consular personnel of the
 Russian Federation” and inserting “consular
 personnel of covered nations”; and

(B) by striking “Russian consular per-
 sonnel” and inserting “covered nation per-
 sonnel”;

1 (3) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “consular
2 personnel of the Russian Federation” and inserting
3 “consular personnel of covered nations”;

4 (4) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
5 section (f);

6 (5) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
7 lowing new subsections:

8 “(d) **WAIVERS.**—The Secretary of State may waive
9 a requirement of the mandatory advanced notification re-
10 gime established pursuant to subsection (b) on a case-by-
11 case basis if the Secretary determines that doing so serves
12 United States national security interests, provided the
13 Secretary submits to the appropriate committees of Con-
14 gress a justification describing the circumstances necessi-
15 tating the waiver and the reason why the waiver is in the
16 national security interests of the United States.

17 “(e) **ELEMENTS OF ADVANCE APPROVAL REQUIRE-**
18 **MENTS.**—In establishing the advance approval require-
19 ments described in subsection (c), the Secretary of State
20 shall—

21 “(1) ensure that covered nations request ap-
22 proval from the Secretary of State at least 2 busi-
23 ness days in advance of all travel that is subject to
24 such requirements by accredited diplomatic and con-

1 sular personnel of covered nations in the United
2 States;

3 “(2) immediately provide such requests to the
4 Director of National Intelligence and the Director of
5 the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

6 “(3) not later than 10 days after approving
7 such a request, certify to the appropriate congres-
8 sional committees that—

9 “(A) personnel traveling on the request are
10 not known or suspected intelligence officers;
11 and

12 “(B) the requested travel will not be used
13 for known or suspected intelligence purposes;
14 and

15 “(4) establish penalties for noncompliance with
16 such requirements by accredited diplomatic and con-
17 sular personnel of covered nations in the United
18 States, including loss of diplomatic privileges and
19 immunities.”; and

20 (6) in subsection (e), as redesignated by para-
21 graph (4)—

22 (A) by inserting “for 5 years after the date
23 of the enactment of subsection (d)” after
24 “quarterly thereafter”;

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking “the number of notifications submitted under the regime required by subsection (b)” and inserting “the number of requests submitted under the regime required by subsection (b) and the number of such requests approved by the Secretary”; and

(C) in paragraph (2), by striking “consular personnel of the Russian Federation” and inserting “consular personnel of covered nations”.

SEC. 906. REPEAL OF CERTAIN REPORT REQUIREMENTS.

(a) BRIEFINGS ON ANALYTIC INTEGRITY REVIEWS.—

(1) 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).

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 6312(d)(1) of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (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”.

1 (b) PERSONNEL-LEVEL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IN-
2 TELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 506B of the Na-
4 tional Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3098) is re-
5 pealed.

6 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
7 tents of such Act is amended by striking the item
8 relating to section 506B.

9 (c) REPORTS ON FOREIGN EFFORTS TO ILLICITLY
10 ACQUIRE SATELLITES AND RELATED ITEMS.—Section
11 1261 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
12 Year 2013 (Public Law 112–239) is amended by striking
13 subsection (e).

14 (d) REPORTS BY DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTEL-
15 LIGENCE ON NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE UNIVERSITY
16 PLAN.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1033 of the Na-
18 tional Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3227b) is re-
19 pealed.

20 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
21 tents of such Act is amended by striking the item
22 relating to section 1033.

23 (e) MONITORING MINERAL INVESTMENTS UNDER
24 BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7003 of the Energy
2 Act of 2020 (50 U.S.C. 3372) is repealed.

3 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
4 tents of such Act is amended by striking the item
5 relating to section 7003.

6 (f) NOTICE OF DEPLOYMENT OR TRANSFER OF CON-
7 TAINERIZED MISSILE SYSTEM BY RUSSIA OR CERTAIN
8 OTHER COUNTRIES.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 501 of the Intel-
10 ligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (divi-
11 sion M of Public Law 114–113) is repealed.

12 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
13 tents of such Act is amended by striking the item
14 relating to section 501.

15 (g) BRIEFINGS ON PROGRAMS FOR NEXT-GENERA-
16 TION MICROELECTRONICS IN SUPPORT OF ARTIFICIAL IN-
17 TELLIGENCE.—Section 7507 of the Intelligence Author-
18 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (50 U.S.C. 3334s) is
19 amended by striking subsection (e).

20 (h) REPORTS ON COMMERCE WITH, AND ASSIST-
21 ANCE TO, CUBA FROM OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 108 of the Cuban
23 Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD)
24 Act of 1996 (22 U.S.C. 6038) is repealed.

1 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
 2 tents of such Act is amended by striking the item
 3 relating to section 108.

4 (i) BRIEFINGS ON IRANIAN EXPENDITURES SUP-
 5 PORTING FOREIGN MILITARY AND TERRORIST ACTIVI-
 6 TIES.—Section 6705 of the Damon Paul Nelson and Mat-
 7 thew Young Pollard Intelligence Authorization Act for
 8 Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, and 2020 (22 U.S.C. 9412) is
 9 amended—

10 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**AND**
 11 **ANNUAL BRIEFING**”; and

12 (2) by striking subsection (b).

13 **SEC. 907. REQUIRING PENETRATION TESTING AS PART OF**
 14 **THE TESTING AND CERTIFICATION OF VOT-**
 15 **ING SYSTEMS.**

16 Section 231 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002
 17 (52 U.S.C. 20971) is amended by adding at the end the
 18 following new subsection:

19 “(e) REQUIRED PENETRATION TESTING.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
 21 after the date of the enactment of this subsection,
 22 the Commission shall provide for the conduct of pen-
 23 etration testing as part of the testing, certification,
 24 decertification, and recertification of voting system

1 hardware and software by the Commission based on
 2 accredited laboratories under this section.

3 “(2) ACCREDITATION.—The Commission shall
 4 develop a program for the acceptance of the results
 5 of penetration testing on election systems. The pene-
 6 tration testing required by this subsection shall be
 7 required for Commission certification. The Commis-
 8 sion shall vote on the selection of any entity identi-
 9 fied. The requirements for such selection shall be
 10 based on consideration of an entity’s competence to
 11 conduct penetration testing under this subsection.
 12 The Commission may consult with the National In-
 13 stitute of Standards and Technology or any other
 14 appropriate Federal agency on lab selection criteria
 15 and other aspects of this program.”.

16 **SEC. 908. INDEPENDENT SECURITY TESTING AND COORDI-**
 17 **NATED CYBERSECURITY VULNERABILITY**
 18 **DISCLOSURE PROGRAM FOR ELECTION SYS-**
 19 **TEMS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle D of title II of the Help
 21 America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15401 et seq.) is
 22 amended by adding at the end the following new part:

1 **“PART 7—INDEPENDENT SECURITY TESTING AND**
 2 **COORDINATED CYBERSECURITY VULNER-**
 3 **ABILITY DISCLOSURE PILOT PROGRAM FOR**
 4 **ELECTION SYSTEMS**

5 **“SEC. 297. INDEPENDENT SECURITY TESTING AND COORDI-**
 6 **NATED CYBERSECURITY VULNERABILITY**
 7 **DISCLOSURE PILOT PROGRAM FOR ELEC-**
 8 **TION SYSTEMS.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

10 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Commission, in
 11 consultation with the Secretary, shall establish an
 12 Independent Security Testing and Coordinated Vul-
 13 nerability Disclosure Pilot Program for Election Sys-
 14 tems (VDP–E) (in this section referred to as the
 15 ‘program’) to test for and disclose cybersecurity
 16 vulnerabilities in election systems.

17 “(2) DURATION.—The program shall be con-
 18 ducted for a period of 5 years.

19 “(3) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out the pro-
 20 gram, the Commission, in consultation with the Sec-
 21 retary, shall—

22 “(A) establish a mechanism by which an
 23 election systems vendor may make their election
 24 system (including voting machines and source
 25 code) available to cybersecurity researchers par-
 26 ticipating in the program;

1 “(B) provide for the vetting of cybersecu-
2 rity researchers prior to their participation in
3 the program, including the conduct of back-
4 ground checks;

5 “(C) establish terms of participation
6 that—

7 “(i) describe the scope of testing per-
8 mitted under the program;

9 “(ii) require researchers to—

10 “(I) notify the vendor, the Com-
11 mission, and the Secretary of any cy-
12 bersecurity vulnerability they identify
13 with respect to an election system;
14 and

15 “(II) otherwise keep such vulner-
16 ability confidential for 180 days after
17 such notification;

18 “(iii) require the good faith participa-
19 tion of all participants in the program; and

20 “(iv) require an election system ven-
21 dor, within 180 days after validating noti-
22 fication of a critical or high vulnerability
23 (as defined by the National Institute of
24 Standards and Technology) in an election
25 system of the vendor, to—

1 “(I) send a patch or propound
2 some other fix or mitigation for such
3 vulnerability to the appropriate State
4 and local election officials, in con-
5 sultation with the researcher who dis-
6 covered it; and

7 “(II) notify the Commission and
8 the Secretary that such patch has
9 been sent to such officials;

10 “(D) in the case where a patch or fix to
11 address a vulnerability disclosed under subpara-
12 graph (C)(ii)(I) is intended to be applied to a
13 system certified by the Commission, provide—

14 “(i) for the expedited review of such
15 patch or fix within 90 days after receipt by
16 the Commission; and

17 “(ii) if such review is not completed
18 by the last day of such 90-day period, that
19 such patch or fix shall be deemed to be
20 certified by the Commission, subject to any
21 subsequent review of such determination
22 by the Commission; and

23 “(E) not later than 180 days after the dis-
24 closure of a vulnerability under subparagraph
25 (C)(ii)(I), notify the Director of the Cybersecu-

1 rity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the
 2 vulnerability for inclusion in the database of
 3 Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures.

4 “(4) VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION; SAFE HAR-
 5 BOR.—

6 “(A) VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.—Par-
 7 ticipation in the program shall be voluntary for
 8 election systems vendors and researchers.

9 “(B) SAFE HARBOR.—When conducting
 10 research under this program, such research and
 11 subsequent publication shall be—

12 “(i) authorized in accordance with
 13 section 1030 of title 18, United States
 14 Code (commonly known as the ‘Computer
 15 Fraud and Abuse Act’), (and similar State
 16 laws), and the election system vendor will
 17 not initiate or support legal action against
 18 the researcher for accidental, good faith
 19 violations of the program; and

20 “(ii) exempt from the anti-circumven-
 21 tion rule of section 1201 of title 17, United
 22 States Code (commonly known as the ‘Dig-
 23 ital Millennium Copyright Act’), and the
 24 election system vendor will not bring a

1 claim against a researcher for circumven-
 2 tion of technology controls.

3 “(C) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing
 4 in this paragraph may be construed to limit or
 5 otherwise affect any exception to the general
 6 prohibition against the circumvention of techno-
 7 logical measures under subparagraph (A) of
 8 section 1201(a)(1) of title 17, United States
 9 Code, including with respect to any use that is
 10 excepted from that general prohibition by the
 11 Librarian of Congress under subparagraphs (B)
 12 through (D) of such section 1201(a)(1).

13 “(5) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

14 “(A) CYBERSECURITY VULNERABILITY.—
 15 The term ‘cybersecurity vulnerability’ means,
 16 with respect to an election system, any security
 17 vulnerability that affects the election system.

18 “(B) ELECTION INFRASTRUCTURE.—The
 19 term ‘election infrastructure’ means—

20 “(i) storage facilities, polling places,
 21 and centralized vote tabulation locations
 22 used to support the administration of elec-
 23 tions for public office; and

24 “(ii) related information and commu-
 25 nications technology, including—

1 “(I) voter registration databases;

2 “(II) election management sys-
3 tems;

4 “(III) voting machines;

5 “(IV) electronic mail and other
6 communications systems (including
7 electronic mail and other systems of
8 vendors who have entered into con-
9 tracts with election agencies to sup-
10 port the administration of elections,
11 manage the election process, and re-
12 port and display election results); and

13 “(V) other systems used to man-
14 age the election process and to report
15 and display election results on behalf
16 of an election agency.

17 “(C) ELECTION SYSTEM.—The term ‘elec-
18 tion system’ means any information system that
19 is part of an election infrastructure, including
20 any related information and communications
21 technology described in subparagraph (B)(ii).

22 “(D) ELECTION SYSTEM VENDOR.—The
23 term ‘election system vendor’ means any person
24 providing, supporting, or maintaining an elec-

1 tion system on behalf of a State or local elec-
2 tion official.

3 “(E) INFORMATION SYSTEM.—The term
4 ‘information system’ has the meaning given the
5 term in section 3502 of title 44, United States
6 Code.

7 “(F) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’
8 means the Secretary of Homeland Security.

9 “(G) SECURITY VULNERABILITY.—The
10 term ‘security vulnerability’ has the meaning
11 given the term in section 102 of the Cybersecu-
12 rity Information Sharing Act of 2015 (6 U.S.C.
13 1501).”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
15 of such Act is amended by adding at the end of the items
16 relating to subtitle D of title II the following:

“PART 7—INDEPENDENT SECURITY TESTING AND COORDINATED CYBERSE-
SECURITY VULNERABILITY DISCLOSURE PILOT PROGRAM FOR ELECTION SYS-
TEMS

“Sec. 297. Independent security testing and coordinated cybersecurity vulner-
ability disclosure pilot program for election systems.”.

17 **SEC. 909. FOREIGN MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy may,
19 acting through the Director of the Office of Intelligence
20 and Counterintelligence, enter into contracts or other ar-
21 rangements for goods and services, through the National
22 Laboratories, plants, or sites of the Department of En-

1 ergy, for the purpose of foreign material acquisition in
 2 support of existing national security requirements.

3 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after
 4 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually there-
 5 after until the date that is 4 years after the date of the
 6 enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Intel-
 7 ligence and Counterintelligence shall submit to the con-
 8 gressional intelligence committees, the Committee on En-
 9 ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate, the Committee
 10 on Appropriations of the Senate, the Committee on En-
 11 ergy and Commerce of the House of Representatives, and
 12 the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
 13 resentatives a report on the use by the Office of Intel-
 14 ligence and Counterintelligence of the authority provided
 15 by subsection (a).

16 **DIVISION G—DEPARTMENT OF** 17 **STATE MATTERS**

18 **SEC. 6001. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

19 The table of content for this division is as follows:

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Sec. 6316. Expanding protections for domestic workers of official and diplomatic persons.

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Sec. 6321. Extension of authorizations under the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000.

Sec. 6322. Extension of authorizations under the International Megan’s Law.

Subtitle C—Briefings

Sec. 6331. Briefing on annual trafficking in person’s report.

Sec. 6332. Briefing on use and justification of waivers.

1 **TITLE LXI—BUST FENTANYL ACT**

2 **SEC. 6101. SHORT TITLES.**

3 This title may be cited as the “Intelligence Authoriza-
4 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2026” or the “Intelligence Au-
5 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026”.

1 **SEC. 6102. INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL STRAT-**
2 **EGY REPORT.**

3 Section 489(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
4 (22 U.S.C. 2291h(a)) is amended—

5 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
6 striking “March 1” and inserting “June 1”; and

7 (2) in paragraph (8)(A)(i), by striking
8 “pseudoephedrine” and all that follows through
9 “chemicals)” and inserting “chemical precursors
10 used in the production of methamphetamine that
11 significantly affected the United States”.

12 **SEC. 6103. STUDY AND REPORT ON EFFORTS TO ADDRESS**
13 **FENTANYL TRAFFICKING FROM THE PEO-**
14 **PLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND OTHER REL-**
15 **EVANT COUNTRIES.**

16 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
18 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
19 gress” means—

20 (A) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
21 Senate;

22 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
23 the Senate;

24 (C) the Committee on Banking, Housing,
25 and Urban Affairs of the Senate;

1 (D) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
2 House of Representatives;

3 (E) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
4 the House of Representatives; and

5 (F) the Committee on Financial Services
6 of the House of Representatives.

7 (2) DEA.—The term “DEA” means the Drug
8 Enforcement Administration.

9 (3) PRC.—The term “PRC” means the Peo-
10 ple’s Republic of China.

11 (b) STUDY AND REPORT ON ADDRESSING TRAF-
12 FICKING OF FENTANYL AND OTHER SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS
13 FROM THE PRC AND OTHER RELEVANT COUNTRIES.—
14 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment
15 of this Act, the Secretary of State and the Attorney Gen-
16 eral, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury,
17 shall jointly submit to the appropriate committees of Con-
18 gress an unclassified written report, with a classified
19 annex, that includes—

20 (1) a description of United States Government
21 efforts to gain a commitment from the Government
22 of the PRC to submit unregulated fentanyl precur-
23 sors, such as 4-AP, to controls;

24 (2) a plan for future steps the United States
25 Government will take to urge the Government of the

1 PRC to combat the production and trafficking of il-
2 licit fentanyl and synthetic opioids from the PRC,
3 including the trafficking of precursor chemicals used
4 to produce illicit narcotics in Mexico and in other
5 countries;

6 (3) a detailed description of cooperation by the
7 Government of the PRC to address the role of the
8 PRC financial system and PRC money laundering
9 organizations in the trafficking of fentanyl and syn-
10 thetic opioid precursors;

11 (4) an assessment of the expected impact that
12 the designation of principal corporate officers of
13 PRC financial institutions for facilitating narcotics-
14 related money laundering would have on PRC money
15 laundering organizations;

16 (5) an assessment of whether the Trilateral
17 Fentanyl Committee, which was established by the
18 United States, Canada, and Mexico during the Jan-
19 uary 2023 North American Leaders' Summit, is im-
20 proving cooperation with law enforcement and finan-
21 cial regulators in Canada and Mexico to combat the
22 role of PRC financial institutions and PRC money
23 laundering organizations in narcotics trafficking;

24 (6) an assessment of the effectiveness of other
25 United States bilateral and multilateral efforts to

1 strengthen international cooperation to address the
2 PRC's role in the trafficking of fentanyl and syn-
3 thetic opioid precursors, including through the Glob-
4 al Coalition to Address Synthetic Drug Threats;

5 (7) an update on the status of commitments
6 made by third countries through the Global Coali-
7 tion to Address Synthetic Drug Threats to combat
8 the synthetic opioid crisis and progress towards the
9 implementation of such commitments;

10 (8) a plan for future steps to further strengthen
11 bilateral and multilateral efforts to urge the Govern-
12 ment of the PRC to take additional actions to ad-
13 dress the PRC's role in the trafficking of fentanyl
14 and synthetic opioid precursors, particularly in co-
15 ordination with countries in East Asia and South-
16 east Asia that have been impacted by such activities;

17 (9) an assessment of how actions the Govern-
18 ment of the PRC has taken since November 15,
19 2023 has shifted relevant supply chains for fentanyl
20 and synthetic opioid precursors, if at all; and

21 (10) the items described in paragraphs (1)
22 through (4) pertaining to India, Mexico, and other
23 countries the Secretary of State determines to have
24 a significant role in the production or trafficking of

1 fentanyl and synthetic opioid precursors for pur-
2 poses of this report.

3 (c) ESTABLISHMENT OF DEA OFFICES IN THE
4 PRC.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-
5 actment of this Act, the Secretary of State and the Attor-
6 ney General shall jointly provide to the appropriate com-
7 mittees of Congress a classified briefing on—

8 (1) outreach and negotiations undertaken by
9 the United States Government with the Government
10 of the PRC that was aimed at securing the approval
11 of the Government of the PRC to establish of United
12 States Drug Enforcement Administration offices in
13 Shanghai and Guangzhou, the PRC; and

14 (2) additional efforts to establish new partner-
15 ships with provincial-level authorities in the PRC to
16 counter the illicit trafficking of fentanyl, fentanyl
17 analogues, and their precursors.

18 **SEC. 6104. PRIORITIZATION OF IDENTIFICATION OF PER-**
19 **SONS FROM THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF**
20 **CHINA.**

21 Section 7211 of the Fentanyl Sanctions Act (21
22 U.S.C. 2311) is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a)—

24 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and

25 (4) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and

1 (B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
2 following:

3 “(3) PRIORITIZATION.—

4 “(A) DEFINED TERM.—In this paragraph,
5 the term ‘person of the People’s Republic of
6 China’ means—

7 “(i) an individual who is a citizen or
8 national of the People’s Republic of China;
9 or

10 “(ii) an entity organized under the
11 laws of the People’s Republic of China or
12 otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the
13 Government of the People’s Republic of
14 China.

15 “(B) IN GENERAL.—In preparing the re-
16 port required under paragraph (1), the Presi-
17 dent shall prioritize, to the greatest extent prac-
18 ticable, the identification of persons of the Peo-
19 ple’s Republic of China involved in the shipment
20 of fentanyl, fentanyl analogues, fentanyl precur-
21 sors, precursors for fentanyl analogues, pre-pre-
22 cursors for fentanyl and fentanyl analogues,
23 and equipment for the manufacturing of
24 fentanyl and fentanyl-laced counterfeit pills to
25 Mexico or any other country that is involved in

1 the production of fentanyl trafficked into the
2 United States, including—

3 “(i) any entity involved in the produc-
4 tion of pharmaceuticals; and

5 “(ii) any person that is acting on be-
6 half of any such entity.

7 “(C) TERMINATION OF PRIORITIZATION.—

8 The President shall continue the prioritization
9 required under subparagraph (B) until the
10 President certifies to the appropriate congres-
11 sional committees that the People’s Republic of
12 China is no longer the primary source for the
13 shipment of fentanyl, fentanyl analogues,
14 fentanyl precursors, precursors for fentanyl
15 analogues, pre-precursors for fentanyl and
16 fentanyl analogues, and equipment for the man-
17 ufacturing of fentanyl and fentanyl-laced coun-
18 terfeit pills to Mexico or any other country that
19 is involved in the production of fentanyl traf-
20 ficked into the United States.”; and

21 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “the date that
22 is 5 years after such date of enactment” and insert-
23 ing “December 31, 2030”.

1 **SEC. 6105. EXPANSION OF SANCTIONS UNDER THE**
2 **FENTANYL SANCTIONS ACT.**

3 Section 7212 of the Fentanyl Sanctions Act (21
4 U.S.C. 2312) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “or” at the
6 end;

7 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at
8 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(3) the President determines has knowingly
11 engaged in, on or after the date of the enactment of
12 the BUST FENTANYL Act, a significant activity
13 or significant financial transaction that has materi-
14 ally contributed to opioid trafficking; or

15 “(4) the President determines—

16 “(A) has knowingly provided significant fi-
17 nancial, material, or technological support for,
18 including through the provision of goods or
19 services in support of any activity or trans-
20 action described in paragraph (3); or

21 “(B) is or has been owned, controlled, or
22 directed by any foreign person described in sub-
23 paragraph (A) or in paragraph (3), or has
24 knowingly acted or purported to act for or on
25 behalf of, directly or indirectly, such a foreign
26 person.”.

1 **SEC. 6106. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**
2 **AGENCIES OR INSTRUMENTALITIES OF FOR-**
3 **EIGN STATES.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “know-
5 ingly” and “opioid trafficking” have the meanings given
6 such terms in section 7203 of the Fentanyl Sanctions Act
7 (21 U.S.C. 2302).

8 (b) IN GENERAL.—The President may—

9 (1) impose one or more of the sanctions de-
10 scribed in section 7213 of the Fentanyl Sanctions
11 Act (21 U.S.C. 2313) with respect to any political
12 subdivision, agency, or instrumentality of a foreign
13 government, including any financial institution
14 owned or controlled by a foreign government, that
15 the President determines has knowingly, on or after
16 the date of the enactment of this Act—

17 (A) engaged in a significant activity or a
18 significant financial transaction that has mate-
19 rially contributed to opioid trafficking; or

20 (B) provided financial, material, or techno-
21 logical support for (including through the provi-
22 sion of goods or services in support of) any sig-
23 nificant activity or significant financial trans-
24 action described in subclause (A); and

25 (2) impose one or more of the sanctions de-
26 scribed in section 7213(a)(6) of the Fentanyl Sanc-

1 tions Act (21 U.S.C. 2313(a)(6)) with respect to
2 each senior official of a political subdivision, agency,
3 or instrumentality of a foreign government that the
4 President determines has knowingly, on or after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, facilitated a sig-
6 nificant activity or a significant financial transaction
7 described in paragraph (1).

8 **SEC. 6107. ANNUAL REPORT ON EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE**
9 **SMUGGLING OF METHAMPHETAMINE INTO**
10 **THE UNITED STATES FROM MEXICO.**

11 Section 723(c) of the Intelligence Authorization Act
12 for Fiscal Year 2026 (22 U.S.C. 2291 note) is amended
13 by striking the period at the end and inserting the fol-
14 lowing ”, which shall—

15 “(1) identify the significant source countries for
16 methamphetamine that significantly affect the
17 United States, and

18 “(2) describe the actions by the governments of
19 the countries identified pursuant to paragraph (1) to
20 combat the diversion of relevant precursor chemicals
21 and the production and trafficking of methamphet-
22 amine.”.

1 **TITLE** **LXII—COUNTERING**
2 **WRONGFUL DETENTION ACT**
3 **OF 2025**

4 **SEC. 6201. SHORT TITLE.**

5 This title may be cited as the “Intelligence Authoriza-
6 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2026”.

7 **SEC. 6202. DESIGNATION OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY AS A**
8 **STATE SPONSOR OF UNLAWFUL OR WRONG-**
9 **FUL DETENTION.**

10 The Robert Levinson Hostage Recovery and Hostage-
11 Taking Accountability Act (22 U.S.C. 1741 et seq.) is
12 amended by inserting after section 306 the following:

13 **“SEC. 306A. DESIGNATION OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY AS A**
14 **STATE SPONSOR OF UNLAWFUL OR WRONG-**
15 **FUL DETENTION.**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the notice require-
17 ment of subsection (c)(1)(A), the Secretary of State, in
18 consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal
19 agencies, may designate a foreign country that has pro-
20 vided support for or directly engaged in the unlawful or
21 wrongful detention of a United States national as a State
22 Sponsor of Unlawful or Wrongful Detention based on any
23 of the following criteria:

24 “(1) The unlawful or wrongful detention of a
25 United States national occurs in the foreign country.

1 “(2) The government of the foreign country or
2 an entity organized under the laws of a foreign
3 country has failed to release an unlawfully or wrong-
4 fully detained United States national within 30 days
5 of being officially notified by the Department of
6 State of the unlawful or wrongful detention.

7 “(3) Actions taken by the government of the
8 foreign country indicate that the government is re-
9 sponsible for, complicit in, or materially supports the
10 unlawful or wrongful detention of a United States
11 national, including by acting as described in para-
12 graph (2) after having been notified by the Depart-
13 ment of State.

14 “(4) The actions of a state or nonstate actor in
15 the foreign country, including any previous action
16 relating to unlawful or wrongful detention or hostage
17 taking of a United States national, pose a risk to
18 the safety and security of United States nationals
19 abroad sufficient to warrant designation of the for-
20 eign country as a State Sponsor of Unlawful or
21 Wrongful Detention, as determined by the Secretary.

22 “(b) TERMINATION OF DESIGNATION.—The Sec-
23 retary of State may terminate the designation of a foreign
24 country under subsection (a) if the Secretary certifies to
25 Congress that the government of the foreign country—

1 “(1) has released the United States nationals
2 unlawfully or wrongfully detained within the terri-
3 tory of the foreign country;

4 “(2) has positively contributed to the release of
5 United States nationals taken hostage within the
6 territory of the foreign country or from the custody
7 of a nonstate entity;

8 “(3) has demonstrated changes in leadership or
9 policies with respect to unlawful or wrongful deten-
10 tion and hostage taking; or

11 “(4) has provided assurances that the govern-
12 ment of the foreign country will not engage or be
13 complicit in or support acts described in subsection
14 (a).

15 “(c) BRIEFING AND REPORTS TO CONGRESS; PUBLI-
16 CATION.—

17 “(1) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 7 days
19 prior to making a designation of a foreign coun-
20 try as a State Sponsor of Unlawful or Wrongful
21 Detention under subsection (a), the Secretary
22 of State shall submit to the appropriate com-
23 mittees of Congress a report that notifies the
24 committees of the proposed designation.

1 “(B) ELEMENTS.—In each report sub-
2 mitted under subparagraph (A) with respect to
3 the designation of a foreign country as a State
4 Sponsor of Unlawful or Wrongful Detention,
5 the Secretary shall include—

6 “(i) the justification for the designa-
7 tion; and

8 “(ii) a description of any action taken
9 by the United States Government, includ-
10 ing the Secretary of State or the head of
11 any other relevant Federal agency, in re-
12 sponse to the designation to deter the un-
13 lawful or wrongful detention or hostage-
14 taking of foreign nationals in the country.

15 “(2) INITIAL BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later
16 than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this
17 section, the Secretary shall brief Congress on the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(A) Whether any of the following coun-
20 tries should be designated as a State Sponsor
21 of Unlawful or Wrongful Detention under sub-
22 section (a):

23 “(i) Afghanistan.

24 “(ii) The Islamic Republic of Iran.

25 “(iii) The People’s Republic of China.

1 “(iv) The Russian Federation.

2 “(v) Venezuela under the regime of
3 Nicolás Maduro.

4 “(vi) The Republic of Belarus.

5 “(B) The steps taken by the Secretary and
6 the heads of other relevant Federal agencies to
7 deter the unlawful and wrongful detention of
8 United States nationals and to respond to such
9 detentions, including—

10 “(i) any engagement with private sec-
11 tor companies to optimize the distribution
12 of travel advisories; and

13 “(ii) any engagement with private
14 companies responsible for promoting travel
15 to foreign countries engaged in the unlaw-
16 ful or wrongful detention of United States
17 nationals.

18 “(C) An assessment of a possible expan-
19 sion of chapter 97 of title 28, United States
20 Code (commonly known as the ‘Foreign Sov-
21 ereign Immunities Act of 1976’) to include an
22 exception from asset seizure immunity for State
23 Sponsors of Unlawful or Wrongful Detention.

24 “(D) A detailed plan on the manner by
25 which a geographic travel restriction could be

1 instituted against State Sponsors of Unlawful
2 or Wrongful Detention.

3 “(E) The progress made in multilateral
4 fora, including the United Nations and other
5 international organizations, to address the un-
6 lawful and wrongful detention of United States
7 nationals, in addition to nationals of partners
8 and allies of the United States in foreign coun-
9 tries.

10 “(3) ANNUAL BRIEFING.—Not later than one
11 year after the date of the enactment of this section,
12 and annually thereafter for 5 years, the Assistant
13 Secretary of State for Consular Affairs and the Spe-
14 cial Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs shall
15 brief the appropriate committees of Congress with
16 respect to unlawful or wrongful detentions taking
17 place in the countries listed under paragraph (2)(A)
18 and actions taken by the Secretary of State and the
19 heads of other relevant Federal agencies to deter the
20 wrongful detention of United States nationals, in-
21 cluding any steps taken in accordance with para-
22 graph (2)(B).

23 “(4) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall make
24 available on a publicly accessible website of the De-
25 partment of State, and regularly update, a list of

1 foreign countries designated as State Sponsors of
2 Unlawful or Wrongful Detention under subsection
3 (a).

4 “(d) REVIEW OF AVAILABLE RESPONSES TO STATE
5 SPONSORS OF UNLAWFUL OR WRONGFUL DETENTION.—
6 Upon designation of a foreign country as a State Sponsor
7 of Unlawful or Wrongful Detention under subsection (a),
8 the Secretary of State, in consultation with the heads of
9 other relevant Federal agencies, shall conduct a com-
10 prehensive review of the use of existing authorities to re-
11 spond to and deter the unlawful or wrongful detention of
12 United States nationals in the foreign country, includ-
13 ing—

14 “(1) sanctions available under the International
15 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701
16 et seq.);

17 “(2) visa restrictions available under section
18 7031(c) of the Department of State, Foreign Oper-
19 ations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act,
20 2024 (division F of Public Law 118–47; 8 U.S.C.
21 1182 note) or any other provision of Federal law;

22 “(3) sanctions available under the Immigration
23 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.);

24 “(4) imposition of a geographic travel restric-
25 tion on citizens of the United States;

1 “(5) restrictions on assistance provided to the
2 government of the country under the Foreign Assist-
3 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) or any
4 other provision of Federal law;

5 “(6) restrictions on the export of certain goods
6 to the country under the Arms Export Control Act
7 (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.), the Export Control Re-
8 form Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4801 et seq.), or any
9 other Federal law; and

10 “(7) designating the government of the country
11 as a government that has repeatedly provided sup-
12 port for acts of international terrorism pursuant
13 to—

14 “(A) section 1754(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Ex-
15 port Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C.
16 4813(c)(1)(A)(i));

17 “(B) section 620A of the Foreign Assist-
18 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371);

19 “(C) section 40(d) of the Arms Export
20 Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780(d)); or

21 “(D) any other provision of law.

22 “(e) DEFINED TERM.—In this section, the term ‘ap-
23 propriate committees of Congress’ means—

1 “(1) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
2 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on
3 the Judiciary of the Senate; and

4 “(2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
5 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on
6 the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.

7 “(f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
8 tion may be construed to imply that the United States
9 Government formally recognizes any particular country or
10 the government of such country as legitimate.”.

11 **SEC. 6203. NOTIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**
12 **ADVISORIES.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 423 of title 49, United
14 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
15 lowing:

16 **“§ 42309. Notification of international travel**
17 **advisories**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An air carrier, foreign air car-
19 rier, ticket agent, website, or search engine who advertises
20 or provides access to, or sells, in the United States, a tick-
21 et for foreign air transportation of a passenger shall make
22 reasonable effort to notify the passenger (or, if applicable,
23 a guardian of such passenger), prior to departure, that
24 United States Government international travel advisories
25 may be in effect and shall make available a web link to

1 the Department of State Travel Advisory System. Such
2 notification shall be accessible for individuals with disabil-
3 ities (as defined in section 382.3 of title 14, Code of Fed-
4 eral Regulations).

5 “(b) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—For the purposes of this
6 section, an air carrier, foreign air carrier, ticket agent,
7 website, or search engine referenced in subsection (a) may
8 not be subject to civil or criminal penalty, or considered
9 to be in violation of subsection (a), if information provided
10 by the Department of State’s travel advisory website is
11 unavailable, inaccurate, or expired.

12 “(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in sub-
13 section (a) may be construed as grounds to inhibit access
14 to consular services by a United States citizen abroad.”.

15 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
16 ter 423 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by
17 inserting after the item relating to section 42308 the fol-
18 lowing:

“42309. Notification of international travel advisories.”.

19 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
20 subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect one year after the
21 date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 6204. CONGRESSIONAL REPORT ON COMPONENTS RE-**
2 **LATED TO HOSTAGE AFFAIRS AND RECOV-**
3 **ERY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall sub-
6 mit to Congress a report on the following:

7 (1) The Hostage Response Group established
8 pursuant to section 305(a) of the Robert Levinson
9 Hostage Recovery and Hostage-Taking Account-
10 ability Act (22 U.S.C. 1741c(a)).

11 (2) The Hostage Recovery Fusion Cell estab-
12 lished pursuant to section 304(a) of such Act (22
13 U.S.C. 1741b(a)).

14 (3) The Office of the Special Presidential
15 Envoy for Hostage Affairs established pursuant to
16 section 303(a) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 1741a(a)).

17 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
18 (a) shall include—

19 (1) a description of the existing structure of
20 each component listed in subsection (a);

21 (2) recommendations on how the components
22 can be improved, including through reorganization
23 or consolidation of the components; and

24 (3) cost efficiencies on the components listed in
25 subsection (a), including resources available to eligi-

1 ble former wrongful detainees and hostages and
2 their family members.

3 **SEC. 6205. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

4 Nothing in this title or the amendments made by this
5 title may be construed as preventing the freedom of travel
6 of United States citizens.

7 **TITLE LXIII—INTERNATIONAL**
8 **TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PRO-**
9 **TECTION REAUTHORIZATION**
10 **ACT OF 2025**

11 **SEC. 6301. SHORT TITLE.**

12 This title may be cited as the “Intelligence Authoriza-
13 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2026”.

14 **Subtitle A—Combating Human**
15 **Trafficking Abroad**

16 **SEC. 6311. UNITED STATES SUPPORT FOR INTEGRATION OF**
17 **ANTI-TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS INTERVEN-**
18 **TIONS IN MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT**
19 **BANKS.**

20 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of the Treasury,
21 in consultation with the Secretary of State acting through
22 the Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Traf-
23 ficking in Persons, shall instruct the United States Execu-
24 tive Director of each multilateral development bank (as
25 defined in section 110(d) of the Trafficking Victims Pro-

1 tection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7107(d))) to encourage
2 the inclusion of a counter-trafficking strategy, including
3 risk assessment and mitigation efforts as needed, in pro-
4 posed projects in countries listed—

5 (1) on the Tier 2 Watch List (required under
6 section 110(b)(2)(A) of the Trafficking Victims Pro-
7 tection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7107(b)(2)(A)), as
8 amended by section 104(a));

9 (2) under subparagraph (C) of section
10 110(b)(1) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act
11 of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7107(b)(1)) (commonly referred
12 to as “Tier 3”); and

13 (3) as Special Cases in the most recent report
14 on trafficking in persons required under such section
15 (commonly referred to as the “Trafficking in Per-
16 sons Report”).

17 (b) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 180 days after the
18 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
19 Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall
20 brief the appropriate congressional committees regarding
21 the implementation of this section.

22 (c) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the
23 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
24 of the United States shall submit to the appropriate con-
25 gressional committees a report that details the activities

1 of the United States relating to combating human traf-
 2 ficking, including forced labor, within multilateral develop-
 3 ment projects.

4 (d) DEFINED TERM.—In this section, the term “ap-
 5 propriate congressional committees” means—

6 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
 7 Senate;

8 (2) the Committee on Appropriations of the
 9 Senate;

10 (3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
 11 House of Representatives; and

12 (4) the Committee on Appropriations of the
 13 House of Representatives.

14 **SEC. 6312. COUNTER-TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS EFFORTS**
 15 **IN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND AS-**
 16 **SISTANCE POLICY.**

17 The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151
 18 et seq.) is amended—

19 (1) in section 102(b)(4) (22 U.S.C. 2151–
 20 1(b)(4))—

21 (A) in subparagraph (F), by striking
 22 “and” at the end;

23 (B) in subparagraph (G), by striking the
 24 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

25 (C) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(H) effective counter-trafficking in per-
2 sons policies and programs.”; and

3 (2) in section 492(d)(1) (22 U.S.C.
4 2292a(d)(1))—

5 (A) by striking “that the funds” and in-
6 serting the following: “that—

7 “(A) the funds”;

8 (B) in subparagraph (A), as added by sub-
9 paragraph (A) of this paragraph, by striking
10 the period at the end and inserting “; and”;
11 and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(B) in carrying out the provisions of this
14 chapter, the President shall, to the greatest ex-
15 tent possible—

16 “(i) ensure that assistance made
17 available under this section does not create
18 or contribute to conditions that can be rea-
19 sonably expected to result in an increase in
20 trafficking in persons who are in condi-
21 tions of heightened vulnerability as a result
22 of natural and manmade disasters; and

23 “(ii) integrate appropriate protections
24 into the planning and execution of activi-
25 ties authorized under this chapter.”.

1 **SEC. 6313. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO TIER RANKINGS.**

2 (a) MODIFICATIONS TO TIER 2 WATCH LIST.—Sec-
3 tion 110(b)(2) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act
4 of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7107(b)(2)) is amended—

5 (1) in the paragraph heading, by striking “SPE-
6 CIAL” and inserting “TIER 2”; and

7 (2) by amending subparagraph (A) to read as
8 follows:

9 “(A) SUBMISSION OF LIST.—Not later
10 than the date on which the determinations de-
11 scribed in subsections (c) and (d) are submitted
12 to the appropriate congressional committees in
13 accordance with such subsections, the Secretary
14 of State shall submit to the appropriate con-
15 gressional committees a list of countries that
16 the Secretary determines require special scru-
17 tiny during the following year. Such list shall be
18 composed of countries that have been listed
19 pursuant to paragraph (1)(B) pursuant to the
20 current annual report because—

21 “(i) the estimated number of victims
22 of severe forms of trafficking is very sig-
23 nificant or is significantly increasing and
24 the country is not taking proportional con-
25 crete actions; or

“(ii) there is a failure to provide evidence of increasing efforts to combat severe forms of trafficking in persons from the previous year, including increased investigations, prosecutions and convictions of trafficking crimes, increased assistance to victims, and decreasing evidence of complicity in severe forms of trafficking by government officials.”.

(b) MODIFICATION TO SPECIAL RULE FOR DOWNGRADED AND REINSTATED COUNTRIES.—Section 110(b)(2)(F) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 7107(b)(2)(F)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “the special watch list” and all that follows through “the country—” and inserting “the Tier 2 watch list described in subparagraph (A) for more than 2 years immediately after the country consecutively—”;

(2) in clause (i), in the matter preceding subclause (I), by striking “the special watch list described in subparagraph (A)(iii)” and inserting “the Tier 2 watch list described in subparagraph (A)”; and

1 (3) in clause (ii), by inserting “in the year fol-
2 lowing such waiver under subparagraph (D)(ii)” be-
3 fore the period at the end.

4 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 110(b) of
5 such Act (22 U.S.C. 7107(b)) is further amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (2), as amended by subsection
7 (a)—

8 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “spe-
9 cial watch list” and inserting “Tier 2 watch
10 list”;

11 (B) in subparagraph (C)—

12 (i) in the subparagraph heading, by
13 striking “SPECIAL WATCH LIST” and in-
14 serting “TIER 2 WATCH LIST”; and

15 (ii) by striking “special watch list”
16 and inserting “Tier 2 watch list”; and

17 (C) in subparagraph (D)—

18 (i) in the subparagraph heading, by
19 striking “SPECIAL WATCH LIST” and in-
20 serting “TIER 2 WATCH LIST”; and

21 (ii) in clause (i), by striking “special
22 watch list” and inserting “Tier 2 watch
23 list”;

1 (2) in paragraph (3)(B), in the matter pre-
 2 ceding clause (i), by striking “clauses (i), (ii), and
 3 (iii) of”; and

4 (3) in paragraph (4)—

5 (A) in subparagraph (A), in the matter
 6 preceding clause (i), by striking “each country
 7 described in paragraph (2)(A)(ii)” and inserting
 8 “each country described in paragraph (2)(A)”;
 9 and

10 (B) in subparagraph (D)(ii), by striking
 11 “the Special Watch List” and inserting “the
 12 Tier 2 watch list”.

13 (d) **FREDERICK DOUGLASS TRAFFICKING VICTIMS**
 14 **PREVENTION AND PROTECTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT**
 15 **OF 2018.**—Section 204(b)(1) of the Frederick Douglass
 16 Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthor-
 17 ization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–425) is amended by
 18 striking “special watch list” and inserting “Tier 2 watch
 19 list”.

20 (e) **BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL TRADE PRIORITIES**
 21 **AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2015.**—Section
 22 106(b)(6)(E)(iii) of the Bipartisan Congressional Trade
 23 Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 (19 U.S.C.
 24 4205(b)(6)(E)(iii) is amended by striking “under section”
 25 and all that follows and inserting “under section

1 110(b)(2)(A) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of
2 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7107(b)(2)(A))”.

3 **SEC. 6314. MODIFICATIONS TO THE PROGRAM TO END**
4 **MODERN SLAVERY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1298 of the National De-
6 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (22 U.S.C.
7 7114) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (g)(2), by striking “2020”
9 and inserting “2029”; and

10 (2) in subsection (h)(1), by striking “Not later
11 than September 30, 2018, and September 30, 2020”
12 and inserting “Not later than September 30, 2025,
13 and September 30, 2029”.

14 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for funding under
15 the Program to End Modern Slavery of the Office to Mon-
16 itor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, a grant recipient
17 shall—

18 (1) publish the names of all subgrantee organi-
19 zations on a publicly available website; or

20 (2) if the subgrantee organization expresses a
21 security concern, the grant recipient shall relay such
22 concerns to the Secretary of State, who shall trans-
23 mit annually the names of all subgrantee organiza-
24 tions in a classified annex to the chairs of the appro-
25 priate congressional committees (as defined in sec-

1 tion 1298(i) of the National Defense Authorization
2 Act of 2017 (22 U.S.C. 7114(i))).

3 (c) AWARD OF FUNDS.—All grants issued under the
4 program referred to in subsection (b) shall be—

5 (1) awarded on a competitive basis; and

6 (2) subject to the regular congressional notifica-
7 tion procedures applicable with respect to grants
8 made available under section 1298(b) of the Na-
9 tional Defense Authorization Act of 2017 (22 U.S.C.
10 7114(b)).

11 **SEC. 6315. CLARIFICATION OF NONHUMANITARIAN,**
12 **NONTRADE-RELATED FOREIGN ASSISTANCE.**

13 (a) CLARIFICATION OF SCOPE OF WITHHELD AS-
14 SISTANCE.—Section 110(d)(1) of the Trafficking Victims
15 Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7107(d)(1)) is amend-
16 ed to read as follows:

17 “(1) WITHHOLDING OF ASSISTANCE.—The
18 President has determined that—

19 “(A) the United States will not provide
20 nonhumanitarian, nontrade-related foreign as-
21 sistance to the central government of the coun-
22 try or funding to facilitate the participation by
23 officials or employees of such central govern-
24 ment in educational and cultural exchange pro-
25 grams, for the subsequent fiscal year until such

1 government complies with the minimum stand-
 2 ards or makes significant efforts to bring itself
 3 into compliance; and

4 “(B) the President will instruct the United
 5 States Executive Director of each multilateral
 6 development bank and of the International
 7 Monetary Fund to vote against, and to use the
 8 Executive Director’s best efforts to deny, any
 9 loan or other utilization of the funds of the re-
 10 spective institution to that country (other than
 11 for humanitarian assistance, for trade-related
 12 assistance, or for development assistance that
 13 directly addresses basic human needs, is not ad-
 14 ministered by the central government of the
 15 sanctioned country, and is not provided for the
 16 benefit of that government) for the subsequent
 17 fiscal year until such government complies with
 18 the minimum standards or makes significant ef-
 19 forts to bring itself into compliance.”.

20 (b) DEFINITION OF NONHUMANITARIAN, NONTRADE
 21 RELATED ASSISTANCE.—Section 103(10) of the Traf-
 22 ficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.
 23 7102(10)) is amended to read as follows:

24 “(10) NONHUMANITARIAN, NONTRADE-RE-
 25 LATED FOREIGN ASSISTANCE.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘non-
2 humanitarian, nontrade-related foreign assist-
3 ance’ means—

4 “(i) sales, or financing on any terms,
5 under the Arms Export Control Act (22
6 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.), other than sales or
7 financing provided for narcotics-related
8 purposes following notification in accord-
9 ance with the prior notification procedures
10 applicable to reprogrammings pursuant to
11 section 634A of the Foreign Assistance Act
12 of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2394–1); or

13 “(ii) United States foreign assistance,
14 other than—

15 “(I) with respect to the Foreign
16 Assistance Act of 1961—

17 “(aa) assistance for inter-
18 national narcotics and law en-
19 forcement under chapter 8 of
20 part I of such Act (22 U.S.C.
21 2291 et seq.);

22 “(bb) assistance for Inter-
23 national Disaster Assistance
24 under subsections (b) and (c) of

1 section 491 of such Act (22
2 U.S.C. 2292);

3 “(cc) antiterrorism assist-
4 ance under chapter 8 of part II
5 of such Act (22 U.S.C. 2349aa et
6 seq.); and

7 “(dd) health programs
8 under chapters 1 and 10 of part
9 I and chapter 4 of part II of
10 such Act (22 U.S.C. 2151 et
11 seq.);

12 “(II) assistance under the Food
13 for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1691 et seq.);

14 “(III) assistance under sections
15 2(a), (b), and (c) of the Migration and
16 Refugee Assistance Act of 1962 (22
17 U.S.C. 2601(a), (b), (c)) to meet ref-
18 ugee and migration needs;

19 “(IV) any form of United States
20 foreign assistance provided through
21 nongovernmental organizations, inter-
22 national organizations, or private sec-
23 tor partners—

24 “(aa) to combat human and
25 wildlife trafficking;

1 “(bb) to promote food secu-
2 rity;

3 “(cc) to respond to emer-
4 gencies;

5 “(dd) to provide humani-
6 tarian assistance;

7 “(ee) to address basic
8 human needs, including for edu-
9 cation;

10 “(ff) to advance global
11 health security; or

12 “(gg) to promote trade; and

13 “(V) any other form of United
14 States foreign assistance that the
15 President determines, by not later
16 than October 1 of each fiscal year, is
17 necessary to advance the security, eco-
18 nomic, humanitarian, or global health
19 interests of the United States without
20 compromising the steadfast United
21 States commitment to combating
22 human trafficking globally.

23 “(B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term ‘non-
24 humanitarian, nontrade-related foreign assist-
25 ance’ shall not include payments to or the par-

1 ticipation of government entities necessary or
 2 incidental to the implementation of a program
 3 that is otherwise consistent with section 110.”.

4 **SEC. 6316. EXPANDING PROTECTIONS FOR DOMESTIC**
 5 **WORKERS OF OFFICIAL AND DIPLOMATIC**
 6 **PERSONS.**

7 Section 203(b) of the William Wilberforce Trafficking
 8 Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (8 U.S.C.
 9 1375c(b)) is amended by inserting after paragraph (4) the
 10 following:

11 “(5) NATIONAL EXPANSION OF IN-PERSON REG-
 12 ISTRATION PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall admin-
 13 ister the Domestic Worker In-Person Registration
 14 Program for employees with A–3 visas or G–5 visas
 15 employed by accredited foreign mission members or
 16 international organization employees and shall ex-
 17 pand this program nationally, which shall include—

18 “(A) after the arrival of each such em-
 19 ployee in the United States, and annually dur-
 20 ing the course of such employee’s employment,
 21 a description of the rights of such employee
 22 under applicable Federal and State law;

23 “(B) provision of a copy of the pamphlet
 24 developed pursuant to section 202 to the em-
 25 ployee with an A–3 visa or a G–5 visa; and

1 “(C) information on how to contact the
2 National Human Trafficking Hotline.

3 “(6) MONITORING AND TRAINING OF A-3 AND
4 G-5 VISA EMPLOYERS ACCREDITED TO FOREIGN
5 MISSIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.—
6 The Secretary shall—

7 “(A) inform embassies, international orga-
8 nizations, and foreign missions of the rights of
9 A-3 and G-5 domestic workers under the appli-
10 cable labor laws of the United States, including
11 the fair labor standards described in the pam-
12 phlet developed pursuant to section 202 and
13 material on labor standards and labor rights of
14 domestic worker employees who hold A-3 and
15 G-5 visas;

16 “(B) inform embassies, international orga-
17 nizations, and foreign missions of the potential
18 consequences to individuals holding a non-
19 immigrant visa issued pursuant to subpara-
20 graph (A)(i), (A)(ii), (G)(i), (G)(ii), or (G)(iii)
21 of section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and
22 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)) who
23 violate the laws described in subclause (I)(aa),
24 including (at the discretion of the Secretary)—

1 “(i) the suspension of A–3 visas and
2 G–5 visas;
3 “(ii) request for waiver of immunity;
4 “(iii) criminal prosecution;
5 “(iv) civil damages; and
6 “(v) permanent revocation of or re-
7 fusal to renew the visa of the accredited
8 foreign mission or international organiza-
9 tion employee; and
10 “(C) require all accredited foreign mission
11 and international organization employers of in-
12 dividuals holding A–3 visas or G–5 visas to re-
13 port the wages paid to such employees on an
14 annual basis.”.

15 **SEC. 6317. EFFECTIVE DATES.**

16 Sections 6314(b) and 6315, and the amendments
17 made by those sections, take effect on the date that is
18 the first day of the first full reporting period for the report
19 required under section 110(b)(1) of the Trafficking Vic-
20 tims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7107(b)(1)) after
21 the date of the enactment of this Act.

Subtitle B—Authorization of Appropriations

SEC. 6321. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATIONS UNDER THE VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING AND VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT OF 2000.

Section 113 of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7110) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “2018 through 2021, \$13,822,000” and inserting “2026 through 2030, \$17,000,000”; and

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “2018 through 2021, \$65,000,000” and inserting “2026 through 2030, \$102,500,000”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) PROGRAMS TO END MODERN SLAVERY.—

Of the amounts authorized by paragraph (1) to be appropriated for a fiscal year, not more than \$37,500,000 may be made available to fund programs to end modern slavery.”.

1 **SEC. 6322. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATIONS UNDER THE**
2 **INTERNATIONAL MEGAN’S LAW.**

3 Section 11 of the International Megan’s Law to Pre-
4 vent Child Exploitation and Other Sexual Crimes Through
5 Advanced Notification of Traveling Sex Offenders (34
6 U.S.C. 21509) is amended by striking “2018 through
7 2021” and inserting “2025 through 2029”.

8 **Subtitle C—Briefings**

9 **SEC. 6331. BRIEFING ON ANNUAL TRAFFICKING IN PER-**
10 **SON’S REPORT.**

11 Not later than 30 days after the public designation
12 of country tier rankings and subsequent publishing of the
13 Trafficking in Persons Report, the Secretary of State shall
14 brief the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate
15 and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of
16 Representatives on—

17 (1) countries that were downgraded or up-
18 graded in the most recent Trafficking in Persons
19 Report; and

20 (2) the efforts made by the United States to
21 improve counter-trafficking efforts in those coun-
22 tries, including foreign government efforts to better
23 meet minimum standards to eliminate human traf-
24 ficking.

1 **SEC. 6332. BRIEFING ON USE AND JUSTIFICATION OF WAIV-**
 2 **ERS.**

3 Not later than 30 days after the President has deter-
 4 mined to issue a waiver under section 110(d)(5) of the
 5 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.
 6 7107(d)(5)), the Secretary of State shall brief the Com-
 7 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Com-
 8 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
 9 on—

- 10 (1) each country that received a waiver;
 11 (2) the justification for each such waiver; and
 12 (3) a description of the efforts made by each
 13 country to meet the minimum standards to eliminate
 14 human trafficking.

15 **DIVISION H—COAST GUARD**
 16 **AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2025**

17 **SEC. 5001. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

18 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This division may be cited as the
 19 “Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025”.

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

DIVISION H—COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2025

Sec. 5001. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 5002. Commandant defined.

TITLE LI—COAST GUARD

Subtitle A—Authorization of Appropriations

Sec. 5101. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 5102. Authorized levels of military strength and training.

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- Sec. 5111. Modification of prohibition on use of lead systems integrators.
- Sec. 5112. Service life extension programs.
- Sec. 5113. Consideration of life-cycle cost estimates for acquisition and procurement.
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- Sec. 5115. Regular Polar Security Cutter updates.
- Sec. 5116. Floating drydock for United States Coast Guard Yard.

Subtitle C—Organization and Authorities

- Sec. 5131. Modification of treatment of minor construction and improvement project management.
- Sec. 5132. Preparedness plans for Coast Guard properties located in tsunami inundation zones.
- Sec. 5133. Public availability of information.
- Sec. 5134. Delegation of ports and waterways safety authorities in Saint Lawrence Seaway.
- Sec. 5135. Additional Pribilof Island transition completion actions.
- Sec. 5136. Policy and briefing on availability of naloxone to treat opioid, including fentanyl, overdoses.
- Sec. 5137. Great Lakes and Saint Lawrence River cooperative vessel traffic service.
- Sec. 5138. Policy on methods to reduce incentives for illicit maritime drug trafficking.
- Sec. 5139. Procurement of tactical maritime surveillance systems.
- Sec. 5140. Plan for joint and integrated maritime operational and leadership training for United States Coast Guard and Taiwan Coast Guard Administration.
- Sec. 5141. Modification of authority for special purpose facilities.
- Sec. 5142. Timely reimbursement of damage claims for Coast Guard property.
- Sec. 5143. Enhanced use property pilot program.
- Sec. 5144. Coast Guard property provision.

Subtitle D—Personnel

- Sec. 5151. Direct hire authority for certain personnel.
- Sec. 5152. Temporary exemption from authorized end strength for enlisted members on active duty in Coast Guard in pay grades E-8 and E-9.
- Sec. 5153. Additional available guidance and considerations for reserve selection boards.
- Sec. 5154. Family leave policies for the Coast Guard.
- Sec. 5155. Authorization for maternity uniform allowance for officers.
- Sec. 5156. Housing.
- Sec. 5157. Uniform funding and management system for morale, well-being, and recreation programs and Coast Guard Exchange.
- Sec. 5158. Coast Guard embedded behavioral health technician program.
- Sec. 5159. Expansion of access to counseling.
- Sec. 5160. Command sponsorship for dependents of members of Coast Guard assigned to Unalaska, Alaska.
- Sec. 5161. Travel allowance for members of Coast Guard assigned to Alaska.
- Sec. 5162. Consolidation of authorities for college student precommissioning initiative.

- Sec. 5163. Tuition Assistance and Advanced Education Assistance Pilot Program.
- Sec. 5164. Modifications to career flexibility program.
- Sec. 5165. Recruitment, relocation, and retention incentive program for civilian firefighters employed by Coast Guard in remote locations.
- Sec. 5166. Reinstatement of training course on workings of Congress; Coast Guard Museum.
- Sec. 5167. Modification of designation of Vice Admirals.
- Sec. 5168. Commandant Advisory Judge Advocate.
- Sec. 5169. Special Advisor to Commandant for Tribal and Native Hawaiian affairs.
- Sec. 5170. Notification.

Subtitle E—Coast Guard Academy

- Sec. 5171. Modification of Board of Visitors.
- Sec. 5172. Study on Coast Guard Academy oversight.
- Sec. 5173. Electronic locking mechanisms to ensure Coast Guard Academy cadet room security.
- Sec. 5174. Coast Guard Academy student advisory board and access to timely and independent wellness support services for cadets and candidates.
- Sec. 5175. Report on existing behavioral health and wellness support services facilities at Coast Guard Academy.
- Sec. 5176. Required posting of information.
- Sec. 5177. Installation of behavioral health and wellness rooms.
- Sec. 5178. Coast Guard Academy room reassignment.
- Sec. 5179. Authorization for use of Coast Guard Academy facilities and equipment by covered foundations.
- Sec. 5180. Concurrent jurisdiction at Coast Guard Academy.

Subtitle F—Reports

- Sec. 5181. Maritime domain awareness in Coast Guard sector for Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands.
- Sec. 5182. Report on condition of Missouri River dayboards.
- Sec. 5183. Study on Coast Guard missions.
- Sec. 5184. Annual report on progress of certain homeporting projects.
- Sec. 5185. Report on Bay class icebreaking tug fleet replacement.
- Sec. 5186. Feasibility study on supporting additional port visits and deployments in support of Operation Blue Pacific.
- Sec. 5187. Study and gap analysis with respect to Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi aviation hangar.
- Sec. 5188. Report on impacts of joint travel regulations on members of Coast Guard who rely on ferry systems.
- Sec. 5189. Report on Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.
- Sec. 5190. Report on and expansion of Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program.

TITLE LII—SHIPPING AND NAVIGATION

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- Sec. 5201. Merchant mariner credentialing.
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- Sec. 5211. Grossly negligent operations of a vessel.
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- Sec. 5213. Study of amphibious vessels.
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- Sec. 5216. Study on Bering Strait vessel traffic projections and emergency response posture at ports of the United States.
- Sec. 5217. Underwater inspections brief.
- Sec. 5218. St. Lucie River railroad bridge.
- Sec. 5219. Authority to establish safety zones for special activities in exclusive economic zone.
- Sec. 5220. Improving Vessel Traffic Service monitoring.
- Sec. 5221. Designating pilotage waters for the Straits of Mackinac.
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Subtitle C—Matters Involving Uncrewed Systems

- Sec. 5231. Establishment of National Advisory Committee on Autonomous Maritime Systems.
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Subtitle D—Other Matters

- Sec. 5241. Controlled substance onboard vessels.
- Sec. 5242. Information on type approval certificates.
- Sec. 5243. Clarification of authorities.
- Sec. 5244. Anchorages.
- Sec. 5245. Amendments to passenger vessel security and safety requirements.
- Sec. 5246. Cyber-incident training.
- Sec. 5247. Extension of pilot program to establish a cetacean desk for Puget Sound region.
- Sec. 5248. Suspension of enforcement of use of devices broadcasting on AIS for purposes of marking fishing gear.
- Sec. 5249. Classification societies.
- Sec. 5250. Abandoned and derelict vessel removals.

TITLE LIII—OIL POLLUTION RESPONSE

- Sec. 5301. Salvage and marine firefighting response capability.
- Sec. 5302. Use of marine casualty investigations.
- Sec. 5303. Timing of review.
- Sec. 5304. Online incident reporting system.
- Sec. 5305. Investment of Exxon Valdez oil spill court recovery in high yield investments and marine research.

TITLE LIV—SEXUAL ASSAULT AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT RESPONSE

- Sec. 5401. Independent review of Coast Guard reforms.
- Sec. 5402. Comprehensive policy and procedures on retention and access to evidence and records relating to sexual misconduct and other misconduct.
- Sec. 5403. Consideration of request for transfer of a cadet at the Coast Guard Academy who is the victim of a sexual assault or related offense.
- Sec. 5404. Designation of officers with particular expertise in military justice or healthcare.
- Sec. 5405. Safe-to-Report policy for Coast Guard.
- Sec. 5406. Modification of reporting requirements on covered misconduct in Coast Guard.
- Sec. 5407. Modifications to the officer involuntary separation process.
- Sec. 5408. Review of discharge characterization.
- Sec. 5409. Convicted sex offender as grounds for denial.
- Sec. 5410. Definition of covered misconduct.
- Sec. 5411. Notification of changes to Uniform Code of Military Justice or Manual for Courts Martial relating to covered misconduct.
- Sec. 5412. Complaints of retaliation by victims of sexual assault or sexual harassment and related persons.
- Sec. 5413. Development of policies on military protective orders.
- Sec. 5414. Coast Guard implementation of independent review commission recommendations on addressing sexual assault and sexual harassment in the military.
- Sec. 5415. Policy relating to care and support of victims of covered misconduct.
- Sec. 5416. Establishment of special victim capabilities to respond to allegations of certain special victim offenses.
- Sec. 5417. Members asserting post-traumatic stress disorder, sexual assault, or traumatic brain injury.
- Sec. 5418. Participation in CATCH a Serial Offender program.
- Sec. 5419. Accountability and transparency relating to allegations of misconduct against senior leaders.
- Sec. 5420. Confidential reporting of sexual harassment.
- Sec. 5421. Report on policy on whistleblower protections.
- Sec. 5422. Review and modification of Coast Guard Academy policy on sexual harassment and sexual violence.
- Sec. 5423. Coast Guard and Coast Guard Academy access to defense sexual assault incident database.
- Sec. 5424. Director of Coast Guard Investigative Service.
- Sec. 5425. Modifications and revisions relating to reopening retired grade determinations.
- Sec. 5426. Inclusion and command review of information on covered misconduct in personnel service records.
- Sec. 5427. Flag officer review of, and concurrence in, separation of members who have reported sexual misconduct.
- Sec. 5428. Expedited transfer in cases of sexual misconduct or domestic violence.
- Sec. 5429. Access to temporary separation program for victims of alleged sex-related offenses.
- Sec. 5430. Policy and program to expand prevention of sexual misconduct.
- Sec. 5431. Continuous vetting of security clearances.
- Sec. 5432. Training and education programs for covered misconduct prevention and response.

TITLE LV—COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORTS

- Sec. 5501. Comptroller General report on Coast Guard research, development, and innovation program.
- Sec. 5502. Comptroller General study on vessel traffic service center employment, compensation, and retention.
- Sec. 5503. Comptroller General review of quality and availability of Coast Guard behavioral health care and resources for personnel wellness.
- Sec. 5504. 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.
- Sec. 5505. Comptroller General study on Coast Guard training facility infrastructure.
- Sec. 5506. Comptroller General study on facility and infrastructure needs of Coast Guard stations conducting border security operations.
- Sec. 5507. Comptroller General study on Coast Guard basic allowance for housing.
- Sec. 5508. Comptroller General report on safety and security infrastructure at Coast Guard Academy.
- Sec. 5509. Comptroller General study on athletic coaching at Coast Guard Academy.
- Sec. 5510. Comptroller General study and report on permanent change of station process.

TITLE LVI—AMENDMENTS

- Sec. 5601. Amendments.

TITLE LVII—NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

Subtitle A—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps

- Sec. 5701. 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.
- Sec. 5702. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration vessel fleet.
- Sec. 5703. Cooperative Aviation Centers.
- Sec. 5704. Eligibility of former officers to compete for certain positions.
- Sec. 5705. Alignment of physical disqualification standard for obligated service agreements with standard for veterans' benefits.
- Sec. 5706. Streamlining separation and retirement process.
- Sec. 5707. Separation of ensigns found not fully qualified.
- Sec. 5708. Repeal of limitation on educational assistance.
- Sec. 5709. Disposal of survey and research vessels and equipment of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Subtitle B—South Pacific Tuna Treaty Matters

- Sec. 5721. References to South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988.
- Sec. 5722. Definitions.
- Sec. 5723. Prohibited acts.
- Sec. 5724. Exceptions.
- Sec. 5725. Criminal offenses.
- Sec. 5726. Civil penalties.
- Sec. 5727. Licenses.

Sec. 5728. Enforcement.
 Sec. 5729. Findings by Secretary of Commerce.
 Sec. 5730. Disclosure of information.
 Sec. 5731. Closed area stowage requirements.
 Sec. 5732. Observers.
 Sec. 5733. Fisheries-related assistance.
 Sec. 5734. Arbitration.
 Sec. 5735. Disposition of fees, penalties, forfeitures, and other moneys.
 Sec. 5736. Additional agreements.

Subtitle C—Other Matters

Sec. 5741. North Pacific Research Board enhancement.

1 **SEC. 5002. COMMANDANT DEFINED.**

2 In this division, the term “Commandant” means the
 3 Commandant of the Coast Guard.

4 **TITLE LI—COAST GUARD**
 5 **Subtitle A—Authorization of**
 6 **Appropriations**

7 **SEC. 5101. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

10 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by
 11 striking “fiscal years 2022 and 2023” and inserting
 12 “fiscal years 2025 and 2026”;

13 (2) in paragraph (1)—

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

16 “(i) \$11,287,500,000 for fiscal year 2025;

17 and

18 “(ii) \$11,851,875,000 for fiscal year
 19 2026.”;

1 (B) in subparagraph (B) by striking
2 “\$23,456,000” and inserting “\$25,570,000”;
3 and

4 (C) in subparagraph (C) by striking
5 “\$24,353,000” and inserting “\$26,848,500”;

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

8 “(i) \$3,627,600,000 for fiscal year 2025;
9 and

10 “(ii) \$3,651,480,000 for fiscal year
11 2026.”;

12 (4) in paragraph (3) by striking subparagraphs
13 (A) and (B) and inserting the following:

14 “(A) \$15,415,000 for fiscal year 2025; and

15 “(B) \$16,185,750 for fiscal year 2026.”;

16 and

17 (5) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the
18 following:

19 “(4) For retired pay, including the payment of
20 obligations otherwise chargeable to lapsed appropria-
21 tions for purposes of retired pay, payments under
22 the Retired Serviceman’s Family Protection Plan
23 and the Survivor Benefit Plan, payment for career
24 status bonuses, payment of continuation pay under
25 section 356 of title 37, concurrent receipts, combat-

1 related special compensation, and payments for med-
 2 ical care of retired personnel and their dependents
 3 under chapter 55 of title 10, \$1,210,840,000 for fis-
 4 cal year 2025.”.

5 **SEC. 5102. AUTHORIZED LEVELS OF MILITARY STRENGTH**
 6 **AND TRAINING.**

7 Section 4904 of title 14, United States Code, is
 8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “fiscal years
 10 2022 and 2023” and inserting “fiscal years 2025
 11 and 2026”; and

12 (2) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “2,500”
 14 and inserting “3,000”;

15 (B) in paragraph (2) by striking “165”
 16 and inserting “200”;

17 (C) in paragraph (3) by striking “385”
 18 and inserting “450”; and

19 (D) in paragraph (4) by striking “1,200”
 20 and inserting “1,300”.

21 **Subtitle B—Acquisition**

22 **SEC. 5111. MODIFICATION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF**
 23 **LEAD SYSTEMS INTEGRATORS.**

24 Section 1105 of title 14, United States Code, is
 25 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(c) LEAD SYSTEMS INTEGRATOR DEFINED.—In
 2 this section, the term ‘lead systems integrator’ has the
 3 meaning given such term in section 805(c) of the National
 4 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public
 5 Law 109–163).”.

6 **SEC. 5112. SERVICE LIFE EXTENSION PROGRAMS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 11 of
 8 title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
 9 end the following:

10 **“§ 1138. Service life extension programs**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Requirements for a Level 1 or
 12 Level 2 acquisition project or program under sections
 13 1131 through 1134 shall not apply to an acquisition by
 14 the Coast Guard that is a service life extension program.

15 “(b) SERVICE LIFE EXTENSION PROGRAM DE-
 16 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘service life extension
 17 program’ means a capital investment that is solely in-
 18 tended to extend the service life and address obsolescence
 19 of components or systems of a particular capability or
 20 asset.”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 22 ter 11 of such title is amended by inserting after the item
 23 relating to section 1137 the following:

“1138. Service life extension programs.”.

24 (c) MAJOR ACQUISITIONS.—Section 5103 of title 14,
 25 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.”.

(d) 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. 5113. CONSIDERATION OF LIFE-CYCLE COST ESTIMATES FOR ACQUISITION AND PROCUREMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 11 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“§ 1139. Consideration of life-cycle cost estimates for**
 2 **acquisition and procurement**

3 “In carrying out the acquisition and procurement of
 4 vessels and aircraft, the Secretary of the department in
 5 which the Coast Guard is operating, acting through the
 6 Commandant, shall consider the life-cycle cost estimates
 7 of vessels and aircraft, as applicable, during the design
 8 and evaluation processes to the maximum extent prac-
 9 ticable.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 11 ter 11 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by in-
 12 serting after the item relating to section 1138 (as added
 13 by this Act) the following:

“1139. Consideration of life-cycle cost estimates for acquisition and procure-
 ment.”.

14 **SEC. 5114. GREAT LAKES ICEBREAKING.**

15 (a) GREAT LAKES ICEBREAKER.—

16 (1) STRATEGY.—Not later than 90 days after
 17 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
 18 shall submit to the Committee on Commerce,
 19 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the
 20 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
 21 the House of Representatives a strategy detailing
 22 how the Coast Guard will complete design and con-
 23 struction of a Great Lakes icebreaker at least as ca-
 24 pable as the Coast Guard cutter *Mackinaw* (WLBB—

1 30) as expeditiously as possible after funding is pro-
2 vided for such icebreaker, including providing a cost
3 estimate and an estimated delivery timeline that
4 would facilitate the expedited delivery detailed in the
5 strategy.

6 (2) GREAT LAKES ICEBREAKER PILOT PRO-
7 GRAM.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—During the 5 ice sea-
9 sons beginning after the date of enactment of
10 this Act, the Commandant shall conduct a pilot
11 program to determine the extent to which the
12 Coast Guard Great Lakes icebreaking cutter
13 fleet is capable of maintaining tier one and tier
14 two waterways open 95 percent of the time dur-
15 ing an ice season.

16 (B) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
17 after the end of each of the 5 ice seasons begin-
18 ning after the date of enactment of this Act,
19 the Commandant shall submit to the Committee
20 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
21 the Senate and the Committee on Transpor-
22 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
23 resentatives a report that details—

24 (i) the results of the pilot program re-
25 quired under subparagraph (A); and

1 (ii) any relevant new performance
2 measures implemented by the Coast
3 Guard, including the measures described in
4 pages 5 through 7 of the report of the
5 Coast Guard titled “Domestic Icebreaking
6 Operations” and submitted to Congress on
7 July 26, 2024, as required by section
8 11212(a)(3) of the Don Young Coast
9 Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (Public
10 Law 117–263), and the results of the im-
11 plementation of such measures.

12 (b) MODIFICATION TO REPORTING REQUIREMENT
13 RELATING TO ICEBREAKING OPERATIONS IN GREAT
14 LAKES.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 11213(f) of the Don
16 Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022
17 (Public Law 117–263) is amended to read as fol-
18 lows:

19 “(f) PUBLIC REPORT.—Not later than July 1 after
20 the first winter in which the Commandant has submitted
21 the report required by paragraph (3) of section 11212(a),
22 the Commandant shall publish on a publicly accessible
23 website of the Coast Guard a report on the cost to the
24 Coast Guard of meeting the proposed standards described
25 in paragraph (2) of such section.”.

(2) PUBLIC REPORT.—Section 11272(c) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(7) PUBLIC REPORT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, the Commandant shall brief the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House or Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate on the cost to the Coast Guard of meeting the requirements of section 564 of title 14, United States Code, in fiscal year 2024.

“(B) SECONDARY BRIEFINGS.—Not later than November 1, 2025 and November 1, 2026, the Commandant shall brief the committees described in subparagraph (A) on the cost to the Coast Guard of meeting the requirements of section 564 of title 14, United States Code, in fiscal years 2025 and 2026, respectively.”.

SEC. 5115. REGULAR POLAR SECURITY CUTTER UPDATES.

(a) REPORT.—

1 (1) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
2 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
3 Commandant and the Chief of Naval Operations
4 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation
5 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives,
6 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
7 portation of the Senate, and the Committees on
8 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
9 resentatives a report on the status of acquisition of
10 Polar Security Cutters.

11 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report under paragraph
12 (1) shall include—

13 (A) a detailed timeline for the acquisition
14 process of Polar Security Cutters, including ex-
15 pected milestones and a projected commis-
16 sioning date for the first 3 Polar Security Cut-
17 ters;

18 (B) an accounting of the previously appro-
19 priated funds spent to date on the Polar Secu-
20 rity Cutter Program, updated cost projections
21 for Polar Security Cutters, and projections for
22 when additional funds will be required;

23 (C) potential factors and risks that could
24 further delay or imperil the completion of Polar
25 Security Cutters; and

1 (D) a review of the acquisition of Polar Se-
2 curity Cutters to date, including factors that led
3 to substantial cost overruns and delivery delays.

4 (b) BRIEFINGS.—

5 (1) PROVISION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
6 90 days after the submission of the report under
7 subsection (a), and not less frequently than every 90
8 days thereafter, the Commandant and the Chief of
9 Naval Operations shall provide to the Committee on
10 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
11 Representatives, the Committee on Commerce,
12 Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and the
13 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
14 the House of Representatives a briefing on the sta-
15 tus of the Polar Security Cutter acquisition process.

16 (2) TIMELINE.—The briefings under paragraph
17 (1) shall occur after any key milestone in the Polar
18 Security Cutter acquisition process, but not less fre-
19 quently than every 90 days.

20 (3) ELEMENTS.—Each briefing under para-
21 graph (1) shall include—

22 (A) a summary of acquisition progress
23 since the most recent previous briefing con-
24 ducted pursuant to paragraph (1);

1 (B) an updated timeline and budget esti-
2 mate for acquisition and building of pending
3 Polar Security Cutters; and

4 (C) an explanation of any delays or addi-
5 tional costs incurred in the acquisition progress.

6 (c) NOTIFICATIONS.—In addition to the briefings re-
7 quired under subsection (b), the Commandant and the
8 Chief of Naval Operations shall notify the Committee on
9 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
10 resentatives, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
11 Transportation of the Senate, and the Committees on
12 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-
13 atives within 3 business days of any significant change to
14 the scope or funding level of the Polar Security Cutter
15 acquisition strategy of such change.

16 **SEC. 5116. FLOATING DRYDOCK FOR UNITED STATES**
17 **COAST GUARD YARD.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 11 of
19 title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
20 end the following:

21 **“§ 1159. Floating drydock for United States Coast**
22 **Guard Yard**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
24 (b), the Commandant may not acquire, procure, or con-
25 struct a floating dry dock for the Coast Guard Yard.

1 “(b) PERMISSIBLE ACQUISITION, PROCUREMENT, OR
2 CONSTRUCTION METHODS.—Notwithstanding subsection
3 (a) of this section and section 1105(a), the Commandant
4 may—

5 “(1) provide for an entity other than the Coast
6 Guard to contract for the acquisition, procurement,
7 or construction of a floating drydock by contract,
8 lease, purchase, or other agreement;

9 “(2) construct a floating drydock at the Coast
10 Guard Yard; or

11 “(3) acquire or procure a commercially avail-
12 able floating drydock.

13 “(c) EXEMPTIONS FROM REQUIREMENTS.—Sections
14 1131, 1132, 1133, and 1171 shall not apply to an acquisi-
15 tion or procurement under subsection (b).

16 “(d) DESIGN STANDARDS AND CONSTRUCTION
17 PRACTICES.—To the extent practicable, a floating drydock
18 acquired, procured, or constructed under this section shall
19 reflect commercial design standards and commercial con-
20 struction practices that are consistent with the best inter-
21 ests of the Federal Government.

22 “(e) BERTHING REQUIREMENT.—Any floating dry-
23 dock acquired, procured, or constructed under subsection
24 (b) shall be berthed at the Coast Guard Yard in Balti-
25 more, Maryland, when lifting or maintaining vessels.

1 “(f) FLOATING DRY DOCK DEFINED.—In this sec-
 2 tion, the term ‘floating dry dock’ means equipment that
 3 is—

4 “(1) constructed in the United States; and

5 “(2) capable of meeting the lifting and mainte-
 6 nance requirements of a vessel that is at least 418
 7 feet in length with a gross tonnage of 4,500 gross
 8 tons.”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 10 ter 11 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by in-
 11 serting after the item relating to section 1158 the fol-
 12 lowing:

“1159. Floating drydock for United States Coast Guard Yard.”.

13 **Subtitle C—Organization and** 14 **Authorities**

15 **SEC. 5131. MODIFICATION OF TREATMENT OF MINOR CON-** 16 **STRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** 17 **MANAGEMENT.**

18 Section 903(d)(1) of title 14, United States Code, is
 19 amended by striking “\$1,500,000” and inserting
 20 “\$2,000,000”.

21 **SEC. 5132. PREPAREDNESS PLANS FOR COAST GUARD** 22 **PROPERTIES LOCATED IN TSUNAMI INUNDA-** 23 **TION ZONES.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
 25 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in con-

1 sultation with the Administrator of the National Oceanic
2 and Atmospheric Administration and the heads of other
3 appropriate Federal agencies, shall develop a location-spe-
4 cific tsunami preparedness plan for each property con-
5 cerned.

6 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In developing each prepared-
7 ness plan under subsection (a), the Commandant shall en-
8 sure that the plan—

9 (1) minimizes the loss of human life;

10 (2) maximizes the ability of the Coast Guard to
11 meet the mission of the Coast Guard;

12 (3) is included in the emergency action plan for
13 each Coast Guard unit or sector located within the
14 applicable tsunami inundation zone;

15 (4) designates an evacuation route to an assem-
16 bly area located outside the tsunami inundation
17 zone;

18 (5) takes into consideration near-shore and dis-
19 tant tsunami inundation of the property concerned;

20 (6) includes—

21 (A) maps of all applicable tsunami inunda-
22 tion zones;

23 (B) evacuation routes and instructions for
24 all individuals located on the property con-
25 cerned;

1 (C) procedures to begin evacuations as ex-
2 peditiously as possible upon detection of a seis-
3 mic or other tsunamigenic event;

4 (D) evacuation plans for Coast Guard avia-
5 tion and afloat assets; and

6 (E)(i) routes for evacuation on foot from
7 any location within the property concerned; or

8 (ii) if an on-foot evacuation is not possible,
9 an assessment of whether there is a need for
10 vertical evacuation refuges that would allow
11 evacuation on foot;

12 (7) in the case of a property concerned that is
13 at risk for a near-shore tsunami, is able to be com-
14 pletely executed within 15 minutes of detection of a
15 seismic event, or if complete execution is not possible
16 within 15 minutes, within a timeframe the Com-
17 mandant considers reasonable to minimize the loss
18 of life; and

19 (8) not less frequently than annually, is—

20 (A) exercised by each Coast Guard unit
21 and sector located in the applicable tsunami in-
22 undation zone;

23 (B) communicated through an annual in-
24 person training to Coast Guard personnel and

1 dependents located or living on the property
2 concerned; and

3 (C) evaluated by the relevant District
4 Commander for each Coast Guard unit and sec-
5 tor located within the applicable tsunami inun-
6 dation zone.

7 (c) CONSULTATION.—In developing each prepared-
8 ness plan under subsection (a), the Commandant shall
9 consult relevant State, Tribal, and local government enti-
10 ties, including emergency management officials.

11 (d) BRIEFING.—Not later than 14 months after the
12 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall pro-
13 vide a briefing to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
14 and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
15 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
16 resentatives on each plan developed under subsection (a),
17 including the status of implementation and feasibility of
18 each such plan.

19 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) PROPERTY CONCERNED.—The term “prop-
21 erty concerned” means any real property owned, op-
22 erated, or leased by the Coast Guard within a tsu-
23 nami inundation zone.

24 (2) TSUNAMIGENIC EVENT.—The term
25 “tsunamigenic event” means any event, such as an

1 earthquake, volcanic eruption, submarine landslide,
 2 coastal rockfall, or other event, with the magnitude
 3 to cause a tsunami.

4 (3) VERTICAL EVACUATION REFUGE.—The
 5 term “vertical evacuation refuge” means a structure
 6 or earthen mound designated as a place of refuge in
 7 the event of a tsunami, with sufficient height to ele-
 8 vate evacuees above the tsunami inundation depth,
 9 designed and constructed to resist tsunami load ef-
 10 fects.

11 **SEC. 5133. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 11269 of the Don Young
 13 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–
 14 263) is—

15 (1) transferred to appear at the end of sub-
 16 chapter II of chapter 5 of title 14, United States
 17 Code;

18 (2) redesignated as section 529; and

19 (3) amended—

20 (A) by striking the section enumerator and
 21 heading and inserting the following:

22 **“§ 529. Public availability of information”;**

23 (B) by striking “Not later than” and in-
 24 serting the following:

25 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than”;

1 (C) by striking “the number of migrant”
2 and inserting “the number of drug and per-
3 son”; and

4 (D) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(b) CONTENTS.—In making information about
6 interdictions publicly available under subsection (a), the
7 Commandant shall include a description of the following:

8 “(1) The number of incidents in which drugs
9 were interdicted, the amount and type of drugs
10 interdicted, and the Coast Guard sectors and geo-
11 graphic areas of responsibility in which such inci-
12 dents occurred.

13 “(2) The number of incidents in which persons
14 were interdicted, the number of persons interdicted,
15 the number of those persons who were unaccom-
16 panied minors, and the Coast Guard sectors and ge-
17 ographic areas of responsibility in which such inci-
18 dents occurred.

19 “(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this pro-
20 vision shall be construed to require the Coast Guard to
21 collect the information described in subsection (b), and
22 nothing in this provision shall be construed to require the
23 Commandant to publicly release confidential, classified,
24 law enforcement sensitive, or otherwise protected informa-
25 tion.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

2 (1) The analysis for chapter 5 of title 14,
3 United States Code, is amended by inserting after
4 the item relating to section 528 the following:

“529. Public availability of information on monthly drug and migrant interdic-
tions.”.

5 (2) The table of sections in section 11001(b) of
6 the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of
7 2022 (division K of Public Law 117–263) is amend-
8 ed by striking the item relating to section 11269.

9 **SEC. 5134. DELEGATION OF PORTS AND WATERWAYS SAFE-**
10 **TY AUTHORITIES IN SAINT LAWRENCE SEA-**
11 **WAY.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 70032 of title 46, United
13 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

14 **“§ 70032. Delegation of ports and waterways authori-**
15 **ties in Saint Lawrence Seaway**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
17 (b), the authority granted to the Secretary under sections
18 70001, 70002, 70003, 70004, and 70011 may not be dele-
19 gated with respect to the Saint Lawrence Seaway to any
20 agency other than the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway
21 Development Corporation. Any other authority granted
22 the Secretary under subchapters I through III and this
23 subchapter shall be delegated by the Secretary to the
24 Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corpora-

1 tion to the extent the Secretary determines such delega-
 2 tion is necessary for the proper operation of the Saint
 3 Lawrence Seaway.

4 “(b) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary of the department
 5 in which the Coast Guard is operating, after consultation
 6 with the Secretary or the head of an agency to which the
 7 Secretary has delegated the authorities in subsection (a),
 8 may—

9 “(1) issue and enforce special orders in accord-
 10 ance with section 70002;

11 “(2) establish water or waterfront safety zones,
 12 or other measures, for limited, controlled, or condi-
 13 tional access and activity when necessary for the
 14 protection of any vessel structure, waters, or shore
 15 area, as permitted in section 70011(b)(3); and

16 “(3) take actions for port, harbor, and coastal
 17 facility security in accordance with section 70116.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 19 ter 700 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by
 20 striking the item relating to section 70032 and inserting
 21 the following:

“70032. Delegation of ports and waterways authorities in Saint Lawrence Sea-
 way.”.

1 **SEC. 5135. ADDITIONAL PRIBILOF ISLAND TRANSITION**
2 **COMPLETION ACTIONS.**

3 Section 11221 of the Don Young Coast Guard Au-
4 thorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–263) is amended
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 “(e) **ADDITIONAL REPORTS ON STATUS OF USE OF**
7 **FACILITIES AND HELICOPTER BASING.**—Beginning with
8 the first quarterly report required under subsection (a)
9 submitted after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard
10 Authorization Act of 2025, the Secretary shall include in
11 each such report—

12 “(1) the status of the use of recently renovated
13 Coast Guard housing facilities, food preparation fa-
14 cilities, and maintenance and repair facilities on St.
15 Paul Island, Alaska, including a projected date for
16 full use and occupancy of such facilities in support
17 of Coast Guard missions in the Bering Sea; and

18 “(2) a detailed plan for the acquisition and con-
19 struction of a hangar in close proximity to existing
20 St. Paul airport facilities for the prosecution of
21 Coast Guard operational missions, including plans
22 for the use of land needed for such hangar.”.

1 **SEC. 5136. POLICY AND BRIEFING ON AVAILABILITY OF**
2 **NALOXONE TO TREAT OPIOID, INCLUDING**
3 **FENTANYL, OVERDOSES.**

4 (a) **POLICY.**—Not later than 1 year after the date
5 of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall update
6 the policy of the Coast Guard regarding the use, at Coast
7 Guard facilities, onboard Coast Guard assets, and during
8 Coast Guard operations, of medication to treat drug
9 overdoses, including the use of drugs or devices approved,
10 cleared, or otherwise legally marketed under the Federal
11 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for emergency treatment
12 of known or suspected opioid overdose.

13 (b) **AVAILABILITY.**—The updated policy required
14 under subsection (a) shall require opioid overdose reversal
15 medications be available—

- 16 (1) at each Coast Guard clinic;
17 (2) at each independently located Coast Guard
18 unit;
19 (3) onboard each Coast Guard cutter; and
20 (4) for response to known or suspected opioid
21 overdoses, such as fentanyl, at other appropriate
22 Coast Guard installations and facilities and onboard
23 other Coast Guard assets.

24 (c) **PARTICIPATION IN TRACKING SYSTEM.**—Not
25 later than 1 year after the earlier of the date of enactment
26 of this Act or the date on which the tracking system estab-

1 lished under section 706 of the National Defense Author-
2 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 1090 note)
3 is established, the Commandant shall ensure the participa-
4 tion of the Coast Guard in the such tracking system.

5 (d) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—Not later
6 than 1 year after the earlier of the date of enactment of
7 this Act or the date on which the tracking system estab-
8 lished under section 706 of the National Defense Author-
9 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 1090 note)
10 is established, the Secretary of the department in which
11 the Coast Guard is operating when not operating as a
12 service in the Navy and the Secretary of Defense shall fi-
13 nalize a memorandum of understanding to facilitate Coast
14 Guard access such tracking system.

15 (e) BRIEFING.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
17 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
18 shall provide the Committee on Commerce, Science,
19 and Transportation of the Senate and the Com-
20 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
21 House of Representatives a briefing on the use, by
22 members and personnel of the Coast Guard at Coast
23 Guard facilities, onboard Coast Guard assets, and
24 during Coast Guard operations, of—

1 (A) opioid overdose reversal medications;
2 and

3 (B) opioids, including fentanyl.

4 (2) ELEMENTS.—The briefing required under
5 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

6 (A) A description of—

7 (i) the progress made in the imple-
8 mentation of the updated policy required
9 under subsection (a);

10 (ii) the prevalence and incidence of
11 the illegal use of fentanyl and other con-
12 trolled substances in the Coast Guard dur-
13 ing the 5-year period preceding the brief-
14 ing;

15 (iii) processes of the Coast Guard to
16 mitigate substance abuse in the Coast
17 Guard, particularly with respect to
18 fentanyl; and

19 (iv) the status of the memorandum of
20 understanding required under subsection
21 (d).

22 (B) For the 5-year period preceding the
23 briefing, a review of instances in which
24 naloxone or other similar medication was used
25 to treat opioid, including fentanyl, overdoses at

1 a Coast Guard facility, onboard a Coast Guard
2 asset, or during a Coast Guard operation.

3 (f) PRIVACY.—In carrying out the requirements of
4 this section, the Commandant shall ensure compliance
5 with all applicable privacy law, including section 552a of
6 title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the
7 “Privacy Act”), and the privacy regulations promulgated
8 under section 264(c) of the Health Insurance Portability
9 and Accountability Act (42 U.S.C. 1320d–2 note).

10 (g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—For purposes of the
11 availability requirement under subsection (b), with respect
12 to a Coast Guard installation comprised of multiple Coast
13 Guard facilities or units, opioid overdose reversal medica-
14 tions available at a single Coast Guard facility within the
15 installation shall be considered to be available to all Coast
16 Guard facilities or units on the installation if appropriate
17 arrangements are in place to ensure access, at all times
18 during operations, to the opioid overdose reversal medica-
19 tions contained within such single Coast Guard facility.

20 **SEC. 5137. GREAT LAKES AND SAINT LAWRENCE RIVER CO-**
21 **OPERATIVE VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE.**

22 Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment
23 of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the
24 Coast Guard is operating shall issue or amend regulations
25 to address any applicable arrangements with the Canadian

1 Coast Guard regarding vessel traffic services cooperation
2 and vessel traffic management data exchanges within the
3 Saint Lawrence Seaway and the Great Lakes.

4 **SEC. 5138. POLICY ON METHODS TO REDUCE INCENTIVES**
5 **FOR ILLICIT MARITIME DRUG TRAFFICKING.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in
8 consultation with the Administrator of the Drug Enforce-
9 ment Administration, the Secretary of State, and the Sec-
10 retary of Defense, shall develop a policy, consistent with
11 the Constitution of the United States, as well as domestic
12 and international law, to address, disincentivize, and inter-
13 dict illicit trafficking by sea of controlled substances (and
14 precursors of controlled substances) being transported to
15 produce illicit synthetic drugs.

16 (b) ELEMENTS.—The policy required under sub-
17 section (a) shall—

18 (1) include a requirement that, to the maximum
19 extent practicable, a vessel unlawfully transporting a
20 controlled substance or precursors of a controlled
21 substance being transported to produce illicit syn-
22 thetic drugs, be seized or appropriately disposed of
23 consistent with domestic and international law, as
24 well as any international agreements to which the
25 United States is a party; and

1 (2) aim to reduce incentives for illicit maritime
2 drug trafficking on a global scale, including in the
3 Eastern Pacific Ocean, the Indo-Pacific region, the
4 Caribbean, and the Middle East.

5 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 1 year after the date
6 of the enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall brief
7 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
8 Transportation of the Senate, the Committee on Foreign
9 Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on Homeland
10 Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the
11 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
12 House of Representatives, the Committee on Foreign Af-
13 fairs of the House of Representatives, and the Committee
14 on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives re-
15 garding—

16 (1) the policy developed pursuant to subsection
17 (a); and

18 (2) recommendations with respect to—

19 (A) additional methods for reducing illicit
20 drug trafficking; and

21 (B) additional resources necessary to im-
22 plement the policy required under subsection
23 (a) and methods recommended under subpara-
24 graph (A).

1 **SEC. 5139. PROCUREMENT OF TACTICAL MARITIME SUR-**
2 **VEILLANCE SYSTEMS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
4 (b)(2), subject to the availability of appropriations and if
5 the Secretary of Homeland Security determines that there
6 is a need, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall—

7 (1) procure a tactical maritime surveillance sys-
8 tem, or similar technology, for use by the Coast
9 Guard and U.S. Customs and Border Protection in
10 the areas of operation of—

11 (A) Coast Guard Sector San Diego in Cali-
12 fornia;

13 (B) Coast Guard Sector San Juan in Puer-
14 to Rico; and

15 (C) Coast Guard Sector Key West in Flor-
16 ida; and

17 (2) for purposes of data integration and land-
18 based data access, procure for each area of oper-
19 ation described in paragraph (1) and for Coast
20 Guard Station South Padre Island a land-based
21 maritime domain awareness system capable of shar-
22 ing data with the Coast Guard and U.S. Customs
23 and Border Protection—

24 (A) to operate in conjunction with—

25 (i) the system procured under section
26 11266 of the James M. Inhofe National

1 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
2 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat.
3 4063) for Coast Guard Station South
4 Padre Island; and

5 (ii) the tactical maritime surveillance
6 system procured for each area of operation
7 under paragraph (1); and

8 (B) to be installed in the order in which
9 the systems described in subparagraph (A) are
10 installed.

11 (b) STUDY; LIMITATION.—

12 (1) STUDY REQUIRED.—Prior to the procure-
13 ment or operation of a tactical maritime surveillance
14 system, or similar technology, that is deployed from
15 a property owned by the Department of Defense, the
16 Secretary of Homeland Security shall complete a
17 study, in coordination with Secretary of Defense,
18 analyzing the potential impacts to the national secu-
19 rity of the United States of such operation.

20 (2) LIMITATION.—If it is determined by the
21 Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary
22 of Defense through the study required under para-
23 graph (1) that the placement or installation of a sys-
24 tem described in subsection (a) negatively impacts

1 the national security of the United States, such sys-
2 tem shall not be procured or installed.

3 **SEC. 5140. PLAN FOR JOINT AND INTEGRATED MARITIME**
4 **OPERATIONAL AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING**
5 **FOR UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND TAI-**
6 **WAN COAST GUARD ADMINISTRATION.**

7 (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to re-
8 quire a plan to increase joint and integrated training op-
9 portunities for the United States Coast Guard and the
10 Taiwan Coast Guard Administration.

11 (b) PLAN.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
13 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-
14 mandant, in consultation with the Secretary of State
15 and the Secretary of Defense, shall complete a plan
16 to expand opportunities for additional joint and inte-
17 grated training activities for the United States Coast
18 Guard and the Taiwan Coast Guard Administration.

19 (2) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by para-
20 graph (1) shall include the following:

21 (A) The estimated costs for fiscal years
22 2024 through 2029—

23 (i) to deploy United States Coast
24 Guard mobile training teams to Taiwan to
25 meaningfully enhance the maritime secu-

1 rity, law enforcement, and deterrence capa-
2 bilities of Taiwan; and

3 (ii) to accommodate the participation
4 of an increased number of members of the
5 Taiwan Coast Guard Administration in
6 United States Coast Guard-led maritime
7 training courses, including associated
8 training costs for such members, such as
9 costs for lodging, meals and incidental ex-
10 penses, travel, training of personnel, and
11 instructional materials.

12 (B) A strategy for increasing the number
13 of seats, as practicable, for members of the Tai-
14 wan Coast Guard Administration at each of the
15 following United States Coast Guard training
16 courses:

17 (i) The International Maritime Offi-
18 cers Course.

19 (ii) The International Leadership and
20 Management Seminar.

21 (iii) The International Crisis Com-
22 mand and Control Course.

23 (iv) The International Maritime Do-
24 main Awareness School.

1 (v) The International Maritime
2 Search and Rescue Planning School.

3 (vi) The International Command Cen-
4 ter School.

5 (C) An assessment of—

6 (i) the degree to which integrated and
7 joint United States Coast Guard and Tai-
8 wan Coast Guard Administration maritime
9 training would assist in—

10 (I) preventing, detecting, and
11 suppressing illegal, unreported, and
12 unregulated fishing operations in the
13 South China Sea and surrounding
14 waters; and

15 (II) supporting counter-illicit
16 drug trafficking operations in the
17 South China Sea and surrounding
18 waters; and

19 (ii) whether the frequency of United
20 States Coast Guard training team visits to
21 Taiwan should be increased to enhance the
22 maritime security, law enforcement, and
23 deterrence capabilities of Taiwan.

24 (3) BRIEFING.—Not later than 60 days after
25 the date on which the plan required under para-

graph (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. 5141. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE FACILITIES.

Section 907 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), in the first sentence—

(A) by striking “20 years” and inserting “30 years”;

(B) by striking “or National” and inserting “National”; and

(C) by inserting before the period “, medical facilities, Coast Guard child development centers (as such term is defined in section 2921), and training facilities, including small arms firing ranges”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking the period and inserting a semicolon;

1 (B) by striking “means any facilities” and
 2 inserting “means—
 3 “(1) any facilities”; and
 4 (C) by adding at the end the following:
 5 “(2) medical facilities;
 6 “(3) Coast Guard child development centers (as
 7 such term is defined in section 2921); and
 8 “(4) training facilities, including small arms fir-
 9 ing ranges.”.

10 **SEC. 5142. TIMELY REIMBURSEMENT OF DAMAGE CLAIMS**
 11 **FOR COAST GUARD PROPERTY.**

12 Section 546 of title 14, United States Code, is
 13 amended in the second sentence by inserting “and the
 14 amounts collected shall be available until expended” after
 15 “special deposit account”.

16 **SEC. 5143. ENHANCED USE PROPERTY PILOT PROGRAM.**

17 Section 504 of title 14, United States Code, is
 18 amended—

19 (1) in subsection (a)(13) by striking “five
 20 years” and inserting “30 years”; and
 21 (2) by adding at the end the following:
 22 “(g) ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.—
 23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Amounts received under
 24 subsection (a)(13) shall be—

1 “(A) in addition to amounts otherwise
2 available for the activities described in sub-
3 section (a)(13) for any fiscal year; and

4 “(B) available until expended.

5 “(2) CONSIDERATION.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
7 subparagraph (B), a person or entity entering
8 into a contractual agreement under this section
9 shall provide consideration for the contractual
10 agreement at fair market value, as determined
11 by the Commandant.

12 “(B) EXCEPTION.—In the case of a con-
13 tractual agreement under this section between
14 the Coast Guard and any other Federal depart-
15 ment or agency, the Federal department or
16 agency concerned shall provide consideration for
17 the contractual agreement that is equal to the
18 full cost borne by the Coast Guard in connec-
19 tion with completing such contractual agree-
20 ment.

21 “(C) FORMS.—Consideration under this
22 subsection may take any of the following forms:

23 “(i) The payment of cash.

24 “(ii) The maintenance, construction,
25 modification, or improvement of existing or

1 new facilities on real property under the
2 jurisdiction of the Commandant.

3 “(iii) The use by the Coast Guard of
4 facilities on the property concerned.

5 “(iv) The provision of services, includ-
6 ing parking, telecommunications, and envi-
7 ronmental remediation and restoration of
8 real property under the jurisdiction of the
9 Commandant.

10 “(v) Any other consideration the Com-
11 mandant considers appropriate.

12 “(vi) A combination of any forms de-
13 scribed in this subparagraph.

14 “(3) SUNSET.—The authority under paragraph
15 (13) of subsection (a) shall expire on December 31,
16 2030. The expiration under this paragraph of au-
17 thority under paragraph (13) of subsection (a) shall
18 not affect the validity or term of contractual agree-
19 ments under such paragraph or the retention by the
20 Commandant of proceeds from such agreements en-
21 tered into under such subsection before the expira-
22 tion of the authority.”.

1 **SEC. 5144. COAST GUARD PROPERTY PROVISION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 7 of title 14, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“§ 722. Cooperation with eligible entities**

6 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 “(1) COAST GUARD INSTALLATION.—The term
8 ‘Coast Guard installation’ means a base, unit, sta-
9 tion, yard, other property under the jurisdiction of
10 the Commandant or, in the case of property in a for-
11 eign country, under the operational control of the
12 Coast Guard, without regard to the duration of
13 operational control.

14 “(2) CULTURAL RESOURCE.—The term ‘cul-
15 tural resource’ means any of the following:

16 “(A) A building, structure, site, district, or
17 object eligible for or included in the National
18 Register of Historic Places maintained under
19 section 302101 of title 54.

20 “(B) Cultural items, as that term is de-
21 fined in section 2(3) of the Native American
22 Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25
23 U.S.C. 3001(3)).

24 “(C) An archaeological resource, as that
25 term is defined in section 3(1) of the Archae-

1 ological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (16
2 U.S.C. 470bb(1))).

3 “(D) An archaeological artifact collection
4 and associated records covered by part 79 of
5 title 36, Code of Federal Regulations.

6 “(E) A sacred site, as that term is defined
7 in section 1(b) of Executive Order No. 13007
8 (42 U.S.C. 1996 note; relating to Indian sacred
9 sites).

10 “(F) Treaty or trust resources of an In-
11 dian Tribe, including the habitat associated
12 with such resources.

13 “(G) Subsistence resources of an Indian
14 Tribe or a Native Hawaiian organization in-
15 cluding the habitat associated with such re-
16 sources.

17 “(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
18 tity’ means any the following:

19 “(A) A State, or a political subdivision of
20 a State.

21 “(B) A local government.

22 “(C) An Indian Tribe.

23 “(D) A Native Hawaiian organization.

24 “(E) A Tribal organization.

25 “(F) A Federal department or agency.

1 “(4) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’
2 has the meaning given that term in section 4 of the
3 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
4 Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

5 “(5) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The
6 term ‘Native Hawaiian organization’ has the mean-
7 ing given such term in section 6207 of the Elemen-
8 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
9 U.S.C. 7517) except the term includes the Depart-
10 ment of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Office of
11 Hawaiian Affairs.

12 “(6) NATURAL RESOURCE.—The term ‘natural
13 resource’ means land, fish, wildlife, biota, air, water,
14 ground water, drinking water supplies, and other
15 such resources belonging to, managed by, held in
16 trust by, appertaining to, or otherwise controlled by
17 the United States (including the resources of the
18 waters of the United States), any State or local gov-
19 ernment, any Indian Tribe, any Native Hawaiian or-
20 ganization, or any member of an Indian Tribe, if
21 such resources are subject to a trust restriction on
22 alienation and have been categorized into one of the
23 following groups:

24 “(A) Surface water resources.

25 “(B) Ground water resources.

1 “(C) Air resources.

2 “(D) Geologic resources.

3 “(E) Biological resources.

4 “(7) STATE.—The term ‘State’ includes each of
5 the several States, the District of Columbia, the
6 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth
7 of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories
8 and possessions of the United States.

9 “(8) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term ‘Tribal
10 organization’ has the meaning given the term in sec-
11 tion 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
12 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

13 “(b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR MANAGEMENT
14 OF CULTURAL RESOURCES.—

15 “(1) AUTHORITY.—The Commandant may
16 enter into a cooperative agreement with an eligible
17 entity (or in the case that the eligible entity is a
18 Federal department or agency, an interagency agree-
19 ment) —

20 “(A) to provide for the preservation, man-
21 agement, maintenance, and improvement of
22 natural resources and cultural resources located
23 on a site described under paragraph (2); and

1 “(B) for the purpose of conducting re-
 2 search regarding the natural resources and cul-
 3 tural resources.

4 “(2) AUTHORIZED NATURAL AND CULTURAL
 5 RESOURCES SITES.—To be covered by a cooperative
 6 agreement under paragraph (1), the relevant natural
 7 resources or cultural resources shall be located—

8 “(A) on a Coast Guard installation; or

9 “(B) on a site outside of a Coast Guard in-
 10 stallation, but only if the cooperative agreement
 11 will directly relieve or eliminate current or an-
 12 ticipated restrictions that would or might re-
 13 strict, impede, or otherwise interfere, either di-
 14 rectly or indirectly, with current or anticipated
 15 Coast Guard training, testing, maintenance, or
 16 operations on a Coast Guard installation.

17 “(3) APPLICATION OF OTHER LAWS.—Section
 18 1535 and chapter 63 of title 31 shall not apply to
 19 an agreement entered into under paragraph (1).

20 “(c) AGREEMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS.—

21 “(1) AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED.—The Com-
 22 mandant may enter into an agreement with an eligi-
 23 ble entity, and may enter into an interagency agree-
 24 ment with the head of another Federal department
 25 or agency, to address the use or development of

1 property in the vicinity of, or ecologically related to,
2 a Coast Guard installation for purposes of—

3 “(A) limiting any development or use of
4 such property that would be incompatible with
5 the mission of the Coast Guard installation;

6 “(B) preserving habitat on such property
7 in a manner that—

8 “(i) is compatible with environmental
9 requirements; and

10 “(ii) may eliminate or relieve current
11 or anticipated environmental restrictions
12 that would or might otherwise restrict, im-
13 pede, or interfere, either directly or indi-
14 rectly, with current or anticipated Coast
15 Guard training or operations on the Coast
16 Guard installation;

17 “(C) maintaining or improving Coast
18 Guard installation resilience;

19 “(D) maintaining and improving natural
20 resources, or benefitting natural and historic re-
21 search, on the Coast Guard installation;

22 “(E) maintaining access to cultural re-
23 sources and natural resources, including—

1 “(i) Tribal treaty fisheries and shell-
 2 fish harvest, and usual and accustomed
 3 fishing areas; and

4 “(ii) subsistence fisheries, or any
 5 other fishery or shellfish harvest, of an In-
 6 dian Tribe;

7 “(F) providing a means to replace or re-
 8 pair property or cultural resources of an Indian
 9 Tribe or a Native Hawaiian organization if such
 10 property is damaged by Coast Guard personnel
 11 or operations, in consultation with the affected
 12 Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization;
 13 or

14 “(G) maintaining and improving natural
 15 resources located outside a Coast Guard instal-
 16 lation, including property of an eligible entity,
 17 if the purpose of the agreement is to relieve or
 18 eliminate current or anticipated challenges that
 19 could restrict, impede, or otherwise interfere
 20 with, either directly or indirectly, current or an-
 21 ticipated Coast Guard activities.

22 “(2) INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN CONTRACT
 23 REQUIREMENTS.—Notwithstanding chapter 63 of
 24 title 31, an agreement under subsection (b)(1) that
 25 is a cooperative agreement and concerns a cultural

1 resource or a natural resource may be used to ac-
2 quire property or services for the direct benefit or
3 use of the Federal Government.

4 “(d)(1) An agreement under subparagraph (b)(1)
5 shall provide for—

6 “(A) the acquisition by an eligible entity or en-
7 tities of all right, title, and interest in and to any
8 real property, or any lesser interest in the property,
9 as may be appropriate for purposes of this sub-
10 section; and

11 “(B) the sharing by the United States and an
12 eligible entity or entities of the acquisition costs in
13 accordance with paragraph (3).

14 “(2) Property or interests may not be acquired pursu-
15 ant to an agreement under subsection (b)(1) unless the
16 owner of the property or interests consents to the acqui-
17 sition.

18 “(3)(A) An agreement with an eligible entity under
19 subsection (b)(1) may provide for—

20 “(i) the management of natural resources on,
21 and the monitoring and enforcement of any right,
22 title, or interest in real property in which the Com-
23 mandant acquires any right, title, or interest in ac-
24 cordance with this subsection; and

1 “(ii) for the payment by the United States of
2 all or a portion of the costs of such management,
3 monitoring, or enforcement if the Commandant de-
4 termines that there is a demonstrated need to pre-
5 serve or restore habitat for the purposes of sub-
6 section (b) or (c).

7 “(B) Any payment provided for under subparagraph
8 (A) may—

9 “(i) be paid in a lump sum;

10 “(ii) include an amount intended to cover the
11 future costs of natural resource management and
12 monitoring and enforcement; and

13 “(iii) be placed by the eligible entity in an inter-
14 est-bearing account, so long as any interest is to be
15 applied for the same purposes as the principal.

16 “(C) Any payments made under this paragraph shall
17 be subject to periodic auditing by the Inspector General
18 of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating.

19 “(4)(A) In entering into an agreement under sub-
20 section (b)(1), the Commandant shall determine the ap-
21 propriate portion of the acquisition costs to be borne by
22 the United States in the sharing of acquisition costs of
23 real property, or an interest in real property, as required
24 under paragraph (1)(B).

1 “(B) In lieu of, or in addition to, making a monetary
2 contribution toward the cost of acquiring a parcel of real
3 property, or an interest therein, pursuant to an agreement
4 under subsection (b)(1), the Commandant may convey real
5 property in accordance with applicable law.

6 “(C) The portion of acquisition costs borne by the
7 United States pursuant to subparagraph (A), either
8 through the contribution of funds, excess real property,
9 or both, may not exceed an amount equal to—

10 “(i) the fair market value of any property, or
11 interest in property, to be transferred to the United
12 States upon the request of the Commandant under
13 paragraph (5); or

14 “(ii) the cumulative fair market value of all
15 properties, or all interests in properties, to be trans-
16 ferred to the United States under paragraph (5)
17 pursuant to an agreement under subsection (b)(1).

18 “(D) The contribution of an eligible entity to the ac-
19 quisition costs of real property, or an interest in real prop-
20 erty, under paragraph (1)(B) may include, with the ap-
21 proval of the Commandant, the following:

22 “(i) The provision of funds, including funds re-
23 ceived by the eligible entity from—

24 “(I) a Federal agency outside the depart-
25 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating; or

1 “(II) a State or local government in con-
2 nection with a Federal, State, or local program.

3 “(ii) The provision of in-kind services, including
4 services related to the acquisition or maintenance of
5 such real property or interest in real property.

6 “(iii) The exchange or donation of real property
7 or any interest in real property.

8 “(iv) Any combination of clauses (i) through
9 (iii).

10 “(5)(A) In entering into an agreement under sub-
11 section (b)(1), each eligible entity that is a party to the
12 agreement shall agree, as a term of the agreement, to
13 transfer to the United States, upon request of the Com-
14 mandant, all or a portion of the property or interest ac-
15 quired under the agreement or a lesser interest therein,
16 except no such requirement need be included in the agree-
17 ment if—

18 “(i) the property or interest is being transferred
19 to a State or another Federal agency, or the agree-
20 ment requires the property or interest to be subse-
21 quently transferred to a State or another Federal
22 agency; and

23 “(ii) the Commandant determines that the laws
24 and regulations applicable to the future use of such
25 property or interest provide adequate assurance that

1 the property concerned will be developed and used in
2 a manner appropriate for purposes of this sub-
3 section.

4 “(B) The Commandant shall limit a transfer request
5 pursuant to subparagraph (A) to the minimum property
6 or interests necessary to ensure that the property or inter-
7 est concerned is developed and used in a manner appro-
8 priate for purposes of this subsection.

9 “(C)(i) Notwithstanding paragraph (A), If all or a
10 portion of a property or interest acquired under an agree-
11 ment under subsection (b)(1) is initially or subsequently
12 transferred to a State or another Federal agency, before
13 that State or other Federal agency may declare the prop-
14 erty or interest in excess to its needs or propose to ex-
15 change the property or interest, the State or other Federal
16 agency shall give the Commandant reasonable advance no-
17 tice of its intent to so declare.

18 “(ii) Upon receiving such reasonable advance notice
19 under clause (i), the Commandant may request, within a
20 reasonable time period, that administrative jurisdiction
21 over the property or interest be transferred to the Com-
22 mandant, if the Commandant determines such transfer
23 necessary for the preservation of the purposes of this sub-
24 section.

1 “(iii) Upon a request from the Commandant under
2 clause (ii), the administrative jurisdiction over the prop-
3 erty or interest be transferred to the Commandant at no
4 cost.

5 “(iv) If the Commandant does not make a request
6 under clause (ii) within a reasonable time period, all such
7 rights of the Commandant to request transfer of adminis-
8 trative jurisdiction over the property or interest shall re-
9 main available to the Commandant with respect to future
10 transfers or exchanges of the property or interest and shall
11 bind all subsequent transferees.

12 “(D) The Commandant may accept, on behalf of the
13 United States, any property or interest to be transferred
14 to the United States under an agreement under subsection
15 (b)(1).

16 “(E) For purposes of the acceptance of property or
17 interests under an agreement under subsection (b)(1), the
18 Commandant may accept an appraisal or title documents
19 prepared or adopted by a non-Federal entity as satisfying
20 the applicable requirements of section 301 of the Uniform
21 Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Poli-
22 cies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4651) or section 3111 of title
23 40 if the Commandant finds that the appraisal or title
24 documents substantially comply with the requirements of
25 such sections and is reasonably accurate.

1 “(e) MINIMAL CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL OF AGREE-
2 MENTS.—The Commandant may approve a cooperative
3 agreement under subsection (b)(1) if the Commandant de-
4 termines that—

5 “(1) the eligible entity has authority to carry
6 out the project;

7 “(2) the project would be completed without un-
8 reasonable delay as determined by the Commandant;
9 and

10 “(3) the project cannot be effectively completed
11 without the cooperative agreement authority under
12 subsection (b)(1).

13 “(f) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The
14 Commandant may require such additional terms and con-
15 ditions in an agreement under subsection (b)(1) as the
16 Commandant considers appropriate to protect the inter-
17 ests of the United States, in accordance with applicable
18 Federal law.

19 “(g) NOTIFICATION; AVAILABILITY OF AGREEMENTS
20 TO CONGRESS.—

21 “(1) NOTIFICATION.—The Commandant shall
22 notify the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
23 Transportation or the Committee on Homeland Se-
24 curity and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and
25 the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate when

1 the eligible entity is a Tribe, Tribal Organization or
2 Native Hawaiian organization, and the Committee
3 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
4 of Representatives in writing not later than the date
5 that is 3 full business days prior to any day on
6 which the Commandant intends to enter into an
7 agreement under subsection (b)(1), and include in
8 such notification the anticipated costs of carrying
9 out the agreement, to the extent practicable.

10 “(2) AVAILABILITY OF AGREEMENTS.—A copy
11 of an agreement entered into under subsection
12 (b)(1) shall be provided to any member of the Com-
13 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation or
14 the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
15 mental Affairs of the Senate or the Committee on
16 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
17 Representatives not later than 5 full business days
18 after the date on which such request is submitted to
19 the Commandant.

20 “(h) CONSULTATION.—Not later than 180 days after
21 the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization
22 Act of 2025, the Commandant shall consult with Indian
23 Tribes to improve opportunities for Indian Tribe partici-
24 pation in the development and execution of Coast Guard
25 oil spill response and prevention activities.

1 “(i) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
 2 tion may be construed to undermine the rights of any In-
 3 dian Tribe to seek full and meaningful government-to-gov-
 4 ernment consultation under this section or under any
 5 other law.”.

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 7 ter 7 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by insert-
 8 ing after the item relating to section 721 the following:
 “722. Cooperation with eligible entities.”.

9 **Subtitle D—Personnel**

10 **SEC. 5151. DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN PER-** 11 **SONNEL.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 25 of title
 13 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
 14 the following:

15 **“§ 2517. Direct hire authority for certain personnel**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant may appoint,
 17 without regard to the provisions of subchapter I of chapter
 18 33 (other than sections 3303 and 3328 of such chapter)
 19 of title 5, qualified candidates to any of the following posi-
 20 tions in the competitive service (as defined in section 2102
 21 of title 5) in the Coast Guard:

22 “(1) Any category of medical or health profes-
 23 sional positions within the Coast Guard.

24 “(2) Any childcare services position.

1 “(3) Any position in the Coast Guard housing
 2 office of a Coast Guard installation, the primary
 3 function of which is supervision of Coast Guard
 4 housing covered by subchapter III of chapter 29 of
 5 this title.

6 “(4) Any nonclinical specialist position the pur-
 7 pose of which is the integrated primary prevention
 8 of harmful behavior, including suicide, sexual as-
 9 sault, harassment, domestic abuse, and child abuse.

10 “(5) Any special agent position of the Coast
 11 Guard Investigative Service.

12 “(6) The following positions at the Coast Guard
 13 Academy:

14 “(A) Any civilian faculty member ap-
 15 pointed under section 1941.

16 “(B) A position involving the improvement
 17 of cadet health or well-being.

18 “(b) LIMITATION.—The Commandant shall only ap-
 19 point qualified candidates under the authority provided by
 20 subsection (a) if the Commandant determines that there
 21 is a shortage of qualified candidates for the positions de-
 22 scribed in such subsection or a critical hiring need for such
 23 positions.

24 “(c) BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 1
 25 year after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Au-

1 thorization Act of 2025, and annually thereafter for the
2 following 5 years, the Commandant shall submit to the
3 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
4 and the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
5 mental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Trans-
6 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
7 tives a written briefing which describes the use of the au-
8 thority provided under this section on an annual basis, in-
9 cluding the following:

10 “(1) The number of employees hired under the
11 authority provided under this section within the year
12 for which the briefing is provided.

13 “(2) The positions and grades for which em-
14 ployees were hired.

15 “(3) A justification for the Commandant’s de-
16 termination that such positions involved a shortage
17 of qualified candidates or a critical hiring need.

18 “(4) The number of employees who were hired
19 under the authority provided under this section who
20 have separated from the Coast Guard.

21 “(5) Steps the Coast Guard has taken to en-
22 gage with the Office of Personnel Management
23 under subpart B of part 337 of title 5, Code of Fed-
24 eral Regulations, for positions for which the Com-

1 mandant determines a direct hire authority remains
2 necessary.

3 “(d) SUNSET.—The authority provided under sub-
4 section (a) shall expire on September 30, 2030.”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
6 ter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by in-
7 serting after the item relating to 2516 the following:

“2517. Direct hire authority for certain personnel.”.

8 **SEC. 5152. TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM AUTHORIZED**
9 **END STRENGTH FOR ENLISTED MEMBERS ON**
10 **ACTIVE DUTY IN COAST GUARD IN PAY**
11 **GRADES E-8 AND E-9.**

12 Section 517(a) of title 10, United States Code, shall
13 not apply with respect to the Coast Guard until October
14 1, 2027.

15 **SEC. 5153. ADDITIONAL AVAILABLE GUIDANCE AND CON-**
16 **SIDERATIONS FOR RESERVE SELECTION**
17 **BOARDS.**

18 Section 3740(f) of title 14, United States Code, is
19 amended by striking “section 2117” and inserting “sec-
20 tions 2115 and 2117”.

21 **SEC. 5154. FAMILY LEAVE POLICIES FOR THE COAST**
22 **GUARD.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2512 of title 14, United
24 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 mem-
bers 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 fos-
ter care”;

(C) by striking “and enlisted members”
and inserting “, enlisted members, and mem-
bers of the reserve component”; and

(D) by inserting “or, with respect to mem-
bers of the reserve component of the Coast
Guard, the Secretary of Defense” after “pro-
vided by the Secretary of the Navy”;

(3) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the subsection heading by striking
“ADOPTION OF CHILD” and inserting “PLACE-
MENT OF MINOR CHILD WITH MEMBER FOR
ADOPTION OR LONG TERM FOSTER CARE”;

1 (B) by striking “and 704” and inserting “,
2 704, and 711”;

3 (C) by striking “and enlisted members”
4 and inserting “, enlisted members, and mem-
5 bers of the reserve component”;

6 (D) by striking “or adoption” inserting “,
7 adoption, or long term foster care”;

8 (E) by striking “immediately”;

9 (F) by striking “or adoption” and insert-
10 ing “, placement of a minor child with the
11 member for long-term foster care or adoption,”;
12 and

13 (G) by striking “enlisted member” and in-
14 serting “, enlisted member, or member of the
15 reserve component”;

16 (4) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(c) PERIOD OF LEAVE.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the de-
19 partment in which the Coast Guard is operating,
20 may authorize leave described under subparagraph
21 (b) to be taken after the one-year period described
22 in subparagraph (b) in the case of a member de-
23 scribed in subsection (b) who, except for this sub-
24 paragraph, would lose unused family leave at the

1 end of the one-year period described in subpara-
2 graph (A) as a result of—

3 “(A) operational requirements;

4 “(B) professional military education obli-
5 gations; or

6 “(C) other circumstances that the Sec-
7 retary determines reasonable and appropriate.

8 “(2) EXTENDED DEADLINE.—The regulation,
9 rule, policy, or memorandum prescribed under para-
10 graph (a) shall require that any leave authorized to
11 be taken after the one-year period described in sub-
12 paragraph (c)(1)(A) shall be taken within a reason-
13 able period of time, as determined by the Secretary
14 of the department in which the Coast Guard is oper-
15 ating, after cessation of the circumstances war-
16 ranting the extended deadline.

17 “(d) MEMBER OF THE RESERVE COMPONENT OF
18 THE COAST GUARD DEFINED.—In this section, the term
19 ‘member of the reserve component of the Coast Guard’
20 means a member of the Coast Guard who is a member
21 of—

22 “(1) the selected reserve who is entitled to com-
23 pensation under section 206 of title 37; or

24 “(2) the individual ready reserve who is entitled
25 to compensation under section 206 of title 37 when

1 attending or participating in a sufficient number of
 2 periods of inactive-duty training during a year to
 3 count the year as a qualifying year of creditable
 4 service toward eligibility for retired pay.”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 6 ter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by
 7 striking the item relating to section 2512 and inserting
 8 the following:

“2512. Family leave policies for the Coast Guard.”.

9 (c) COMPENSATION.—Section 206(a)(4) of title 37,
 10 United States Code, is amended by inserting before the
 11 period at the end “or family leave under section 2512 of
 12 title 14”.

13 **SEC. 5155. AUTHORIZATION FOR MATERNITY UNIFORM AL-**
 14 **LOWANCE FOR OFFICERS.**

15 Section 2708 of title 14, United States Code, is
 16 amended by adding at the end the following:

17 “(c) The Coast Guard may provide a cash allowance,
 18 in such amount as the Secretary shall determine by policy,
 19 to be paid to pregnant officer personnel for the purchase
 20 of maternity-related uniform items, if such uniform items
 21 are not so furnished to the member by the Coast Guard.”.

22 **SEC. 5156. HOUSING.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 29 of
 24 title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
 25 end the following:

1 **“§ 2948. Authorization for acquisition of existing fam-**
2 **ily housing in lieu of construction**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In lieu of constructing any fam-
4 ily housing units authorized by law to be constructed, the
5 Commandant may acquire sole interest in existing family
6 housing units that are privately owned or that are held
7 by the Department of Housing and Urban Development,
8 except that in foreign countries the Commandant may ac-
9 quire less than sole interest in existing family housing
10 units.

11 “(b) ACQUISITION OF INTERESTS IN LAND.—When
12 authority provided by law to construct Coast Guard family
13 housing units is used to acquire existing family housing
14 units under subsection (a), the authority includes author-
15 ity to acquire interests in land.

16 “(c) LIMITATION ON NET FLOOR AREA.—The net
17 floor area of a family housing unit acquired under the au-
18 thority of this section may not exceed the applicable limi-
19 tation specified in section 2826 of title 10. The Com-
20 mandant may waive the limitation set forth in the pre-
21 ceding sentence for family housing units acquired under
22 this section during the five-year period beginning on the
23 date of the enactment of this section.

1 **“§ 2949. Acceptance of funds to cover administrative**
 2 **expenses relating to certain real property**
 3 **transactions**

4 “(a) **AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT.**—In connection with a
 5 real property transaction referred to in subsection (b) with
 6 a non-Federal person or entity, the Commandant may ac-
 7 cept amounts provided by the person or entity to cover
 8 administrative expenses incurred by the Commandant in
 9 entering into the transaction.

10 “(b) **COVERED TRANSACTIONS.**—Subsection (a) ap-
 11 plies to the following transactions involving real property
 12 under the control of the Commandant:

13 “(1) The exchange of real property.

14 “(2) The grant of an easement over, in, or upon
 15 real property of the United States.

16 “(3) The lease or license of real property of the
 17 United States.

18 “(4) The disposal of real property of the United
 19 States for which the Commandant will be the dis-
 20 posal agent.

21 “(5) The conveyance of real property under sec-
 22 tion 2945.”.

23 (b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The analysis for chap-
 24 ter 29 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by add-
 25 ing at the end the following:

“2948. Authorization for acquisition of existing family housing in lieu of construction.

“2949. Acceptance of funds to cover administrative expenses relating to certain real property transactions.”.

1 (c) REPORT ON GAO RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOUS-
 2 ING PROGRAM.—Not later than 1 year after the date of
 3 enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to
 4 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
 5 the House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
 6 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
 7 on the status of the implementation of the recommenda-
 8 tions contained in the report of the Government Account-
 9 ability Office titled “Coast Guard: Better Feedback Collec-
 10 tion and Information Could Enhance Housing Program”,
 11 and issued February 5, 2024 (GAO–24–106388).

12 **SEC. 5157. UNIFORM FUNDING AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**
 13 **FOR MORALE, WELL-BEING, AND RECRE-**
 14 **ATION PROGRAMS AND COAST GUARD EX-**
 15 **CHANGE.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter IV of chapter 5 of
 17 title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
 18 end the following:

19 **“§ 565. Uniform funding and management of morale,**
 20 **well-being, and recreation programs and**
 21 **Coast Guard Exchange**

22 “(a) AUTHORITY FOR UNIFORM FUNDING AND MAN-
 23 AGEMENT.—Under policies issued by the Commandant,

1 funds appropriated to the Coast Guard and available for
2 morale, well-being, and recreation programs and the Coast
3 Guard Exchange may be treated as nonappropriated funds
4 and expended in accordance with laws applicable to the
5 expenditure of nonappropriated funds. When made avail-
6 able for morale, well-being, and recreation programs and
7 the Coast Guard Exchange under such policies, appro-
8 priated funds shall be considered to be nonappropriated
9 funds for all purposes and shall remain available until ex-
10 pended.

11 “(b) CONDITIONS ON AVAILABILITY.—Funds appro-
12 priated to the Coast Guard and subject to a policy de-
13 scribed in subsection (a) shall only be available in amounts
14 that are determined by the Commandant to be consistent
15 with—

16 “(1) Coast Guard policy; and

17 “(2) Coast Guard readiness and resources.

18 “(c) UPDATED POLICY.—Not later than 90 days
19 after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authoriza-
20 tion Act of 2025, the Commandant shall update the poli-
21 cies described in subsection (a) consistent with this sec-
22 tion.

23 “(d) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the
24 date on which the Commandant issues the updated policies
25 required under subsection (c), the Commandant shall pro-

1 vide to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
 2 portation of the Senate and the Committee on Transpor-
 3 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
 4 a briefing on such policies.”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 6 ter 5 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by insert-
 7 ing after the item relating to section 564 the following:

“565. Uniform funding and management of morale, well-being, and recreation
 programs and Coast Guard Exchange.”.

8 **SEC. 5158. COAST GUARD EMBEDDED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**
 9 **TECHNICIAN PROGRAM.**

10 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days
 12 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-
 13 mandant, in coordination with the Assistant Com-
 14 mandant for Health, Safety, and Work Life, shall
 15 establish and conduct a pilot program, to be known
 16 as the “Coast Guard Embedded Behavioral Health
 17 Technician Program” (referred to in this section as
 18 the “Pilot Program”), to integrate behavioral health
 19 technicians serving at Coast Guard units for the
 20 purposes of—

21 (A) facilitating, at the clinic level, the pro-
 22 vision of integrated behavioral health care for
 23 members of the Coast Guard;

1 (B) providing, as a force extender under
2 the supervision of a licensed behavioral health
3 care provider, at the clinic level—

4 (i) psychological assessment and diag-
5 nostic services, as appropriate;

6 (ii) behavioral health services, as ap-
7 propriate;

8 (iii) education and training related to
9 promoting positive behavioral health and
10 well-being; and

11 (iv) information and resources, includ-
12 ing expedited referrals, to assist members
13 of the Coast Guard in dealing with behav-
14 ioral health concerns;

15 (C) improving resilience and mental health
16 care among members of the Coast Guard who
17 respond to extraordinary calls of duty, with the
18 ultimate goals of preventing crises and address-
19 ing mental health concerns before such concerns
20 evolve into more complex issues that require
21 care at a military treatment facility;

22 (D) increasing—

23 (i) the number of such members
24 served by behavioral health technicians;
25 and

1 (ii) the proportion of such members
2 returning to duty after seeking behavioral
3 health care; and

4 (E) positively impacting the Coast Guard
5 in a cost-effective manner by extending behav-
6 ioral health services to the workforce and im-
7 proving access to care.

8 (2) BRIEFING.—Not later than 120 days after
9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
10 shall provide the Committee on Commerce, Science,
11 and Transportation of the Senate and the Com-
12 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
13 House of Representatives with a briefing regarding
14 a plan to establish and conduct the Pilot Program.

15 (b) SELECTION OF COAST GUARD CLINICS.—The
16 Commandant shall select, for participation in the Pilot
17 Program, 3 or more Coast Guard clinics that support
18 units that have significantly high operational tempos or
19 other force resiliency risks, as determined by the Com-
20 mandant.

21 (c) PLACEMENT OF STAFF AT COAST GUARD CLIN-
22 ICS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Under the Pilot Program, a
24 Coast Guard health services technician with a grade

1 of E-5 or higher, or an assigned civilian behavioral
2 health specialist, shall be—

3 (A) assigned to each selected Coast Guard
4 clinic; and

5 (B) located at a unit with high operational
6 tempo.

7 (2) TRAINING.—

8 (A) HEALTH SERVICES TECHNICIANS.—

9 Before commencing an assignment at a Coast
10 Guard clinic under paragraph (1), a Coast
11 Guard health services technician shall complete
12 behavioral health technician training and inde-
13 pendent duty health services training.

14 (B) CIVILIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SPE-
15 CIALISTS.—To qualify for an assignment at a
16 Coast Guard clinic under paragraph (1), a civil-
17 ian behavioral health specialist shall have at
18 least the equivalent behavioral health training
19 as the training required for a Coast Guard be-
20 havioral health technician under subparagraph
21 (A).

22 (d) ADMINISTRATION.—The Commandant, in coordi-
23 nation with the Assistant Commandant for Health, Safety,
24 and Work Life, shall administer the Pilot Program

1 through the Health, Safety, and Work-Life Service Cen-
2 ter.

3 (e) DATA COLLECTION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall col-
5 lect and analyze data concerning the Pilot Program
6 for purposes of—

7 (A) developing and sharing best practices
8 for improving access to behavioral health care;
9 and

10 (B) providing information to the Com-
11 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
12 tation of the Senate and the Committee on
13 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
14 of Representatives regarding the implementa-
15 tion of the Pilot Program and related policy
16 issues.

17 (2) PLAN.—Not later than 270 days after the
18 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
19 shall submit to the Committee on Commerce,
20 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the
21 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
22 the House of Representatives a plan for carrying out
23 paragraph (1).

24 (f) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than September 1
25 of each year until the date on which the Pilot Program

1 terminates under subsection (g), the Commandant shall
2 submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
3 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
4 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
5 resentatives a report on the Pilot Program that includes
6 the following:

7 (1) An overview of the implementation of the
8 Pilot Program at each applicable Coast Guard clinic,
9 including—

10 (A) the number of members of the Coast
11 Guard who received services on site by a behav-
12 ioral health technician assigned to such clinic;

13 (B) feedback from all members of the
14 Coast Guard empaneled for their medical care
15 under the Pilot Program;

16 (C) an assessment of the deployability and
17 overall readiness of members of the applicable
18 operational unit; and

19 (D) an estimate of potential costs and im-
20 pacts on other Coast Guard health care services
21 of supporting the Pilot Program at such units
22 and clinics.

23 (2) The data and analysis required under sub-
24 section (e)(1).

1 (3) A list and detailed description of lessons
2 learned from the Pilot Program as of the date of on
3 which the report is submitted.

4 (4) The feasibility, estimated cost, and impacts
5 on other Coast Guard health care services of ex-
6 panding the Pilot Program to all Coast Guard clin-
7 ics, and a description of the personnel, fiscal, and
8 administrative resources that would be needed for
9 such an expansion.

10 (g) TERMINATION.—The Pilot Program shall termi-
11 nate on September 30, 2028.

12 **SEC. 5159. EXPANSION OF ACCESS TO COUNSELING.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
14 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall hire,
15 train, and deploy not fewer than 5 additional behavioral
16 health specialists, in addition to the personnel required
17 under section 11412(a) of the Don Young Coast Guard
18 Authorization Act of 2022 (14 U.S.C. 504 note).

19 (b) REQUIREMENT.—The Commandant shall ensure
20 that not fewer than 35 percent of behavioral health spe-
21 cialists required to be deployed under subsection (a) have
22 experience in—

23 (1) behavioral health care related to military
24 sexual trauma; and

1 (2) behavioral health care for the purpose of
2 supporting members of the Coast Guard with needs
3 for mental health care and counseling services for
4 post-traumatic stress disorder and co-occurring dis-
5 orders related to military sexual trauma.

6 (c) ACCESSIBILITY.—The support provided by the be-
7 havioral health specialists hired pursuant to subsection
8 (a)—

9 (1) may include care delivered via telemedicine;
10 and

11 (2) shall be made widely available to members
12 of the Coast Guard.

13 (d) NOTIFICATION.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
15 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-
16 mandant shall notify the Committee on Commerce,
17 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the
18 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
19 the House of Representatives if the Coast Guard has
20 not completed hiring, training, and deploying—

21 (A) the personnel referred to in sub-
22 sections (a) and (b); and

23 (B) the personnel required under section
24 11412(a) of the Don Young Coast Guard Au-
25 thorization Act of 2022 (14 U.S.C. 504 note).

1 (2) CONTENTS.—The notification required
2 under paragraph (1) shall include—

3 (A) the date of publication of the hiring
4 opportunity for all such personnel;

5 (B) the General Schedule grade level ad-
6 vertised in the publication of the hiring oppor-
7 tunity for all such personnel;

8 (C) the number of personnel to whom the
9 Coast Guard extended an offer of employment
10 in accordance with the requirements of this sec-
11 tion and section 11412(a) of the Don Young
12 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (14
13 U.S.C. 504 note), and the number of such per-
14 sonnel who accepted or declined such offer of
15 employment;

16 (D) a summary of the efforts by the Coast
17 Guard to publicize, advertise, or otherwise re-
18 cruit qualified candidates in accordance with
19 the requirements of this section and section
20 11412(a) of such Act; and

21 (E) any recommendations and a detailed
22 plan to ensure full compliance with the require-
23 ments of this section and section 11412(a) of
24 such Act, which may include special payments
25 discussed in the report of the Government Ac-

countability 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. 5160. COMMAND SPONSORSHIP FOR DEPENDENTS OF MEMBERS OF COAST GUARD ASSIGNED TO UNALASKA, ALASKA.

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.

SEC. 5161. 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 the homes of record of such member during the period specified in subsection (e).

(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

1 (2) an officer in a grade above O–5 in the chain
2 of command of the member authorizes the travel of
3 the member.

4 (c) TREATMENT OF TIME AS LEAVE.—The time dur-
5 ing which an eligible member is absent from duty for trav-
6 el reimbursable under subsection (a) shall be treated as
7 leave for purposes of section 704 of title 10, United States
8 Code.

9 (d) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than February
10 1, 2027, the Commandant shall provide to the Committee
11 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate
12 and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
13 of the House of Representatives a briefing on—

14 (1) the use and effectiveness of reimbursements
15 under subsection (a);

16 (2) the calculation and use of the cost of living
17 allowance for a member assigned to a duty location
18 in Alaska; and

19 (3) the use of special pays and other allowances
20 as incentives for cold weather proficiency or duty lo-
21 cations.

22 (e) PERIOD SPECIFIED.—The period specified in this
23 subsection is the period—

24 (1) beginning on the date of enactment of this
25 Act; and

1 (2) ending on the later of—

2 (A) December 31, 2026; or

3 (B) the date on which the authority under
4 section 352 of title 37, United States Code, to
5 grant assignment or special duty pay to mem-
6 bers of the uniform services terminates under
7 subsection (g) of such section.

8 **SEC. 5162. CONSOLIDATION OF AUTHORITIES FOR COL-**
9 **LEGE STUDENT PRECOMMISSIONING INITIA-**
10 **TIVE.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3710 of title 14, United
12 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

13 **“§ 3710. College student precommissioning initiative**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized within the
15 Coast Guard a college student precommissioning initiative
16 program (in this section referred to as the ‘Program’) for
17 eligible undergraduate students to enlist in the Coast
18 Guard Reserve and receive a commission as a Reserve offi-
19 cer.

20 “(b) CRITERIA FOR SELECTION.—To be eligible for
21 the Program an applicant shall meet the following require-
22 ments upon submitting an application:

23 “(1) AGE.—The applicant shall be not less than
24 19 years old and not more than 31 years old as of
25 September 30 of the fiscal year in which the Pro-

1 gram selection panel selecting such applicant con-
2 venes, or an age otherwise determined by the Com-
3 mandant.

4 “(2) CHARACTER.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The applicant shall be
6 of outstanding moral character and meet any
7 other character requirement set forth by the
8 Commandant.

9 “(B) COAST GUARD APPLICANTS.—Any
10 applicant serving in the Coast Guard may not
11 be commissioned if in the 36 months prior to
12 the first Officer Candidate School class con-
13 vening date in the selection cycle, such appli-
14 cant was convicted by a court-martial or as-
15 signed nonjudicial punishment, or did not meet
16 performance or character requirements set forth
17 by the Commandant.

18 “(3) CITIZENSHIP.—The applicant shall be a
19 United States citizen.

20 “(4) CLEARANCE.—The applicant shall be eligi-
21 ble for a secret clearance.

22 “(5) EDUCATION.—The applicant shall be en-
23 rolled in a college degree program at—

1 “(A) an institution of higher education de-
 2 scribed in section 371(a) of the Higher Edu-
 3 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a));

4 “(B) an institution of higher education (as
 5 defined in section 101 of the Higher Education
 6 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) that, at the
 7 time of the application has had for 3 consecu-
 8 tive years an enrollment of undergraduate full-
 9 time equivalent students (as defined in section
 10 312(e) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1058(e))) that is
 11 a total of at least 50 percent Black American,
 12 Hispanic American, Asian American (as defined
 13 in section 371(c) of such Act (20 U.S.C.
 14 1067q(c))), Native American Pacific Islander
 15 (as defined in such section), or Native Amer-
 16 ican (as defined in such section), among other
 17 criteria, as determined by the Commandant; or

18 “(C) an institution that meets the eligi-
 19 bility requirements for funding as a rural-serv-
 20 ing institution of higher education under section
 21 861 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
 22 U.S.C. 1161q).

23 “(6) LOCATION.—The institution at which the
 24 applicant is an undergraduate shall be within 100
 25 miles of a Coast Guard unit or Coast Guard Re-

1 cruiting Office unless otherwise approved by the
2 Commandant.

3 “(7) RECORDS.—The applicant shall meet cred-
4 it and grade point average requirements set forth by
5 the Commandant.

6 “(8) MEDICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE.—The ap-
7 plicant shall meet other medical and administrative
8 requirements as set forth by the Commandant.

9 “(c) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant may pro-
11 vide financial assistance to enlisted members of the
12 Coast Guard Reserve on active duty participating in
13 the Program, for expenses of the enlisted member
14 while the enlisted member is enrolled, on a full-time
15 basis, in a college degree program approved by the
16 Commandant at a college, university, or institution
17 of higher education described in subsection (b)(5)
18 that leads to—

19 “(A) a baccalaureate degree in not more
20 than 5 academic years; or

21 “(B) a post-baccalaureate degree.

22 “(2) WRITTEN AGREEMENTS.—To be eligible
23 for financial assistance under this section, an en-
24 listed member of the Coast Guard Reserve shall
25 enter into a written agreement with the Coast Guard

1 that notifies the Reserve enlisted member of the obli-
2 gations of that member under this section, and in
3 which the member agrees to the following:

4 “(A) The member shall complete an ap-
5 proved college degree program at a college, uni-
6 versity, or institution of higher education de-
7 scribed in subsection (b)(5).

8 “(B) The member shall satisfactorily com-
9 plete all required Coast Guard training and
10 participate in monthly military activities of the
11 Program as required by the Commandant.

12 “(C) Upon graduation from the college,
13 university, or institution of higher education de-
14 scribed in subsection (b)(5), the member
15 shall—

16 “(i) accept an appointment, if ten-
17 dered, as a commissioned officer in the
18 Coast Guard Reserve; and

19 “(ii) serve a period of obligated active
20 duty for a minimum of 3 years imme-
21 diately after such appointment as follows:

22 “(I) Members participating in the
23 Program shall be obligated to serve on
24 active duty 3 months for each month
25 of instruction for which they receive

1 financial assistance pursuant to this
2 section for the first 12 months and 1
3 month for each month thereafter, or 3
4 years, whichever is greater.

5 “(II) The period of obligated ac-
6 tive duty service incurred while par-
7 ticipating in the Program shall be in
8 addition to any other obligated service
9 a member may incur due to receiving
10 other bonuses or other benefits as
11 part of any other Coast Guard pro-
12 gram.

13 “(III) If an appointment de-
14 scribed in clause (i) is not tendered,
15 the member will remain in the Re-
16 serve component until completion of
17 the member’s enlisted service obliga-
18 tion.

19 “(D) The member shall agree to perform
20 such duties or complete such terms under the
21 conditions of service specified by the Coast
22 Guard.

23 “(3) EXPENSES.—Expenses for which financial
24 assistance may be provided under this section are
25 the following:

1 “(A) Tuition and fees charged by the col-
 2 lege, university, or institution of higher edu-
 3 cation at which a member is enrolled on a full-
 4 time basis.

5 “(B) The cost of books.

6 “(C) In the case of a program of education
 7 leading to a baccalaureate degree, laboratory
 8 expenses.

9 “(D) Such other expenses as the Com-
 10 mandant considers appropriate, which may not
 11 exceed \$25,000 for any academic year.

12 “(4) TIME LIMIT.—Financial assistance may be
 13 provided to a member under this section for up to
 14 5 consecutive academic years.

15 “(5) BREACH OF AGREEMENT.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may re-
 17 tain in the Coast Guard Reserve, and may
 18 order to active duty for such period of time as
 19 the Secretary prescribes (but not to exceed 4
 20 years), a member who breaches an agreement
 21 under paragraph (2). The period of time for
 22 which a member is ordered to active duty under
 23 this paragraph may be determined without re-
 24 gard to section 651(a) of title 10.

1 “(B) APPROPRIATE ENLISTED GRADE OR
2 RATING.—A member who is retained in the
3 Coast Guard Reserve under subparagraph (A)
4 shall be retained in an appropriate enlisted
5 grade or rating, as determined by the Com-
6 mandant.

7 “(6) REPAYMENT.—A member who does not
8 fulfill the terms of the obligation to serve as speci-
9 fied under paragraph (2), or the alternative obliga-
10 tion imposed under paragraph (5), shall be subject
11 to the repayment provisions of section 303a(e) of
12 title 37.

13 “(d) BRIEFING.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than August 15
15 of each year following the date of the enactment of
16 the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, the
17 Commandant shall provide a briefing to the Com-
18 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
19 the Senate and the Committee on Transportation
20 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
21 on the Program.

22 “(2) CONTENTS.—The briefing required under
23 paragraph (1) shall describe—

24 “(A) outreach and recruitment efforts over
25 the previous year; and

1 “(B) demographic information of enrollees,
 2 including—
 3 “(i) race;
 4 “(ii) ethnicity;
 5 “(iii) gender;
 6 “(iv) geographic origin; and
 7 “(v) educational institution.”.

8 (b) REPEAL.—Section 2131 of title 14, United States
 9 Code, is repealed.

10 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

11 (1) The analysis for chapter 21 of title 14,
 12 United States Code, is amended by striking the item
 13 relating to section 2131.

14 (2) The analysis for chapter 37 of title 14,
 15 United States Code, is amended by striking the item
 16 relating to section 3710 and inserting the following:

“3710. College student precommissioning initiative.”.

17 **SEC. 5163. TUITION ASSISTANCE AND ADVANCED EDU-**
 18 **CATION ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM.**

19 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 120 days after
 20 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
 21 department in which the Coast Guard is operating, acting
 22 through the Commandant, shall establish a tuition assist-
 23 ance pilot program for active-duty members of the Coast
 24 Guard, to be known as the “Tuition Assistance and Ad-

1 vanced Education Assistance Pilot Program for Sea
2 Duty” (referred to in this section as the “pilot program”).

3 (b) FORMAL AGREEMENT.—A member of the Coast
4 Guard participating in the pilot program shall enter into
5 a formal agreement with the Secretary of the department
6 in which the Coast Guard is operating that provides that,
7 upon the successful completion of a sea duty tour by such
8 member, the Secretary of the department in which the
9 Coast Guard is operating shall, for a period equal to the
10 length of the sea duty tour, beginning on the date on
11 which the sea duty tour concludes—

12 (1) reduce by 1 year the service obligation in-
13 curred by such member as a result of participation
14 in the advanced education assistance program under
15 section 2005 of title 10, United States Code, or the
16 tuition assistance program under section 2007 of
17 such title; and

18 (2) increase the tuition assistance cost cap for
19 such member to not more than double the amount
20 of the standard tuition assistance cost cap set by the
21 Commandant for the applicable fiscal year.

22 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
23 on which the pilot program is established, and annually
24 thereafter through the date on which the pilot program
25 is terminated under subsection (d), the Commandant shall

1 submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
2 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
3 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
4 resentatives a report that—

5 (1) evaluates and compares—

6 (A) the Coast Guard's retention, recruit-
7 ment, and filling of sea duty billets for all mem-
8 bers of the Coast Guard; and

9 (B) the Coast Guard's retention, recruit-
10 ment, and filling of sea duty billets for all mem-
11 bers of the Coast Guard participating in the
12 pilot program;

13 (2) includes the number of participants in the
14 pilot program as of the date of the report,
15 disaggregated by officer and enlisted billet type; and

16 (3) assesses the progress made by such partici-
17 pants in their respective voluntary education pro-
18 grams, in accordance with their degree plans, during
19 the period described in subsection (b).

20 (d) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall termi-
21 nate on the date that is 6 years after the date on which
22 the pilot program is established.

1 **SEC. 5164. MODIFICATIONS TO CAREER FLEXIBILITY PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 Section 2514 of title 14, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (c)(3) by striking “2 months”
6 and inserting “30 days”; and

7 (2) in subsection (h)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “and” at
9 the end;

10 (B) in paragraph (2) by striking the period
11 and inserting a semicolon; and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(3) the entitlement of the member and of the
14 survivors of the member to all death benefits under
15 subchapter II of chapter 75 of title 10;

16 “(4) the provision of all travel and transpor-
17 tation allowances to family members of a deceased
18 member to attend the repatriation, burial, or memo-
19 rial ceremony of a deceased member as provided in
20 section 453(f) of title 37;

21 “(5) the eligibility of the member for general
22 benefits as provided in part II of title 38; and

23 “(6) in the case of a victim of an alleged sex-
24 related offense (as such term is defined in section
25 1044e(h) of title 10) to the maximum extent prac-
26 ticable, maintaining access to—

1 “(A) Coast Guard behavioral health re-
2 sources;

3 “(B) sexual assault prevention and re-
4 sponse resources and programs of the Coast
5 Guard; and

6 “(C) Coast Guard legal resources, includ-
7 ing, to the extent practicable, special victims’
8 counsel.”.

9 **SEC. 5165. RECRUITMENT, RELOCATION, AND RETENTION**
10 **INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR CIVILIAN FIRE-**
11 **FIGHTERS EMPLOYED BY COAST GUARD IN**
12 **REMOTE LOCATIONS.**

13 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF REMOTE LOCATIONS.—The
14 Commandant shall identify locations to be considered re-
15 mote locations for purposes of this section, which shall in-
16 clude, at a minimum, each Coast Guard fire station lo-
17 cated in an area in which members of the Coast Guard
18 and the dependents of such members are eligible for the
19 TRICARE Prime Remote program.

20 (b) INCENTIVE PROGRAM.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—To ensure uninterrupted op-
22 erations by civilian firefighters employed by the
23 Coast Guard in remote locations, the Commandant
24 shall establish an incentive program for such fire-
25 fighters consisting of—

1 (A) recruitment and relocation bonuses
2 consistent with section 5753 of title 5, United
3 States Code; and

4 (B) retention bonuses consistent with sec-
5 tion 5754 of title 5, United States Code.

6 (2) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.—The Commandant,
7 in coordination with the Director of the Office of
8 Personnel and Management, shall establish eligibility
9 criteria for the incentive program established under
10 paragraph (1), which shall include a requirement
11 that a firefighter described in paragraph (1) may
12 only be eligible for the incentive program under this
13 section if, with respect to the applicable remote loca-
14 tion, the Commandant has made a determination
15 that incentives are appropriate to address an identi-
16 fied recruitment, retention, or relocation need.

17 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not less frequently than an-
18 nually for the 5-year period beginning on the date of en-
19 actment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the
20 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
21 and the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
22 mental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Trans-
23 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
24 tives a report that—

1 (1) details the use and effectiveness of the in-
 2 centive program established under this section; and

3 (2) includes—

4 (A) the number of participants in the in-
 5 centive program;

6 (B) a description of the distribution of in-
 7 centives under such program; and

8 (C) a description of the impact of such
 9 program on civilian firefighter recruitment and
 10 retention by the Coast Guard in remote loca-
 11 tions.

12 **SEC. 5166. REINSTATEMENT OF TRAINING COURSE ON**
 13 **WORKINGS OF CONGRESS; COAST GUARD MU-**
 14 **SEUM.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 14, United
 16 States Code, is amended by—

17 (1) transferring section 316 to appear after sec-
 18 tion 323 and redesignating such section as section
 19 324; and

20 (2) inserting after section 315 the following:

21 **“§ 316. Training course on workings of Congress**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant, and such
 23 other individuals and organizations as the Commandant
 24 considers appropriate, shall develop a training course on

1 the workings of Congress and offer such training course
2 at least once each year.

3 “(b) COURSE SUBJECT MATTER.—The training
4 course required by this section shall provide an overview
5 and introduction to Congress and the Federal legislative
6 process, including—

7 “(1) the history and structure of Congress and
8 the committee systems of the House of Representa-
9 tives and the Senate, including the functions and re-
10 sponsibilities of the Committee on Transportation
11 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
12 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
13 Transportation of the Senate;

14 “(2) the documents produced by Congress, in-
15 cluding bills, resolutions, committee reports, and
16 conference reports, and the purposes and functions
17 of such documents;

18 “(3) the legislative processes and rules of the
19 House of Representatives and the Senate, including
20 similarities and differences between the 2 processes
21 and 2 sets of rules, including—

22 “(A) the congressional budget process;

23 “(B) the congressional authorization and
24 appropriation processes;

1 “(C) the Senate advice and consent process
2 for Presidential nominees; and

3 “(D) the Senate advice and consent proc-
4 ess for treaty ratification;

5 “(4) the roles of Members of Congress and con-
6 gressional staff in the legislative process; and

7 “(5) the concept and underlying purposes of
8 congressional oversight within the governance frame-
9 work of separation of powers.

10 “(c) LECTURERS AND PANELISTS.—

11 “(1) OUTSIDE EXPERTS.—The Commandant
12 shall ensure that not less than 60 percent of the lec-
13 turers, panelists, and other individuals providing
14 education and instruction as part of the training
15 course required under this section are experts on
16 Congress and the Federal legislative process who are
17 not employed by the executive branch of the Federal
18 Government.

19 “(2) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT PRO BONO SERV-
20 ICES.—In satisfying the requirement under para-
21 graph (1), the Commandant shall seek, and may ac-
22 cept, educational and instructional services of lec-
23 turers, panelists, and other individuals and organiza-
24 tions provided to the Coast Guard on a pro bono
25 basis.

1 “(d) EFFECT OF LAW.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The training required by
3 this section shall replace the substantially similar
4 training that was required by the Commandant on
5 the day before the date of the enactment of this sec-
6 tion.

7 “(2) PREVIOUS TRAINING RECIPIENTS.—A
8 Coast Guard flag officer or a Coast Guard Senior
9 Executive Service employee who, not more than 3
10 years before the date of the enactment of this sec-
11 tion, completed the training that was required by the
12 Commandant on the day before such date of enact-
13 ment, shall not be required to complete the training
14 required by this section.”.

15 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
16 ter 3 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—

17 (1) by striking the item relating to section 316
18 and inserting after the item relating to section 323
19 the following:

“324. Training for congressional affairs personnel.”.

20 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
21 tion 315 the following:

“316. Training course on workings of Congress.”.

22 (c) SERVICES AND USE OF FUNDS FOR, AND LEAS-
23 ING OF, THE NATIONAL COAST GUARD MUSEUM.—Sec-

1 tion 324 of title 14, United States Code, as transferred
2 and redesignated by subsection (a), is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (b)—

4 (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “The Sec-
5 retary” and inserting “Except as provided in
6 paragraph (2), the Secretary”; and

7 (B) in paragraph (2) by striking “on the
8 engineering and design of a Museum.” and in-
9 serting “on—”

10 “(A) the design of the Museum; and

11 “(B) engineering, construction administra-
12 tion, and quality assurance services for the Mu-
13 seum.”;

14 (2) in subsection (e), by amending paragraph
15 (2)(A) to read as follows:

16 “(2)(A) for the purpose of conducting Coast
17 Guard operations, lease from the Association—

18 “(i) the Museum; and

19 “(ii) any property owned by the Associa-
20 tion that is adjacent to the railroad tracks that
21 are adjacent to the property on which the Mu-
22 seum is located; and”;

23 (3) by amending subsection (g) to read as fol-
24 lows:

1 “(g) SERVICES.—With respect to the services related
 2 to the construction, maintenance, and operation of the
 3 Museum, the Commandant may, from nonprofits entities
 4 including the Association,—

5 “(1) solicit and accept services; and

6 “(2) enter into contracts or memoranda of
 7 agreement to acquire such services.”.

8 **SEC. 5167. MODIFICATION OF DESIGNATION OF VICE ADMI-**
 9 **RALS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 305(a)(1) of title 14,
 11 United States Code, is amended—

12 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)
 13 by striking “may” and inserting “shall”; and

14 (2) in subparagraph (A)(ii) by striking “be the
 15 Chief of Staff of the Coast Guard” and inserting
 16 “oversee personnel management, workforce and de-
 17 pendent support, training, and related matters”.

18 (b) REORGANIZATION.—Chapter 3 of title 14, United
 19 States Code, is further amended by redesignating sections
 20 312 through 324 as sections 314 through 326, respec-
 21 tively.

22 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 23 ter 3 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended
 24 by redesignating the items relating to sections 312

1 through 324 as relating to sections 314 through 326, re-
2 spectively.

3 **SEC. 5168. COMMANDANT ADVISORY JUDGE ADVOCATE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 14, United
5 States Code, is further amended by inserting after section
6 311 the following:

7 **“§ 312. Commandant Advisory Judge Advocate**

8 “There shall be in the Coast Guard a Commandant
9 Advisory Judge Advocate who is a judge advocate in a
10 grade of O–6. The Commandant Advisory Judge Advocate
11 shall be assigned to the staff of the Commandant in the
12 first regularly scheduled O–6 officer assignment panel to
13 convene following the date of the enactment of the Coast
14 Guard Authorization Act of 2025 and perform such duties
15 relating to legal matters arising in the Coast Guard as
16 such legal matters relate to the Commandant, as may be
17 assigned.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT .—The analysis for chap-
19 ter 3 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended
20 by inserting after the item relating to section 311 the fol-
21 lowing item:

“312. Commandant Advisory Judge Advocate.”.

1 **SEC. 5169. SPECIAL ADVISOR TO COMMANDANT FOR TRIB-**
2 **AL AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 14, United
4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 312 the
5 following:

6 **“§ 313. Special Advisor to Commandant for Tribal**
7 **and Native Hawaiian Affairs**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with Federal trust
9 responsibilities and treaty obligations, laws, and policies
10 relevant to Indian Tribes and in support of the principles
11 of self-determination, self-governance, and co-management
12 with respect to Indian Tribes, and to support engagement
13 with Native Hawaiians, there shall be in the Coast Guard
14 a Special Advisor to the Commandant for Tribal and Na-
15 tive Hawaiian Affairs (in this section referred to as the
16 ‘Special Advisor’), who shall—

17 “(1) be selected by the Secretary and the Com-
18 mandant through a competitive search process;

19 “(2) have expertise in Federal Indian law and
20 policy, including government-to-government con-
21 sultation;

22 “(3) to the maximum extent practicable, have
23 expertise in legal and policy issues affecting Native
24 Hawaiians; and

25 “(4) have an established record of distinguished
26 service and achievement working with Indian Tribes,

1 Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organiza-
2 tions.

3 “(b) CAREER RESERVED POSITION.—The position of
4 Special Advisor shall be a career reserved position at the
5 GS–15 level or greater.

6 “(c) DUTIES.—The Special Advisor shall—

7 “(1) ensure the Federal government upholds
8 the Federal trust responsibility and conducts con-
9 sistent, meaningful, and timely government-to-gov-
10 ernment consultation and engagement with Indian
11 Tribes, which shall meet or exceed the standards of
12 the Federal Government and the Coast Guard;

13 “(2) ensure meaningful and timely engagement
14 with—

15 “(A) Native Hawaiian organizations; and

16 “(B) Tribal organizations;

17 “(3) advise the Commandant on all policies of
18 the Coast Guard that have Tribal implications in ac-
19 cordance with applicable law and policy, including
20 Executive Orders;

21 “(4) work to ensure that the policies of the
22 Federal Government regarding consultation and en-
23 gagement with Indian Tribes and engagement with
24 Native Hawaiian organizations and Tribal organiza-
25 tions are implemented in a meaningful manner,

1 working through Coast Guard leadership and across
 2 the Coast Guard, together with—

3 “(A) liaisons located within Coast Guard
 4 districts;

5 “(B) the Director of Coast Guard Govern-
 6 mental and Public Affairs; and

7 “(C) other Coast Guard leadership and
 8 programs and other Federal partners; and

9 “(5) support Indian Tribes, Native Hawaiian
 10 organizations, and Tribal organizations in all mat-
 11 ters under the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard.

12 “(d) DIRECT ACCESS TO SECRETARY AND COM-
 13 MANDANT.—No officer or employee of the Coast Guard
 14 or the Department of Homeland Security may interfere
 15 with the ability of the Special Advisor to give direct and
 16 independent advice to the Secretary and the Commandant
 17 on matters related to this section.

18 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 “(1) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’
 20 has the meaning given such term in section 4 of the
 21 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
 22 Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

23 “(2) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The
 24 term ‘Native Hawaiian organization’ has the mean-
 25 ing given such term in section 6207 of the Elemen-

1 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
 2 U.S.C. 7517) except the term includes the Depart-
 3 ment of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Office of
 4 Hawaiian Affairs.

5 “(3) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term ‘Tribal
 6 organization’ has the meaning given the term in sec-
 7 tion 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
 8 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 10 ter 3 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by insert-
 11 ing after the item relating to section 312 the following:

“313. Special Advisor to Commandant for Tribal and Native Hawaiian Af-
 fairs.”.

12 (c) BRIEFINGS.—

13 (1) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than 120
 14 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
 15 Commandant shall brief the Committee on Com-
 16 merce, Science, and Transportation and the Com-
 17 mittee on Indian Affairs of the Senate and the Com-
 18 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
 19 House of Representatives on the manner in which
 20 the Special Advisor for Tribal and Native Hawaiian
 21 Affairs will be incorporated into the governance
 22 structure of the Coast Guard, including a timeline
 23 for the incorporation that is completed not later
 24 than 1 year after date of enactment of this Act.

1 (2) ANNUAL BRIEFINGS ON SPECIAL ADVISOR
2 TO THE COMMANDANT FOR TRIBAL AND NATIVE HA-
3 WAIIAN AFFAIRS.—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of the establishment of the position of the Spe-
5 cial Advisor to the Commandant for Tribal and Na-
6 tive Hawaiian Affairs under section 313 of title 14,
7 United States Code, and annually thereafter for 2
8 years, the Commandant shall provide the Committee
9 on Commerce, Science, and Technology and the
10 Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate and the
11 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
12 the House of Representatives with a briefing on the
13 duties, responsibilities, and actions of the Special
14 Advisor to the Commandant for Tribal and Native
15 Hawaiian Affairs, including management of best
16 practices.

17 (3) BRIEFING ON COLLABORATION WITH
18 TRIBES ON RESEARCH CONSISTENT WITH COAST
19 GUARD MISSION REQUIREMENTS.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year
21 after the date of enactment of this Act, the
22 Commandant shall provide the Committee on
23 Commerce, Science, and Technology and the
24 Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate and
25 the Committee on Transportation and Infra-

1 structure of the House of Representatives with
2 a briefing on potential collaborations on and re-
3 search and use of indigenous place-based knowl-
4 edge and research.

5 (B) ELEMENT.—In providing the briefing
6 under subparagraph (A), the Commandant shall
7 identify current and potential future opportuni-
8 ties to improve coordination with Indian Tribes,
9 Native Hawaiian organizations, and Tribal or-
10 ganizations to support—

11 (i) Coast Guard mission needs, such
12 as the potential for research or knowledge
13 to enhance maritime domain awareness, in-
14 cluding opportunities through the ADAC-
15 ARCTIC Center of Excellence of the De-
16 partment of Homeland Security; and

17 (ii) Coast Guard efforts to protect in-
18 digenous place-based knowledge and re-
19 search.

20 (4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

21 (A) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian
22 Tribe” has the meaning given that term in sec-
23 tion 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and
24 Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

1 (B) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—

2 The term “Native Hawaiian organization” has
 3 the meaning given such term in section 6207 of
 4 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
 5 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7517) except the term in-
 6 cludes the Department of Hawaiian Home
 7 Lands and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

8 (C) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term
 9 “Tribal organization” has the meaning given
 10 the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-
 11 mination and Education Assistance Act (25
 12 U.S.C. 5304).

13 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
 14 tion, or an amendment made by this section, shall be con-
 15 strued to impact—

16 (1) the right of any Indian Tribe (as defined in
 17 section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
 18 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)); or

19 (2) any government-to-government consultation.

20 (e) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

21 (1) Section 11237 of the Don Young Coast
 22 Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–
 23 263) is amended—

1 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “section
2 312 of title 14” and inserting “section 315 of
3 title 14”; and

4 (B) in subsection (b)(2)(A), by striking
5 “section 312 of title 14” and inserting “section
6 315 of title 14”.

7 (2) Section 807(a) of the Frank LoBiondo
8 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law
9 115–282) is amended by striking “section 313 of
10 title 14” and inserting “section 316 of title 14”.

11 (3) Section 3533(a) of the National Defense
12 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law
13 118–31) is amended by striking “section 315 of title
14 14” and inserting “section 318 of title 14”.

15 (4) Section 311(j)(9)(D) of the Federal Water
16 Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)(9)(D)) is
17 amended by striking “section 323 of title 14” each
18 place it appears and inserting “section 325 of title
19 14” each such place.

20 **SEC. 5170. NOTIFICATION.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall provide to
22 the appropriate committees of Congress notification as de-
23 scribed in subsection (b)—

24 (1) not later than the date that is 10 days be-
25 fore the final day of each fiscal year; or

1 (2) in the case of a continuing resolution that,
2 for a period of more than 10 days, provides appro-
3 priated funds in lieu of an appropriations Act, not
4 later than the date that is 10 days before the final
5 day of the period that such continuing resolution
6 covers.

7 (b) ELEMENTS.—Notification under subsection (a)
8 shall include—

9 (1) the status of funding for the Coast Guard
10 during the subsequent fiscal year or at the end of
11 the continuing resolution if other appropriations
12 measures are not enacted, as applicable;

13 (2) the status of the Coast Guard as a compo-
14 nent of the Armed Forces;

15 (3) the number of members currently serving
16 overseas and otherwise supporting missions related
17 to title 10, United States Code;

18 (4) the fact that members of the Armed Forces
19 have service requirements unlike those of other Fed-
20 eral employees, which require them to continue to
21 serve even if unpaid;

22 (5) the impacts of historical shutdowns of the
23 Federal Government on members of the Coast
24 Guard; and

1 (6) other relevant matters, as determined by
2 the Commandant.

3 (c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
4 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
5 tees of Congress” means—

6 (1) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
7 Transportation of the Senate;

8 (2) the Committee on Armed Services of the
9 Senate;

10 (3) the Committee on Transportation and In-
11 frastructure of the House of Representatives; and

12 (4) the Committee on Armed Services of the
13 House of Representatives.

14 **Subtitle E—Coast Guard Academy**

15 **SEC. 5171. MODIFICATION OF BOARD OF VISITORS.**

16 Section 1903 of title 14, United States Code, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 **“§ 1903. Annual Board of Visitors**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall establish
20 a Board of Visitors to the Coast Guard Academy to review
21 and make recommendations on the operation of the Acad-
22 emy.

23 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The membership of the
25 Board shall consist of the following:

1 “(A) The chairperson of the Committee on
2 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
3 Senate, or a member of such Committee des-
4 ignated by such chairperson.

5 “(B) The chairperson of the Committee on
6 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
7 of Representatives, or a member of such Com-
8 mittee designated by such chairperson.

9 “(C) 3 Senators appointed by the Vice
10 President.

11 “(D) 4 Members of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives appointed by the Speaker of the
13 House of Representatives.

14 “(E) 2 Senators appointed by the Vice
15 President, each of whom shall be selected from
16 among members of the Committee on Appro-
17 priations of the Senate.

18 “(F) 2 Members of the House of Rep-
19 resentatives appointed by the Speaker of the
20 House of Representatives, each of whom shall
21 be selected from among members of the Com-
22 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
23 resentatives.

24 “(G) 6 individuals designated by the Presi-
25 dent.

1 “(2) TIMING OF APPOINTMENTS OF MEM-
2 BERS.—

3 “(A) If any member of the Board de-
4 scribed in paragraph (1)(C) is not appointed by
5 the date that is 180 days after the date on
6 which the first session of each Congress con-
7 venes, the chair and ranking member of the
8 subcommittee of the Committee on Commerce,
9 Science, and Transportation of the Senate with
10 jurisdiction over the authorization of appropria-
11 tions of the Coast Guard shall be members of
12 the Board until the date on which the second
13 session of such Congress adjourns sine die.

14 “(B) If any member of the Board de-
15 scribed in paragraph (1)(D) is not appointed by
16 the date that is 180 days after the date on
17 which the first session of each Congress con-
18 venes, the chair and ranking member of the
19 subcommittee of the Committee on Transpor-
20 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
21 resentatives with jurisdiction over the author-
22 ization of appropriations for the Coast Guard
23 shall be members of the Board until the date on
24 which the second session of such Congress ad-
25 journs sine die.

1 “(C) If any member of the Board de-
2 scribed in paragraph (1)(E) is not appointed by
3 the date that is 180 days after the date on
4 which the first session of each Congress con-
5 venes, the chair and ranking member of the
6 subcommittee of the Committee on Appropria-
7 tions of the Senate with jurisdiction over appro-
8 priations for the Coast Guard shall be members
9 of the Board until the date on which the second
10 session of such Congress adjourns sine die.

11 “(D) If any member of the Board de-
12 scribed in paragraph (1)(F) is not appointed by
13 the date that is 180 days after the date on
14 which the first session of each Congress con-
15 venes, the chair and ranking member of the
16 subcommittee of the Committee on Appropria-
17 tions of the House of Representatives with ju-
18 risdiction over appropriations for the Coast
19 Guard shall be members of the Board until the
20 date on which the second session of such Con-
21 gress adjourns sine die.

22 “(3) CHAIRPERSON.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—On a biennial basis
24 and subject to paragraph (4), the Board shall
25 select from among the members of the Board a

1 Member of Congress to serve as the Chair of
2 the Board.

3 “(B) ROTATION.—A Member of the House
4 of Representatives and a Member of the Senate
5 shall alternately be selected as the Chair of the
6 Board.

7 “(C) TERM.—An individual may not serve
8 as Chairperson of the Board for consecutive
9 terms.

10 “(4) LENGTH OF SERVICE.—

11 “(A) MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—A Member
12 of Congress designated as a member of the
13 Board under paragraph (1) shall be designated
14 as a member in the first session of the applica-
15 ble Congress and shall serve for the duration of
16 such Congress.

17 “(B) INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY THE
18 PRESIDENT.—Each individual designated by the
19 President under paragraph (1)(G) shall serve as
20 a member of the Board for 3 years, except that
21 any such member whose term of office has ex-
22 pired shall continue to serve until a successor is
23 appointed by the President.

24 “(C) DEATH OR RESIGNATION OF A MEM-
25 BER.—If a member of the Board dies or re-

1 signs, a successor shall be designated for any
 2 unexpired portion of the term of the member by
 3 the official who designated the member.

4 “(c) DUTIES.—

5 “(1) ACADEMY VISITS.—

6 “(A) ANNUAL VISIT.—The Commandant
 7 shall invite each member of the Board, and any
 8 designee of a member of the Board, to visit the
 9 Coast Guard Academy at least once annually to
 10 review the operation of the Academy.

11 “(B) ADDITIONAL VISITS.—With the ap-
 12 proval of the Secretary, the Board or any mem-
 13 bers of the Board in connection with the duties
 14 of the Board may—

15 “(i) make visits to the Academy in ad-
 16 dition to the visits described in subpara-
 17 graph (A); or

18 “(ii) consult with—

19 “(I) the Superintendent of the
 20 Academy; or

21 “(II) the faculty, staff, or cadets
 22 of the Academy.

23 “(C) ACCESS.—The Commandant shall en-
 24 sure that the Board or any members of the
 25 Board who visits the Academy under this para-

graph 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) OVERSIGHT REVIEW.—In conducting oversight of the Academy under this section, the Board shall review, with respect to the Academy—

“(A) the state of morale and discipline, including with respect to prevention of, response to, and recovery from sexual assault and sexual harassment;

“(B) recruitment and retention, including diversity, inclusion, and issues regarding women specifically;

“(C) the curriculum;

“(D) instruction;

“(E) physical equipment, including infrastructure, living quarters, and deferred maintenance;

“(F) fiscal affairs; and

“(G) any other matter relating to the Academy the Board considers appropriate.

“(d) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.—

“(1) MEETINGS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently
2 than annually, the Board shall meet at a loca-
3 tion chosen by the Commandant, in consulta-
4 tion with the Board, to conduct the review re-
5 quired by subsection (c)(2).

6 “(B) CHAIRPERSON AND CHARTER.—The
7 Federal officer designated under subsection
8 (f)(1)(B) shall organize a meeting of the Board
9 for the purposes of—

10 “(i) selecting a Chairperson of the
11 Board under subsection (b)(3);

12 “(ii) adopting an official charter for
13 the Board, which shall establish the sched-
14 ule of meetings of the Board; and

15 “(iii) any other matter such des-
16 ignated Federal officer or the Board con-
17 siders appropriate.

18 “(C) SCHEDULING.—In scheduling a meet-
19 ing of the Board, such designated Federal offi-
20 cer shall coordinate, to the greatest extent prac-
21 ticable, with the members of the Board to de-
22 termine the date and time of the meeting.

23 “(D) NOTIFICATION.—Not less than 30
24 days before each scheduled meeting of the
25 Board, such designated Federal officer shall no-

1 tify each member of the Board of the time,
2 date, and location of the meeting.

3 “(2) STAFF.—

4 “(A) DESIGNATION.—The chairperson and
5 the ranking member of the Committee on Com-
6 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
7 ate and the chairperson and the ranking mem-
8 ber of the Committee on Transportation and
9 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
10 may each designate 1 staff member of each
11 such Committees.

12 “(B) ROLE.—Staff designated under sub-
13 paragraph (A)—

14 “(i) may attend and participate in vis-
15 its and carry out consultations described
16 under subsection (c)(1) and attend and
17 participate in meetings described under
18 paragraph (1); and

19 “(ii) may not otherwise carry out du-
20 ties or take actions reserved to members of
21 the Board under this section.

22 “(3) ADVISORS.—If approved by the Secretary,
23 the Board may consult with advisors in carrying out
24 the duties of the Board under this section.

25 “(4) REPORTS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60
2 days after the date on which the Board con-
3 ducts a meeting of the Board under paragraph
4 (1), the Deputy Commandant for Mission Sup-
5 port, in consultation with the Board, shall sub-
6 mit a report on the actions of the Board during
7 the meeting and the recommendations of the
8 Board pertaining to the Academy to—

9 “(i) the Secretary;

10 “(ii) the Committee on Commerce,
11 Science, and Transportation and the Com-
12 mittee on Armed Services of the Senate;
13 and

14 “(iii) the Committee on Transpor-
15 tation and Infrastructure and the Com-
16 mittee on Armed Services of the House of
17 Representatives.

18 “(B) PUBLICATION.—Each report sub-
19 mitted under this paragraph shall be published
20 on a publicly accessible website of the Coast
21 Guard.

22 “(e) DISCLOSURE.—The Commandant and the Su-
23 perintendent of the Academy shall ensure candid and com-
24 plete disclosure to the Board, consistent with applicable

1 laws relating to disclosure of information, with respect
2 to—

3 “(1) each issue described in subsection (c)(2);

4 and

5 “(2) any other issue the Board or the Com-
6 mandant considers appropriate.

7 “(f) COAST GUARD SUPPORT.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall—

9 “(A) provide support to the Board, as
10 Board considers necessary for the performance
11 of the duties of the Board;

12 “(B) designate a Federal officer to support
13 the performance of the duties of the Board; and

14 “(C) in cooperation with the Super-
15 intendent of the Academy, advise the Board of
16 any institutional issues, consistent with applica-
17 ble laws concerning the disclosure of informa-
18 tion.

19 “(2) REIMBURSEMENT.—Each member of the
20 Board and each advisor consulted by the Board
21 under subsection (d)(3) shall be reimbursed, to the
22 extent permitted by law, by the Coast Guard for ac-
23 tual expenses incurred while engaged in duties as a
24 member or advisor.

1 “(g) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days after
2 the date on which the first session of each Congress con-
3 venes, the Commandant shall provide to the chairperson
4 and ranking member of the Committee on Commerce,
5 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the chair-
6 person and ranking member of the Committee on Trans-
7 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
8 tives, and the President notification of the requirements
9 of this section.”.

10 **SEC. 5172. STUDY ON COAST GUARD ACADEMY OVERSIGHT.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
12 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, shall
13 enter into an agreement with a federally funded research
14 and development center with relevant expertise under
15 which such center shall conduct an assessment of the over-
16 sight and governance of the Coast Guard Academy, includ-
17 ing—

18 (1) examining the—

19 (A) authorities regarding Coast Guard and
20 Departmental oversight of the Coast Guard
21 Academy, including considerations of how these
22 may impact accreditation review at the acad-
23 emy;

24 (B) roles and responsibilities of the Board
25 of Trustees of such Academy;

1 (C) Coast Guard roles and responsibilities
2 with respect to management and facilitation of
3 the Board of Trustees of such Academy;

4 (D) advisory functions of the Board of
5 Trustees of such Academy; and

6 (E) membership of the Board of Trustees
7 for the 10-year period preceding the date of the
8 enactment of this Act, to include expertise, ob-
9 jectiveness, and effectiveness in conducting
10 oversight of such Academy; and

11 (2) an analysis of the involvement of the Board
12 of Trustees during the Operation Fouled Anchor in-
13 vestigation, including to what extent the Board
14 members were informed, involved, or made decisions
15 regarding the governance of the academy based on
16 that investigation.

17 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
18 on which the Commandant enters into an agreement
19 under subsection (a), the federally funded research and
20 development center selected under such subsection shall
21 submit to the Secretary of the department in which the
22 Coast Guard is operating, the Commandant, the Com-
23 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
24 Senate, and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-

1 structure of the House of Representatives a report that
2 contains—

3 (1) the results of the assessment required under
4 subsection (a); and

5 (2) recommendations to improve governance of
6 the Coast Guard Academy and the Board of Trust-
7 ees.

8 **SEC. 5173. ELECTRONIC LOCKING MECHANISMS TO EN-**
9 **SURE COAST GUARD ACADEMY CADET ROOM**
10 **SECURITY.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
12 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in con-
13 sultation with the Superintendent of the Coast Guard
14 Academy (referred to in this section as the “Super-
15 intendent”), shall—

16 (1) install an electronic locking mechanism for
17 each room at the Coast Guard Academy within
18 which 1 or more Coast Guard Academy cadets reside
19 overnight;

20 (2) test each such mechanism not less than
21 once every 6 months for proper function and main-
22 tained in proper working order; and

23 (3) use a system that electronically records the
24 date, time, and identity of each individual who ac-
25 cesses a cadet room using an electronic access token,

1 code, card, or other electronic means, which shall be
2 maintained in accordance with the general schedule
3 for records retention, or a period of five years,
4 whichever is later.

5 (b) ELECTRONIC LOCKING MECHANISMS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each electronic locking
7 mechanism described in subsection (a) shall be coded
8 in a manner that provides access to a room de-
9 scribed in such subsection only to—

10 (A) the 1 or more cadets assigned to the
11 room; and

12 (B) such Coast Guard Academy officers,
13 administrators, staff, or security personnel, in-
14 cluding personnel of the Coast Guard Investiga-
15 tive Service, as are necessary to access the
16 room in the event of an emergency.

17 (2) EXISTING MECHANISMS.—Not later than 30
18 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Su-
19 perintendent shall ensure that electronic locking
20 mechanisms installed in academic buildings of the
21 Coast Guard Academy, Chase Hall common spaces,
22 and in any other location at the Coast Guard Acad-
23 emy are maintained in proper working order.

24 (c) ACCESS POLICY INSTRUCTION.—Not later than
25 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Super-

1 intendent shall promulgate a policy regarding cadet room
2 security policies and procedures, which shall include, at
3 a minimum—

4 (1) a prohibition on sharing with any other
5 cadet, employee, or other individual electronic access
6 tokens, codes, cards, or other electronic means of ac-
7 cessing a cadet room;

8 (2) procedures for resetting electronic locking
9 mechanisms in the event of a lost, stolen, or other-
10 wise compromised electronic access token, code,
11 card, or other electronic means of accessing a cadet
12 room;

13 (3) procedures to maintain the identity of each
14 individual who accesses a cadet room using an elec-
15 tronic access token, code, card, or other electronic
16 means, while ensuring the security of personally
17 identifiable information and protecting the privacy of
18 any such individual, as appropriate;

19 (4) procedures by which cadets may report to
20 the chain of command the malfunction of an elec-
21 tronic locking mechanism; and

22 (5) a schedule of testing to ensure the proper
23 functioning of electronic locking mechanisms.

24 (d) MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.—The Su-
25 perintendent shall ensure that each Coast Guard Academy

1 cadet receives, not later than 1 day after the date of the
 2 initial arrival of the cadet at the Coast Guard Academy,
 3 an initial training session, and any other training the Su-
 4 perintendent considers necessary, on—

5 (1) the use of electronic locking mechanisms in-
 6 stalled under this section; and

7 (2) the policy promulgated under subsection (c).

8 **SEC. 5174. COAST GUARD ACADEMY STUDENT ADVISORY**
 9 **BOARD AND ACCESS TO TIMELY AND INDE-**
 10 **PENDENT WELLNESS SUPPORT SERVICES**
 11 **FOR CADETS AND CANDIDATES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of Chapter 19 of
 13 title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
 14 end the following:

15 **“§ 1907. Coast Guard Academy Student and Women**
 16 **Advisory Board**

17 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Commandant shall es-
 18 tablish within the Coast Guard Academy an advisory
 19 board to be known as the ‘Coast Guard Academy Student
 20 and Women Advisory Board’ (in this section referred to
 21 as the ‘Advisory Board’).

22 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Advisory Board shall be
 23 composed of not fewer than 12 cadets of the Coast Guard
 24 Academy who are enrolled at the Coast Guard Academy

1 at the time of appointment, including not fewer than 3
2 cadets from each class.

3 “(c) APPOINTMENT.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Cadets shall be appointed
5 to the Advisory Board by the Provost, in consulta-
6 tion with the Superintendent of the Coast Guard
7 Academy.

8 “(2) APPLICATION.—Cadets who are eligible for
9 appointment to the Advisory Board shall submit an
10 application for appointment to the Provost of the
11 Coast Guard Academy, or a designee of the Provost,
12 for consideration.

13 “(d) SELECTION.—The Provost shall select eligible
14 applicants who—

15 “(1) are best suited to fulfill the duties de-
16 scribed in subsection (g); and

17 “(2) best represent the student body makeup at
18 the Coast Guard Academy.

19 “(e) TERM.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Appointments shall be
21 made not later than 60 days after the date of the
22 swearing in of a new class of cadets at the Coast
23 Guard Academy.

1 “(2) TERM.—The term of membership of a
2 cadet on the Advisory Board shall be 1 academic
3 year.

4 “(f) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Board shall meet in
5 person with the Superintendent not less frequently than
6 twice each academic year to discuss the activities of the
7 Advisory Board.

8 “(g) DUTIES.—The Advisory Board shall—

9 “(1) identify challenges facing Coast Guard
10 Academy cadets, including cadets who are women,
11 relating to—

12 “(A) health and wellbeing;

13 “(B) cadet perspectives and information
14 with respect to sexual assault, sexual harass-
15 ment and sexual violence prevention, response,
16 and recovery at the Coast Guard Academy;

17 “(C) the culture of, and leadership devel-
18 opment and access to health care for, cadets at
19 the Academy who are women; and

20 “(D) any other matter the Advisory Board
21 considers important;

22 “(2) discuss and propose possible solutions to
23 such challenges, including improvements to leader-
24 ship development at the Coast Guard Academy; and

1 “(3) periodically review the efficacy of Coast
2 Guard Academy academic, wellness, and other rel-
3 evant programs and provide recommendations to the
4 Commandant for improvement of such programs.

5 “(h) WORKING GROUPS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Board shall
7 establish 2 working groups of which—

8 “(A) 1 working group shall be composed,
9 at least in part, of Coast Guard Academy ca-
10 dets who are not current members of the Advi-
11 sory Board and members of the Cadets Against
12 Sexual Assault, or any similar successor organi-
13 zation, to assist the Advisory Board in carrying
14 out its duties under subsection (g)(1)(B); and

15 “(B) 1 working group shall be composed,
16 at least in part, of Coast Guard Academy ca-
17 dets who are not current members of the Advi-
18 sory Board to assist the Advisory Board in car-
19 rying out its duties under subsection (g)(1)(C).

20 “(2) OTHER WORKING GROUPS.—The Advisory
21 Board may establish such other working groups
22 (which may be composed, at least in part, of Coast
23 Guard Academy cadets who are not current mem-
24 bers of the Advisory Board) as the Advisory Board
25 finds to be necessary to carry out the Board’s duties

1 other than the duties in subparagraphs (B) and (C)
 2 of subsection (g)(1).

3 “(i) REPORTING.—

4 “(1) COMMANDANT AND SUPERINTENDENT.—

5 The Advisory Board shall regularly submit a report
 6 or provide a briefing to the Commandant and the
 7 Superintendent on the results of the activities car-
 8 ried out in furtherance of the duties of the Advisory
 9 Board under subsection (g), including recommenda-
 10 tions for actions to be taken based on such results,
 11 not less than once per academic semester.

12 “(2) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Advisory Board
 13 shall transmit to the Commandant, through the Pro-
 14 vost and the Superintendent an annual report at the
 15 conclusion of the academic year, containing the in-
 16 formation and materials that were presented to the
 17 Commandant or Superintendent, or both, during the
 18 regularly occurring briefings under paragraph (1).

19 “(3) CONGRESS.—The Commandant shall pro-
 20 vide to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
 21 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
 22 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
 23 Representatives any report or other materials pro-
 24 vided to the Commandant and Superintendent under

1 paragraph (1) and any other information related to
 2 the Advisory requested by the Committees.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 4 ter 19 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by in-
 5 serting after the item relating to section 1906 the fol-
 6 lowing:

“1907. Coast Guard Academy Student and Women Advisory Board.”.

7 **SEC. 5175. REPORT ON EXISTING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**
 8 **AND WELLNESS SUPPORT SERVICES FACILI-**
 9 **TIES AT COAST GUARD ACADEMY.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
 11 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, shall sub-
 12 mit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
 13 portation of the Senate and the Committee on Transpor-
 14 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
 15 a report on existing behavioral health and wellness support
 16 services facilities at the Coast Guard Academy in which
 17 Coast Guard Academy cadets and officer candidates, re-
 18 spectively, may receive timely and independent behavioral
 19 health and wellness support services, including via tele-
 20 medicine.

21 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under para-
 22 graph (1) shall include—

23 (1) an identification of each building at the
 24 Coast Guard Academy that contains a dormitory or

1 other overnight accommodations for cadets or officer
2 candidates; and

3 (2)(A) an identification of additional behavioral
4 health or wellness support services that would be
5 beneficial to cadets and officer candidates, such as
6 additional facilities with secure access to telemedi-
7 cine;

8 (B) a description of the benefits that such serv-
9 ices would provide to cadets and officer candidates,
10 particularly to cadets and officer candidates who
11 have experienced sexual assault or sexual harass-
12 ment; and

13 (C) a description of the resources necessary to
14 provide such services.

15 **SEC. 5176. REQUIRED POSTING OF INFORMATION.**

16 The Commandant shall ensure that, in each building
17 at the Coast Guard Academy that contains a dormitory
18 or other overnight accommodations for cadets or officer
19 candidates, written information is posted in a visible loca-
20 tion with respect to—

21 (1) the methods and means by which a cadet or
22 officer candidate may report a crime, including har-
23 assment, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and any
24 other offense;

1 (2) the contact information for the Coast Guard
2 Investigative Service;

3 (3) external resources for—

4 (A) wellness support;

5 (B) work-life;

6 (C) medical services; and

7 (D) support relating to behavioral health,
8 civil rights, sexual assault, and sexual harass-
9 ment; and

10 (4) cadet and officer candidate rights with re-
11 spect to reporting incidents to the Coast Guard In-
12 vestigative Service, civilian authorities, the Office of
13 the Inspector General of the department in which
14 the Coast Guard is operating, and any other applica-
15 ble entity.

16 **SEC. 5177. INSTALLATION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND**
17 **WELLNESS ROOMS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
19 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the depart-
20 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating shall install
21 or construct at the Coast Guard Academy 2 rooms to be
22 used for the purpose of supporting cadet and officer can-
23 didate behavioral health and wellness.

24 (b) STANDARDS OF ROOMS.—Each room installed or
25 constructed under this section—

1 (1) shall be—

2 (A) equipped—

3 (i) in a manner that ensures the pro-
4 tection of the privacy of cadets and officer
5 candidates, consistent with law and policy;

6 (ii) with a telephone and computer to
7 allow for the provision of behavioral health
8 and wellness support or other services; and

9 (iii) with an accessible and private
10 wireless internet connection for the use of
11 personal communications devices at the
12 discretion of the cadet or officer candidate
13 concerned; and

14 (B) to the extent practicable and con-
15 sistent with good order and discipline, acces-
16 sible to cadets and officer candidates at all
17 times; and

18 (2) shall contain the written information de-
19 scribed in section 5176, which shall be posted in a
20 visible location.

21 **SEC. 5178. COAST GUARD ACADEMY ROOM REASSIGNMENT.**

22 Section 1902 of title 14, United States Code, is
23 amended by adding at the end the following:

24 “(f) ROOM REASSIGNMENT.—Coast Guard Academy
25 cadets may request room reassignment if experiencing dis-

1 comfort due to Coast Guard Academy rooming assign-
 2 ments, consistent with policy.”.

3 **SEC. 5179. AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF COAST GUARD**
 4 **ACADEMY FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT BY**
 5 **COVERED FOUNDATIONS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 19 of title
 7 14, United States Code, is further amended by adding at
 8 the end the following:

9 **“§ 1908. Authorization for use of Coast Guard Acad-**
 10 **emy facilities and equipment by covered**
 11 **foundations**

12 “(a) AUTHORITY.—Subject to subsections (b) and
 13 (c), the Secretary, with the concurrence of the Super-
 14 intendent of the Coast Guard Academy, may authorize a
 15 covered foundation to use, on a reimbursable or nonreim-
 16 bursable basis as determined by the Secretary, facilities
 17 or equipment of the Coast Guard Academy.

18 “(b) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary may not author-
 19 ize any use of facilities or equipment under subsection (a)
 20 if such use may jeopardize the health, safety, or well-being
 21 of any member of the Coast Guard or cadet of the Coast
 22 Guard Academy.

23 “(c) LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary may only author-
 24 ize the use of facilities or equipment under subsection (a)
 25 if such use—

1 “(1) is without any liability of the United
2 States to the covered foundation;

3 “(2) does not—

4 “(A) affect the ability of any official or
5 employee of the Coast Guard, or any member of
6 the armed forces, to carry out any responsibility
7 or duty in a fair and objective manner;

8 “(B) compromise the integrity or appear-
9 ance of integrity of any program of the Coast
10 Guard, or any individual involved in any such
11 program; or

12 “(C) include the participation of any cadet
13 of the Coast Guard Academy at an event of the
14 covered foundation, other than participation of
15 such a cadet in an honor guard;

16 “(3) complies with any applicable ethics regula-
17 tion; and

18 “(4) has been reviewed and approved by an at-
19 torney of the Coast Guard.

20 “(d) ISSUANCE OF POLICIES.—The Secretary shall
21 issue Coast Guard policies to carry out this section.

22 “(e) BRIEFING.—For any fiscal year in which the
23 Secretary exercises the authority under subsection (a), not
24 later than the last day of such fiscal year, the Com-
25 mandant shall provide a briefing to the Committee on

1 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and
 2 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
 3 the House of Representatives on the number of events or
 4 activities of a covered foundation supported by such exer-
 5 cise of authority during the fiscal year.

6 “(f) COVERED FOUNDATION DEFINED.—In this sec-
 7 tion, the term ‘covered foundation’ means an organization
 8 that—

9 “(1) is a charitable, educational, or civic non-
 10 profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the
 11 Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

12 “(2) the Secretary determines operates exclu-
 13 sively to support—

14 “(A) recruiting activities with respect to
 15 the Coast Guard Academy;

16 “(B) parent or alumni development in sup-
 17 port of the Coast Guard Academy;

18 “(C) academic, leadership, or character de-
 19 velopment of Coast Guard Academy cadets;

20 “(D) institutional development of the
 21 Coast Guard Academy; or

22 “(E) athletics in support of the Coast
 23 Guard Academy.”.

24 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 25 ter 19 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended

1 by inserting after the item relating to item 1907 the fol-
 2 lowing:

“1908. Authorization for use of Coast Guard Academy facilities and equipment
 by covered foundations.”.

3 **SEC. 5180. CONCURRENT JURISDICTION AT COAST GUARD**
 4 **ACADEMY.**

5 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-
 6 retary of the department in which the Coast Guard is op-
 7 erating may establish concurrent jurisdiction between the
 8 Federal Government and the State of Connecticut over the
 9 lands constituting the Coast Guard Academy in New Lon-
 10 don, Connecticut, as necessary to facilitate the ability of
 11 the State of Connecticut and City of New London to inves-
 12 tigate and prosecute any crimes cognizable under Con-
 13 necticut law that are committed on such Coast Guard
 14 Academy property.

15 **Subtitle F—Reports**

16 **SEC. 5181. MARITIME DOMAIN AWARENESS IN COAST**
 17 **GUARD SECTOR FOR PUERTO RICO AND VIR-**
 18 **GIN ISLANDS.**

19 Not later than 270 days after the date of enactment
 20 of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Com-
 21 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
 22 of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
 23 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report con-
 24 taining—

1 (1) an overview of the maritime domain aware-
2 ness in the area of responsibility of the Coast Guard
3 sector responsible for Puerto Rico and the United
4 States Virgin Islands, including—

5 (A) the average volume of known maritime
6 traffic that transited the area during fiscal
7 years 2020 through 2023;

8 (B) current sensor platforms deployed by
9 such sector to monitor illicit activity occurring
10 at sea in such area;

11 (C) the number of illicit activity incidents
12 at sea in such area that the sector responded to
13 during fiscal years 2020 through 2023;

14 (D) an estimate of the volume of traffic
15 engaged in illicit activity at sea in such area
16 and the type and description of any vessels used
17 to carry out illicit activities that such sector re-
18 sponded to during fiscal years 2020 through
19 2023; and

20 (E) the maritime domain awareness re-
21 quirements to effectively meet the mission of
22 such sector;

23 (2) a description of current actions taken by the
24 Coast Guard to partner with Federal, regional,

1 State, and local entities to meet the maritime do-
2 main awareness needs of such area;

3 (3) a description of any gaps in maritime do-
4 main awareness within the area of responsibility of
5 such sector resulting from an inability to meet the
6 enduring maritime domain awareness requirements
7 of the sector or adequately respond to maritime dis-
8 order;

9 (4) an identification of current technology and
10 assets the Coast Guard has to mitigate the gaps
11 identified in paragraph (3);

12 (5) an identification of capabilities needed to
13 mitigate such gaps, including any capabilities the
14 Coast Guard currently possesses that can be de-
15 ployed to the sector;

16 (6) an identification of technology and assets
17 the Coast Guard does not currently possess and are
18 needed to acquire in order to address such gaps; and

19 (7) an identification of any financial obstacles
20 that prevent the Coast Guard from deploying exist-
21 ing commercially available sensor technology to ad-
22 dress such gaps.

1 **SEC. 5182. REPORT ON CONDITION OF MISSOURI RIVER**
2 **DAYBOARDS.**

3 (a) PROVISION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 270
4 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-
5 mandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation
6 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and
7 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
8 of the Senate a report on the condition of dayboards and
9 the placement of buoys on the Missouri River.

10 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report under paragraph (1)
11 shall include—

12 (1) a list of the most recent date on which each
13 dayboard and buoy was serviced by the Coast Guard;

14 (2) an overview of the plan of the Coast Guard
15 to systematically service each dayboard and buoy on
16 the Missouri River; and

17 (3) assigned points of contact.

18 (c) LIMITATION.—Beginning on the date of enact-
19 ment of this Act, the Commandant may not remove the
20 aids to navigation covered in subsection (a), unless there
21 is an imminent threat to life or safety, until a period of
22 180 days has elapsed following the date on which the Com-
23 mandant submits the report required under subsection (a).

24 **SEC. 5183. STUDY ON COAST GUARD MISSIONS.**

25 (a) STUDY.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
3 shall seek to enter into an agreement with a feder-
4 ally funded research and development center with
5 relevant expertise under which such center shall con-
6 duct an assessment of the operational capabilities
7 and ability of the Coast Guard to conduct the pri-
8 mary duties of the Coast Guard under section 102
9 of title 14, United States Code, and missions under
10 section 888 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
11 (6 U.S.C. 468).

12 (2) ELEMENTS.—In carrying out the assess-
13 ment required under paragraph (1), the federally
14 funded research and development center selected
15 under such subsection shall, with respect to the pri-
16 mary duties and missions described in paragraph
17 (1), include the following:

18 (A) An analysis of the extent to which the
19 Coast Guard is able to effectively carry out
20 such duties and missions.

21 (B) An analysis of any budgetary, policy,
22 and manpower factors that may constrain the
23 Coast Guard's ability to carry out such duties
24 and missions,

1 (C) An analysis of the impacts to safety,
2 national security, and the economy, of any
3 shortfalls in the Coast Guards ability to meet
4 such missions.

5 (D) Recommendations for the Coast Guard
6 to more effectively carry out such duties and
7 missions, in light of manpower and asset con-
8 straints.

9 (E) Identification of any duties and mis-
10 sions that are being conducted by the Coast
11 Guard on behalf of other Department of Home-
12 land Security components, the Department of
13 Defense, and other Federal agencies.

14 (F) An analysis of the benefits and draw-
15 backs of the Coast Guard conducting missions
16 on behalf of other agencies identified in sub-
17 paragraph (E), including—

18 (i) the budgetary impact of the duties
19 and missions identified in such subpara-
20 graph;

21 (ii) data on the degree to which the
22 Coast Guard is reimbursed for the costs of
23 such missions; and

24 (iii) recommendations to minimize the
25 impact of the missions identified in such

1 subparagraph to the Coast Guard budget,
2 including improving reimbursements and
3 budget autonomy of the Coast Guard.

4 (b) ASSESSMENT TO COMMANDANT.—Not later than
5 1 year after the date on which Commandant enters into
6 an agreement under section (a), the federally funded re-
7 search and development center selected under such sub-
8 section shall submit to the Commandant, the Committee
9 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
10 Representatives, and the Committee on Commerce,
11 Science, and Transportation of the Senate the assessment
12 required under subsection (a).

13 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
15 receipt of the assessment under subsection (b), the
16 Commandant shall submit to the Committee on
17 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
18 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
19 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
20 that includes recommendations included in the as-
21 sessment to strengthen the ability of the Coast
22 Guard to carry out such duties and missions.

23 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
24 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

1 (A) The assessment received by the Com-
 2 mandant under subsection (b).

3 (B) For each recommendation included in
 4 the such assessment—

5 (i) an assessment by the Commandant
 6 of the feasibility and advisability of imple-
 7 menting such recommendation; and

8 (ii) if the Commandant considers the
 9 implementation of such recommendation
 10 feasible and advisable, a description of the
 11 actions taken, or to be taken, to implement
 12 such recommendation.

13 **SEC. 5184. ANNUAL REPORT ON PROGRESS OF CERTAIN**
 14 **HOMEPORTING PROJECTS.**

15 (a) INITIAL REPORT.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
 17 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
 18 shall issue a report detailing the progress of all ap-
 19 proved Coast Guard cutter homeporting projects
 20 within Coast Guard District 17 with respect to each
 21 of the following:

22 (A) Fast Response Cutters.

23 (B) Offshore Patrol Cutters.

24 (C) The commercially available polar ice-
 25 breaker procured pursuant to section 11223 of

1 Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of
2 2022 (14 U.S.C. 561 note).

3 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
4 paragraph (1) shall include, with respect to each
5 homeporting project described in such paragraph,
6 the following:

7 (A) A description of—

8 (i) the status of funds appropriated
9 for the project;

10 (ii) activities carried out toward com-
11 pletion of the project; and

12 (iii) activities anticipated to be carried
13 out during the subsequent 1-year period to
14 advance completion of the project.

15 (B) An updated timeline, including key
16 milestones, for the project.

17 (b) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than July 1 of the
19 first calendar year after the year in which the report
20 required under subsection (a) is submitted, and each
21 July 1 thereafter until the date specified in para-
22 graph (2), the Commandant shall issue an updated
23 report containing, with respect to each Coast Guard
24 cutter homeporting project described in subsection
25 (a)(1) (including any such project approved on a

1 date after the date of the enactment of this Act and
2 before the submission of the applicable report), each
3 element described in subsection (a)(2).

4 (2) DATE SPECIFIED.—The date specified in
5 this paragraph is the earlier of—

6 (A) July 2, 2031; or

7 (B) the date on which all projects de-
8 scribed in subsection (a)(1) are completed.

9 (c) REPORT ON CAPACITY OF COAST GUARD BASE
10 KETCHIKAN.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
12 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
13 shall complete a report detailing the cost of and time
14 frame for expanding the industrial capacity of Coast
15 Guard Base Ketchikan to do out of water repairs on
16 Fast Response Cutters.

17 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after
18 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
19 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation
20 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
21 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
22 Transportation of the Senate the report required
23 under paragraph (1).

1 (d) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Commandant shall
2 publish each report issued under this section on a publicly
3 accessible website of the Coast Guard.

4 (e) HOMEPORTING PROJECT DEFINED.—In this sec-
5 tion, the term “homeporting project”—

6 (1) means the facility infrastructure modifica-
7 tions, upgrades, new construction, and real property
8 and land acquisition associated with homeporting
9 new or modified cutters; and

10 (2) includes shoreside and waterfront facilities,
11 cutter maintenance facilities, housing, child develop-
12 ment facilities, and any other associated infrastruc-
13 ture directly required as a result of homeporting new
14 or modified cutters.

15 **SEC. 5185. REPORT ON BAY CLASS ICEBREAKING TUG**
16 **FLEET REPLACEMENT.**

17 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
18 of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Com-
19 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
20 Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
21 structure of the House of Representatives—

22 (1) a report that describes the strategy of the
23 Coast Guard with respect to the replacement of the
24 Bay class icebreaking tug fleet;

(2) 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 15 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

(3) 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 engines and gear components will effect the future operational availability of such fleet.

SEC. 5186. 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 and deployments in support of Operation Blue

1 Pacific, or any successor operation oriented toward
2 Oceania; and

3 (2) submit to the Committee on Armed Services
4 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
5 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
6 Armed Services and the Committee on Transpor-
7 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Represent-
8 atives a report on the findings of such study.

9 **SEC. 5187. STUDY AND GAP ANALYSIS WITH RESPECT TO**
10 **COAST GUARD AIR STATION CORPUS CHRISTI**
11 **AVIATION HANGAR.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
13 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall com-
14 mence a study and gap analysis with respect to the avia-
15 tion hangar at Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi
16 and the capacity of such hangar to accommodate the air-
17 craft currently assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Cor-
18 pus Christi and any aircraft anticipated to be so assigned
19 in the future.

20 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study and gap analysis re-
21 quired by subsection (a) shall include the following:

22 (1) An identification of hangar infrastructure
23 requirements needed—

1 (A) to meet mission requirements for all
2 aircraft currently assigned to Coast Guard Air
3 Station Corpus Christi; and

4 (B) to accommodate the assignment of an
5 additional HC-144 Ocean Sentry aircraft to
6 Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi.

7 (2) An assessment as to whether the aviation
8 hangar at Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi
9 is sufficient to accommodate all rotary-wing assets
10 assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi.

11 (3) In the case of an assessment that such
12 hangar is insufficient to accommodate all such ro-
13 tary-wing assets, a description of the facility modi-
14 fications that would be required to do so.

15 (4) An assessment of the facility modifications
16 of such hangar that would be required to accommo-
17 date all aircraft assigned to Coast Guard Air Station
18 Corpus Christi upon completion of the transition
19 from the MH-65 rotary-wing aircraft to the MH-
20 60T rotary-wing aircraft.

21 (5) An evaluation with respect to which fixed-
22 wing assets assigned to Coast Guard Air Station
23 Corpus Christi should be enclosed in such hangar so
24 as to most effectively mitigate the effects of corro-
25 sion while meeting mission requirements.

1 (6) An evaluation as to whether, and to what
2 extent, the storage of fixed-wing assets outside such
3 hangar would compromise the material condition
4 and safety of such assets.

5 (7) An evaluation of the extent to which any
6 material condition and safety issue identified under
7 paragraph (6) may be mitigated through the use of
8 gust locks, chocks, tie-downs, or related equipment.

9 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the com-
10 mencement of the study and gap analysis required under
11 subsection (a), the Commandant shall submit to the Com-
12 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
13 Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
14 structure of the House of Representatives a report on the
15 results of the study and gap analysis.

16 **SEC. 5188. REPORT ON IMPACTS OF JOINT TRAVEL REGU-**
17 **LATIONS ON MEMBERS OF COAST GUARD**
18 **WHO RELY ON FERRY SYSTEMS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
20 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in coordi-
21 nation with the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel
22 and Readiness, shall submit to the appropriate committees
23 of Congress a report on the impacts of the Joint Travel
24 Regulations on members of the Coast Guard who are com-

1 muting, on permanent change of station travel, or on other
2 official travel to or from locations served by ferry systems.

3 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
4 section (a) shall include an analysis of the impacts on such
5 members of the Coast Guard of the following policies
6 under the Joint Travel Regulations:

7 (1) The one-vehicle shipping policy.

8 (2) The unavailability of reimbursement of
9 costs incurred by such members due to ferry sched-
10 ule unavailability, sailing cancellations, and other
11 sailing delays during commuting, permanent change
12 of station travel, or other official travel.

13 (3) The unavailability of local infrastructure to
14 support vehicles or goods shipped to duty stations in
15 locations outside the contiguous United States that
16 are not connected by the road system, including lo-
17 cations served by the Alaska Marine Highway Sys-
18 tem.

19 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
21 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
22 gress” means—

23 (A) the Committee on Armed Services and
24 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
25 Transportation of the Senate; and

1 (B) the Committee on Armed Services and
2 the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Mari-
3 time Transportation of the Committee on
4 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
5 of Representatives.

6 (2) JOINT TRAVEL REGULATIONS.—The term
7 “Joint Travel Regulations”, with respect to official
8 travel, means the terms, rates, conditions, and regu-
9 lations maintained under section 464 of title 37,
10 United States Code.

11 **SEC. 5189. REPORT ON JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAIN-**
12 **ING CORPS PROGRAM.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
14 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall sub-
15 mit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
16 portation of the Senate and the Committee on Transpor-
17 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
18 a report on the Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps
19 program.

20 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
21 section (a) shall include the following:

22 (1) A description of the standards and criteria
23 prescribed by the Coast Guard for educational insti-
24 tution participation in the Coast Guard Junior Re-
25 serve Officers’ Training Corps program.

1 (2) With respect to each educational institution
2 offering a Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers'
3 Training Corps program—

4 (A) a description of—

5 (i) the training and course of military
6 instruction provided to students;

7 (ii) the facilities and drill areas used
8 for the program;

9 (iii) the type and amount of Coast
10 Guard Junior Reserve Officers' Training
11 Corps program resources provided by the
12 Coast Guard;

13 (iv) the type and amount of Coast
14 Guard Junior Reserve Officers' Training
15 Corps program resources provided by the
16 educational institution; and

17 (v) any other matter relating to pro-
18 gram requirements the Commandant con-
19 siders appropriate;

20 (B) an assessment as to whether the edu-
21 cational institution is located in an education-
22 ally and economically deprived area (as de-
23 scribed in section 2031 of title 10, United
24 States Code);

1 (C) beginning with the year in which the
2 program was established at the educational in-
3 stitution, the number of students who have par-
4 ticipated in the program, disaggregated by gen-
5 der, race, and grade of student participants;
6 and

7 (D) an assessment of the participants in
8 the program, including—

9 (i) the performance of the participants
10 in the program;

11 (ii) the number of participants in the
12 program who express an intent to pursue
13 a commission or enlistment in the Coast
14 Guard; and

15 (iii) a description of any other factor
16 or matter considered by the Commandant
17 to be important in assessing the success of
18 program participants at the educational in-
19 stitution.

20 (3) With respect to any unit of the Coast Guard
21 Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps suspended
22 or placed on probation pursuant to section 2031(h)
23 of title 10, United States Code—

24 (A) a description of the unit;

1 (B) the reason for such suspension or
2 placement on probation;

3 (C) the year the unit was so suspended or
4 placed on probation; and

5 (D) with respect to any unit that was rein-
6 stated after previously being suspended or
7 placed on probation, a justification for the rein-
8 statement of such unit.

9 (4) A description of the resources and personnel
10 required to maintain, implement, and provide over-
11 sight for the Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers'
12 Training Corps program at each participating edu-
13 cational institution and within the Coast Guard, in-
14 cluding the funding provided to each such edu-
15 cational institution, disaggregated by educational in-
16 stitution and year.

17 (5) A recommendation with respect to—

18 (A) whether the number of educational in-
19 stitutions participating in the Coast Guard Jun-
20 ior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program
21 should be increased; and

22 (B) in the case of a recommendation that
23 such number should be increased, additional
24 recommendations relating to such an increase,
25 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. 5190. 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 the 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.

1 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
2 graph (1) shall include the following:

3 (A) A review and timeline of Coast Guard
4 outreach efforts in Coast Guard districts that
5 do not have a Coast Guard Junior Reserve Offi-
6 cers' Training Program.

7 (B) A review and timeline of Coast Guard
8 outreach efforts in Coast Guard districts in
9 which there are multiple Coast Guard Junior
10 Reserve Officers' Training Programs.

11 (C) Policy recommendations regarding fu-
12 ture expansion of the Coast Guard Junior Re-
13 serve Officers' Training Program.

14 (b) EXPANSION.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on December 31,
16 2026, the Secretary of the department in which the
17 Coast Guard is operating shall maintain at all times
18 a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program
19 with not fewer than 20 such programs.

20 (2) COST ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 1 year
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
22 retary of the department in which the Coast Guard
23 is operating shall provide Congress with an estimate
24 of the costs associated with implementing this sub-
25 section.

**TITLE LII—SHIPPING AND
NAVIGATION
Subtitle A—Merchant Mariner
Credentials**

SEC. 5201. MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIALING.

(a) REVISING MERCHANT MARINER DECK TRAINING
REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) GENERAL DEFINITIONS.—Section 2101 of
title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(A) 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; and

(B) 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

(C) by inserting after paragraph (22), as
so redesignated, the following:

1 “(23) ‘nautical school program’ means a pro-
2 gram that—

3 “(A) offers a comprehensive program of
4 training that includes substantial sea service on
5 nautical school vessels or merchant vessels of
6 the United States primarily to train individuals
7 for service in the merchant marine; and

8 “(B) is approved by the Secretary for pur-
9 poses of section 7315, in accordance with regu-
10 lations promulgated by the Secretary.”.

11 (2) EXAMINATIONS.—Section 7116 of title 46,
12 United States Code, is amended by striking sub-
13 section (c).

14 (3) MERCHANT MARINERS DOCUMENTS.—

15 (A) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.—Section
16 7306 of title 46, United States Code, is amend-
17 ed to read as follows:

18 **“§ 7306. General requirements and classifications for**
19 **members of deck departments**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may issue a mer-
21 chant mariner credential, to members of the deck depart-
22 ment in the following classes:

23 “(1) Able Seaman-Unlimited.

24 “(2) Able Seaman-Limited.

25 “(3) Able Seaman-Special.

1 “(4) Able Seaman-Offshore Supply Vessels.

2 “(5) Able Seaman-Sail.

3 “(6) Able Seaman-Fishing Industry.

4 “(7) Ordinary Seaman.

5 “(b) CLASSIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS.—The Sec-
6 retary may classify the merchant mariner credential issued
7 under subsection (a) based on—

8 “(1) the tonnage and means of propulsion of
9 vessels;

10 “(2) the waters on which vessels are to be oper-
11 ated; or

12 “(3) other appropriate standards.

13 “(c) QUALIFICATIONS.—To qualify for a credential
14 under this section, an applicant shall provide satisfactory
15 proof that the applicant—

16 “(1) is at least 18 years of age;

17 “(2) has the service required by the applicable
18 section of this part;

19 “(3) is qualified professionally as demonstrated
20 by an applicable examination or educational require-
21 ments;

22 “(4) is qualified as to sight, hearing, and phys-
23 ical condition to perform the seafarer’s duties; and

24 “(5) has satisfied any additional requirements
25 established by the Secretary, including career pat-

1 terns and service appropriate to the particular serv-
 2 ice, industry, or job functions the individual is en-
 3 gaged.”.

4 (B) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of
 5 the department in which the Coast Guard is op-
 6 erating shall implement the requirements under
 7 subsection (c) of section 7306 of title 46,
 8 United States Code (as amended by this sec-
 9 tion), without regard to chapters 5 and 6 of
 10 title 5, United States Code, and Executive Or-
 11 ders 12866 and 13563 (5 U.S.C. 601 note).

12 (C) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis
 13 for chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code,
 14 is amended by striking the item relating to sec-
 15 tion 7306 and inserting the following:

“7306. General requirements and classifications for members of deck depart-
 ments.”.

16 (b) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF
 17 ENGINE DEPARTMENTS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7313 of title 46,
 19 United States Code, is amended—

20 (A) in subsection (b) by striking “and coal
 21 passer”; and

22 (B) by striking subsection (c) and insert-
 23 ing the following:

1 “(c) CLASSIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS.—The Sec-
2 retary may classify the merchant mariner credential issued
3 under subsection (a) based on—

4 “(1) the tonnage and means of propulsion of
5 vessels;

6 “(2) the waters on which vessels are to be oper-
7 ated; or

8 “(3) other appropriate standards.

9 “(d) QUALIFICATIONS.—To qualify for an credential
10 under this section, an applicant shall provide satisfactory
11 proof that the applicant—

12 “(1) is at least 18 years of age;

13 “(2) has a minimum of 6-months service in the
14 related entry rating;

15 “(3) is qualified professionally as demonstrated
16 by an applicable examination or educational require-
17 ments; and

18 “(4) is qualified as to sight, hearing, and phys-
19 ical condition to perform the member’s duties.”.

20 (2) REPEAL.—Section 7314 of title 46, United
21 States Code, and the item relating to such section
22 in the analysis for chapter 73 of such title, are re-
23 pealed.

24 (c) TRAINING.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7315 of title 46,
2 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

3 **“§ 7315. Training**

4 “(a) NAUTICAL SCHOOL PROGRAM.—Graduation
5 from a nautical school program may be substituted for the
6 sea service requirements under sections 7307 through
7 7311a and 7313 of this title.

8 “(b) OTHER APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAMS.—The
9 satisfactory completion of a training program approved by
10 the Secretary may be substituted for not more than one-
11 half of the sea service requirements under sections 7307
12 through 7311a and 7313 of this title in accordance with
13 subsection (c).

14 “(c) TRAINING DAYS.—For purposes of subsection
15 (b), training days undertaken in connection with training
16 programs approved by the Secretary may be substituted
17 for days of required sea service under sections 7307
18 through 7311a and 7313 of this title as follows:

19 “(1) Each shore-based training day in the form
20 of classroom lectures may be substituted for 2 days
21 of sea service requirements.

22 “(2) Each training day of laboratory training,
23 practical demonstrations, and other similar training,
24 may be substituted for 4 days of sea service require-
25 ments.

1 “(3) Each training day of full mission simulator
2 training may be substituted for 6 days of sea service
3 requirements.

4 “(4) Each training day underway on a vessel
5 while enrolled in an approved training program may
6 be substituted for 1½ days of sea service require-
7 ments, as long as—

8 “(A) the structured training provided while
9 underway on a vessel is—

10 “(i) acceptable to the Secretary as
11 part of the approved training program; and

12 “(ii) fully completed by the individual;
13 and

14 “(B) the tonnage of such vessel is appro-
15 priate to the endorsement being sought.

16 “(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘training
17 day’ means a day that consists of not less than 7 hours
18 of training.”.

19 (2) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of the
20 department in which the Coast Guard is operating
21 shall implement the requirements of section 7315 of
22 title 46, United States Code, as amended by this
23 subsection, without regard to chapters 5 and 6 of
24 title 5, United States Code, and Executive Orders

1 12866 and 13563 (5 U.S.C. 601 note) and 14094
2 (88 Fed. Reg. 21879).

3 (3) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-
4 MENTS.—

5 (A) TITLE 46.—Title 46, United States
6 Code, is amended—

7 (i) in section 2113(3) by striking
8 “section 2101(53)(A)” and inserting “sec-
9 tion 2101(55)(A)”;

10 (ii) in section 3202(a)(1)(A) by strik-
11 ing “section 2101(29)(A)” and inserting
12 “section 2101(31)(A)”;

13 (iii) in section 3507(k)(1) by striking
14 “section 2101(31)” and inserting “section
15 2101(33)”;

16 (iv) in section 4105(d) by striking
17 “section 2101(53)(A)” and inserting “sec-
18 tion 2101(55)(A)”;

19 (v) in section 12119(a)(3) by striking
20 “section 2101(26)” and inserting “section
21 2101(28)”;

22 (vi) in section 51706(c)(6)(C)(ii) by
23 striking “section 2101(24)” and inserting
24 “section 2101(26)”.

25 (B) OTHER LAWS.—

(i) 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”.

(ii) 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”.

(iii) 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”.

(iv) Section 1101 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking “Section 2101(23)” and inserting “Section 2101(24)”.

(d) AMENDMENTS.—

(1) MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIALS.—The heading for part E of subtitle II of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “**MERCHANT SEAMEN LICENSES, CERTIFICATES, AND DOCUMENTS**” and inserting “**MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIALS**”.

(2) ABLE SEAFARERS—UNLIMITED.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The section heading for section 7307 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “**seamen**” and inserting “**seafarers**”.

(B) REDUCTION OF LENGTH OF CERTAIN PERIOD OF SERVICE.—Section 7307 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “3 years” and inserting “18 months”.

(C) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code, is further amended in the item relating to section 7307 by striking “seamen” and inserting “seafarers”.

(3) ABLE SEAMEN—LIMITED.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The section heading for section 7308 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “**seamen**” and inserting “**seafarers**”.

(B) REDUCTION OF LENGTH OF CERTAIN PERIOD OF SERVICE.—Section 7308 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “18 months” and inserting “12 months”.

(C) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code,

is further amended in the item relating to section 7308 by striking “seamen” and inserting “seafarers”.

(4) ABLE SEAFARERS—SPECIAL.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The section heading for section 7309 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “**seamen**” and inserting “**seafarers**”.

(B) REDUCTION OF LENGTH OF CERTAIN PERIOD OF SERVICE.—Section 7309 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “12 months” and inserting “6 months”.

(C) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code, is further amended in the item relating to section 7309 by striking “seamen” and inserting “seafarers”.

(5) ABLE SEAFARERS—OFFSHORE SUPPLY VESSELS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The section heading for section 7310 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “**seamen**” and inserting “**seafarers**”.

(B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code,

is further amended in the item relating to section 7310 by striking “seamen” and inserting “seafarers”.

(6) ABLE SEAFARERS—SAIL.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The section heading for section 7311 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “**seamen**” and inserting “**seafarers**”.

(B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code, is further amended in the item relating to section 7311 by striking “seamen” and inserting “seafarers”.

(7) ABLE SEAMEN—FISHING INDUSTRY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The section heading for section 7311a of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “**seamen**” and inserting “**seafarers**”.

(B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code, is further amended in the item relating to section 7311a by striking “seamen” and inserting “seafarers”.

(8) PARTS E AND F.—Parts E and F of subtitle II of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

1 (A) by striking “seaman” and inserting
 2 “seafarer” each place it appears; and

3 (B) by striking “seamen” and inserting
 4 “seafarers” each place it appears.

5 (9) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The analysis for
 6 subtitle II of title 46, United States Code, is amend-
 7 ed in the item relating to part E by striking “**MER-**
 8 **CHANT SEAMEN LICENSES, CERTIFICATES, AND**
 9 **DOCUMENTS**” and inserting “**MERCHANT MAR-**
 10 **INER CREDENTIALS**”.

11 (10) TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF LENGTHS OF
 12 CERTAIN PERIODS OF SERVICE.—Section 3534(j) of
 13 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
 14 Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) is repealed.

15 (11) MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIALS.—Sec-
 16 tion 7510 of title 46, United States Code, is amend-
 17 ed by striking subsection (d).

18 (e) RENEWAL OF MERCHANT MARINER LICENSES
 19 AND DOCUMENTS.—Section 7507 of title 46, United
 20 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 21 lowing:

22 “(d) RENEWAL.—With respect to any renewal of an
 23 active merchant mariner credential issued under this part
 24 that is not an extension under subsection (a) or (b), such

1 credential shall begin the day after the expiration of the
 2 active credential of the credential holder.”.

3 (f) MERCHANT SEAMEN LICENSES, CERTIFICATES,
 4 AND DOCUMENTS; MANNING OF VESSELS.—

5 (1) CITIZENSHIP OR NONCITIZEN NATION-
 6 ALITY.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 7102 of title
 8 46, United States Code, is amended—

9 (i) in the section heading by inserting
 10 “**or noncitizen nationality**” after
 11 “**Citizenship**”; and

12 (ii) by inserting “or noncitizen nation-
 13 als (as such term is described in section
 14 308 of the Immigration and Nationality
 15 Act (8 U.S.C. 1408))” after “citizens”.

16 (B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis
 17 for chapter 71 of title 46, United States Code,
 18 is amended by striking the item relating to sec-
 19 tion 7102 and inserting the following:

“7102. Citizenship or noncitizen nationality.”.

20 (2) CITIZENSHIP OR NONCITIZEN NATIONALITY
 21 NOTATION ON MERCHANT MARINERS’ DOCU-
 22 MENTS.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 7304 of title
 24 46, United States Code, is amended—

1 (i) in the section heading by inserting
 2 **“or noncitizen nationality”** after
 3 **“Citizenship”**; and

4 (ii) by inserting “or noncitizen na-
 5 tional (as such term is described in section
 6 308 of the Immigration and Nationality
 7 Act (8 U.S.C. 1408))” after “citizen”.

8 (B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis
 9 for chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code,
 10 is amended by striking the item relating to sec-
 11 tion 7304 and inserting the following:

“7304. Citizenship or noncitizen nationality notation on merchant mariners’ doc-
 uments.”.

12 (3) CITIZENSHIP OR NONCITIZEN NATION-
 13 ALITY.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 8103 of title
 15 46, United States Code, is amended—

16 (i) in the section heading by inserting
 17 **“or noncitizen nationality”** after
 18 **“Citizenship”**;

19 (ii) in subsection (a) by inserting “or
 20 noncitizen national” after “citizen”;

21 (iii) in subsection (b)—

22 (I) in paragraph (1)(A)(i) by in-
 23 serting “or noncitizen national” after
 24 “citizen”;

1 (II) in paragraph (3) by inserting
 2 “or noncitizen nationality” after “citi-
 3 zenship”; and

4 (III) in paragraph (3)(C) by in-
 5 serting “or noncitizen nationals” after
 6 “citizens”;

7 (iv) in subsection (c) by inserting “or
 8 noncitizen nationals” after “citizens”;

9 (v) in subsection (d)—

10 (I) in paragraph (1) by inserting
 11 “or noncitizen nationals” after “citi-
 12 zens”; and

13 (II) in paragraph (2) by inserting
 14 “or noncitizen national” after “cit-
 15 izen” each place it appears;

16 (vi) in subsection (e) by inserting “or
 17 noncitizen national” after “citizen” each
 18 place it appears;

19 (vii) in subsection (i)(1)(A) by insert-
 20 ing “or noncitizen national” after “cit-
 21 izen”;

22 (viii) in subsection (k)(1)(A) by in-
 23 serting “or noncitizen national” after “cit-
 24 izen”; and

1 (ix) by adding at the end the fol-
 2 lowing:

3 “(l) NONCITIZEN NATIONAL DEFINED.—In this sec-
 4 tion, the term ‘noncitizen national’ means an individual
 5 described in section 308 of the Immigration and Nation-
 6 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1408).”.

7 (B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis
 8 for chapter 81 of title 46, United States Code,
 9 is amended by striking the item relating to sec-
 10 tion 8103 and inserting the following:

“8103. Citizenship or noncitizen nationality and Navy Reserve requirements.”.

11 (4) COMMAND OF DOCUMENTED VESSELS.—
 12 Section 12131(a) of title 46, United States Code, is
 13 amended by inserting “or noncitizen national (as
 14 such term is described in section 308 of the Immi-
 15 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1408))” after
 16 “citizen”.

17 (5) INVALIDATION OF CERTIFICATES OF DOCU-
 18 MENTATION.—Section 12135(2) of title 46, United
 19 States Code, is amended by inserting “or noncitizen
 20 national (as such term is described in section 308 of
 21 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
 22 1408))” after “citizen”.

23 **SEC. 5202. NONOPERATING INDIVIDUAL.**

24 Section 8313(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry
 25 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021

1 (Public Law 116–283) is amended by striking “2025” and
 2 inserting “2027”.

3 **SEC. 5203. MERCHANT MARINER LICENSING AND DOCU-**
 4 **MENTATION SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 75 of title 46, United
 6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 7 lowing:

8 **“§ 7512. Requirements of electronic merchant mar-**
 9 **iner credentialing system**

10 “(a) DEFINITION OF MERCHANT MARINER CREDEN-
 11 TIAL.—In this section, the term ‘merchant mariner cre-
 12 dential’ means a merchant mariner license, certificate, or
 13 document that the Secretary is authorized to issue pursu-
 14 ant to this title.

15 “(b) NECESSARY CONSIDERATIONS.—In imple-
 16 menting any electronic merchant mariner credentialing
 17 system for purposes of this chapter, the Secretary shall
 18 consider how to allow, to the maximum extent prac-
 19 ticable—

20 “(1) the electronic submission of the compo-
 21 nents of merchant mariner credential applications
 22 (such as sea service documentation, professional
 23 qualifications, course completion certificates, safety
 24 and suitability documents, and medical records) and
 25 course approval requests;

1 “(2) the direct electronic and secure submission
2 of—

3 “(A) sea service verification documentation
4 from employers;

5 “(B) course completion certificates from
6 training providers; and

7 “(C) necessary documentation from other
8 stakeholders; and

9 “(3) the electronic processing and evaluation of
10 information for the issuance of merchant mariner
11 credentials and course approvals, including the capa-
12 bility for the Secretary to complete remote evalua-
13 tion of information submitted through the system.

14 “(c) ACCESS TO DATA.—The Secretary shall ensure
15 that the Maritime Administration and other Federal agen-
16 cies, as authorized by the Secretary, have access to
17 anonymized and aggregated data from the electronic sys-
18 tem described in subsection (b) and that such data in-
19 clude, at a minimum—

20 “(1) the total amount of sea service for individ-
21 uals with a valid merchant mariner credential;

22 “(2) the number of mariners with valid mer-
23 chant mariner credentials for each rating, including
24 the capability to filter data based on credential en-
25 dorsements;

1 “(3) demographic information including age,
2 gender, and region or address;

3 “(4) the estimated times for the Coast Guard
4 to process merchant mariner credential applications,
5 mariner medical certificates, and course approvals;

6 “(5) the number of providers approved to pro-
7 vide training for purposes of this part and, for each
8 such training provider, the number of classes taken
9 by individuals with, or applying for, a merchant
10 mariner credential; and

11 “(6) if applicable, the branch of the uniformed
12 services (as defined in section 101(a) of title 10) and
13 duty status of applicants for a merchant mariner
14 credential.

15 “(d) PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary shall
16 collect the information required under subsection (b) in
17 a manner that protects the privacy rights of individuals
18 who are the subjects of such information.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
20 ter 75 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by add-
21 ing at the end the following:

“7512. Requirements of electronic merchant mariner credentialing system.”.

1 **Subtitle B—Vessel Safety**

2 **SEC. 5211. GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OPERATIONS OF A VES-** 3 **SEL.**

4 Section 2302(b) of title 46, United States Code, is
 5 amended to read as follows:

6 “(b) GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OPERATION.—

7 “(1) MISDEMEANOR.—A person operating a
 8 vessel in a grossly negligent manner that endangers
 9 the life, limb, or property of a person commits a
 10 class A misdemeanor.

11 “(2) FELONY.—A person operating a vessel in
 12 a grossly negligent manner that results in serious
 13 bodily injury, as defined in section 1365(h)(3) of
 14 title 18—

15 “(A) commits a class E felony; and

16 “(B) may be assessed a civil penalty of not
 17 more than \$35,000.”.

18 **SEC. 5212. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE FOR SECURITY** 19 **RISKS.**

20 (a) SECURITY RISK.—Section 7702(d)(1) of title 46,
 21 United States Code, is amended—

22 (1) in subparagraph (B) by redesignating
 23 clauses (i) through (iv) as subclauses (I) through
 24 (IV), respectively (and by conforming the margins
 25 accordingly);

1 (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and
 2 (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively (and by con-
 3 forming the margins accordingly);

4 (3) by striking “an individual if—” and insert-
 5 ing the following: “an individual—
 6 “(A) if—”;

7 (4) in subparagraph (A)(ii)(IV), as so redesign-
 8 ated, by striking the period at the end and insert-
 9 ing “; or”; and

10 (5) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(B) if there is probable cause to believe that
 12 the individual has violated company policy and is a
 13 security risk that poses a threat to other individuals
 14 on the vessel.”.

15 (b) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**—Section 2101(47)(B)
 16 of title 46, United States Code (as so redesignated), is
 17 amended by striking “; and” and inserting “; or”.

18 **SEC. 5213. STUDY OF AMPHIBIOUS VESSELS.**

19 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Commandant shall conduct
 20 a study to determine the applicability of current safety
 21 regulations that apply to commercial amphibious vessels.

22 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The study required under sub-
 23 section (a) shall include the following:

1 (1) An overview and analysis that identifies
2 safety regulations that apply to commercial amphib-
3 ious vessels;

4 (2) An evaluation of whether safety gaps and
5 risks exist associated with the application of regula-
6 tions identified in subsection (b)(1) to the operation
7 of commercial amphibious vessels;

8 (3) An evaluation of whether aspects of the reg-
9 ulations established in section 11502 of the James
10 M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for
11 Fiscal Year 2023 (46 U.S.C. 3306 note) should
12 apply to amphibious commercial vessels; and

13 (4) Recommendations on whether potential reg-
14 ulations that should apply to commercial amphibious
15 vessels.

16 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall sub-
18 mit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-
19 ture of the House of Representatives and the Committee
20 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate
21 a report containing the findings, conclusions, and rec-
22 ommendations from the study required under subsection
23 (a).

24 (d) DEFINITION OF AMPHIBIOUS VESSEL.—In this
25 section, the term “amphibious vessel” means a vessel

1 which is operating as a small passenger vessel in waters
 2 subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, as defined
 3 in section 2.38 of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations
 4 (or a successor regulation) and is operating as a motor
 5 vehicle as defined in section 216 of the Clean Air Act (42
 6 U.S.C. 7550) that is not a DUKW amphibious passenger
 7 vessel as defined in section 11502 of the James M. Inhofe
 8 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023
 9 (46 U.S.C. 3306 note).

10 **SEC. 5214. PERFORMANCE DRIVEN EXAMINATION SCHED-**
 11 **ULE.**

12 (a) AMENDMENTS.—Section 3714 of title 46, United
 13 States Code, is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (a)(1) by striking “The Sec-
 15 retary” and inserting “Except as provided in sub-
 16 section (c), the Secretary”;

17 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
 18 section (d); and

19 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
 20 lowing:

21 “(c) PERFORMANCE-DRIVEN EXAMINATION SCHED-
 22 ULE.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to examina-
 24 tions of foreign vessels to which this chapter applies,
 25 and subject to paragraph (3), the Secretary may

1 adopt a performance-driven examination schedule to
2 which such vessels are to be examined and the fre-
3 quency with which such examinations occur, includ-
4 ing the frequency of examinations for each vessel.
5 Such schedule shall be consistent with the Sec-
6 retary's assessment of the safety performance of
7 such vessels, including each vessel participating in
8 the performance-driven examination schedule, in ac-
9 cordance with paragraph (2).

10 “(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing an ex-
11 amination schedule under paragraph (1) and subject
12 to paragraph (3), with respect to each vessel in de-
13 termining eligibility to participate in the perform-
14 ance based examination schedule—

15 “(A) the Secretary shall consider—

16 “(i) certificate of compliance and ex-
17 amination history, to include those con-
18 ducted by foreign countries;

19 “(ii) history of violations, vessel deten-
20 tions, incidents, and casualties;

21 “(iii) history of notices of violation
22 issued by the Coast Guard;

23 “(iv) safety related information pro-
24 vided by the flag state of the vessel;

25 “(v) owner and operator history;

1 “(vi) historical classification society
2 data, which may include relevant surveys;
3 “(vii) cargo-specific documentation;
4 “(viii) data from port state control
5 safety exams; and
6 “(ix) relevant repair and maintenance
7 history; and
8 “(B) the Secretary may consider—
9 “(i) data from relevant vessel quality
10 assurance and risk assessment programs
11 including Quality Shipping for the 21st
12 Century (QUALSHIP 21);
13 “(ii) data from industry inspection re-
14 gimes;
15 “(iii) data from vessel self assess-
16 ments submitted to the International Mari-
17 time Organization or other maritime orga-
18 nizations; and
19 “(iv) other safety relevant data or in-
20 formation as determined by the Secretary.
21 “(3) ELIGIBILITY.—In developing an examina-
22 tion schedule under paragraph (1), the Secretary
23 shall not consider a vessel eligible to take part in a
24 performance-driven examination schedule under

1 paragraph (1) if, within the last 36 months, the ves-
2 sel has—

3 “(A) been detained by the Coast Guard;

4 “(B) a record of a violation issued by the
5 Coast Guard against the owners or operators
6 with a finding of proved; or

7 “(C) suffered a marine casualty that, as
8 determined by the Secretary, involves the safe
9 operation of the vessel and overall performance
10 of the vessel.

11 “(4) RESTRICTIONS.—The Secretary may not
12 adopt a performance-driven examination schedule
13 under paragraph (1) until the Secretary has—

14 “(A) conducted the assessment rec-
15 ommended in the Government Accountability
16 Office report submitted under section 8254(a)
17 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National
18 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
19 (Public Law 116–283);

20 “(B) concluded through such assessment
21 that a performance-driven examination schedule
22 provides not less than the level of safety pro-
23 vided by the annual examinations required
24 under subsection (a)(1); and

1 “(C) provided the results of such assess-
2 ment to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
3 and Transportation of the Senate and the Com-
4 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
5 the House of Representatives.”.

6 (b) CAREER INCENTIVE PAY FOR MARINE INSPEC-
7 TORS.—Subsection (a) of section 11237 of the James M.
8 Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
9 2023 (Public Law 117–263) is amended as follows:

10 “(a) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ASSIGNMENT PAY OR
11 SPECIAL DUTY PAY.—For the purposes of addressing an
12 identified shortage of marine inspectors, the Secretary
13 may provide assignment pay or special duty pay under sec-
14 tion 352 of title 37, United States Code, to a member of
15 the Coast Guard serving in a prevention position that—

16 “(1) is assigned in support of or is serving as
17 a marine inspector pursuant to section 312 of title
18 14, United States Code; and

19 “(2) is assigned to a billet that is difficult to fill
20 due to geographic location, requisite experience or
21 certifications, or lack of sufficient candidates, as de-
22 termined by the Commandant, in an effort to ad-
23 dress inspector workforce gaps.”.

24 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 6 months after the
25 date of enactment of this Act, and annually for 2 years

1 after the implementation of a performance-driven exam-
2 ination schedule program under section 3714(c) of title
3 46, United States Code, the Commandant shall brief the
4 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
5 the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and In-
6 frastructure of the House of Representatives on—

7 (1) the status of utilizing the performance-driv-
8 en examination schedule program, including the
9 quantity of examinations conducted and duration be-
10 tween examinations for each individual vessel exam-
11 ined under the performance-driven examination
12 schedule;

13 (2) an overview of the size of the Coast Guard
14 marine inspector workforce, including any personnel
15 shortages assessed by the Coast Guard, for inspec-
16 tors that conduct inspections under section 3714 of
17 such title; and

18 (3) recommendations for the inspection, govern-
19 ance, or oversight of vessels inspected under section
20 3714 of such title.

21 **SEC. 5215. PORTS AND WATERWAYS SAFETY.**

22 (a) **WATERFRONT SAFETY.**—Section 70011(a) of
23 title 46, United States Code, is amended—

24 (1) in paragraph (1) by inserting “, including
25 damage or destruction resulting from cyber inci-

1 dents, transnational organized crime, or foreign
2 state threats” after “adjacent to such waters”; and

3 (2) in paragraph (2) by inserting “or harm re-
4 sulting from cyber incidents, transnational organized
5 crime, or foreign state threats” after “loss”.

6 (b) REGULATION OF ANCHORAGE AND MOVEMENT
7 OF VESSELS DURING NATIONAL EMERGENCY.—Section
8 70051 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by in-
9 serting “or cyber incidents, or transnational organized
10 crime, or foreign state threats,” after “threatened war, or
11 invasion, or insurrection, or subversive activity,”.

12 (c) FACILITY VISIT BY STATE SPONSOR OF TER-
13 RORISM.—Section 70011(b) of title 46, United States
14 Code, is amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (3) by striking “and” at the
16 end;

17 (2) in paragraph (4) by striking the period at
18 the end and inserting “; and”; and

19 (3) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(5) prohibiting a representative of a govern-
21 ment of country that the Secretary of State has de-
22 termined has repeatedly provided support for acts of
23 international terrorism under section 620A of the
24 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371)

1 from visiting a facility for which a facility security
2 plan is required under section 70103(c).”.

3 **SEC. 5216. STUDY ON BERING STRAIT VESSEL TRAFFIC**
4 **PROJECTIONS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE**
5 **POSTURE AT PORTS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
7 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
8 tation, acting through the United States Committee on the
9 Marine Transportation System, and in coordination with
10 the Commandant, shall—

11 (1) complete an analysis regarding commercial
12 vessel traffic, at the time of the study, that transits
13 through the Bering Strait and projections for the
14 growth of such traffic over the next decade; and

15 (2) assess the adequacy of emergency response
16 capabilities and infrastructure at the ports of the
17 United States that are in proximity to the vessel
18 traffic that transits the Bering Strait, including the
19 port facilities at Point Spencer, Alaska, Nome, Alas-
20 ka, and Kotzebue, Alaska, to—

21 (A) address future navigation safety risks;

22 and

23 (B) conduct emergency maritime response
24 operations in the Arctic environment.

1 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study under this section shall
2 include the following:

3 (1) An analysis of the volume and types of com-
4 mercial vessel traffic, including—

5 (A) oil and gas tankers, cargo vessels,
6 barges, fishing vessels, and cruise lines, both
7 domestic and international;

8 (B) projected growth of such traffic
9 through the Bering Strait;

10 (C) the seasonality of vessel transits of the
11 Bering Strait; and

12 (D) a summation of the sizes, ages, and
13 the country of registration or documentation of
14 such vessels transiting the Arctic, including oil
15 and product tankers either documented in tran-
16 sit to or from Russia or China or owned or op-
17 erated by a Russian or Chinese entity.

18 (2) An assessment of the state and adequacy of
19 vessel traffic services and oil spill and emergency re-
20 sponse capabilities in the vicinity of the Bering
21 Strait and its southern and northern approaches in
22 the Chukchi Sea and the Bering Sea.

23 (3) A risk assessment of the projected growth
24 in commercial vessel traffic in the Bering Strait and
25 potential of increased frequency in the number of

1 maritime accidents, including spill events, and the
2 potential impacts to the Arctic maritime environ-
3 ment and Native Alaskan village communities in the
4 vicinity of the vessel traffic in Western Alaska, in-
5 cluding the Bering Strait.

6 (4) An evaluation of the extent to which Point
7 Spencer can serve as a port of refuge and as a stag-
8 ing, logistics, and operations center from which to
9 conduct and support maritime emergency and spill
10 response activities.

11 (5) Recommendations for practical actions that
12 can be taken by Congress, Federal agencies, the
13 State of Alaska, vessel carriers and operators, the
14 marine salvage and emergency response industry,
15 and other relevant stakeholders to mitigate risks
16 identified in the study carried out under this section.

17 (c) CONSULTATION.—In the preparation of the study
18 under this section, the United States Committee on the
19 Marine Transportation System shall consult with—

- 20 (1) the Maritime Administration;
21 (2) the Coast Guard;
22 (3) the Army Corps of Engineers;
23 (4) the Department of State;
24 (5) the National Transportation Safety Board;
25 (6) the Government of Canada, as appropriate;

1 (7) the Port Coordination Council for the Port
2 of Point Spencer;

3 (8) State and local governments;

4 (9) other maritime industry participants, in-
5 cluding carriers, shippers, ports, labor, fishing, or
6 other entities; and

7 (10) nongovernmental entities with relevant ex-
8 pertise monitoring and characterizing vessel traffic
9 or the environment in the Arctic.

10 (d) TRIBAL CONSULTATION.—In addition to the enti-
11 ties described in subsection (c), in preparing the study
12 under this section, the Secretary of Transportation shall
13 consult with Indian Tribes, including Alaska Native Cor-
14 porations, and Alaska Native communities.

15 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after initiating
16 the study under this section, the United States Committee
17 on the Marine Transportation System shall submit to the
18 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
19 and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate
20 and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
21 and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of
22 Representatives a report on the findings and recommenda-
23 tions of the study.

24 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) ARCTIC.—The term “Arctic” has the mean-
2 ing given such term in section 112 of the Arctic Re-
3 search and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4111).

4 (2) PORT COORDINATION COUNCIL FOR THE
5 PORT OF POINT SPENCER.—The term “Port Coordi-
6 nation Council for the Port of Point Spencer” means
7 the Council established under section 541 of Coast
8 Guard Authorization Act of 2015 (Public Law 114–
9 120).

10 **SEC. 5217. UNDERWATER INSPECTIONS BRIEF.**

11 Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment
12 of this Act, the Commandant, or a designated individual,
13 shall brief the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
14 structure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
15 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
16 Senate on the underwater inspection in lieu of drydock
17 program established under section 176.615 of title 46,
18 Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of
19 enactment of this Act).

20 **SEC. 5218. ST. LUCIE RIVER RAILROAD BRIDGE.**

21 Regarding Docket Number USCG–2022–0222, be-
22 fore adopting a final rule, the Commandant shall conduct
23 an independent boat traffic study at mile 7.4 of the St.
24 Lucie River.

1 **SEC. 5219. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH SAFETY ZONES FOR**
 2 **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES IN EXCLUSIVE ECO-**
 3 **NOMIC ZONE.**

4 (a) SPECIAL ACTIVITIES IN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC
 5 ZONE.—Subchapter I of chapter 700 of title 46, United
 6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 7 lowing:

8 **“§ 70008. Special activities in exclusive economic**
 9 **zone**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the department
 11 in which the Coast Guard is operating may establish safe-
 12 ty zones to address special activities in the exclusive eco-
 13 nomic zone.

14 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 “(1) SAFETY ZONE.—The term ‘safety zone’—

16 “(A) means a water area, shore area, or
 17 water and shore area to which, for safety or en-
 18 vironmental purposes, access is limited to au-
 19 thorized persons, vehicles, or vessels; and

20 “(B) may be stationary and described by
 21 fixed limits or may be described as a zone
 22 around a vessel in motion.

23 “(2) SPECIAL ACTIVITIES.—The term ‘special
 24 activities’ includes—

25 “(A) space activities, including launch and
 26 reentry (as such terms are defined in section

1 50902 of title 51) carried out by United States
2 citizens; and

3 “(B) offshore energy development activi-
4 ties, as described in section 8(p)(1)(C) of the
5 Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.
6 1337(p)(1)(C)), on or near fixed platforms.

7 “(3) UNITED STATES CITIZEN.—The term
8 ‘United States citizen’ has the meaning given the
9 term ‘eligible owners’ in section 12103.

10 “(4) FIXED PLATFORM.—The term ‘fixed plat-
11 form’ means an artificial island, installation, or
12 structure permanently attached to the sea-bed for
13 the purpose of exploration or exploitation of re-
14 sources or for other economic purposes.”.

15 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
16 ter 700 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by
17 inserting after the item relating to section 70007 the fol-
18 lowing:

“70008. Special activities in exclusive economic zone.”.

19 (c) REPEAL.—Section 8343 of the William M. (Mac)
20 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
21 Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) is repealed.

22 (d) RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amend-
23 ments made by subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall
24 take effect as if enacted on February 1, 2024.

1 **SEC. 5220. IMPROVING VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE MONI-**
2 **TORING.**

3 (a) PROXIMITY OF ANCHORAGES TO PIPELINES.—

4 (1) IMPLEMENTATION OF RESTRUCTURING
5 PLAN.—Not later than 1 year after the date of en-
6 actment of this Act, the Commandant shall imple-
7 ment the November 2021 proposed plan of the Ves-
8 sel Traffic Service Los Angeles-Long Beach for re-
9 structuring the Federal anchorages in San Pedro
10 Bay described on page 54 of the Report of the Na-
11 tional Transportation Safety Board titled “Anchor
12 Strike of Underwater Pipeline and Eventual Crude
13 Oil Release” and issued January 2, 2024.

14 (2) STUDY.—The Secretary of the department
15 in which the Coast Guard is operating shall conduct
16 a study to identify any anchorage grounds other
17 than the San Pedro Bay Federal anchorages in
18 which the distance between the center of an ap-
19 proved anchorage ground and a pipeline is less than
20 1 mile.

21 (3) REPORT.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years
23 after the date of enactment of this Act, the
24 Commandant shall submit to the Committee on
25 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
26 of Representatives and the Committee on Com-

merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the results of the study required under paragraph (2).

(B) 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 sub-

1 merged pipelines within the vessel traffic service
2 area of responsibility.

3 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, and annually for the
5 subsequent 3 years, the Commandant shall submit
6 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-
7 ture of the House of Representatives and the Com-
8 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
9 the Senate a report on the implementation of para-
10 graphs (1) and (2).

11 **SEC. 5221. DESIGNATING PILOTAGE WATERS FOR THE**
12 **STRAITS OF MACKINAC.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9302(a)(1)(A) of title 46,
14 United States Code, is amended by striking “in waters”
15 and inserting “in the Straits of Mackinac and in all other
16 waters”.

17 (b) DEFINITION OF THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC.—
18 Section 9302 of title 46, United States Code, is amended
19 by adding at the end the following:

20 “(g) DEFINITION OF THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC.—
21 In this section, the term ‘Straits of Mackinac’ includes all
22 of the United States navigable waters bounded by lon-
23 gitudes 84 degrees 20 minutes west and 85 degrees 10
24 minutes west and latitudes 45 degrees 39 minutes north
25 and 45 degrees 54 minutes north, including Gray’s Reef

1 Passage, the South Channel, and Round Island Passage,
2 and approaches thereto.”.

3 **SEC. 5222. RECEIPTS; INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS FOR**
4 **ICE PATROL SERVICES.**

5 Section 80301(c) of title 46, United States Code, is
6 amended by striking the period at the end and inserting
7 “and shall remain available until expended for the purpose
8 of the Coast Guard international ice patrol program under
9 this chapter.”.

10 **SEC. 5223. REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN FISHING VESSELS**
11 **AND FISH TENDER VESSELS.**

12 (a) EXCEPTIONS TO REGULATIONS FOR TOWING
13 VESSELS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the depart-
15 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating, acting
16 through the relevant Officer in Charge, Marine In-
17 spection, may grant temporary waivers from the
18 towing vessel requirements of chapters 33 and 89 of
19 title 46, United States Code, including the regula-
20 tions issued under such chapters, for fishing vessels
21 and fish tender vessels.

22 (2) APPLICATION.—A temporary waiver issued
23 under paragraph (1) shall be issued at the discretion
24 of the relevant Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection,
25 to a fishing vessel or fish tender vessel that—

1 (A) performs towing operations of net
2 pens, and associated work platforms, to or from
3 aquaculture or hatchery worksites;

4 (B) is less than 200 gross tons;

5 (C) does not tow a net pen, or associated
6 work platform, that is carrying cargo or haz-
7 ardous material, including oil, on board;

8 (D) is operating shoreward of the Bound-
9 ary Line in either—

10 (i) Southeast Alaska; or

11 (ii) Prince William Sound; and

12 (E) complies with all applicable laws for its
13 use in the usual purpose for which it is nor-
14 mally and substantially operated, including any
15 applicable inspection requirements under sec-
16 tion 3301 of title 46, United States Code, and
17 exemptions under section 3302 of such title.

18 (3) IMPLEMENTATION.—

19 (A) REQUEST PROCESS.—The owner or op-
20 erator of a fishing vessel or fish tender vessel
21 seeking a waiver under paragraph (1) shall sub-
22 mit a request to the relevant Officer in Charge,
23 Marine Inspection.

24 (B) CONTENTS.—The request submitted
25 under subparagraph (A) shall include—

- 1 (i) a description of the intended tow-
- 2 ing operations;
- 3 (ii) the time periods and frequency of
- 4 the intended towing operations;
- 5 (iii) the location of the intended oper-
- 6 ations;
- 7 (iv) a description of the manning of
- 8 the fishing vessel or fish tender vessel dur-
- 9 ing the intended operations; and
- 10 (v) any additional safety, operational,
- 11 or other relevant information requested by
- 12 the relevant Officer in Charge, Marine In-
- 13 spection.

14 (4) POLICY.—The Secretary of the department
15 in which the Coast Guard is operating may issue
16 policy to facilitate the implementation of this sub-
17 section.

18 (5) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

19 (A) BOUNDARY LINE.—The term “Bound-

20 ary Line” has the meaning given such term in

21 section 103 of title 46, United States Code.

22 (B) FISHING VESSEL.—The term “fishing

23 vessel” has the meaning given such term in sec-

24 tion 2101 of title 46, United States Code.

1 (C) FISH TENDER VESSEL.—The term
2 “fish tender vessel” has the meaning given such
3 term in section 2101 of title 46, United States
4 Code.

5 (D) OFFICER IN CHARGE, MARINE INSPEC-
6 TION.—The term “Officer in Charge, Marine
7 Inspection” has the meaning given such term in
8 section 3305 of title 46, United States Code.

9 (E) PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND.—The term
10 “Prince William Sound” means all State and
11 Federal waters within Prince William Sound,
12 Alaska, including the approach to
13 Hinchbrook Entrance out to, and encom-
14 passing, Seal Rocks.

15 (F) SOUTHEAST ALASKA.—The term
16 “Southeast Alaska” means the area along the
17 coast of the State of Alaska from latitude
18 5440’00” N to 6018’24” N.

19 (6) SUNSET.—The authorities under this sec-
20 tion shall expire on January 1, 2027.

21 (b) LOAD LINES.—Section 11325(a) of the James M.
22 Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
23 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 4095) is amended
24 by striking “3” and inserting “5”.

1 **Subtitle C—Matters Involving**
2 **Uncrewed Systems**

3 **SEC. 5231. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL ADVISORY COM-**
4 **MITTEE ON AUTONOMOUS MARITIME SYS-**
5 **TEMS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 151 of title 46, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

9 **“§ 15110. Establishment of National Advisory Com-**
10 **mittee on Autonomous Maritime Systems**

11 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a Na-
12 tional Advisory Committee on Autonomous Maritime Sys-
13 tems (in this section referred to as the ‘Committee’).

14 “(b) FUNCTION.—The Committee shall advise the
15 Secretary on matters relating to the regulation and use
16 of Autonomous Systems within the territorial waters of
17 the United States.

18 “(c) MEMBERSHIP.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall con-
20 sist of 15 members appointed by the Secretary in ac-
21 cordance with this section and section 15109.

22 “(2) EXPERTISE.—Each member of the Com-
23 mittee shall have particular expertise, knowledge,
24 and experience in matters relating to the function of
25 the Committee.

1 “(3) REPRESENTATION.—Each of the following
2 groups shall be represented by at least 1 member on
3 the Committee:

4 “(A) Marine safety or security entities.

5 “(B) Vessel design and construction enti-
6 ties.

7 “(C) Entities engaged in the production or
8 research of uncrewed vehicles, including drones,
9 autonomous or semi-autonomous vehicles, or
10 any other product or service integral to the pro-
11 vision, maintenance, or management of such
12 products or services.

13 “(D) Port districts, authorities, or terminal
14 operators.

15 “(E) Vessel operators.

16 “(F) National labor unions representing
17 merchant mariners.

18 “(G) Maritime pilots.

19 “(H) Commercial space transportation op-
20 erators.

21 “(I) Academic institutions.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The analysis for
23 chapter 151 of title 46, United States Code, is amended
24 by adding at the end the following:

“15110. Establishment of National Advisory Committee on Autonomous Mari-
time Systems.”.

1 (c) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
3 department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall
4 establish the Committee under section 15110 of title 46,
5 United States Code (as added by this section).

6 **SEC. 5232. PILOT PROGRAM FOR GOVERNANCE AND OVER-**
7 **SIGHT OF SMALL UNCREWED MARITIME SYS-**
8 **TEMS.**

9 (a) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
10 sion of law, for the period beginning on the date of enact-
11 ment of this Act and ending on the date that is 2 years
12 after such date of enactment, small uncrewed maritime
13 systems owned, operated, or chartered by the National
14 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or that are per-
15 forming specified oceanographic surveys on behalf of and
16 pursuant to a contract or other written agreement with
17 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,
18 shall not be subject to any vessel inspection, design, oper-
19 ations, navigation, credentialing, or training requirement,
20 law, or regulation, that the Assistant Administrator of the
21 Office of Marine and Aviation Operations of the National
22 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration determines will
23 harm real-time operational extreme weather oceanographic
24 and atmospheric data collection and predictions.

1 (b) OTHER AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this section
2 shall limit the authority of the Secretary of the depart-
3 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating, acting
4 through the Commandant, if there is an immediate safety
5 or security concern regarding small uncrewed maritime
6 systems.

7 **SEC. 5233. COAST GUARD TRAINING COURSE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—For the period beginning on the
9 date of enactment of this Act and ending on the date that
10 is 3 years after such date of enactment, the Commandant,
11 or such other individual or organization as the Com-
12 mandant considers appropriate, shall develop a training
13 course on small uncrewed maritime systems and offer such
14 training course at least once each year for Coast Guard
15 personnel working with or regulating small uncrewed mar-
16 itime systems.

17 (b) COURSE SUBJECT MATTER.—The training course
18 developed under subsection (a) shall—

19 (1) provide an overview and introduction to
20 small uncrewed maritime systems, including exam-
21 ples of those used by the Federal Government, in
22 academic settings, and in commercial sectors;

23 (2) address the benefits and disadvantages of
24 use of small uncrewed maritime systems;

1 (3) address safe navigation of small uncrewed
2 maritime systems, including measures to ensure col-
3 lision avoidance;

4 (4) address the ability of small uncrewed mari-
5 time systems to communicate with and alert other
6 vessels in the vicinity;

7 (5) address the ability of small uncrewed mari-
8 time systems to respond to system alarms and fail-
9 ures to ensure control commensurate with the risk
10 posed by the systems;

11 (6) provide present and future capabilities of
12 small uncrewed maritime systems; and

13 (7) provide an overview of the role of the Inter-
14 national Maritime Organization in the governance of
15 small uncrewed maritime systems.

16 **SEC. 5234. NOAA MEMBERSHIP ON AUTONOMOUS VESSEL**
17 **POLICY COUNCIL.**

18 Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment
19 of this Act, the Commandant, with the concurrence of the
20 Assistant Administrator of the Office of Marine and Avia-
21 tion Operations of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
22 Administration, shall establish the permanent membership
23 of a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
24 employee to the Automated and Autonomous Vessel Policy
25 Council of the Coast Guard.

1 **SEC. 5235. TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAM.**

2 Section 319(b)(1) of title 14, United States Code, is
3 amended by striking “2 or more existing Coast Guard
4 small boats deployed at operational units” and inserting
5 “2 or more Coast Guard small boats deployed at oper-
6 ational units and 2 or more existing Coast Guard small
7 boats”.

8 **SEC. 5236. UNCREWED SYSTEMS CAPABILITIES REPORT**
9 **AND BRIEFING.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—

11 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
12 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
13 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation
14 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
15 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
16 Transportation of the Senate a report that outlines
17 a plan for establishing an uncrewed systems capa-
18 bilities office within the Coast Guard responsible for
19 the acquisition and development of uncrewed system
20 and counter-uncrewed system technologies and to ex-
21 pand the capabilities of the Coast Guard with re-
22 spect to such technologies.

23 (2) CONTENTS.—The report required under
24 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

25 (A) A management strategy for the acqui-
26 sition, development, and deployment of

1 uncrewed system and counter-uncrewed system
2 technologies.

3 (B) A service-wide coordination strategy to
4 synchronize and integrate efforts across the
5 Coast Guard in order to—

6 (i) support the primary duties of the
7 Coast Guard pursuant to section 102 of
8 title 14, United States Code; and

9 (ii) pursue expanded research, devel-
10 opment, testing, and evaluation opportuni-
11 ties and funding to expand and accelerate
12 identification and transition of uncrewed
13 system and counter-uncrewed system tech-
14 nologies.

15 (C) The identification of contracting and
16 acquisition authorities needed to expedite the
17 development and deployment of uncrewed sys-
18 tem and counter-uncrewed system technologies.

19 (D) A detailed list of commercially avail-
20 able uncrewed system and counter-uncrewed
21 system technologies with capabilities determined
22 to be useful for the Coast Guard.

23 (E) A cross-agency collaboration plan to
24 engage with the Department of Defense and
25 other relevant agencies to identify common re-

1 quirements and opportunities to partner in ac-
2 quiring, contracting, and sustaining uncrewed
3 system and counter-uncrewed system capabili-
4 ties.

5 (F) Opportunities to obtain and share
6 uncrewed system data from government and
7 commercial sources to improve maritime do-
8 main awareness.

9 (G) The development of a concept of oper-
10 ations for a data system that supports and inte-
11 grates uncrewed system and counter-uncrewed
12 system technologies with key enablers, including
13 enterprise communications networks, data stor-
14 age and management, artificial intelligence and
15 machine learning tools, and information sharing
16 and dissemination capabilities.

17 (b) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 1 year after the date
18 of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for a
19 period of 3 years, the Commandant, in coordination with
20 the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmos-
21 pheric Administration, the Executive Director of the Of-
22 fice of Naval Research, the Director of the National
23 Science Foundation, and the Director of the White House
24 Office of Science and Technology Policy, shall brief the
25 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of

1 the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and In-
2 frastructure of the House of Representatives, on the fu-
3 ture operation and governance of small uncrewed maritime
4 systems.

5 **SEC. 5237. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this subtitle:

7 (1) COUNTER-UNCREWED SYSTEM.—The term
8 “counter-uncrewed system” means a system or de-
9 vice capable of lawfully and safely disabling, dis-
10 rupting, or seizing control of an uncrewed system,
11 including a counter-UAS system (as such term is de-
12 fined in section 44801 of title 49, United States
13 Code).

14 (2) SMALL UNCREWED MARITIME SYSTEMS.—
15 The term “small uncrewed maritime systems”
16 means unmanned maritime systems (as defined in
17 section 2 of the CENOTE Act of 2018 (33 U.S.C.
18 4101)), that—

19 (A) are not greater than 35 feet overall in
20 length;

21 (B) are operated remotely or autono-
22 mously; and

23 (C) exclusively perform oceanographic sur-
24 veys or scientific research.

(3) UNCREWED SYSTEM.—The term “uncrewed system” means an uncrewed surface, undersea, or aircraft 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, including an unmanned aircraft system (as such term is defined in section 44801 of title 49, United States Code).

Subtitle D—Other Matters

SEC. 5241. 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

1 (4) in paragraph (3) by inserting “while on
2 board a covered vessel” after “such individual”.

3 **SEC. 5242. INFORMATION ON TYPE APPROVAL CERTIFI-**
4 **CATES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title IX of the Frank LoBiondo
6 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–
7 282) is amended by adding at the end the following:

8 **“SEC. 904. INFORMATION ON TYPE APPROVAL CERTIFI-**
9 **CATES.**

10 “Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the Com-
11 mandant of the Coast Guard shall, upon request by any
12 State, the District of Columbia, any Indian Tribe, or any
13 territory of the United States, provide all data possessed
14 by the Coast Guard for a ballast water management sys-
15 tem with a type approval certificate approved by the Coast
16 Guard pursuant to subpart 162.060 of title 46, Code of
17 Federal Regulations, as in effect on the date of enactment
18 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025 pertaining
19 to—

20 “(1) challenge water (as defined in section
21 162.060–3 of title 46, Code of Federal Regulations,
22 as in effect on the date of enactment of the Coast
23 Guard Authorization Act of 2025) quality character-
24 istics;

1 “(2) post-treatment water quality characteris-
2 tics;

3 “(3) challenge water (as defined in section
4 162.060–3 of title 46, Code of Federal Regulations,
5 as in effect on the date of enactment of the Coast
6 Guard Authorization Act of 2025) biologic organism
7 concentrations data; and

8 “(4) post-treatment water biologic organism
9 concentrations data.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
11 for the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act
12 of 2018 (Public Law 115–282) is amended by inserting
13 after the item relating to section 903 the following:

 “Sec. 904. Information on type approval certificates.”.

14 **SEC. 5243. CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITIES.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5(a) of the Deepwater
16 Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1504(a)) is amended by
17 striking the first sentence and inserting “Notwithstanding
18 section 888(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
19 U.S.C. 468(b)), the Secretary shall have the authority to
20 issue regulations to carry out the purposes and provisions
21 of this Act, in accordance with the provisions of section
22 553 of title 5, United States Code, without regard to sub-
23 section (a) thereof.”.

1 (b) NEPA COMPLIANCE.—Section 5 of the Deep-
 2 water Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1504) is amended by
 3 striking subsection (f) and inserting the following:

4 “(f) NEPA COMPLIANCE.—

5 “(1) DEFINITION OF LEAD AGENCY.—In this
 6 subsection, the term ‘lead agency’ has the meaning
 7 given the term in section 111 of the National Envi-
 8 ronmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4336e).

9 “(2) LEAD AGENCY.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For all applications,
 11 the Maritime Administration shall be the Fed-
 12 eral lead agency for purposes of the National
 13 Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
 14 4321 et seq.).

15 “(B) EFFECT OF COMPLIANCE.—Compli-
 16 ance with the National Environmental Policy
 17 Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) in accord-
 18 ance with subparagraph (A) shall fulfill the re-
 19 quirement of the Federal lead agency in car-
 20 rying out the responsibilities under the National
 21 Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
 22 4321 et seq.) pursuant to this Act.”.

23 (c) REGULATIONS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months
 25 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-

1 mandant shall transfer the authorities provided to
2 the Coast Guard in part 148 of title 33, Code of
3 Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of the
4 enactment of this Act), except as provided in para-
5 graph (2), to the Secretary of Transportation.

6 (2) RETENTION OF AUTHORITY.—The Com-
7 mandant shall retain responsibility for authorities
8 pertaining to design, construction, equipment, and
9 operation of deepwater ports and navigational safe-
10 ty.

11 (3) UPDATES TO AUTHORITY.—As soon as
12 practicable after the date of enactment of this Act,
13 the Secretary of Transportation shall issue such reg-
14 ulations as are necessary to reflect the updates to
15 authorities prescribed by this subsection.

16 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
17 tion, or the amendments made by this section, may be con-
18 strued to limit the authorities of other governmental agen-
19 cies previously delegated authorities of the Deepwater
20 Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) or any other
21 law.

22 (e) APPLICATIONS.—Nothing in this section, or the
23 amendments made by this section, shall apply to any ap-
24 plication submitted before the date of enactment of this
25 Act.

1 **SEC. 5244. ANCHORAGES.**

2 Section 8437 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry
3 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
4 (Public Law 116–283) is amended—

5 (1) by striking subsections (d) and (e);

6 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
7 section (d); and

8 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(c) PROHIBITION.—The Commandant shall prohibit
11 any vessel anchoring on the reach of the Hudson River
12 described in subsection (a) unless such anchoring is within
13 any anchorage established before January 1, 2021.”.

14 **SEC. 5245. AMENDMENTS TO PASSENGER VESSEL SECU-
15 RITY AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.**

16 (a) MAINTENANCE OF SUPPLIES THAT PREVENT
17 SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES.—Section
18 3507(d)(1) of title 46, United States Code, is amended
19 by inserting “(taking into consideration the length of the
20 voyage and the number of passengers and crewmembers
21 that the vessel can accommodate)” after “a sexual as-
22 sault”.

23 (b) CREW ACCESS TO PASSENGER STATEROOMS;
24 PROCEDURES AND RESTRICTIONS.—Section 3507 of title
25 46, United States Code, is amended—

26 (1) in subsection (f)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1)—

2 (i) in subparagraph (A) by striking

3 “and” at the end; and

4 (ii) by inserting after subparagraph

5 (B) the following:

6 “(C) a system that electronically records

7 the date, time, and identity of each crew mem-

8 ber accessing each passenger stateroom; and”;

9 and

10 (B) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-

11 ing the following:

12 “(2) ensure that the procedures and restrictions

13 are—

14 “(A) fully and properly implemented;

15 “(B) reviewed annually; and

16 “(C) updated as necessary.”.

17 **SEC. 5246. CYBER-INCIDENT TRAINING.**

18 Section 70103(c) of title 46, United States Code, is

19 amended by adding at the end the following:

20 “(9) The Secretary may conduct no-notice exercises

21 in Captain of the Port Zones (as described in part 3 of

22 title 33, Code of Federal Regulations as in effect on the

23 date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act

24 of 2025) involving a facility or vessel required to maintain

25 a security plan under this subsection.”.

1 **SEC. 5247. EXTENSION OF PILOT PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH**
 2 **A CETACEAN DESK FOR PUGET SOUND RE-**
 3 **GION.**

4 Section 11304(a)(2)(A)(i) of the Don Young Coast
 5 Guard Reauthorization Act of 2022 (division K of Public
 6 Law 117–263; 16 U.S.C. 1390 note) is amended by strik-
 7 ing “4 years” and inserting “6 years”.

8 **SEC. 5248. SUSPENSION OF ENFORCEMENT OF USE OF DE-**
 9 **VICES BROADCASTING ON AIS FOR PUR-**
 10 **POSES OF MARKING FISHING GEAR.**

11 Section 11320 of the Don Young Coast Guard Au-
 12 thorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat.
 13 4092) is amended by striking “during the period” and all
 14 that follows through the period at the end and inserting
 15 “until December 31, 2029.”.

16 **SEC. 5249. CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES.**

17 Section 3316(d) of title 46, United States Code, is
 18 amended—

19 (1) by amending paragraph (2)(B)(i) to read as
 20 follows:

21 “(i) the government of the foreign country in
 22 which the foreign society is headquartered—

23 “(I) delegates that authority to the Amer-
 24 ican Bureau of Shipping; or

25 “(II) does not delegate that authority to
 26 any classification society; or”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(5) CLARIFICATION ON AUTHORITY.—Nothing
3 in this subsection authorizes the Secretary to make
4 a delegation under paragraph (2) to a classification
5 society from the People’s Republic of China.”.

6 **SEC. 5250. ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSEL REMOVALS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 47 of title 46, United
8 States Code, is amended—

9 (1) in the chapter heading by striking
10 “**BARGES**” and inserting “**VESSELS**”;

11 (2) by inserting before section 4701 the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “SUBCHAPTER I—BARGES”; AND

14 (3) by adding at the end the following:

15 “SUBCHAPTER II—NON-BARGE VESSELS

16 **“§ 4710. Definitions**

17 “In this subchapter:

18 “(1) ABANDON.—The term ‘abandon’ means to
19 moor, strand, wreck, sink, or leave a covered vessel
20 unattended for longer than 45 days.

21 “(2) COVERED VESSEL.—The term ‘covered
22 vessel’ means a vessel that is not a barge to which
23 subchapter I applies.

24 “(3) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’
25 has the meaning given such term in section 4 of the

1 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
2 Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

3 “(4) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The
4 term ‘Native Hawaiian organization’ has the mean-
5 ing given such term in section 6207 of the Elemen-
6 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
7 U.S.C. 7517) except the term includes the Depart-
8 ment of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Office of
9 Hawaiian Affairs.

10 **“§ 4711. Abandonment of vessels prohibited**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An owner or operator of a cov-
12 ered vessel may not abandon such vessel on the navigable
13 waters of the United States.

14 “(b) DETERMINATION OF ABANDONMENT.—

15 “(1) NOTIFICATION.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to a cov-
17 ered vessel that appears to be abandoned, the
18 Commandant of the Coast Guard shall—

19 “(i) attempt to identify the owner
20 using the vessel registration number, hull
21 identification number, or any other infor-
22 mation that can be reasonably inferred or
23 gathered; and

24 “(ii) notify such owner—

1 “(I) of the penalty described in
2 subsection (c); and

3 “(II) that the vessel will be re-
4 moved at the expense of the owner if
5 the Commandant determines that the
6 vessel is abandoned and the owner
7 does not remove or account for the
8 vessel.

9 “(B) FORM.—The Commandant shall pro-
10 vide the notice required under subparagraph
11 (A)—

12 “(i) if the owner can be identified, via
13 certified mail or other appropriate forms
14 determined by the Commandant; or

15 “(ii) if the owner cannot be identified,
16 via an announcement in a local publication
17 and on a website maintained by the Coast
18 Guard.

19 “(2) DETERMINATION.—The Commandant
20 shall make a determination not earlier than 45 days
21 after the date on which the Commandant provides
22 the notification required under paragraph (1) of
23 whether a covered vessel described in such para-
24 graph is abandoned.

25 “(c) PENALTY.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant may as-
2 sess a civil penalty of not more than \$500 against
3 an owner or operator of a covered vessel determined
4 to be abandoned under subsection (b) for a violation
5 of subsection (a).

6 “(2) LIABILITY IN REM.—The owner or oper-
7 ator of a covered vessel shall also be liable in rem
8 for a penalty imposed under paragraph (1).

9 “(3) LIMITATION.—The Commandant shall not
10 assess a penalty if the Commandant determines the
11 vessel was abandoned due to major extenuating cir-
12 cumstances of the owner or operator of the vessel,
13 including long term medical incapacitation of the
14 owner or operator.

15 “(d) VESSELS NOT ABANDONED.—The Commandant
16 may not determine that a covered vessel is abandoned
17 under this section if—

18 “(1) such vessel is located at a federally ap-
19 proved or State approved mooring area;

20 “(2) such vessel is located on private property
21 with the permission of the owner of such property;

22 “(3) the owner or operator of such vessel pro-
23 vides a notification to the Commandant that—

24 “(A) indicates the location of the vessel;

1 “(B) indicates that the vessel is not aban-
2 doned; and

3 “(C) contains documentation proving that
4 the vessel is allowed to be in such location; or

5 “(4) the Commandant determines that such an
6 abandonment determination would not be in the
7 public interest.

8 **“§ 4712. Inventory of abandoned vessels**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
10 date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act
11 of 2025, the Commandant, in consultation with the Ad-
12 ministrators of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-
13 ministration and relevant State agencies, shall establish
14 and maintain a national inventory of covered vessels that
15 are abandoned.

16 “(b) CONTENTS.—The inventory established and
17 maintained under subsection (a) shall include data on each
18 vessel, including geographic information system data re-
19 lated to the location of each such vessel.

20 “(c) PUBLICATION.—The Commandant shall make
21 the inventory established under subsection (a) publicly
22 available on a website of the Coast Guard.

23 “(d) REPORTING OF POTENTIALLY ABANDONED
24 VESSELS.—In carrying out this section, the Commandant
25 shall develop a process by which—

1 “(1) a State, Indian Tribe, Native Hawaiian or-
2 ganization, or person may report a covered vessel
3 that may be abandoned to the Commandant for po-
4 tential inclusion in the inventory established under
5 subsection (a);

6 “(2) the Commandant shall review any such re-
7 port and add such vessel to the inventory if the
8 Commandant determines that the reported vessel is
9 abandoned pursuant to section 4711.

10 “(e) CLARIFICATION.—Except in a response action
11 carried out under section 311(j) of the Federal Water Pol-
12 lution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321) or in the case of im-
13 minent threat to life and safety, the Commandant shall
14 not be responsible for removing any covered vessels listed
15 on the inventory established and maintained under sub-
16 section (a).”.

17 (b) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary of the department
18 in which the Coast Guard is operating, in consultation
19 with the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief
20 of Engineers, and the Secretary of Commerce, acting
21 through the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere,
22 shall issue regulations with respect to the procedures for
23 determining that a vessel is abandoned for the purposes
24 of subchapter II of chapter 47 of title 46, United States
25 Code (as added by this section).

1 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 47 of title
2 46, United States Code, is amended—

3 (1) in section 4701—

4 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)
5 by striking “chapter” and inserting “sub-
6 chapter”; and

7 (B) in paragraph (2) by striking “chapter”
8 and inserting “subchapter”;

9 (2) in section 4703 by striking “chapter” and
10 inserting “subchapter”;

11 (3) in section 4704 by striking “chapter” each
12 place it appears and inserting “subchapter”; and

13 (4) in section 4705 by striking “chapter” and
14 inserting “subchapter”.

15 (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The analysis for
16 chapter 47 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

17 (1) by inserting before the item relating to sec-
18 tion 4701 the following:

“SUBCHAPTER I—BARGES”; AND

19 (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.”.

**TITLE LIII—OIL POLLUTION
RESPONSE**

**SEC. 5301. SALVAGE AND MARINE FIREFIGHTING RE-
SPONSE CAPABILITY.**

(a) SALVAGE AND MARINE FIREFIGHTING RESPONSE
CAPABILITY.—Section 311(j) of the Federal Water Pollu-
tion Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)) is amended by add-
ing 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 oth-
erwise delegated by the President, may re-
quire—

“(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 capabili-
ties to appropriately, and in a timely man-
ner, respond to a marine casualty, includ-
ing—

“(I) drills, with or without prior
notice;

1 “(II) review of contracts and rel-
 2 evant third-party agreements;

3 “(III) testing of equipment;

4 “(IV) review of training; and

5 “(V) other evaluations of marine
 6 casualty response capabilities, as de-
 7 termined appropriate by the Presi-
 8 dent; and

9 “(iii) carrying of appropriate response
 10 equipment for responding to a marine cas-
 11 ualty that employs the best technology eco-
 12 nomically feasible and that is compatible
 13 with the safe operation of the vessel.

14 “(B) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

15 “(i) MARINE CASUALTY.—The term
 16 ‘marine casualty’ means a marine casualty
 17 that is required to be reported pursuant to
 18 paragraph (3), (4), or (5) of section 6101
 19 of title 46, United States Code.

20 “(ii) SALVAGE EQUIPMENT.—The
 21 term ‘salvage equipment’ means any equip-
 22 ment that is capable of being used to assist
 23 a vessel in potential or actual danger in
 24 order to prevent loss of life, damage or de-
 25 struction of the vessel or its cargo, or re-

1 lease of its contents into the marine envi-
2 ronment.”.

3 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days
5 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comp-
6 troller General of the United States shall submit to
7 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
8 of the House of Representatives and the Committee
9 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
10 Senate a report on—

11 (A) the state of marine firefighting au-
12 thorities, jurisdiction, and plan review; and

13 (B) other considerations with respect to
14 fires at waterfront facilities (including vessel
15 fires) and vessel fires on the navigable waters
16 (as such term is defined in section 502 of the
17 Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
18 1362)).

19 (2) CONTENTS.—In carrying out paragraph (1),
20 the Comptroller General shall—

21 (A) examine—

22 (i) collaboration among Federal and
23 non-Federal entities for purposes of reduc-
24 ing the risks to local communities of fires
25 described in paragraph (1);

1 (ii) the prevalence and frequency of
2 such fires; and

3 (iii) the extent to which firefighters
4 and marine firefighters are aware of the
5 dangers of lithium-ion battery fires, includ-
6 ing lithium-ion batteries used for vehicles,
7 and how to respond to such fires;

8 (B) review methods of documenting and
9 sharing best practices throughout the maritime
10 community for responding to vessel fires; and

11 (C) make recommendations for—

12 (i) preparing for, responding to, and
13 training for such fires;

14 (ii) clarifying roles and responsibilities
15 of Federal and non-Federal entities in pre-
16 paring for, responding to, and training for
17 such fires; and

18 (iii) other topics for consideration.

19 **SEC. 5302. USE OF MARINE CASUALTY INVESTIGATIONS.**

20 Section 6308 of title 46, United States Code, is
21 amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “initiated” and
23 inserting “conducted”; and

24 (2) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(e) For purposes of this section, an administrative
2 proceeding conducted by the United States includes pro-
3 ceedings under section 7701 and claims adjudicated under
4 section 1013 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C.
5 2713).”.

6 **SEC. 5303. TIMING OF REVIEW.**

7 Section 1017 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33
8 U.S.C. 2717) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(g) **TIMING OF REVIEW.**—Before the date of com-
11 pletion of a removal action, no person may bring an action
12 under this Act, section 311 of the Federal Water Pollution
13 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321), or chapter 7 of title 5,
14 United States Code, challenging any decision relating to
15 such removal action that is made by an on-scene coordi-
16 nator appointed under the National Contingency Plan.”.

17 **SEC. 5304. ONLINE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM.**

18 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 1 year after the
19 date of the enactment of this Act, the National Response
20 Center shall submit to Congress a plan to design, fund,
21 and staff the National Response Center to develop and
22 maintain a web-based application by which the National
23 Response Center may receive notifications of oil dis-
24 charges or releases of hazardous substances.

1 (b) DEVELOPMENT OF APPLICATION.—Not later
 2 than 2 years after the date on which the plan is submitted
 3 under subsection (a), the National Response Center
 4 shall—

5 (1) complete development of the application de-
 6 scribed in such subsection; and

7 (2) allow notifications described in such sub-
 8 section that are required under Federal law or regu-
 9 lation to be made online using such application.

10 (c) USE OF APPLICATION.—In carrying out sub-
 11 section (b), the National Response Center may not require
 12 the notification of an oil discharge or release of a haz-
 13 ardous substance to be made using the application devel-
 14 oped under such subsection.

15 **SEC. 5305. INVESTMENT OF EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL**
 16 **COURT RECOVERY IN HIGH YIELD INVEST-**
 17 **MENTS AND MARINE RESEARCH.**

18 Section 350 of Public Law 106–113 (43 U.S.C.
 19 1474b note) is amended—

20 (1) by striking paragraph (5);

21 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), (4),
 22 (6), and (7) as subsections (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g),
 23 respectively, and indenting the subsections appro-
 24 priately;

25 (3) in paragraph (1)—

1 (A) by striking “(1) Notwithstanding any
 2 other provision of law and subject to the provi-
 3 sions of paragraphs (5) and (7)” and inserting
 4 the following:

5 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 “(1) CONSENT DECREE.—The term ‘Consent
 7 Decree’ means the consent decree issued in United
 8 States v. Exxon Corporation, et al. (No. A91-082
 9 CIV) and State of Alaska v. Exxon Corporation, et
 10 al. (No. A91-083 CIV).

11 “(2) FUND.—The term ‘Fund’ means the Nat-
 12 ural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration
 13 Fund established pursuant to title I of the Depart-
 14 ment of the Interior and Related Agencies Appro-
 15 priations Act, 1992 (43 U.S.C. 1474b).

16 “(3) OUTSIDE ACCOUNT.—The term ‘outside
 17 account’ means any account outside the United
 18 States Treasury.

19 “(4) TRUSTEE.—The term ‘Trustee’ means a
 20 Federal or State natural resource trustee for the
 21 Exxon Valdez oil spill.

22 “(b) DEPOSITS.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
 24 provision of law and subject to subsection (g)”;

25 (4) in subsection (b)(1) (as so designated)—

1 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
 2 (A) by striking “issued in United States v.
 3 Exxon Corporation, et al. (No. A91–082 CIV)
 4 and State of Alaska v. Exxon Corporation, et
 5 al. (No. A91–083 CIV) (hereafter referred to as
 6 the ‘Consent Decree’),”;

7 (B) by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B)
 8 and inserting the following:

9 “(A) the Fund;

10 “(B) an outside account; or”; and

11 (C) in the undesignated matter following
 12 subparagraph (C)—

13 (i) by striking “the Federal and State
 14 natural resource trustees for the Exxon
 15 Valdez oil spill (‘trustees’)” and inserting
 16 “the Trustees”; and

17 (ii) by striking “Any funds” and in-
 18 serting the following:

19 “(2) REQUIREMENT FOR DEPOSITS IN OUTSIDE
 20 ACCOUNTS.—Any funds”;

21 (5) in subsection (c) (as redesignated by para-
 22 graph (2)) by striking “(c) Joint” and inserting the
 23 following:

24 “(c) TRANSFERS.—Any joint”;

1 (6) in subsection (d) (as redesignated by para-
2 graph (2)) by striking “(D) The transfer” and in-
3 serting the following:

4 “(d) NO EFFECT ON JURISDICTION.—The transfer”;

5 (7) in subsection (e) (as redesignated by para-
6 graph (2))—

7 (A) by striking “**(E)** Nothing herein shall
8 affect” and inserting the following:

9 “(e) EFFECT ON OTHER LAW.—Nothing in this sec-
10 tion affects”; and

11 (B) by striking “trustees” and inserting
12 “Trustees”;

13 (8) in subsection (f) (as redesignated by para-
14 graph (2))—

15 (A) by striking “(F) The Federal trustees
16 and the State trustees” and inserting the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(f) GRANTS.—The Trustees”; and

19 (B) by striking “this program” and insert-
20 ing “this section, prioritizing the issuance of
21 grants to facilitate habitat protection and habi-
22 tat restoration programs”; and

23 (9) in subsection (g) (as redesignated by para-
24 graph (2))—

1 (A) in the second sentence, by striking

2 “Upon the expiration of the authorities granted

3 in this section all” and inserting the following:

4 “(2) RETURN OF FUNDS.—On expiration of the

5 authority provided in this section, all”; and

6 (B) by striking “(G) The authority” and

7 inserting the following:

8 “(g) EXPIRATION.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The authority”.

10 **TITLE LIV—SEXUAL ASSAULT**
 11 **AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT**
 12 **RESPONSE**

13 **SEC. 5401. INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF COAST GUARD RE-**
 14 **FORMS.**

15 (a) GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE RE-
 16 PORT.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
 18 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller
 19 General of the United States shall report to the
 20 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
 21 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
 22 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
 23 ate on the efforts of the Coast Guard to mitigate
 24 cases of sexual assault and sexual harassment within
 25 the service.

1 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
2 paragraph (1) shall—

3 (A) evaluate—

4 (i) the efforts of the Commandant to
5 implement the directed actions from enclo-
6 sure 1 of the memorandum titled “Com-
7 mandant’s Directed Actions—Account-
8 ability and Transparency” dated November
9 27, 2023;

10 (ii) whether the Commandant met the
11 reporting requirements under section 5112
12 of title 14, United States Code; and

13 (iii) the effectiveness of the actions of
14 the Coast Guard, including efforts outside
15 of the actions described in the memo-
16 randum titled “Commandant’s Directed
17 Actions—Accountability and Trans-
18 parency” dated November 27, 2023, to
19 mitigate instances of sexual assault and
20 sexual harassment and improve the en-
21 forcement relating to such instances within
22 the Coast Guard, and how the Coast
23 Guard is overcoming challenges in imple-
24 menting such actions;

1 (B) make recommendations to the Com-
2 mandant for improvements to the efforts of the
3 service to mitigate instances of sexual assault
4 and sexual harassment and improve the en-
5 forcement relating to such instances within the
6 Coast Guard; and

7 (C) make recommendations to the Com-
8 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
9 the House of Representatives and the Com-
10 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
11 tation of the Senate to mitigate instances of
12 sexual assault and sexual harassment in the
13 Coast Guard and improve the enforcement re-
14 lating to such instances within the Coast
15 Guard, including proposed changes to any legis-
16 lative authorities.

17 (b) REPORT BY COMMANDANT.—Not later than 90
18 days after the date on which the Comptroller General com-
19 pletes all actions under subsection (a), the Commandant
20 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-
21 frastructure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
22 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
23 Senate a report that includes the following:

24 (1) A plan for Coast Guard implementation, in-
25 cluding interim milestones and timeframes, of any

1 recommendation made by the Comptroller General
 2 under subsection (a)(2)(B) with which the Com-
 3 mandant concurs.

4 (2) With respect to any recommendation made
 5 under subsection (a)(2)(B) with which the Com-
 6 mandant does not concur, an explanation of the rea-
 7 sons why the Commandant does not concur.

8 **SEC. 5402. COMPREHENSIVE POLICY AND PROCEDURES ON**
 9 **RETENTION AND ACCESS TO EVIDENCE AND**
 10 **RECORDS RELATING TO SEXUAL MIS-**
 11 **CONDUCT AND OTHER MISCONDUCT.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 9 of title
 13 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
 14 the following:

15 **“§ 955. Comprehensive policy and procedures on re-**
 16 **tention and access to evidence and**
 17 **records relating to sexual misconduct**
 18 **and other misconduct**

19 “(a) ISSUANCE OF POLICY.—Not later than 1 year
 20 after the date of the enactment of the Coast Guard Au-
 21 thorization Act of 2025, the Secretary, in consultation
 22 with the Office of the Inspector General of the department
 23 in which the Coast Guard is operating and the Office of
 24 the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, shall
 25 issue a comprehensive policy for the Coast Guard on the

1 retention of and access to evidence and records relating
2 to covered misconduct involving members of the Coast
3 Guard.

4 “(b) OBJECTIVES.—The comprehensive policy re-
5 quired by subsection (a) shall revise existing policies and
6 procedures, including systems of records, as necessary to
7 ensure preservation of such evidence and records for peri-
8 ods sufficient—

9 “(1) to ensure that members of the Coast
10 Guard who were victims of covered misconduct are
11 able to pursue claims for veterans benefits;

12 “(2) to support administrative processes, crimi-
13 nal proceedings, and civil litigation conducted by
14 military or civil authorities; and

15 “(3) for such other purposes relating to the
16 documentation of an incident of covered misconduct
17 in the Coast Guard as the Secretary considers ap-
18 propriate.

19 “(c) ELEMENTS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In developing the com-
21 prehensive policy required by subsection (a), the Sec-
22 retary shall, at a minimum—

23 “(A) identify records relating to an inci-
24 dent of covered misconduct that shall be re-
25 tained;

1 “(B) with respect to records relating to
2 covered misconduct involving members of the
3 Coast Guard that are not records of the Coast
4 Guard, identify such records known to or in the
5 possession of the Coast Guard, and set forth
6 procedures for Coast Guard coordination with
7 the custodian of such records for proper reten-
8 tion of the records;

9 “(C) set forth criteria for the collection
10 and retention of records relating to covered
11 misconduct involving members of the Coast
12 Guard;

13 “(D) identify physical evidence and non-
14 documentary forms of evidence relating to cov-
15 ered misconduct that shall be retained;

16 “(E) set forth the period for which evi-
17 dence and records relating to covered mis-
18 conduct involving members of the Coast Guard,
19 including Coast Guard Form 6095, shall be re-
20 tained, except that—

21 “(i) any physical or forensic evidence
22 relating to rape or sexual assault, as de-
23 scribed in sections 920(a) and 920(b) of
24 title 10 (articles 120(a) and 120(b) of the
25 Uniform Code of Military Justice), shall be

1 retained not less than 50 years, and for
 2 other covered misconduct not less than the
 3 statute of limitations of the alleged offense
 4 under the Uniform Code of Military Jus-
 5 tice; and

6 “(ii) documentary evidence relating to
 7 rape or sexual assault, as described in sec-
 8 tions 920(a) and 920(b) of title 10 (arti-
 9 cles 120(a) and 120(b) of the Uniform
 10 Code of Military Justice), shall be retained
 11 not less than 50 years;

12 “(F) consider locations in which such
 13 records shall be stored;

14 “(G) identify media and methods that may
 15 be used to preserve and ensure access to such
 16 records, including electronic systems of records;

17 “(H) ensure the protection of privacy of—

18 “(i) individuals named in records and
 19 status of records under section 552 of title
 20 5 (commonly referred to as the ‘Freedom
 21 of Information Act’) and section 552a of
 22 title 5 (commonly referred to as the ‘Pri-
 23 vacy Act’); and

24 “(ii) individuals named in restricted
 25 reporting cases;

1 “(I) designate the 1 or more positions
2 within the Coast Guard that shall have the re-
3 sponsibility for such record retention by the
4 Coast Guard;

5 “(J) require education and training for
6 members and civilian employees of the Coast
7 Guard on record retention requirements under
8 this section;

9 “(K) set forth criteria for access to such
10 records relating to covered misconduct involving
11 members of the Coast Guard, including whether
12 the consent of the victim should be required,
13 by—

14 “(i) victims of covered misconduct;

15 “(ii) law enforcement authorities;

16 “(iii) the Department of Veterans Af-
17 fairs; and

18 “(iv) other individuals and entities, in-
19 cluding alleged assailants;

20 “(L) require uniform collection of data
21 on—

22 “(i) the incidence of covered mis-
23 conduct in the Coast Guard; and

1 “(ii) disciplinary actions taken in sub-
 2 stantiated cases of covered misconduct in
 3 the Coast Guard; and

4 “(M) set forth standards for communica-
 5 tions with, and notifications to, victims, con-
 6 sistent with—

7 “(i) the requirements of any applica-
 8 ble Department of Defense policy; and

9 “(ii) to the extent practicable, any ap-
 10 plicable policy of the department in which
 11 the Coast Guard is operating.

12 “(2) RETENTION OF CERTAIN FORMS AND EVI-
 13 DENCE IN CONNECTION WITH RESTRICTED REPORTS
 14 AND UNRESTRICTED REPORTS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT
 15 INVOLVING MEMBERS OF THE COAST GUARD.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The comprehensive
 17 policy required by subsection (a) shall require
 18 all unique or original copies of Coast Guard
 19 Form 6095 filed in connection with a restricted
 20 or unrestricted report on an alleged incident of
 21 rape or sexual assault, as described in sections
 22 920(a) and 920(b) of title 10 (articles 120(a)
 23 and 120(b) of the Uniform Code of Military
 24 Justice), involving a member of the Coast
 25 Guard to be retained for the longer of—

1 “(i) 50 years commencing on the date
 2 of signature of the covered person on
 3 Coast Guard Form 6095; or

4 “(ii) the time provided for the reten-
 5 tion of such form in connection with unre-
 6 stricted and restricted reports on incidents
 7 of sexual assault involving members of the
 8 Coast Guard under Coast Guard policy.

9 “(B) PROTECTION OF CONFIDEN-
 10 TIALITY.—Any Coast Guard form retained
 11 under subparagraph (A) shall be retained in a
 12 manner that protects the confidentiality of the
 13 member of the Coast Guard concerned in ac-
 14 cordance with Coast Guard policy.

15 “(3) RETENTION OF CASE NOTES IN INVES-
 16 TIGATIONS OF COVERED MISCONDUCT INVOLVING
 17 MEMBERS OF THE COAST GUARD.—

18 “(A) REQUIRED RETENTION OF ALL IN-
 19 VESTIGATIVE RECORDS.—The comprehensive
 20 policy required by subsection (a) shall require,
 21 for all criminal investigations relating to an al-
 22 leged incident of covered misconduct involving a
 23 member of the Coast Guard, the retention of all
 24 elements of the case file.

1 “(B) ELEMENTS.—The elements of the
2 case file to be retained under subparagraph (A)
3 shall include, at a minimum—

4 “(i) the case activity record;

5 “(ii) the case review record;

6 “(iii) investigative plans; and

7 “(iv) all case notes made by any in-
8 vestigating agent.

9 “(C) RETENTION PERIOD.—All elements of
10 the case file shall be retained for not less than
11 50 years for cases involving rape or sexual as-
12 sault, as described in sections 920(a) and
13 920(b) of title 10 (articles 120(a) and 120(b)
14 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), and
15 not less than the statute of limitations of the
16 alleged offense under the Uniform Code of Mili-
17 tary Justice for other covered misconduct, and
18 no element of any such case file may be de-
19 stroyed until the expiration of such period.

20 “(4) RETURN OF PERSONAL PROPERTY UPON
21 COMPLETION OF RELATED PROCEEDINGS IN UNRE-
22 STRICTED REPORTING CASES.—Notwithstanding the
23 records and evidence retention requirements de-
24 scribed in paragraphs (1)(E) and (2), personal prop-
25 erty retained as evidence in connection with an inci-

1 dent of rape or sexual assault, as described in sec-
 2 tions 920(a) and 920(b) of title 10 (articles 120(a)
 3 and 120(b) of the Uniform Code of Military Jus-
 4 tice), involving a member of the Coast Guard may
 5 be returned to the rightful owner of such property
 6 after the conclusion of all legal, adverse action, and
 7 administrative proceedings related to such incident,
 8 as determined by the Commandant.

9 “(5) RETURN OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IN RE-
 10 STRICTED REPORTING CASES.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
 12 prescribe procedures under which a victim who
 13 files a restricted report of an incident of sexual
 14 assault may request, at any time, the return of
 15 any personal property of the victim obtained as
 16 part of the sexual assault forensic examination.

17 “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—The procedures re-
 18 quired by subparagraph (A) shall ensure that—

19 “(i) a request by a victim for the re-
 20 turn of personal property described under
 21 subparagraph (A) may be made on a con-
 22 fidential basis and without affecting the re-
 23 stricted nature of the restricted report; and

24 “(ii) at the time of the filing of the re-
 25 stricted report, a Special Victims’ Counsel,

1 Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, or
2 Sexual Assault Prevention and Response
3 Victim Advocate—

4 “(I) informs the victim that the
5 victim may request the return of per-
6 sonal property as described in such
7 subparagraph; and

8 “(II) advises the victim that such
9 a request for the return of personal
10 property may negatively impact a sub-
11 sequent case adjudication if the victim
12 later decides to convert the restricted
13 report to an unrestricted report.

14 “(C) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Except
15 with respect to personal property returned to a
16 victim under this paragraph, nothing in this
17 paragraph may be construed to affect the re-
18 quirement to retain a sexual assault forensic ex-
19 amination kit for the period specified in para-
20 graph (2).

21 “(6) VICTIM ACCESS TO RECORDS.—With re-
22 spect to victim access to records after all final dis-
23 position actions and any appeals have been com-
24 pleted, as applicable, the comprehensive policy re-
25 quired by subsection (a) shall provide that, to the

1 maximum extent practicable, and in such a manner
2 that will not jeopardize an active investigation or an
3 active case—

4 “(A) a victim of covered misconduct in a
5 case in which either the victim or alleged perpe-
6 trator is a covered person shall have access to
7 all records that are directly related to the vic-
8 tim’s case, or related to the victim themselves,
9 in accordance with the policy issued under sub-
10 section (a) and subject to required protections
11 under sections 552 and 552a of title 5;

12 “(B) a victim of covered misconduct who
13 requests access to records under section 552 or
14 552a of title 5 concerning the victim’s case
15 shall be determined to have a compelling need,
16 and the records request shall be processed
17 under expedited processing procedures, if in the
18 request for such records the victim indicates
19 that the records concerned are related to the
20 covered misconduct case;

21 “(C) in applying sections 552 and 552a of
22 title 5 to the redaction of information related to
23 a records request by a victim of covered mis-
24 conduct made under such sections after all final

1 disposition actions and any appeals have been
2 completed—

3 “(i) any such redaction shall be ap-
4 plied to the minimum extent possible so as
5 to ensure the provision of the maximum
6 amount of unredacted information to the
7 victim that is permissible by law; and

8 “(ii) any such redaction shall not be
9 applied to—

10 “(I) receipt by the victim of the
11 victim’s own statement; or

12 “(II) the victim’s information
13 from an investigation; and

14 “(D) in the case of such a records request
15 for which the timelines for expedited processing
16 are not met, the Commandant shall provide to
17 the Secretary, the Committee on Commerce,
18 Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and
19 the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
20 structure of the House of Representatives a
21 briefing that explains the reasons for the denial
22 or the delay in processing, as applicable.

23 “(d) DEFINITION OF COVERED PERSON.—In this
24 section, the term ‘covered person’ includes—

1 “(1) a member of the Coast Guard on active
2 duty;

3 “(2) a member of the Coast Guard Reserve
4 with respect to crimes investigated by or reported to
5 the Secretary on any date on which such member is
6 in a military status under section 802 of title 10 (ar-
7 ticle 2 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice);

8 “(3) a former member of the Coast Guard with
9 respect to crimes investigated by or reported to the
10 Secretary; and

11 “(4) in the case of an investigation of covered
12 misconduct conducted by, or an incident of covered
13 misconduct reported to, the Coast Guard involving a
14 civilian employee of the Coast Guard, any such civil-
15 ian employee of the Coast Guard.

16 “(e) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section au-
17 thorizes or requires, or shall be construed to authorize or
18 require, the discovery, inspection, or production of reports,
19 memoranda, or other internal documents or work product
20 generated by counsel, an attorney for the Government, or
21 their assistants or representatives.”.

22 (b) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 9 of title
23 14, United States Code, is further amended by adding at
24 the end the following:

1 **“§ 956. Requirement to maintain certain records**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall maintain
3 all work product related to documenting a disposition deci-
4 sion on an investigation by the Coast Guard Investigative
5 Service or other law enforcement entity investigating a
6 Coast Guard member accused of an offense against chap-
7 ter 47 of title 10.

8 “(b) RECORD RETENTION PERIOD.—Work product
9 documents and the case action summary described in sub-
10 section (c) shall be maintained for a period of not less
11 than 7 years from the date of the disposition decision.

12 “(c) CASE ACTION SUMMARY.—Upon a final disposi-
13 tion action for cases described in subsection (a), except
14 for offenses of wrongful use or possession of a controlled
15 substance under section 912a of title 10 (article 112a of
16 the Uniform Code of Military Justice), where the member
17 accused is an officer of pay grade O–4 and below or an
18 enlisted member of pay grade E–7 and below, a convening
19 authority shall sign a case action summary that includes
20 the following:

21 “(1) The disposition actions.

22 “(2) The name and command of the referral
23 authority.

24 “(3) Records documenting when a referral au-
25 thority consulted with a staff judge advocate or spe-
26 cial trial counsel, as applicable, before a disposition

1 action was taken, to include the recommendation of
2 the staff judge advocate or special trial counsel.

3 “(4) A reference section listing the materials re-
4 viewed in making a disposition decision.

5 “(5) The Coast Guard Investigative Service re-
6 port of investigation.

7 “(6) The completed Coast Guard Investigative
8 Service report of adjudication included as an enco-
9 sure.

10 “(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘work
11 product’ includes—

12 “(1) a prosecution memorandum;

13 “(2) emails, notes, and other correspondence re-
14 lated to a disposition decision; and

15 “(3) the contents described in paragraphs (1)
16 through (6) of subsection (c).

17 “(e) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section au-
18 thorizes or requires, or shall be construed to authorize or
19 require, the discovery, inspection, or production of reports,
20 memoranda, or other internal documents or work product
21 generated by counsel, an attorney for the Government, or
22 their assistants or representatives.”.

23 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
24 ter 9 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by add-
25 ing at the end the following:

“Sec. 955. Comprehensive policy and procedures on retention and access to evidence and records relating to sexual misconduct and other misconduct.

“Sec. 956. Requirement to maintain certain records.”.

1 **SEC. 5403. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR TRANSFER**
 2 **OF A CADET AT THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY**
 3 **WHO IS THE VICTIM OF A SEXUAL ASSAULT**
 4 **OR RELATED OFFENSE.**

5 Section 1902 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(g) CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR TRANSFER
 8 OF CADET WHO IS THE VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT OR
 9 RELATED OFFENSE.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall
 11 provide for timely consideration of and action on a
 12 request submitted by a cadet appointed to the Coast
 13 Guard Academy who is the victim of an alleged sexual
 14 assault or other offense covered by section 920,
 15 920c, or 930 of title 10 (article 120, 120c, or 130
 16 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice) for transfer
 17 to another military service academy or to enroll in
 18 a Senior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps program
 19 affiliated with another institution of higher education.
 20

21 “(2) REGULATIONS.—The Commandant, in
 22 consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall establish policies to carry out this subsection that—
 23

1 “(A) provide that the Superintendent shall
2 ensure that any cadet who has been appointed
3 to the Coast Guard Academy is informed of the
4 right to request a transfer pursuant to this sub-
5 section, and that any formal request submitted
6 by a cadet who alleges an offense referred to in
7 paragraph (1) is processed as expeditiously as
8 practicable through the chain of command for
9 review and action by the Superintendent;

10 “(B) direct the Superintendent, in coordi-
11 nation with the Superintendent of the military
12 service academy to which the cadet requests to
13 transfer—

14 “(i) to take action on a request for
15 transfer under this subsection not later
16 than 5 calendar days after receiving the
17 formal request from the cadet;

18 “(ii) to approve such request for
19 transfer unless there are exceptional cir-
20 cumstances that require denial of the re-
21 quest;

22 “(iii) upon approval of such request
23 for transfer, to take all necessary and ap-
24 propriate action to effectuate the transfer
25 of the cadet to the military service acad-

1 emy concerned as expeditiously as possible,
2 subject to the considerations described in
3 clause (iv); and

4 “(iv) in determining the transfer date
5 of the cadet to the military service acad-
6 emy concerned, to take into account—

7 “(I) the preferences of the cadet,
8 including any preference to delay
9 transfer until the completion of any
10 academic course in which the cadet is
11 enrolled at the time of the request for
12 transfer; and

13 “(II) the well-being of the cadet;
14 and

15 “(C) direct the Superintendent of the
16 Coast Guard Academy, in coordination with the
17 Secretary of the military department that spon-
18 sors the Senior Reserve Officers’ Training
19 Corps program at the institution of higher edu-
20 cation to which the cadet requests to transfer—

21 “(i) to take action on a request for
22 transfer under this subsection not later
23 than 5 calendar days after receiving the
24 formal request from the cadet;

1 “(ii) subject to the cadet’s acceptance
2 for admission to the institution of higher
3 education to which the cadet wishes to
4 transfer, to approve such request for trans-
5 fer unless there are exceptional cir-
6 cumstances that require denial of the re-
7 quest;

8 “(iii) to take all necessary and appro-
9 priate action to effectuate the cadet’s en-
10 rollment in the institution of higher edu-
11 cation to which the cadet wishes to trans-
12 fer and to process the cadet for participa-
13 tion in the relevant Senior Reserve Offi-
14 cers’ Training Corps program as expedi-
15 tiously as possible, subject to the consider-
16 ations described in clause (iv); and

17 “(iv) in determining the transfer date
18 of the cadet to the institution of higher
19 education to which the cadet wishes to
20 transfer, to take into account—

21 “(I) the preferences of the cadet,
22 including any preference to delay
23 transfer until the completion of any
24 academic course in which the cadet is

1 enrolled at the time of the request for
2 transfer; and

3 “(II) the well-being of the cadet.

4 “(3) REVIEW.—If the Superintendent denies a
5 request for transfer under this subsection, the cadet
6 may request review of the denial by the Secretary,
7 who shall take action on such request for review not
8 later than 5 calendar days after receipt of such re-
9 quest.

10 “(4) CONFIDENTIALITY.—The Secretary shall
11 ensure that all records of any request, determina-
12 tion, transfer, or other action under this subsection
13 remain confidential, consistent with applicable law
14 and regulation.

15 “(5) EFFECT OF OTHER LAW.—A cadet who
16 transfers under this subsection may retain the ca-
17 det’s appointment to the Coast Guard Academy or
18 may be appointed to the military service academy to
19 which the cadet transfers without regard to the limi-
20 tations and requirements set forth in sections 7442,
21 8454, and 9442 of title 10.

22 “(6) COMMISSION AS OFFICER IN THE COAST
23 GUARD.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Upon graduation, a
25 graduate of the United States Military Acad-

emy, 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

1 the Commandant that the cadet has a
2 preference for appointment to that armed
3 force.

4 “(iii) CONSIDERATION BY COAST
5 GUARD.—The Commandant shall consider
6 a preference of a cadet indicated pursuant
7 to clause (ii), but may require the cadet to
8 serve as a permanent commissioned officer
9 in the Regular Coast Guard instead of
10 being appointed as a commissioned officer
11 in an armed force associated with the
12 academy from which the cadet graduated.

13 “(iv) TREATMENT OF SERVICE
14 AGREEMENT.—With respect to a service
15 agreement entered into under section 1925
16 of this title by a cadet who transfers under
17 this subsection to the United States Mili-
18 tary Academy, the United States Air Force
19 Academy, or the United States Naval
20 Academy and is appointed as a commis-
21 sioned officer in an armed force associated
22 with that academy, the service obligation
23 undertaken under such agreement shall be
24 considered to be satisfied upon the comple-

1 tion of 5 years of active duty service in the
2 service of such armed force.

3 “(C) SENIOR RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAIN-
4 ING CORPS PROGRAM.—A cadet who transfers
5 under this subsection to a Senior Reserve Offi-
6 cers’ Training Corps program affiliated with
7 another institution of higher education is enti-
8 tled upon graduation from the Senior Reserve
9 Officers’ Training program to commission into
10 the Coast Guard, as set forth in section 3738a
11 of this title.”.

12 **SEC. 5404. DESIGNATION OF OFFICERS WITH PARTICULAR**
13 **EXPERTISE IN MILITARY JUSTICE OR**
14 **HEALTHCARE.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 21 of title
16 14, United States Code is amended by adding at the end
17 the following:

18 **“§ 2132. Designation of officers with particular exper-**
19 **tise in military justice or healthcare**

20 “(a) SECRETARY DESIGNATION.—The Secretary may
21 designate a limited number of officers of the Coast Guard
22 as having particular expertise in—

23 “(1) military justice; or

24 “(2) healthcare.

1 “(b) PROMOTION AND GRADE.—An individual des-
2 ignated under this section—

3 “(1) shall not be included on the active duty
4 promotion list;

5 “(2) shall be promoted under section 2126; and

6 “(3) may not be promoted to a grade higher
7 than captain.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
9 ter 21 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by in-
10 serting after the item relating to section 2131 the fol-
11 lowing:

 “2132. Designation of officers with particular expertise in military justice or
 healthcare.”.

12 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

13 (1) Section 2102(a) of title 14, United States
14 Code, is amended, in the second sentence by striking
15 “and officers of the permanent commissioned teach-
16 ing staff of the Coast Guard Academy” and insert-
17 ing “officers of the permanent commissioned teach-
18 ing staff of the Coast Guard Academy, and officers
19 designated by the Secretary pursuant this section”.

20 (2) Subsection (e) of section 2103 of title 14,
21 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

22 “(e) SECRETARY TO PRESCRIBE NUMBERS FOR CER-
23 TAIN OFFICERS.—The Secretary shall prescribe the num-

1 ber of officers authorized to be serving on active duty in
2 each grade of—

3 “(1) the permanent commissioned teaching
4 staff of the Coast Guard Academy;

5 “(2) the officers designated by the Secretary
6 pursuant to this section; and

7 “(3) the officers of the Reserve serving in con-
8 nection with organizing, administering, recruiting,
9 instructing, or training the reserve components.”.

10 (3) Section 2126 of title 14, United States
11 Code, is amended, in the second sentence, by insert-
12 ing “and as to officers designated by the Secretary
13 pursuant to this section” after “reserve compo-
14 nents”.

15 (4) Section 3736(a) of title 14, United States
16 Code, is amended—

17 (A) in the first sentence by striking “pro-
18 motion list and the” and inserting “promotion
19 list, officers designated by the Secretary pursu-
20 ant to this section, and the officers on the”;
21 and

22 (B) in the second sentence by striking
23 “promotion list or the” and inserting “pro-
24 motion list, officers designated by the Secretary
25 pursuant to this section, or the officers on the”.

1 **SEC. 5405. SAFE-TO-REPORT POLICY FOR COAST GUARD.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 19 of title
3 14, United States Code, is further amended by adding at
4 the end the following:

5 **“§ 1909. Safe-to-Report policy for Coast Guard**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
7 date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act
8 of 2025, the Commandant shall, in consultation with the
9 Secretaries of the military departments, establish and
10 maintain a safe-to-report policy described in subsection (b)
11 that applies with respect to all members of the Coast
12 Guard (including members of the reserve and auxiliary
13 components of the Coast Guard), cadets at the Coast
14 Guard Academy, and any other individual undergoing
15 training at an accession point of the Coast Guard.

16 “(b) SAFE-TO-REPORT POLICY.—The safe-to-report
17 policy described in this subsection is a policy that—

18 “(1) prescribes the handling of minor collateral
19 misconduct, involving a member of the Coast Guard
20 who is the alleged victim or reporting witness of a
21 sexual assault; and

22 “(2) applies to all such individuals, regardless
23 of—

24 “(A) to whom the victim makes the allega-
25 tion or who receives the victim’s report of sex-
26 ual assault; or

1 “(B) whether the report, investigation, or
2 prosecution is handled by military or civilian
3 authorities.

4 “(c) MITIGATING AND AGGRAVATING CIR-
5 CUMSTANCES.—In issuing the policy under subsection (a),
6 the Commandant shall specify mitigating circumstances
7 that decrease the gravity of minor collateral misconduct
8 or the impact of such misconduct on good order and dis-
9 cipline and aggravating circumstances that increase the
10 gravity of minor collateral misconduct or the impact of
11 such misconduct on good order and discipline for purposes
12 of the safe-to-report policy.

13 “(d) TRACKING OF COLLATERAL MISCONDUCT INCI-
14 DENTS.—In conjunction with the issuance of the policy
15 under subsection (a), the Commandant shall develop and
16 implement a process to anonymously track incidents of
17 minor collateral misconduct that are subject to the safe-
18 to-report policy.

19 “(e) MINOR COLLATERAL MISCONDUCT DEFINED.—
20 In this section, the term ‘minor collateral misconduct’
21 means any minor misconduct that is potentially punish-
22 able under chapter 47 of title 10 that—

23 “(1) is committed close in time to or during a
24 sexual assault and directly related to the incident

1 that formed the basis of the allegation of sexual as-
 2 sault allegation;

3 “(2) is discovered as a direct result of the re-
 4 port of sexual assault or the ensuing investigation
 5 into such sexual assault; and

6 “(3) does not involve aggravating circumstances
 7 (as specified in the policy issued under subsection
 8 (a)) that increase the gravity of the minor mis-
 9 conduct or the impact of such misconduct on good
 10 order and discipline.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 12 ter 19 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended
 13 by inserting after the item relating to section 1908 (as
 14 added by this Act) the following:

“1909. Safe-to-Report policy for Coast Guard.”.

15 **SEC. 5406. MODIFICATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**
 16 **ON COVERED MISCONDUCT IN COAST GUARD.**

17 (a) ASSESSMENT OF POLICY ON COVERED MIS-
 18 CONDUCT.—Section 1902 of title 14, United States Code,
 19 is further amended—

20 (1) in the section heading by striking “**Policy**
 21 **on sexual harassment and sexual vio-**
 22 **lence**” and inserting “**Academy policy and**
 23 **report on covered misconduct**”; and

24 (2) by striking subsections (c) through (e) and
 25 inserting the following:

1 “(c) ASSESSMENT.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall di-
3 rect the Superintendent of the Coast Guard Acad-
4 emy to conduct at the Coast Guard Academy during
5 each Academy program year an assessment to deter-
6 mine the effectiveness of the policies of the Academy
7 with respect to covered misconduct involving cadets
8 or other military or civilian personnel of the Acad-
9 emy.

10 “(2) BIENNIAL SURVEY.—For the assessment
11 at the Academy under paragraph (1) with respect to
12 an Academy program year that begins in an odd-
13 numbered calendar year, the Superintendent shall
14 conduct a survey of cadets and other military and ci-
15 vilian personnel of the Academy—

16 “(A) to measure the incidence, during such
17 program year—

18 “(i) of covered misconduct events, on
19 or off the Academy campus, that have been
20 reported to an official of the Academy;

21 “(ii) of covered misconduct events, on
22 or off the Academy campus, that have not
23 been reported to an official of the Acad-
24 emy; and

1 “(iii) of retaliation related to a report
 2 of a covered misconduct event, on or off
 3 the Academy campus; and

4 “(B) to assess the perceptions of the ca-
 5 dets and other military and civilian personnel of
 6 the Academy with respect to—

7 “(i) the Academy’s policies, training,
 8 and procedures on covered misconduct in-
 9 volving cadets and other military and civil-
 10 ian personnel of the Academy;

11 “(ii) the enforcement of such policies;

12 “(iii) the incidence of covered mis-
 13 conduct involving cadets and other military
 14 and civilian personnel of the Academy; and

15 “(iv) any other issues relating to cov-
 16 ered misconduct involving cadets and other
 17 military and civilian personnel of the Acad-
 18 emy.

19 “(d) REPORT.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not earlier than 1 year
 21 after the date of the enactment of the Coast Guard
 22 Authorization Act of 2025, and each March 1 there-
 23 after through March 1, 2031, the Commandant shall
 24 direct the Superintendent to submit to the Com-
 25 mandant a report on incidents of covered misconduct

1 and retaliation for reporting of covered misconduct
2 involving cadets or other military and civilian per-
3 sonnel of the Academy.

4 “(2) ELEMENTS.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each report required
6 under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

7 “(i) Information and data on all inci-
8 dents of covered misconduct and retaliation
9 described in paragraph (1) reported to the
10 Superintendent or any other official of the
11 Academy during the preceding Academy
12 program year (referred to in this sub-
13 section as a ‘reported incident’),

14 “(ii) The number of reported incidents
15 committed against a cadet or any other
16 military or civilian personnel of the Acad-
17 emy.

18 “(iii) The number of reported inci-
19 dents committed by a cadet or any other
20 military or civilian personnel of the Acad-
21 emy.

22 “(iv) Information on reported inci-
23 dents, in accordance with the policy pre-
24 scribed under section 549G(b) of the Na-
25 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal

1 Year 2022 (10 U.S.C. 1561 note), to the
2 maximum extent practicable.

3 “(v) The number of reported incidents
4 that were entered into the Catch a Serial
5 Offender system, including the number of
6 such incidents that resulted in the identi-
7 fication of a potential or confirmed match.

8 “(vi) The number of reported inci-
9 dents that were substantiated (referred to
10 in this subsection as a ‘substantiated re-
11 ported incident’).

12 “(vii) A synopsis of each substan-
13 tiated reported incident that includes—

14 “(I) a brief description of the na-
15 ture of the incident;

16 “(II) whether the accused cadet
17 or other military or civilian personnel
18 of the Academy had previously been
19 convicted of sexual assault; and

20 “(III) whether alcohol or other
21 controlled or prohibited substances
22 were involved in the incident, and a
23 description of the involvement.

1 “(viii) The type of case disposition as-
2 sociated with each substantiated reported
3 incident, such as—

4 “(I) conviction and sentence by
5 court-martial, including charges and
6 specifications for which convicted;

7 “(II) acquittal of all charges at
8 court-martial;

9 “(III) as appropriate, imposition
10 of a nonjudicial punishment under
11 section 815 of title 10 (article 15 of
12 the Uniform Code of Military Jus-
13 tice);

14 “(IV) as appropriate, administra-
15 tive action taken, including a descrip-
16 tion of each type of such action im-
17 posed;

18 “(V) dismissal of all charges, in-
19 cluding a description of each reason
20 for dismissal and the stage at which
21 dismissal occurred; and

22 “(VI) whether the accused cadet
23 or other military or civilian personnel
24 of the Academy was administratively
25 separated or, in the case of an officer,

1 allowed to resign in lieu of court mar-
2 tial, and the characterization (honor-
3 able, general, or other than honorable)
4 of the service of the military member
5 upon separation or resignation.

6 “(ix) With respect to any incident of
7 covered misconduct involving cadets or
8 other military and civilian personnel of the
9 Academy reported to the Superintendent
10 or any other official of the Academy during
11 the preceding Academy program year that
12 involves a report of retaliation relating to
13 the incident—

14 “(I) a narrative description of
15 the retaliation claim;

16 “(II) the nature of the relation-
17 ship between the complainant and the
18 individual accused of committing the
19 retaliation; and

20 “(III) the nature of the relation-
21 ship between the individual accused of
22 committing the covered misconduct
23 and the individual accused of commit-
24 ting the retaliation.

1 “(x) With respect to any investigation
2 of a reported incident—

3 “(I) whether the investigation is
4 in open or completed status;

5 “(II) an identification of the in-
6 vestigating entity;

7 “(III) whether a referral has
8 been made to outside law enforcement
9 entities;

10 “(IV) in the case of an investiga-
11 tion that is complete, a description of
12 the results of such an investigation
13 and information with respect to
14 whether the results of the investiga-
15 tion were provided to the complainant;
16 and

17 “(V) whether the investigation
18 substantiated an offense under chap-
19 ter 47 of title 10 (the Uniform Code
20 of Military Justice).

21 “(B) FORMAT.—With respect to the infor-
22 mation and data required under subparagraph
23 (A), the Commandant shall report such infor-
24 mation and data separately for each type of
25 covered misconduct offense, and shall not ag-

1 gregate the information and data for multiple
2 types of covered misconduct offenses.

3 “(3) TRENDS.—Subject to subsection (f), begin-
4 ning on the date of enactment of the Coast Guard
5 Authorization Act of 2025, each report required
6 under paragraph (1) shall include an analysis of
7 trends in incidents described in paragraph (1), as
8 applicable, since the date of the enactment of the
9 Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of
10 2012 (Public Law 112–213).

11 “(4) RESPONSE.—Each report required under
12 paragraph (1) shall include, for the preceding Acad-
13 emy program year, a description of the policies, pro-
14 cedures, processes, initiatives, investigations (includ-
15 ing overarching investigations), research, or studies
16 implemented by the Commandant in response to any
17 incident described in paragraph (1) involving a cadet
18 or any other military or civilian personnel of the
19 Academy.

20 “(5) PLAN.—Each report required under para-
21 graph (1) shall include a plan for actions to be taken
22 during the year following the Academy program year
23 covered by the report to enhance the prevention of
24 and response to incidents of covered misconduct and
25 retaliation for reporting of covered misconduct in-

1 volving cadets or other military or civilian personnel
2 of the Academy.

3 “(6) COVERED MISCONDUCT PREVENTION AND
4 RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.—Each report required under
5 paragraph (1) shall include an assessment of the
6 adequacy of covered misconduct prevention and re-
7 sponse carried out by the Academy during the pre-
8 ceding Academy program year.

9 “(7) CONTRIBUTING FACTORS.—Each report
10 required under paragraph (1) shall include, for inci-
11 dents of covered misconduct and retaliation for re-
12 porting of covered misconduct involving cadets or
13 other military or civilian personnel of the Acad-
14 emy—

15 “(A) an analysis of the factors that may
16 have contributed to such incidents;

17 “(B) an assessment of the role of such fac-
18 tors in contributing to such incidents during
19 such Academy program year; and

20 “(C) recommendations for mechanisms to
21 eliminate or reduce such contributing factors.

22 “(8) BIENNIAL SURVEY.—Each report under
23 paragraph (1) for an Academy program year that
24 begins in an odd-numbered calendar year shall in-

1 include the results of the survey conducted under sub-
2 section (c)(2) in such Academy program year.

3 “(9) FOCUS GROUPS.—For each Academy pro-
4 gram year with respect to which the Superintendent
5 is not required to conduct a survey at the Academy
6 under subsection (c)(2), the Commandant shall re-
7 quire focus groups to be conducted at the Academy
8 for the purpose of ascertaining information relating
9 to covered misconduct issues at the Academy.

10 “(10) SUBMISSION OF REPORT; BRIEFING.—

11 “(A) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 270
12 days after the date on which the Commandant
13 receives a report from the Superintendent
14 under paragraph (1), the Commandant shall
15 submit to the Committee on Commerce,
16 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and
17 the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
18 structure of the House of Representatives, as
19 an enclosure or appendix to the report required
20 by section 5112—

21 “(i) the report of the Superintendent;

22 “(ii) the comments of the Com-
23 mandant with respect to the report; and

24 “(iii) relevant information gathered
25 during a focus group under subparagraph

1 (A) during the Academy program year cov-
2 ered by the report, as applicable.

3 “(B) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days
4 after the date on which the Commandant sub-
5 mits a report under subparagraph (A), the
6 Commandant shall provide a briefing on the re-
7 port submitted under subparagraph (A) to—

8 “(i) the Committee on Commerce,
9 Science, and Transportation of the Senate
10 and the Committee on Transportation and
11 Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
12 tives; and

13 “(ii) the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
14 rity.

15 “(e) VICTIM CONFIDENTIALITY.—To the extent that
16 information collected or reported under the authority of
17 this section, such information shall be provided in a form
18 that is consistent with applicable privacy protections under
19 Federal law and does not jeopardize the confidentiality of
20 victims.

21 “(f) CONTINUITY OF DATA AND REPORTING.—In
22 carrying out this section, the Commandant shall ensure
23 the continuity of data collection and reporting such that
24 the ability to analyze trends is not compromised.”.

1 (b) COVERED MISCONDUCT IN COAST GUARD.—Sec-
 2 tion 5112 of title 14, United States Code, is amended to
 3 read as follows:

4 **“§ 5112. Covered misconduct in Coast Guard**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1 each
 6 year, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on
 7 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and
 8 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
 9 the House of Representatives a report on incidents of cov-
 10 ered misconduct involving members of the Coast Guard,
 11 including recruits and officer candidates, and claims of re-
 12 taliation related to the reporting of any such incident.

13 “(b) CONTINUITY OF DATA AND REPORTING.—In
 14 carrying out this section, the Commandant shall ensure
 15 the continuity of data collection and reporting such that
 16 the ability to analyze trends is not compromised.

17 “(c) CONTENTS.—

18 “(1) INCIDENTS INVOLVING MEMBERS.—

19 “(A) INFORMATION AND DATA.—

20 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Each report re-
 21 quired under subsection (a) shall include,
 22 for the preceding calendar year, informa-
 23 tion and data on—

24 “(I) incidents of covered mis-
 25 conduct; and

1 “(II) incidents of retaliation
2 against a member of the Coast Guard
3 related to the reporting of covered
4 misconduct, disaggregated by type of
5 retaliation claim.

6 “(ii) INCLUSIONS.—The information
7 and data on the incidents described in
8 clause (i) shall include the following:

9 “(I) All incidents of covered mis-
10 conduct and retaliation described in
11 clause (i) reported to the Com-
12 mandant or any other official of the
13 Coast Guard during the preceding cal-
14 endar year (referred to in this sub-
15 section as a ‘reported incident’).

16 “(II) The number of reported in-
17 cidents committed against members of
18 the Coast Guard.

19 “(III) The number of reported
20 incidents committed by members of
21 the Coast Guard.

22 “(IV) Information on reported
23 incidents, in accordance with the pol-
24 icy prescribed under section 549G(b)
25 of the National Defense Authorization

1 Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (10 U.S.C.
2 1561 note), to the maximum extent
3 practicable.

4 “(V) The number of reported in-
5 cidents that were entered into the
6 Catch a Serial Offender system, in-
7 cluding the number of such incidents
8 that resulted in the identification of a
9 potential or confirmed match.

10 “(VI) The number of reported in-
11 cidents that were substantiated (re-
12 ferred to in this subsection as a ‘sub-
13 substantiated reported incident’).

14 “(VII) A synopsis of each sub-
15 substantiated reported incident that in-
16 cludes—

17 “(aa) a brief description of
18 the nature of the incident;

19 “(bb) whether the accused
20 member has previously been con-
21 victed of sexual assault; and

22 “(cc) whether alcohol or
23 other controlled or prohibited
24 substances were involved in the

1 incident, and a description of the
2 involvement.

3 “(VIII) The type of case disposi-
4 tion associated with each substan-
5 tiated reported incident, such as—

6 “(aa) conviction and sen-
7 tence by court-martial, including
8 charges and specifications for
9 which convicted;

10 “(bb) acquittal of all charges
11 at court-martial;

12 “(cc) as appropriate, imposi-
13 tion of a nonjudicial punishment
14 under section 815 of title 10 (ar-
15 ticle 15 of the Uniform Code of
16 Military Justice);

17 “(dd) as appropriate, admin-
18 istrative action taken, including a
19 description of each type of such
20 action imposed;

21 “(ee) dismissal of all
22 charges, including a description
23 of each reason for dismissal and
24 the stage at which dismissal oc-
25 curred; and

1 “(ff) whether the accused
2 member was administratively sep-
3 arated or, in the case of an offi-
4 cer, allowed to resign in lieu of
5 court-martial, and the character-
6 ization (honorable, general, or
7 other than honorable) of the
8 service of the member upon sepa-
9 ration or resignation.

10 “(IX) With respect to any inci-
11 dent of covered misconduct reported
12 to the Commandant or any other offi-
13 cial of the Coast Guard during the
14 preceding calendar year that involves
15 a report of retaliation relating to the
16 incident—

17 “(aa) a narrative description
18 of the retaliation claim;

19 “(bb) the nature of the rela-
20 tionship between the complainant
21 and the individual accused of
22 committing the retaliation; and

23 “(cc) the nature of the rela-
24 tionship between the individual
25 accused of committing the cov-

1 ered misconduct and the indi-
2 vidual accused of committing the
3 retaliation.

4 “(X) The disposition of or action
5 taken by the Coast Guard or any
6 other Federal, State, local, or Tribal
7 entity with respect to a substantiated
8 reported incident.

9 “(XI) With respect to any inves-
10 tigation of a reported incident—

11 “(aa) the status of the in-
12 vestigation or information relat-
13 ing to any referral to outside law
14 enforcement entities;

15 “(bb) the official or office of
16 the Coast Guard that received
17 the complaint;

18 “(cc) a description of the re-
19 sults of such an investigation or
20 information with respect to
21 whether the results of the inves-
22 tigation were provided to the
23 complainant; or

24 “(dd) whether the investiga-
25 tion substantiated an offense

1 under chapter 47 of title 10 (the
2 Uniform Code of Military Jus-
3 tice).

4 “(iii) **FORMAT.**—With respect to the
5 information and data required under
6 clause (i), the Commandant shall report
7 such information and data separately for
8 each type of covered misconduct offense,
9 and shall not aggregate the information
10 and data for multiple types of covered mis-
11 conduct offenses.

12 “(B) **TRENDS.**—Subject to subsection (b),
13 beginning on the date of enactment of the
14 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, each
15 report required by subsection (a) shall include,
16 for the preceding calendar year, an analysis or
17 assessment of trends in the occurrence, as ap-
18 plicable, of incidents described in subparagraph
19 (A)(i), since the date of enactment of the Coast
20 Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of
21 2012 (Public Law 112–213).

22 “(C) **RESPONSE.**—Each report required
23 under subsection (a) shall include, for the pre-
24 ceding calendar year, a description of the poli-
25 cies, procedures, processes, initiatives, investiga-

1 tions (including overarching investigations), re-
2 search, or studies implemented by the Com-
3 mandant in response to any incident described
4 in subparagraph (A)(i) involving a member of
5 the Coast Guard.

6 “(D) PLAN.—Each report required under
7 subsection (a) shall include a plan for actions to
8 be taken during the year following the year cov-
9 ered by the report to enhance the prevention of
10 and response to incidents described in subpara-
11 graph (A)(i) involving members of the Coast
12 Guard.

13 “(E) COVERED MISCONDUCT PREVENTION
14 AND RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.—Each report re-
15 quired under subsection (a) shall include an as-
16 sessment of the adequacy of covered misconduct
17 prevention and response activities related to in-
18 cidents described in subparagraph (A)(i) carried
19 out by the Coast Guard during the preceding
20 calendar year.

21 “(F) CONTRIBUTING FACTORS.—Each re-
22 port required under subsection (a) shall include,
23 for incidents described in subparagraph
24 (A)(i)—

1 “(i) an analysis of the factors that
2 may have contributed to such incidents;

3 “(ii) an assessment of the role of such
4 factors in contributing to such incidents
5 during such year; and

6 “(iii) recommendations for mecha-
7 nisms to eliminate or reduce such contrib-
8 uting factors.

9 “(2) INCIDENTS INVOLVING RECRUITS AND OF-
10 FICER CANDIDATES.—

11 “(A) INFORMATION AND DATA.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to sub-
13 section (b), each report required under
14 subsection (a) shall include, as a separate
15 appendix or enclosure, for the preceding
16 calendar year, information and data on—

17 “(I) incidents of covered mis-
18 conduct involving a recruit of the
19 Coast Guard at Training Center Cape
20 May or an officer candidate at the
21 Coast Guard Officer Candidate
22 School; and

23 “(II) incidents of retaliation
24 against such a recruit or officer can-
25 didate related to the reporting of cov-

1 ered misconduct, disaggregated by
2 type of retaliation claim.

3 “(ii) INCLUSIONS.—

4 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The informa-
5 tion and data on the incidents de-
6 scribed in clause (i) shall include the
7 following:

8 “(aa) All incidents of cov-
9 ered misconduct and retaliation
10 described in clause (i) reported to
11 the Commandant or any other of-
12 ficial of the Coast Guard during
13 the preceding calendar year (re-
14 ferred to in this subsection as a
15 ‘reported incident’).

16 “(bb) The number of re-
17 ported incidents committed
18 against recruits and officer can-
19 didates described in clause (i)(I).

20 “(cc) The number of re-
21 ported incidents committed by
22 such recruits and officer can-
23 didates.

24 “(dd) Information on re-
25 ported incidents, in accordance

1 with the policy prescribed under
2 section 549G(b) of the National
3 Defense Authorization Act for
4 Fiscal Year 2022 (10 U.S.C.
5 1561 note), to the maximum ex-
6 tent practicable.

7 “(ee)(AA) The number of
8 reported incidents that were en-
9 tered into the Catch a Serial Of-
10 fender system.

11 “(BB) Of such reported
12 incidents entered into such
13 system, the number that re-
14 sulted in the identification of
15 a potential or confirmed
16 match.

17 “(ff) The number of re-
18 ported incidents that were sub-
19 stantiated (referred to in this
20 subsection as a ‘substantiated re-
21 ported incident’).

22 “(gg) A synopsis of each
23 substantiated reported incident
24 that includes—

1 “(AA) a brief descrip-
2 tion of the nature of the in-
3 cident; and

4 “(BB) whether alcohol
5 or other controlled or pro-
6 hibited substances were in-
7 volved in the incident, and a
8 description of the involve-
9 ment.

10 “(hh) The type of case dis-
11 position associated with each sub-
12 stantiated reported incident, such
13 as—

14 “(AA) conviction and
15 sentence by court-martial,
16 including charges and speci-
17 fications for which convicted;

18 “(BB) acquittal of all
19 charges at court-martial;

20 “(CC) as appropriate,
21 imposition of a nonjudicial
22 punishment under section
23 815 of title 10 (article 15 of
24 the Uniform Code of Mili-
25 tary Justice);

1 “(DD) as appropriate,
2 administrative action taken,
3 including a description of
4 each type of such action im-
5 posed;

6 “(EE) dismissal of all
7 charges, including a descrip-
8 tion of each reason for dis-
9 missal and the stage at
10 which dismissal occurred;
11 and

12 “(FF) whether the ac-
13 cused member was adminis-
14 tratively separated or, in the
15 case of an officer, allowed to
16 resign in lieu of court-mar-
17 tial, and the characterization
18 (honorable, general, or other
19 than honorable) of the serv-
20 ice of the member upon sep-
21 aration or resignation.

22 “(ii) With respect to any in-
23 cident of covered misconduct in-
24 volving recruits or officer can-
25 didates reported to the Com-

1 mandant or any other official of
2 the Coast Guard during the pre-
3 ceding calendar year that in-
4 volves a report of retaliation re-
5 lating to the incident—

6 “(AA) a narrative de-
7 scription of the retaliation
8 claim;

9 “(BB) the nature of the
10 relationship between the
11 complainant and the indi-
12 vidual accused of commit-
13 ting the retaliation; and

14 “(CC) the nature of the
15 relationship between the in-
16 dividual accused of commit-
17 ting the covered misconduct
18 and the individual accused
19 of committing the retalia-
20 tion.

21 “(jj) The disposition of or
22 action taken by the Coast Guard
23 or any other Federal, State,
24 local, or Tribal entity with re-

1 spect to a substantiated reported
2 incident.

3 “(kk) With respect to any
4 investigation of a reported inci-
5 dent—

6 “(AA) the status of the
7 investigation or information
8 relating to any referral to
9 outside law enforcement en-
10 tities;

11 “(BB) the official or of-
12 fice of the Coast Guard that
13 received the complaint;

14 “(CC) a description of
15 the results of such an inves-
16 tigation or information with
17 respect to whether the re-
18 sults of the investigation
19 were provided to the com-
20 plainant; or

21 “(DD) whether the in-
22 vestigation substantiated an
23 offense under chapter 47 of
24 title 10 (the Uniform Code
25 of Military Justice).

1 “(II) FORMAT.—With respect to
2 the information and data required
3 under clause (i), the Commandant
4 shall report such information and
5 data separately for each type of cov-
6 ered misconduct offense, and shall not
7 aggregate the information and data
8 for multiple types of covered mis-
9 conduct offenses.

10 “(B) TRENDS.—Subject to subsection (b),
11 beginning on the date of enactment of Coast
12 Guard Authorization Act of 2025, each report
13 required by subsection (a) shall include, for the
14 preceding calendar year, an analysis or assess-
15 ment of trends in the occurrence, as applicable,
16 of incidents described in subparagraph (A)(i),
17 since the date of enactment of the Coast Guard
18 and Maritime Transportation Act of 2012
19 (Public Law 112–213).

20 “(C) RESPONSE.—Each report required
21 under subsection (a) shall include, for the pre-
22 ceding calendar year, a description of the poli-
23 cies, procedures, processes, initiatives, investiga-
24 tions (including overarching investigations), re-
25 search, or studies implemented by the Com-

mandant 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 plan for actions to
be taken during the year following the year cov-
ered by the report to enhance the prevention of
and response to incidents described in subpara-
graph (A)(i) involving a recruit of the Coast
Guard at Training Center Cape May or an offi-
cer candidate at the Coast Guard Officer Can-
didate School.

“(E) COVERED MISCONDUCT PREVENTION
AND RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.—Each report re-
quired under subsection (a) shall include an as-
sessment of the adequacy of covered misconduct
prevention and response activities related to in-
cidents described in subparagraph (A)(i) of this
paragraph carried out by the Coast Guard dur-
ing the preceding calendar year.

“(F) CONTRIBUTING FACTORS.—Each re-
port 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 mecha-
nisms to eliminate or reduce such contrib-
uting factors.

“(3) IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF ACCOUNT-
ABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY REVIEW DIRECTED AC-
TIONS.—Each report required under subsection (a)
submitted during the 5-year period beginning on
March 1, 2025, shall include information on the im-
plementation by the Commandant of the directed ac-
tions described in the memorandum of the Coast
Guard titled ‘Commandant’s Directed Actions—Ac-
countability and Transparency’, issued on November
27, 2023, including—

“(A) a description of actions taken to ad-
dress each directed action during the year cov-
ered by the report;

“(B) the implementation status of each di-
rected action;

1 “(C) in the case of any directed action that
2 has not been implemented—

3 “(i) a detailed action plan for imple-
4 mentation of the recommendation;

5 “(ii) an estimated timeline for imple-
6 mentation of the recommendation;

7 “(iii) description of changes the Com-
8 mandant intends to make to associated
9 Coast Guard policies so as to enable the
10 implementation of the recommendation;
11 and

12 “(iv) any other information the Com-
13 mandant considers appropriate;

14 “(D) a description of the metrics and mile-
15 stones used to measure completion, account-
16 ability, and effectiveness of each directed ac-
17 tion;

18 “(E) a description of any additional ac-
19 tions the Commandant is taking to mitigate in-
20 stances of covered misconduct within the Coast
21 Guard;

22 “(F) any legislative change proposal nec-
23 essary to implement the directed actions; and

24 “(G) a detailed list of funding necessary to
25 implement the directed actions in a timely and

1 effective manner, including a list of personnel
2 needed for such implementation.

3 “(d) VICTIM CONFIDENTIALITY.—To the extent that
4 information collected under the authority of this section
5 is reported or otherwise made available to the public, such
6 information shall be provided in a form that is consistent
7 with applicable privacy protections under Federal law and
8 does not jeopardize the confidentiality of victims.

9 “(e) SUBSTANTIATED DEFINED.—In this section, the
10 term ‘substantiated’ has the meaning given the term
11 under section 1631(c) of the Ike Skelton National Defense
12 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (10 U.S.C. 1561
13 note).”.

14 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

15 (1) CHAPTER 19.—The table of sections for
16 chapter 19 of title 14, United States Code, is
17 amended by striking the item relating to section
18 1902 and inserting the following new item:

“1902. Academy policy and report on covered misconduct.”.

19 (2) CHAPTER 51.—The table of sections for
20 chapter 51 of title 14, United States Code, is
21 amended by striking the item relating to section
22 5112 and inserting the following new item:

“5112. Covered misconduct in the Coast Guard.”.

1 **SEC. 5407. MODIFICATIONS TO THE OFFICER INVOLUNTARY**
2 **SEPARATION PROCESS.**

3 (a) REVIEW OF RECORDS.—Section 2158 of title 14,
4 United States Code, is amended in the matter preceding
5 paragraph (1) by striking “may at any time convene a
6 board of officers” and inserting “shall prescribe, by regu-
7 lation, procedures”.

8 (b) BOARDS OF INQUIRY.—Section 2159(c) of such
9 title is amended by striking “send the record of its pro-
10 ceedings to a board of review” and inserting “recommend
11 to the Secretary that the officer not be retained on active
12 duty”.

13 (c) REPEAL OF BOARDS OF REVIEW.—Section 2160
14 of title 14, United States Code, is repealed.

15 (d) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

16 (1) Title 14, United States Code, is amended—

17 (A) in section 2161 by striking “section
18 2158, 2159, or 2160” each place it appears and
19 inserting “section 2158 or 2159”;

20 (B) in section 2163, in the first sentence
21 by striking “board of review under section 2160
22 of this title” and inserting “board of inquiry
23 under section 2159 of this title”; and

24 (C) in section 2164(a), in the matter pre-
25 ceding paragraph (1) by striking “or 2160”.

1 (2) The analysis at the beginning of chapter 21
 2 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by strik-
 3 ing the item relating to section 2160.

4 **SEC. 5408. REVIEW OF DISCHARGE CHARACTERIZATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 25 of title
 6 14, United States Code, is further amended by adding at
 7 the end the following:

8 **“§ 2518. Review of discharge characterization**

9 “(a) DOWNGRADE.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The decision to conduct a
 11 case review under this section shall be at the discre-
 12 tion of the Secretary of the department in which the
 13 Coast Guard is operating.

14 “(2) BOARD OF REVIEW.—In addition to the
 15 requirements of section 1553 of title 10, a board of
 16 review for a former member of the Coast Guard es-
 17 tablished pursuant to such section and under part
 18 51 of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations (as in ef-
 19 fect on the date of enactment of the Coast Guard
 20 Authorization Act of 2025), may upon a motion of
 21 the board and subject to review by the Secretary of
 22 the department in which the Coast Guard is oper-
 23 ating, downgrade an honorable discharge to a gen-
 24 eral (under honorable conditions) discharge upon a
 25 finding that a former member of the Coast Guard,

1 while serving on active duty as a member of the
2 armed forces, committed sexual assault or sexual
3 harassment in violation of section 920, 920b, or 934
4 of title 10 (article 120, 120b, or 134 of the Uniform
5 Code of Military Justice).

6 “(3) EVIDENCE.—Any downgrade under para-
7 graph (2) shall be supported by clear and convincing
8 evidence.

9 “(4) LIMITATION.—The review board under
10 paragraph (2) may not downgrade a discharge of a
11 former member of the Coast Guard if the same ac-
12 tion described in paragraph (2) was considered prior
13 to separation from active duty by an administrative
14 board in determining the characterization of dis-
15 charge as otherwise provided by law and in accord-
16 ance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of
17 the department in which the Coast Guard is oper-
18 ating.

19 “(b) PROCEDURAL RIGHTS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A review by a board estab-
21 lished under section 1553 of title 10 and under part
22 51 of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations (as in ef-
23 fect on the date of enactment of the Coast Guard
24 Authorization Act of 2025), shall be based on the
25 records of the Coast Guard, and with respect to a

1 member who also served in another one of the armed
2 forces, the records of the armed forces concerned
3 and such other evidence as may be presented to the
4 board.

5 “(2) EVIDENCE BY WITNESS.—A witness may
6 present evidence to the board in person or by affi-
7 davit.

8 “(3) APPEARANCE BEFORE BOARD.—A person
9 who requests a review under this section may appear
10 before the board in person or by counsel or an ac-
11 credited representative of an organization recognized
12 by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under chapter
13 59 of title 38.

14 “(4) NOTIFICATION.—A former member of the
15 Coast Guard who is subject to a downgrade in dis-
16 charge characterization review under subsection
17 (b)(3) shall be notified in writing of such pro-
18 ceedings, afforded the right to obtain copies of
19 records and documents relevant to the proceedings,
20 and the right to appear before the board in person
21 or by counsel or an accredited representative of an
22 organization recognized by the Secretary of Veterans
23 Affairs under chapter 59 of title 38.”.

24 (b) RULEMAKING.—

9 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
10 ter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended
11 by inserting after the item relating to section 2517 (as
12 added by this Act) the following:

13 SEC. 5409. CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER AS GROUNDS FOR
14 DENIAL.

(1) in paragraph (1) by striking “or”;

(2) in paragraph (2) by striking “State, local, or Tribal law” and inserting “Federal, State, local, or Tribal law”;

(4) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

1 “(2) section 920 or 920b of title 10 (article 120
2 and 120b of the Uniform Code of Military Justice);
3 or”.

4 **SEC. 5410. DEFINITION OF COVERED MISCONDUCT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 25 of title
6 14, United States Code, is further amended by adding at
7 the end the following:

8 **“§ 2519. Covered misconduct defined**

9 “In this title, the term ‘covered misconduct’ means—

10 “(1) rape and sexual assault, as described in
11 sections 920(a) and 920(b) of title 10 (articles
12 120(a) and 120(b) of the Uniform Code of Military
13 Justice);

14 “(2) sexual harassment, as described in Execu-
15 tive Order 14062 dated January 26, 2022, and enu-
16 merated under section 934 of title 10 (article 134 of
17 the Uniform Code of Military Justice);

18 “(3) abusive sexual contact and aggravated sex-
19 ual contact, as described in sections 920(c) and
20 920(d) of title 10 (articles 120(c) and 120(d) of the
21 Uniform Code of Military Justice);

22 “(4) wrongful broadcast, dissemination, or cre-
23 ation of content as described in sections 917 and
24 920e of title 10 (articles 117a and 120e of the Uni-
25 form Code of Military Justice);

1 “(5) the child pornography offenses as de-
 2 scribed in section 934 of title 10 (article 134 of the
 3 Uniform Code of Military Justice);

4 “(6) rape and sexual assault of a child, other
 5 sexual misconduct, and stalking, as described in sec-
 6 tions 920b, 920c(a), and 930 of title 10 (articles
 7 120b, 120c, and 130 of the Uniform Code of Mili-
 8 tary Justice); and

9 “(7) domestic violence, as described in section
 10 928b of title 10 (article 128b of the Uniform Code
 11 of Military Justice).”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 13 ter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by in-
 14 serting after the item relating to section 2518 the fol-
 15 lowing:

“2519. Covered misconduct defined.”.

16 **SEC. 5411. NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO UNIFORM CODE**
 17 **OF MILITARY JUSTICE OR MANUAL FOR**
 18 **COURTS MARTIAL RELATING TO COVERED**
 19 **MISCONDUCT.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 51 of title 14, United
 21 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 22 lowing:

1 **“§ 5116. Notification of changes to Uniform Code of**
 2 **Military Justice or Manual for Courts**
 3 **Martial relating to covered misconduct**

4 “Beginning on March 30, 2026, and annually there-
 5 after, the Commandant shall notify the Committee on
 6 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and
 7 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
 8 the House of Representatives with respect to each of the
 9 following:

10 “(1) Whether the Uniform Code of Military
 11 Justice (chapter 47 of title 10) has been amended—

12 “(A) to add any sex-related offense as a
 13 new article; or

14 “(B) to remove an article relating to cov-
 15 ered misconduct described in any of paragraphs
 16 (1) through (7) of section 301.

17 “(2) Whether the Manual for Courts Martial
 18 has been modified—

19 “(A) to add any sex-related offense as an
 20 offense described under an article of the Uni-
 21 form Code of Military Justice; or

22 “(B) to remove as an offense described
 23 under an article of the Uniform Code of Mili-
 24 tary Justice covered misconduct described in
 25 any of paragraphs (1) through (7) of section
 26 301.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 2 ter 51 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by add-
 3 ing at the end the following:

“5116. Notification of changes to Uniform Code of Military Justice Or Manual
 for Courts Martial relating to covered misconduct.”.

4 **SEC. 5412. COMPLAINTS OF RETALIATION BY VICTIMS OF**
 5 **SEXUAL ASSAULT OR SEXUAL HARASSMENT**
 6 **AND RELATED PERSONS.**

7 Section 1562a of title 10, United States Code, is
 8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)—

10 (A) by striking “The Secretary of Defense
 11 shall” and inserting the following:

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
 13 shall”; and

14 (B) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(2) COAST GUARD.—The Secretary of the de-
 16 partment in which the Coast Guard is operating
 17 shall designate the Commandant of the Coast Guard
 18 to be responsible for carrying out the requirements
 19 of this section with respect to members of the Coast
 20 Guard when the Coast Guard is not operating as a
 21 service in the Navy.”;

22 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)
 2 by inserting “and the Commandant of the
 3 Coast Guard” after “Secretary”;

4 (B) in paragraph (8) by inserting before
 5 the period at the end “or with respect to the
 6 Coast Guard, the component designated by the
 7 Commandant of the Coast Guard”; and

8 (C) in paragraph (4) by striking “Depart-
 9 ment of Defense”; and
 10 (3) in subsection (c)(2)—

11 (A) in subparagraph (A) by inserting “,
 12 the Inspector General of the Department of
 13 Homeland Security,” before “or any other in-
 14 spector general”;

15 (B) in subparagraph (D) by striking “mili-
 16 tary” and inserting “armed force”; and

17 (C) in subparagraph (E) by inserting “or
 18 department in which the Coast Guard is oper-
 19 ating when not operating as a service in the
 20 Navy for members of the Coast Guard” after
 21 “Department of Defense”.

22 **SEC. 5413. DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES ON MILITARY PRO-**
 23 **TECTIVE ORDERS.**

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
 25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the

1 Commandant shall issue updated policies of the
2 Coast Guard relating to military protective orders
3 that are consistent with the law and policies of the
4 Department of Defense.

5 (2) ELEMENTS.—The policies developed under
6 paragraph (1) shall require—

7 (A) that any denial of a request for a mili-
8 tary protective order shall include a written ex-
9 planation for the denial, which shall be—

10 (i) forwarded to the next flag officer
11 in the chain of command of the com-
12 manding officer or other approving author-
13 ity who denied the request; and

14 (ii) provided to the member who sub-
15 mitted the request; and

16 (B) the recusal of an approving authority
17 from participating in the granting or denying of
18 a military protective order, if such authority
19 was, at any time—

20 (i) the subject of a complaint of any
21 form of assault, harassment, or retaliation
22 filed by the member requesting the mili-
23 tary protective order or the member who is
24 the subject of the military protective order;
25 or

1 (ii) associated with the member re-
2 questing the military protective order or
3 the member who is the subject of the mili-
4 tary protective order in a manner that pre-
5 sents as an actual or apparent conflict of
6 interest.

7 (3) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—The Com-
8 mandant shall develop a policy to ensure that sexual
9 assault response coordinators, victim advocates, and
10 other appropriate personnel shall inform victims of
11 the process by which the victim may request an ex-
12 pedited transfer, a no-contact order, or a military or
13 civilian protective order.

14 **SEC. 5414. COAST GUARD IMPLEMENTATION OF INDE-**
15 **PENDENT REVIEW COMMISSION REC-**
16 **COMMENDATIONS ON ADDRESSING SEXUAL**
17 **ASSAULT AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE**
18 **MILITARY.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
20 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall re-
21 view the report of the Independent Review Commission ti-
22 tled “Hard Truths and the Duty to Change: Recommenda-
23 tions from the Independent Review Commission on Sexual
24 Assault in the Military” referred to in the memorandum
25 of the Department of Defense titled “Memorandum for

1 Senior Pentagon Leadership Commanders of the Combat-
2 ant Commands Defense Agency and DoD Field Activity
3 Directors”, dated September 22, 2021, (relating to com-
4 mencing Department of Defense actions and implementa-
5 tion of the recommendations of the Independent Review
6 Commission to address sexual assault and sexual harass-
7 ment in the military).

8 (b) STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN.—On completion
9 of the review required under subsection (a), and not later
10 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the
11 Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Com-
12 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the
13 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
14 House of Representatives a strategy and action plan
15 that—

16 (1)(A) identifies any recommendation set forth
17 in the report by the Independent Review Commis-
18 sion described in subsection (a) that addresses a
19 matter that is not within the jurisdiction of the
20 Coast Guard, does not apply to the Coast Guard, or
21 otherwise would not be beneficial to members of the
22 Coast Guard, as determined by the Commandant;
23 and

24 (B) includes a brief rationale for such de-
25 termination; and

1 (2) with respect to each recommendation set
2 forth in such report that is not identified under
3 paragraph (1), includes—

4 (A)(i) a detailed action plan for implemen-
5 tation of the recommendation;

6 (ii) a description of changes the Com-
7 mandant will make to associated Coast
8 Guard policies so as to enable the imple-
9 mentation of the recommendation;

10 (iii) an estimated timeline for imple-
11 mentation of the recommendation;

12 (iv) the estimated cost of the imple-
13 mentation;

14 (v) legislative proposals for such im-
15 plementation, as appropriate; and

16 (vi) any other information the Com-
17 mandant considers appropriate; or

18 (B) in the case of such a recommendation
19 that the Commandant is unable to implement,
20 an explanation of the reason the recommenda-
21 tion cannot be implemented.

22 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days after the date
23 of enactment of this Act, and every 180 days thereafter
24 through 2028, the Commandant shall provide the Com-
25 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the

1 Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
2 structure of the House of Representatives with a briefing
3 on the status of the implementation of this section and
4 any modification to the strategy and plan submitted under
5 subsection (b).

6 **SEC. 5415. POLICY RELATING TO CARE AND SUPPORT OF**
7 **VICTIMS OF COVERED MISCONDUCT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall issue
10 Coast Guard policy relating to the care and support of
11 members of the Coast Guard who are alleged victims cov-
12 ered misconduct.

13 (b) ELEMENTS.—The policy required by subsection
14 (a) shall require, to the maximum extent practicable,
15 that—

16 (1) a member of the Coast Guard who is an al-
17 leged victim of covered misconduct and discloses
18 such covered misconduct to the appropriate indi-
19 vidual of the Coast Guard responsible for providing
20 victim care and support—

21 (A) shall receive care and support from
22 such individual; and

23 (B) such individual shall not deny or un-
24 reasonably delay providing care and support;
25 and

1 (2) in the case of such an alleged victim to
2 whom care and support cannot be provided by the
3 appropriate individual contacted by the alleged vic-
4 tim based on programmatic eligibility criteria or any
5 other reason that affects the ability of such appro-
6 priate individual to provide care and support (such
7 as being stationed at a remote unit or serving on a
8 vessel currently underway) the alleged victim shall
9 receive, with the permission of the alleged victim—

10 (A) an in-person introduction to appro-
11 priate service providers, for which the alleged
12 victim is physically present, which shall occur at
13 the discretion of the alleged victim; and

14 (B) access to follow-up services from the
15 appropriate 1 or more service providers.

16 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The policy issued under sub-
17 section (a) shall apply to—

18 (1) all Coast Guard personnel responsible for
19 the care and support of victims of covered mis-
20 conduct; and

21 (2) any other Coast Guard personnel the Com-
22 mandant considers appropriate.

23 (d) REVISION OF POLICY RELATING TO DOMESTIC
24 ABUSE.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enact-
25 ment of this Act, the Commandant shall issue or revise

1 any Coast Guard policy or process relating to domestic
2 abuse so as to define the term “intimate partner” to have
3 the meaning given such term in section 930 of title 10,
4 United States Code.

5 (e) TRAINING.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—All Coast Guard personnel
7 responsible for the care and support of members of
8 the Coast Guard who are alleged victims of covered
9 misconduct shall receive training in accordance with
10 professional standards of practice to ensure that
11 such alleged victims receive adequate care that is
12 consistent with the policy issued under subsection
13 (a).

14 (2) ELEMENTS.—The training required by
15 paragraph (1)—

16 (A) shall include—

17 (i) instructions on specific procedures
18 for implementing the policy issued under
19 subsection (a); and

20 (ii) information on resources and per-
21 sonnel critical for the implementation of
22 such policy; and

23 (B) to the maximum extent practicable,
24 shall be provided in person.

1 (f) COVERED MISCONDUCT.—In this section, the
 2 term “covered misconduct” shall have the meaning given
 3 such term in section 2519 of title 14, United States Code
 4 (as added by this Act).

5 **SEC. 5416. ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL VICTIM CAPABILI-**
 6 **TIES TO RESPOND TO ALLEGATIONS OF CER-**
 7 **TAIN SPECIAL VICTIM OFFENSES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 573 of the National De-
 9 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (10 U.S.C.
 10 1561 note) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a)—

12 (A) by inserting “or the Secretary of the
 13 department in which the Coast Guard is oper-
 14 ating when not operating as a service in the
 15 Navy” after “Secretary of Defense”; and

16 (B) by striking “Secretary of each military
 17 department” and inserting “Secretary con-
 18 cerned”;

19 (2) in subsection (b) by striking “or Air Force
 20 Office of Special Investigations” and inserting “, Air
 21 Force Office of Special Investigations, or Coast
 22 Guard Investigative Services”;

23 (3) in subsection (c) by inserting “or the Sec-
 24 retary of the department in which the Coast Guard

1 is operating when not operating as a service in the
2 Navy” after “Secretary of Defense”;

3 (4) in subsection (d)—

4 (A) in paragraph (1)—

5 (i) by inserting “or the Commandant
6 of the Coast Guard” after “Secretary of a
7 military department”; and

8 (ii) by inserting “or the Coast Guard”
9 after “within the military department”;

10 (B) in paragraph (2) by inserting “or the
11 Coast Guard” after “within a military depart-
12 ment”; and

13 (5) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(h) TIME FOR ESTABLISHMENT FOR COAST
15 GUARD.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enact-
16 ment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, the
17 Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is
18 operating, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
19 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and
20 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
21 the House of Representatives a report containing all the
22 items described in subsections (e) and (f) as applied to
23 the Coast Guard.”.

24 (b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 270 days after the
25 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall pro-

1 vide the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
2 tation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation
3 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives with
4 a briefing on the Commandant's assessment and imple-
5 mentation, as appropriate, of the recommendations in-
6 cluded in the Center for Naval Analyses report titled "As-
7 sessing the USCG's Special Victims' Counsel Program",
8 issued in June 2024, including—

9 (1) the implementation status of each adopted
10 recommendation, as appropriate;

11 (2) for each adopted recommendation, a de-
12 scription of actions taken to implement such rec-
13 ommendation;

14 (3) in the case of an adopted recommendation
15 that has not been fully implemented—

16 (A) a description of actions taken or
17 planned to address such recommendation;

18 (B) an estimated completion date; and

19 (C) a description of the milestones nec-
20 essary to complete the recommendation;

21 (4) a description of any recommendation that
22 will not be adopted and an explanation of the reason
23 the recommendation will not be adopted;

1 (5) a description of the metrics and milestones
2 used to ensure completion and effectiveness of each
3 adopted recommendation;

4 (6) a description of any additional actions the
5 Commandant is taking to improve the efficiency and
6 effectiveness of the Special Victims' Counsel pro-
7 gram of the Coast Guard;

8 (7) any legislative change proposal necessary to
9 implement the adopted recommendations; and

10 (8) an overview of any funding or resource nec-
11 essary to implement each adopted recommendation
12 in a timely and effective manner, including a list of
13 personnel needed for such implementation.

14 **SEC. 5417. MEMBERS ASSERTING POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS**
15 **DISORDER, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR TRAUMATIC**
16 **BRAIN INJURY.**

17 Section 2516 of title 14, United States Code, is
18 amended—

19 (1) in subsection (a)—

20 (A) in paragraph (1)—

21 (i) by striking “or has been sexually
22 assaulted during the preceding 2-year pe-
23 riod”; and

1 (ii) by striking “or based on such sex-
 2 ual assault, the influence of” and inserting
 3 “the signs and symptoms of either”;

4 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2)
 5 through (4) as paragraphs (3) through (5), re-
 6 spectively;

7 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
 8 following:

9 “(2) MENTAL, BEHAVIORAL, OR EMOTIONAL
 10 DISORDER.—A member of the Coast Guard who has
 11 been sexually assaulted during the preceding 5-year
 12 period and who alleges, based on such sexual as-
 13 sault, the signs and symptoms of a diagnosable men-
 14 tal, behavioral, or emotional disorder described with-
 15 in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Sta-
 16 tistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the
 17 American Psychiatric Association—

18 “(A) is provided the opportunity to request
 19 a medical examination to clinically evaluate
 20 such signs and symptoms; and

21 “(B) receives such a medical examination
 22 to evaluate a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress
 23 disorder, traumatic brain injury, or diagnosable
 24 mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder de-
 25 scribed within the most recent edition of the Di-

agnostic 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

1 “(ii) is under the close supervision of
 2 a board-certified psychiatrist or licensed
 3 doctorate-level psychologist.”;

4 (2) in subsection (b) by inserting “or a
 5 diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional dis-
 6 order” after “traumatic brain injury”; and

7 (3) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(e) NOTIFICATION OF RIGHT TO REQUEST MED-
 9 ICAL EXAMINATION.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any member of the Coast
 11 Guard who receives a notice of involuntary adminis-
 12 trative separation shall be advised at the time of
 13 such notice of the right of the member to request a
 14 medical examination under subsection (a) if any con-
 15 dition described in such subsection applies to the
 16 member.

17 “(2) POLICY.—The Commandant shall—

18 “(A) develop and issue a clear policy for
 19 carrying out the notification required under
 20 paragraph (1) with respect to any member of
 21 the Coast Guard described in that paragraph
 22 who has made an unrestricted report of sexual
 23 assault; and

24 “(B) provide information on such policy to
 25 sexual assault response coordinators of the

1 Coast Guard for the purpose of ensuring that
2 such policy is communicated to members of the
3 Coast Guard who may be eligible for a medical
4 examination under this section.”.

5 **SEC. 5418. PARTICIPATION IN CATCH A SERIAL OFFENDER**
6 **PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the department
8 in which the Coast Guard is operating when not operating
9 as a service in the Navy, acting through the Commandant,
10 shall ensure the participation of the Coast Guard in the
11 Catch a Serial Offender program (referred to in this sec-
12 tion as the “CATCH program”) of the Department of De-
13 fense established in accordance with section 543 of the
14 Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National De-
15 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law
16 113–291).

17 (b) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—Not later
18 than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
19 the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard
20 is operating and the Secretary of Defense shall finalize
21 a memorandum of agreement to facilitate Coast Guard ac-
22 cess to and participation in the CATCH program.

1 **SEC. 5419. ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY RELAT-**
2 **ING TO ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT**
3 **AGAINST SENIOR LEADERS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 25 of title
5 14, United States Code, is further amended by adding at
6 the end the following:

7 **“§ 2520. Accountability and transparency relating to**
8 **allegations of misconduct against senior**
9 **leaders**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
11 date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act
12 of 2025, the Secretary shall establish a policy to improve
13 oversight, investigations, accountability, and public trans-
14 parency regarding alleged misconduct of senior leaders of
15 the Coast Guard.

16 “(b) ELEMENTS.—The policy required by subsection
17 (a)—

18 “(1) shall require that—

19 “(A) any allegation of alleged misconduct
20 made against a senior leader of the Coast
21 Guard shall be reported to the Office of the In-
22 spector General of the department in which the
23 Coast Guard is operating not later than 72
24 hours after the allegation is reported to the
25 Coast Guard or the department in which the
26 Coast Guard is operating; and

1 “(B) the Inspector General of the depart-
2 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating
3 shall notify the head of the Coast Guard office
4 in which the senior leader is serving with re-
5 spect to the receipt of such allegation, or, in a
6 case where the senior leader is the head of such
7 Coast Guard office, the next in the chain of
8 command, as appropriate, except in a case in
9 which the Inspector General determines that
10 such notification would risk impairing an ongoing
11 investigation, would unnecessarily compromise
12 the anonymity of the individual making
13 the allegation, or would otherwise be inappropriate;
14 and

15 “(2) to the extent practicable, shall be consistent
16 with Department of Defense directives, including
17 Department of Defense Directive 5505.06.

18 “(c) FIRST RIGHT TO EXCLUSIVE INVESTIGATION.—
19 The Inspector General of the department in which the
20 Coast Guard is operating—

21 “(1) shall have the first right to investigate an
22 allegation described in subsection (b)(1)(A); and

23 “(2) in cases with concurrent jurisdiction involving
24 an allegation described in subsection
25 (b)(1)(A), may investigate such an allegation to the

1 exclusion of any other Coast Guard criminal or ad-
2 ministrative investigation if the Inspector General
3 determines that an exclusive investigation is nec-
4 essary to maintain the integrity of the investigation.

5 “(d) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY AND BROAD DISSEMINA-
6 TION.—The policy established under subsection (a) shall
7 be made available to the public and incorporated into
8 training and curricula across the Coast Guard at all levels
9 to ensure broad understanding of the policy among mem-
10 bers and personnel of the Coast Guard.

11 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 “(1) ALLEGED MISCONDUCT.—The term ‘al-
13 leged misconduct’—

14 “(A) means a credible allegation that, if
15 proven, would constitute a violation of—

16 “(i) a provision of criminal law, in-
17 cluding the Uniform Code of Military Jus-
18 tice (chapter 47 of title 10); or

19 “(ii) a recognized standard, such as
20 the Department of Defense Joint Ethics
21 Regulation or other Federal regulation, in-
22 cluding any other Department of Defense
23 regulation and any Department of Home-
24 land Security regulation; or

1 “(B) could reasonably be expected to be of
2 significance to the Secretary or the Inspector
3 General of the department in which the Coast
4 Guard is operating, particularly in a case in
5 which there is an element of misuse of position
6 or of unauthorized personal benefit to the sen-
7 ior official, a family member, or an associate.

8 “(2) SENIOR LEADER OF THE COAST GUARD.—
9 The term ‘senior leader of the Coast Guard’
10 means—

11 “(A) an active duty, retired, or reserve of-
12 ficer of the Coast Guard in the grade of O-7
13 or higher;

14 “(B) an officer of the Coast Guard selected
15 for promotion to the grade of O-7;

16 “(C) a current or former civilian member
17 of the Senior Executive Service employed by the
18 Coast Guard; or

19 “(D) any civilian member of the Coast
20 Guard whose position is deemed equivalent to
21 that of a member of the Senior Executive Serv-
22 ice, as determined by the Office of the Inspector
23 General of the department in which the Coast
24 Guard is operating, in concurrence with the
25 Secretary acting through the Commandant.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 2 ter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended
 3 by inserting after the item relating to section 2519 (as
 4 added by this Act) the following:

“2520. Accountability and transparency relating to allegations of misconduct
 against senior leaders.”.

5 **SEC. 5420. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING OF SEXUAL HARASS-**
 6 **MENT.**

7 Section 1561b of title 10, United States Code, is
 8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)—

10 (A) by inserting “and the Secretary of the
 11 department in which the Coast Guard is oper-
 12 ating when not operating as a service in the
 13 Navy” after “Secretary of Defense”; and

14 (B) by inserting “or the Commandant”
 15 after “Secretary of a military department”;

16 (2) in subsection (c)—

17 (A) by inserting “or the Secretary of the
 18 department in which the Coast Guard is oper-
 19 ating when not operating as a service in the
 20 Navy” after “Secretary of Defense”; and

21 (B) in paragraph (1) by inserting “depart-
 22 ments or the Commandant” after “Secretaries
 23 of the military”; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(e) REPORTS FOR THE COAST GUARD.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 30,
3 2025, and April 30 every 2 years thereafter, the
4 Secretary of the department in which the Coast
5 Guard is operating shall submit to the Committee on
6 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
7 ate and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
8 structure of the House of Representatives a report
9 containing data on the complaints of sexual harass-
10 ment alleged pursuant to the process under sub-
11 section (a) during the previous 2 calendar years.

12 “(2) PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMA-
13 TION.—Any data on complaints described in para-
14 graph (1) shall not contain any personally identifi-
15 able information.”.

16 **SEC. 5421. REPORT ON POLICY ON WHISTLEBLOWER PRO-**
17 **TECTIONS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
19 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall sub-
20 mit to the Committees on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
21 portation and Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
22 fairs of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation
23 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a re-
24 port on the policy of the Coast Guard on whistleblower
25 protections.

1 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
2 (a) shall include the following:

3 (1) A discussion of the policy of the Coast
4 Guard as of the date of enactment of this Act with
5 respect to—

6 (A) whistleblower protections;

7 (B) accountability measures for reprisal
8 against whistleblowers;

9 (C) the applicable professional standards
10 and potential types of support provided to whis-
11 tleblowers by members of the Coast Guard per-
12 sonnel, such as the members in the Coast
13 Guard Investigative Service; and

14 (D) the content and frequency of training
15 provided to members of the Coast Guard on ac-
16 tive duty, members of the Coast Guard Reserve,
17 and civilian personnel of the Coast Guard with
18 respect to the applicable professional standards
19 and potential types of support offered to whis-
20 tleblowers.

21 (2) A description of the responsibilities of com-
22 manders and equivalent civilian supervisors with re-
23 spect to whistleblower complaints and measures used
24 by the Coast Guard to ensure compliance with such
25 responsibilities, such as—

1 (A) the mechanisms to ensure that—

2 (i) any such commander complies with
3 section 1034 of title 10, United States
4 Code, including subsection (a)(1) of that
5 section;

6 (ii) any such equivalent civilian super-
7 visor complies with section 2302 of title 5,
8 United States Code; and

9 (iii) any such commander or super-
10 visor protects the constitutional right of
11 whistleblowers to speak with Members of
12 Congress;

13 (B) actions to be taken against any a com-
14 mander or equivalent civilian supervisor who
15 fails to act on a whistleblower complaint or im-
16 properly interferes with a whistleblower after a
17 complaint is filed or during the preparation of
18 a complaint;

19 (C) the role of Coast Guard attorneys in
20 ensuring that such commanders comply with re-
21 sponsibilities under section 1034 of title 10,
22 United States Code; and

23 (D) the role of Coast Guard civilian attor-
24 neys and administrative law judges in ensuring
25 that such civilian supervisors comply with re-

1 sponsibilities under section 2302 of title 5,
2 United States Code.

3 (3) A discussion of the availability of Coast
4 Guard staff, including civilian staff, assigned to pro-
5 viding, in accordance with professional standards or
6 practice, behavioral health care to whistleblowers, in-
7 cluding—

8 (A) the number and type of such staff;

9 (B) a description of the specific care re-
10 sponsibilities of such staff;

11 (C) an identification of any limitation ex-
12 isting as of the date of enactment of this Act
13 to the provision of such care;

14 (D) a description of any plan to increase
15 capacity of such staff to provide such care, as
16 applicable; and

17 (E) a description of any additional re-
18 sources necessary to provide such care.

19 (4) An assessment of the manner in which the
20 policies discussed in paragraph (1), the responsibil-
21 ities of commanders and civilian supervisors de-
22 scribed in paragraph (2), and the availability of
23 Coast Guard staff as discussed in paragraph (3)
24 apply specifically to cadets and leadership at the
25 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. 5422. 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 the 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 the 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.

1 (2) Updates to achieve compliance with chapter
2 47 of title 10, United States Code (Uniform Code of
3 Military Justice).

4 (3) A description of the roles and responsibil-
5 ities of staff of the Coast Guard Academy Sexual
6 Assault Prevention, Response, and Recovery pro-
7 gram, including—

8 (A) the Sexual Assault Response Coordi-
9 nator;

10 (B) the Victim Advocate Program Spe-
11 cialist;

12 (C) the Volunteer Victim Advocate; and

13 (D) the Primary Prevention Specialist, as
14 established under subsection (c).

15 (4) A description of the role of the Coast Guard
16 Investigative Service with respect to sexual harass-
17 ment and sexual violence prevention, response, and
18 recovery at the Coast Guard Academy.

19 (5) A description of the role of support staff at
20 the Coast Guard Academy, including chaplains, with
21 respect to sexual harassment and sexual violence
22 prevention, response, and recovery.

23 (6) Measures to promote awareness of dating
24 violence.

25 (7) A delineation of the relationship between—

1 (A) cadet advocacy groups organized for
2 the prevention of, response to, and recovery
3 from sexual harassment and sexual violence, in-
4 cluding Cadets Against Sexual Assault; and

5 (B) the staff of the Coast Guard Academy
6 Sexual Assault Prevention, Response, and Re-
7 covery program.

8 (8) A provision that requires cadets and Coast
9 Guard Academy personnel to participate in not
10 fewer than one in-person training each academic
11 year on the prevention of, responses to, and re-
12 sources relating to incidents of sexual harassment
13 and sexual violence, to be provided by the staff of
14 the Coast Guard Academy Sexual Assault Preven-
15 tion, Response, and Recovery program.

16 (9) The establishment, revision, or expansion,
17 as necessary, of an anti-retaliation Superintendent's
18 Instruction for cadets who—

19 (A) report incidents of sexual harassment
20 or sexual violence;

21 (B) participate in cadet advocacy groups
22 that advocate for the prevention of, response to,
23 and recovery from sexual harassment and sex-
24 ual violence; or

1 (C) seek assistance from a company offi-
2 cer, company senior enlisted leader, athletic
3 coach, or other Coast Guard Academy staff
4 member with respect to a mental health or
5 other medical emergency.

6 (10) A provision that explains the purpose of
7 and process for issuance of a no-contact order at the
8 Coast Guard Academy, including a description of the
9 manner in which such an order shall be enforced.

10 (11) A provision that explains the purpose of
11 and process for issuance of a military protective
12 order at the Coast Guard Academy, including a de-
13 scription of—

14 (A) the manner in which such an order
15 shall be enforced; and

16 (B) the associated requirement to notify
17 the National Criminal Information Center of
18 the issuance of such an order.

19 (c) PRIMARY PREVENTION SPECIALIST.—Not later
20 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
21 the Superintendent shall hire a Primary Prevention Spe-
22 cialist, to be located and serve at the Coast Guard Acad-
23 emy.

24 (d) TEMPORARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO RECEIVE
25 MEDICAL SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH AND RE-

1 LATED SUPPORT SERVICES.—The Superintendent shall
2 ensure that the Academy’s policy regarding a cadet who
3 has made a restricted or unrestricted report of sexual har-
4 assment to request a leave of absence from the Coast
5 Guard Academy is consistent with other military service
6 academies.

7 **SEC. 5423. COAST GUARD AND COAST GUARD ACADEMY AC-**
8 **CESS TO DEFENSE SEXUAL ASSAULT INCI-**
9 **DENT DATABASE.**

10 (a) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—Not later
11 than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
12 the Commandant, in consultation with the Secretary of
13 Defense, shall enter into a memorandum of understanding
14 to enable the criminal offender case management and ana-
15 lytics database of the Coast Guard to have system inter-
16 face access with the Defense Sexual Assault Incident
17 Database (referred to in this section as the “Database”)
18 established by section 563 of the Duncan Hunter National
19 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (10
20 U.S.C. 1561 note).

21 (b) PLAN.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
23 entering into the memorandum of understanding re-
24 quired under subsection (a), the Commandant, in
25 consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall

1 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a
2 plan to carry out the terms of such memorandum.

3 (2) ELEMENTS.—The plan required under
4 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

5 (A) Measures to ensure that authorized
6 staff of the Coast Guard have system interface
7 access to the Database, and a description of
8 any barrier to such access.

9 (B) Measures to ensure that authorized
10 staff of the Coast Guard Academy have system
11 interface access to the Database, and a descrip-
12 tion of any barrier to such access that is unique
13 to the Coast Guard Academy.

14 (C) Measures to facilitate formal or infor-
15 mal communication between the Coast Guard
16 and the Sexual Assault Prevention and Re-
17 sponse Office of the Department of Defense, or
18 any other relevant Department of Defense com-
19 ponent, to identify or seek a resolution to bar-
20 riers to Database access.

21 (D) A description of the steps, measures,
22 and improvements necessary to remove any bar-
23 rier encountered by staff of the Coast Guard or
24 the Coast Guard Academy in accessing the
25 Database, including any failure of system inter-

1 face access necessitating manual entry of inves-
2 tigative data.

3 (E) An assessment of the technical chal-
4 lenges, timeframes, and costs associated with
5 providing authorized staff of the Coast Guard
6 and the Coast Guard Academy with system
7 interface access for the Database that is sub-
8 stantially similar to such system interface ac-
9 cess possessed by other branches of the Armed
10 Forces.

11 (3) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS
12 DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “appro-
13 priate committees of Congress” means—

14 (A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
15 and Transportation and the Committee on
16 Armed Services of the Senate; and

17 (B) the Committee on Transportation and
18 Infrastructure and the Committee on Armed
19 Services of the House of Representatives.

20 **SEC. 5424. DIRECTOR OF COAST GUARD INVESTIGATIVE**
21 **SERVICE.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 14, United
23 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
24 lowing:

1 **“§ 325. Director of Coast Guard Investigative Service**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There shall be a Director of the
3 Coast Guard Investigative Service.

4 “(b) CHAIN OF COMMAND.—The Director of the
5 Coast Guard Investigative Service shall report directly to
6 and be under the general supervision of the Commandant,
7 acting through the Vice Commandant of the Coast
8 Guard.”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for Chap-
10 ter 3 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by insert-
11 ing after the item relating to section 324 the following:

“325. Director of Coast Guard Investigative Service.”.

12 **SEC. 5425. MODIFICATIONS AND REVISIONS RELATING TO**
13 **REOPENING RETIRED GRADE DETERMINA-**
14 **TIONS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2501(d)(2) of title 14,
16 United States Code, is amended—

17 (1) in subparagraph (B) by inserting “a” before
18 “competent authority”;

19 (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) through
20 (E) as subparagraphs (F) through (H), respectively;

21 and

22 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-
23 lowing:

24 “(C) substantial evidence comes to light
25 that, during the commissioned service of the of-

1 ficer, the officer failed to carry out applicable
2 laws, with an intent to deceive or defraud;

3 “(D) substantial evidence comes to light
4 after the retirement that the officer committed
5 rape or sexual assault, as described in sections
6 920(a) and 920(b) of title 10 (articles 120(a)
7 and 120(b) of the Uniform Code of Military
8 Justice) at any time during the commissioned
9 service of the officer;

10 “(E) substantial evidence comes to light
11 after the retirement that the commissioned offi-
12 cer knew of and failed to report through proper
13 channels, in accordance with existing law at the
14 time of the alleged incident, any known in-
15 stances of sexual assault by a member of the
16 Coast Guard under the command of the officer
17 during the officer’s service;”.

18 (b) ISSUANCE AND REVISION OF REGULATIONS RE-
19 LATING TO GOOD CAUSE TO REOPEN RETIRED GRADE
20 DETERMINATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the
21 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the depart-
22 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating shall issue
23 or revise, as applicable, and at the discretion of the Sec-
24 retary consistent with this section, regulations of the
25 Coast Guard to do the following:

1 (1) Define what constitutes good cause to re-
2 open a retired grade determination referred to in
3 subparagraph (H) of section 2501(d)(2) of title 14,
4 United States Code, as redesignated by subsection
5 (a), to ensure that the following shall be considered
6 good cause for such a reopening:

7 (A) Circumstances that constitute a failure
8 to carry out applicable laws regarding a report
9 of sexual assault with an intent to deceive by a
10 commissioned officer, that relate to a response
11 made to a report of sexual assault, during the
12 commissioned service of the officer.

13 (B) Substantial evidence of sexual assault
14 by the commissioned officer concerned, at any
15 time during the commissioned service of such
16 officer, or such evidence that was not consid-
17 ered by the Coast Guard in a manner consistent
18 with law.

19 (2) Identify the standard for making, and the
20 evidentiary showing required to support, an adverse
21 determination on the retired grade of a commis-
22 sioned officer.

23 (c) REVISION OF LIMITATIONS ON REOPENING RE-
24 TIRED GRADE DETERMINATIONS.—Not later than 180
25 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary

1 of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating
 2 shall revise applicable guidance in section K.10 of chapter
 3 3 of Commandant Instruction 1000.4A to remove any re-
 4 striction that limits the ability to reopen the retired grade
 5 of a commissioned officer based on—

6 (1) whether new evidence is discovered contem-
 7 poraneously with or within a short time period after
 8 the date of retirement of the officer concerned; and

9 (2) whether the misconduct concerned was not
 10 discoverable through due diligence.

11 (d) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—No provision of this section
 12 or the amendments made by this section shall be construed
 13 to permit a review of conduct that was not in violation
 14 of law or policy at the time of the alleged conduct.

15 **SEC. 5426. INCLUSION AND COMMAND REVIEW OF INFOR-**
 16 **MATION ON COVERED MISCONDUCT IN PER-**
 17 **SONNEL SERVICE RECORDS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 25 of title 14, United
 19 States Code, is amended—

20 (1) in subchapter II, by redesignating section
 21 2521 as section 2531; and

22 (2) in subchapter I, as amended by this Act, by
 23 adding at the end the following:

1 **“§ 2521. Inclusion and command review of informa-**
2 **tion on covered misconduct in personnel**
3 **service records**

4 “(a) INFORMATION ON REPORTS ON COVERED MIS-
5 CONDUCT.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If a complaint of covered
7 misconduct is made against a member of the Coast
8 Guard and the member is convicted by court-martial
9 or receives nonjudicial punishment or punitive ad-
10 ministrative action for such covered misconduct, a
11 notation to that effect shall be placed in the per-
12 sonnel service record of the member, regardless of
13 the grade of the member.

14 “(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the inclusion
15 of information in personnel service records under
16 paragraph (1) is to alert supervisors and com-
17 manders to any member of their command who has
18 received a court-martial conviction, nonjudicial pun-
19 ishment, or punitive administrative action for cov-
20 ered misconduct in order—

21 “(A) to reduce the likelihood that repeat
22 offenses will escape the notice of supervisors
23 and commanders; and

24 “(B) to help inform commissioning or
25 promotability of the member;

1 “(3) LIMITATION ON PLACEMENT.—A notation
2 under paragraph (1) may not be placed in the re-
3 stricted section of the personnel service record of a
4 member.

5 “(4) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sub-
6 section may be construed to prohibit or limit the ca-
7 pacity of a member of the Coast Guard to challenge
8 or appeal the placement of a notation, or location of
9 placement of a notation, in the personnel service
10 record of the member in accordance with procedures
11 otherwise applicable to such challenges or appeals.

12 “(b) COMMAND REVIEW OF HISTORY OF COVERED
13 MISCONDUCT.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Under policy to be pre-
15 scribed by the Secretary, the commanding officer of
16 a unit or facility to which a covered member is as-
17 signed or transferred shall review the history of cov-
18 ered misconduct as documented in the personnel
19 service record of a covered member in order to be-
20 come familiar with such history of the covered mem-
21 ber.

22 “(2) COVERED MEMBER DEFINED.—In this
23 subsection, the term ‘covered member’ means a
24 member of the Coast Guard who, at the time of as-
25 signment or transfer as described in paragraph (1),

1 has a history of 1 or more covered misconduct of-
 2 fenses as documented in the personnel service record
 3 of such member or such other records or files as the
 4 Commandant shall specify in the policy prescribed
 5 under subparagraph (A).

6 “(c) REVIEW OF PERSONNEL SERVICE RECORD TO
 7 DETERMINE SUITABILITY FOR CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.—
 8 Under policy to be prescribed by the Secretary, the Com-
 9 mandant shall establish procedures that are consistent
 10 with the law, policies, and practices of the Department of
 11 Defense in effect on the date of enactment of the Coast
 12 Guard Authorization Act of 2025 to consider and review
 13 the personnel service record of a former member of the
 14 Armed Forces to determine the suitability of the individual
 15 for civilian employment in the Coast Guard.”.

16 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 17 ter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—

18 (1) by striking the item relating to section 2521
 19 and inserting the following:

“2531. Advisory Board on Women in the Coast Guard.”; and

20 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
 21 tion 2520 (as added by this Act) the following:

“2521. Inclusion and command review of information on covered misconduct in
 personnel service records.”.

1 **SEC. 5427. FLAG OFFICER REVIEW OF, AND CONCURRENCE**
2 **IN, SEPARATION OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE RE-**
3 **PORTED SEXUAL MISCONDUCT.**

4 (a) **POLICY TO REQUIRE REVIEW OF CERTAIN PRO-**
5 **POSED INVOLUNTARY SEPARATIONS.**—Not later than 120
6 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-
7 mandant shall establish, with respect to any proposed in-
8 voluntary separation under chapter 59 of title 10, United
9 States Code, a Coast Guard policy to review the cir-
10 cumstances of, and grounds for, such a proposed involun-
11 tary separation of any member of the Coast Guard who—

12 (1) made a restricted or unrestricted report of
13 covered misconduct (as such term is defined in sec-
14 tion 2519 of title 14, United States Code);

15 (2) within 2 years after making such a report,
16 is recommended for involuntary separation from the
17 Coast Guard; and

18 (3) requests the review on the grounds that the
19 member believes the recommendation for involuntary
20 separation from the Coast Guard was initiated in re-
21 taliation for making the report.

22 (b) **RECUSAL.**—

23 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The policy established under
24 subsection (a) shall set forth a process for the
25 recusal of commanding officers and the flag officer
26 described in subsection (c)(2) from making initial or

1 subsequent decisions on proposed separations or
2 from reviewing proposed separations.

3 (2) CRITERIA.—The recusal process established
4 under paragraph (1) shall specify criteria for
5 recusal, including mandatory recusal from making a
6 decision on a proposed separation, and from review-
7 ing a proposed separation, if the commanding officer
8 or the flag officer described in subsection (c)(2) was,
9 at any time—

10 (A) the subject of a complaint of any form
11 of assault, harassment, or retaliation, filed by
12 the member of the Coast Guard described in
13 subsection (a) who is the subject of a proposed
14 involuntary separation or whose proposed sepa-
15 ration is under review; or

16 (B) associated with the individual sus-
17 pected or accused of perpetrating the incident
18 of covered misconduct reported by such mem-
19 ber.

20 (c) CONCURRENCE OF FLAG OFFICER REQUIRED.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The policy established under
22 subsection (a) shall require the concurrence of the
23 flag officer described in paragraph (2) in order to
24 separate the member of the Coast Guard described
25 in such subsection.

1 (2) FLAG OFFICER DESCRIBED.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
3 subparagraph (B), the flag officer described in
4 this paragraph is—

5 (i) the Deputy Commandant for Mis-
6 sion Support or the successor Vice Admiral
7 that oversees personnel policy; or

8 (ii) a designee of the Deputy Com-
9 mandant for Mission Support (or the suc-
10 cessor Vice Admiral that oversees per-
11 sonnel policy) who is in a grade not lower
12 than O-7.

13 (B) CHAIN OF COMMAND EXCEPTION.—In
14 the case of a member of the Coast Guard de-
15 scribed in subsection (a) who is in the imme-
16 diate chain of command of the Deputy Com-
17 mandant for Mission Support or the successor
18 Vice Admiral that oversees personnel policy or
19 the designee of the Deputy Commandant for
20 Mission Support or the successor Vice Admiral
21 that oversees personnel policy, the flag officer
22 described in this paragraph is a flag officer out-
23 side the chain of command of such member, as
24 determined by the Commandant consistent with
25 the policy established under subsection (a).

1 (d) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—Any member of the
 2 Coast Guard who has made a report of covered misconduct
 3 and who receives a proposal for involuntary separation
 4 shall be notified at the time of such proposal of the right
 5 of the member to a review under this section.

6 **SEC. 5428. EXPEDITED TRANSFER IN CASES OF SEXUAL**
 7 **MISCONDUCT OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.**

8 (a) EXPEDITED TRANSFER POLICY UPDATE.—Not
 9 later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this
 10 Act, the Commandant shall update Coast Guard policy as
 11 necessary to implement—

12 (1) an expedited transfer process for covered in-
 13 dividuals consistent with—

14 (A) Department of Defense policy on expe-
 15 dited transfers of victims of sexual assault or
 16 domestic violence in place on the date of enact-
 17 ment of this Act; and

18 (B) subsection (b); and

19 (2) a process by which—

20 (A) a covered individual, the commanding
 21 officer of a covered individual, or any other
 22 Coast Guard official may initiate a request that
 23 a subject be administratively assigned to an-
 24 other unit in accordance with military assign-
 25 ments and authorized absence policy for the du-

1 ration of the investigation and, if applicable,
2 prosecution of such subject;

3 (B) the Coast Guard shall ensure that any
4 administrative assignment action in response to
5 a request under subparagraph (A) will be taken
6 not as a punitive measure, but solely for the
7 purpose of maintaining good order and dis-
8 cipline within the unit of the covered individual
9 or the subject; and

10 (C) protection of due process for the sub-
11 ject is preserved.

12 (b) RECUSAL.—The expedited transfer process imple-
13 mented under this section shall require the recusal of any
14 official involved in the approval or denial of an expedited
15 transfer request if the official was, at any time—

16 (1) the subject of a complaint of any form of
17 assault, harassment, or retaliation, or any other type
18 of complaint, filed by the covered individual; or

19 (2) associated, beyond workplace interactions,
20 with the subject in a manner that may present an
21 actual or apparent conflict of interest.

22 (c) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—With respect to
23 a member of the Coast Guard who makes an unrestricted
24 report of sexual assault or a report of domestic violence,
25 the updated policy required under subsection (a) shall

1 specify the appropriate officials of the Coast Guard who
2 shall provide such member with information regarding ex-
3 pedited transfer authority.

4 (d) REPORT.—

5 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than March 1
6 of the year that is not less than 1 year after the
7 date on which the updates required under subsection
8 (a) are completed, the Commandant shall submit to
9 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
10 portation of the Senate and the Committee on
11 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
12 Representatives, as an enclosure or appendix to the
13 report required by section 5112 of title 14, United
14 States Code, a report on such updates that in-
15 cludes—

16 (A) a copy of the updated policies of the
17 Coast Guard relating to expedited transfers;

18 (B) a summary of such updated policies;

19 (C) for the preceding year, the number of
20 covered individuals who have requested an expe-
21 dited transfer, disaggregated by gender of the
22 requester and whether the request was granted
23 or denied;

1 (D) for each denial of an expedited trans-
2 fer request during the preceding year, a de-
3 scription of the rationale for the denial; and

4 (E) any other matter the Commandant
5 considers appropriate.

6 (2) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—Not later than 1
7 year after the Commandant submits the report re-
8 quired under paragraph (1), and annually thereafter
9 for 3 years, the Commandant shall submit to the
10 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
11 tation of the Senate and the Committee on Trans-
12 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
13 resentatives, as an enclosure or appendix to the re-
14 port required by section 5112 of title 14, United
15 States Code, a report on the updates required under
16 subsection (a) that includes—

17 (A) any policies of the Coast Guard relat-
18 ing to expedited transfers that have been up-
19 dated since the previous report submitted under
20 this subsection;

21 (B) a summary of any such updated poli-
22 cies; and

23 (C) the information described under sub-
24 paragraphs (C) through (E) of paragraph (1).

25 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “covered
2 individual” means—

3 (A) a member of the Coast Guard who is
4 a victim of sexual assault in a case handled
5 under the Sexual Assault Prevention, Response,
6 and Recovery Program or the Family Advocacy
7 Program;

8 (B) a member of the Coast Guard who is
9 a victim of domestic violence (as defined by the
10 Secretary of the department in which the Coast
11 Guard is operating in the policies prescribed
12 under this section) committed by the spouse or
13 intimate partner of the member, regardless of
14 whether the spouse or intimate partner is a
15 member of the Coast Guard; and

16 (C) a member of the Coast Guard whose
17 dependent is a victim of sexual assault or do-
18 mestic violence.

19 (2) SUBJECT.—The term “subject” means a
20 member of the Coast Guard who is the subject of an
21 investigation related to alleged incidents of sexual
22 assault or domestic violence and is stationed at the
23 same installation as, or in close proximity to, the
24 covered individual involved.

1 **SEC. 5429. ACCESS TO TEMPORARY SEPARATION PROGRAM**
2 **FOR VICTIMS OF ALLEGED SEX-RELATED OF-**
3 **FENSES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall up-
6 date the Coast Guard policy relating to temporary separa-
7 tion of members of the Coast Guard who are victims of
8 alleged sex-related offenses as required under subsection
9 (b).

10 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—The updated policy required under
11 subsection (a) shall include—

12 (1) a provision that allows a member of the
13 Coast Guard to request to participate in the tem-
14 porary separation program if the member has re-
15 ported, in an unrestricted format or to the greatest
16 extent practicable, a restricted format, being the vic-
17 tim of an alleged sex-related offense on a date that
18 is during—

19 (A) the 5-year period preceding the re-
20 quested date of separation; and

21 (B) the military service of the member;

22 (2) a provision that provides eligibility for a
23 member of the Coast Guard to request temporary
24 separation if the member has reported being the vic-
25 tim of an alleged sex-related offense, even if—

1 (A) the member has had a previous tem-
2 porary separation including a previous tem-
3 porary separation as the victim of a previous
4 unrelated alleged sex-related offense; or

5 (B) the enlistment period of the member is
6 not nearing expiration or the tour or contract
7 of the member is not nearing completion;

8 (3) an updated standard of review consistent
9 with the application of, and purposes of, this section;
10 and

11 (4) the establishment of a process—

12 (A) for eligible members to make requests
13 for temporary separation under this section;
14 and

15 (B) that allows the Commandant to con-
16 sider whether to allow a member granted tem-
17 porary separation under this section to fulfill
18 the enlistment period or tour or contract obliga-
19 tion of the member after the end of the tem-
20 porary separation period.

21 (c) EXCEPTION FROM REPAYMENT OF BONUSES, IN-
22 CENTIVE PAY, OR SIMILAR BENEFITS AND TERMINATION
23 OF REMAINING PAYMENTS.—For any temporary separa-
24 tion granted under the updated policy required under sub-
25 section (a), the Secretary concerned may conduct a review

1 to determine whether to exercise discretion in accordance
2 with section 373(b)(1) of title 37, United States Code.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
5 retary concerned” has the meaning given such term
6 in section 101 of title 37, United States Code.

7 (2) SEX-RELATED OFFENSE.—The term “sex-
8 related offense” has the meaning given such term in
9 section 1044e(h) of title 10, United States Code.

10 **SEC. 5430. POLICY AND PROGRAM TO EXPAND PREVENTION**
11 **OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
13 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall de-
14 velop and issue a comprehensive policy for the Coast
15 Guard to reinvigorate the prevention of misconduct involv-
16 ing members and civilians of the Coast Guard that con-
17 tains the policy elements described in section 1561 of title
18 10, United States Code.

19 (b) PROGRAMS REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
20 after the issuance of the policy required under paragraph
21 (1), the Commandant shall develop and implement for the
22 Coast Guard a program to reinvigorate the prevention of
23 misconduct involving members and civilians of the Coast
24 Guard.

1 **SEC. 5431. CONTINUOUS VETTING OF SECURITY CLEAR-**
2 **ANCES.**

3 Section 1564(c) of title 10, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)—

6 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
7 (A) by inserting “, and the Secretary of Home-
8 land Security shall conduct an investigation or
9 adjudication under subsection (a) of any indi-
10 vidual described in paragraph (3),” after “para-
11 graph (2)”; and

12 (B) in subparagraph (A)(iv) by striking
13 “the Secretary” and inserting “the Secretary of
14 Defense or the Secretary of Homeland Security,
15 as the case may be,”;

16 (2) in paragraph (2) by inserting “(other than
17 an individual described in paragraph (3))” after “is
18 an individual”;

19 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as
20 paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively;

21 (4) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
22 lowing new paragraph:

23 “(3) An individual described in this paragraph is an
24 individual who has a security clearance and is—

25 “(A) a flag officer of the Coast Guard; or

1 “(B) an employee of the Coast Guard in the
2 Senior Executive Service.”; and

3 (5) in paragraph (4), as redesignated by para-
4 graph (3), by striking “Secretary” and all that fol-
5 lows through “paragraph (2)” and inserting the fol-
6 lowing: “Secretary of Defense, in the case of an indi-
7 vidual described in paragraph (2), and the Secretary
8 of Homeland Security, in the case of an individual
9 described in paragraph (3), shall ensure that rel-
10 evant information on the conviction or determination
11 described in paragraph (1) of such an individual”.

12 **SEC. 5432. TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR**
13 **COVERED MISCONDUCT PREVENTION AND**
14 **RESPONSE.**

15 (a) MODIFICATION OF CURRICULUM.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
17 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
18 shall revise the curriculum of the Coast Guard with
19 respect to covered misconduct prevention and re-
20 sponse training—

21 (A) to include—

22 (i) information on procedures and re-
23 sponsibilities with respect to reporting re-
24 quirements, investigations, survivor health
25 and safety (including expedited transfers,

1 no-contact orders, military and civilian
2 protective orders, and temporary separa-
3 tions), and whistleblower protections;

4 (ii) information on Department of
5 Veterans Affairs resources available to vet-
6 erans, active-duty personnel, and reserve
7 personnel;

8 (iii) information on the right of any
9 member of the Coast Guard to seek legal
10 resources outside the Coast Guard;

11 (iv) general information regarding the
12 availability of legal resources provided by
13 civilian legal services organizations, pre-
14 sented in an organized and consistent
15 manner that does not endorse any par-
16 ticular legal services organization; and

17 (v) information on the capability, op-
18 erations, reporting structure, and require-
19 ments with respect to the Chief Prosecutor
20 of the Coast Guard; and

21 (B) to address the workforce training rec-
22 ommendations set forth in the memorandum of
23 the Coast Guard titled “Commandant’s Di-
24 rected Actions—Accountability and Trans-
25 parency”, issued on November 27, 2023.

1 (2) COLLABORATION.—In revising the cur-
 2 riculum under this subsection, the Commandant
 3 shall solicit input from individuals outside the Coast
 4 Guard who are experts in sexual assault and sexual
 5 harassment prevention and response training.

6 (b) COVERED MISCONDUCT PREVENTION AND RE-
 7 SPONSE TRAINING AND EDUCATION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
 9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
 10 shall ensure that all members and civilian employees
 11 of the Coast Guard are provided with annual covered
 12 misconduct prevention and response training and
 13 education for the purpose of strengthening indi-
 14 vidual knowledge, skills, and capacity relating to the
 15 prevention of and response to covered misconduct.

16 (2) SCOPE.—The training and education re-
 17 ferred to in paragraph (1)—

18 (A) shall be provided as part of—

19 (i) initial entry and accession training;

20 (ii) annual refresher training;

21 (iii) initial and recurring training
 22 courses for covered first responders;

23 (iv) new and prospective commanding
 24 officer and executive officer training; and

25 (v) specialized leadership training; and

1 (B) shall be tailored for specific leadership
2 levels, positions, pay grades, and roles.

3 (3) CONTENT.—The training and education re-
4 ferred to in paragraph (1) shall include the informa-
5 tion described in subsection (a)(1)(A).

6 (c) COVERED FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
8 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
9 shall ensure that—

10 (A) training for covered first responders
11 includes the covered misconduct prevention and
12 response training described in subsection (b);
13 and

14 (B) such covered misconduct prevention
15 and response training is provided to covered
16 first responders on a recurring basis.

17 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In addition to the infor-
18 mation described in subsection (a)(1)(A), the initial
19 and recurring covered misconduct prevention and re-
20 sponse training for covered first responders shall in-
21 clude information on procedures and responsibilities
22 with respect to—

23 (A) the provision of care to a victim of cov-
24 ered misconduct, in accordance with profes-
25 sional standards or practice, that accounts for

1 trauma experienced by the victim and associ-
2 ated symptoms or events that may exacerbate
3 such trauma; and

4 (B) the manner in which such a victim
5 may receive such care.

6 (d) TRAINING FOR PROSPECTIVE COMMANDING OF-
7 FICERS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months
9 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-
10 mandant shall ensure that training for prospective
11 commanders and executive officers at all levels of
12 command includes the covered misconduct preven-
13 tion and response training described in subsection
14 (b).

15 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In addition to the infor-
16 mation described in subsection (a)(1)(A), the cov-
17 ered misconduct prevention and response training
18 for prospective commanding officers and executive
19 officers shall be—

20 (A) tailored to the responsibilities and
21 leadership requirements of members of the
22 Coast Guard as they are assigned to command
23 positions; and

24 (B) revised, as necessary, to include infor-
25 mation on—

- 1 (i) fostering a command climate—
2 (I) that does not tolerate covered
3 misconduct;
4 (II) in which individuals assigned
5 to the command are encouraged to in-
6 tervene to prevent potential incidents
7 of covered misconduct; and
8 (III) that encourages victims of
9 covered misconduct to report any inci-
10 dent of covered misconduct;
11 (ii) the possible variations in the ef-
12 fect of trauma on individuals who have ex-
13 perience covered misconduct;
14 (iii) potential differences in the proce-
15 dures and responsibilities, Department of
16 Veterans Affairs resources, and legal re-
17 sources described in subsection (a)(1)(A)
18 depending on the operating environment in
19 which an incident of covered misconduct
20 occurred;
21 (iv) the investigation of alleged inci-
22 dents of covered misconduct, including
23 training on understanding evidentiary
24 standards;

1 (v) available disciplinary options, in-
2 cluding administrative action and deferral
3 of discipline for collateral misconduct, and
4 examples of disciplinary options in civilian
5 jurisdictions; and

6 (vi) the capability, operations, report-
7 ing structure, and requirements with re-
8 spect to the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast
9 Guard.

10 (e) ENTRY AND ACCESSION TRAININGS.—

11 (1) INITIAL TRAINING.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year
13 after the date of enactment of this Act, the
14 Commandant shall provide for the inclusion of
15 an initial covered misconduct prevention and re-
16 sponse training module in the training for each
17 new member of the Coast Guard, which shall be
18 provided not later than 14 duty days after the
19 date of accession.

20 (B) REQUIREMENT.—In addition to the in-
21 formation described in subsection (a)(1)(A), the
22 initial training module referred to in subpara-
23 graph (A) shall include a comprehensive expla-
24 nation of Coast Guard—

- 1 (i) policy with respect to covered mis-
2 conduct; and
3 (ii) procedures for reporting covered
4 misconduct.

5 (2) SUBSEQUENT TRAINING.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall
7 provide for the inclusion of a detailed covered
8 misconduct prevention and response training
9 module in the training for each new member of
10 the Coast Guard, which shall be provided not
11 later than 60 duty days after the date on which
12 the initial training module described in para-
13 graph (1)(A) is provided.

14 (B) CONTENT.—The detailed training
15 module referred to in subparagraph (A) shall
16 include the information described in subsection
17 (a)(1)(A).

18 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) COVERED FIRST RESPONDER.—The term
20 “covered first responder” includes sexual assault re-
21 sponse coordinators, victim advocates, Coast Guard
22 medical officers, Coast Guard security forces, Coast
23 Guard Investigative Service agents, judge advocates,
24 special victims’ counsel, chaplains, and related per-
25 sonnel.

(2) COVERED MISCONDUCT.—The term “covered misconduct” has the meaning given such term in section 2519 of title 14, United States Code.

TITLE LV—COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORTS

SEC. 5501. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON COAST GUARD RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND IN- NOVATION 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 pro-

1 gram, and for the activities and projects of such pro-
2 gram, in alignment with the appropriate fiscal year.

3 (3) An assessment of the manner in which the
4 Coast Guard determines desired outcomes, and
5 measures the impact, of successful projects on the
6 execution of the operations and mission of the Coast
7 Guard.

8 (4) An assessment of the manner in which the
9 Coast Guard evaluates impacts and benefits of part-
10 nerships between the Coast Guard and the Depart-
11 ment of Defense and other entities, and a descrip-
12 tion of the extent to which and manner in which the
13 Coast Guard is leveraging such benefits and identi-
14 fying and managing any potential challenge.

15 (5) An analysis of the manner in which the
16 Commandant is working with partners to accelerate
17 project transition from research, testing, evaluation,
18 and prototype to production.

19 (6) An assessment of the manner in which the
20 authority to enter into transactions other than con-
21 tracts and grants pursuant to sections 719 and 1158
22 of title 14, United States Code, has been exercised
23 by the Commandant, and a description of any train-
24 ing or resources necessary (including additional

1 agreements for officers and training) to more fully
2 exercise such authority.

3 (7) An evaluation of the role of the Blue Tech
4 Center of Expertise established in section 302 of the
5 Coast Guard Blue Technology Center of Expertise
6 Act (Public Law 115–265).

7 (8) Recommendations regarding authorization,
8 personnel, infrastructure, and other requirements
9 necessary for the expeditious transition of tech-
10 nologies developed under such program from proto-
11 type to production in the field.

12 (c) CONSULTATION.—In developing the report re-
13 quired under subsection (a), the Comptroller General may
14 consult with—

15 (1) the maritime and aviation industries;

16 (2) the Secretary of Defense;

17 (3) the intelligence community; and

18 (4) any relevant—

19 (A) federally funded research institutions;

20 (B) nongovernmental organizations; and

21 (C) institutions of higher education.

1 **SEC. 5502. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON VESSEL**
2 **TRAFFIC SERVICE CENTER EMPLOYMENT,**
3 **COMPENSATION, AND RETENTION.**

4 (a) DEFINITION OF VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE CEN-
5 TER.—In this section, the term “vessel traffic service cen-
6 ter” has the meaning given the term in section 70001(m)
7 of title 46, United States Code.

8 (b) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
10 of the United States shall commence a study on employ-
11 ment compensation, competitiveness, assignment, and re-
12 tention of civilian and military personnel assigned to or
13 otherwise employed at vessel traffic service centers in the
14 United States.

15 (c) ELEMENTS.—The study required under sub-
16 section (b) shall include the following:

17 (1) An assessment of the extent to which the
18 classification, assignment, selection, and pay rates of
19 personnel assigned to or otherwise employed at ves-
20 sel traffic service centers are commensurate with the
21 required experience, duties, safety functions, and re-
22 sponsibilities of such positions.

23 (2) An assessment of the appropriate classifica-
24 tion, assignment, selection, and pay rate, as well as
25 nonmonetary employment incentives, that would fos-
26 ter a robust and competitive civilian candidate pool

1 for employment opportunities in civilian positions at
2 vessel traffic service centers.

3 (3) An analysis of the average civilian employ-
4 ment retention rate and average term of employment
5 of civilian personnel, by position, at vessel traffic
6 service centers.

7 (4) An analysis of existing special payments, as
8 discussed in the report by the Government Account-
9 ability Office entitled “Federal Pay: Opportunities
10 Exist to Enhance Strategic Use of Special Pay-
11 ments” (published December 7, 2017; GAO–18–91),
12 that may be available to personnel assigned to or
13 otherwise employed at vessel traffic service centers.

14 (5) An evaluation of all assignment parameters
15 and civilian hiring authority codes used by the Coast
16 Guard in assigning and hiring personnel assigned to
17 or otherwise employed at vessel traffic service cen-
18 ters.

19 (6) An analysis of whether opportunities exist
20 to refine, consolidate, or expand Coast Guard civil-
21 ian hiring authorities for purposes of hiring per-
22 sonnel at the vessel traffic service centers.

23 (7) An assessment of the ability of the composi-
24 tion, as in effect on the first day of the study, of
25 military and civilian personnel assigned to or other-

1 wise employed at vessel traffic service centers to en-
2 sure safety on the waterways and to manage increas-
3 ing demand for vessel traffic services, taking into ac-
4 count the ranks and grades of such personnel, the
5 respective experience levels and training of such per-
6 sonnel, and the respective duties, safety functions,
7 and responsibilities of such personnel.

8 (8) An assessment of, and recommendations to
9 improve, the Coast Guard's efforts to support the
10 career progression of and advancement opportunities
11 for officers and enlisted members of the Coast
12 Guard assigned to vessel traffic service centers.

13 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after com-
14 mencing the study required under subsection (b), the
15 Comptroller General shall submit to the Committee on
16 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and
17 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
18 the House of Representatives a report on the findings of
19 the study.

20 **SEC. 5503. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW OF QUALITY**
21 **AND AVAILABILITY OF COAST GUARD BEHAV-**
22 **IORAL HEALTH CARE AND RESOURCES FOR**
23 **PERSONNEL WELLNESS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
25 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General

1 of the United States shall commence a review of the qual-
2 ity and availability of behavioral health care and related
3 resources for Coast Guard personnel at the locations de-
4 scribed in subsection (b).

5 (b) LOCATIONS TO BE REVIEWED.—In conducting
6 the review under subsection (a), the Comptroller General
7 shall—

8 (1) first review the practices and policies relat-
9 ing to the availability of behavioral health care and
10 related resources at Training Center Cape May; and

11 (2) review such practices and policies at—

12 (A) the Coast Guard Academy, including
13 Officer Candidate School; and

14 (B) other Coast Guard training locations,
15 as applicable.

16 (c) ELEMENTS.—The review conducted under sub-
17 section (a) shall include, for each location described in
18 subsection (b), an assessment, and a description of avail-
19 able trend information (as applicable) for the 10-year pe-
20 riod preceding the date of the review, with respect to each
21 of the following:

22 (1) The nature of Coast Guard resources di-
23 rected toward behavioral health services at the loca-
24 tion.

1 (2) The manner in which the Coast Guard has
2 managed treatment for recruits, cadets, officer can-
3 didates, or other personnel who may be experiencing
4 a behavioral health crisis at the location (including
5 individuals who have transferred to other buildings
6 or facilities within the location).

7 (3) The extent to which the Coast Guard has
8 identified the resources, such as physical spaces and
9 facilities, necessary to manage behavioral health
10 challenges and crises that Coast Guard personnel
11 may face at the location.

12 (4) The behavioral health screenings required
13 by the Coast Guard for recruits, cadets, officer can-
14 didates, or other personnel at the location, and the
15 manner in which such screenings compare with
16 screenings required by the Department of Defense
17 for military recruits, service academy cadets, officer
18 candidates, or other personnel at military service ac-
19 cession points.

20 (5) Whether the Coast Guard has assessed the
21 adequacy of behavioral health resources and services
22 for recruits, cadets, officer candidates, and other
23 personnel at the location, and if so, the additional
24 services and resources (such as resilience and life

1 skills coaching), if any, needed to address any poten-
2 tial gaps.

3 (6) The manner in which the Coast Guard man-
4 ages care transfers related to behavior health at the
5 location, including command and other management
6 input and privacy policies.

7 (7) The extent to which the Coast Guard has
8 evaluated contributing factors or reasons for behav-
9 ioral health crises experienced by newly enlisted per-
10 sonnel, cadets, officer candidates, or other personnel
11 at the location.

12 (8) The extent to which the Coast Guard has
13 addressed, at the location, provider care staffing
14 standards and credentialing deficiencies identified in
15 the report of the Comptroller General titled “Coast
16 Guard Health Care: Improvements Needed for De-
17 termining Staffing Needs and Monitoring Access to
18 Care”, issued on February 4, 2022.

19 (d) REPORTS.—The Comptroller General shall sub-
20 mit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
21 portation of the Senate and the Committee on Transpor-
22 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
23 tives—

24 (1) as soon as practicable but not later than 1
25 year after the date of enactment of this Act, a re-

port 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. 5504. 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 the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall commence a study assessing the efforts of the Commandant—

1 (1) to reduce the prevalence of missing or in-
2 complete medical records;

3 (2) to share medical data of members of the
4 Coast Guard with the Department of Veterans Af-
5 fairs; and

6 (3) to ensure that electronic health records are
7 provided in a format that is user friendly and easy
8 to access.

9 (b) ELEMENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-
10 section (a), the Comptroller General shall review the fol-
11 lowing:

12 (1) The steps the Commandant has taken to re-
13 duce the prevalence of missing or incomplete medical
14 records of members of the Coast Guard.

15 (2) How implementation of an electronic health
16 record system has affected the ability of the Com-
17 mandant to manage health records of members of
18 the Coast Guard, including—

19 (A) how the Commandant adds records
20 from private medical providers to the electronic
21 health record system;

22 (B) the progress of the Commandant to-
23 ward implementing the electronic health record
24 system in shipboard sick bays of the Coast
25 Guard;

1 (C) how the Coast Guard shares medical
2 records with the Department of Veterans Af-
3 fairs; and

4 (D) any other matter the Comptroller Gen-
5 eral considers appropriate with respect to med-
6 ical record storage, use, and sharing and the
7 associated consequences for member health and
8 well-being.

9 (3) The ability of members of the Coast Guard,
10 medical professionals of the Coast Guard and of the
11 Department of Defense, personnel of the Depart-
12 ment of Veterans Affairs, and other personnel to ac-
13 cess and search, as appropriate, the electronic health
14 records of individuals, including the ability to search
15 or quickly find information within electronic health
16 records.

17 (c) REPORT.—Upon completion of the study under
18 subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall submit to the
19 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
20 the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and In-
21 frastructure of the House of Representatives a report con-
22 taining the results of the study under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 5505. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON COAST**
2 **GUARD TRAINING FACILITY INFRASTRUC-**
3 **TURE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
6 of the United States shall commence a study on Coast
7 Guard training facility infrastructure, including the spe-
8 cific needs of the Coast Guard training facilities described
9 in subsection (c).

10 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study required under sub-
11 section (a) shall include the following:

12 (1) With respect to each Coast Guard training
13 facility described in subsection (c)—

14 (A) a summary of capital needs, including
15 construction and repair;

16 (B) a summary of equipment upgrade
17 backlogs;

18 (C) an assessment of necessary improve-
19 ments, including improvements to essential
20 training equipment (including swimming pools,
21 operational simulators, and marksmanship
22 training ranges) to enable the Coast Guard to
23 achieve all operational training objectives;

24 (D) a description of the resources nec-
25 essary to fully address all training needs;

1 (E) an assessment of any security defi-
2 ciency, including with respect to base access,
3 training facility access, and trainee berthing
4 area access;

5 (F) an identification of any exposed hazard
6 that does not serve a training purpose;

7 (G) an identification of the presence of
8 hazardous or toxic materials, including—

9 (i) lead-based paint;

10 (ii) asbestos or products that contain
11 asbestos;

12 (iii) black mold;

13 (iv) radon; and

14 (v) contaminated drinking water; and

15 (H) an assessment of the need for, and es-
16 timated cost of, remediation of such toxic mate-
17 rials.

18 (2) An evaluation of the process used by the
19 Coast Guard to identify, monitor, and construct
20 Coast Guard training facilities.

21 (c) COAST GUARD TRAINING FACILITIES DE-
22 SCRIBED.—The Coast Guard training facilities described
23 in this subsection are the following:

24 (1) The Coast Guard Academy in New London,
25 Connecticut.

1 (2) The Leadership Development Center in
2 New London, Connecticut.

3 (3) Training Center Cape May, New Jersey.

4 (4) Training Center Petaluma, California.

5 (5) Training Center Yorktown, Virginia.

6 (6) The Maritime Law Enforcement Academy
7 in Charleston, South Carolina.

8 (7) The Special Missions Training Center at
9 Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

10 (8) The Gulf Regional Fisheries Training Cen-
11 ter (GRFTC) in New Orleans, Louisiana.

12 (9) The North Pacific Regional Fisheries
13 Training Center (NPRFTC) in Kodiak, Alaska.

14 (10) The Northeast Regional Fisheries Train-
15 ing Center (NRFTC) at Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

16 (11) The Southeast Regional Fisheries Training
17 Center (SRFTC) in Charleston, South Carolina.

18 (12) The Pacific Regional Fisheries Training
19 Center (PRFTC) in Alameda, California.

20 (13) The National Motor Lifeboat School at
21 Cape Disappointment, Washington.

22 (14) The Aviation Technical Training Center in
23 Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

24 (15) The Aviation Training Center in Mobile,
25 Alabama.

1 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after com-
2 mencing the study required under subsection (a), the
3 Comptroller General shall submit to the Committee on
4 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and
5 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
6 the House of Representatives a report on the findings of
7 the study.

8 **SEC. 5506. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON FACILITY**
9 **AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS OF COAST**
10 **GUARD STATIONS CONDUCTING BORDER SE-**
11 **CURITY OPERATIONS.**

12 (a) STUDY.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
14 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comp-
15 troller General of the United States shall commence
16 a study on the facility and infrastructure needs of
17 the Coast Guard stations and units described in
18 paragraph (3).

19 (2) ELEMENTS.—The study required under
20 paragraph (1) shall include, with respect to each
21 Coast Guard station and unit described in para-
22 graph (3), the following:

23 (A) An assessment of capital needs, includ-
24 ing personnel capacity, construction, and repair.

1 (B) An assessment of equipment upgrade
2 backlogs.

3 (C) An identification of any necessary im-
4 provement, including any improvement to oper-
5 ational and training equipment necessary to
6 conduct safe and effective maritime border se-
7 curity operations.

8 (D) An identification of any resource nec-
9 essary to fully address all operational and train-
10 ing needs.

11 (E) An identification of any physical secu-
12 rity deficiency.

13 (F) An identification of any exposed haz-
14 ard.

15 (G) An identification of the presence of
16 any hazardous or toxic material, including—

17 (i) lead-based paint;

18 (ii) asbestos or any product that con-
19 tains asbestos;

20 (iii) black mold;

21 (iv) radon; and

22 (v) contaminated drinking water.

23 (H) An assessment of the need for, and es-
24 timated cost of, remediation of any toxic mate-
25 rial identified under subparagraph (G).

1 (3) COAST GUARD STATIONS DESCRIBED.—The
2 Coast Guard stations and units described in this
3 paragraph are the following:

4 (A) Coast Guard Station South Padre Is-
5 land, Texas.

6 (B) Coast Guard Station Port Aransas,
7 Texas.

8 (C) Coast Guard Station Port O'Connor,
9 Texas.

10 (D) Coast Guard Station Bellingham,
11 Washington.

12 (E) Coast Guard Station Neah Bay, Wash-
13 ington.

14 (F) Coast Guard Station Port Angeles,
15 Washington.

16 (G) Coast Guard Station Ketchikan, Alas-
17 ka.

18 (H) Coast Guard Station San Diego, Cali-
19 fornia.

20 (I) Coast Guard Station Key West, Flor-
21 ida.

22 (J) Coast Guard Station Marathon, Flor-
23 ida.

24 (K) Coast Guard Station Islamorada, Flor-
25 ida.

1 (L) Coast Guard Station Jonesport,
2 Maine.

3 (M) Coast Guard Station Bayfield, Wis-
4 consin.

5 (N) Coast Guard Station Sturgeon Bay,
6 Wisconsin.

7 (O) Coast Guard Marine Safety Detach-
8 ment Santa Barbara.

9 (P) Any other Coast Guard station the
10 Comptroller General considers appropriate.

11 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after com-
12 mencing the study required under subsection (a), the
13 Comptroller General shall submit to the Committee on
14 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, the
15 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
16 House of Representatives, and the Commandant a report
17 on the findings of the study, including any recommenda-
18 tion the Comptroller General considers appropriate.

19 (c) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 180 days after the
20 date on which the report required under subsection (b)
21 is submitted to the Commandant, the Commandant shall
22 provide a briefing to the Committee on Commerce,
23 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Com-
24 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
25 of Representatives on—

1 (1) the actions the Commandant has taken, or
2 has ceased to take, as a result of the findings, in-
3 cluding any recommendation, set forth in the report;
4 and

5 (2) a plan for addressing such findings and any
6 such recommendation.

7 **SEC. 5507. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON COAST**
8 **GUARD BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
10 date on which the Department of Defense issues the re-
11 port on the Fourteenth Quadrennial Review of Military
12 Compensation, the Comptroller General of the United
13 States shall commence a study of Coast Guard involve-
14 ment in, and efforts to support, the determination of the
15 cost of adequate housing and the calculation of the basic
16 allowance for housing under section 403 of title 37, United
17 States Code.

18 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study required under sub-
19 section (a) shall include, to the extent practicable, the fol-
20 lowing:

21 (1) An identification of Coast Guard duty loca-
22 tions in which there is a misalignment between the
23 basic allowance for housing rate and the prevailing
24 housing cost for members of the Coast Guard such
25 that the basic allowance for housing is less than 95

1 percent of the monthly cost of adequate housing for
2 such members in the corresponding military housing
3 area.

4 (2) An analysis of each of the following:

5 (A) Anchor points, including—

6 (i) the methodology for the establish-
7 ment of anchor points; and

8 (ii) with respect to housing provided
9 as part of a public-private venture and
10 Government-owned and Government-leased
11 housing, the disparities between estab-
12 lished anchor points and housing standards
13 across the armed forces (as such term is
14 defined in section 101 of title 10, United
15 States Code).

16 (B) Existing military housing boundary
17 areas that affect the Coast Guard.

18 (C) Actions taken by the Commandant to
19 comprehensively monitor basic allowance for
20 housing rates for Coast Guard duty locations.

21 (D) The frequency of reviews conducted by
22 the Commandant of the site visits used by the
23 Department of Defense to inform military hous-
24 ing area boundaries.

1 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
2 on which the study required under subsection (a) com-
3 mences, the Comptroller General shall submit to the Com-
4 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
5 Senate, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-
6 ture of the House of Representatives, and the Com-
7 mandant a report on the findings of the study, including
8 any recommendation the Comptroller General considers
9 appropriate.

10 (d) PLAN.—Not later than 1 year after the date on
11 which the report required by subsection (c) is submitted
12 to the Commandant, the Commandant shall submit to the
13 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
14 the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and In-
15 frastructure of the House of Representatives—

16 (1) an implementation plan, including time-
17 frames and milestones, addressing any recommenda-
18 tion made by the Comptroller General in such re-
19 port, as the Commandant considers appropriate; and

20 (2) with respect to any recommendation set
21 forth in such report that the Commandant declines
22 to implement, a written justification for the decision.

23 (e) ANCHOR POINT DEFINED.—In this section, the
24 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. 5508. 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, in-

cluding 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

1 prohibit or restrict access to Coast Guard Acad-
2 emy grounds by any current or former member
3 or civilian employee of the Coast Guard who—

4 (i) has been subject to court-martial
5 under the Uniform Code of Military Jus-
6 tice for sexual misconduct; or

7 (ii) has been administratively dis-
8 ciplined for sexual misconduct.

9 (F) Enforcement processes regarding ac-
10 cess to Coast Guard Academy grounds for indi-
11 viduals (including current and former cadets,
12 members, and civilian employees of the Coast
13 Guard) who are or have been subject to a no-
14 contact order relating to—

15 (i) a cadet or member of the faculty
16 of the Academy; or

17 (ii) any other individual with access to
18 Academy grounds.

19 (G) Recommendations to improve—

20 (i) the security of the Coast Guard
21 Academy; and

22 (ii) the safety of—

23 (I) cadets at the Coast Guard
24 Academy; and

1 (II) members of the Coast Guard
2 stationed at, and civilian employees
3 of, the Coast Guard Academy.

4 (b) ACTIONS BY COMMANDANT.—

5 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
6 the date on which the Comptroller General submits
7 the report required under subsection (a), the Com-
8 mandant shall submit to the Committee on Com-
9 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate
10 and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
11 structure of the House of Representatives a report
12 that includes—

13 (A) a detailed plan to improve the security
14 of, and the safety of cadets at, the Coast Guard
15 Academy; and

16 (B) a detailed timeline for implementation
17 of—

18 (i) the recommendations made by the
19 Comptroller General in such report; and

20 (ii) any other safety improvement the
21 Commandant considers appropriate.

22 (2) POLICY.—Not later than 30 days after the
23 date on which the Comptroller General submits the
24 report required under subsection (a), the Com-
25 mandant, in a manner that maintains good order

1 and discipline, shall update Coast Guard policy re-
2 lating to access to the Coast Guard Academy
3 grounds to include procedures by which individuals
4 may be prohibited from accessing the Coast Guard
5 Academy—

6 (A) as the Commandant considers appro-
7 priate; and

8 (B) consistent with the recommendations
9 made by the Comptroller General in such re-
10 port.

11 **SEC. 5509. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON ATHLETIC**
12 **COACHING AT COAST GUARD ACADEMY.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
14 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
15 of the United States, in consultation with the Super-
16 intendent of the Coast Guard Academy, shall commence
17 a study on the number of administratively determined bil-
18 lets for teaching and coaching necessary to support Coast
19 Guard Academy recruitment, intercollegiate athletics,
20 health and physical education, and leadership development
21 programs.

22 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study required under sub-
23 section (a) shall include the following:

24 (1) An identification of the number of full-time
25 and part-time employees performing coaching func-

1 tions at the Coast Guard Academy whose positions
2 are funded by a nonappropriated fund instrumen-
3 tality of the Coast Guard.

4 (2) An identification of the number of full-time
5 and part-time employees whose positions are funded
6 by a nonappropriated fund instrumentality per-
7 forming coaching functions at the following:

8 (A) The United States Military Academy.

9 (B) The United States Naval Academy.

10 (C) The United States Air Force Academy.

11 (D) The United States Merchant Marine
12 Academy.

13 (3) An analysis of the roles performed by ath-
14 letic coaches with respect to officer development at
15 the Coast Guard Academy, including the specific
16 functions of athletic coaches within the health and
17 physical education and leadership development pro-
18 gram curriculums.

19 (4) An identification of any adverse impacts on
20 or deficiencies in cadet training and officer develop-
21 ment resulting from an inadequate number of ad-
22 ministratively determined billets for teaching and
23 coaching at the Coast Guard Academy.

1 (c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study under
2 subsection (a), the Comptroller General may consult a fed-
3 erally funded research and development center.

4 (d) REPORT.—The Comptroller General shall submit
5 to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
6 tation of the Senate and the Committee of Transportation
7 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a re-
8 port on the results of the study conducted under this sec-
9 tion.

10 **SEC. 5510. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY AND REPORT**

11 **ON PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION PROC-**
12 **ESS.**

13 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of
14 enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the
15 United States shall commence a study to evaluate the ef-
16 fectiveness of the permanent change of station process of
17 the Coast Guard.

18 (b) REPORT.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
20 commencing the study required by subsection (a),
21 the Comptroller General shall submit to the Com-
22 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
23 the Senate and the Committee on Transportation
24 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
25 a report on the findings of the study.

1 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
2 graph (1) shall include the following:

3 (A) A description of the permanent change
4 of station policies of the Coast Guard.

5 (B) A description of Coast Guard spending
6 on permanent change of station moves and as-
7 sociated support costs.

8 (C) An evaluation of the effectiveness of
9 using contracted movers for permanent change
10 of station moves, including the estimated costs
11 associated with—

12 (i) lost or damaged personal property
13 of members of the Coast Guard;

14 (ii) delays in scheduling such a move
15 through a contracted mover;

16 (iii) delayed delivery of household
17 goods; and

18 (iv) other related challenges.

19 (D) A review of changes to permanent
20 change of station policies implemented during
21 the 10-year period ending on the date of enact-
22 ment of this Act, and the costs or savings to
23 the Coast Guard directly associated with such
24 changes.

1 (E) Recommendations to improve the per-
 2 manent change of station process of the Coast
 3 Guard.

4 (F) Any additional information or related
 5 matter arising from the study, as the Comp-
 6 troller General considers appropriate.

7 **TITLE LVI—AMENDMENTS**

8 **SEC. 5601. AMENDMENTS.**

9 (a) PROHIBITION ON ENTRY AND OPERATION.—Sec-
 10 tion 70022(b)(1) of title 46, United States Code, is
 11 amended by striking “Federal Register” and inserting
 12 “the Federal Register”.

13 (b) PORT, HARBOR, AND COASTAL FACILITY SECU-
 14 RITY.—Section 70116(b) of title 46, United States Code,
 15 is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (1) by striking “terrorism
 17 cyber” and inserting “terrorism, cyber”; and

18 (2) in paragraph (2) by inserting a comma
 19 after “acts of terrorism”.

20 (c) ENFORCEMENT BY STATE AND LOCAL OFFI-
 21 CERS.—Section 70118(a) of title 46, United States Code,
 22 is amended—

23 (1) by striking “section 1 of title II of the Act
 24 of June 15, 1917 (chapter 30; 50 U.S.C. 191)” and
 25 inserting “section 70051”; and

1 (2) by striking “section 7(b) of the Ports and
2 Waterways Safety Act (33 U.S.C. 1226(b))” and in-
3 serting “section 70116(b)”.

4 (d) CHAPTER 701 DEFINITIONS.—Section 70131(2)
5 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking “section 1 of title II of the Act
7 of June 15, 1917 (50 U.S.C. 191)” and inserting
8 “section 70051”; and

9 (2) by striking “section 7(b) of the Ports and
10 Waterways Safety Act (33 U.S.C. 1226(b))” and in-
11 serting “section 70116(b)”.

12 (e) NOTICE OF ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS FOR VES-
13 SELS ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.—

14 (1) PREPARATORY CONFORMING AMEND-
15 MENT.—Section 70001 of title 46, United States
16 Code, is amended by redesignating subsections (l)
17 and (m) as subsections (m) and (n), respectively.

18 (2) TRANSFER OF PROVISION.—Section 704 of
19 the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act
20 2012 (Public Law 112–213; 46 U.S.C. 70001 note)
21 is—

22 (A) amended by striking “of title 46,
23 United States Code,”;

24 (B) amended by striking “(33 U.S.C. 1223
25 note)” and inserting “(46 U.S.C. 70001 note)”;

1 (C) transferred to appear after 70001(k)
 2 of title 46, United States Code; and

3 (D) redesignated as subsection (l).

4 (f) TITLE 46.—Title 46, United States Code, is
 5 amended as follows:

6 (1) Section 2101(2) is amended by striking
 7 “section 1” and inserting “section 101”.

8 (2) Section 2116(b)(1)(D) is amended by strik-
 9 ing “section 93(c)” and inserting “section 504(c)”.

10 (3) In the analysis for subtitle VII by striking
 11 the period after “70001” in the item relating to
 12 chapter 700.

13 (4) In the analysis for chapter 700 by striking
 14 the item relating to section 70006 and inserting the
 15 following:

“70006. Establishment by Secretary of the department in which the Coast
 Guard is operating of anchorage grounds and regulations gen-
 erally.”.

16 (5) In the heading for subchapter IV in the
 17 analysis for chapter 700 by inserting a comma after
 18 “DEFINITIONS”.

19 (6) In the heading for subchapter VI in the
 20 analysis for chapter 700 by striking “OF THE
 21 UNITED” and inserting “OF UNITED”.

22 (7) Section 70052(e)(1) is amended by striking
 23 “section 4197 of the Revised Statutes of the United

1 States (46 U.S.C. App. 91)” and inserting “section
2 60105”.

3 (g) OIL POLLUTION ACT OF 1990.—The Oil Pollu-
4 tion Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) is amended as
5 follows:

6 (1) Section 1001 (33 U.S.C. 2701) is amend-
7 ed—

8 (A) in paragraph (32)(G) by striking
9 “pipeline” and all that follows through “off-
10 shore facility” and inserting “pipeline, offshore
11 facility”;

12 (B) in paragraph (39) by striking “section
13 101(20)(G)(i)” and inserting “section
14 101(20)(H)(i)”;

15 (C) in paragraph (40) by striking “section
16 101(20)(G)(ii)” and inserting “section
17 101(20)(H)(ii)”;

18 (D)) in paragraph (41) by striking “sec-
19 tion 101(20)(G)(iii)” and inserting “section
20 101(20)(H)(iii)”;

21 (E) in paragraph (42) by striking “section
22 101(20)(G)(iv)” and inserting “section
23 101(20)(H)(iv)”;

1 (F) in paragraph (43) by striking “section
2 101(20)(G)(v)” and inserting “section
3 101(20)(H)(v)”; and

4 (G) in paragraph (44) by striking “section
5 101(20)(G)(vi)” and inserting “section
6 101(20)(H)(vi)”.

7 (2) Section 1003(d)(6) (33 U.S.C. 2703(d)(6))
8 is amended by striking “this paragraph” and insert-
9 ing “this subsection”.

10 (3) Section 1016 (33 U.S.C. 2716) is amend-
11 ed—

12 (A) by redesignating subsections (e)
13 through (i) as subsections (d) through (h), re-
14 spectively; and

15 (B) in subsection (e)(1)(B), as redesign-
16 ated by subparagraph (A), by striking “sub-
17 section (e)” and inserting “subsection (d)”.

18 (4) Section 1012(b)(2) (33 U.S.C. 2712(b)(2))
19 is amended by striking “section 1016(f)(1)” and in-
20 serting “section 1016(e)(1)”.

21 (5) Section 1005(b)(5)(B) (33 U.S.C.
22 2716(b)(5)(B)) is amended by striking “section
23 1016(g)” and inserting “section 2716(f)”.

24 (6) Section 1018(c) (33 U.S.C. 2718(c)) is
25 amended by striking “the Act of March 3, 1851 (46

1 U.S.C. 183 et seq.)” and inserting “chapter 305 of
2 title 46, United States Code”.

3 (7) Section 7001(h)(1) (33 U.S.C. 2761(h)(1))
4 is amended by striking “subsection (c)(4)” and in-
5 serting “subsection (e)(4)”.

6 **TITLE LVII—NATIONAL OCEANIC**
7 **AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINIS-**
8 **TRATION**

9 **Subtitle A—National Oceanic and**
10 **Atmospheric Administration**
11 **Commissioned Officer Corps**

12 **SEC. 5701. TITLE AND QUALIFICATIONS OF HEAD OF NA-**
13 **TIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMIN-**
14 **ISTRATION COMMISSIONED OFFICER CORPS**
15 **AND OFFICE OF MARINE AND AVIATION OP-**
16 **ERATIONS; PROMOTIONS OF FLAG OFFICERS.**

17 (a) TITLE AND QUALIFICATIONS OF HEAD.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 228(c) of the Na-
19 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
20 Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002 (33 U.S.C.
21 3028(c)) is amended—

22 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
23 “CORPS AND OFFICE OF” and inserting “COM-
24 MISSIONED OFFICER CORPS AND ASSISTANT
25 ADMINISTRATOR FOR”;

1 (B) in the second sentence, by striking
2 “serving in” and all that follows through
3 “half)” and inserting “who has served, on the
4 date of such appointment, in the grade of cap-
5 tain or above for not less than one year”; and

6 (C) in the fourth sentence, by striking “Di-
7 rector of the Office of” and inserting “Assistant
8 Administrator of the National Oceanic and At-
9 mospheric Administration for”.

10 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 4(a)
11 of the Commercial Engagement Through Ocean
12 Technology Act of 2018 (33 U.S.C. 4103(a)) is
13 amended by striking “Director of the Office of” and
14 inserting “Assistant Administrator of the National
15 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for”.

16 (b) PROMOTIONS OF FLAG OFFICERS.—Section 226
17 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
18 Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002 (33 U.S.C.
19 3026) is amended—

20 (1) by striking “Appointments” and inserting
21 the following:

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Appointments”;

23 (2) by inserting after “all permanent grades”
24 the following: “, other than a grade described in
25 subsection (b),”; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(b) FLAG OFFICERS.—Appointments in and pro-
3 motions to the grade of rear admiral (upper half) or above
4 shall be made by the President, by and with the advice
5 and consent of the Senate.”.

6 **SEC. 5702. NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMIN-**
7 **ISTRATION VESSEL FLEET.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The NOAA Fleet Modernization
9 Act (33 U.S.C. 891 et seq.) is amended—

10 (1) in section 603 (33 U.S.C. 891a)—

11 (A) in the section heading, by striking
12 “**FLEET**” and all that follows through “**PRO-**
13 **GRAM**” and inserting “**OPERATION AND**
14 **MAINTENANCE OF NOAA FLEET**”; and

15 (B) by striking “is authorized” and all
16 that follows and inserting the following: “, act-
17 ing through the Assistant Administrator of
18 NOAA for Marine and Aviation Operations,
19 shall operate and maintain a fleet of vessels to
20 meet the requirements of NOAA in carrying out
21 the mission and functions of NOAA, subject to
22 the requirements of this title.”;

23 (2) in section 604 (33 U.S.C. 891b)—

24 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “Sec-
25 retary” and all that follows and inserting “Sec-

1 retary, acting through the Assistant Adminis-
2 trator of NOAA for Marine and Aviation Oper-
3 ations, shall develop and submit to the Com-
4 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
5 tation of the Senate and the Committee on Nat-
6 ural Resources and the Committee on Science,
7 Space, and Technology of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives a replacement and modernization
9 plan for the NOAA fleet not later than 180
10 days after the date of the enactment of the
11 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, and
12 every 2 years thereafter.”;

13 (B) by striking subsections (b) and (d);

14 (C) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
15 section (b);

16 (D) in subsection (b), as so redesignated—

17 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “pro-
18 posed” and all that follows and inserting
19 the following: “in operation in the NOAA
20 fleet as of the date of submission of the
21 Plan, a description of the status of those
22 vessels, and a statement of the planned
23 and anticipated service life of those ves-
24 sels;”;

25 (ii) by striking paragraph (6);

1 (iii) by redesignating paragraphs (2),
2 (3), (4), and (5) as paragraphs (4), (5),
3 (6), and (7), respectively;

4 (iv) by inserting after paragraph (1)
5 the following:

6 “(2) a plan with respect to operation, mainte-
7 nance, and replacement of vessels described in para-
8 graph (1), including the schedule for maintenance or
9 replacement and anticipated funding requirements;

10 “(3) the number of vessels proposed to be con-
11 structed by NOAA;”;

12 (v) in paragraph (4), as so redesign-
13 nated, by striking “constructed, leased, or
14 chartered” and inserting “acquired, leased,
15 or chartered by NOAA”;

16 (vi) in paragraph (6), as so redesign-
17 nated—

18 (I) by striking “or any other fed-
19 eral official” and inserting “the Direc-
20 tor of the National Science Founda-
21 tion, or any other Federal official”;
22 and

23 (II) by striking “their avail-
24 ability” and inserting “the availability
25 of those vessels”;

1 (vii) in paragraph (7), as so redesign-
 2 nated, by striking “; and” and inserting a
 3 semicolon; and

4 (viii) by adding at the end the fol-
 5 lowing:

6 “(8) a plan for using small vessels, uncrewed
 7 systems, and partnerships to augment the require-
 8 ments of NOAA for days at sea;

9 “(9) the number of officers of the NOAA com-
 10 missioned officer corps and professional wage mari-
 11 ners needed to operate and maintain the NOAA
 12 fleet, including the vessels identified under para-
 13 graph (3); and

14 “(10) current and potential challenges with
 15 meeting the requirements under paragraph (9) and
 16 proposed solutions to those challenges.”; and

17 (E) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(c) VESSEL PROCUREMENT APPROVAL.—The Na-
 19 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration may not
 20 procure vessels that are more than 65 feet in length with-
 21 out the approval of the Assistant Administrator of NOAA
 22 for Marine and Aviation Operations.”;

23 (3) in section 605 (33 U.S.C. 891c)—

24 (A) in subsection (a), in the matter pre-
 25 ceding paragraph (1), by striking “working

1 through the Office of the NOAA Corps Oper-
2 ations and the Systems Procurement Office”
3 and inserting “acting through the Assistant Ad-
4 ministrator of NOAA for Marine and Aviation
5 Operations”; and

6 (B) in subsection (b)—

7 (i) by striking “shall” and all that fol-
8 lows through “submit to Congress” and in-
9 serting “, acting through the Assistant Ad-
10 ministrator of NOAA for Marine and Avia-
11 tion Operations, shall submit to the Com-
12 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
13 portation of the Senate and the Committee
14 on Natural Resources and the Committee
15 on Science, Space, and Technology of the
16 House of Representatives,”; and

17 (ii) by striking “subsequent”;

18 (4) in section 608 (33 U.S.C. 891f)—

19 (A) by striking subsection (b);

20 (B) by striking “(A) VESSEL AGREE-
21 MENTS.—”; and

22 (C) by inserting after “Secretary” the fol-
23 lowing: “, acting through the Assistant Admin-
24 istrator of NOAA for Marine and Aviation Op-
25 erations,”; and

1 (5) in section 610 (33 U.S.C. 891h)—

2 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “for car-
3 rying” and all that follows and inserting the fol-
4 lowing: “\$93,000,000 for the period of fiscal
5 years 2025 through 2026 to carry out this title
6 and section 302 of the Fisheries Survey Vessel
7 Authorization Act of 2000 (title III of Public
8 Law 106–450; 114 Stat. 1945; 33 U.S.C. 891b
9 note).”; and

10 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “Na-
11 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
12 fleet modernization” and inserting “NOAA fleet
13 modernization,”.

14 (b) FISHERY SURVEY VESSELS.—Section 302(a) of
15 the Fisheries Survey Vessel Authorization Act of 2000
16 (title III of Public Law 106–450; 114 Stat. 1945; 33
17 U.S.C. 891b note) is amended—

18 (1) by striking “may in accordance with this
19 section” and inserting “may”;

20 (2) by striking “up to six”; and

21 (3) by inserting after “this section” the fol-
22 lowing: “and the NOAA Fleet Modernization Act
23 (33 U.S.C. 891 et seq.)”.

24 (c) NOTIFICATIONS OF PROPOSED DEACTIVATION OF
25 VESSELS.—Section 401(b)(4) of the National Oceanic and

1 Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act of 1992
 2 (Public Law 102–567; 106 Stat. 4291; 33 U.S.C. 891b
 3 note) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “(A)” and all that follows
 5 through “The Secretary” and inserting “The Sec-
 6 retary”;

7 (2) by striking “the Committee on Merchant
 8 Marine and Fisheries” and inserting “the Com-
 9 mittee on Natural Resources and the Committee on
 10 Science, Space, and Technology”; and

11 (3) by striking “, if an equivalent” and all that
 12 follows through “deactivation”.

13 **SEC. 5703. COOPERATIVE AVIATION CENTERS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 218 of the National Oce-
 15 anic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Offi-
 16 cer Corps Act of 2002 (33 U.S.C. 3008) is amended—

17 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**AVIA-**
 18 **TION ACCESSION TRAINING PROGRAMS**” and in-
 19 serting “**COOPERATIVE AVIATION CENTERS**”;

20 (2) in subsection (a), by striking paragraphs
 21 (2) and (3) and inserting the following:

22 “(2) COOPERATIVE AVIATION CENTER.—The
 23 term ‘Cooperative Aviation Center’ means a Cooper-
 24 ative Aviation Center designated under subsection
 25 (b)(1).”;

1 (3) in subsection (b)—

2 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
3 “AVIATION ACCESSION TRAINING PROGRAMS”
4 and inserting “COOPERATIVE AVIATION CEN-
5 TERS”;

6 (B) by striking paragraphs (3) and (4);

7 (C) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
8 paragraph (3);

9 (D) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
10 ing the following:

11 “(1) DESIGNATION REQUIRED.—The Adminis-
12 trator shall designate one or more Cooperative Avia-
13 tion Centers for the commissioned officer corps of
14 the Administration at institutions described in para-
15 graph (3).

16 “(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of Cooperative
17 Aviation Centers is to facilitate the development and
18 recruitment of aviators for the commissioned officer
19 corps of the Administration.”; and

20 (E) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated—

21 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
22 graph (A), inserting “that” after “edu-
23 cational institution”;

24 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
25 “that requests” and inserting “applies”;

1 (iii) in subparagraph (B)—

2 (I) by striking “that has” and in-
3 serting “has”; and

4 (II) by striking the semicolon
5 and inserting “; and”;

6 (iv) in subparagraph (C)—

7 (I) by striking “that is located”
8 and inserting “is located”;

9 (II) by striking clause (ii);

10 (III) by striking “that—” and all
11 that follows through “experiences”
12 and inserting “that experiences”; and

13 (IV) by striking “; and” and in-
14 serting a period; and

15 (v) by striking subparagraph (D); and

16 (4) by striking subsections (c), (d), and (e) and
17 inserting the following:

18 “(c) COOPERATIVE AVIATION CENTERS ADVISOR.—

19 “(1) ASSIGNMENT.—The Administrator shall
20 assign an officer or employee of the commissioned
21 officer corps of the Administration to serve as the
22 Cooperative Aviation Centers Advisor.

23 “(2) DUTIES.—The Cooperative Aviation Cen-
24 ters Advisor shall—

1 “(A) coordinate all engagement of the Ad-
 2 ministration with Cooperative Aviation Centers,
 3 including assistance with curriculum develop-
 4 ment; and

5 “(B) serve as the chief aviation recruiting
 6 officer for the commissioned officer corps of the
 7 Administration.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
 9 in section 1 of the Act entitled “An Act to reauthorize
 10 the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, and
 11 for other purposes” (Public Law 107–372) is amended by
 12 striking the item relating to section 218 and inserting the
 13 following:

“Sec. 218.Cooperative Aviation Centers.”.

14 **SEC. 5704. ELIGIBILITY OF FORMER OFFICERS TO COM-**
 15 **PETE FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The National Oceanic and Atmos-
 17 pheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of
 18 2002 (33 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.) is amended by inserting
 19 after section 269B the following new section:

20 **“SEC. 269C. ELIGIBILITY OF FORMER OFFICERS TO COM-**
 21 **PETE FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS.**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An individual who was separated
 23 from the commissioned officer corps of the Administration
 24 under honorable conditions after not fewer than 3 years
 25 of active service may not be denied the opportunity to com-

1 pete for a vacant position with respect to which the agency
 2 in which the position is located will accept applications
 3 from individuals outside the workforce of that agency
 4 under merit promotion procedures.

5 “(b) TYPE OF APPOINTMENT.—If selected for a posi-
 6 tion pursuant to subsection (a), an individual described
 7 in that subsection shall receive a career or career-condi-
 8 tional appointment, as appropriate.

9 “(c) ANNOUNCEMENTS.—The area of consideration
 10 for a merit promotion announcement with respect to a po-
 11 sition that includes consideration of individuals within the
 12 Federal service for that position shall—

13 “(1) indicate that individuals described in sub-
 14 section (a) are eligible to apply for the position; and

15 “(2) be publicized in accordance with section
 16 3327 of title 5, United States Code.

17 “(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
 18 tion may be construed to confer an entitlement to vet-
 19 erans’ preference that is not otherwise required by any
 20 statute or regulation relating to veterans’ preference.

21 “(e) REGULATIONS.—The Director of the Office of
 22 Personnel Management shall prescribe regulations nec-
 23 essary for the administration of this section.

24 “(f) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 3
 25 years after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Au-

1 thorization Act of 2025, the Administrator shall submit
2 to the Committees on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
3 tation and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
4 of the Senate and the Committees on Natural Resources
5 and Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives a report which includes the following:

7 “(1) A description of how the Administrator
8 has utilized the authority granted under this section,
9 including the number and locations of individuals
10 hired utilizing the authority granted under this sec-
11 tion.

12 “(2) An overview of the impact to Federal em-
13 ployment for former members of the commissioned
14 officer corps of the Administration as a result of the
15 authority granted under this section.

16 “(g) SUNSET.—This section shall be repealed on the
17 date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of the
18 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
20 in section 1 of such Act is amended by inserting after the
21 item relating to section 269B the following new item:

“Sec. 269C. Eligibility of former officers to compete for certain positions.”.

1 **SEC. 5705. ALIGNMENT OF PHYSICAL DISQUALIFICATION**
 2 **STANDARD FOR OBLIGATED SERVICE AGREE-**
 3 **MENTS WITH STANDARD FOR VETERANS'**
 4 **BENEFITS.**

5 Section 216(c)(2)(B) of the National Oceanic and At-
 6 mospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps
 7 Act of 2002 (33 U.S.C. 3006(c)(2)(B)) is amended by
 8 striking “misconduct or grossly negligent conduct” and in-
 9 serting “willful misconduct”.

10 **SEC. 5706. STREAMLINING SEPARATION AND RETIREMENT**
 11 **PROCESS.**

12 Section 241(c) of the National Oceanic and Atmos-
 13 pheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of
 14 2002 (33 U.S.C. 3041(c)) is amended to read as follows:

15 “(c) EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENTS AND SEPA-
 16 RATIONS.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), a
 18 retirement or separation under subsection (a) shall
 19 take effect on such date as is determined by the Sec-
 20 retary.

21 “(2) DETERMINATION OF DATE.—The effective
 22 date determined under paragraph (1) for a retire-
 23 ment or separation under subsection (a) shall be—

24 “(A) except as provided by subparagraph
 25 (B), not earlier than 60 days after the date on

1 which the Secretary approves the retirement or
2 separation; or

3 “(B) if the officer concerned requests an
4 earlier effective date, such earlier date as is de-
5 termined by the Secretary.”.

6 **SEC. 5707. SEPARATION OF ENSIGNS FOUND NOT FULLY**
7 **QUALIFIED.**

8 Section 223(b) of the National Oceanic and Atmos-
9 pheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of
10 2002 (30 U.S.C. 3023(b)) is amended—

11 (1) by striking “permanent”; and

12 (2) by striking “the officer’s commission shall
13 be revoked and”.

14 **SEC. 5708. REPEAL OF LIMITATION ON EDUCATIONAL AS-**
15 **SISTANCE.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 204 of the National Oce-
17 anic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Offi-
18 cer Corps Amendments Act of 2020 (33 U.S.C. 3079–1)
19 is repealed.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
21 in section 1(b) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
22 Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Amendments
23 Act of 2020 (Public Law 116–259; 134 Stat. 1153) is
24 amended by striking the item relating to section 204.

1 **SEC. 5709. DISPOSAL OF SURVEY AND RESEARCH VESSELS**
2 **AND EQUIPMENT OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC**
3 **AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION.**

4 Section 548 of title 40, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) by striking “The Maritime” and inserting
7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in sub-
8 section (b), the Maritime”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(b) NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMIN-
11 ISTRATION VESSELS AND EQUIPMENT.—

12 “(1) AUTHORITY.—The Administrator of the
13 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
14 may dispose of covered vessels and equipment, which
15 would otherwise be disposed of under subsection (a),
16 through sales or transfers under this title.

17 “(2) USE OF PROCEEDS.—During the 2-year
18 period beginning of the date of enactment of the
19 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, notwith-
20 standing section 571 of this title or section 3302 of
21 title 31, the Administrator of the National Oceanic
22 and Atmospheric Administration may—

23 “(A) retain the proceeds from the sale or
24 transfer of a covered vessel or equipment under
25 paragraph (1) until expended under subpara-
26 graph (B); and

1 “(B) use such proceeds, without fiscal year
 2 limitation, for the acquisition of new covered
 3 vessels and equipment or the repair and main-
 4 tenance of existing covered vessels and equip-
 5 ment.

6 “(3) COVERED VESSELS AND EQUIPMENT DE-
 7 FINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘covered vessels
 8 and equipment’ means survey and research vessels
 9 and related equipment owned by the Federal Gov-
 10 ernment and under the control of the National Oce-
 11 anic and Atmospheric Administration.”.

12 **Subtitle B—South Pacific Tuna** 13 **Treaty Matters**

14 **SEC. 5721. REFERENCES TO SOUTH PACIFIC TUNA ACT OF**
 15 **1988.**

16 Except as otherwise expressly provided, wherever in
 17 this subtitle an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms
 18 of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-
 19 sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a
 20 section or other provision of the South Pacific Tuna Act
 21 of 1988 (16 U.S.C. 973 et seq.).

22 **SEC. 5722. DEFINITIONS.**

23 (a) APPLICABLE NATIONAL LAW.—Section 2(4) (16
 24 U.S.C. 973(4)) is amended by striking “described in para-

1 graph 1(a) of Annex I of” and inserting “noticed and in
2 effect in accordance with”.

3 (b) CLOSED AREA.—Section 2(5) (16 U.S.C. 973(5))
4 is amended by striking “of the closed areas identified in
5 Schedule 2 of Annex I of” and inserting “area within the
6 jurisdiction of a Pacific Island Party that is closed to ves-
7 sels pursuant to a national law of that Pacific Island Party
8 and is noticed and in effect in accordance with”.

9 (c) FISHING.—Section 2(6) (16 U.S.C. 973(6)) is
10 amended—

11 (1) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “for any
12 purpose” after “harvesting of fish”; and

13 (2) by amending subparagraph (F) to read as
14 follows:

15 “(F) use of any other vessel, vehicle, air-
16 craft, or hovercraft for any activity described in
17 this paragraph except for emergencies involving
18 the health or safety of the crew or the safety
19 of a vessel.”.

20 (d) FISHING VESSEL; VESSEL.—Section 2(7) (16
21 U.S.C. 973(7)) is amended by striking “commercial fish-
22 ing” and inserting “commercial purse seine fishing for
23 tuna”.

24 (e) LICENSING AREA.—Section 2(8) (16 U.S.C.
25 973(8)) is amended by striking “in the Treaty Area” and

1 all that follows and inserting “under the jurisdiction of
 2 a Pacific Island Party, except for internal waters, terri-
 3 torial seas, archipelagic waters, and any Closed Area.”.

4 (f) LIMITED AREA; PARTY; TREATY AREA.—Section
 5 2 (16 U.S.C. 973) is amended—

6 (1) by striking paragraphs (10), (13), and (18);

7 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (11) and (12)
 8 as paragraphs (10) and (11), respectively;

9 (3) by redesignating paragraph (14) as para-
 10 graph (12); and

11 (4) by redesignating paragraphs (15) through
 12 (17) as paragraphs (14) through (16), respectively.

13 (g) REGIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Section 2
 14 (16 U.S.C. 973) is amended by inserting after paragraph
 15 (12), as redesignated by subsection (f)(3), the following:

16 “(13) The term ‘regional terms and conditions’
 17 means any of the terms or conditions attached by
 18 the Administrator to a license issued by the Admin-
 19 istrator, as notified by the Secretary.”.

20 **SEC. 5723. PROHIBITED ACTS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5(a) (16 U.S.C. 973c(a))
 22 is amended—

23 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
 24 striking “Except as provided in section 6 of this Act,
 25 it” and inserting “It”;

1 (2) by striking paragraphs (3) and (4);

2 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (5) through
3 (13) as paragraphs (3) through (11), respectively;

4 (4) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated, by in-
5 serting “, except in accordance with an agreement
6 pursuant to the Treaty” after “Closed Area”;

7 (5) in paragraph (10), as so redesignated, by
8 striking “or” at the end;

9 (6) in paragraph (11), as so redesignated, by
10 striking the period at the end and inserting a semi-
11 colon; and

12 (7) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(12) to violate any of the regional terms and
14 conditions; or

15 “(13) to violate any limit on an authorized fish-
16 ing effort or catch.”.

17 (b) IN THE LICENSING AREA.—Section 5(b) (16
18 U.S.C. 973c(b)) is amended—

19 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
20 striking “Except as provided in section 6 of this Act,
21 it” and inserting “It”;

22 (2) by striking paragraph (5); and

23 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as
24 paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively.

1 **SEC. 5724. EXCEPTIONS.**

2 Section 6 (16 U.S.C. 973d) is repealed.

3 **SEC. 5725. CRIMINAL OFFENSES.**

4 Section 7(a) (16 U.S.C. 973e(a)) is amended by
5 striking “section 5(a) (8), (10), (11), or (12)” and insert-
6 ing “paragraph (6), (8), (9), or (10) of section 5(a)”.

7 **SEC. 5726. CIVIL PENALTIES.**

8 (a) AMOUNT.—Section 8(a) (16 U.S.C. 973f(a)) is
9 amended—

10 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “Code”
11 after “liable to the United States”; and

12 (2) in the fourth sentence, by striking “Except
13 for those acts prohibited by section 5(a) (4), (5),
14 (7), (8), (10), (11), and (12), and section 5(b) (1),
15 (2), (3), and (7) of this Act, the” and inserting
16 “The”.

17 (b) WAIVER OF REFERRAL TO ATTORNEY GEN-
18 ERAL.—Section 8(g) (16 U.S.C. 973f(g)) is amended—

19 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
20 striking “section 5(a)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7),
21 (8), (9), or (13)” and inserting “paragraph (1), (2),
22 (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (11), (12), or (13) of section
23 5(a)”;

24 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “, all Limited
25 Areas closed to fishing,” after “outside of the Li-
26 censing Area”.

1 **SEC. 5727. LICENSES.**

2 (a) FORWARDING OF VESSEL LICENSE APPLICA-
 3 TION.—Section 9(b) (16 U.S.C. 973g(b)) is amended to
 4 read as follows:

5 “(b) In accordance with subsection (e), and except
 6 as provided in subsection (f), the Secretary shall forward
 7 a vessel license application to the Administrator whenever
 8 such application is in accordance with application proce-
 9 dures established by the Secretary.”.

10 (b) FEES AND SCHEDULES.—Section 9(c) (16 U.S.C.
 11 973g(c)) is amended to read as follows:

12 “(c) Fees required under the Treaty shall be paid in
 13 accordance with the Treaty and any procedures estab-
 14 lished by the Secretary.”.

15 (c) MINIMUM FEES REQUIRED TO BE RECEIVED IN
 16 INITIAL YEAR; GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OF FORWARDING
 17 OF LICENSE APPLICATION; GRANDFATHERING OF CER-
 18 TAIN VESSELS.—Section 9 (16 U.S.C. 973g) is amend-
 19 ed—

20 (1) by striking subsection (f);

21 (2) by redesignating subsections (g) and (h) as
 22 subsections (f) and (g), respectively;

23 (3) by amending subsection (f), as so redesign-
 24 nated, to read as follows:

1 “(f) The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary
2 of State, may determine that a license application should
3 not be forwarded to the Administrator if—

4 “(1) the application is not in accordance with
5 the Treaty or the procedures established by the Sec-
6 retary; or

7 “(2) the owner or charterer—

8 “(A) is the subject of proceedings under
9 the bankruptcy laws of the United States, un-
10 less reasonable financial assurances have been
11 provided to the Secretary;

12 “(B) has not established to the satisfaction
13 of the Secretary that the fishing vessel is fully
14 insured against all risks and liabilities normally
15 provided in maritime liability insurance; or

16 “(C) has not paid any penalty which has
17 become final, assessed by the Secretary in ac-
18 cordance with this Act.”; and

19 (4) in subsection (g), as redesignated by para-
20 graph (2)—

21 (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as
22 follows:

23 “(1) section 12113 of title 46, United States
24 Code;”;

1 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “of
2 1972” after “Marine Mammal Protection Act”;

3 (C) in paragraph (3), by inserting “of
4 1972” after “Marine Mammal Protection Act”;
5 and

6 (D) in the matter following paragraph (3),
7 by striking “any vessel documented” and all
8 that follows and inserting the following:

9 “any vessel documented under the laws of the United
10 States as of the date of enactment of the Fisheries Act
11 of 1995 (Public Law 104–43) for which a license has been
12 issued under subsection (a) may fish for tuna in the Li-
13 censing Area, and on the high seas and in waters subject
14 to the jurisdiction of the United States west of 146 west
15 longitude and east of 129.5 east longitude in accordance
16 with international law, subject to the provisions of the
17 Treaty, this Act, and other applicable law, provided that
18 no such vessel intentionally deploys a purse seine net to
19 encircle any dolphin or other marine mammal in the
20 course of fishing.”.

21 **SEC. 5728. ENFORCEMENT.**

22 (a) NOTICE REQUIREMENTS TO PACIFIC ISLAND
23 PARTY CONCERNING INSTITUTION OF LEGAL PRO-
24 CEEDINGS.—Section 10(c)(1) (16 U.S.C. 973h(c)(1)) is
25 amended—

1 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “paragraph
2 8 of Article 4 of”; and

3 (2) in the third sentence, by striking “Article
4 10 of”.

5 (b) SEARCHES AND SEIZURES BY AUTHORIZED OF-
6 FICERS.—Section 10(d)(1)(A) (16 U.S.C. 973h(d)(1)(A))
7 is amended—

8 (1) in clause (ii), by striking “or” at the end;
9 and

10 (2) in clause (iii), by adding “or” at the end.

11 **SEC. 5729. FINDINGS BY SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.**

12 (a) ORDER OF VESSEL TO LEAVE WATERS UPON
13 FAILURE TO SUBMIT TO JURISDICTION OF PACIFIC IS-
14 LAND PARTY; PROCEDURE APPLICABLE.—Section 11(a)
15 (16 U.S.C. 973i(a)) is amended—

16 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
17 striking “, all Limited Areas,”;

18 (2) in paragraph (1)—

19 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
20 “paragraph 2 of Article 3 of”; and

21 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking
22 “within the Treaty Area” and inserting “under
23 the jurisdiction”; and

24 (3) in paragraph (2)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “sec-
 2 tion 5 (a)(4), (a)(5), (b)(2), or (b)(3)” and in-
 3 serting “paragraph (3) of section 5(a) or para-
 4 graph (2) or (3) of section 5(b)”;

5 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “sec-
 6 tion 5(b)(7)” and inserting “section 5(b)(6)”;
 7 and

8 (C) in subparagraph (C), by striking “sec-
 9 tion 5(a)(7)” and inserting “section 5(a)(5)”.

10 (b) ORDER OF VESSEL TO LEAVE WATERS WHERE
 11 PACIFIC ISLAND PARTY INVESTIGATING ALLEGED TREA-
 12 TY INFRINGEMENT.—Section 11(b) (16 U.S.C. 973i(b)) is
 13 amended by striking “paragraph 7 of Article 5 of”.

14 **SEC. 5730. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION.**

15 Section 12 (16 U.S.C. 973j) is amended to read as
 16 follows:

17 **“SEC. 12. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION.**

18 “(a) PROHIBITED DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFOR-
 19 MATION.—Pursuant to section 552(b)(3) of title 5, United
 20 States Code, except as provided in subsection (b), the Sec-
 21 retary shall keep confidential and may not disclose the fol-
 22 lowing information:

23 “(1) Information provided to the Secretary by
 24 the Administrator that the Administrator has des-
 25 ignated confidential.

1 “(2) Information collected by observers.

2 “(3) Information submitted to the Secretary by
3 any person in compliance with the requirements of
4 this Act.

5 “(b) AUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFOR-
6 MATION.—The Secretary may disclose information de-
7 scribed in subsection (a)—

8 “(1) if disclosure is ordered by a court;

9 “(2) if the information is used by a Federal em-
10 ployee—

11 “(A) for enforcement; or

12 “(B) in support of the homeland security
13 missions and non-homeland security missions of
14 the Coast Guard as defined in section 888 of
15 the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.
16 468);

17 “(3) if the information is used by a Federal em-
18 ployee or an employee of a Fishery Management
19 Council for the administration of the Treaty or fish-
20 ery management and monitoring;

21 “(4) to the Administrator, in accordance with
22 the requirements of the Treaty and this Act;

23 “(5) to the secretariat or equivalent of an inter-
24 national fisheries management organization of which
25 the United States is a member, in accordance with

1 the requirements or decisions of such organization,
2 and insofar as possible, in accordance with an agree-
3 ment that prevents public disclosure of the identity
4 of any person that submits such information;

5 “(6) if the Secretary has obtained written au-
6 thorization from the person providing such informa-
7 tion, and disclosure does not violate other require-
8 ments of this Act; or

9 “(7) in an aggregate or summary form that
10 does not directly or indirectly disclose the identity of
11 any person that submits such information.

12 “(c) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—

13 “(1) Nothing in this section shall be construed
14 to adversely affect the authority of Congress, includ-
15 ing a Committee or Member thereof, to obtain any
16 record or information.

17 “(2) The absence of a provision similar to para-
18 graph (1) in any other provision of law shall not be
19 construed to limit the ability of the Senate or the
20 House of Representatives, including a Committee or
21 Member thereof, to obtain any record or informa-
22 tion.”.

23 **SEC. 5731. CLOSED AREA STOWAGE REQUIREMENTS.**

24 Section 13 (16 U.S.C. 973k) is amended by striking
25 “. In particular, the boom shall be lowered” and all that

1 follows and inserting “and in accordance with any require-
2 ments established by the Secretary.”.

3 **SEC. 5732. OBSERVERS.**

4 Section 14 (16 U.S.C. 973l) is repealed.

5 **SEC. 5733. FISHERIES-RELATED ASSISTANCE.**

6 Section 15 (16 U.S.C. 973m) is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 **“SEC. 15. FISHERIES-RELATED ASSISTANCE.**

9 “The Secretary and the Secretary of State may pro-
10 vide assistance to a Pacific Island Party to benefit such
11 Pacific Island Party from the development of fisheries re-
12 sources and the operation of fishing vessels that are li-
13 censed pursuant to the Treaty, including—

14 “(1) technical assistance;

15 “(2) training and capacity building opportuni-
16 ties;

17 “(3) facilitation of the implementation of pri-
18 vate sector activities or partnerships; and

19 “(4) other activities as determined appropriate
20 by the Secretary and the Secretary of State.”.

21 **SEC. 5734. ARBITRATION.**

22 Section 16 (16 U.S.C. 973n) is amended—

23 (1) by striking “Article 6 of” after “arbitral tri-
24 bunal under”; and

1 (2) by striking “paragraph 3 of that Article”
 2 and all that follows through “under such paragraph”
 3 and inserting “the Treaty, shall determine the loca-
 4 tion of the arbitration, and shall represent the
 5 United States in reaching agreement under the
 6 Treaty”.

7 **SEC. 5735. DISPOSITION OF FEES, PENALTIES, FORFEIT-**
 8 **URES, AND OTHER MONEYS.**

9 Section 17 (16 U.S.C. 973o) is amended by striking
 10 “Article 4 of”.

11 **SEC. 5736. ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS.**

12 Section 18 (16 U.S.C. 973p) is amended by striking
 13 “Within 30 days after” and all that follows and inserting
 14 “The Secretary may establish procedures for review of any
 15 agreements for additional fishing access entered into pur-
 16 suant to the Treaty.”.

17 **Subtitle C—Other Matters**

18 **SEC. 5741. NORTH PACIFIC RESEARCH BOARD ENHANCE-**
 19 **MENT.**

20 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the
 21 “North Pacific Research Board Enhancement Act”.

22 (b) **AMENDMENTS.**—Section 401(e) of the Depart-
 23 ment of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations
 24 Act, 1998 (43 U.S.C. 1474d(e)) is amended—

25 (1) in paragraph (3)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (L), by striking
2 “and” after the semicolon;

3 (B) in subparagraph (M), by striking the
4 period at the end and inserting a semicolon;

5 (C) in subparagraph (N), by striking the
6 period at the end and inserting “; and”;

7 (D) by inserting after subparagraph (N)
8 the following:

9 “(O) one member who shall represent Alas-
10 ka Natives and possesses personal knowledge
11 of, and direct experience with, subsistence uses
12 and shall be nominated by the Board and ap-
13 pointed by the Secretary.”; and

14 (E) by adding at the end the following:
15 “Board members appointed under subpara-
16 graphs (N) and (O) shall serve for 3-year
17 terms, and may be reappointed once.”;

18 (2) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-
19 graph (6); and

20 (3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
21 lowing:

22 “(5) If the amount made available for a fiscal
23 year under subsection (c)(2) is less than the amount
24 made available in the previous fiscal year, the Ad-
25 ministrator of the National Oceanic and Atmos-

1 pheric Administration may increase the 15 percent
 2 cap on administrative expenses provided under para-
 3 graph (4)(B) for that fiscal year to prioritize—

4 “(A) continuing operation of the Board;

5 “(B) maximizing the percentage of funds
 6 directed to research; and

7 “(C) maintaining the highest quality
 8 standards in administering grants under this
 9 subsection.”.

10 (c) WAIVER.—Beginning on the date of enactment of
 11 this Act and ending on the date that is 5 years after such
 12 date of enactment, the 15 percent cap on funds to provide
 13 support for the North Pacific Research Board and admin-
 14 ister grants under section 401(e)(4)(B) of the Department
 15 of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
 16 1998 (43 U.S.C. 1474d(e)(4)(B)) shall be waived.

17 **DIVISION I—ROAD TO HOUSING** 18 **ACT**

19 **SEC. 5001. SHORT TITLE.**

20 This division may be cited as the “Renewing Oppor-
 21 tunity in the American Dream to Housing Act of 2025”
 22 or the “ROAD to Housing Act of 2025”.

23 **SEC. 5002. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

24 The table of contents for this division is as follows:

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- Sec. 5206. Build Now Act.
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- Sec. 5208. Unlocking Housing Supply Through Streamlined and Modernized Reviews Act.
- Sec. 5209. Innovation Fund.
- Sec. 5210. Accelerating Home Building Act.
- Sec. 5211. Build More Housing Near Transit Act.
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- Sec. 5301. Housing Supply Expansion Act.
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TITLE IV—ACCESSING THE AMERICAN DREAM

- Sec. 5401. Creating incentives for small dollar loan originators.
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TITLE V—PROGRAM REFORM

- Sec. 5501. Reforming Disaster Recovery Act.
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- Sec. 5504. New Moving to Work cohort.
- Sec. 5505. Reducing Homelessness Through Program Reform Act.
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 Sec. 5803. Improving self-sufficiency of families in HUD-subsidized housing.

1 **TITLE I—IMPROVING FINANCIAL** 2 **LITERACY**

3 **SEC. 5101. REFORMS TO HOUSING COUNSELING AND FI-** 4 **NANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 106 of the Housing and
 6 Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701x) is
 7 amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)(4)(C), by striking “ade-
 9 quate distribution” and all that follows through
 10 “foreclosure rates” and inserting “that the recipi-
 11 ents are geographically diverse and include organiza-
 12 tions that serve urban or rural areas”;

13 (2) in subsection (e), by adding at the end the
 14 following:

15 “(6) PERFORMANCE REVIEW.—The Secretary—

16 “(A) may conduct periodic on-site reviews;

17 and

18 “(B) shall conduct performance reviews of
 19 all participating agencies that—

“(i) consists of a review of the participating agency’s compliance with all program requirements; and

“(ii) may take into account the agency’s aggregate counselor performance under paragraph (7)(B).

“(7) CONSIDERATIONS.—

“(A) COVERED MORTGAGE LOAN DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the term ‘covered mortgage loan’ means any loan which is secured by a first or subordinate lien on residential real property (including individual units of condominiums and cooperatives) designed principally for the occupancy of between 1 and 4 families that is—

“(i) insured by the Federal Housing Administration under title II of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1707 et seq.); or

“(ii) guaranteed under section 184 or 184A of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13a, 1715z–13b).

“(B) COMPARISON.—For each counselor employed by an organization receiving assist-

1 ance under this section for pre-purchase hous-
2 ing counseling, the Secretary may consider the
3 performance of the counselor compared to the
4 default rate of all counseled borrowers of a cov-
5 ered mortgage loan in comparable markets and
6 such other factors as the Secretary determines
7 appropriate to further the purposes of this sec-
8 tion.

9 “(8) CERTIFICATION.—If, based on the com-
10 parison required under paragraph (7)(B), the Sec-
11 retary determines that a counselor lacks competence
12 to provide counseling in the areas described in sub-
13 section (e)(2) and such action will not create a sig-
14 nificant loss of capacity for housing counseling serv-
15 ices in the service area, the Secretary may—

16 “(A) require continued education coupled
17 with successful completion of a probationary pe-
18 riod;

19 “(B) require retesting if the counselor con-
20 tinues to demonstrate a lack of competence
21 under paragraph (7)(B); and

22 “(C) permanently suspend an individual
23 certification if a counselor fails to demonstrate
24 competence after not fewer than 2 retesting op-
25 portunities under subparagraph (B).”;

1 (3) in subsection (i)—

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

4 (B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
5 following:

6 “(3) TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
8 deny renewal of covered assistance to an organi-
9 zation or entity receiving covered assistance if
10 the Secretary determines that the organization
11 or entity, or the individual through which the
12 organization or entity provides counseling, is
13 not in compliance with program requirements—

14 “(i) based on the performance review
15 described in subsection (e)(6); and

16 “(ii) in accordance with regulations
17 issued by the Secretary.

18 “(B) NOTICE.—The Secretary shall give
19 an organization or entity receiving covered as-
20 sistance not less than 60 days prior written no-
21 tice of any denial of renewal under this para-
22 graph, and the determination of renewal shall
23 not be finalized until the end of that notice pe-
24 riod.

1 “(C) INFORMAL CONFERENCE.—If re-
 2 requested in writing by the organization or entity
 3 within the notice period described in subpara-
 4 graph (B), the organization or entity shall be
 5 entitled to an informal conference with the Dep-
 6 uty Assistant Secretary of Housing Counseling
 7 on behalf of the Secretary at which the organi-
 8 zation or entity may present for consideration
 9 of specific factors that the organization or enti-
 10 ty believes were beyond the control of the orga-
 11 nization or entity and that caused the failure to
 12 comply with program requirements, such as a
 13 lack of lender or servicer coordination or com-
 14 munication with housing counseling agencies
 15 and individual counselors.”; and

16 (4) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(j) OFFERING FORECLOSURE MITIGATION COUN-
 18 SELING.—

19 “(1) COVERED MORTGAGE LOAN DEFINED.—In
 20 this subsection, the term ‘covered mortgage loan’
 21 means any loan which is secured by a first or subor-
 22 dinate lien on residential real property (including in-
 23 dividual units of condominiums) or stock or member-
 24 ship in a cooperative ownership housing corporation

1 designed principally for the occupancy of between 1
2 and 4 families that is—

3 “(A) insured by the Federal Housing Ad-
4 ministration under title II of the National
5 Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1707 et seq.);

6 “(B) guaranteed under section 184 or
7 184A of the Housing and Community Develop-
8 ment Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13a,
9 1715z–13b);

10 “(C) made, guaranteed, or insured by the
11 Department of Veterans Affairs; or

12 “(D) made, guaranteed, or insured by the
13 Department of Agriculture.

14 “(2) OPPORTUNITY FOR BORROWERS.—A bor-
15 rower with respect to a covered mortgage loan who
16 is 30 days or more delinquent on payments for the
17 covered mortgage loan shall be given an opportunity
18 to participate in available housing counseling.

19 “(3) COST.—If the requirements of sections
20 202(a)(3) and 205(f) of the National Housing Act
21 (12 U.S.C. 1708(a)(3), 1711(f)) are met, the fair
22 market rate cost of counseling for delinquent bor-
23 rowers described in paragraph (2) with respect to a
24 covered mortgage loan described in paragraph
25 (1)(A) shall be paid for by the Mutual Mortgage In-

1 surance Fund, as authorized under section 203(r)(4)
 2 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C.
 3 1709(r)(4)).”.

4 **TITLE II—BUILDING MORE IN** 5 **AMERICA**

6 **SEC. 5201. RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION PRO-** 7 **GRAM.**

8 The language under the heading “RENTAL ASSIST-
 9 ANCE DEMONSTRATION” in the Department of Housing
 10 and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2012 (Public
 11 Law 112–55; 125 Stat. 673) is amended—

12 (1) in the second proviso, by striking “until
 13 September 30, 2029” and inserting “for fiscal year
 14 2012 and each fiscal year thereafter”;

15 (2) by striking the fourth proviso;

16 (3) in the twentieth proviso, as so designated
 17 before the date of enactment of this Act, by striking
 18 “or other means:” and inserting “or other means,
 19 including the adoption of a mandatory tenant lease
 20 and management plan addendum for a property with
 21 assistance converted, if not otherwise covered by an-
 22 other program, under this demonstration:”

23 (4) by striking the twenty-second proviso, as so
 24 designated before the date of enactment of this Act;

1 (5) in the twenty-seventh, thirtieth, thirty-first,
2 thirty-second, thirty-third, and thirty-fourth provisos,
3 as so designated before the date of enactment of this
4 Act, by striking “Second Component” each place the
5 term appears and inserting “First Component”; and

6 (6) by striking “vouchers to project-based
7 vouchers.” and inserting “vouchers to project-based
8 vouchers: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall
9 annually assess and publish findings regarding the
10 impact of the conversion of assistance under the
11 First Component of the demonstration with respect
12 to the preservation and improvement of public hous-
13 ing, the amount of private sector leveraging result-
14 ing from such conversion transactions, the preva-
15 lence of pre-conversion residents remaining in or re-
16 turning to the property following conversion, and the
17 effect of such conversion on tenants, including the
18 impact of such conversion on the rights maintained
19 by tenants as enumerated in regulations and other
20 documents conferring rights upon tenants as devel-
21 oped by the Secretary, and other matters the Sec-
22 retary may determine appropriate: *Provided further*,
23 That the Secretary may take remediative action or
24 impose civil money penalties or other administrative
25 sanctions for material violations of a requirement

1 under the demonstration: *Provided further*, That
2 nothing in the matter under this heading shall be
3 construed to diminish, impair, or otherwise affect
4 the rights of property owners or tenants as enumer-
5 ated in current law and regulations: *Provided fur-*
6 *ther*, That all property owner rights, including those
7 related to ownership, management, and contractual
8 obligations, shall continue to apply and be respected
9 following a Rental Assistance Demonstration Pro-
10 gram conversion: *Provided further*, That all tenant
11 protections and rights established in current law and
12 regulations shall remain fully in effect for properties
13 converted under the Rental Assistance Demonstra-
14 tion Program.”.

15 **SEC. 5202. INCREASING HOUSING IN OPPORTUNITY ZONES.**

16 (a) COVERED GRANT DEFINED.—In this section, the
17 term “covered grant” means any competitive grant relat-
18 ing to the construction, modification, rehabilitation, or
19 preservation of housing, as determined by the Secretary
20 of Housing and Urban Development.

21 (b) PRIORITY.—When awarding a covered grant, the
22 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may give
23 additional weight to applicants located in, or that pri-
24 marily serve, a community that has been designated as

1 a qualified opportunity zone under section 1400Z–1 of the
2 Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

3 **SEC. 5203. HOUSING SUPPLY FRAMEWORKS ACT.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The United States is facing a housing sup-
6 ply shortage. This housing supply shortage has re-
7 sulted in a record number of cost-burdened house-
8 holds across regions and spanning the large and
9 small cities, towns, and coastal and rural commu-
10 nities of the United States.

11 (2) Several factors contribute to the under-
12 supply of housing in the United States, particularly
13 workforce housing, including rising costs of con-
14 struction, a shortage of labor, supply chain disrup-
15 tions, and a lack of reliable funding sources.

16 (3) Regulatory barriers at the State and local
17 levels, such as zoning and land use regulations, also
18 inhibit the creation of new housing to meet local and
19 regional housing needs.

20 (4) State and local governments are proactively
21 exploring solutions for reforming regulatory barriers,
22 but additional resources, data, and models can help
23 adequately address these challenges.

24 (5) While land use regulation is the responsi-
25 bility of State and local governments, there is Fed-

1 eral support for necessary reforms, and there is an
 2 opportunity for the Federal Government to provide
 3 support and assistance to State and local govern-
 4 ments that wish to undertake necessary reforms in
 5 a manner that fits their communities' needs.

6 (6) Therefore, zoning ordinances or systems of
 7 land use regulation that have the intent or effect of
 8 restricting housing opportunities based on economic
 9 status or income without interests that are substan-
 10 tial, legitimate, nondiscriminatory and that outweigh
 11 the regional need for housing are contrary to the re-
 12 gional and national interest.

13 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) AFFORDABLE HOUSING.—The term “afford-
 15 able housing” means housing for which the monthly
 16 payment is not more than 30 percent of the monthly
 17 income of the household.

18 (2) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term “Assist-
 19 ant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary for
 20 Policy Development and Research of the Depart-
 21 ment of Housing and Urban Development.

22 (3) LOCAL ZONING FRAMEWORK.—The term
 23 “local zoning framework” means the local zoning
 24 codes and other ordinances, procedures, and policies
 25 governing zoning and land-use at the local level.

1 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

3 (5) STATE ZONING FRAMEWORK.—The term
4 “State zoning framework” means the State legisla-
5 tion or State agency and department procedures, or
6 such legislation or procedures in an insular area of
7 the United States, enabling local planning and zon-
8 ing authorities and establishing and guiding related
9 policies and programs.

10 (c) GUIDELINES ON STATE AND LOCAL ZONING
11 FRAMEWORKS.—

12 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 3 years
13 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Assist-
14 ant Secretary shall publish documents outlining
15 guidelines and best practices to support production
16 of adequate housing to meet the needs of commu-
17 nities and provide housing opportunities for individ-
18 uals at every income level across communities with
19 respect to—

20 (A) State zoning frameworks; and

21 (B) local zoning frameworks.

22 (2) CONSULTATION; PUBLIC COMMENT.—Dur-
23 ing the 2-year period beginning on the date of enact-
24 ment of this Act, in developing the guidelines and

1 best practices required under paragraph (1), the As-
2 sistant Secretary shall—

3 (A) publish draft guidelines in the Federal
4 Register for public comment; and

5 (B) establish a task force for the purpose
6 of providing consultation to draft guidelines
7 published under subparagraph (A), the mem-
8 bers of which shall include—

9 (i) planners and architects;

10 (ii) housing developers, including af-
11 fordable and market-rate housing devel-
12 opers, manufactured housing developers,
13 and other business interests;

14 (iii) community engagement experts
15 and community members impacted by zon-
16 ing decisions;

17 (iv) public housing authorities and
18 transit authorities;

19 (v) members of local zoning and plan-
20 ning boards and local and regional trans-
21 portation planning organizations;

22 (vi) State officials responsible for
23 housing or land use, including members of
24 State zoning boards of appeals;

25 (vii) academic researchers; and

1 (viii) home builders.

2 (3) CONTENTS.—The guidelines and best prac-
3 tices required under paragraph (1) shall—

4 (A) with respect to State zoning frame-
5 works, outline potential models for updated
6 State enabling legislation or State agency and
7 department procedures;

8 (B) include recommendations regarding—

9 (i) the reduction or elimination of
10 parking minimums;

11 (ii) the increase in maximum floor
12 area ratio requirements and maximum
13 building heights and the reduction in min-
14 imum lot sizes and set-back requirements;

15 (iii) the elimination of restrictions
16 against accessory dwelling units;

17 (iv) increasing by-right uses, including
18 duplex, triplex, or quadplex buildings,
19 across cities or metropolitan areas;

20 (v) mechanisms, including proximity
21 to transit, to determine the appropriate
22 scope for rezoning and ensure development
23 that does not disproportionately burden
24 residents of economically distressed areas;

(vi) provisions regarding review of by-right development proposals to streamline review and reduce uncertainty, including—

(I) nondiscretionary, ministerial review; and

(II) entitlement and design review processes;

(vii) the reduction of obstacles, regulatory or otherwise, to a range of housing types at all levels of affordability, including manufactured and modular housing;

(viii) State model zoning regulations for directing local reforms, including mechanisms to encourage adoption;

(ix) provisions to encourage transit-oriented development, including increased permissible units per structure and reduced minimum lot sizes near existing or planned public transit stations;

(x) potential reforms to strengthen the public engagement process;

(xi) reforms to protest petition statutes;

(xii) the standardization, reduction, or elimination of impact fees;

1 (xiii) cost effective and appropriate
 2 building codes;

3 (xiv) models for community benefit
 4 agreements;

5 (xv) mechanisms to preserve afford-
 6 ability, limit disruption of low-income com-
 7 munities, and prevent displacement of ex-
 8 isting residents;

9 (xvi) with respect to State zoning
 10 frameworks—

11 (I) State model codes for direct-
 12 ing local reforms, including mecha-
 13 nisms to encourage adoption;

14 (II) a model for a State zoning
 15 appeals process, which would—

16 (aa) create a process for de-
 17 velopers or builders requesting a
 18 variance, conditional use, special
 19 permit, zoning district change,
 20 similar discretionary permit, or
 21 otherwise petitioning a local zon-
 22 ing or planning board for a
 23 project including a State-defined
 24 amount of affordable housing to
 25 appeal a rejection to a State body

1 or regional body empowered by
2 the State; and

3 (bb) establish qualifications
4 for communities to be exempted
5 from the appeals process based
6 on their available stock of afford-
7 able housing; and

8 (III) streamlining of State envi-
9 ronmental review policies;

10 (xvii) with respect to local zoning
11 frameworks—

12 (I) the simplification and stand-
13 ardization of existing zoning codes;

14 (II) maximum review timelines;

15 (III) best practices for the dis-
16 position of land owned by local gov-
17 ernments for affordable housing devel-
18 opment;

19 (IV) differentiations between best
20 practices for rural, suburban, and
21 urban communities, and communities
22 with different levels of density or pop-
23 ulation distribution; and

24 (V) streamlining of local environ-
25 mental review policies; and

(xviii) other land use measures that promote access to new housing opportunities identified by the Secretary; and

(C) consider—

(i) the effects of adopting any recommendation on eligibility for Federal discretionary grants and tax credits for the purpose of housing or community development;

(ii) coordination between infrastructure investments and housing planning;

(iii) local housing needs, including ways to set and measure housing goals and targets;

(iv) a range of affordability for rental units, with a prioritization of units attainable to extremely low-, low-, and moderate-income residents;

(v) a range of affordability for homeownership;

(vi) accountability measures;

(vii) the long-term cost to residents and businesses if more housing is not constructed;

(viii) barriers to individuals seeking to access affordable housing in growing communities and communities with economic opportunity;

(ix) with respect to State zoning frameworks—

(I) distinctions between States providing constitutional or statutory home rule authority to municipalities and States operating under the Dillon Rule, as articulated in *Hunter v. Pittsburgh*, 207 U.S. 161 (1907); and

(II) Statewide mechanisms to preserve existing affordability over the long term, including support for land banks and community land trusts;

(x) public comments elicited under paragraph (2)(A); and

(xi) other considerations, as identified by the Secretary.

(d) ABOLISHMENT OF THE REGULATORY BARRIERS CLEARINGHOUSE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Regulatory Barriers Clearinghouse established pursuant to section 1205

1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of
2 1992 (42 U.S.C. 12705d) is abolished.

3 (2) REPEAL.—Section 1205 of the Housing and
4 Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C.
5 12705d) is repealed.

6 (e) REPORTING.—

7 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 5 years
8 after the date on which the Assistant Secretary pub-
9 lishes the guidelines and best practices for State and
10 local zoning frameworks, the Assistant Secretary
11 shall submit to Congress a report describing—

12 (A) the States that have adopted rec-
13 ommendations from the guidelines and best
14 practices, pursuant to subsection (c);

15 (B) a summary of the localities that have
16 adopted recommendations from the guidelines
17 and best practices, pursuant to subsection (c);

18 (C) a list of States that adopted a State
19 zoning framework;

20 (D) a summary of the modifications that
21 each State has made in their State zoning
22 framework;

23 (E) a general summary of the types of up-
24 dates localities have made to their local zoning
25 framework;

1 (F) of the States that have adopted a
2 State zoning framework or recommendations
3 from the guidelines and best practices, the ef-
4 fect of such adoptions; and

5 (G) a summary of recommendations that
6 were routinely not adopted by States or by lo-
7 calities.

8 (2) MONITORING.—Two years after the date
9 which the Assistant Secretary submits to Congress
10 the initial report required under paragraph (1), and
11 biennially thereafter, the Secretary shall—

12 (A) publish a report that—

13 (i) provides the latest information re-
14 garding the information described in sub-
15 paragraphs (A) through (G) of that para-
16 graph;

17 (ii) identifies, to the greatest extent
18 practicable, the adoption rates by States
19 and localities of each guideline and best
20 practice established under subsection (c);

21 (iii) requests and establishes a public
22 comment period on the guidelines and best
23 practices established under subsection (c)
24 that are routinely not adopted or adopted

1 at significantly lower rates by States and
2 localities; and

3 (iv) includes other relevant informa-
4 tion and criteria, as determined by the
5 Secretary; and

6 (B) review and consider all public feedback
7 to the report required under subparagraph (A)
8 for the purpose of improving the guidelines or
9 best practices under subsection (c) to further
10 achieve the zoning goals stated in subsection
11 (a).

12 (f) GAO REPORT ON HOUSING SUPPLY.—Not later
13 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the
14 Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to
15 the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
16 of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services
17 of the House of Representatives a report that investigates
18 barriers to housing supply, which shall include an assess-
19 ment of—

20 (1) the current state of—

21 (A) the rental and homeowner housing
22 supply shortage;

23 (B) geographic patterns of that shortage;

24 (C) shortages in housing at various levels
25 of affordability; and

1 (D) shortages in housing appropriate for
2 seniors, families with children, and people with
3 disabilities;

4 (2) the key drivers of the shortages described in
5 paragraph (1);

6 (3) regulatory, administrative, or procedural
7 barriers that exist in Federal housing programs that
8 inhibit housing development, and policy actions that
9 can be taken to address those barriers;

10 (4) the extent to which jurisdictions have suc-
11 cessfully implemented zoning or other policy reforms
12 to increase housing production and supply; and

13 (5) opportunities for increasing coordination be-
14 tween the Department of Housing and Urban Devel-
15 opment, the Federal Housing Finance Agency, the
16 Department of Agriculture, the Department of the
17 Treasury, and other agencies to address housing
18 supply.

19 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
20 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
21 out this section such sums as may be necessary for each
22 of fiscal years 2026 through 2030.

23 (h) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
24 tion may be construed to permit the Department of Hous-
25 ing and Urban Development to take an adverse action

1 against or fail to provide otherwise offered actions or serv-
 2 ices for any State or locality if the State or locality de-
 3 clines to adopt a guideline or best practice under sub-
 4 section (c).

5 **SEC. 5204. WHOLE-HOME REPAIRS ACT.**

6 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) AFFORDABLE UNIT.—The term “affordable
 8 unit” means a unit for which the monthly rental
 9 payment is not more than 30 percent of the gross
 10 income of an individual earning at or below 80 per-
 11 cent of the area median income, as defined by the
 12 Secretary.

13 (2) ASSISTED UNIT.—The term “assisted unit”
 14 means a unit that undergoes repair or rehabilitation
 15 work through a whole-home repairs program admin-
 16 istered by an implementing organization under this
 17 section.

18 (3) ELIGIBLE HOMEOWNER.—The term “eligi-
 19 ble homeowner” means a homeowner—

20 (A) with a household income that—

21 (i) is not more than 80 percent of the
 22 area median income; or

23 (ii) meets the income eligibility re-
 24 quirements for receiving assistance or ben-

1 efits under a specified program, as defined
2 in paragraph (11); and

3 (B) who is—

4 (i) an owner of record as evidenced by
5 a publicly recorded deed and occupies the
6 home on which repairs are to be conducted
7 as their principal residence;

8 (ii) an owner-occupant of the manu-
9 factured home on which repairs are to be
10 conducted; or

11 (iii) an owner who can demonstrate an
12 ownership interest in the property on
13 which repairs are to be conducted, includ-
14 ing a person who has inherited an interest
15 in that property.

16 (4) ELIGIBLE LANDLORD.—The term “eligible
17 landlord” means an individual—

18 (A) who owns, as determined by the rel-
19 evant implementing organization, fewer than 10
20 eligible rental properties, with a majority of af-
21 fordable units and not more than 50 total units,
22 operated as primary residences in which a ma-
23 jority ownership interest is held by the indi-
24 vidual, the spouse of the individual, or the de-
25 pendent children of the individual, or any close-

1 ly held legal entity controlled by the individual,
2 the spouse of the individual, or the dependent
3 children of the individual, either individually or
4 collectively; and

5 (B) who agrees to the provisions described
6 in subsection (b)(3).

7 (5) ELIGIBLE RENTAL PROPERTY.—The term
8 “eligible rental property” means a residential prop-
9 erty that—

10 (A) is leased, or offered exclusively for
11 lease, as a primary residence by an eligible
12 landlord; and

13 (B) includes affordable units.

14 (6) FORGIVABLE LOAN.—The term “forgivable
15 loan” means a loan—

16 (A) made to an eligible landlord;

17 (B) that is secured by a lien recorded
18 against a residential property; and

19 (C) that may be forgiven by the imple-
20 menting organization not later than the date
21 that is 3 years after the completion of the re-
22 pairs if the eligible landlord has maintained
23 compliance with the loan agreement described
24 in subsection (b)(3).

1 (7) IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATION.—The term
2 “implementing organization”—

3 (A) means a unit of general local govern-
4 ment or a State that—

5 (i) will administer a whole-home re-
6 pairs program through an agency, depart-
7 ment, or other entity; or

8 (ii) enter into agreements with 1 or
9 more local governments, municipal authori-
10 ties, other governmental authorities, in-
11 cluding a tribally designated housing enti-
12 ty, or qualified nonprofit organizations, to
13 administer a whole-home repairs program
14 as a subrecipient; and

15 (B) does not include a redundant entity in
16 a jurisdiction already served by a grantee under
17 subsection (b).

18 (8) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian tribe”
19 has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the
20 Native American Housing Assistance and Self-De-
21 termination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103).

22 (9) QUALIFIED NONPROFIT.—The term “quali-
23 fied nonprofit” means a nonprofit organization
24 that—

1 (A) has received funding, as a recipient or
2 subrecipient, through—

3 (i) the Community Development Block
4 Grant program under title I of the Hous-
5 ing and Community Development Act of
6 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.);

7 (ii) the HOME Investment Partner-
8 ships program under subtitle A of title II
9 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Afford-
10 able Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12741 et
11 seq.);

12 (iii) the Lead-Based Paint Hazard
13 Reduction grant program under section
14 1011 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint
15 Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C.
16 4852) or a grant under the Healthy
17 Homes Initiative administered by the Sec-
18 retary pursuant to sections 501 and 502 of
19 the Housing and Urban Development Act
20 of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z-1, 1701z-2);

21 (iv) the Self-Help and Assisted Home-
22 ownership Opportunity program authorized
23 under section 11 of the Housing Oppor-
24 tunity Program Extension Act of 1996 (42
25 U.S.C. 12805 note);

1 (v) a rural housing program under
2 title V of the Housing Act of 1949 (42
3 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.); or

4 (vi) the Neighborhood Reinvestment
5 Corporation established under the Neigh-
6 borhood Reinvestment Corporation Act (42
7 U.S.C. 8101 et seq.);

8 (B) has coordinated, performed, or other-
9 wise been engaged in weatherization, lead reme-
10 diation, or home-repair work for not less than
11 2 years;

12 (C) has been certified by the Environ-
13 mental Protection Agency, or by a State au-
14 thorized by the Environmental Protection Agen-
15 cy to administer a certification program, as—

16 (i) eligible to carry out activities
17 under the lead renovation, repair and
18 painting program; or

19 (ii) a Home Certification Organization
20 under the Energy Star program estab-
21 lished by section 324A of the Energy Pol-
22 icy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C.
23 6294a) or the WaterSense program under
24 section 324B of that Act (42 U.S.C.
25 6294b), or recognized or otherwise ap-

1 proved by the Environmental Protection
2 Agency as a Home Certification Organiza-
3 tion under either of those programs; or

4 (D) is a community development financial
5 institution, as defined in section 103 of the
6 Community Development Banking and Finan-
7 cial Institutions Act of 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4702).

8 (10) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”
9 means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-
10 ment.

11 (11) SPECIFIED PROGRAM.—For purposes of
12 paragraph (3)(A)(ii), the term “specified program”
13 means any of the following:

14 (A) The Medicaid program established
15 under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42
16 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.).

17 (B) The State Children’s Health Insurance
18 Program established under title XXI of the So-
19 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.).

20 (C) The supplemental security income ben-
21 efits program established under title XVI of the
22 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.).

23 (D) The supplemental nutrition assistance
24 program established under the Food and Nutri-
25 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.).

1 (E) The temporary assistance for needy
 2 families program established under part A of
 3 title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 4 601 et seq.).

5 (12) STATE.—The term “State” means—

6 (A) each State of the United States;

7 (B) the District of Columbia;

8 (C) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

9 (D) any territory or possession of the
 10 United States; and

11 (E) an Indian tribe.

12 (13) TRIBALLY DESIGNATED HOUSING ENTI-
 13 TY.—The term “tribally designated housing entity”
 14 has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the
 15 Native American Housing Assistance and Self-De-
 16 termination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103).

17 (14) WHOLE-HOME REPAIRS.—The term
 18 “whole-home repairs” means modifications, repairs,
 19 or updates to homeowner or renter-occupied units to
 20 address—

21 (A) physical and sensory accessibility for
 22 individuals with disabilities and older adults,
 23 such as bathroom and kitchen modifications, in-
 24 stallation of grab bars and handrails, guards
 25 and guardrails, lifting devices, ramp additions

1 or repairs, sidewalk addition or repair, or door-
2 way or hallway widening;

3 (B) habitability and safety concerns, such
4 as repairs needed to ensure residential units are
5 fit for human habitation and free from defective
6 conditions or health and safety hazards; or

7 (C) energy and water efficiency, resilience,
8 and weatherization.

9 (b) PILOT PROGRAM.—

10 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year
11 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
12 retary shall establish a pilot program to provide
13 grants to implementing organizations to administer
14 a whole-home repairs program for eligible home-
15 owners and eligible landlords.

16 (2) USE OF FUNDS.—An implementing organi-
17 zation that receives a grant under this subsection—

18 (A) shall provide grants to eligible home-
19 owners to implement whole-home repairs not
20 covered by other Federal home repair programs
21 and up to a maximum amount per unit, which
22 maximum amount should—

23 (i) reflect local construction costs and
24 the level of repairs needed in each unit;
25 and

1 (ii) be calculated and approved by the
2 Secretary;

3 (B) shall provide loans, which may be for-
4 givable, to eligible landlords to implement
5 whole-home repairs not covered by other Fed-
6 eral home repair programs for individual afford-
7 able units, public and common use areas within
8 the property, and common structural elements
9 up to a maximum amount per unit, area, or ele-
10 ment, as applicable, which maximum amount
11 should—

12 (i) reflect local construction costs; and

13 (ii) be calculated and approved by the
14 Secretary;

15 (C) shall evaluate, or provide assistance to
16 eligible homeowners and eligible landlords to
17 evaluate, whole-home repair program funds pro-
18 vided under this subsection with Federal, State,
19 and local home repair programs to provide the
20 greatest benefit to the greatest number of eligi-
21 ble landlords and eligible homeowners and avoid
22 duplication of benefits and redundancies;

23 (D) shall ensure that—

1 (i) all repairs funded or facilitated
2 through an award under this subsection
3 have been completed;

4 (ii) if repairs are not completed and
5 the plan for whole-home repairs is not up-
6 dated to reflect the new scope of work,
7 that the loan or grant is repaid on a pro-
8 rated basis based on completed work; and

9 (iii) any unused grant or loan balance
10 is returned to the implementing organiza-
11 tion, and is reused by the implementing or-
12 ganization for a new whole-home repair
13 grant or loan under this subsection;

14 (E) may use not more than 5 percent of
15 the awarded funds to carry out related func-
16 tions, including workforce training for home re-
17 pair professions, which shall be related to ef-
18 forts to increase the number of home repairs
19 performed and approved by the Secretary;

20 (F) may use not more than 10 percent of
21 the awarded funds for administrative expenses;

22 (G) shall comply with Federal accessibility
23 requirements and standards under applicable
24 Federal fair housing and civil rights laws and

1 regulations, including section 504 of the Reha-
2 bilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794); and

3 (H) shall ensure that rental properties as-
4 sisted under subparagraph (B) shall be treated
5 as projects assisted under title I of the Housing
6 and Community Development Act of 1974 (42
7 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.).

8 (3) LOAN AGREEMENT.—In a loan agreement
9 with an eligible landlord under this subsection, an
10 implementing organization shall include provisions
11 establishing that the eligible landlord shall, for each
12 eligible rental property for which a loan is used to
13 fund repairs under this subsection—

14 (A) comply with Federal accessibility re-
15 quirements and standards under applicable
16 Federal fair housing and civil rights laws and
17 regulations, including section 504 of the Reha-
18 bilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794); and

19 (B)(i) if the landlord is renting the as-
20 sisted units available in the eligible rental prop-
21 erty to tenants receiving tenant-based rental as-
22 sistance under section 8(o) of the United States
23 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)),
24 under another tenant-based rental assistance
25 program administered by the Secretary or the

1 Secretary of Agriculture, or under a tenant-
2 based rental subsidy provided by a State or
3 local government, comply with the program re-
4 quirements under the relevant tenant-based
5 rental assistance program; or

6 (ii) if the eligible landlord is not renting to
7 tenants receiving rental-based assistance as de-
8 scribed in clause (i)—

9 (I)(aa) offer to extend the lease of
10 current tenants on current terms, other
11 than the terms described in subclause (iv)
12 for not less than 3 years beginning after
13 the completion of the repairs, unless the
14 lease is terminated due to failure to pay
15 rent, performance of an illegal act within
16 the rental unit, or a violation of an obliga-
17 tion of tenancy that the tenants failed to
18 correct after notice; and

19 (bb) if the tenant of an assisted unit
20 moves out of the assisted unit at any point
21 in the 3-year period following the loan
22 agreement, maintain the unit as an afford-
23 able unit for the remainder of the 3-year
24 period;

1 (II) provide documentation verifying
2 that the property, upon completion of ap-
3 proved renovations, has met all applicable
4 State and local housing and building codes;

5 (III) attest that the landlord has no
6 known serious violations of renter protec-
7 tions that have resulted in fines, penalties,
8 or judgments during the preceding 10
9 years; and

10 (IV) cap annual rent increases for
11 each assisted unit at 5 percent of base rent
12 or inflation, whichever is lower, for not less
13 than 3 years beginning after the comple-
14 tion of the repairs.

15 (4) APPLICATION.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—An implementing orga-
17 nization desiring an award under this sub-
18 section shall submit to the Secretary an applica-
19 tion that includes—

20 (i) the geographic scope of the whole-
21 home repairs program to be administered
22 by the implementing organization, includ-
23 ing the plan to address need in any rural,
24 suburban, or urban area within a jurisdic-
25 tion;

1 (ii) a plan for selecting subrecipients,
2 if applicable;

3 (iii) how the implementing organiza-
4 tion plans to execute the coordination of
5 Federal, State, and local home repair pro-
6 grams, including programs administered by
7 the Department of Energy or the Depart-
8 ment of Agriculture, to increase efficiency
9 and reduce redundancy;

10 (iv) available data on the need for af-
11 fordable and quality housing within the ge-
12 ographic scope of the whole-home repairs
13 program, and any plans to preserve afford-
14 ability through the term of the award;

15 (v) how the implementing organization
16 plans to process and verify applications for
17 grants from eligible homeowners and appli-
18 cations for loans from eligible landlords;
19 and

20 (vi) such other information as the
21 Secretary requires to determine the ability
22 of an applicant to carry out a program
23 under this subsection.

24 (B) CONSIDERATIONS.—In making awards
25 under this subsection, the Secretary shall—

1 (i) with respect to applications sub-
2 mitted by States other than the District of
3 Columbia and the territories of the United
4 States, prioritize those applications with a
5 demonstrated plan to—

6 (I) make a good faith effort to
7 implement the pilot program in every
8 jurisdiction; and

9 (II) provide non-metropolitan
10 areas, or subrecipients serving non-
11 metropolitan areas if applicable, with
12 a share of total funds commensurate
13 to their population;

14 (ii) aim to select applicants so that
15 the awardees collectively span diverse geog-
16 raphies, with an intent to understand the
17 impact of the pilot program under this
18 subsection in urban, suburban, rural, and
19 Tribal settings; and

20 (iii) not disqualify implementing orga-
21 nizations that were awarded grants under
22 the pilot program in prior application cy-
23 cles.

24 (5) PROGRAM INFORMATION.—The Secretary
25 shall make available to grant recipients under this

1 subsection information regarding existing Federal
2 programs for which grant recipients may coordinate
3 or provide assistance in coordinating applications for
4 those programs in accordance with paragraph
5 (2)(C).

6 (6) GRANT NUMBER.—In each year in which an
7 award is made under this subsection, the Secretary
8 shall award assistance to—

9 (A) not less than 2, and not more than 10,
10 implementing organizations, as application
11 numbers and funding permit; and

12 (B) not more than 1 implementing organi-
13 zation in any State.

14 (7) LOANS THAT ARE NOT FORGIVEN.—If a
15 loan made by an implementing organization under
16 paragraph (2)(B) is not forgiven, the loan repay-
17 ment funds shall be reused by the implementing or-
18 ganization for a new whole-home repair grant or
19 loan under this subsection, which shall remain sub-
20 ject to the original terms of the assistance awarded
21 under this subsection.

22 (8) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—Amounts
23 awarded under this subsection to implementing orga-
24 nizations shall supplement, not supplant, other Fed-

1 eral, State, and local funds made available to those
2 entities.

3 (9) STREAMLINING PROGRAM DELIVERY AND
4 ENSURING EFFICIENCY.—To the extent possible, in
5 carrying out the pilot program under this subsection,
6 the Secretary shall—

7 (A) endeavor to improve efficiency of serv-
8 ice delivery, as well as the experience of and im-
9 pact on the taxpayer, by encouraging pro-
10 grammatic collaboration and information shar-
11 ing across Federal, State, and local programs
12 for home repair or improvement, including pro-
13 grams administered by the Department of the
14 Agriculture; and

15 (B) enhance collaboration and cross-agency
16 streamlining efforts that reduce the burdens of
17 multiple income verification processes and ap-
18 plications on the eligible homeowner, the eligible
19 landlord, the implementing organization, and
20 the Federal Government, including by estab-
21 lishing assistance application procedures for in-
22 come eligibility under this subsection that rec-
23 ognize income eligibility determinations for as-
24 sistance using any of the criteria under sub-
25 section (a)(3)(A) that have been used for assist-

1 ance applications during the 1-year period pre-
2 ceding the date on which an eligible homeowner
3 or eligible landlord applies for assistance under
4 this subsection.

5 (10) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

6 (A) ANNUAL REPORT.—An implementing
7 organization that receives a grant under this
8 subsection shall submit to the Secretary an an-
9 nual report on initial funding that includes—

10 (i) the number of units served, includ-
11 ing reporting on both homeownership and
12 rental units, as well as accessible units;

13 (ii) the average cost per unit for
14 modifications or repairs and the nature of
15 those modifications or repairs, including
16 reporting on accessibility and both home-
17 ownership and rental units;

18 (iii) the number of applications re-
19 ceived, served, denied, or not completed,
20 disaggregated by geographic area;

21 (iv) the aggregated demographic data
22 of grant recipients, which may include data
23 on income range, urban, suburban, and
24 rural residency, age, and racial and ethnic
25 identity;

1 (v) the aggregated demographic data
2 of loan recipients, which may include data
3 on income range, urban, suburban, and
4 rural residency, age, and racial and ethnic
5 identity;

6 (vi) an affirmation that the implemen-
7 tation organization has complied with the
8 applicable regulations, including compli-
9 ance with Federal accessibility require-
10 ments;

11 (vii) in the first year of receiving a
12 grant, and as certified in subsequent re-
13 ports, a comprehensive plan to prevent
14 waste, fraud, and abuse in the administra-
15 tion of the pilot program, which shall in-
16 clude, at a minimum—

17 (I) a policy enacted and enforced
18 by the implementing organization to
19 monitor ongoing expenditures under
20 this subsection and ensure compliance
21 with applicable regulations;

22 (II) a policy enacted and en-
23 forced by the implementing organiza-
24 tion to detect and deter fraudulent ac-
25 tivity, including fraud occurring in in-

1 dividual projects and patterns of
2 fraud by parties involved in the ex-
3 penditure of funds under this sub-
4 section;

5 (III) a statement setting forth
6 any violations detected by the imple-
7 menting organization during the pre-
8 vious calendar year, including details
9 about steps taken to achieve compli-
10 ance and any remedial measures; and

11 (IV) a certification by the chief
12 executive or most senior compliance
13 officer of the organization that the or-
14 ganization maintains sufficient staff
15 and resources to effectively carry out
16 the above-mentioned policies; and

17 (viii) such other information as the
18 Secretary may require.

19 (B) REPORTING REQUIREMENT ALIGN-
20 MENT.—To limit the costs of implementing the
21 pilot program under this subsection, the Sec-
22 retary shall endeavor, to the extent possible, to
23 structure reporting requirements such that they
24 align with the data reporting requirements in
25 place for funding streams that implementing or-

ganizations are likely to use in partnership with funding from this subsection, including the reporting requirements under—

(i) the Community Development Block Grant program under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.);

(ii) the HOME Investment Partnerships program under subtitle A of title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12741 et seq.);

(iii) the Weatherization Assistance Program for low-income persons established under part A of title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C. 6861 et seq.); and

(iv) the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.).

(C) PILOT PROGRAM PERIOD REPORTS.—

Not less frequently than twice during the period in which the pilot program established under this subsection operates, the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Housing and

1 Urban Development shall complete an assess-
2 ment of the implementation of measures to en-
3 sure the fair and legitimate use of the pilot pro-
4 gram.

5 (D) SUMMARY TO CONGRESS.—The Sec-
6 retary shall submit to the Committee on Bank-
7 ing, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate
8 and the Committee on Financial Services of the
9 House of Representatives an annual report pro-
10 viding a summary of the data provided under
11 subparagraphs (A) and (C) during the 1-year
12 period preceding the report and all data pre-
13 viously provided under those subparagraphs.

14 (11) FUNDING.—The Secretary—

15 (A) is authorized to use up to \$30,000,000
16 of funds made available as provided in appro-
17 priations Acts for programs administered by the
18 Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy
19 Homes to carry out the pilot program under
20 this subsection; and

21 (B) shall submit to the Committee on Ap-
22 propriations and the Committee on Banking,
23 Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and
24 the Committee on Appropriations and the Com-
25 mittee on Financial Services of the House of

1 Representatives a report on the appropriations
2 accounts from which the Secretary will derive
3 the funding under subparagraph (A).

4 (12) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.—A grant
5 under this subsection shall be—

6 (A) treated as assistance for a special
7 project for purposes of section 305(c) of the
8 Multifamily Housing Property Disposition Re-
9 form Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 3547); and

10 (B) subject to the regulations promulgated
11 by the Secretary to implement such section.

12 (13) TERMINATION.—The pilot program estab-
13 lished under this subsection shall terminate on Octo-
14 ber 1, 2031.

15 **SEC. 5205. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AND PROSPERITY**
16 **ACT.**

17 (a) REVISED STATUTES.—The paragraph designated
18 as the “Eleventh” of section 5136 of the Revised Statutes
19 of the United States (12 U.S.C. 24) is amended, in the
20 fifth sentence, by striking “15” each place the term ap-
21 pears and inserting “20”.

22 (b) FEDERAL RESERVE ACT.—Section 9(23) of the
23 Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 338a) is amended, in the
24 fifth sentence, by striking “15” each place the term ap-
25 pears and inserting “20”.

1 **SEC. 5206. BUILD NOW ACT.**

2 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

3 (1) COVERED RECIPIENT.—The term “covered
4 recipient” means a metropolitan city or urban coun-
5 ty, as those terms are defined in section 102 of the
6 Housing and Community Development Act of 1974
7 (42 U.S.C. 5302), that receives funds under section
8 106.

9 (2) CURRENT ANNUAL GROWTH RATE.—The
10 term “current annual growth rate”, with respect to
11 an eligible recipient and a fiscal year, means the av-
12 erage annual percentage increase in the number of
13 housing units in the jurisdiction of the eligible re-
14 cipient, as calculated by the Secretary, during the
15 period—

16 (A) beginning with the third quarter of the
17 sixth preceding fiscal year; and

18 (B) ending with the third quarter of the
19 preceding fiscal year.

20 (3) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.—The term “eligible
21 recipient” means any covered recipient unless—

22 (A)(i) the median Small Area Fair Market
23 Rent in the jurisdiction of the covered recipient
24 is at or below the 60th percentile of median
25 Small Area Fair Market Rents in the jurisdic-
26 tions of all covered recipients; and

1 (ii) the median home value in the jurisdic-
2 tion of the covered recipient is below the me-
3 dian home value for the United States;

4 (B) the annual natural rental vacancy rate
5 in the jurisdiction of the covered recipient is
6 greater than the national annual natural rental
7 vacancy rate for the most recent year available,
8 as published by the Bureau of the Census;

9 (C) during the 1-year period preceding the
10 date on which the Secretary allocates funds
11 under section 106, the jurisdiction of the cov-
12 ered recipient has been the subject of a major
13 disaster or emergency declaration under section
14 401 or 501, respectively, of the Robert T. Staf-
15 ford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance
16 Act (42 U.S.C. 5170, 5191); or

17 (D) the covered recipient lacks the legal
18 authority to enact or update zoning and permit-
19 ting ordinances.

20 (4) EXTREMELY HIGH-GROWTH RECIPIENT.—
21 The term “extremely high-growth recipient” means
22 an eligible recipient for which the current annual
23 growth rate is at or above 4 percent.

24 (5) HOUSING GROWTH IMPROVEMENT RATE.—
25 The term “housing growth improvement rate”, with

1 respect to an eligible recipient and a fiscal year,
2 means the quotient of—

3 (A)(i) the current annual growth rate of
4 the eligible recipient, minus

5 (ii) the prior annual growth rate of the eli-
6 gible recipient; and

7 (B) the sum obtained by adding the abso-
8 lute values of the current annual growth rate
9 and the prior annual growth rate of the eligible
10 recipient.

11 (6) PRIOR ANNUAL GROWTH RATE.—The term
12 “prior annual growth rate”, with respect to an eligi-
13 ble recipient and a fiscal year, means the average
14 annual percentage increase in the number of housing
15 units in the jurisdiction of the eligible recipient, as
16 calculated by the Secretary, during the period—

17 (A) beginning with the third quarter of the
18 11th preceding fiscal year; and

19 (B) ending with the third quarter of the
20 sixth preceding fiscal year.

21 (7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
22 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

23 (8) SECTION 106.—The term “section 106”
24 means section 106 of the Housing and Community
25 Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5306).

1 (b) ADJUSTMENTS TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
2 BLOCK GRANT ALLOCATIONS.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—In allocating amounts to an
4 eligible recipient under section 106 for a fiscal year,
5 the Secretary shall adjust the allocation based on
6 the housing growth improvement rate of the eligible
7 recipient, in accordance with paragraph (2) of this
8 subsection.

9 (2) ADJUSTMENTS.—

10 (A) HOUSING GROWTH IMPROVEMENT
11 RATE AT OR ABOVE MEDIAN; EXTREMELY
12 HIGH-GROWTH RECIPIENTS.—

13 (i) IN GENERAL.—If, with respect to a
14 fiscal year for which the allocation under
15 section 106 is being determined, the hous-
16 ing growth improvement rate for an eligi-
17 ble recipient is at or above the median
18 housing growth improvement rate for all
19 eligible recipients other than extremely
20 high-growth recipients, or if an eligible re-
21 cipient is an extremely high-growth recipi-
22 ent, the Secretary shall allocate to the eli-
23 gible recipient for that fiscal year, in addi-
24 tion to the amount that would otherwise be
25 allocated to the eligible recipient under sec-

tion 106, a bonus amount, as determined under clause (ii) of this subparagraph.

(ii) BONUS AMOUNT.—For purposes of clause (i), the bonus amount for an eligible recipient for a fiscal year shall be equal to the product of—

(I) the aggregate amount by which allocations to eligible recipients are decreased under subparagraph (B) for that fiscal year; and

(II) the quotient of—

(aa) the number of housing units, as of the third quarter of the preceding fiscal year, in the jurisdiction of the eligible recipient, as calculated by the Secretary; and

(bb) the number of housing units, as of the third quarter of the preceding fiscal year, in the jurisdictions of all eligible recipients that receive a bonus amount under this paragraph, as calculated by the Secretary.

1 (B) HOUSING GROWTH IMPROVEMENT
2 RATE BELOW MEDIAN.—If, with respect to a
3 fiscal year for which the allocation under sec-
4 tion 106 is being determined, the housing
5 growth improvement rate for an eligible recipi-
6 ent is below the median housing growth im-
7 provement rate for all eligible recipients other
8 than high-growth outliers, the Secretary shall
9 decrease the amount that would otherwise be al-
10 located to the eligible recipient under section
11 106 for that fiscal year by 10 percent.

12 (c) CALCULATION OF HOUSING UNITS.—

13 (1) HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT RE-
14 QUIREMENTS.—In calculating the number of housing
15 units in the jurisdiction of an eligible recipient under
16 any provision of this section, the Secretary shall—

17 (A) use the Current Address Count Listing
18 Files and other data products, as needed, of the
19 Bureau of the Census tabulated from the Mas-
20 ter Address File; and

21 (B) make calculations at the block level,
22 using boundaries that reflect the most current
23 boundaries.

24 (2) CENSUS BUREAU AND POSTAL SERVICE RE-
25 QUIREMENTS.—The Bureau of the Census and the

1 United States Postal Service shall provide any rel-
2 evant data to the Secretary upon request to assist
3 the Secretary in making a calculation described in
4 paragraph (1).

5 (3) ADJUSTMENT OF CALCULATION PERIODS.—

6 The Secretary may adjust the calculation periods
7 under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection
8 (a)(2), subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection
9 (a)(6), and items (aa) and (bb) of subsection
10 (b)(2)(A)(ii)(II) by not more than 2 months to
11 achieve alignment with the data provided by the Bu-
12 reau of the Census.

13 (d) ANNUAL REPORT ON HOUSING GROWTH IM-
14 PROVEMENT RATE.—Before allocating funds under sec-
15 tion 106 for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall publish a
16 report that—

17 (1) includes the housing growth improvement
18 rate for each eligible recipient; and

19 (2) lists, for the most recent fiscal year for
20 which allocations were made under section 106—

21 (A) the eligible recipients that received a
22 bonus amount under subsection (b)(2)(A); and

23 (B) the eligible recipients for which the al-
24 location under section 106 was decreased under
25 subsection (b)(2)(B) of this section.

1 (e) NOTIFICATION; IMPLEMENTATION DATES.—

2 (1) NOTIFICATION.—

3 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days
4 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
5 retary shall notify each eligible recipient of the
6 recipient's housing growth improvement rate
7 and whether that housing growth improvement
8 rate is above, at, or below the median housing
9 growth improvement rate for all eligible recipi-
10 ents other than extremely high-growth recipi-
11 ents.

12 (B) GUIDANCE.—As part of the notifica-
13 tion under subparagraph (A), the Secretary
14 shall share guidance, including resources devel-
15 oped by the Department of Housing and Urban
16 Development, on best practices and rec-
17 ommendations on policies to reduce regulatory
18 barriers to housing and increase housing sup-
19 ply.

20 (2) IMPLEMENTATION DATES.—Subsection (b)
21 shall take effect beginning with the third full fiscal
22 year after the date of enactment of this Act and re-
23 main in effect through fiscal year 2043.

1 (3) NO EFFECT ON PREVIOUS APPROPRIA-
 2 TIONS.—This section shall not apply to amounts ap-
 3 propriated before the date of enactment of this Act.

4 **SEC. 5207. BETTER USE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND**
 5 **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT (BUILD) HOUSING**
 6 **ACT.**

7 (a) DESIGNATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
 8 PROCEDURE.—The Department of Housing and Urban
 9 Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3531 et seq.) is amended by
 10 inserting after section 12 (42 U.S.C. 3537a) the following:

11 **“SEC. 13. DESIGNATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PRO-**
 12 **CEDURE.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
 14 (b), the Secretary may, for purposes of environmental re-
 15 view, decision making, and action pursuant to the Na-
 16 tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321
 17 et seq.), and other provisions of law that further the pur-
 18 poses of such Act, designate the treatment of assistance
 19 administered by the Secretary as funds for a special
 20 project for purposes of section 305(c) of the Multifamily
 21 Housing Property Disposition Reform Act of 1994 (42
 22 U.S.C. 3547).

23 “(b) EXCEPTION.—The designation described in sub-
 24 section (a) shall not apply to assistance for which a proce-
 25 dure for carrying out the responsibilities of the Secretary

1 under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42
2 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), and other provisions of law that fur-
3 ther the purposes of such Act, is otherwise specified in
4 law.”.

5 (b) TRIBAL ASSUMPTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL RE-
6 VIEW OBLIGATIONS.—Section 305(c) of the Multifamily
7 Housing Property Disposition Reform Act of 1994 (42
8 U.S.C. 3547) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “State or unit of general local
10 government” each place it appears and inserting
11 “State, Indian tribe, or unit of general local govern-
12 ment”;

13 (2) in paragraph (1)(C), in the heading, by
14 striking “STATE OR UNIT OF GENERAL LOCAL GOV-
15 ERNMENT” and inserting “STATE, INDIAN TRIBE, OR
16 UNIT OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(5) DEFINITION OF INDIAN TRIBE.—For pur-
19 poses of this subsection, the term ‘Indian tribe’
20 means a federally recognized tribe, as defined in sec-
21 tion 4(13)(B) of the Native American Housing As-
22 sistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25
23 U.S.C. 4103(13)(B)).”.

1 **SEC. 5208. UNLOCKING HOUSING SUPPLY THROUGH**
2 **STREAMLINED AND MODERNIZED REVIEWS**
3 **ACT.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) INFILL PROJECT.—The term “infill project”
6 means a project that—

7 (A) occurs within the geographic limits of
8 a municipality;

9 (B) is adequately served by existing utili-
10 ties and public services as required under appli-
11 cable law;

12 (C) is located on a site of previously dis-
13 turbed land of not more than 5 acres and sub-
14 stantially surrounded by residential or commer-
15 cial development;

16 (D) will repurpose a vacant or underuti-
17 lized parcel of land, or a dilapidated or aban-
18 doned structure; and

19 (E) will serve a residential or commercial
20 purpose.

21 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
22 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

23 (b) NEPA STREAMLINING FOR HUD HOUSING-RE-
24 LATED ACTIVITIES.—

25 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, in ac-
26 cordance with section 553 of title 5, United States

1 Code, and section 103 of the National Environ-
2 mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4333), expand
3 and reclassify housing-related activities under the
4 necessary administrative regulations as follows:

5 (A) The following housing-related activities
6 shall be subject to regulations equivalent or
7 substantially similar to the regulations entitled
8 “exempt activities” as set forth in section 58.34
9 of title 24, Code of Federal Regulations, as in
10 effect on January 1, 2025:

11 (i) Tenant-based rental assistance.

12 (ii) Supportive services, including
13 health care, housing services, permanent
14 housing placement, day care, nutritional
15 services, short-term payments for rent,
16 mortgage, or utility costs, and assistance
17 in gaining access to Federal Government
18 and State and local government benefits
19 and services.

20 (iii) Operating costs, including main-
21 tenance, security, operation, utilities, fur-
22 nishings, equipment, supplies, staff train-
23 ing, and recruitment and other incidental
24 costs.

1 (iv) Economic development activities,
2 including equipment purchases, inventory
3 financing, interest subsidies, operating ex-
4 penses, and similar costs not associated
5 with construction or expansion of existing
6 operations.

7 (v) Activities to assist homebuyers to
8 purchase existing dwelling units or dwell-
9 ing units under construction, including
10 closing costs and down payment assistance,
11 interest rate buydowns, and similar activi-
12 ties that result in the transfer of title.

13 (vi) Affordable housing pre-develop-
14 ment costs related to obtaining site op-
15 tions, project financing, administrative
16 costs and fees for loan commitment, zoning
17 approvals, and other related activities that
18 do not have a physical impact.

19 (vii) Approval of supplemental assist-
20 ance, including insurance or guarantee, to
21 a project previously approved by the Sec-
22 retary.

23 (viii) Emergency homeowner or renter
24 assistance for HVAC, hot water heaters,

1 and other necessary uses of existing utili-
2 ties required under applicable law.

3 (B) The following housing-related activities
4 shall be subject to regulations equivalent or
5 substantially similar to the regulations entitled,
6 (i) “categorical exclusions not subject to section
7 58.5” and (ii) “categorical exclusions not sub-
8 ject to the Federal laws and authorities cited in
9 sections 50.4” in section 58.35(b) and section
10 50.19, respectively of title 24, Code of Federal
11 Regulations, as in effect on January 1, 2025, if
12 such activities do not materially alter environ-
13 mental conditions and do not materially exceed
14 the original scope of the project:

15 (i) Acquisition, repair, improvement,
16 reconstruction, or rehabilitation of public
17 facilities and improvements (other than
18 buildings) if the facilities and improve-
19 ments are in place and will be retained in
20 the same use without change in size or ca-
21 pacity of more than 20 percent, including
22 replacement of water or sewer lines, recon-
23 struction of curbs and sidewalks, and re-
24 paving of streets.

1 (ii) Rehabilitation of 1-to-4 unit resi-
2 dential buildings, and existing housing-re-
3 lated infrastructure, such as repairs or re-
4 habilitation of existing wells, septic, or
5 utility lines that connect to that housing.

6 (iii) New construction, development,
7 demolition, acquisition, or disposition on
8 up to 4 scattered site existing dwelling
9 units where there is a maximum of 4 units
10 on any 1 site.

11 (iv) Acquisitions (including leasing) or
12 disposition of, or equity loans on an exist-
13 ing structure, or acquisition (including
14 leasing) of vacant land if the structure or
15 land acquired, financed, or disposed of will
16 be retained for the same use.

17 (C) The following housing-related activities
18 shall be subject to regulations equivalent or
19 substantially similar to the regulations entitled,
20 (i) “categorical exclusions subject to section
21 58.5” and (ii) “categorical exclusions subject to
22 the Federal laws and authorities cited in sec-
23 tions 50.4” in section 58.35(a) and section
24 50.20, respectively, of title 24, Code of Federal
25 Regulations, as in effect on January 1, 2025, if

1 such activities do not materially alter environ-
2 mental conditions and do not materially exceed
3 the original scope of the project:

4 (i) Acquisitions of open space or resi-
5 dential property, where such property will
6 be retained for the same use or will be con-
7 verted to open space to help residents relo-
8 cate out of an area designated as a high-
9 risk area by the Secretary.

10 (ii) Conversion of existing office build-
11 ings into residential development, subject
12 to—

13 (I) a maximum number of units
14 to be determined by the Secretary;
15 and

16 (II) a limitation on the change in
17 building size of not more than 20 per-
18 cent.

19 (iii) New construction, development,
20 demolition, acquisition, or disposition on 5
21 to 15 dwelling units where there is a max-
22 imum of fifteen units on any 1 site. The
23 units can be 15 1-unit buildings or 1 15-
24 unit building, or any combination in be-
25 tween.

1 (iv) New construction, development,
2 demolition, acquisition, or disposition on
3 15 or more housing units developed on
4 scattered sites when there are not more
5 than 15 housing units on any 1 site, and
6 the sites are more than a set number of
7 feet apart as determined by the Secretary.

8 (v) Rehabilitation of buildings and im-
9 provements in the case of a building for
10 residential use with 5 to 15 units, if the
11 density is not increased beyond 15 units
12 and the land use is not changed.

13 (vi) Infill projects consisting of new
14 construction, rehabilitation, or development
15 of residential housing units.

16 (vii) The voluntary acquisition of
17 properties—

18 (I) located in a—

19 (aa) floodway;

20 (bb) floodplain; or

21 (cc) other area, clearly delin-
22 eated by the grantee; and

23 (II) that have been impacted by a
24 predictable environmental threat to
25 the safety and well-being of program

1 beneficiaries caused or exacerbated by
2 a federally declared disaster.

3 (c) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit to the
4 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of
5 the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of
6 the House of Representatives an annual report during the
7 5-year period beginning on the date that is 2 years after
8 the date of enactment of this Act that provides a summary
9 of findings of reductions in review times and administra-
10 tive cost reduction, with a particular focus on the afford-
11 able housing sector, as a result of the actions set forth
12 in this section, and any recommendations of the Secretary
13 for future congressional action with respect to revising
14 categorical exclusions or exemptions under title 24, Code
15 of Federal Regulations.

16 **SEC. 5209. INNOVATION FUND.**

17 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) ATTAINABLE HOUSING.—The term “attain-
19 able housing” means housing that—

20 (A) serves—

21 (i) a majority of households with in-
22 come not greater than 80 percent of area
23 median income; and

1 (ii) households with income not great-
2 er than 100 percent of area median in-
3 come; or

4 (B) serves—

5 (i) a majority of households with in-
6 come not greater than 60 percent of area
7 median income; and

8 (ii) households with income not great-
9 er than 120 percent of area median in-
10 come.

11 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
12 ty” means—

13 (A) a metropolitan city or urban county, as
14 those terms are defined in section 102 of the
15 Housing and Community Development Act of
16 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5302), that has demonstrated
17 an objective improvement in housing supply
18 growth, as determined by the Secretary, whose
19 methodology for determining such growth is
20 published in the Federal Register to allow for
21 public comment not less than 90 days before
22 date on which the notice of funding opportunity
23 is made available; or

24 (B) a unit of general local government or
25 Indian tribe, as those terms are defined in sec-

tion 102 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5302), that has demonstrated an objective improvement in housing supply growth, as determined by the Secretary, whose methodology for determining such improvement is published in the Federal Register to allow for public comment not less than 90 days before the date on which the notice of funding opportunity is made available.

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF A GRANT PROGRAM.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish a program to award grants on a competitive basis to eligible entities that have increased their local housing supply.

(2) LIST OF ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The Secretary shall make a list of eligible entities publicly available on the website of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(3) ELIGIBLE PURPOSES.—An eligible entity receiving a grant under this section may use funds to—

1 (A) carry out any of the activities de-
2 scribed in section 105 of the Housing and Com-
3 munity Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.
4 5305);

5 (B) carry out any of the activities per-
6 mitted under the Local and Regional Project
7 Assistance Program established under section
8 6702 of title 49, United States Code;

9 (C) serve as matching funds under a State
10 revolving fund program related to a clean water
11 or drinking water program administered by the
12 Environmental Protection Agency in which the
13 eligible entity is the grantee under that pro-
14 gram, unless otherwise determined by the Sec-
15 retary; and

16 (D) carry out initiatives of the eligible enti-
17 ty that facilitate the expansion of the supply of
18 attainable housing and that supplement initia-
19 tives the eligible entity has carried out, or is in
20 the process of carrying out, as specified in the
21 application submitted under paragraph (4).

22 (4) APPLICATION.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity seek-
24 ing a grant under this section shall submit to
25 the Secretary an application that provides—

1 (i) a description of each purpose for
2 which the eligible entity will use the grant,
3 and an attestation that the grant will be
4 used only for 1 or more eligible purposes
5 described in paragraph (3);

6 (ii) data on characteristics of in-
7 creased housing supply during the 3-year
8 period ending on the date on which the ap-
9 plication is submitted, which may include
10 whether such housing—

11 (I) serves households at a range
12 of income levels; and

13 (II) has improved the quality and
14 affordability of housing in the juris-
15 diction of the eligible entity;

16 (iii) a description of how each eligible
17 purpose described in clause (i) may ad-
18 dress a community need or advance an ob-
19 jective, or an aspect of an objective, in-
20 cluded in the comprehensive housing af-
21 fordability strategy and community devel-
22 opment plan of the eligible entity under
23 part 91 of title 24, Code of Federal Regu-
24 lations, or any successor regulation (com-

monly referred to as a “consolidated plan”); and

(iv) a description of how the eligible entity has carried out, or is in the process of carrying out, initiatives that facilitate the expansion of the supply of housing.

(B) INITIATIVES.—Initiatives that meet the criteria described in paragraph (3)(D) include—

(i) increasing by-right uses, including duplex, triplex, quadplex, and multifamily buildings, in areas of opportunity;

(ii) revising or eliminating off-street parking requirements to reduce the cost of housing production;

(iii) revising minimum lot size requirements, floor area ratio requirements, setback requirements, building heights, and bans or limits on construction to allow for denser and more affordable development;

(iv) instituting incentives to promote dense development;

(v) passing zoning overlays or other ordinances that enable the development of mixed-income housing;

1 (vi) streamlining regulatory require-
2 ments and shortening processes, increasing
3 code enforcement and permitting capacity,
4 reforming zoning codes, or other initiatives
5 that reduce barriers to increasing housing
6 supply and affordability;

7 (vii) eliminating restrictions against
8 accessory dwelling units and expanding
9 their by-right use;

10 (viii) using local tax incentives or pub-
11 lic financing to promote development of at-
12 tainable housing;

13 (ix) streamlining environmental regu-
14 lations;

15 (x) eliminating unnecessary manufac-
16 tured-housing regulations and restrictions;

17 (xi) minimizing the impact of over-
18 burdensome energy and water efficiency
19 standards on housing costs; and

20 (xii) other activities that reduce cost
21 of construction, as determined by the Sec-
22 retary.

23 (5) GRANTS.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
25 make not fewer than 25 grants on an annual

1 basis (unless amounts appropriated to provide
2 grant amounts consistent with subsection (b)
3 are insufficient, in which case fewer grants may
4 be awarded), with strong consideration of dif-
5 ferent geographical areas and a relatively even
6 spread of rural, suburban, and urban commu-
7 nities.

8 (B) LIMITATIONS ON AWARDS.—No grant
9 awarded under this paragraph may be—

10 (i) more than \$10,000,000; or

11 (ii) less than \$250,000.

12 (C) PRIORITY.—When awarding grants
13 under this paragraph, the Secretary shall give
14 priority to an eligible entity that has—

15 (i) demonstrated the use of innovative
16 policies, interventions, or programs for in-
17 creasing housing supply, including adop-
18 tion of any of the frameworks developed
19 under section 203; and

20 (ii) demonstrated a marked improve-
21 ment in housing supply growth.

22 (D) GRANT ADMINISTRATION AND
23 TERMS.—Projects assisted under this section
24 for activities described in sector 23 of the North
25 American Industry Classification System shall

be treated as projects assisted under the Community Development Block Grant program under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.).

(c) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed—

(1) to authorize the Secretary to mandate, supersede, or preempt any local zoning or land use policy; or

(2) to affect the requirements of section 105(c)(1) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12705(c)(1)).

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$200,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2031.

(2) ADJUSTMENT.—The amount authorized to be appropriated under paragraph (1) shall be adjusted for inflation based on the Consumer Price Index.

SEC. 5210. ACCELERATING HOME BUILDING ACT.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) AFFORDABLE HOUSING.—The term “affordable housing” means housing for which the total

1 monthly housing cost payment is not more than 30
2 percent of the monthly household income for a
3 household earning not more than 80 percent of the
4 area median income.

5 (2) COVERED STRUCTURE.—The term “covered
6 structure” means—

7 (A) a low-rise or mid-rise structure with
8 not more than 25 dwelling units; and

9 (B) includes—

10 (i) an accessory dwelling unit;

11 (ii) infill development;

12 (iii) a duplex;

13 (iv) a triplex;

14 (v) a fourplex;

15 (vi) a cottage court;

16 (vii) a courtyard building;

17 (viii) a townhouse;

18 (ix) a multiplex; and

19 (x) any other structure with not less
20 than 2 dwelling units that the Secretary
21 considers appropriate.

22 (3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
23 ty” means—

24 (A) a unit of general local government, as
25 defined in section 102(a) of the Housing and

1 Community Development Act of 1974 (42
2 U.S.C. 5302(a));

3 (B) a municipal membership organization;
4 and

5 (C) an Indian tribe, as defined in section
6 102(a) of the Housing and Community Devel-
7 opment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5302(a)).

8 (4) HIGH OPPORTUNITY AREA.—The term
9 “high opportunity area” has the meaning given the
10 term in section 1282.1 of title 12, Code of Federal
11 Regulations, or any successor regulation.

12 (5) INFILL DEVELOPMENT.—The term “infill
13 development” means residential development on
14 small parcels in previously established areas for re-
15 placement by new or refurbished housing that uti-
16 lizes existing utilities and infrastructure.

17 (6) MIXED-INCOME HOUSING.—The term
18 “mixed-income housing” means a housing develop-
19 ment that is comprised of housing units that pro-
20 mote differing levels of affordability in the commu-
21 nity.

22 (7) PRE-REVIEWED DESIGNS.—The term “pre-
23 reviewed designs”, also known as pattern books,
24 means sets of construction plans that are assessed
25 and approved by localities for compliance with local

1 building and permitting standards to streamline and
2 expedite approval pathways for housing construction.

3 (8) RURAL AREA.—The term “rural area”
4 means any area other than a city or town that has
5 a population of less than 50,000 inhabitants.

6 (9) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

8 (b) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may award grants
9 to eligible entities to select pre-reviewed designs of covered
10 structures of mixed-income housing for use in the jurisdic-
11 tion of the eligible entity, except that such grant awards
12 may not be used for construction, alteration, or repair
13 work.

14 (c) CONSIDERATIONS.—In reviewing applications
15 submitted by eligible entities for a grant under this sec-
16 tion, the Secretary shall consider—

17 (1) the need for affordable housing by the eligi-
18 ble entity;

19 (2) the presence of high opportunity areas in
20 the jurisdiction of the eligible entity;

21 (3) coordination between the eligible entity and
22 a State agency; and

23 (4) coordination between the eligible entity and
24 State, local, and regional transportation planning
25 authorities.

1 (d) SET-ASIDE FOR RURAL AREAS.—Of the amount
2 made available in each fiscal year for grants under this
3 section, the Secretary shall ensure that not less than 10
4 percent shall be used for grants to eligible entities that
5 are located in rural areas.

6 (e) REPORTS.—The Secretary shall require eligible
7 entities receiving grants under this section to report on—

8 (1) the impacts of the activities carried out
9 using the grant amounts in improving the produc-
10 tion and supply of affordable housing;

11 (2) the pre-reviewed designs selected using the
12 grant amounts in their communities;

13 (3) the number of permits issued for housing
14 development utilizing pre-reviewed designs; and

15 (4) the number of housing units produced in
16 developments utilizing the pre-reviewed designs.

17 (f) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—The Secretary
18 shall—

19 (1) to the extent possible, encourage localities
20 to make publicly available through a website infor-
21 mation on the pre-reviewed designs selected and sub-
22 mitted to the Secretary by eligible entities receiving
23 grants under this section, including information on
24 the benefits of use of those designs; and

1 (2) collect, identify, and disseminate best prac-
 2 tices regarding such designs and make such informa-
 3 tion publicly available on the website of the Depart-
 4 ment of Housing and Urban Development.

5 (g) DESIGN ADOPTION AND REPAYMENT.—The Sec-
 6 retary may require an eligible entity to return to the Sec-
 7 retary any grant funds received under this section if the
 8 selected pre-reviewed designs submitted under this section
 9 have not been adopted during the 5-year period following
 10 receipt of the grant, unless that period is extended by the
 11 Secretary.

12 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
 14 appropriated to the Secretary such sums as are nec-
 15 essary to carry out this section.

16 (2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary
 17 may set aside not more than 5 percent of amounts
 18 appropriated under paragraph (1) in a fiscal year to
 19 provide technical assistance to grant recipients
 20 under this section and pre-grant technical assistance
 21 for prospective applicants.

22 **SEC. 5211. BUILD MORE HOUSING NEAR TRANSIT ACT.**

23 Section 5309 of title 49, United States Code, is
 24 amended—

25 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) by redesignating paragraph (6) as
2 paragraph (7); and

3 (B) by inserting after paragraph (5) the
4 following:

5 “(6) PRO-HOUSING POLICY.—The term ‘pro-
6 housing policy’—

7 “(A) means any adopted State or local pol-
8 icy that will remove regulatory barriers to the
9 construction or preservation of housing units,
10 including affordable housing units; and

11 “(B) shall include any adopted State or
12 local policy that—

13 “(i) reduces or eliminates parking
14 minimums;

15 “(ii) establishes a by-right approval
16 process for housing under which land use
17 development approval is limited to deter-
18 mining that the development meets objec-
19 tive zoning and design standards that—

20 “(I) involve no subjective judg-
21 ment by a public official;

22 “(II) are uniformly verifiable by
23 reference to an external and uniform
24 benchmark or criterion available to

1 both the land use developer and the
 2 public official prior to submission; and

3 “(III) include only such stand-
 4 ards as are published and adopted by
 5 ordinance or resolution by a jurisdic-
 6 tion before submission of a develop-
 7 ment application;

8 “(iii) reduces or eliminates minimum
 9 lot sizes;

10 “(iv) eliminates or raises residential
 11 property height limits or increases the
 12 number of dwelling units permitted to be
 13 constructed under a by-right approval
 14 process; or

15 “(v) carries out other policies as de-
 16 termined by the Secretary, in consultation
 17 with the Secretary of Housing and Urban
 18 Development.”;

19 (2) in subsection (g)(2), by adding at the end
 20 the following:

21 “(D) ELIGIBILITY FOR ADJUSTMENT OF
 22 RATING FOR PROJECT JUSTIFICATION CRITERIA
 23 FOR PRO-HOUSING POLICIES; CONSIDER-
 24 ATIONS.—In evaluating and rating a project as

1 a whole for project justification under subpara-
2 graph (A), the Secretary—

3 “(i) may increase 1 point on the 5-
4 point scale (high, medium-high, medium,
5 medium-low, or low) the rating of a project
6 if the applicant submits documented evi-
7 dence of pro-housing policies for areas ac-
8 cessible to transit facilities along the
9 project route; and

10 “(ii) should consider whether the pro-
11 housing policies documented by the appli-
12 cant will result, through new production
13 and preservation, in an amount of housing
14 units, including housing units affordable
15 below the area median income, that is ap-
16 propriate to expected housing demand in
17 the project area.

18 “(E) CONSULTATION.—In developing the
19 evaluation process that could lead to the in-
20 creased rating described in subparagraph
21 (D)(i), the Secretary shall consult with the Sec-
22 retary of Housing and Urban Development.”;

23 (3) in subsection (h)(6), by adding at the end
24 the following:

1 “(C) ELIGIBILITY FOR ADJUSTMENT OF
2 RATING FOR PROJECT JUSTIFICATION CRITERIA
3 FOR PRO-HOUSING POLICIES; CONSIDER-
4 ATIONS.—In evaluating and rating the benefits
5 of a project under subparagraph (A), the Sec-
6 retary—

7 “(i) may increase the rating of a
8 project if the applicant submits docu-
9 mented evidence of pro-housing policies for
10 areas accessible to transit facilities along
11 the project route; and

12 “(ii) should consider whether the pro-
13 housing policies documented by the appli-
14 cant will result, through new production
15 and preservation, in an amount of housing
16 units, including housing units affordable
17 below the area median income, that is ap-
18 propriate to expected housing demand in
19 the project area.

20 “(D) CONSULTATION.—In developing the
21 evaluation process that could lead to the in-
22 creased rating described in subparagraph (C)(i),
23 the Secretary shall consult with the Secretary
24 of Housing and Urban Development.”; and
25 (4) in subsection (o)—

- 1 (A) in paragraph (1)—
- 2 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking
- 3 “and” at the end;
- 4 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
- 5 the period at the end and inserting “;
- 6 and”; and
- 7 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
- 8 lowing:
- 9 “(D) information concerning projects for
- 10 which the applicant submitted pro-housing poli-
- 11 cies under subsection (g)(2)(D) or subsection
- 12 (h)(6) and received an adjustment of rating for
- 13 project justification.”.

14 **SEC. 5212. REVITALIZING EMPTY STRUCTURES INTO DESIR-**

15 **ABLE ENVIRONMENTS (RESIDE) ACT.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title II of the Cran-

17 ston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42

18 U.S.C. 12741 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end

19 the following:

20 **“SEC. 227. REVITALIZING EMPTY STRUCTURES INTO DESIR-**

21 **ABLE ENVIRONMENTS.**

22 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 “(1) ATTAINABLE HOUSING.—The term ‘attain-

24 able housing’ means housing that—

1 “(A) serves households earning not more
 2 than 100 percent of the area median income, if
 3 a majority of the housing units are affordable
 4 to households earning not more than 80 percent
 5 of the area median income; or

6 “(B) serves households earning not more
 7 than 120 percent of the area median income, if
 8 the majority of the housing units are affordable
 9 to households earning not more than 60 percent
 10 of the area median income.

11 “(2) CONVERTED HOUSING UNIT.—The term
 12 ‘converted housing unit’ means a housing unit that
 13 is created using a covered grant.

14 “(3) COVERED GRANT.—The term ‘covered
 15 grant’ means a grant awarded under the Pilot Pro-
 16 gram.

17 “(4) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
 18 tity’ means a participating jurisdiction.

19 “(5) PILOT PROGRAM.—The term ‘Pilot Pro-
 20 gram’ means the Blighted Building to Housing Con-
 21 version Program carried out under subsection (b).

22 “(6) VACANT AND ABANDONED BUILDING.—
 23 The term ‘vacant and abandoned building’ means a
 24 property—

1 “(A) that was constructed for use as a
2 warehouse, factory, mall, strip mall, or hotel, or
3 for another industrial or commercial use; and

4 “(B)(i) with respect to which—

5 “(I) a code enforcement inspection
6 has determined that the property is not
7 safe; and

8 “(II) not less than 90 days have
9 elapsed since the owner was notified of the
10 deficiencies in the property and the owner
11 has taken no corrective action; or

12 “(ii) that is subject to a court-ordered re-
13 ceivership or nuisance abatement related to
14 abandonment pursuant to State or local law or
15 otherwise meets the definition of an abandoned
16 property under State law.

17 “(b) GRANT PROGRAM.—For each of fiscal years
18 2027 through 2031, if the amounts made available to
19 carry out the this subtitle exceed \$1,350,000,000, the Sec-
20 retary may use not more than \$100,000,000 of the excess
21 amounts to carry out a pilot program, to be known as the
22 ‘Blighted Building to Housing Conversion Program’,
23 under which the Secretary awards grants on a competitive
24 basis to eligible entities to convert vacant and abandoned
25 buildings into attainable housing.

1 “(c) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For any fiscal year for
3 which \$100,000,000 is available to carry out the
4 Pilot Program pursuant to subsection (b), the
5 amount of a covered grant shall be not less than
6 \$1,000,000 and not more than \$10,000,000.

7 “(2) FISCAL YEARS WITH LOWER FUNDING.—

8 For any fiscal year for which less than
9 \$100,000,000 is available to carry out the Pilot Pro-
10 gram pursuant to subsection (b), the Secretary shall
11 seek to maximize the number of covered grants
12 awarded.

13 “(d) RELATION TO FORMULA ALLOCATION.—A cov-
14 ered grant awarded to an eligible entity shall be in addi-
15 tion to, and shall not affect, the formula allocation for the
16 eligible entity under section 217.

17 “(e) PRIORITY.—In awarding covered grants, the
18 Secretary shall give priority to an eligible entity that—

19 “(1) will use the covered grant in a community
20 that is experiencing economic distress;

21 “(2) will use the covered grant in a qualified
22 opportunity zone (as defined in section 1400Z-1(a)
23 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986);

24 “(3) will use the covered grant to construct
25 housing that will serve a need identified in the com-

1 prehensive housing affordability strategy and com-
 2 munity development plan of the eligible entity under
 3 part 91 of title 24, Code of Federal Regulations, or
 4 any successor regulation (commonly referred to as a
 5 ‘consolidated plan’); or

6 “(4) has enacted ordinances to reduce regu-
 7 latory barriers to conversion of vacant and aban-
 8 doned buildings to housing, which shall not include
 9 any alteration of an ordinance that governs safety
 10 and habitability.

11 “(f) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity may use a
 12 covered grant for—

13 “(1) property acquisition;

14 “(2) demolition;

15 “(3) health hazard remediation;

16 “(4) site preparation;

17 “(5) construction, renovation, or rehabilitation;

18 or

19 “(6) the establishment, maintenance, or expan-
 20 sion of community land trusts.

21 “(g) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—In administering covered
 22 grants, the Secretary may waive, or specify alternative re-
 23 quirements for, any statute or regulation that the Sec-
 24 retary administers in connection with the obligation by the
 25 Secretary or the use by eligible entities of covered grant

1 funds (except for requirements related to fair housing,
 2 nondiscrimination, labor standards, or the environment)
 3 if the Secretary makes a public finding that good cause
 4 exists for the waiver or alternative requirement.

5 “(h) STUDY; REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
 6 after the termination of the Pilot Program, the Secretary
 7 shall study and submit a report to Congress on the impact
 8 of the Pilot Program on—

9 “(1) improving the tax base of local commu-
 10 nities;

11 “(2) increasing access to affordable housing, es-
 12 pecially for elderly individuals, disabled individuals,
 13 and veterans;

14 “(3) increasing homeownership; and

15 “(4) removing blight.”.

16 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
 17 The table of contents in section 1(b) of the Cranston-Gon-
 18 zalez National Affordable Housing Act (Public Law 101–
 19 625; 104 Stat. 4079) is amended by inserting after the
 20 item relating to section 226 the following:

“Sec. 227. Revitalizing empty structures into desirable environments.”.

21 **SEC. 5213. HOUSING AFFORDABILITY ACT.**

22 (a) MULTIFAMILY LOAN LIMIT STUDY.—The Com-
 23 missioner of the Federal Housing Administration, in con-
 24 sultation with the Secretary of the Department of Housing
 25 and Urban Development, shall conduct a study to assess—

1 (1) whether current multifamily loan limits for
2 each multifamily mortgage insurance program are
3 set at appropriate amounts, including to cover the
4 cost of land and construction;

5 (2) whether the Commissioner has sufficient au-
6 thority to set loan limits for each multifamily mort-
7 gage insurance program at appropriate amounts, in-
8 cluding to cover the cost of land and construction;

9 (3) the potential impacts of altering the calcula-
10 tion of annual adjustments under section 206A of
11 the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1712a) using
12 the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index
13 for All Urban Consumers to instead use the percent-
14 age change in the Price Deflator Index of Multi-
15 family Residential Units Under Construction re-
16 leased by the Bureau of the Census from March of
17 the previous year to March of the year in which the
18 adjustment is made, or a combination thereof, in-
19 cluding—

20 (A) the impact on the General Insurance
21 and Special Risk Insurance Fund;

22 (B) the availability of multifamily purchase
23 and construction lending;

1 (C) the impact on prices, including rental
2 prices, within the multifamily housing market;
3 and

4 (D) the impact on housing supply.

5 (b) REPORT.—The Commissioner of the Federal
6 Housing Administration shall submit a report to Congress
7 within 180 days of enactment of this Act summarizing its
8 findings under the study in subsection (a).

9 (c) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary of Housing and
10 Urban Development may, in consultation with the Com-
11 missioner of the Federal Housing Administration, conduct
12 notice and comment rulemaking to increase multifamily
13 loan limits in a manner that would not exceed the fol-
14 lowing:

15 (1) With respect to insurance under section 207
16 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1713)—

17 (A) for projects that do not consist of ele-
18 vator-type structures—

19 (i) \$83,655 per family unit without a
20 bedroom;

21 (ii) \$92,664 per family unit with one
22 bedroom;

23 (iii) \$110,682 per family unit with
24 two bedrooms;

1 (iv) \$136,422 per family unit with
2 three bedrooms; and

3 (v) \$154,440 per family unit with four
4 or more bedrooms; and

5 (B) for projects that consist of elevator-
6 type structures—

7 (i) \$96,525 per family unit without a
8 bedroom;

9 (ii) \$108,108 per family unit with one
10 bedroom;

11 (iii) \$132,561 per family unit with
12 two bedrooms;

13 (iv) \$166,023 per family unit with
14 three bedrooms; and

15 (v) \$187,721.50 per family unit with
16 four or more bedrooms.

17 (2) With respect to insurance under section 213
18 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715e)—

19 (A) for projects that do not consist of ele-
20 vator-type structures—

21 (i) \$90,665.50 per family unit without
22 a bedroom;

23 (ii) \$104,524 per family unit with one
24 bedroom;

1 (iii) \$126,060 per family unit with
2 two bedrooms;

3 (iv) \$161,354.50 per family unit with
4 three bedrooms; and

5 (v) \$179,757.50 per family unit with
6 four or more bedrooms; and

7 (B) for projects that consist of elevator-
8 type structures—

9 (i) \$96,525 per family unit without a
10 bedroom;

11 (ii) \$109,362 per family unit with one
12 bedroom;

13 (iii) \$132,981 per family unit with
14 two bedrooms;

15 (iv) \$172,033.50 per family unit with
16 three bedrooms; and

17 (v) \$188,839 per family unit with four
18 or more bedrooms.

19 (3) With respect to insurance under section 220
20 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715k)—

21 (A) for projects that do not consist of ele-
22 vator-type structures—

23 (i) \$83,655 per family unit without a
24 bedroom;

1 (ii) \$92,664 per family unit with one
2 bedroom;

3 (iii) \$110,682 per family unit with
4 two bedrooms;

5 (iv) \$136,422 per family unit with
6 three bedrooms; and

7 (v) \$154,440 per family unit with four
8 or more bedrooms; and

9 (B) for projects that consist of elevator-
10 type structures—

11 (i) \$96,525 per family unit without a
12 bedroom;

13 (ii) \$108,108 per family unit with one
14 bedroom;

15 (iii) \$132,561 per family unit with
16 two bedrooms;

17 (iv) \$161,023 per family unit with
18 three bedrooms; and

19 (v) \$187,721.50 per family unit with
20 four or more bedrooms.

21 (4) With respect to insurance under section 221
22 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715l)—

23 (A) for projects that do not consist of ele-
24 vator-type structures—

1 (i) \$83,254.50 per family unit without
2 a bedroom;

3 (ii) \$94,498.50 per family unit with
4 one bedroom;

5 (iii) \$114,224 per family unit with
6 two bedrooms;

7 (iv) \$143,372 per family unit with
8 three bedrooms; and

9 (v) \$162,461 per family unit with four
10 or more bedrooms; and

11 (B) for projects that consist of elevator-
12 type structures—

13 (i) \$89,927 per family unit without a
14 bedroom;

15 (ii) \$103,090 per family unit with one
16 bedroom;

17 (iii) \$125,354 per family unit with
18 two bedrooms;

19 (iv) \$162,162 per family unit with
20 three bedrooms; and

21 (v) \$178,008.50 per family unit with
22 four or more bedrooms.

23 (5) With respect to insurance under section 231
24 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715v)—

1 (A) for projects that do not consist of ele-
2 vator-type structures—

3 (i) \$83,254.50 per family unit without
4 a bedroom;

5 (ii) \$94,498.50 per family unit with
6 one bedroom;

7 (iii) \$114,224 per family unit with
8 two bedrooms;

9 (iv) \$143,372 per family unit with
10 three bedrooms; and

11 (v) \$162,461 per family unit with four
12 or more bedrooms; and

13 (B) for projects that consist of elevator-
14 type structures—

15 (i) \$89,927 per family unit without a
16 bedroom;

17 (ii) \$103,090 per family unit with one
18 bedroom;

19 (iii) \$125,354 per family unit with
20 two bedrooms;

21 (iv) \$162,162 per family unit with
22 three bedrooms; and

23 (v) \$178,008.50 per family unit with
24 four or more bedrooms.

1 (6) With respect to insurance under section 234
2 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715y)—

3 (A) for projects that do not consist of ele-
4 vator-type structures—

5 (i) \$92,505.50 per family unit without
6 a bedroom;

7 (ii) \$106,658 per family unit with one
8 bedroom;

9 (iii) \$128,631.50 per family unit with
10 two bedrooms;

11 (iv) \$164,648 per family unit with
12 three bedrooms; and

13 (v) \$183,425 per family unit with four
14 or more bedrooms; and

15 (B) for projects that consist of elevator-
16 type structures—

17 (i) \$97,350 per family unit without a
18 bedroom;

19 (ii) \$111,593 per family unit with one
20 bedroom;

21 (iii) \$135,696 per family unit with
22 two bedrooms;

23 (iv) \$175,544.50 per family unit with
24 three bedrooms; and

1 (v) \$192,693.50 per family unit with
2 four or more bedrooms.

3 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
4 tion or the amendment made by this section shall be con-
5 strued to limit the authority of the Secretary of Housing
6 and Urban Development to revise the statutory exceptions
7 for high-cost percentage and high-cost areas annual index-
8 ing.

9 **TITLE III—MANUFACTURED**
10 **HOUSING FOR AMERICA**

11 **SEC. 5301. HOUSING SUPPLY EXPANSION ACT.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 603(6) of the National
13 Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Stand-
14 ards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5402(6)) is amended by
15 striking “on a permanent chassis” and inserting “with or
16 without a permanent chassis”.

17 (b) MANUFACTURED HOME CERTIFICATIONS.—Sec-
18 tion 604 of the National Manufactured Housing Construc-
19 tion and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5403)
20 is amended by adding at the end the following:

21 “(i) MANUFACTURED HOME CERTIFICATIONS.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—

23 “(A) INITIAL CERTIFICATION.—Subject to
24 subparagraph (B), not later than 1 year after
25 the date of enactment of the Renewing Oppor-

1 tunity in the American Dream to Housing Act
2 of 2025, a State shall submit to the Secretary
3 an initial certification that the laws and regula-
4 tions of the State—

5 “(i) treat any manufactured home in
6 parity with a manufactured home (as de-
7 fined and regulated by the State); and

8 “(ii) subject a manufactured home
9 without a permanent chassis to the same
10 laws and regulations of the State as a
11 manufactured home built on a permanent
12 chassis, including with respect to financ-
13 ing, title, insurance, manufacture, sale,
14 taxes, transportation, installation, and
15 other areas as the Secretary determines,
16 after consultation with and approval by the
17 consensus committee, are necessary to give
18 effect to the purpose of this section.

19 “(B) STATE PLAN SUBMISSION.—Any
20 State plan submitted under subparagraph (C)
21 shall contain the required State certification
22 under subparagraph (A) and, if contained
23 therein, no additional or State certification
24 under subparagraph (A) or paragraph (3).

1 “(C) EXTENDED DEADLINE.—With respect
2 to a State with a legislature that meets bienni-
3 ally, the deadline for the submission of the ini-
4 tial certification required under subparagraph
5 (A) shall be 2 years after the date of enactment
6 of the Renewing Opportunity in the American
7 Dream to Housing Act of 2025.

8 “(D) LATE CERTIFICATION.—

9 “(i) NO WAIVER.—The Secretary may
10 not waive the prohibition described in
11 paragraph (5)(B) with respect to a certifi-
12 cation submitted after the deadline under
13 subparagraph (A) or paragraph (3) unless
14 the Secretary approves the late certifi-
15 cation.

16 “(ii) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—

17 Nothing in this subsection shall be con-
18 strued to prevent a State from submitting
19 the initial certification required under sub-
20 paragraph (A) after the required deadline
21 under that subparagraph.

22 “(2) FORM OF STATE CERTIFICATION NOT PRE-
23 SENTED IN A STATE PLAN.—The initial certification
24 required under paragraph (1)(A), if not submitted
25 with a State plan under paragraph (1)(B), shall con-

1 tain, in a form prescribed by the Secretary, an attes-
2 tation by an official that the State has taken the
3 steps necessary to ensure the veracity of the certifi-
4 cation required under paragraph (1)(A), including,
5 as necessary, by—

6 “(A) amending the definition of ‘manufac-
7 tured home’ in the laws and regulations of the
8 State; and

9 “(B) directing State agencies to amend the
10 definition of ‘manufactured home’ in regula-
11 tions.

12 “(3) ANNUAL RECERTIFICATION.—Not later
13 than a date to be determined by the Secretary each
14 year, a State shall submit to the Secretary an addi-
15 tional certification that—

16 “(A) confirms the accuracy of the initial
17 certification submitted under subparagraph (A)
18 or (B) of paragraph (1); and

19 “(B) certifies that any new laws or regula-
20 tions enacted or adopted by the State since the
21 date of the previous certification does not
22 change the veracity of the initial certification
23 submitted under paragraph (1)(A).

24 “(4) LIST.—The Secretary shall publish and
25 maintain in the Federal Register and on the website

1 of the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-
2 ment a list of States that are up-to-date with the
3 submission of initial and subsequent certifications
4 required under this subsection.

5 “(5) PROHIBITION.—

6 “(A) DEFINITION.—In this paragraph, the
7 term ‘covered manufactured home’ means a
8 home that is—

9 “(i) not considered a manufactured
10 home under the laws and regulations of a
11 State because the home is constructed
12 without a permanent chassis;

13 “(ii) considered a manufactured home
14 under the definition of the term in section
15 603; and

16 “(iii) constructed after the date of en-
17 actment of the Renewing Opportunity in
18 the American Dream to Housing Act of
19 2025.

20 “(B) BUILDING, INSTALLATION, AND
21 SALE.—If a State does not submit a certifi-
22 cation under paragraph (1)(A) or (3) by the
23 date on which those certifications are required
24 to be submitted—

1 “(i) with respect to a State in which
2 the State administers the installation of
3 manufactured homes, the State shall pro-
4 hibit the manufacture, installation, or sale
5 of a covered manufactured home within the
6 State; and

7 “(ii) with respect to a State in which
8 the Secretary administers the installation
9 of manufactured homes, the State and the
10 Secretary shall prohibit the manufacture,
11 installation, or sale of a covered manufac-
12 tured home within the State.”.

13 (c) OTHER FEDERAL LAWS REGULATING MANUFAC-
14 TURED HOMES.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban
15 Development may coordinate with the heads of other Fed-
16 eral agencies to ensure that Federal agencies treat a man-
17 ufactured home (as defined in Federal laws and regula-
18 tions other than section 603 of the National Manufactured
19 Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974
20 (42 U.S.C. 5402)) in the same manner as a manufactured
21 home (as defined in section 603 of the National Manufac-
22 tured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of
23 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5402), as amended by this Act).

1 (d) ASSISTANCE TO STATES.—Section 609 of the Na-
 2 tional Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety
 3 Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5408) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at the
 5 end;

6 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at
 7 the end and inserting “; and”; and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(3) model guidance to support the submission
 10 of the certification required under section 604(i).”.

11 (e) PREEMPTION.—Nothing in this section or the
 12 amendments made by this section shall be construed as
 13 limiting the scope of Federal preemption under section
 14 604(d) of the National Manufactured Housing Construc-
 15 tion and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.
 16 5403(d)).

17 **SEC. 5302. MODULAR HOUSING PRODUCTION ACT.**

18 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) MANUFACTURED HOME.—The term “manu-
 20 factured home” has the meaning given the term in
 21 section 603 of the National Manufactured Housing
 22 Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42
 23 U.S.C. 5402).

24 (2) MODULAR HOME.—The term “modular
 25 home” means a home that is constructed in a fac-

1 tory in 1 or more modules, each of which meet appli-
2 cable State and local building codes of the area in
3 which the home will be located, and that are trans-
4 ported to the home building site, installed on foun-
5 dations, and completed.

6 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

8 (b) FHA CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROGRAMS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct
10 a review of Federal Housing Administration con-
11 struction financing programs to identify barriers to
12 the use of modular home methods.

13 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In conducting the review
14 under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

15 (A) identify and evaluate regulatory and
16 programmatic features that restrict participa-
17 tion in construction financing programs by
18 modular home developers, including construc-
19 tion draw schedules; and

20 (B) identify administrative measures au-
21 thorized under section 525 of the National
22 Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1735f–3) to facilitate
23 program utilization by modular home devel-
24 opers.

1 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
2 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
3 publish a report that describes the results of the re-
4 view conducted under paragraph (1), which shall in-
5 clude a description of programmatic and policy
6 changes that the Secretary recommends to reduce or
7 eliminate identified barriers to the use of modular
8 home methods in Federal Housing Administration
9 construction financing programs.

10 (4) RULEMAKING.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120
12 days after the date on which the Secretary pub-
13 lishes the report under paragraph (3), the Sec-
14 retary shall initiate a rulemaking to examine an
15 alternative draw schedule for construction fi-
16 nancing loans provided to modular and manu-
17 factured home developers, which shall include
18 the ability for interested stakeholders to provide
19 robust public comment.

20 (B) DETERMINATION.—Following the pe-
21 riod for public comment under subparagraph
22 (A), the Secretary shall—

23 (i) issue a final rule regarding an al-
24 ternative draw schedule described in sub-
25 paragraph (A); or

1 (ii) provide an explanation as to why
 2 the rule shall not become final.

3 (c) STANDARDIZED UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE
 4 FOR MODULAR HOMES.—

5 (1) AWARD.—The Secretary may award a grant
 6 to study the design and feasibility of a standardized
 7 uniform commercial code for modular homes, which
 8 shall evaluate—

9 (A) the utility of a standardized coding
 10 system for serializing and securing modules,
 11 streamlining design and construction, and im-
 12 proving modular home innovation; and

13 (B) a means to coordinate a standardized
 14 code with financing incentives.

15 (2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
 16 There is authorized to be appropriated such funds as
 17 may be necessary to carry out paragraph (1).

18 **SEC. 5303. PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT AND MANUFACTURED**
 19 **HOUSING LOAN MODERNIZATION ACT.**

20 (a) NATIONAL HOUSING ACT AMENDMENTS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2 of the National
 22 Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1703) is amended—

23 (A) in subsection (a), by inserting “con-
 24 struction of additional or accessory dwelling

units, as defined by the Secretary,” after “energy conserving improvements,”; and

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraph (1)—

(I) by striking subparagraph (A)

and inserting the following:

“(A) \$75,000 if made for the purpose of financing alterations, repairs and improvements upon or in connection with an existing single-family structure, including a manufactured home;”;

(II) in subparagraph (B)—

(aa) by striking “\$60,000”

and inserting “\$150,000”;

(bb) by striking “\$12,000”

and inserting “\$37,500”; and

(cc) by striking “an apartment house or”;

(III) by striking subparagraphs

(C) and (D) and inserting the following:

“(C)(i) \$106,405 if made for the purpose of financing the purchase of a single-section manufactured home; and

1 “(ii) \$195,322 if made for the purpose of fi-
 2 nancing the purchase of a multi-section manufac-
 3 tured home;

4 “(D)(i) \$149,782 if made for the purpose of fi-
 5 nancing the purchase of a single-section manufac-
 6 tured home and a suitably developed lot on which to
 7 place the home; and

8 “(ii) \$238,699 if made for the purpose of fi-
 9 nancing the purchase of a multi-section manufac-
 10 tured home and a suitably developed lot on which to
 11 place the home;”;

12 (IV) in subparagraph (E)—

13 (aa) by striking “\$23,226”
 14 and inserting “\$43,377”; and

15 (bb) by striking the period
 16 at the end and inserting a semi-
 17 colon;

18 (V) in subparagraph (F), by
 19 striking “and” at the end;

20 (VI) in subparagraph (G), by
 21 striking the period at the end and in-
 22 serting “; and”; and

23 (VII) by inserting after subpara-
 24 graph (G) the following:

“(H) such principal amount as the Secretary may prescribe if made for the purpose of financing the construction of an accessory dwelling unit.”;

(ii) in the matter immediately preceding paragraph (2)—

(I) by striking “regulation” and inserting “notice”;

(II) by striking “increase” and inserting “set”;

(III) by striking “(A)(ii), (C), (D), and (E)” and inserting “(A) through (H)”;

(IV) by inserting “, or as necessary to achieve the goals of the Federal Housing Administration, periodically reset the dollar amount limitations in subparagraphs (A) through (H) based on justification and methodology set forth in advance by regulation” before the period at the end; and

(V) by adjusting the margins appropriately;

(iii) in paragraph (3), by striking “exceeds—” and all that follows through the

period at the end and inserting “exceeds such period of time as determined by the Secretary, not to exceed 30 years.”;

(iv) by striking paragraph (9) and inserting the following:

“(9) ANNUAL INDEXING OF CERTAIN DOLLAR AMOUNT LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary shall develop or choose 1 or more methods of indexing in order to annually set the loan limits established in paragraph (1), based on data the Secretary determines is appropriate for purposes of this section.”; and

(v) in paragraph (11), by striking “lease—” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “lease meets the terms and conditions established by the Secretary”.

(2) DEADLINE FOR DEVELOPMENT OR CHOICE OF NEW INDEX; INTERIM INDEX.—

(A) DEADLINE FOR DEVELOPMENT OR CHOICE OF NEW INDEX.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall develop or choose 1 or more methods of indexing as required under section 2(b)(9) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C.

1703(b)(9)), as amended by paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(B) INTERIM INDEX.—During the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the date on which the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development develops or chooses 1 or more methods of indexing as required under section 2(b)(9) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1703(b)(9)), as amended by paragraph (1) of this subsection, the method of indexing established by the Secretary under that subsection before the date of enactment of this Act shall apply.

(b) HUD STUDY OF OFF-SITE CONSTRUCTION.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

(A) OFF-SITE CONSTRUCTION HOUSING.—The term “off-site construction housing” includes manufactured homes and modular homes.

(B) MANUFACTURED HOME.—The term “manufactured home” means any home constructed in accordance with the construction and safety standards established under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and

1 Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5401
2 et seq.).

3 (C) MODULAR HOME.—The term “modular
4 home” means a home that is constructed in a
5 factory in 1 or more modules, each of which
6 meet applicable State and local building codes
7 of the area in which the home will be located,
8 and that are transported to the home building
9 site, installed on foundations, and completed.

10 (2) STUDY.—The Secretary of Housing and
11 Urban Development shall conduct a study and sub-
12 mit to Congress a report on the cost effectiveness of
13 off-site construction housing, that includes—

14 (A) an analysis of the advantages of the
15 impact of centralization in a factory and trans-
16 portation to a construction site on cost, preci-
17 sion, and materials waste;

18 (B) the extent to which off-site construc-
19 tion housing meets housing quality standards
20 under the National Standards for the Physical
21 Inspection of Real Estate, or other standards as
22 the Secretary may prescribe, compared to the
23 extent for site-built homes, for such standards;

24 (C) the expected replacement and mainte-
25 nance costs over the first 40 years of life of off-

1 site construction homes compared to those costs
 2 for site-built homes; and

3 (D) opportunities for use beyond single-
 4 family housing, such as applications in acces-
 5 sory dwelling units, two- to four-unit housing,
 6 and large multifamily housing.

7 **SEC. 5304. PRICE ACT.**

8 Title I of the Housing and Community Development
 9 Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) is amended—

10 (1) in section 105(a) (42 U.S.C. 5305(a)), in
 11 the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking
 12 “Activities” and inserting “Unless otherwise author-
 13 ized under section 123, activities”; and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following:

15 **“SEC. 123. PRESERVATION AND REINVESTMENT FOR COM-
 16 MUNITY ENHANCEMENT.**

17 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 “(1) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL IN-
 19 STITUTION.—The term ‘community development fi-
 20 nancial institution’ means an institution that has
 21 been certified as a community development financial
 22 institution (as defined in section 103 of the Riegle
 23 Community Development and Regulatory Improve-
 24 ment Act of 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4702)) by the Sec-
 25 retary of the Treasury.

1 “(2) ELIGIBLE MANUFACTURED HOUSING COM-
 2 MUNITY.—The term ‘eligible manufactured housing
 3 community’ means a manufactured housing commu-
 4 nity that—

5 “(A) is affordable to low- and moderate-in-
 6 come persons, as determined by the Secretary,
 7 but not more than 120 percent of the area me-
 8 dian income; and

9 “(B)(i) is owned by the residents of the
 10 manufactured housing community through a
 11 resident-controlled entity such as a resident-
 12 owned cooperative; or

13 “(ii) will be maintained as such a commu-
 14 nity, and remain affordable for low- and mod-
 15 erate-income persons, to the maximum extent
 16 practicable and for the longest period feasible.

17 “(3) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.—The term ‘eligible
 18 recipient’ means—

19 “(A) an eligible manufactured housing
 20 community;

21 “(B) a unit of general local government;

22 “(C) a housing authority;

23 “(D) a resident-owned community;

24 “(E) a resident-owned cooperative;

1 “(F) a nonprofit entity with housing exper-
2 tise or a consortia of such entities;

3 “(G) a community development financial
4 institution;

5 “(H) an Indian tribe;

6 “(I) a tribally designated housing entity;

7 “(J) a State; or

8 “(K) any other entity that is—

9 “(i) an owner-operator of an eligible
10 manufactured housing community; and

11 “(ii) working with an eligible manu-
12 factured housing community.

13 “(4) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian tribe’
14 has the meaning given the term ‘Indian tribe’ in sec-
15 tion 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance
16 and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C.
17 4103).

18 “(5) MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITY.—
19 The term ‘manufactured housing community’
20 means—

21 “(A) any community, court, park, or other
22 land under unified ownership developed and ac-
23 commodating or equipped to accommodate the
24 placement of manufactured homes, where—

1 “(i) spaces within such community are
 2 or will be primarily used for residential oc-
 3 cupancy;

4 “(ii) all homes within the community
 5 are used for permanent occupancy; and

6 “(iii) a majority of such occupied
 7 spaces within the community are occupied
 8 by manufactured homes, which may in-
 9 clude homes constructed prior to enact-
 10 ment of the Manufactured Home Construc-
 11 tion and Safety Standards; or

12 “(B) any community that meets the defini-
 13 tion of manufactured housing community used
 14 for programs similar to the program under this
 15 section.

16 “(6) RESIDENT HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ACCES-
 17 SIBILITY ACTIVITIES.—The term ‘resident health,
 18 safety, and accessibility activities’ means the recon-
 19 struction, repair, or replacement of manufactured
 20 housing and manufactured housing communities
 21 to—

22 “(A) protect the health and safety of resi-
 23 dents;

24 “(B) address weatherization and reduce
 25 utility costs; or

1 “(C) address accessibility needs for resi-
2 dents with disabilities.

3 “(7) TRIBALLY DESIGNATED HOUSING ENTI-
4 TY.—The term ‘tribally designated housing entity’
5 has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the
6 Native American Housing Assistance and Self-De-
7 termination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103).

8 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall, by no-
9 tice, carry out a competitive grant program to award
10 funds to eligible recipients to carry out eligible projects
11 for development of or improvements in eligible manufac-
12 tured housing communities.

13 “(c) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Amounts from grants
15 under this section may be used for—

16 “(A) community infrastructure, facilities,
17 utilities, and other land improvements in or
18 serving an eligible manufactured housing com-
19 munity;

20 “(B) reconstruction or repair existing
21 housing within an eligible manufactured hous-
22 ing community;

23 “(C) replacement of homes within an eligi-
24 ble manufactured housing community;

25 “(D) planning;

1 “(E) resident health, safety, and accessi-
2 bility activities in homes in an eligible manufac-
3 tured housing community;

4 “(F) land and site acquisition and infra-
5 structure for expansion or construction of an el-
6 igible manufactured housing community;

7 “(G) resident and community services, in-
8 cluding relocation assistance, eviction preven-
9 tion, and down payment assistance; and

10 “(H) any other activity that—

11 “(i) is approved by the Secretary con-
12 sistent with the requirements under this
13 section;

14 “(ii) improves the overall living condi-
15 tions of an eligible manufactured housing
16 community, which may include the addi-
17 tion or enhancement of shared spaces such
18 as community centers, recreational areas,
19 or other facilities that support resident
20 well-being and community engagement;
21 and

22 “(iii) is necessary to protect the
23 health and safety of the residents of the el-
24 igible manufactured housing community

1 and the long-term affordability and sus-
2 tainability of the community.

3 “(2) REPLACEMENT.—For purposes of sub-
4 paragraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (1), grants
5 under this section—

6 “(A) may not be used for rehabilitation or
7 modernization of units that were built before
8 June 15, 1976; and

9 “(B) may only be used for disposition and
10 replacement of units described in subparagraph
11 (A), provided that any replacement housing
12 complies with the Manufactured Home Con-
13 struction and Safety Standards or is another al-
14 lowed home, as determined by the Secretary.

15 “(d) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-
16 tion, the Secretary shall prioritize applicants that will
17 carry out activities that primarily benefit low- and mod-
18 erate-income residents and preserve long-term housing af-
19 fordability for residents of eligible manufactured housing
20 communities.

21 “(e) WAIVERS.—The Secretary may waive or specify
22 alternative requirements for any provision of law or regu-
23 lation that the Secretary administers in connection with
24 use of amounts made available under this section other
25 than requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimina-

1 tion, labor standards, and the environment, upon a finding
 2 that the waiver or alternative requirement is not incon-
 3 sistent with the overall purposes of this section and that
 4 the waiver or alternative requirement is necessary to facili-
 5 tate the use of amounts made available under this section.

6 “(f) IMPLEMENTATION.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any grant made under this
 8 section shall be made pursuant to criteria for selec-
 9 tion of recipients of such grants that the Secretary
 10 shall by regulation establish and publish together
 11 with any notification of availability of amounts
 12 under this section.

13 “(2) SET ASIDE OF GRANT AMOUNTS.—The
 14 Secretary may set aside amounts provided under
 15 this section for grants to Indian tribes and tribally
 16 designated housing entities.

17 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 18 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such
 19 sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.”.

20 **TITLE IV—ACCESSING THE** 21 **AMERICAN DREAM**

22 **SEC. 5401. CREATING INCENTIVES FOR SMALL DOLLAR** 23 **LOAN ORIGINATORS.**

24 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
2 the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial
3 Protection.

4 (2) SMALL DOLLAR MORTGAGE.—The term
5 “small dollar mortgage” means a mortgage loan
6 having an original principal obligation of not more
7 than \$100,000 that is—

8 (A) secured by real property designed for
9 the occupancy of between 1 and 4 families; and

10 (B)(i) insured by the Federal Housing Ad-
11 ministration under title II of the National
12 Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1707 et seq.);

13 (ii) made, guaranteed, or insured by the
14 Department of Veterans Affairs;

15 (iii) made, guaranteed, or insured by the
16 Department of Agriculture; or

17 (iv) eligible to be purchased or securitized
18 by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corpora-
19 tion or the Federal National Mortgage Associa-
20 tion.

21 (b) REQUIREMENT REGARDING LOAN ORIGINATOR
22 COMPENSATION PRACTICES.—Not later than 270 days
23 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director shall
24 submit to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
25 Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Finan-

1 cial Services of the House of Representatives a report on
2 loan originator compensation practices throughout the res-
3 idential mortgage market, including the relative frequency
4 of loan originators being compensated—

5 (1) with a salary;

6 (2) with a commission reflecting a fixed per-
7 centage of the amount of credit extended;

8 (3) with a commission based on a factor other
9 than a fixed percentage of the amount of credit ex-
10 tended;

11 (4) with a combination of salary and commis-
12 sion;

13 (5) on a loan volume basis;

14 (6) with a commission reflecting a percentage of
15 the amount of credit extended, for which a minimum
16 or maximum compensation amount is set; and

17 (7) by any other mechanism that the Director
18 may find to be a practice for compensating mortgage
19 loan originators, including any mechanism that pro-
20 vides a loan originator with compensation in such a
21 way that the loan originator does not necessarily re-
22 ceive a lower level of compensation for originating a
23 small dollar mortgage than the loan originator would
24 receive for originating a mortgage loan that is not
25 a small dollar mortgage.

1 (c) CONTENTS.—The report required under sub-
 2 section (b) shall include—

3 (1) data and other analysis regarding the effect
 4 of the approaches to loan originator compensation
 5 described in subsection (b) on the availability of
 6 small dollar mortgage loans; and

7 (2) analysis and discussion regarding other po-
 8 tential barriers to small dollar mortgage lending.

9 (d) RULEMAKING.—Following the issuance of the re-
 10 port required under subsection (b), the Director may issue
 11 regulations to clarify the forms of compensation a lender
 12 may use to compensate a loan originator that—

13 (1) are permissible pursuant to section 129B(c)
 14 of the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1639b(c));
 15 and

16 (2) would result in the loan originator receiving
 17 compensation for originating a small dollar mortgage
 18 that is not less than the compensation the loan origi-
 19 nator would receive for originating a mortgage loan
 20 that is not a small dollar mortgage.

21 **SEC. 5402. SMALL DOLLAR MORTGAGE POINTS AND FEES.**

22 (a) SMALL DOLLAR MORTGAGE DEFINED.—In this
 23 section, the term “small dollar mortgage” means a mort-
 24 gage with an original principal obligation of less than
 25 \$100,000.

1 (b) AMENDMENTS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days
 3 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director
 4 of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, in
 5 consultation with the Secretary of Housing and
 6 Urban Development and the Director of the Federal
 7 Housing Finance Agency, shall evaluate the impact
 8 of the existing thresholds under section 1026.43 of
 9 title 12, Code of Federal Regulations, on small dol-
 10 lar mortgage originations.

11 (2) RULEMAKING.—Following the evaluation re-
 12 quired under paragraph (1), the Director of the Bu-
 13 reau of Consumer Financial Protection may initiate
 14 rulemaking to amend the limitations with respect to
 15 points and fees under section 1026.43 of title 12,
 16 Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regu-
 17 lation, to encourage additional lending for small dol-
 18 lar mortgages.

19 **SEC. 5403. APPRAISAL INDUSTRY IMPROVEMENT ACT.**

20 (a) APPRAISAL STANDARDS.—

21 (1) CERTIFICATION OR LICENSING.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 202(g)(5) of
 23 the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C.
 24 1708(g)(5)) is amended—

1 (i) by moving the paragraph two ems
2 to the left; and

3 (ii) by striking subparagraphs (A) and
4 (B) and inserting the following:

5 “(A) be certified or licensed by the State in
6 which the property to be appraised is located, except
7 that a Federal employee who has as their primary
8 duty conducting appraisal-related activities and who
9 chooses to become a State-licensed or certified real
10 estate appraiser need only to be licensed or certified
11 in 1 State or territory to perform appraisals on
12 mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Adminis-
13 tration in all States and territories;

14 “(B) meet the requirements under the com-
15 petency rule set forth in the Uniform Standards of
16 Professional Appraisal Practice before accepting an
17 assignment; and

18 “(C) have demonstrated verifiable education in
19 the appraisal requirements established by the Fed-
20 eral Housing Administration under this subsection,
21 which shall include the completion of a course or
22 seminar that educates appraisers on those appraisal
23 requirements, which shall be provided by—

24 “(i) the Federal Housing Administration;
25 or

1 “(ii) a third party, so long as the course is
 2 approved by the Secretary or a State appraiser
 3 certifying or licensing agency.”.

4 (B) APPLICATION.—Subparagraph (C) of
 5 section 202(g)(5) of the National Housing Act
 6 (12 U.S.C. 1708(g)(5)), as added by subpara-
 7 graph (A), shall not apply with respect to any
 8 certified appraiser approved by the Federal
 9 Housing Administration to conduct appraisals
 10 on property securing a mortgage to be insured
 11 by the Federal Housing Administration on or
 12 before the effective date under paragraph
 13 (3)(C).

14 (2) COMPLIANCE WITH VERIFIABLE EDUCATION
 15 AND COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS.—On and after
 16 the effective date under paragraph (3)(C), no ap-
 17 praiser may conduct an appraisal on a property se-
 18 curing a mortgage to be insured by the Federal
 19 Housing Administration unless—

20 (A) the appraiser is in compliance with the
 21 requirements under subparagraphs (A) and (B)
 22 of section 202(g)(5) of such Act (12 U.S.C.
 23 1708(g)(5)), as amended by paragraph (1); and

24 (B) if the appraiser was not approved by
 25 the Federal Housing Administration to conduct

1 appraisals on mortgages insured by the Federal
2 Housing Administration before the date on
3 which the mortgagee letter or guidance take ef-
4 fect under paragraph (3)(C), the appraiser is in
5 compliance with subparagraph (C) of such sec-
6 tion 202(g)(5).

7 (3) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than the 240
8 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
9 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall
10 issue a mortgagee letter or guidance that shall—

11 (A) implement the amendments made by
12 paragraph (1);

13 (B) clearly set forth all of the specific re-
14 quirements under section 202(g)(5) of the Na-
15 tional Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1708(g)(5)), as
16 amended by paragraph (1), for approval to con-
17 duct appraisals on property secured by a mort-
18 gage to be insured by the Federal Housing Ad-
19 ministration, which shall include—

20 (i) providing that, before the effective
21 date of the mortgagee letter or guidance,
22 compliance with the requirements under
23 subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of such
24 section 202(g)(5), as amended by para-
25 graph (1), shall be considered to fulfill the

1 requirements under such subparagraphs;
 2 and

3 (ii) providing a method for appraisers
 4 to demonstrate such prior compliance; and
 5 (C) take effect not later than the date that
 6 is 180 days after the date on which the Sec-
 7 retary issues the mortgagee letter or guidance.

8 (b) ANNUAL REGISTRY FEES FOR APPRAISAL MAN-
 9 AGEMENT COMPANIES.—Section 1109(a) of the Financial
 10 Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of
 11 1989 (12 U.S.C. 3338(a)) is amended, in the matter fol-
 12 lowing clause (ii) of paragraph (4)(B), by adding at the
 13 end the following: “Subject to the approval of the Council,
 14 the Appraisal Subcommittee may adjust fees established
 15 under clause (i) or (ii) to carry out its functions under
 16 this Act.”.

17 (c) STATE CREDENTIALLED TRAINEES.—

18 (1) MAINTENANCE ON NATIONAL REGISTRY.—
 19 Section 1103(a) of the Financial Institutions Re-
 20 form, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (12
 21 U.S.C. 3332(a)) is amended—

22 (A) in paragraph (3)—

23 (i) by inserting “and State
 24 credentialed trainee appraisers” after “li-
 25 censed appraisers”; and

- 1 (ii) by striking “and” at the end;
- 2 (B) by striking paragraph (4);
- 3 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and
- 4 (6) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and
- 5 (D) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated—
- 6 (i) by striking “year. The report shall
- 7 also detail” and inserting “year, details”;
- 8 (ii) by striking “provide” and insert-
- 9 ing “provides”; and
- 10 (iii) by striking the period at the end
- 11 and inserting “; and”.

12 (2) ANNUAL REGISTRY FEES.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 1109 of the Fi-

14 nancial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and En-

15 forcement Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C. 3338) is

16 amended—

- 17 (i) in the section heading, by striking
- 18 “**OR LICENSED**” and inserting “, **LI-**
- 19 **CENSED, AND CREDENTIALLED TRAIN-**
- 20 **EE**”; and

- 21 (ii) in subsection (a)—

- 22 (I) in paragraph (1), by inserting
- 23 “, and in the case of a State with a
- 24 supervisory or trainee program, a ros-
- 25 ter listing individuals who have re-

1 ceived a State trainee credential”
2 after “this title”; and

3 (II) by striking paragraph (2)
4 and inserting the following:

5 “(2) transmit reports on the issuance and re-
6 newal of licenses, certifications, credentials, sanc-
7 tions, and disciplinary actions, including license, cre-
8 dential, and certification revocations, on a timely
9 basis to the national registry of the Appraisal Sub-
10 committee;”.

11 (B) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
12 the amendments made by subparagraph (A)
13 shall require a State to establish or operate a
14 program for State credentialed trainee apprais-
15 ers, as defined in paragraph (12) of section
16 1121 of the Financial Institutions Reform, Re-
17 covery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, as added
18 by paragraph (4) of this subsection.

19 (3) TRANSACTIONS REQUIRING THE SERVICES
20 OF A STATE CERTIFIED APPRAISER.—Section 1113
21 of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and
22 Enforcement Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C. 3342) is
23 amended—

1 (A) by striking “In determining” and in-
 2 serting “(a) IN GENERAL.—In determining”;
 3 and

4 (B) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(b) USE OF STATE CREDENTIALLED TRAINEE AP-
 6 PRISERS.—In performing an appraisal under this sec-
 7 tion, a State certified appraiser may use the assistance
 8 of a State credentialed trainee appraiser or an unlicensed
 9 trainee appraiser, except that a State certified appraiser
 10 assisted by a trainee shall be liable for final work.”.

11 (4) DEFINITION.—Section 1121 of the Finan-
 12 cial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement
 13 Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C. 3350) is amended by adding
 14 at the end the following:

15 “(12) STATE CREDENTIALLED TRAINEE AP-
 16 PRISER.—The term ‘State credentialed trainee ap-
 17 praiser’ means an individual who—

18 “(A) meets the minimum criteria estab-
 19 lished by the Appraiser Qualification Board for
 20 a trainee appraiser credential; and

21 “(B) is credentialed by a State appraiser
 22 certifying and licensing agency.”.

23 (d) GRANTS FOR WORKFORCE AND TRAINING.—Sec-
 24 tion 1109(b) of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recov-

1 ery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C. 3338(b))
2 is amended—

3 (1) in paragraph (5)(B), by striking “and” at
4 the end;

5 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at
6 the end and inserting “; and”; and

7 (3) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(7) to make grants to State appraiser certi-
9 fying and licensing agencies, nonprofit organizations,
10 and institutions of higher education to support the
11 carrying out of education and training activities or
12 other activities related to addressing appraiser in-
13 dustry workforce needs, including recruiting and re-
14 taining workforce talent, such as through scholar-
15 ship assistance and career pipeline development.”.

16 (e) APPRAISAL SUBCOMMITTEE.—Section 1011 of
17 the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council
18 Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3310) is amended, in the first
19 sentence, by inserting “the Department of Veterans Af-
20 fairs, the Rural Housing Service of the Department of Ag-
21 riculture, the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-
22 ment,” after “Financial Protection,”.

1 **SEC. 5404. HELPING MORE FAMILIES SAVE ACT.**

2 Section 23 of the United States Housing Act of 1937
3 (42 U.S.C. 1437u) is amended by adding at the end the
4 following:

5 “(p) ESCROW EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM.—

6 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

7 “(A) COVERED FAMILY.—The term ‘cov-
8 ered family’ means a family that receives assist-
9 ance under section 8 or 9 of this Act and is en-
10 rolled in the pilot program.

11 “(B) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligi-
12 ble entity’ means an entity described in sub-
13 section (c)(2).

14 “(C) PILOT PROGRAM.—The term ‘pilot
15 program’ means the pilot program established
16 under paragraph (2).

17 “(D) WELFARE ASSISTANCE.—The term
18 ‘welfare assistance’ has the meaning given the
19 term in section 984.103 of title 24, Code of
20 Federal Regulations, or any successor regula-
21 tion.

22 “(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-
23 tablish a pilot program under which the Secretary
24 shall select not more than 25 eligible entities to es-
25 tablish and manage escrow accounts for not more

1 than 5,000 covered families, in accordance with this
2 subsection.

3 “(3) ESCROW ACCOUNTS.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity se-
5 lected to participate in the pilot program—

6 “(i) shall establish an interest-bearing
7 escrow account and place into the account
8 an amount equal to any increase in the
9 amount of rent paid by each covered family
10 in accordance with the provisions of section
11 3, 8(o), or 8(y), as applicable, that is at-
12 tributable to increases in earned income by
13 the covered families during the participa-
14 tion of each covered family in the pilot pro-
15 gram; and

16 “(ii) notwithstanding any other provi-
17 sion of law, may use funds it controls
18 under section 8 or 9 for purposes of mak-
19 ing the escrow deposit for covered families
20 assisted under, or residing in units assisted
21 under, section 8 or 9, respectively, pro-
22 vided such funds are offset by the increase
23 in the amount of rent paid by the covered
24 family.

1 “(B) INCOME LIMITATION.—An eligible en-
 2 tity may not escrow any amounts for any cov-
 3 ered family whose adjusted income exceeds 80
 4 percent of the area median income at the time
 5 of enrollment.

6 “(C) WITHDRAWALS.—A covered family
 7 shall be able to withdraw funds, including inter-
 8 est earned, from an escrow account established
 9 by an eligible entity under the pilot program—

10 “(i) after the covered family ceases to
 11 receive welfare assistance; and

12 “(ii)(I) not earlier than the date that
 13 is 5 years after the date on which the eligi-
 14 ble entity establishes the escrow account
 15 under this subsection;

16 “(II) not later than the date that is 7
 17 years after the date on which the eligible
 18 entity establishes the escrow account under
 19 this subsection, if the covered family choos-
 20 es to continue to participate in the pilot
 21 program after the date that is 5 years
 22 after the date on which the eligible entity
 23 establishes the escrow account;

24 “(III) on the date the covered family
 25 ceases to receive housing assistance under

1 section 8 or 9, if such date is earlier than
2 5 years after the date on which the eligible
3 entity establishes the escrow account;

4 “(IV) earlier than 5 years after the
5 date on which the eligible entity establishes
6 the escrow account, if the covered family is
7 using the funds to advance a self-suffi-
8 ciency goal as approved by the eligible enti-
9 ty; or

10 “(V) under other circumstances in
11 which the Secretary determines an exemp-
12 tion for good cause is warranted.

13 “(D) INTERIM RECERTIFICATION.—For
14 purposes of the pilot program, a covered family
15 may recertify the income of the covered family
16 multiple times per year, as determined by the
17 Secretary, and not fewer than once per year.

18 “(E) CONTRACT OR PLAN.—A covered
19 family is not required to complete a standard
20 contract of participation or an individual train-
21 ing and services plan in order to participate in
22 the pilot program.

23 “(4) EFFECT OF INCREASES IN FAMILY IN-
24 COME.—Any increase in the earned income of a cov-
25 ered family during the enrollment of the family in

1 the pilot program may not be considered as income
2 or a resource for purposes of eligibility of the family
3 for other benefits, or amount of benefits payable to
4 the family, under any program administered by the
5 Secretary.

6 “(5) APPLICATION.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity
8 seeking to participate in the pilot program shall
9 submit to the Secretary an application—

10 “(i) at such time, in such manner,
11 and containing such information as the
12 Secretary may require by notice; and

13 “(ii) that includes the number of pro-
14 posed covered families to be served by the
15 eligible entity under this subsection.

16 “(B) GEOGRAPHIC AND ENTITY VARI-
17 ETY.—The Secretary shall ensure that eligible
18 entities selected to participate in the pilot pro-
19 gram—

20 “(i) are located across various States
21 and in both urban and rural areas; and

22 “(ii) vary by size and type, including
23 both public housing agencies and private
24 owners of projects receiving project-based
25 rental assistance under section 8.

1 “(6) NOTIFICATION AND OPT-OUT.—An eligible
2 entity participating in the pilot program shall—

3 “(A) notify covered families of their enroll-
4 ment in the pilot program;

5 “(B) provide covered families with a de-
6 tailed description of the pilot program, includ-
7 ing how the pilot program will impact their rent
8 and finances;

9 “(C) inform covered families that the fami-
10 lies cannot simultaneously participate in the
11 pilot program and the Family Self-Sufficiency
12 program under this section; and

13 “(D) provide covered families with the abil-
14 ity to elect not to participate in the pilot pro-
15 gram—

16 “(i) not less than 2 weeks before the
17 date on which the escrow account is estab-
18 lished under paragraph (3); and

19 “(ii) at any point during the duration
20 of the pilot program.

21 “(7) MAXIMUM RENTS.—During the term of
22 participation by a covered family in the pilot pro-
23 gram, the amount of rent paid by the covered family
24 shall be calculated under the rental provisions of sec-
25 tion 3 or 8(o), as applicable.

1 “(8) PILOT PROGRAM TIMELINE.—

2 “(A) AWARDS.—Not later than 18 months
3 after the date of enactment of this subsection,
4 the Secretary shall select the eligible entities to
5 participate in the pilot program.

6 “(B) ESTABLISHMENT AND TERM OF AC-
7 COUNTS.—An eligible entity selected to partici-
8 pate in the pilot program shall—

9 “(i) not later than 6 months after se-
10 lection, establish escrow accounts under
11 paragraph (3) for covered families; and

12 “(ii) maintain those escrow accounts
13 for not less than 5 years, or until the date
14 the family ceases to receive assistance
15 under section 8 or 9, and, at the discretion
16 of the covered family, not more than 7
17 years after the date on which the escrow
18 account is established.

19 “(9) NONPARTICIPATION AND HOUSING ASSIST-
20 ANCE.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Assistance under sec-
22 tion 8 or 9 for a family that elects not to par-
23 ticipate in the pilot program shall not be de-
24 layed or denied by reason of such election.

1 “(B) NO TERMINATION.—Housing assist-
2 ance may not be terminated as a consequence
3 of participating, or not participating, in the
4 pilot program under this subsection for any pe-
5 riod of time.

6 “(10) STUDY.—Not later than 8 years after the
7 date the Secretary selects eligible entities to partici-
8 pate in the pilot program under this subsection, the
9 Secretary shall conduct a study and submit to the
10 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
11 of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Serv-
12 ices of the House of Representatives a report on out-
13 comes for covered families under the pilot program,
14 which shall evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot
15 program in assisting families to achieve economic
16 independence and self-sufficiency, and the impact
17 coaching and supportive services, or the lack thereof,
18 had on individual incomes.

19 “(11) WAIVERS.—To allow selected eligible en-
20 tities to effectively administer the pilot program and
21 make the required escrow account deposits under
22 this subsection, the Secretary may waive require-
23 ments under this section.

1 “(12) TERMINATION.—The pilot program under
 2 this subsection shall terminate on the date that is 10
 3 years after the date of enactment of this subsection.

4 “(13) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to
 6 be appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year
 7 2026 such sums as may be necessary—

8 “(i) for technical assistance related to
 9 implementation of the pilot program; and

10 “(ii) to carry out an evaluation of the
 11 pilot program under paragraph (10).

12 “(B) AVAILABILITY.—Any amounts appro-
 13 priated under this subsection shall remain avail-
 14 able until expended.”.

15 **SEC. 5405. CHOICE IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT.**

16 (a) SATISFACTION OF INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS
 17 THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN OTHER HOUSING PRO-
 18 GRAMS.—Section 8(o)(8) of the United States Housing
 19 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(8)), as amended by sec-
 20 tion 101(a) of the Housing Opportunity Through Mod-
 21 ernization Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–201; 130 Stat.
 22 783), is amended by adding at the end the following:

23 “(I) SATISFACTION OF INSPECTION RE-
 24 QUIREMENTS THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN
 25 OTHER HOUSING PROGRAMS.—

1 “(i) LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX
2 CREDIT-FINANCED BUILDINGS.—A dwell-
3 ing unit shall be deemed to meet the in-
4 spection requirements under this para-
5 graph if—

6 “(I) the dwelling unit is in a
7 building, the acquisition, rehabilita-
8 tion, or construction of which was fi-
9 nanced by a person who received a
10 low-income housing tax credit under
11 section 42 of the Internal Revenue
12 Code of 1986 in exchange for that fi-
13 nancing;

14 “(II) the dwelling unit was phys-
15 ically inspected and passed inspection
16 as part of the low-income housing tax
17 credit program described in subclause
18 (I) during the preceding 12-month pe-
19 riod; and

20 “(III) the applicable public hous-
21 ing agency is able to obtain the re-
22 sults of the inspection described in
23 subclause (II).

24 “(ii) HOME INVESTMENT PARTNER-
25 SHIPS PROGRAM.—A dwelling shall be

1 deemed to meet the inspection require-
2 ments under this paragraph if—

3 “(I) the dwelling unit is assisted
4 under the HOME Investment Part-
5 nerships Program under title II of the
6 Cranston-Gonzalez National Afford-
7 able Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12721 et
8 seq.);

9 “(II) the dwelling unit was phys-
10 ically inspected and passed inspection
11 as part of the program described in
12 subclause (I) during the preceding 12-
13 month period; and

14 “(III) the applicable public hous-
15 ing agency is able to obtain the re-
16 sults of the inspection described in
17 subclause (II).

18 “(iii) RURAL HOUSING SERVICE.—A
19 dwelling unit shall be deemed to meet the
20 inspection requirements under this para-
21 graph if—

22 “(I) the dwelling unit is assisted
23 by the Rural Housing Service of the
24 Department of Agriculture;

1 “(II) the dwelling unit was phys-
 2 ically inspected and passed inspection
 3 in connection with the assistance de-
 4 scribed in subclause (I) during the
 5 preceding 12-month period; and

6 “(III) the applicable public hous-
 7 ing agency is able to obtain the re-
 8 sults of the inspection described in
 9 subclause (II).

10 “(iv) REMOTE OR VIDEO INSPEC-
 11 TIONS.—When complying with inspection
 12 requirements for a housing unit located in
 13 a rural or small area using assistance
 14 under this subtitle, the Secretary may
 15 allow a grantee to conduct a remote or
 16 video inspection of a unit.

17 “(v) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—
 18 Nothing in clause (i), (ii), (iii), or (iv) shall
 19 be construed to affect the operation of a
 20 housing program described in, or author-
 21 ized under a provision of law described in,
 22 that clause.”.

23 (b) PRE-APPROVAL OF UNITS.—Section 8(o)(8)(A) of
 24 the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.

1 1437f(o)(8)(A)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 2 lowing:

3 “(iv) INITIAL INSPECTION PRIOR TO
 4 LEASE AGREEMENT.—

5 “(I) DEFINITION.—In this
 6 clause, the term ‘new landlord’ means
 7 an owner of a dwelling unit who has
 8 not previously entered into a housing
 9 assistance payment contract with a
 10 public housing agency under this sub-
 11 section for any dwelling unit.

12 “(II) EARLY INSPECTION.—Upon
 13 the request of a new landlord, a public
 14 housing agency may inspect the dwell-
 15 ing unit owned by the new landlord to
 16 determine whether the unit meets the
 17 housing quality standards under sub-
 18 paragraph (B) before the unit is se-
 19 lected by a tenant assisted under this
 20 subsection.

21 “(III) EFFECT.—An inspection
 22 conducted under subclause (II) that
 23 determines that the dwelling unit
 24 meets the housing quality standards
 25 under subparagraph (B) shall satisfy

1 this subparagraph and subparagraph
 2 (C) if the new landlord enters into a
 3 lease agreement with a tenant assisted
 4 under this subsection not later than
 5 60 days after the date of the inspec-
 6 tion.

7 “(IV) INFORMATION WHEN FAM-
 8 ILY IS SELECTED.—When a public
 9 housing agency selects a family to
 10 participate in the tenant-based assist-
 11 ance program under this subsection,
 12 the public housing agency shall in-
 13 clude in the information provided to
 14 the family a list of dwelling units that
 15 have been inspected under subclause
 16 (II) and determined to meet the hous-
 17 ing quality standards under subpara-
 18 graph (B).”.

19 **TITLE V—PROGRAM REFORM**

20 **SEC. 5501. REFORMING DISASTER RECOVERY ACT.**

21 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department”
 23 means the Department of Housing and Urban De-
 24 velopment.

1 (2) FUND.—The term “Fund” means the
2 Long-Term Disaster Recovery Fund established
3 under subsection (c).

4 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

6 (b) DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
7 URBAN DEVELOPMENT.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The offices and officers of
9 the Department shall be responsible for—

10 (A) leading and coordinating the disaster-
11 related responsibilities of the Department under
12 the National Response Framework, the Na-
13 tional Disaster Recovery Framework, and the
14 National Mitigation Framework;

15 (B) coordinating and administering pro-
16 grams, policies, and activities of the Depart-
17 ment related to disaster relief, long-term recov-
18 ery, resiliency, and mitigation, including dis-
19 aster recovery assistance under title I of the
20 Housing and Community Development Act of
21 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.);

22 (C) supporting disaster-impacted commu-
23 nities as those communities specifically assess,
24 plan for, and address the housing stock and
25 housing needs in the transition from emergency

1 shelters and interim housing to permanent
2 housing of those displaced, especially among
3 vulnerable populations and extremely low-, low-
4 , and moderate-income households;

5 (D) collaborating with the Federal Emer-
6 gency Management Agency and the Small Busi-
7 ness Administration and across the Department
8 to align disaster-related regulations and poli-
9 cies, including incorporation of consensus-based
10 codes and standards and insurance purchase re-
11 quirements, and ensuring coordination and re-
12 ducing duplication among other Federal dis-
13 aster recovery programs;

14 (E) promoting best practices in mitigation
15 and resilient land use planning;

16 (F) coordinating technical assistance, in-
17 cluding mitigation, resiliency, and recovery
18 training and information on all relevant legal
19 and regulatory requirements, to entities that re-
20 ceive disaster recovery assistance under title I
21 of the Housing and Community Development
22 Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) that dem-
23 onstrate capacity constraints; and

24 (G) supporting State, Tribal, and local
25 governments in developing, coordinating, and

maintaining their capacity for disaster resilience and recovery and developing pre-disaster recovery and hazard mitigation plans, in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other Federal agencies.

(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND RESILIENCY.—Section 4 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3533) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(i) OFFICE OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND RESILIENCY.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established, in the Office of the Secretary, the Office of Disaster Management and Resiliency.

“(2) DUTIES.—The Office of Disaster Management and Resiliency shall—

“(A) be responsible for oversight and coordination of all departmental disaster preparedness and response responsibilities; and

“(B) coordinate with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Small Business Administration, and the Office of Community Planning and Development and other offices of the Department in supporting recovery and re-

1 silience activities to provide a comprehensive
2 approach in working with communities.”.

3 (c) LONG-TERM DISASTER RECOVERY FUND.—

4 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in
5 the Treasury of the United States an account to be
6 known as the Long-Term Disaster Recovery Fund.

7 (2) DEPOSITS, TRANSFERS, AND CREDIT.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Fund shall consist
9 of amounts appropriated, transferred, and cred-
10 ited to the Fund.

11 (B) TRANSFERS.—The following may be
12 transferred to the Fund:

13 (i) Amounts made available through
14 section 106(c)(4) of the Housing and Com-
15 munity Development Act of 1974 (42
16 U.S.C. 5306(c)(4)) as a result of actions
17 taken under section 104(e), 111, or 124(j)
18 of such Act.

19 (ii) Any unobligated balances available
20 until expended remaining or subsequently
21 recaptured from amounts appropriated for
22 any disaster and related purposes under
23 the heading “Community Development
24 Fund” in any Act prior to the establish-
25 ment of the Fund.

1 (C) USE OF TRANSFERRED AMOUNTS.—

2 Amounts transferred to the Fund shall be used
3 for the eligible uses described in paragraph (3).

4 (3) ELIGIBLE USES OF FUND.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—Amounts in the Fund
6 shall be available—

7 (i) to provide assistance in the form of
8 grants under section 124 of the Housing
9 and Community Development Act of 1974,
10 as added by subsection (d); and

11 (ii) for activities of the Department
12 that support the provision of such assist-
13 ance, including necessary salaries and ex-
14 penses, information technology, and capac-
15 ity building, technical assistance, and pre-
16 disaster readiness.

17 (B) SET ASIDE.—Of each amount appro-
18 priated for or transferred to the Fund, 3 per-
19 cent shall be made available for activities de-
20 scribed in subparagraph (A)(ii), which shall be
21 in addition to other amounts made available for
22 those activities.

23 (C) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—With respect
24 to amounts made available for use in accord-
25 ance with subparagraph (B)—

1 (i) amounts may be transferred to the
2 account under the heading for “Program
3 Offices—Salaries and Expenses—Communi-
4 ty Planning and Development”, or any
5 successor account, for the Department to
6 carry out activities described in paragraph
7 (1)(B); and

8 (ii) amounts may be used for the ac-
9 tivities described in subparagraph (A)(ii)
10 and for the administrative costs of admin-
11 istering any funds appropriated to the De-
12 partment under the heading “Community
13 Planning and Development—Community
14 Development Fund” for any major disaster
15 declared under section 401 of the Robert
16 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
17 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170) in any
18 Act before the establishment of the Fund.

19 (D) INSPECTOR GENERAL.—

20 (i) IN GENERAL.—Not less than one-
21 tenth of 1 percent of each series of awards
22 the Secretary makes from the Fund shall
23 be transferred to the account under the
24 heading “Office of Inspector General” for
25 the Department of Housing and Urban

1 Development to support audit activities
2 and to investigate grantee noncompliance
3 with program requirements and waste,
4 fraud, and abuse as a result of appropria-
5 tions made available through the Fund.

6 (ii) AVAILABILITY.—Funding under
7 clause (i) shall not be made available to
8 the Office of Inspector General until 90
9 days after the date on which the grantee
10 plan or supplemental plan for the grantee
11 is approved by the Secretary under sub-
12 section (c) or (f)(3)(C) of section 124 of
13 the Housing and Community Development
14 Act of 1974, as added by subsection (d), is
15 approved by the Secretary.

16 (4) INTERCHANGEABILITY OF PRIOR ADMINIS-
17 TRATIVE AMOUNTS.—Any amounts appropriated in
18 any Act prior to the establishment of the Fund and
19 transferred to the account under the heading “Pro-
20 gram Offices—Salaries and Expenses—Community
21 Planning and Development”, or any predecessor ac-
22 count, for the Department for the costs of admin-
23 istering funds appropriated to the Department under
24 the heading “Community Planning and Develop-
25 ment—Community Development Fund” for any

1 major disaster declared under section 401 of the
2 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
3 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170) shall be available
4 for the costs of administering any such funds pro-
5 vided by any prior or future Act, notwithstanding
6 the purposes for which those amounts were appro-
7 priated and in addition to any amount provided for
8 the same purposes in other appropriations Acts.

9 (5) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts ap-
10 propriated, transferred, and credited to the Fund
11 shall remain available until expended.

12 (6) FORMULA ALLOCATION.—Use of amounts
13 in the Fund for grants shall be made by formula al-
14 location in accordance with the requirements of sec-
15 tion 124(a) of the Housing and Community Develop-
16 ment Act of 1974, as added by subsection (d).

17 (7) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
18 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Fund
19 such sums as may be necessary to respond to cur-
20 rent or future major disasters declared under section
21 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
22 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5179) for
23 grants under section 124 of the Housing and Com-
24 munity Development Act of 1974, as added by sub-
25 section (d).

1 (d) ESTABLISHMENT OF CDBG DISASTER RECOV-
 2 ERY PROGRAM.—Title I of the Housing and Community
 3 Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), as
 4 amended by this Act, is amended—

5 (1) in section 102(a) (42 U.S.C. 5302(a))—

6 (A) in paragraph (20)—

7 (i) by redesignating subparagraph (B)
 8 as subparagraph (C);

9 (ii) in subparagraph (C), as so redes-
 10 ignated, by inserting “or (B)” after “sub-
 11 paragraph (A)”;

12 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph
 13 (A) the following:

14 “(B) The term ‘persons of extremely low in-
 15 come’ means families and individuals whose income
 16 levels do not exceed household income levels deter-
 17 mined by the Secretary under section 3(b)(2) of the
 18 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
 19 1437a(b)(2)(C)), except that the Secretary may pro-
 20 vide alternative definitions for the Commonwealth of
 21 Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the
 22 Northern Mariana Islands, the United States Virgin
 23 Islands, and American Samoa.”;

24 (B) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(25) The term ‘major disaster’ has the mean-
 2 ing given the term in section 102 of the Robert T.
 3 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance
 4 Act (42 U.S.C. 5122).”;

5 (2) in section 106(c)(4) (42 U.S.C.
 6 5306(c)(4))—

7 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

8 (i) by striking “declared by the Presi-
 9 dent under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
 10 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act”;

11 (ii) inserting “States for use in non-
 12 entitlement areas and to” before “metro-
 13 politan cities”; and

14 (iii) inserting “major” after “affected
 15 by the”;

16 (B) in subparagraph (C)—

17 (i) by striking “metropolitan city or”
 18 and inserting “State, metropolitan city,
 19 or”;

20 (ii) by striking “city or county” and
 21 inserting “State, city, or county”; and

22 (iii) by inserting “major” before “dis-
 23 aster”;

(C) in subparagraph (D), by striking “metropolitan cities and” and inserting “States, metropolitan cities, and”;

(D) in subparagraph (F)—

(i) by striking “metropolitan city or” and inserting “State, metropolitan city, or”; and

(ii) by inserting “major” before “disaster”; and

(E) in subparagraph (G), by striking “metropolitan city or” and inserting “State, metropolitan city, or”;

(3) in section 122 (42 U.S.C. 5321), by striking “disaster under title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act” and inserting “major disaster”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 124. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DIS-

ASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM.

“(a) AUTHORIZATION, FORMULA, AND ALLOCATION.—

“(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary is authorized to make community development block grant disaster recovery grants from the Long-Term Disaster Recovery Fund established under section

1 501(c) of the Renewing Opportunity in the Amer-
2 ican Dream to Housing Act of 2025 (hereinafter re-
3 ferred to as the ‘Fund’) for necessary expenses for
4 activities authorized under subsection (f)(1) related
5 to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of
6 housing and infrastructure, economic revitalization,
7 and mitigation in the most impacted and distressed
8 areas resulting from a catastrophic major disaster.

9 “(2) GRANT AWARDS.—Grants shall be awarded
10 under this section to States, units of general local
11 government, and Indian tribes based on capacity and
12 the concentration of damage, as determined by the
13 Secretary, to support the efficient and effective ad-
14 ministration of funds.

15 “(3) SECTION 106 ALLOCATIONS.—Grants
16 under this section shall not be considered relevant to
17 the formula allocations made pursuant to section
18 106.

19 “(4) FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30
21 days after the date of enactment of this section,
22 the Secretary shall issue a notice in the Federal
23 Register containing the latest formula allocation
24 methodologies used to determine the total esti-
25 mate of unmet needs related to housing, eco-

1 nomic revitalization, and infrastructure in the
2 most impacted and distressed areas resulting
3 from a catastrophic major disaster.

4 “(B) PUBLIC COMMENT.—If the Secretary
5 has not already requested public comment on
6 the formula described in the notice required by
7 subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall solicit
8 public comments on—

9 “(i) the methodologies described in
10 subparagraph (A) and seek alternative
11 methods for formula allocation within a
12 similar total amount of funding;

13 “(ii) the impact of formula methodolo-
14 gies on rural areas and Tribal areas;

15 “(iii) adjustments to improve tar-
16 geting to the most serious needs;

17 “(iv) objective criteria for grantee ca-
18 pacity and concentration of damage to in-
19 form grantee determinations and minimum
20 allocation thresholds; and

21 “(v) research and data to inform an
22 additional amount to be provided for miti-
23 gation depending on type of disaster, which
24 shall be up to 18 percent of the total esti-
25 mate of unmet needs.

1 “(5) REGULATIONS.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall,
3 by regulation, establish a formula to allocate as-
4 sistance from the Fund to the most impacted
5 and distressed areas resulting from a cata-
6 strophic major disaster.

7 “(B) FORMULA REQUIREMENTS.—The for-
8 mula established under subparagraph (A)
9 shall—

10 “(i) set forth criteria to determine
11 that a major disaster is catastrophic, which
12 criteria shall consider the presence of a
13 high concentration of damaged housing or
14 businesses that individual, State, Tribal,
15 and local resources could not reasonably be
16 expected to address without additional
17 Federal assistance or other nationally en-
18 compassing data that the Secretary deter-
19 mines are adequate to assess relative im-
20 pact and distress across geographic areas;

21 “(ii) include a methodology for identi-
22 fying most impacted and distressed areas,
23 which shall consider unmet serious needs
24 related to housing, economic revitalization,
25 and infrastructure;

1 “(iii) include an allocation calculation
2 that considers the unmet serious needs re-
3 sulting from the catastrophic major dis-
4 aster and an additional amount up to 18
5 percent for activities to reduce risks of loss
6 resulting from other natural disasters in
7 the most impacted and distressed area, pri-
8 marily for the benefit of low- and mod-
9 erate-income persons, with particular focus
10 on activities that reduce repetitive loss of
11 property and critical infrastructure; and

12 “(iv) establish objective criteria for
13 periodic review and updates to the formula
14 to reflect changes in available data.

15 “(C) MINIMUM ALLOCATION THRESH-
16 OLD.—The Secretary shall, by regulation, es-
17 tablish a minimum allocation threshold.

18 “(D) INTERIM ALLOCATION.—Until such
19 time that the Secretary issues final regulations
20 under this paragraph, the Secretary shall—

21 “(i) allocate assistance from the Fund
22 using the formula allocation methodology
23 published in accordance with paragraph
24 (4); and

1 “(ii) include an additional amount for
2 mitigation of up to 18 percent of the total
3 estimate of unmet need.

4 “(6) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

6 “(i) except as provided in clause (ii),
7 not later than 90 days after the President
8 declares a major disaster, use best avail-
9 able data to determine whether the major
10 disaster is catastrophic and qualifies for
11 assistance under the formula described in
12 paragraph (4) or (5), unless data is insuf-
13 ficient to make this determination; and

14 “(ii) if the best available data is insuf-
15 ficient to make the determination required
16 under clause (i) within the 90-day period
17 described in that clause, the Secretary
18 shall determine whether the major disaster
19 qualifies when sufficient data becomes
20 available, but in no case shall the Sec-
21 retary make the determination later than
22 120 days after the declaration of the major
23 disaster.

24 “(B) ANNOUNCEMENT OF ALLOCATION.—

25 If amounts are available in the Fund at the

1 time the Secretary determines that the major
2 disaster is catastrophic and qualifies for assist-
3 ance under the formula described in paragraph
4 (4) or (5), the Secretary shall immediately an-
5 nounce an allocation for a grant under this sec-
6 tion.

7 “(C) ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS.—If addi-
8 tional amounts are appropriated to the Fund
9 after amounts are allocated under subpara-
10 graph (B), the Secretary shall announce an al-
11 location or additional allocation (if a prior allo-
12 cation under subparagraph (B) was less than
13 the formula calculation) within 15 days of any
14 such appropriation.

15 “(7) PRELIMINARY FUNDING.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—To speed recovery, the
17 Secretary is authorized to allocate and award
18 preliminary grants from the Fund before mak-
19 ing a determination under paragraph (6)(A) if
20 the Secretary projects, based on a preliminary
21 assessment of impact and distress, that a major
22 disaster is catastrophic and would likely qualify
23 for funding under the formula described in
24 paragraph (4) or (5).

25 “(B) AMOUNT.—

1 “(i) MAXIMUM.—The Secretary may
2 award preliminary funding under subpara-
3 graph (A) in an amount that is not more
4 than \$5,000,000.

5 “(ii) SLIDING SCALE.—The Secretary
6 shall, by regulation, establish a sliding
7 scale for preliminary funding awarded
8 under subparagraph (A) based on the size
9 of the preliminary assessment of impact
10 and distress.

11 “(C) USE OF FUNDS.—The uses of pre-
12 liminary funding awarded under subparagraph
13 (A) shall be limited to eligible activities that—

14 “(i) in the determination of the Sec-
15 retary, will support faster recovery, im-
16 prove the ability of the grantee to assess
17 unmet recovery needs, plan for the preven-
18 tion of improper payments, and reduce
19 fraud, waste, and abuse; and

20 “(ii) may include evaluating the in-
21 terim housing, permanent housing, and
22 supportive service needs of the disaster im-
23 pacted community, with special attention
24 to vulnerable populations, such as homeless
25 and low- to moderate-income households,

1 to inform the grantee action plan required
2 under subsection (c).

3 “(D) CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING.—Pre-
4 liminary funding awarded under subparagraph
5 (A)—

6 “(i) is not subject to the certification
7 requirements of subsection (h)(1); and

8 “(ii) shall not be considered when cal-
9 culating the amount of the grant used for
10 administrative costs, technical assistance,
11 and planning activities that are subject to
12 the requirements under subsection (f)(2).

13 “(E) WAIVER.—To expedite the use of
14 preliminary funding for activities described in
15 this paragraph, the Secretary may waive or
16 specify alternative requirements to the require-
17 ments of this section in accordance with sub-
18 section (i).

19 “(F) AMENDED AWARD.—

20 “(i) IN GENERAL.—An award for pre-
21 liminary funding under subparagraph (A)
22 may be amended to add any subsequent
23 amount awarded because of a determina-
24 tion by the Secretary that a major disaster

1 is catastrophic and qualifies for assistance
2 under the formula.

3 “(ii) APPLICABILITY.—Notwith-
4 standing subparagraph (D), amounts pro-
5 vided by an amendment under clause (i)
6 are subject to the requirements under sub-
7 sections (f)(1) and (h)(1) and other re-
8 quirements on grant funds under this sec-
9 tion.

10 “(G) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Concur-
11 rent with the allocation of any preliminary
12 funding awarded under this paragraph, the Sec-
13 retary shall assign or provide technical assist-
14 ance to the recipient of the grant.

15 “(b) INTERCHANGEABILITY.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized
17 to approve the use of grants under this section to be
18 used interchangeably and without limitation for the
19 same activities in the most impacted and distressed
20 areas resulting from a declaration of another cata-
21 strophic major disaster that qualifies for assistance
22 under the formula established under paragraph (4)
23 or (5) of subsection (a) or a major disaster for
24 which the Secretary allocated funds made available

1 under the heading ‘Community Development Fund’
2 in any Act prior to the establishment of the Fund.

3 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary shall es-
4 tablish requirements to expedite the use of grants
5 under this section for the purpose described in para-
6 graph (1).

7 “(3) EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.—Amounts
8 repurposed pursuant to this subsection that were
9 previously designated by Congress as an emergency
10 requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and
11 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 or a concur-
12 rent resolution on the budget are designated by the
13 Congress as being for an emergency requirement
14 pursuant to section 4001(a)(1) of S. Con. Res. 14
15 (117th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the
16 budget for fiscal year 2022, and to legislation estab-
17 lishing fiscal year 2026 budget enforcement in the
18 House of Representatives.

19 “(c) GRANTEE PLANS.—

20 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 90 days
21 after the date on which the Secretary announces a
22 grant allocation under this section, unless an exten-
23 sion is granted by the Secretary, the grantee shall
24 submit to the Secretary a plan for approval describ-
25 ing—

1 “(A) the activities the grantee will carry
2 out with the grant under this section;

3 “(B) the criteria of the grantee for award-
4 ing assistance and selecting activities;

5 “(C) how the use of the grant under this
6 section will address disaster relief, long-term re-
7 covery, restoration of housing and infrastruc-
8 ture, economic revitalization, and mitigation in
9 the most impacted and distressed areas;

10 “(D) how the use of the grant funds for
11 mitigation is consistent with hazard mitigation
12 plans submitted to the Federal Emergency
13 Management Agency under section 322 of the
14 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-
15 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5165);

16 “(E) the estimated amount proposed to be
17 used for activities that will benefit persons of
18 low and moderate income;

19 “(F) how the use of grant funds will repair
20 and replace existing housing stock for vulner-
21 able populations, including low- to moderate-in-
22 come households;

23 “(G) how the grantee will address the pri-
24 orities described in paragraph (5);

1 “(H) how uses of funds are proportional to
2 unmet needs, as required under paragraph (6);

3 “(I) for State grantees that plan to dis-
4 tribute grant amounts to units of general local
5 government, a description of the method of dis-
6 tribution; and

7 “(J) such other information as may be de-
8 termined by the Secretary in regulation.

9 “(2) PUBLIC CONSULTATION.—To permit pub-
10 lic examination and appraisal of the plan described
11 in paragraph (1), to enhance the public account-
12 ability of grantee, and to facilitate coordination of
13 activities with different levels of government, when
14 developing the plan or substantial amendments pro-
15 posed to the plan required under paragraph (1), a
16 grantee shall—

17 “(A) publish the plan before adoption;

18 “(B) provide citizens, affected units of
19 general local government, and other interested
20 parties with reasonable notice of, and oppor-
21 tunity to comment on, the plan, with a public
22 comment period of not less than 14 days;

23 “(C) consider comments received before
24 submission to the Secretary;

1 “(D) follow a citizen participation plan for
2 disaster assistance adopted by the grantee that,
3 at a minimum, provides for participation of
4 residents of the most impacted and distressed
5 area affected by the major disaster that re-
6 sulted in the grant under this section and other
7 considerations established by the Secretary; and

8 “(E) undertake any consultation with in-
9 terested parties as may be determined by the
10 Secretary in regulation.

11 “(3) APPROVAL.—The Secretary shall—

12 “(A) by regulation, specify criteria for the
13 approval, partial approval, or disapproval of a
14 plan submitted under paragraph (1), including
15 approval of substantial amendments to the
16 plan;

17 “(B) review a plan submitted under para-
18 graph (1) upon receipt of the plan;

19 “(C) allow a grantee to revise and resub-
20 mit a plan or substantial amendment to a plan
21 under paragraph (1) that the Secretary dis-
22 approves;

23 “(D) by regulation, specify criteria for
24 when the grantee shall be required to provide
25 the required revisions to a disapproved plan or

substantial amendment under paragraph (1) for public comment prior to resubmission of the plan or substantial amendment to the Secretary; and

“(E) approve, partially approve, or disapprove a plan or substantial amendment under paragraph (1) not later than 60 days after the date on which the plan or substantial amendment is received by the Secretary.

“(4) LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME OVERALL BENEFIT.—

“(A) USE OF FUNDS.—Not less than 70 percent of a grant made under this section shall be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income unless the Secretary—

“(i) specifically finds that—

“(I) there is compelling need to reduce the percentage for the grant; and

“(II) the housing needs of low- and moderate-income persons have been addressed; and

“(ii) issues a waiver and alternative requirement specific to the grant pursuant to subsection (i) to lower the percentage.

1 “(B) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall,
2 by regulation, establish protocols that reflect
3 the required use of funds under subparagraph
4 (A), including persons with extremely and very
5 low incomes.

6 “(5) PRIORITIZATION.—The grantee shall
7 prioritize activities that—

8 “(A) assist persons with extremely low-,
9 low-, and moderate-incomes and other vulner-
10 able populations to better recover from and
11 withstand future disasters;

12 “(B) address housing needs arising from a
13 disaster, or those needs present prior to a dis-
14 aster, including the needs of both renters and
15 homeowners;

16 “(C) prolong the life of housing and infra-
17 structure;

18 “(D) use cost-effective means of preventing
19 harm to people and property and incorporate
20 protective features and redundancies; and

21 “(E) other measures that will assure the
22 continuation of critical services during future
23 disasters.

24 “(6) PROPORTIONAL ALLOCATION.—For each
25 specific disaster, a grantee under this section shall

1 allocate grant funds proportional to unmet needs be-
2 tween housing activities for renters and homeowners,
3 economic revitalization, and infrastructure unless the
4 Secretary specifically finds that—

5 “(A) there is a compelling need for a dis-
6 proportional allocation among those unmet
7 needs; and

8 “(B) the disproportional allocation de-
9 scribed in subparagraph (A) is not inconsistent
10 with the requirements under paragraph (4).

11 “(7) DISASTER RISK MITIGATION.—

12 “(A) DEFINITION.—In this paragraph, the
13 term ‘hazard-prone areas’—

14 “(i) means areas identified by the
15 Secretary, in consultation with the Admin-
16 istrator of the Federal Emergency Man-
17 agement Agency, at risk from natural haz-
18 ards that threaten property damage or
19 health, safety, and welfare, such as floods,
20 wildfires (including Wildland-Urban Inter-
21 face areas), earthquakes, lava inundation,
22 tornados, and high winds; and

23 “(ii) includes areas having special
24 flood hazards as identified under the Flood
25 Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42

1 U.S.C. 4002 et seq.) or the National Flood
2 Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4001 et
3 seq.).

4 “(B) HAZARD-PRONE AREAS.—The Sec-
5 retary, in consultation with the Administrator
6 of the Federal Emergency Management Agency,
7 shall establish minimum construction standards,
8 insurance purchase requirements, and other re-
9 quirements for the use of grant funds in haz-
10 ard-prone areas.

11 “(C) SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARDS.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—For the areas de-
13 scribed in subparagraph (A)(ii), the insur-
14 ance purchase requirements established
15 under subparagraph (B) shall meet or ex-
16 ceed the requirements under section 102(a)
17 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of
18 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4012a(a)).

19 “(ii) TREATMENT AS FINANCIAL AS-
20 SISTANCE.—All grants under this section
21 shall be treated as financial assistance for
22 purposes of section 3(a)(3) of the Flood
23 Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42
24 U.S.C. 4003(a)(3)).

1 “(D) CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE
2 RISKS.—The Secretary may consider future
3 risks to protecting property and health, safety,
4 and general welfare, and the likelihood of those
5 risks, when making the determination of or
6 modification to hazard-prone areas under this
7 paragraph.

8 “(8) RELOCATION.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Uniform Reloca-
10 tion Assistance and Real Property Acquisition
11 Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq.)
12 shall apply to activities assisted under this sec-
13 tion to the extent determined by the Secretary
14 in regulation, or as provided in waivers or alter-
15 native requirements authorized in accordance
16 with subsection (i).

17 “(B) POLICY.—Each grantee under this
18 section shall establish a relocation assistance
19 policy that—

20 “(i) minimizes displacement and de-
21 scribes the benefits available to persons
22 displaced as a direct result of acquisition,
23 rehabilitation, or demolition in connection
24 with an activity that is assisted by a grant
25 under this section; and

1 “(ii) includes any appeal rights or
2 other requirements that the Secretary es-
3 tablishes by regulation.

4 “(d) CERTIFICATIONS.—Any grant under this section
5 shall be made only if the grantee certifies to the satisfac-
6 tion of the Secretary that—

7 “(1) the grantee is in full compliance with the
8 requirements under subsection (c)(2);

9 “(2) for grants other than grants to Indian
10 tribes, the grant will be conducted and administered
11 in conformity with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42
12 U.S.C. 2000a et seq.) and the Fair Housing Act (42
13 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.);

14 “(3) the projected use of funds has been devel-
15 oped so as to give maximum feasible priority to ac-
16 tivities that will benefit recipients described in sub-
17 section (c)(4)(A) and activities described in sub-
18 section (c)(5), and may also include activities that
19 are designed to aid in the prevention or elimination
20 of slum and blight to support disaster recovery, meet
21 other community development needs having a par-
22 ticular urgency because existing conditions pose a
23 serious and immediate threat to the health or wel-
24 fare of the community where other financial re-
25 sources are not available to meet such needs, and al-

1 leviate future threats to human populations, critical
2 natural resources, and property that an analysis of
3 hazards shows are likely to result from natural dis-
4 asters in the future;

5 “(4) the grant funds shall principally benefit
6 persons of low- and moderate-income as described in
7 subsection (c)(4)(A);

8 “(5) for grants other than grants to Indian
9 tribes, within 24 months of receiving a grant or at
10 the time of its 3- or 5-year update, whichever is
11 sooner, the grantee will review and make modifica-
12 tions to its non-disaster housing and community de-
13 velopment plans and strategies required by sub-
14 sections (c) and (m) of section 104 to reflect the dis-
15 aster recovery needs identified by the grantee and
16 consistency with the plan under subsection (c)(1);

17 “(6) the grantee will not attempt to recover any
18 capital costs of public improvements assisted in
19 whole or part under this section by assessing any
20 amount against properties owned and occupied by
21 persons of low and moderate income, including any
22 fee charged or assessment made as a condition of
23 obtaining access to such public improvements, un-
24 less—

1 “(A) funds received under this section are
2 used to pay the proportion of such fee or as-
3 sessment that relates to the capital costs of
4 such public improvements that are financed
5 from revenue sources other than under this
6 chapter; or

7 “(B) for purposes of assessing any amount
8 against properties owned and occupied by per-
9 sons of moderate income, the grantee certifies
10 to the Secretary that the grantee lacks suffi-
11 cient funds received under this section to com-
12 ply with the requirements of subparagraph (A);

13 “(7) the grantee will comply with the other pro-
14 visions of this title that apply to assistance under
15 this section and with other applicable laws;

16 “(8) the grantee will follow a relocation assist-
17 ance policy that includes any minimum requirements
18 identified by the Secretary; and

19 “(9) the grantee will adhere to construction
20 standards, insurance purchase requirements, and
21 other requirements for development in hazard-prone
22 areas described in subsection (c)(7).

23 “(e) PERFORMANCE REVIEWS AND REPORTING.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, on not
25 less frequently than an annual basis until the close-

1 out of a particular grant allocation, make such re-
2 views and audits as may be necessary or appropriate
3 to determine whether a grantee under this section
4 has—

5 “(A) carried out activities using grant
6 funds in a timely manner;

7 “(B) met the performance targets estab-
8 lished by paragraph (2);

9 “(C) carried out activities using grant
10 funds in accordance with the requirements of
11 this section, the other provisions of this title
12 that apply to assistance under this section, and
13 other applicable laws; and

14 “(D) a continuing capacity to carry out ac-
15 tivities in a timely manner.

16 “(2) PERFORMANCE TARGETS.—The Secretary
17 shall develop and make publicly available critical
18 performance targets for review, which shall include
19 spending thresholds for each year from the date on
20 which funds are obligated by the Secretary to the
21 grantee until such time all funds have been ex-
22 pended.

23 “(3) FAILURE TO MEET TARGETS.—

24 “(A) SUSPENSION.—If a grantee under
25 this section fails to meet 1 or more critical per-

1 performance targets under paragraph (2), the Sec-
2 retary may temporarily suspend the grant.

3 “(B) PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT
4 PLAN.—If the Secretary suspends a grant
5 under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall
6 provide to the grantee a performance improve-
7 ment plan with the specific requirements needed
8 to lift the suspension within a defined time pe-
9 riod.

10 “(C) REPORT.—If a grantee fails to meet
11 the spending thresholds established under para-
12 graph (2), the grantee shall submit to the Sec-
13 retary, the appropriate committees of Congress,
14 and each member of Congress who represents a
15 district or State of the grantee a written report
16 identifying technical capacity, funding, or other
17 Federal or State impediments affecting the abil-
18 ity of the grantee to meet the spending thresh-
19 olds.

20 “(4) COLLECTION OF INFORMATION AND RE-
21 PORTING.—

22 “(A) REQUIREMENT TO REPORT.—A
23 grantee under this section shall provide to the
24 Secretary such information as the Secretary

1 may determine necessary for adequate oversight
2 of the grant program under this section.

3 “(B) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Subject to
4 subparagraph (D), the Secretary shall make in-
5 formation submitted under subparagraph (A)
6 available to the public and to the Inspector
7 General for the Department of Housing and
8 Urban Development.

9 “(C) SUMMARY STATUS REPORTS.—To in-
10 crease transparency and accountability of the
11 grant program under this section the Secretary
12 shall, on not less frequently than an annual
13 basis, post on a public facing dashboard sum-
14 mary status reports for all active grants under
15 this section that includes—

16 “(i) the status of funds by activity;

17 “(ii) the percentages of funds allo-
18 cated and expended to benefit low- and
19 moderate-income communities;

20 “(iii) performance targets, spending
21 thresholds, and accomplishments; and

22 “(iv) other information the Secretary
23 determines to be relevant for transparency.

24 “(D) CONSIDERATIONS.—In carrying out
25 this paragraph, the Secretary shall take such

1 actions as may be necessary to ensure that per-
2 sonally identifiable information regarding appli-
3 cants for assistance provided from funds made
4 available under this section is not made publicly
5 available.

6 “(E) RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS.—

7 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary
8 may, upon a formal request from research-
9 ers, make disaggregated information avail-
10 able to the requestor that is specific and
11 relevant to the research being conducted,
12 and for the purposes of researching pro-
13 gram impact and efficacy.

14 “(ii) PRIVACY PROTECTIONS.—In
15 making information available under clause
16 (i), the Secretary shall protect personally
17 identifiable information as required under
18 section 552a of title 5, United States Code
19 (commonly known as the ‘Privacy Act of
20 1974’).

21 “(f) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Activities assisted under
23 this section—

24 “(A) may include activities permitted
25 under section 105 or other activities permitted

1 by the Secretary by waiver or alternative re-
2 quirement pursuant to subsection (i); and

3 “(B) shall be related to disaster relief,
4 long-term recovery, restoration of housing and
5 infrastructure, economic revitalization, and
6 mitigation in the most impacted and distressed
7 areas resulting from the major disaster for
8 which the grant was awarded.

9 “(2) PROHIBITION.—Grant funds under this
10 section may not be used for costs reimbursable by,
11 or for which funds have been made available by, the
12 Federal Emergency Management Agency, or the
13 United States Army Corps of Engineers.

14 “(3) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, TECHNICAL AS-
15 SISTANCE AND PLANNING.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
17 establish in regulation the maximum grant
18 amounts a grantee may use for administrative
19 costs, technical assistance and planning activi-
20 ties, taking into consideration size of grant,
21 complexity of recovery, and other factors as de-
22 termined by the Secretary, but not to exceed 8
23 percent for administration and 20 percent in
24 total.

1 “(B) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts available
2 for administrative costs for a grant under this
3 section shall be available for eligible administra-
4 tive costs of the grantee for any grant made
5 under this section, without regard to a par-
6 ticular disaster.

7 “(C) SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN.—

8 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Grantees may
9 submit to the Secretary an optional supple-
10 mental plan to the grantee plan required
11 under this title specifically for administra-
12 tive costs, which shall include a description
13 of the use of all grant funds for adminis-
14 trative costs, including for any eligible pre-
15 award program administrative costs, and
16 how such uses will prepare the grantee to
17 more effectively and expeditiously admin-
18 ister funds provided under the full plan.

19 “(ii) USE OF FUNDS.—If a supple-
20 mental plan is approved under clause (i), a
21 grantee may draw down the aforemen-
22 tioned administrative funds before the full
23 grantee plan is approved.

24 “(iii) WAIVERS.—In carrying out this
25 subparagraph, the Secretary may include

1 any waivers or alternative requirements in
2 accordance with subsection (i).

3 “(4) PROGRAM INCOME.—Notwithstanding any
4 other provision of law, any grantee under this sec-
5 tion may retain program income that is realized
6 from grants made by the Secretary under this sec-
7 tion if the grantee agrees that the grantee will uti-
8 lize the program income in accordance with the re-
9 quirements for grants under this section, except that
10 the Secretary may—

11 “(A) by regulation, exclude from consider-
12 ation as program income any amounts deter-
13 mined to be so small that compliance with this
14 paragraph creates an unreasonable administra-
15 tive burden on the grantee; or

16 “(B) permit the grantee to transfer re-
17 maining program income to the other grants of
18 the grantee under this title upon closeout of the
19 grant.

20 “(5) PROHIBITION ON USE OF ASSISTANCE FOR
21 EMPLOYMENT RELOCATION ACTIVITIES.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Grants under this sec-
23 tion may not be used to assist directly in the
24 relocation of any industrial or commercial plant,
25 facility, or operation, from one area to another

1 area, if the relocation is likely to result in a sig-
2 nificant loss of employment in the labor market
3 area from which the relocation occurs.

4 “(B) APPLICABILITY.—The prohibition
5 under subparagraph (A) shall not apply to a
6 business that was operating in the disaster-de-
7 clared labor market area before the incident
8 date of the applicable disaster and has since
9 moved, in whole or in part, from the affected
10 area to another State or to a labor market area
11 within the same State to continue business.

12 “(6) REQUIREMENTS.—Grants under this sec-
13 tion are subject to the requirements of this section,
14 the other provisions of this title that apply to assist-
15 ance under this section, and other applicable laws,
16 unless modified by waivers or alternative require-
17 ments in accordance with subsection (i).

18 “(g) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.—

19 “(1) ADOPTION.—A recipient of funds provided
20 under this section that uses the funds to supplement
21 Federal assistance provided under section 203, 402,
22 403, 404, 406, 407, 408(c)(4), 428, or 502 of the
23 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
24 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170a, 5170b, 5170c,
25 5172, 5173, 5174(c)(4), 5189f, 5192) may adopt,

1 without review or public comment, any environ-
2 mental review, approval, or permit performed by a
3 Federal agency, and such adoption shall satisfy the
4 responsibilities of the recipient with respect to such
5 environmental review, approval, or permit under sec-
6 tion 104(g)(1), so long as the actions covered by the
7 existing environmental review, approval, or permit
8 and the actions proposed for these supplemental
9 funds are substantially the same.

10 “(2) APPROVAL OF RELEASE OF FUNDS.—Not-
11 withstanding section 104(g)(2), the Secretary or a
12 State may, upon receipt of a request for release of
13 funds and certification, immediately approve the re-
14 lease of funds for an activity or project to be as-
15 sisted under this section if the recipient has adopted
16 an environmental review, approval, or permit under
17 paragraph (1) or the activity or project is categori-
18 cally excluded from review under the National Envi-
19 ronmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et
20 seq.).

21 “(3) UNITS OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERN-
22 MENT.—The provisions of section 104(g)(4) shall
23 apply to assistance under this section that a State
24 distributes to a unit of general local government.

25 “(h) FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall develop
2 requirements and procedures to demonstrate that a
3 grantee under this section—

4 “(A) has adequate financial controls and
5 procurement processes;

6 “(B) has adequate procedures to detect
7 and prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and duplica-
8 tion of benefit; and

9 “(C) maintains a comprehensive and pub-
10 licly accessible website.

11 “(2) CERTIFICATION.—Before making a grant
12 under this section, the Secretary shall certify that
13 the grantee has in place proficient processes and
14 procedures to comply with the requirements devel-
15 oped under paragraph (1), as determined by the
16 Secretary.

17 “(3) COMPLIANCE BEFORE ALLOCATION.—The
18 Secretary may permit a State, unit of general local
19 government, or Indian tribe to demonstrate compli-
20 ance with the requirements for adequate financial
21 controls developed under paragraph (1) before a dis-
22 aster occurs and before receiving an allocation for a
23 grant under this section.

24 “(4) DUPLICATION OF BENEFITS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Funds made available
2 under this section shall be used in accordance
3 with section 312 of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
4 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
5 U.S.C. 5155), as amended by section 1210 of
6 the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 (di-
7 vision D of Public Law 115–254), and such
8 rules as may be prescribed under such section
9 312.

10 “(B) PENALTIES.—In any case in which
11 the use of grant funds under this section results
12 in a prohibited duplication of benefits, the
13 grantee shall—

14 “(i) apply an amount equal to the
15 identified duplication to any allowable costs
16 of the award consistent with actual, imme-
17 diate cash requirement;

18 “(ii) remit any excess amounts to the
19 Secretary to be credited to the obligated,
20 undisbursed balance of the grant con-
21 sistent with requirements on Federal pay-
22 ments applicable to such grantee; and

23 “(iii) if excess amounts under clause
24 (ii) are identified after the period of per-
25 formance or after the closeout of the

1 award, remit such amounts to the Sec-
2 retary to be credited to the Fund.

3 “(C) FAILURE TO COMPLY.—Any grantee
4 provided funds under this section or from prior
5 Appropriations Acts under the heading ‘Com-
6 munity Development Fund’ for purposes related
7 to major disasters that fails to comply with sec-
8 tion 312 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-
9 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
10 5155) or fails to satisfy penalties to resolve a
11 duplication of benefits shall be subject to rem-
12 edies for noncompliance under section 111, un-
13 less the Secretary publishes a determination in
14 the Federal Register that it is not in the best
15 interest of the Federal Government to pursue
16 remedial actions.

17 “(i) WAIVERS AND ALTERNATIVE REQUIREMENTS.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In administering grants
19 under this section, the Secretary may waive, or
20 specify alternative requirements for, any provision of
21 any statute or regulation that the Secretary admin-
22 isters in connection with the obligation by the Sec-
23 retary or the use by the grantee of those funds (ex-
24 cept for requirements related to fair housing, non-
25 discrimination, labor standards, the environment,

1 and the requirements of this section that do not ex-
2 pressly authorize modifications by waiver or alter-
3 native requirement), if the Secretary makes a public
4 finding that good cause exists for the waiver or al-
5 ternative requirement.

6 “(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—A waiver or alter-
7 native requirement described in paragraph (1) shall
8 not take effect before the date that is 5 days after
9 the date of publication of the waiver or alternative
10 requirement on the website of the Department of
11 Housing and Urban Development or the effective
12 date for any regulation published in the Federal
13 Register.

14 “(3) PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary
15 shall notify the public of all waivers or alternative
16 requirements described in paragraph (1) in accord-
17 ance with the requirements of section 7(q)(3) of the
18 Department of Housing and Urban Development
19 Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(q)(3)).

20 “(j) UNUSED AMOUNTS.—

21 “(1) DEADLINE TO USE AMOUNTS.—A grantee
22 under this section shall use an amount equal to the
23 grant within 6 years beginning on the date on which
24 the Secretary obligates the amounts to the grantee,

1 as such period may be extended under paragraph
2 (4).

3 “(2) RECAPTURE.—The Secretary shall recap-
4 ture and credit to the Fund any amount that is un-
5 used by a grantee under this section upon the earlier
6 of—

7 “(A) the date on which the grantee notifies
8 the Secretary that the grantee has completed all
9 activities identified in the disaster grantee’s
10 plan under subsection (c); or

11 “(B) the expiration of the 6-year period
12 described in paragraph (1), as such period may
13 be extended under paragraph (4).

14 “(3) RETENTION OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding
15 paragraph (1), the Secretary—

16 “(A) shall allow a grantee under this sec-
17 tion to retain amounts needed to close out
18 grants; and

19 “(B) may allow a grantee under this sec-
20 tion to retain up to 10 percent of the remaining
21 funds to support maintenance of the minimal
22 capacity to launch a new program in the event
23 of a future disaster and to support pre-disaster
24 long-term recovery and mitigation planning.

1 “(4) EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR USE OF
2 FUNDS.—The Secretary may extend the 6-year pe-
3 riod described in paragraph (1) by not more than 4
4 years, or not more than 6 years for mitigation activi-
5 ties, if—

6 “(A) the grantee submits to the Sec-
7 retary—

8 “(i) written documentation of the exi-
9 gent circumstances impacting the ability of
10 the grantee to expend funds that could not
11 be anticipated; or

12 “(ii) a justification that such request
13 is necessary due to the nature and com-
14 plexity of the program and projects; and

15 “(B) the Secretary submits a written jus-
16 tification for the extension to the Committee on
17 Appropriations and the Committee on Banking,
18 Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and
19 the Committee on Appropriations and the Com-
20 mittee on Financial Services of the House of
21 Representatives that specifies the period of that
22 extension.

23 “(k) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘Indian
24 tribe’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the

1 Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determina-
2 tion Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103).”.

3 (e) REGULATIONS.—

4 (1) PROPOSED RULES.—Following consultation
5 with the Federal Emergency Management Agency,
6 the Small Business Administration, and other Fed-
7 eral agencies, not later than 6 months after the date
8 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue
9 proposed rules to carry out this Act and the amend-
10 ments made by this Act and shall provide a 90-day
11 period for submission of public comments on those
12 proposed rules.

13 (2) FINAL RULES.—Not later than 1 year after
14 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
15 shall issue final regulations to carry out section 124
16 of the Housing and Community Development Act of
17 1974, as added by subsection (d).

18 (f) COORDINATION OF DISASTER RECOVERY ASSIST-
19 ANCE, BENEFITS, AND DATA WITH OTHER FEDERAL
20 AGENCIES.—

21 (1) COORDINATION OF DISASTER RECOVERY AS-
22 SISTANCE.—In order to ensure a comprehensive ap-
23 proach to Federal disaster relief, long-term recovery,
24 restoration of housing and infrastructure, economic
25 revitalization, and mitigation in the most impacted

1 and distressed areas resulting from a catastrophic
2 major disaster, the Secretary shall coordinate with
3 the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to the
4 greatest extent practicable, in the implementation of
5 assistance authorized under section 124 of the
6 Housing and Community Development Act of 1974,
7 as added by subsection (d).

8 (2) DATA SHARING AGREEMENTS.—To support
9 the coordination of data to prevent duplication of
10 benefits with other Federal disaster recovery pro-
11 grams while also expediting recovery and reducing
12 burden on disaster survivors, the Department shall
13 establish data sharing agreements that safeguard
14 privacy with relevant Federal agencies to ensure dis-
15 aster benefits effectively and efficiently reach in-
16 tended beneficiaries, while using effective means of
17 preventing harm to people and property.

18 (3) DATA TRANSFER FROM FEMA AND SBA TO
19 HUD.—As permitted and deemed necessary for effi-
20 cient program execution, and consistent with a com-
21 puter matching agreement entered into under para-
22 graph (6)(A), the Administrator of the Federal
23 Emergency Management Agency and the Adminis-
24 trator of the Small Business Administration shall
25 provide data on disaster applicants to the Depart-

1 ment, including, when necessary, personally identifi-
2 able information, disaster recovery needs, and re-
3 sources determined eligible for, and amounts ex-
4 pended, to the Secretary for all major disasters de-
5 clared by the President pursuant to section 401 of
6 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
7 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170) for the purpose of
8 providing additional assistance to disaster survivors
9 and prevent duplication of benefits.

10 (4) DATA TRANSFERS FROM HUD TO HUD
11 GRANTEES.—The Secretary is authorized to provide
12 to grantees under section 124 of the Housing and
13 Community Development Act of 1974, as added by
14 subsection (d), offices of the Department, technical
15 assistance providers, and lenders information that in
16 the determination of the Secretary is reasonably
17 available and appropriate to inform the provision of
18 assistance after a major disaster, including informa-
19 tion provided to the Secretary by the Administrator
20 of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the
21 Administrator of the Small Business Administration,
22 or other Federal agencies.

23 (5) DATA TRANSFERS FROM HUD GRANTEES TO
24 HUD, FEMA, AND SBA.—

1 (A) REPORTING.—Grantees under section
2 124 of the Housing and Community Develop-
3 ment Act of 1974, as added by subsection (d),
4 shall report information requested by the Sec-
5 retary on households, businesses, and other en-
6 tities assisted and the type of assistance pro-
7 vided.

8 (B) SHARING INFORMATION.—The Sec-
9 retary shall share information collected under
10 subparagraph (A) with the Federal Emergency
11 Management Agency, the Small Business Ad-
12 ministration, and other Federal agencies to sup-
13 port the planning and delivery of disaster recov-
14 ery and mitigation assistance and other related
15 purposes.

16 (6) PRIVACY PROTECTION.—The Secretary may
17 make and receive data transfers authorized under
18 this subsection, including the use and retention of
19 that data for computer matching programs, to in-
20 form the provision of assistance, assess disaster re-
21 covery needs, and prevent the duplication of benefits
22 and other waste, fraud, and abuse, provided that—

23 (A) the Secretary enters an information
24 sharing agreement or a computer matching
25 agreement, when required by section 522a of

1 title 5, United States Code (commonly known
2 as the “Privacy Act of 1974”), with the Admin-
3 istrator of the Federal Emergency Management
4 Agency, the Administrator of the Small Busi-
5 ness Administration, or other Federal agencies
6 covering the transfer of data;

7 (B) the Secretary publishes intent to dis-
8 close data in the Federal Register;

9 (C) notwithstanding subparagraphs (A)
10 and (B), section 552a of title 5, United States
11 Code, or any other law, the Secretary is author-
12 ized to share data with an entity identified in
13 paragraph (4), and the entity is authorized to
14 use the data as described in this section, if the
15 Secretary enters a data sharing agreement with
16 the entity before sharing or receiving any infor-
17 mation under transfers authorized by this sec-
18 tion, which data sharing agreement shall—

19 (i) in the determination of the Sec-
20 retary, include measures adequate to safe-
21 guard the privacy and personally identifi-
22 able information of individuals; and

23 (ii) include provisions that describe
24 how the personally identifiable information
25 of an individual will be adequately safe-

1 guarded and protected, which requires con-
 2 sultation with the Secretary and the head
 3 of each Federal agency the data of which
 4 is being shared subject to the agreement.

5 **SEC. 5502. HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS REAUTHOR-**
 6 **IZATION AND IMPROVEMENT ACT.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Section 205 of the Cranston-
 8 Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C.
 9 12724) is amended to read as follows:

10 **“SEC. 205. AUTHORIZATION OF PROGRAM.**

11 “The HOME Investment Partnerships Program
 12 under subtitle A is hereby authorized. There is authorized
 13 such sums as may be necessary to carry out subtitle A.”.

14 (b) INCREASE IN PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION RE-
 15 SOURCES.—Subtitle A of title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez
 16 National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12741 et
 17 seq.) is amended—

18 (1) in section 212(c) (42 U.S.C. 12742(c)), by
 19 striking “10 percent” and inserting “15 percent”;
 20 and

21 (2) in section 220(b) (42 U.S.C. 12750(b))—

22 (A) by striking “RECOGNITION.—” and all
 23 that follows through “A contribution” and in-
 24 serting the following: “RECOGNITION.—A con-
 25 tribution”; and

1 (B) by striking paragraph (2).

2 (c) MODIFICATION OF JURISDICTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR
3 REALLOCATIONS.—Section 217(d)(3) of the Cranston-
4 Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C.
5 12747(d)(3)) is amended by striking “LIMITATION.—Un-
6 less otherwise specified” and inserting the following:
7 “LIMITATIONS.— “

8 “(A) REMOVAL OF PARTICIPATING JURIS-
9 DICTIONS FROM REALLOCATION.—The Sec-
10 retary may, upon a finding that such jurisdic-
11 tion has failed to meet or comply with the re-
12 quirements of this title, remove a participating
13 jurisdiction from participation in reallocations
14 of funds made available under this title.

15 “(B) REALLOCATION TO SAME TYPE OF
16 ENTITY.—Unless otherwise specified”.

17 (d) AMENDMENTS TO QUALIFICATION AS AFFORD-
18 ABLE HOUSING.—Section 215 of the Cranston-Gonzalez
19 National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12745) is
20 amended—

21 (1) in subsection (a)—

22 (A) in paragraph (1)(E), by striking all
23 that follows “purposes of this Act,” and insert-
24 ing the following: “except upon a foreclosure by

a lender (or upon other transfer in lieu of foreclosure) if such action—

“(i) recognizes any contractual or legal rights of public agencies, nonprofit sponsors, or others to take actions that would avoid termination of low-income affordability in the case of foreclosure or transfer in lieu of foreclosure; and

“(ii) is not for the purpose of avoiding low-income affordability restrictions, as determined by the Secretary; and”;

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(7) SMALL-SCALE HOUSING.—

“(A) DEFINITION.—In this paragraph, the term ‘small-scale housing’ means housing with not more than 4 rental units.

“(B) ALTERNATIVE REQUIREMENTS.—Small-scale housing shall qualify as affordable housing under this title if—

“(i) the housing bears rents that comply with paragraph (1)(A);

“(ii) each unit is occupied by a household that qualifies as a low-income family;

“(iii) the housing complies with paragraph (1)(D);

1 “(iv) the housing meets the require-
2 ments under paragraph (1)(E); and

3 “(v) the participating jurisdiction
4 monitors ongoing compliance of the hous-
5 ing with requirements of this title in a
6 manner consistent with the purposes of
7 section 226(b), as determined by the Sec-
8 retary.”; and

9 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “(defined
10 as the amount borrowed by the homebuyer to pur-
11 chase the home, or estimated value after rehabilita-
12 tion, which may be adjusted to account for the limits
13 on future value imposed by the resale restriction)”
14 after “purchase price”.

15 (e) ELIMINATION OF COMMITMENT DEADLINE.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 218 of the Cran-
17 ston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42
18 U.S.C. 12748) is amended—

19 (A) by striking subsection (g); and

20 (B) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-
21 section (g).

22 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
23 218(c) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable
24 Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12748(c)) is amended—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by adding “and” at
2 the end;

3 (B) by striking paragraph (2);

4 (C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
5 paragraph (2); and

6 (D) in paragraph (2), as so redesignated,
7 by striking “section 224” and inserting “section
8 223”.

9 (f) REFORM OF HOMEOWNERSHIP RESALE RESTRIC-
10 TIONS.—Section 215 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National
11 Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12745), as amended
12 by this section, is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (b)—

14 (A) in paragraph (2), by redesignating
15 subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) as clauses (i),
16 (ii), and (iii), respectively, and adjusting the
17 margins accordingly;

18 (B) by striking paragraph (3);

19 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2),
20 and (4) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (D), re-
21 spectively, and adjusting the margins accord-
22 ingly;

23 (D) by inserting after subparagraph (B),
24 as so redesignated, the following:

“(C) is subject to restrictions that are established by the participating jurisdiction and determined by the Secretary to be appropriate, including with respect to the useful life of the property, to—

“(i) require that any subsequent purchase of the property be—

“(I) only by a person who meets the qualifications specified under subparagraph (B); and

“(II) at a price that is determined by a formula or method established by the participating jurisdiction that provides the owner with a reasonable return on investment, which may include a percentage of the cost of any improvements; or

“(ii) recapture the investment provided under this title in order to assist other persons in accordance with the requirements of this title, except where there are no net proceeds or where the net proceeds are insufficient to repay the full amount of the assistance; and”;

1 (E) by striking “Housing that is for home-
 2 ownership” and inserting the following:

3 “(1) QUALIFICATION.—Housing that is for
 4 homeownership”; and

5 (F) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(2) PURCHASE BY COMMUNITY LAND
 7 TRUST.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (C)(i) of
 8 paragraph (1) and under terms determined by the
 9 Secretary, the Secretary may permit a participating
 10 jurisdiction to allow a community land trust that
 11 used assistance provided under this subtitle for the
 12 development of housing that meets the criteria under
 13 paragraph (1), to acquire the housing—

14 “(A) in accordance with the terms of the
 15 preemptive purchase option, lease, covenant on
 16 the land, or other similar legal instrument of
 17 the community land trust when the terms and
 18 rights in the preemptive purchase option, lease,
 19 covenant, or legal instrument are and remain
 20 subject to the requirements of this title;

21 “(B) when the purchase is for—

22 “(i) the purpose of—

23 “(I) entering into the chain of
 24 title;

1 “(II) enabling a purchase by a
 2 person who meets the qualifications
 3 specified under paragraph (1)(B) and
 4 is on a waitlist maintained by the
 5 community land trust, subject to en-
 6 forcement by the participating juris-
 7 diction of all applicable requirements
 8 of this subtitle, as determined by the
 9 Secretary;

10 “(III) performing necessary reha-
 11 bilitation and improvements; or

12 “(IV) adding a subsidy to pre-
 13 serve affordability, which may be from
 14 Federal or non-Federal sources; or

15 “(ii) another purpose determined ap-
 16 propriate by the Secretary; and

17 “(C) if, within a reasonable period of time
 18 after the applicable purpose under subpara-
 19 graph (B) of this paragraph is fulfilled, as de-
 20 termined by the Secretary, the housing is then
 21 sold to a person who meets the qualifications
 22 specified under paragraph (1)(B).

23 “(3) SUSPENSION OR WAIVER OF REQUIRE-
 24 MENTS FOR MILITARY MEMBERS.—A participating
 25 jurisdiction, in accordance with terms established by

1 the Secretary, may suspend or waive a requirement
2 under paragraph (1)(B) with respect to housing that
3 otherwise meets the criteria under paragraph (1) if
4 the owner of the housing—

5 “(A) is a member of a regular component
6 of the armed forces or a member of the Na-
7 tional Guard on full-time National Guard duty,
8 active Guard and Reserve duty, or inactive-duty
9 training (as those terms are defined in section
10 101(d) of title 10, United States Code); and

11 “(B) has received—

12 “(i) temporary duty orders to deploy
13 with a military unit or military orders to
14 deploy as an individual acting in support of
15 a military operation, to a location that is
16 not within a reasonable distance from the
17 housing, as determined by the Secretary,
18 for a period of not less than 90 days; or

19 “(ii) orders for a permanent change of
20 station.

21 “(4) SUSPENSION OR WAIVER OF REQUIRE-
22 MENTS FOR HEIR OR BENEFICIARY OF DECEASED
23 OWNER.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (C) of
24 paragraph (1), housing that meets the criteria under

1 that paragraph prior to the death of an owner may
 2 continue to qualify as affordable housing if—

3 “(A) the housing is the principal residence
 4 of an heir or beneficiary of the deceased owner,
 5 as defined by the Secretary; and

6 “(B) the heir or beneficiary, in accordance
 7 with terms established by the Secretary, as-
 8 sumes the duties and obligations of the de-
 9 ceased owner with respect to funds provided
 10 under this title.”.

11 (g) HOME PROPERTY INSPECTIONS.—Section 226(b)
 12 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing
 13 Act (42 U.S.C. 12756(b)) is amended—

14 (1) by striking “Each participating jurisdic-
 15 tion” and inserting the following:

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each participating jurisdic-
 17 tion”; and

18 (2) by striking “Such review shall include” and
 19 all that follows and inserting the following:

20 “(2) ON-SITE INSPECTIONS.—

21 “(A) INSPECTIONS BY UNITS OF GENERAL
 22 LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—A review conducted
 23 under paragraph (1) by a participating jurisdic-
 24 tion that is a unit of general local government
 25 shall include an on-site inspection to determine

1 compliance with housing codes and other appli-
 2 cable regulations.

3 “(B) INSPECTIONS BY STATES.—A review
 4 conducted under paragraph (1) by a partici-
 5 pating jurisdiction that is a State shall include
 6 an on-site inspection to determine compliance
 7 with a national standard as determined by the
 8 Secretary.

9 “(3) INCLUSION IN PERFORMANCE REPORT AND
 10 PUBLICATION.—A participating jurisdiction shall in-
 11 clude in the performance report of the participating
 12 jurisdiction submitted to the Secretary under section
 13 108(a), and make available to the public, the results
 14 of each review conducted under paragraph (1).”.

15 (h) REVISIONS TO STRENGTHEN ENFORCEMENT AND
 16 PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.—Section 223 of the
 17 Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42
 18 U.S.C. 12753) is amended—

19 (1) in the heading, by striking “**PENALTIES**
 20 **FOR MISUSE OF FUNDS**” and inserting “**PRO-**
 21 **GRAM ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES FOR**
 22 **NONCOMPLIANCE**”;

23 (2) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
 24 inserting after “any provision of this subtitle” the
 25 following: “, including any provision applicable

1 throughout the period required by section
2 215(a)(1)(E) and applicable regulations,”;

3 (3) in paragraph (2), by striking “or” at the
4 end;

5 (4) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at
6 the end and inserting “; or”; and

7 (5) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(4) reduce payments to the participating juris-
9 diction under this subtitle by an amount equal to the
10 amount of such payments which were not expended
11 in accordance with this title.”.

12 (i) TENANT AND PARTICIPANT PROTECTIONS FOR
13 SMALL-SCALE AFFORDABLE HOUSING.—Section 225 of
14 the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act
15 (42 U.S.C. 12755) is amended by adding at the end the
16 following:

17 “(e) TENANT SELECTION FOR SMALL-SCALE HOUS-
18 ING.—Paragraphs (2) through (4) of subsection (d) shall
19 not apply to the owner of small-scale housing (as defined
20 in section 215(a)(7)).”.

21 (j) MODIFICATION OF RULES RELATED TO COMMU-
22 NITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS.—

23 (1) DEFINITIONS OF COMMUNITY HOUSING DE-
24 VELOPMENT ORGANIZATION AND COMMUNITY LAND
25 TRUST.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 104 of the
2 Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Hous-
3 ing Act (42 U.S.C. 12704) is amended—

4 (i) in paragraph (6)(B)—

5 (I) by striking “significant”; and

6 (II) by striking “and otherwise”
7 and inserting “or as otherwise deter-
8 mined acceptable by the Secretary”;
9 and

10 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(26) The term ‘community land trust’ means
13 a nonprofit entity or a State or local government or
14 instrumentality thereof that—

15 “(A) is not managed by, or an affiliate of,
16 a for-profit organization;

17 “(B) has as a primary purpose acquiring,
18 developing, or holding land to provide housing
19 that is permanently affordable to low- and mod-
20 erate-income persons, and monitors properties
21 to ensure affordability is preserved;

22 “(C) provides housing described in sub-
23 paragraph (B) using a ground lease, deed cov-
24 enant, or other similar legally enforceable meas-
25 ure, as determined by the Secretary, that—

1 “(i) keeps the housing affordable to
 2 low- and moderate-income persons for not
 3 less than 30 years; and

4 “(ii) enables low- and moderate-in-
 5 come persons to rent or purchase the hous-
 6 ing for homeownership; and

7 “(D) maintains preemptive purchase op-
 8 tions to purchase the property so the housing
 9 remains affordable to low-and moderate-income
 10 persons.”.

11 (B) ELIMINATION OF EXISTING DEFINI-
 12 TION OF COMMUNITY LAND TRUST.—Section
 13 233 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Afford-
 14 able Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12773) is amend-
 15 ed by striking subsection (f).

16 (2) SET-ASIDE FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING DE-
 17 VELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS.—Section 231 of the
 18 Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act
 19 (42 U.S.C. 12771) is amended—

20 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “to be
 21 developed, sponsored, or owned by community
 22 housing development organizations” and insert-
 23 ing “when a community housing development
 24 organization materially participates in the own-

1 ership or development of such housing, as de-
 2 termined by the Secretary”;

3 (B) by striking subsection (b) and insert-
 4 ing the following:

5 “(b) RECAPTURE AND REUSE.—If any funds re-
 6 served under subsection (a) remain uninvested for a period
 7 of 24 months, then the Secretary shall make such funds
 8 available to the participating jurisdiction for any eligible
 9 activities under this title without regard to whether a com-
 10 munity housing development organization materially par-
 11 ticipates in the use of the funds.”; and

12 (C) by striking subsection (c).

13 (k) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.—The Cranston-Gon-
 14 zalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12701
 15 et seq.) is amended—

16 (1) in section 104 (42 U.S.C. 12704)—

17 (A) by redesignating paragraph (23) (re-
 18 lating to the definition of the term “to dem-
 19 onstrate to the Secretary”) as paragraph (22);
 20 and

21 (B) by redesignating paragraph (24) (re-
 22 lating to the definition of the term “insular
 23 area”, as added by section 2(2) of Public Law
 24 102–230) as paragraph (23);

25 (2) in section 105(b) (42 U.S.C. 12705(b))—

1 (A) in paragraph (7), by striking “Stewart
 2 B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act” and in-
 3 serting “McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance
 4 Act”; and

5 (B) in paragraph (8), by striking “sub-
 6 paragraphs” and inserting “paragraphs”;

7 (3) in section 106 (42 U.S.C. 12706), by strik-
 8 ing “Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance
 9 Act” and inserting “McKinney-Vento Homeless As-
 10 sistance Act”;

11 (4) in section 108(a)(1) (42 U.S.C.
 12 12708(a)(1)), by striking “section 105(b)(15)” and
 13 inserting “section 105(b)(18)”;

14 (5) in section 212 (42 U.S.C. 12742)—

15 (A) in subsection (a)—

16 (i) in paragraph (3)(A)(ii), by insert-
 17 ing “United States” before “Housing Act”;
 18 and

19 (ii) by redesignating paragraph (5) as
 20 paragraph (4);

21 (B) in subsection (d)(5), by inserting
 22 “United States” before “Housing Act”; and

23 (C) in subsection (e)(1)—

24 (i) by striking “section 221(d)(3)(ii)”
 25 and inserting “section 221(d)(4)”; and

1 (ii) by striking “not to exceed 140
2 percent” and inserting “as determined by
3 the Secretary”;

4 (6) in section 215(a)(6)(B) (42 U.S.C. 20
5 12745(a)(6)(B)), by striking “grand children” and
6 inserting “grandchildren”;

7 (7) in section 217 (42 U.S.C. 12747)—

8 (A) in subsection (a)—

9 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “(3)”
10 and inserting “(2)”;

11 (ii) by striking paragraph (3), as
12 added by section 211(a)(2)(D) of the
13 Housing and Community Development Act
14 of 1992 (Public Law 102–550; 106 Stat.
15 3756); and

16 (iii) by redesignating the remaining
17 paragraph (3), as added by the matter
18 under the heading “HOME INVESTMENT
19 PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM” under the head-
20 ing “HOUSING PROGRAMS” in title II of
21 the Departments of Veterans Affairs and
22 Housing and Urban Development, and
23 Independent Agencies Appropriations Act,
24 1993 (Public Law 102–389; 106 Stat.
25 1581), as paragraph (2); and

1 (B) in subsection (b)—

2 (i) in paragraph (1)—

3 (I) in the first sentence of sub-
4 paragraph (A)—

5 (aa) by striking “in regula-
6 tion” and inserting “, by regula-
7 tion,”; and

8 (bb) by striking “eligible ju-
9 risdiction” and inserting “eligible
10 jurisdictions”; and

11 (II) in subparagraph (F)—

12 (aa) in the first sentence—

13 (AA) in clause (i), by
14 striking “Subcommittee on
15 Housing and Urban Affairs”
16 and inserting “Sub-
17 committee on Housing,
18 Transportation, and Com-
19 munity Development”; and

20 (BB) in clause (ii), by
21 striking “Subcommittee on
22 Housing and Community
23 Development of the Com-
24 mittee on Banking, Finance
25 and Urban Affairs” and in-

1 serting “Subcommittee on
 2 Housing and Insurance of
 3 the Committee on Financial
 4 Services”; and

5 (bb) in the second sentence,
 6 by striking “the Committee on
 7 Banking, Finance and Urban Af-
 8 fairs of the House of Representa-
 9 tives” and inserting “the Com-
 10 mittee on Financial Services of
 11 the House of Representatives”;

12 (ii) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking
 13 “\$500,000” each place that term appears
 14 and inserting “\$750,000”;

15 (iii) in paragraph (3)—

16 (I) by striking “\$500,000” each
 17 place that term appears and inserting
 18 “\$750,000”; and

19 (II) by striking “, except as pro-
 20 vided in paragraph (4)”;

21 (iv) by striking paragraph (4);

22 (8) in section 220(c) (42 U.S.C. 12750(c))—

23 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “Sec-
 24 retary” and all that follows and inserting “Sec-
 25 retary;”;

1 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “under
 2 this title” and all that follows and inserting
 3 “under this title;”; and

4 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (6), (7),
 5 and (8) as paragraphs (5), (6), and (7), respec-
 6 tively;

7 (9) in section 225(d)(4)(B) (42 U.S.C.
 8 12755(d)(4)(B)), by striking “for” the first place
 9 that term appears; and

10 (10) in section 283 (42 U.S.C. 12833)—

11 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “Bank-
 12 ing, Finance and Urban Affairs” and inserting
 13 “Financial Services”; and

14 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “General
 15 Accounting Office” each place that term ap-
 16 pears and inserting “Government Account-
 17 ability Office”.

18 **SEC. 5503. RURAL HOUSING SERVICE REFORM ACT.**

19 (a) APPLICATION OF MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE
 20 FORECLOSURE PROCEDURES TO MULTIFAMILY MORT-
 21 GAGES HELD BY THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND
 22 PRESERVATION OF THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT
 23 UPON FORECLOSURE.—

24 (1) MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE PROCEDURES.—

25 Section 363(2) of the Multifamily Mortgage Fore-

1 closure Act of 1981 (12 U.S.C. 3702(2)) is amend-
2 ed—

3 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking
4 “and” at the end;

5 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking the
6 period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

7 (C) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(F) section 514, 515, or 538 of the Hous-
9 ing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1485,
10 1490p).”.

11 (2) PRESERVATION OF CONTRACT.—Section
12 521(d) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.
13 1490a(d)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law in
16 managing and disposing of any multifamily property that
17 is owned or has a mortgage held by the Secretary, and
18 during the process of foreclosure on any property with a
19 contract for rental assistance under this section—

20 “(A) the Secretary shall maintain any rental as-
21 sistance payments that are attached to any dwelling
22 units in the property; and

23 “(B) the rental assistance contract may be used
24 to provide further assistance to existing projects
25 under 514, 515, or 516.”.

1 (b) STUDY ON RURAL HOUSING LOANS FOR HOUS-
2 ING FOR LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME FAMILIES.—Not
3 later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this
4 Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall conduct a study
5 and submit to Congress a publicly available report on the
6 loan program under section 521 of the Housing Act of
7 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490a), including—

8 (1) the total amount provided by the Secretary
9 in subsidies under such section 521 to borrowers
10 with loans made pursuant to section 502 of such Act
11 (42 U.S.C. 1472);

12 (2) how much of the subsidies described in
13 paragraph (1) are being recaptured; and

14 (3) the amount of time and costs associated
15 with recapturing those subsidies.

16 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR
17 STAFFING AND IT UPGRADES.—There is authorized to be
18 appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture for each of
19 fiscal years 2026 through 2030 such sums as may be nec-
20 essary for increased staffing needs and information tech-
21 nology upgrades to support all Rural Housing Service pro-
22 grams.

23 (d) FUNDING FOR TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENTS.—

24 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

25 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-

1 retary of Agriculture such sums as may be necessary
 2 for fiscal year 2026 for improvements to the tech-
 3 nology of the Rural Housing Service of the Depart-
 4 ment of Agriculture used to process and manage
 5 housing loans.

6 (2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated pur-
 7 suant to paragraph (1) shall remain available until
 8 the date that is 5 years after the date of the appro-
 9 priation.

10 (3) TIMELINE.—The Secretary of Agriculture
 11 shall make the improvements described in paragraph
 12 (1) during the 5-year period beginning on the date
 13 on which amounts are appropriated under paragraph
 14 (1).

15 (e) PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT OF HOUSING
 16 PRESERVATION AND REVITALIZATION PROGRAM.—Title
 17 V of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.)
 18 is amended by adding at the end the following:

19 **“SEC. 545. HOUSING PRESERVATION AND REVITALIZATION**
 20 **PROGRAM.**

21 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall carry
 22 out a program under this section for the preservation and
 23 revitalization of multifamily rental housing projects fi-
 24 nanced under section 514, 515, or 516.

25 “(b) NOTICE OF MATURING LOANS.—

1 “(1) TO OWNERS.—On an annual basis, the
2 Secretary shall provide written notice to each owner
3 of a property financed under section 514, 515, or
4 516 that will mature within the 4-year period begin-
5 ning upon the provision of the notice, setting forth
6 the options and financial incentives that are avail-
7 able to facilitate the extension of the loan term or
8 the option to decouple a rental assistance contract
9 pursuant to subsection (f).

10 “(2) TO TENANTS.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—On an annual basis,
12 for each property financed under section 514,
13 515, or 516, not later than the date that is 2
14 years before the date that the loan will mature,
15 the Secretary shall provide written notice to
16 each household residing in the property that in-
17 forms them of—

18 “(i) the date of the loan maturity;

19 “(ii) the possible actions that may
20 happen with respect to the property upon
21 that maturity; and

22 “(iii) how to protect their right to re-
23 side in federally assisted housing, or how
24 to secure housing voucher, after that ma-
25 turity.

1 “(B) LANGUAGE.—Notice under this para-
2 graph shall be provided in plain English and
3 shall be translated to other languages in the
4 case of any property located in an area in which
5 a significant number of residents speak such
6 other languages.

7 “(c) LOAN RESTRUCTURING.—Under the program
8 under this section, in any circumstance in which the Sec-
9 retary proposes a restructuring to an owner or an owner
10 proposes a restructuring to the Secretary, the Secretary
11 may restructure such existing housing loans, as the Sec-
12 retary considers appropriate, for the purpose of ensuring
13 that those projects have sufficient resources to preserve
14 the projects to provide safe and affordable housing for low-
15 income residents and farm laborers, by—

16 “(1) reducing or eliminating interest;

17 “(2) deferring loan payments;

18 “(3) subordinating, reducing, or reamortizing
19 loan debt;

20 “(4) providing other financial assistance, in-
21 cluding advances, payments, and incentives (includ-
22 ing the ability of owners to obtain reasonable re-
23 turns on investment) required by the Secretary; and

1 “(5) permanently removing a portion of the
2 housing units from income restrictions when sus-
3 tained vacancies have occurred.

4 “(d) RENEWAL OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—When the Secretary pro-
6 poses to restructure a loan or agrees to the proposal
7 of an owner to restructure a loan pursuant to sub-
8 section (c), the Secretary shall offer to renew the
9 rental assistance contract under section 521(a)(2)
10 for a term that is the shorter of 20 years and the
11 term of the restructured loan, subject to annual ap-
12 propriations, provided that the owner agrees to bring
13 the property up to such standards that will ensure
14 maintenance of the property as decent, safe, and
15 sanitary housing for the full term of the rental as-
16 sistance contract.

17 “(2) ADDITIONAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE.—With
18 respect to a project described in paragraph (1), if
19 rental assistance is not available for all households
20 in the project for which the loan is being restruc-
21 tured pursuant to subsection (c), the Secretary may
22 extend such additional rental assistance to unas-
23 sisted households at that project as is necessary to
24 make the project safe and affordable to low-income
25 households.

1 “(e) RESTRICTIVE USE AGREEMENTS.—

2 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—As part of the preserva-
3 tion and revitalization agreement for a project, the
4 Secretary shall obtain a restrictive use agreement
5 that is recorded and obligates the owner to operate
6 the project in accordance with this title.

7 “(2) TERM.—

8 “(A) NO EXTENSION OF RENTAL ASSIST-
9 ANCE CONTRACT.—Except when the Secretary
10 enters into a 20-year extension of the rental as-
11 sistance contract for a project, the term of the
12 restrictive use agreement for the project shall
13 be consistent with the term of the restructured
14 loan for the project.

15 “(B) EXTENSION OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE
16 CONTRACT.—If the Secretary enters into a 20-
17 year extension of the rental assistance contract
18 for a project, the term of the restrictive use
19 agreement for the project shall be for the longer
20 of—

21 “(i) 20 years; or

22 “(ii) the remaining term of the loan
23 for that project.

24 “(C) TERMINATION.—The Secretary may
25 terminate the 20-year use restrictive use agree-

1 ment for a project before the end of the term
2 of the agreement if the 20-year rental assist-
3 ance contract for the project with the owner is
4 terminated at any time for reasons outside the
5 control of the owner.

6 “(f) DECOUPLING OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE.—

7 “(1) RENEWAL OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE CON-
8 TRACT.—If the Secretary determines that a loan ma-
9 turing during the 4-year period beginning upon the
10 provision of the notice required under subsection
11 (b)(1) for a project cannot reasonably be restruc-
12 tured in accordance with subsection (c) because it is
13 not financially feasible or the owner does not agree
14 with the proposed restructuring, and the project was
15 operating with rental assistance under section 521
16 and the recipient is a borrower under section 514 or
17 515, the Secretary may renew the rental assistance
18 contract, notwithstanding any requirement under
19 section 521 that the recipient be a current borrower
20 under section 514 or 515, for a term of 20 years,
21 subject to annual appropriations.

22 “(2) ADDITIONAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE.—With
23 respect to a project described in paragraph (1), if
24 rental assistance is not available for all households
25 in the project for which the loan is being restruc-

1 tured pursuant to subsection (c), the Secretary may
2 extend such additional rental assistance to unas-
3 sisted households at that project as is necessary to
4 make the project safe and affordable to low-income
5 households.

6 “(3) RENTS.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any agreement to ex-
8 tend the term of the rental assistance contract
9 under section 521 for a project shall obligate
10 the owner to continue to maintain the project
11 as decent, safe, and sanitary housing and to op-
12 erate the development as affordable housing in
13 a manner that meets the goals of this title.

14 “(B) RENT AMOUNTS.—Subject to sub-
15 paragraph (C), in setting rents, the Secretary—

16 “(i) shall determine the maximum ini-
17 tial rent based on current fair market
18 rents established under section 8 of the
19 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
20 U.S.C. 1437f); and

21 “(ii) may annually adjust the rent de-
22 termined under clause (i) by the operating
23 cost adjustment factor as provided under
24 section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted

1 Housing Reform and Affordability Act of
2 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note).

3 “(C) HIGHER RENT.—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (B)
5 shall not apply if the Secretary determines
6 that the budget-based needs of a project
7 require a higher rent than the rent de-
8 scribed in subparagraph (B).

9 “(ii) RENT.—If the Secretary makes a
10 positive determination under clause (i), the
11 Secretary may approve a budget-based rent
12 level for the project.

13 “(4) CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL.—Before the
14 approval of a rental assistance contract authorized
15 under this section, the Secretary shall require,
16 through an annual notice in the Federal Register,
17 the owner to submit to the Secretary a plan that
18 identifies financing sources and a timetable for ren-
19 ovations and improvements determined to be nec-
20 essary by the Secretary to maintain and preserve the
21 project.

22 “(g) MULTIFAMILY HOUSING TRANSFER TECHNICAL
23 ASSISTANCE.—Under the program under this section, the
24 Secretary may provide grants to qualified nonprofit orga-
25 nizations and public housing agencies to provide technical

1 assistance, including financial and legal services, to bor-
2 rowers under loans under this title for multifamily housing
3 to facilitate the acquisition or preservation of such multi-
4 family housing properties in areas where the Secretary de-
5 termines there is a risk of loss of affordable housing.

6 “(h) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of any amounts
7 made available for the program under this section for any
8 fiscal year, the Secretary may use not more than
9 \$1,000,000 for administrative expenses for carrying out
10 such program.

11 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
12 authorized to be appropriated for the program under this
13 section such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal
14 years 2026 through 2030.

15 “(j) RULEMAKING.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
17 after the date of enactment of the Renewing Oppor-
18 tunity in the American Dream to Housing Act of
19 2025, the Secretary shall—

20 “(A) publish an advance notice of proposed
21 rulemaking; and

22 “(B) consult with appropriate stake-
23 holders.

24 “(2) INTERIM FINAL RULE.—Not later than 1
25 year after the date of enactment of the Renewing

1 Opportunity in the American Dream to Housing Act
 2 of 2025, the Secretary shall publish an interim final
 3 rule to carry out this section.”.

4 (f) RENTAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—
 5 Section 521(d) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.
 6 1490a(d)), as amended by this section, is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1)—

8 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)
 9 and (C) as subparagraphs (C) and (D), respec-
 10 tively;

11 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (A)
 12 the following:

13 “(B) upon request of an owner of a project fi-
 14 nanced under section 514 or 515, the Secretary is
 15 authorized to enter into renewal of such agreements
 16 for a period of 20 years or the term of the loan,
 17 whichever is shorter, subject to amounts made avail-
 18 able in appropriations Acts;”;

19 (C) in subparagraph (C), as so redesign-
 20 ated, by striking “subparagraph (A)” and in-
 21 serting “subparagraphs (A) and (B)”; and

22 (D) in subparagraph (D), as so redesign-
 23 ated, by striking “subparagraphs (A) and
 24 (B)” and inserting “subparagraphs (A), (B),
 25 and (C)”;

1 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “shall” and
 2 inserting “may”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(4) In the case of any rental assistance contract au-
 5 thority that becomes available because of the termination
 6 of assistance on behalf of an assisted family—

7 “(A) at the option of the owner of the rental
 8 project, the Secretary shall provide the owner a pe-
 9 riod of not more than 6 months before unused as-
 10 sistance is made available pursuant to subparagraph
 11 (B) during which the owner may use such assistance
 12 authority to provide assistance on behalf of an eligi-
 13 ble unassisted family that—

14 “(i) is residing in the same rental project
 15 in which the assisted family resided before the
 16 termination; or

17 “(ii) newly occupies a dwelling unit in the
 18 rental project during that 6-month period; and

19 “(B) except for assistance used as provided in
 20 subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall use such re-
 21 maining authority to provide assistance on behalf of
 22 eligible families residing in other rental projects
 23 originally financed under section 514, 515, or 516.”.

24 (g) MODIFICATIONS TO LOANS AND GRANTS FOR
 25 MINOR IMPROVEMENTS TO FARM HOUSING AND BUILD-

1 INGS; INCOME ELIGIBILITY.—Section 504(a) of the Hous-
 2 ing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1474(a)) is amended—

3 (1) in the first sentence, by inserting “and may
 4 make a loan to an eligible low-income applicant”
 5 after “applicant”;

6 (2) by inserting “Not less than 60 percent of
 7 loan funds made available under this section shall be
 8 reserved and made available for very low-income ap-
 9 plicants.” after the first sentence; and

10 (3) by striking “\$7,500” and inserting
 11 “\$15,000”.

12 (h) RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIA-
 13 TIVE.—Subtitle E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
 14 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2009 et seq.) is amended by
 15 adding at the end the following:

16 **“SEC. 3810. RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIA-**
 17 **TIVE.**

18 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
 20 tity’ means—

21 “(A) a private, nonprofit community-based
 22 housing or community development organiza-
 23 tion;

24 “(B) a rural community; or

25 “(C) a federally recognized Indian tribe.

1 “(2) ELIGIBLE INTERMEDIARY.—The term ‘eli-
2 gible intermediary’ means a qualified—

3 “(A) private, nonprofit organization; or

4 “(B) public organization.

5 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
6 lish a Rural Community Development Initiative, under
7 which the Secretary shall provide grants to eligible inter-
8 mediaries to carry out programs to provide financial and
9 technical assistance to eligible entities to develop the ca-
10 pacity and ability of eligible entities to carry out projects
11 to improve housing, community facilities, and community
12 and economic development projects in rural areas.

13 “(c) AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—The amount of a grant
14 provided to an eligible intermediary under this section
15 shall be not more than \$250,000.

16 “(d) MATCHING FUNDS.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible intermediary re-
18 ceiving a grant under this section shall provide
19 matching funds from other sources, including Fed-
20 eral funds for related activities, in an amount not
21 less than the amount of the grant.

22 “(2) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive para-
23 graph (1) with respect to a project that would be
24 carried out in a persistently poor rural region, as de-
25 termined by the Secretary.”.

1 (i) ANNUAL REPORT ON RURAL HOUSING PRO-
2 GRAMS.—Title V of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.
3 1471 et seq.), as amended by this section, is amended by
4 adding at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 546. ANNUAL REPORT.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall submit to
7 the appropriate committees of Congress and publish on
8 the website of the Department of Agriculture an annual
9 report on rural housing programs carried out under this
10 title, which shall include significant details on the health
11 of Rural Housing Service programs, including—

12 “(1) raw data sortable by programs and by re-
13 gion regarding loan performance;

14 “(2) the housing stock of those programs, in-
15 cluding information on why properties end participa-
16 tion in those programs, such as for maturation, pre-
17 payment, foreclosure, or other servicing issues; and

18 “(3) risk ratings for properties assisted under
19 those programs.

20 “(b) PROTECTION OF INFORMATION.—The data in-
21 cluded in each report required under subsection (a) may
22 be aggregated or anonymized to protect participant finan-
23 cial or personal information.”.

24 (j) GAO REPORT ON RURAL HOUSING SERVICE
25 TECHNOLOGY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of

1 enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the
2 United States shall submit to Congress a report that in-
3 cludes—

4 (1) an analysis of how the outdated technology
5 used by the Rural Housing Service impacts partici-
6 pants in the programs of the Rural Housing Service;

7 (2) an estimate of the amount of funding that
8 is needed to modernize the technology used by the
9 Rural Housing Service; and

10 (3) an estimate of the number and type of new
11 employees the Rural Housing Service needs to mod-
12 ernize the technology used by the Rural Housing
13 Service.

14 (k) ADJUSTMENT TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT VOUCH-
15 ER AMOUNT.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
17 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
18 Agriculture shall issue regulations to establish a
19 process for adjusting the voucher amount provided
20 under section 542 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42
21 U.S.C. 1490r) after the issuance of the voucher fol-
22 lowing an interim or annual review of the amount of
23 the voucher.

24 (2) INTERIM REVIEW.—The interim review de-
25 scribed in paragraph (1) shall, at the request of a

1 tenant, allow for a recalculation of the voucher
2 amount when the tenant experiences a reduction in
3 income, change in family composition, or change in
4 rental rate.

5 (3) ANNUAL REVIEW.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—The annual review de-
7 scribed in paragraph (1) shall require tenants
8 to annually recertify the family composition of
9 the household and that the family income of the
10 household does not exceed 80 percent of the
11 area median income at a time determined by
12 the Secretary of Agriculture.

13 (B) CONSIDERATIONS.—If a tenant does
14 not recertify the family composition and family
15 income of the household within the time frame
16 required under subparagraph (A), the Secretary
17 of Agriculture—

18 (i) shall consider whether extenuating
19 circumstances caused the delay in recertifi-
20 cation; and

21 (ii) may alter associated consequences
22 for the failure to recertify based on those
23 circumstances.

24 (C) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Following the an-
25 nual review of a voucher under paragraph (1),

1 the updated voucher amount shall be effective
2 on the 1st day of the month following the expi-
3 ration of the voucher.

4 (4) DEADLINE.—The process established under
5 paragraph (1) shall require the Secretary of Agri-
6 culture to review and update the voucher amount de-
7 scribed in paragraph (1) for a tenant not later than
8 60 days before the end of the voucher term.

9 (1) ELIGIBILITY FOR RURAL HOUSING VOUCHERS.—
10 Section 542 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.
11 1490r) is amended by adding at the end the following:

12 “(c) ELIGIBILITY OF HOUSEHOLDS IN SECTIONS
13 514, 515, AND 516 PROJECTS.—The Secretary may pro-
14 vide rural housing vouchers under this section for any low-
15 income household (including those not receiving rental as-
16 sistance) residing for a term longer than the remaining
17 term of their lease that is in effect on the date of prepay-
18 ment, foreclosure, or mortgage maturity, in a property fi-
19 nanced with a loan under section 514 or 515 or a grant
20 under section 516 that has—

21 “(1) been prepaid with or without restrictions
22 imposed by the Secretary pursuant to section
23 502(c)(5)(G)(ii)(I);

24 “(2) been foreclosed; or

25 “(3) matured after September 30, 2005.”.

1 (m) AMOUNT OF VOUCHER ASSISTANCE.—Notwith-
2 standing any other provision of law, in the case of any
3 rural housing voucher provided pursuant to section 542
4 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490r), the
5 amount of the monthly assistance payment for the house-
6 hold on whose behalf the assistance is provided shall be
7 determined as provided in subsection (a) of such section
8 542, including providing for interim and annual review of
9 the voucher amount in the event of a change in household
10 composition or income or rental rate.

11 (n) TRANSFER OF MULTIFAMILY RURAL HOUSING
12 PROJECTS.—Section 515 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42
13 U.S.C. 1485) is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (h), by adding at the end the
15 following:

16 “(3) TRANSFER TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZA-
17 TIONS.—A nonprofit or public body purchaser, in-
18 cluding a limited partnership with a general partner
19 with the principal purpose of providing affordable
20 housing, may purchase a property for which a loan
21 is made or insured under this section that has re-
22 ceived a market value appraisal, without addressing
23 rehabilitation needs at the time of purchase, if the
24 purchaser—

1 “(A) makes a commitment to address re-
 2 habilitation needs during ownership and long-
 3 term use restrictions on the property; and

4 “(B) at the time of purchase, accepts long-
 5 term use restrictions on the property.”; and

6 (2) in subsection (w)(1), in the first sentence in
 7 the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking
 8 “9 percent” and inserting “25 percent”.

9 (o) EXTENSION OF LOAN TERM.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 502(a)(2) of the
 11 Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472(a)(2)) is
 12 amended—

13 (A) by inserting “(A)” before “The Sec-
 14 retary”;

15 (B) in subparagraph (A), as so designated,
 16 by striking “paragraph” and inserting “sub-
 17 paragraph”; and

18 (C) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(B) The Secretary may refinance or modify
 20 the period of any loan, including any refinanced
 21 loan, made under this section in accordance with
 22 terms and conditions as the Secretary shall pre-
 23 scribe, but in no event shall the total term of the
 24 loan from the date of the refinance or modification
 25 exceed 40 years.”.

1 (2) APPLICATION.—The amendment made
 2 under paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to
 3 loans made under section 502 of the Housing Act of
 4 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472) before, on, or after the date
 5 of enactment of this Act.

6 (p) RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR SECTION 502 GUAR-
 7 ANTEED BORROWER UPON ASSUMPTION OF ORIGINAL
 8 LOAN BY NEW BORROWER.—Section 502(h)(10) of the
 9 Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472(h)(10)) is amended
 10 to read as follows:

11 “(10) TRANSFER AND ASSUMPTION.—Upon the
 12 transfer of property for which a guaranteed loan
 13 under this subsection was made and the assumption
 14 of the guaranteed loan by an approved eligible bor-
 15 rower, the original borrower of a guaranteed loan
 16 under this subsection shall be relieved of liability
 17 with respect to the loan.”.

18 (q) DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LOAN RESTRIC-
 19 TIONS.—

20 (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the
 21 terms “State” and “Tribal organization” have the
 22 meanings given those terms in section 658P of the
 23 Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of
 24 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858n).

(2) REVISION.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall revise section 3555.102(c) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, to exclude from the restriction under that section—

(A) a home-based business that is a licensed, registered, or regulated child care provider under State law or by a Tribal organization; and

(B) an applicant that has applied to become a licensed, registered or regulated child care provider under State law or by a Tribal organization.

(r) LOAN GUARANTEES.—Section 502(h)(4) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472(h)(4)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) as clauses (i), (ii), and (iii), respectively;

(2) by striking “Loans may be guaranteed” and inserting the following:

“(A) DEFINITION.—In this paragraph, the term ‘accessory dwelling unit’ means a single, habitable living unit—

“(i) with means of separate ingress and egress;

1 “(ii) that is usually subordinate in
2 size;

3 “(iii) that can be added to, created
4 within, or detached from a primary 1-unit,
5 single-family dwelling; and

6 “(iv) in combination with a primary
7 1-unit, single family dwelling, constitutes a
8 single interest in real estate.

9 “(B) SINGLE FAMILY REQUIREMENT.—
10 Loans may be guaranteed”; and
11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(C) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing
13 in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit
14 the leasing of an accessory dwelling unit or the
15 use of rental income derived from such a lease
16 to qualify for a loan guaranteed under this sub-
17 section—

18 “(i) after the date of enactment of the
19 Renewing Opportunity in the American
20 Dream to Housing Act of 2025; and

21 “(ii) if the property that is the subject
22 of the loan was constructed before the date
23 of enactment of the Renewing Opportunity
24 in the American Dream to Housing Act of
25 2025.”.

1 (s) APPLICATION REVIEW.—

2 (1) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
3 Congress, not later than 90 days after the date on
4 which the Secretary of Agriculture receives an appli-
5 cation for a loan, grant, or combined loan and grant
6 under section 502 or 504 of the Housing Act of
7 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472, 1474), the Secretary of Agri-
8 culture should—

9 (A) review the application;

10 (B) complete the underwriting;

11 (C) make a determination of eligibility with
12 respect to the application; and

13 (D) notify the applicant of determination.

14 (2) REPORT.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
16 after the date of enactment of this Act, and an-
17 nually thereafter until the date described in
18 subparagraph (B), the Secretary of Agriculture
19 shall submit to the Committee on Banking,
20 Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and
21 the Committee on Financial Services of the
22 House of Representatives a report—

23 (i) detailing the timeliness of eligi-
24 bility determinations and final determina-
25 tions with respect to applications under

1 sections 502 and 504 of the Housing Act
2 of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472, 1474), including
3 justifications for any eligibility determina-
4 tions taking longer than 90 days; and

5 (ii) that includes recommendations to
6 shorten the timeline for notifications of eli-
7 gibility determinations described in clause
8 (i) to not more than 90 days.

9 (B) DATE DESCRIBED.—The date de-
10 scribed in this subparagraph is the date on
11 which, during the preceding 5-year period, the
12 Secretary of Agriculture provides each eligibility
13 determination described in subparagraph (A)
14 during the 90-day period beginning on the date
15 on which each application is received.

16 **SEC. 5504. NEW MOVING TO WORK COHORT.**

17 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) MOVING TO WORK DEMONSTRATION.—The
19 term “Moving to Work demonstration” means the
20 Moving to Work demonstration authorized under
21 section 204 of the Departments of Veterans Affairs
22 and Housing and Urban Development, and Inde-
23 pendent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 (42
24 U.S.C. 1437f note).

1 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

3 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HOUS-
4 ING AGENCIES.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—After the completion of the
6 initial report required under subsection (h)(2), the
7 Secretary may add up to an additional 25 public
8 housing agencies that are designated as high per-
9 forming agencies under the Public Housing Assess-
10 ment System or the Section 8 Management Assess-
11 ment Program to participate in a new cohort as part
12 of the Moving to Work demonstration.

13 (2) NAME.—The new cohort authorized under
14 paragraph (1) shall be entitled the “Economic Op-
15 portunity and Pathways to Independence Cohort”.

16 (c) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
18 the authority of the Secretary to grant waivers to
19 agencies admitted to the Moving to Work dem-
20 onstration under this section or to designate policy
21 changes as part of a cohort design under this section
22 shall be limited to the waivers codified as of January
23 2025 in Appendix I of the document of the Depart-
24 ment of Housing and Urban Development entitled
25 “Operations Notice for the Expansion of the Moving

1 to Work Demonstration Program” (FR–5994–N–
2 05) published in the Federal Register on August 28,
3 2020, as amended by the notice entitled “Operations
4 Notice for Expansion of the Moving to Work Dem-
5 onstration Program Technical Revisions” (FR–
6 5994–N–06) published in the Federal Register on
7 March 20, 2025.

8 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—Under paragraph (1), the
9 Secretary may not grant waivers 1c, 1d, 1e, 1f, 1k,
10 1l, 1o, 1p, 1q, 6, 7, 9a, 9h, or 12 in the document
11 described in paragraph (1), including modifications
12 of or safe harbor requirement waivers for such waiv-
13 ers.

14 (3) POLICY OPTIONS.—In carrying out the
15 Moving to Work demonstration cohort established
16 under this section, the Secretary may consider policy
17 options to provide opt-out savings or escrow ac-
18 counts and report positive rental payments to con-
19 sumer reporting agencies (as defined in section 603
20 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a))
21 with resident consent.

22 (d) FUNDING AND USE OF FUNDS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Public housing agencies in
24 the cohort authorized under this section may expend
25 not more than 5 percent of the amounts those public

1 housing agencies receive in any fiscal year for hous-
2 ing assistance payments under section 8(o) of the
3 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
4 1437f(o)) for purposes other than such housing as-
5 sistance payments.

6 (2) OTHER USES.—Such other uses of amounts
7 described in paragraph (1) shall comply with all
8 other applicable requirements.

9 (3) FORMULA.—

10 (A) RENEWAL.—The amount of funding
11 public housing agencies receive for renewal of
12 housing assistance payments under section 8(o)
13 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
14 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) shall be determined according
15 to the same funding formula applicable to pub-
16 lic housing agencies that do not participate in
17 the Moving to Work demonstration, except that
18 the Secretary shall provide public housing agen-
19 cies funding to renew any funds expended
20 under this subsection, with an adjustment for
21 inflation.

22 (B) ADMINISTRATIVE FEES.—The amount
23 of funding public housing agencies receive for
24 administrative fees under section 8(q) of the
25 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.

1 1437f(q)), public housing operating subsidies
2 under section 9(e) of the United States Hous-
3 ing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(e)), and pub-
4 lic housing capital funding under section 9(d) of
5 the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
6 U.S.C. 1437g(d)) shall be determined according
7 to the same funding formula applicable to pub-
8 lic housing agencies that do not participate in
9 the Moving to Work demonstration.

10 (e) **SELECTION REQUIREMENTS.**—The Secretary
11 shall select public housing agencies designated under this
12 section through a competitive process, as determined by
13 the Secretary, with the following parameters:

14 (1) No public housing agency shall be granted
15 this designation under this section that administers
16 more than 27,000 aggregate housing vouchers and
17 public housing units.

18 (2) Of the public housing agencies selected
19 under this section, not more than 12 shall admin-
20 ister 1,000 or fewer aggregate housing vouchers and
21 public housing units, not more than 8 shall admin-
22 ister between 1,001 and 6,000 aggregate housing
23 vouchers and public housing units, and not more
24 than 5 shall administer between 6,001 and 27,000

1 aggregate housing vouchers and public housing
2 units.

3 (3) Selection of public housing agencies under
4 this section shall be based on ensuring the geo-
5 graphic diversity of Moving to Work demonstration
6 public housing agencies.

7 (4) Within the requirements under paragraphs
8 (1) through (3), the Secretary shall prioritize select-
9 ing public housing agencies that serve families with
10 children and youth aging out of foster care at a rate
11 above the national average.

12 (f) REQUIREMENTS FOR SELECTED PUBLIC HOUS-
13 ING AGENCIES.—Consistent with section 204(c)(3) of the
14 Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban
15 Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations
16 Act, 1996 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note), public housing agencies
17 selected for the Moving to Work demonstration under this
18 section shall—

19 (1) ensure that not less than 75 percent of the
20 families assisted are very low-income families, as de-
21 fined in section 3(b)(2)(B) of the United States
22 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(2)(B));

23 (2) establish a reasonable rent policy, which
24 shall be designed to encourage employment and self-
25 sufficiency by participating families, consistent with

1 the purpose of the Moving to Work demonstration,
2 such as by excluding some or all of a family's earned
3 income for purposes of determining rent;

4 (3) continue to assist substantially the same
5 total number of eligible low-income families as would
6 have been served had the amounts not been com-
7 bined;

8 (4) maintain a comparable mix of families (by
9 family size) as would have been provided had the
10 amounts not been used under the Moving to Work
11 demonstration; and

12 (5) assure that housing assisted under the Mov-
13 ing to Work demonstration meets housing quality
14 standards established or approved by the Secretary.

15 (g) NONCOMPLIANCE.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary finds that a
17 public housing agency participating in the cohort au-
18 thorized under this section is not in compliance with
19 the requirements under this section, the Secretary
20 shall make a determination of noncompliance.

21 (2) COMPLIANCE.—Upon making a determina-
22 tion under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall de-
23 velop a process to bring the public housing agency
24 into compliance.

1 (3) REMOVAL.—If a public housing agency can-
 2 not be brought into compliance under the process
 3 developed under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall
 4 remove the participating public housing agency from
 5 the cohort and replace it with a similarly qualified
 6 public housing agency currently not in the cohort
 7 chosen in the manner described in subsection (e).

8 (4) NOTIFICATION.—Upon removing a public
 9 housing agency under paragraph (3), the Secretary
 10 shall immediately submit to the Committee on Bank-
 11 ing, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and
 12 the Committee on Financial Services of the House of
 13 Representatives—

14 (A) a notification of the removal; and

15 (B) a report on the active steps the Sec-
 16 retary is taking to replace the public housing
 17 agency with a new public housing agency.

18 (h) COMPREHENSIVE MOVING TO WORK REPORTING
 19 AND OVERSIGHT REQUIREMENTS.—

20 (1) COHORT RESEARCH.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
 22 continue ongoing research investigations com-
 23 menced as part of the assessment of the cohorts
 24 established under section 239 of the Depart-
 25 ment of Housing and Urban Development Ap-

1 appropriations Act, 2016 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note;
2 Public Law 114–113), make public all products
3 completed as part of those investigations, and
4 keep such products online for at least 5 years.

5 (B) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall
6 coordinate with the advisory committee estab-
7 lished under section 239 of the Department of
8 Housing and Urban Development Appropria-
9 tions Act, 2016 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note; Public
10 Law 114–113) to establish a research program
11 to evaluate the outcomes and efficacy of the fol-
12 lowing for all Moving to Work demonstration
13 agencies designated under the authority under
14 such section and this section:

15 (i) The waivers granted to each cohort
16 and whether those waivers accomplish the
17 goals of achieving greater cost effectiveness
18 and administrative capacity, incentivizing
19 families to become economically self-suffi-
20 cient, and increasing housing choice.

21 (ii) The additional flexibilities granted
22 to individual public housing agencies under
23 each cohort.

1 (iii) How the flexibilities described in
2 clause (ii) were used for local, non-tradi-
3 tional activities.

4 (2) COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING REQUIRE-
5 MENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of
6 enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the
7 Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Bank-
8 ing, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and
9 the Committee on Financial Services of the House of
10 Representatives a report that contains the following
11 for each Moving to Work demonstration cohort
12 under section 204 of the Departments of Veterans
13 Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and
14 Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 (42
15 U.S.C. 1437f note), section 239 of the Department
16 of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations
17 Act, 2016 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note; Public Law 114–
18 113), and this section:

19 (A) The annual administrative plans of
20 each Moving to Work demonstration public
21 housing agency.

22 (B) Assessments of longitudinal data, in-
23 cluding data on units, households, and out-
24 comes, which shall be evaluated to compare

1 changes in the following trends before and after

2 Moving to Work demonstration designation:

3 (i) Impacts on tenants based on the
4 following, disaggregated by the public
5 housing program and the housing choice
6 voucher program:

7 (I) Eviction rates.

8 (II) Hardship policy usage.

9 (III) Share of rent covered by a
10 household.

11 (IV) Turnover, including the
12 number of household moves with or
13 without continued assistance.

14 (V) Reasons for exit from the
15 program.

16 (VI) The number and character-
17 istics of households served, including
18 households with a non-elderly family
19 member with a disability, 3 or more
20 minors, homelessness status at the
21 time of admission, and average and
22 median income as a percent of area
23 median income.

24 (ii) Impacts on public housing agency
25 operations based on the following:

1 (I) The number of units, broken
2 down by type.

3 (II) The size, including the num-
4 ber of bedrooms per unit, accessibility,
5 affordability, and quality of units.

6 (III) The length of each waitlist
7 maintained and average wait times.

8 (IV) Changes in capital backlog
9 needs and surplus fund and reserve
10 levels.

11 (V) The number of public hous-
12 ing units undergoing a conversion
13 under the rental assistance dem-
14 onstration program authorized under
15 the Department of Housing and
16 Urban Development Appropriations
17 Act, 2012 (Public Law 112–55; 125
18 Stat. 673) or demolition or disposition
19 projects under section 18 of the
20 United States Housing Act of 1937
21 (42 U.S.C. 1437p), including the
22 number of units lost and the location
23 of any replacement housing resulting
24 from demolition or disposition.

1 (VI) The share of project-based
2 vouchers compared to tenant-based
3 vouchers.

4 (VII) The following annual hous-
5 ing choice voucher data:

6 (aa) Voucher unit utilization
7 rates.

8 (bb) Voucher budget utiliza-
9 tion rates.

10 (cc) Annualized voucher suc-
11 cess rate.

12 (dd) Demographic composi-
13 tion of households issued vouch-
14 ers compared to utilized vouch-
15 ers.

16 (ee) Average time to lease-
17 up.

18 (ff) Average cost per vouch-
19 er.

20 (gg) Average cost per land-
21 lord incentive.

22 (hh) Ratio of the proportion
23 of voucher households living in
24 concentrated low-income areas to
25 the proportion of renter-occupied

1 units in concentrated low-income
2 areas.

3 (ii) Characteristics of census
4 tracts where voucher recipients
5 reside.

6 (VIII) How the public housing
7 agency met each of the statutory re-
8 quirements in section 204(c)(3) of the
9 Departments of Veterans Affairs and
10 Housing and Urban Development, and
11 Independent Agencies Appropriations
12 Act, 1996 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note).

13 (iii) Impacts on public housing staff-
14 ing and capacity, including the average
15 public housing agency operating, adminis-
16 trative, and housing assistance payment
17 expenditures per household per month.

18 (C) Legislative recommendations for flexi-
19 bilities that could be expanded to all public
20 housing agencies and how each flexibility en-
21 hances housing choice, affordability, and admin-
22 istrative capacity and efficiency for public hous-
23 ing agencies.

24 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
2 maintain all reports submitted pursuant to this
3 section in a manner that is publicly available,
4 accessible, and searchable on the website of the
5 Department of Housing and Urban Develop-
6 ment for not less than 5 years.

7 (B) OTHER INFORMATION.—

8 (i) IN GENERAL.—Annually, the Sec-
9 retary shall make the annual plan of the
10 Moving to Work demonstration, the Sec-
11 tion 8 administrative plan, and the admis-
12 sion and continued occupancy policy pub-
13 licly available in 1 location on the website
14 of the Department of Housing and Urban
15 Development for not less than 5 years.

16 (ii) DATABASE.—The Secretary may
17 establish a searchable database on the
18 website of the Department of Housing and
19 Urban Development to track the types of
20 flexibilities into which Moving to Work
21 demonstration public housing agencies
22 have opted or for which a waiver was ap-
23 proved by the Secretary, disaggregated by
24 year such flexibilities were adopted or ap-
25 proved.

1 **SEC. 5505. REDUCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH PROGRAM**
2 **REFORM ACT.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
5 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
6 mittees” means—

7 (A) the Committee on Banking, Housing,
8 and Urban Affairs of the Senate; and

9 (B) the Committee on Financial Services
10 of the House of Representatives.

11 (2) AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS.—The term
12 “at risk of homelessness” has the meaning given the
13 term in section 401 of the McKinney-Vento Home-
14 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360).

15 (3) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department”
16 means the Department of Housing and Urban De-
17 velopment.

18 (4) HOMELESS.—The term “homeless” has the
19 meaning given the term in section 103 of the
20 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42
21 U.S.C. 11302).

22 (5) PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY.—The term
23 “public housing agency” has the meaning given the
24 term in section 3(b) of the United States Housing
25 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)).

1 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”, except
 2 as otherwise provided, means the Secretary of Hous-
 3 ing and Urban Development.

4 (b) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR THE EMERGENCY
 5 SOLUTIONS GRANTS PROGRAM.—Section 418 of the
 6 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
 7 11378) is amended by striking “7.5 percent” and insert-
 8 ing “10 percent”.

9 (c) AMENDMENTS TO THE CONTINUUM OF CARE
 10 PROGRAM.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle C of title IV of the
 12 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42
 13 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) is amended—

14 (A) in section 402(g) (42 U.S.C.
 15 11360a(g))—

16 (i) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
 17 paragraph (3); and

18 (ii) by inserting after paragraph (1)
 19 the following:

20 “(2) TIME LIMIT ON DESIGNATION.—The Sec-
 21 retary—

22 “(A) shall accept applications for designa-
 23 tion as a unified funding agency annually or bi-
 24 ennially, which designation shall be effective for
 25 not more than 2 years; and

1 “(B) may, on an annual or biennial basis,
2 renew any designation under subparagraph
3 (A).”;

4 (B) in section 422 (42 U.S.C. 11382)—
5 (i) in subsection (b)—

6 (I) by striking “The Secretary”
7 and inserting the following:

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
9 graph (2), the Secretary”; and

10 (II) by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(2) 2-YEAR NOTIFICATION.—Subject to the
13 availability of appropriations, the Secretary may
14 issue a notification of funding availability for grants
15 awarded under this subtitle that provides funding
16 for 2 successive fiscal years, which shall—

17 “(A) award funds for the second year of
18 projects, including adjustments under sub-
19 section (f), unless the project is underper-
20 forming, as determined by the collaborative ap-
21 plicant, and the collaborative applicant applies
22 to replace the project with a new project; and

23 “(B) include—

1 “(i) the method for applying for and
2 awarding projects to replace underper-
3 forming projects in year 2;

4 “(ii) the method for applying for and
5 awarding renewals of expiring grants for
6 projects that were not eligible for renewal
7 in the first fiscal year;

8 “(iii) the method for allocating any
9 amounts in the second fiscal year that are
10 in excess of the amount needed to fund the
11 second fiscal year of all grants awarded in
12 the first fiscal year;

13 “(iv) the method of applying for and
14 awarding grants, which are 1-year transi-
15 tion grants awarded by the Secretary to
16 project sponsors for activities under this
17 subtitle to transition from 1 eligible activ-
18 ity to another eligible activity if the recipi-
19 ent—

20 “(I) has the consent of the con-
21 tinuum of care; and

22 “(II) meets standards determined
23 by the Secretary;

“(C) announce by notice the award of second fiscal year funding and awards for new and renewal projects; and

“(D) identify the process by which the Secretary may approve replacement of a collaborative applicant that is not a unified funding agency to receive the award in the second fiscal year.”;

(ii) in subsection (c)(2)—

(I) by striking “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the Secretary” and inserting “The Secretary”; and

(II) by striking subparagraph (B); and

(iii) in subsection (e), by striking “1 year” and inserting “2 years”;

(C) in section 423(a) (42 U.S.C. 11383)—

(i) in paragraph (4), in the third sentence—

(I) by striking “, at the discretion of the applicant and the project sponsor,”; and

(II) by inserting “not more than” before “15 years”;

1 (ii) in paragraph (7), in the matter
2 preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting
3 “payment of not more than 6 months of
4 arrears for rent and utility expenses,”
5 after “moving costs,”; and

6 (iii) in paragraph (10), by striking “3
7 percent” and inserting “the greater of ei-
8 ther \$70,000 or 5 percent”;

9 (D) in section 425 (42 U.S.C. 11385), by
10 adding at the end the following:

11 “(f) ADJUSTMENT OF COSTS.—Not later than 1 year
12 after the date of enactment of this subsection, and on a
13 biennial basis thereafter, the Comptroller General of the
14 United States—

15 “(1) shall study the hiring, retention, and com-
16 pensation levels of the workforce providing the serv-
17 ices described in subsection (c), including executive
18 directors, case managers, and frontline staff, and ex-
19 amine whether low compensation is undermining
20 program effectiveness;

21 “(2) shall submit to the appropriate congres-
22 sional committees a report on any findings, and to
23 the Secretary any recommendations, as the Comp-
24 troller General considers appropriate regarding fund-
25 ing levels for the cost of the supportive services and

1 the staffing to provide the services described in sub-
2 section (c); and

3 “(3) in carrying out the study under paragraph
4 (1), may reference the Consumer Price Index or
5 other similar surveys.”;

6 (E) in section 426 (42 U.S.C. 11386), by
7 adding at the end the following:

8 “(h) INSPECTIONS.—When complying with inspection
9 requirements for a housing unit provided to a homeless
10 individual or family using assistance under this subtitle,
11 the Secretary may allow a grantee to—

12 “(1) conduct a pre-inspection not more than 60
13 days before leasing the unit;

14 “(2) if the unit is located in a rural or small
15 area, conduct a remote or video inspection of a unit;
16 and

17 “(3) allow the unit to be leased prior to comple-
18 tion of an inspection if the unit passed an alter-
19 native Federal inspection within the preceding 12-
20 month period, so long as the unit is inspected not
21 later than 15 days after the start of the lease.”; and

22 (F) in section 430 (42 U.S.C. 11386d), by
23 adding at the end the following:

24 “(d) COSTS PAID BY PROGRAM INCOME.—With re-
25 spect to grant amounts awarded under this subtitle, costs

1 paid by the program income of a grant recipient may
 2 count toward the contributions required under subsection
 3 (a) if the costs—

4 “(1) are eligible expenses under this subtitle;

5 “(2) meet standards determined by the Sec-
 6 retary; and

7 “(3) supplement activities carried out by the re-
 8 cipient under this subtitle.”.

9 (2) OTHER MODIFICATIONS.—

10 (A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph—

11 (i) the terms “collaborative applicant”
 12 and “eligible entity” have the meanings
 13 given those terms in section 401 of the
 14 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
 15 (42 U.S.C. 11360); and

16 (ii) the terms “Indian tribe” and
 17 “tribally designated housing entity” have
 18 the meanings given those terms in section
 19 4 of the Native American Housing Assist-
 20 ance and Self-Determination Act of 1996
 21 (25 U.S.C. 4103).

22 (B) NONAPPLICATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS
 23 LAWS.—With respect to the funds made avail-
 24 able for the Continuum of Care program au-
 25 thorized under subtitle C of title IV of the

1 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42
2 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) under the heading
3 “Homeless Assistance Grants” in the Depart-
4 ment of Housing and Urban Development Ap-
5 propriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260)
6 and under section 231 of the Department of
7 Housing and Urban Development Appropria-
8 tions Act, 2020 (42 U.S.C. 11364a), title VI of
9 the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d
10 et seq.) and title VIII of the Civil Rights Act
11 of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) shall not
12 apply to applications by or awards for projects
13 to be carried out—

14 (i) on or off reservation or trust lands
15 for awards made to Indian tribes or trib-
16 ally designated housing entities; or

17 (ii) on reservation or trust lands for
18 awards made to eligible entities.

19 (C) CERTIFICATION.—With respect to
20 funds made available for the Continuum of
21 Care program authorized under subtitle C of
22 title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless As-
23 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) under
24 the heading “Homeless Assistance Grants”
25 under section 231 of the Department of Hous-

ing and Urban Development Appropriations
Act, 2020 (42 U.S.C. 11364a)—

(i) applications for projects to be carried out on reservations or trust land shall contain a certification of consistency with an approved Indian housing plan developed under section 102 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (25 U.S.C. 4112), notwithstanding section 106 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12706) and section 403 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11361);

(ii) Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities that are recipients of awards for projects on reservations or trust land shall certify that they are following an approved housing plan developed under section 102 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (25 U.S.C. 4112); and

(iii) a collaborative applicant for a Continuum of Care whose geographic area includes only reservation and trust land is

1 not required to meet the requirement in
 2 section 402(f)(2) of the McKinney-Vento
 3 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
 4 11360a(f)(2)).

5 (d) AMENDMENTS TO THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCH-
 6 ER PROGRAM.—Section 8(o)(5) of the United States
 7 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(5)) is amended
 8 by adding at the end the following:

9 “(C) EXCEPTIONS.—Notwithstanding sub-
 10 paragraph (A)—

11 “(i) a public housing agency may ac-
 12 cept a third party income calculation and
 13 verification of family income for purposes
 14 of this subsection if—

15 “(I) the calculation and
 16 verification was completed for deter-
 17 mination of income eligibility for a
 18 Federal program or service during the
 19 preceding 12-month period; and

20 “(II) there has been no change in
 21 income or family composition since
 22 the calculation and verification under
 23 clause (i); and

24 “(ii) when using prior year income
 25 under section 3(a)(7)(B), a public housing

1 agency shall use the income of the family
2 as determined by the agency or owner for
3 the prior calendar year or another 12-
4 month period ending during the preceding
5 12 months, taking into consideration any
6 redetermination of income between the
7 start of such prior calendar year or other
8 12-month period and the date of the an-
9 nual review.”;

10 (e) IMPROVING COORDINATION BETWEEN HEALTH
11 CARE SYSTEMS AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—Not later
12 than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
13 the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Sec-
14 retary shall seek to enter into an agreement with the Na-
15 tional Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
16 to conduct and submit to the appropriate congressional
17 committees an evidence-based, nonpartisan analysis
18 that—

19 (1) reviews the research on linkages between ac-
20 cess to affordable health care and homelessness and
21 analyzes the effect of greater coordination and part-
22 nerships between health care organizations, mental
23 health and substance use disorder and substance use
24 disorder service providers, and housing service pro-
25 viders, including possible cost-savings from providing

1 greater access to health services, recovery housing,
 2 or housing-related supportive services for individuals
 3 experiencing chronic homelessness and other types of
 4 homelessness; and

5 (2) includes policy and program recommenda-
 6 tions for improving access to health care and hous-
 7 ing, health care and housing outcomes, possible cost-
 8 savings and efficiencies, and best practices.

9 (f) DEMONSTRATION AUTHORITY.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title IV of the
 11 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42
 12 U.S.C. 11360 et seq.) is amended by adding at the
 13 end the following:

14 **“SEC. 409. DEMONSTRATION AUTHORITY.**

15 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 “(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
 17 TEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional com-
 18 mittees’ means—

19 “(A) the Committee on Banking, Housing,
 20 and Urban Affairs of the Senate; and

21 “(B) the Committee on Financial Services
 22 of the House of Representatives.

23 “(2) HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATION.—The term
 24 ‘health care organization’ means an entity providing

1 medical or mental and behavioral health care, in-
2 cluding—

3 “(A) a hospital (as defined in section
4 1861(e) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1395x(e)));

6 “(B) a Federally-qualified health center
7 (as defined in section 1905(l)(2) of the Social
8 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(l)(2))) or an-
9 other community health center eligible to re-
10 ceive a grant under section 330 of the Public
11 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b); and

12 “(C) a licensed or certified provider of evi-
13 dence-based substance use disorder services or
14 mental health services providing such services
15 pursuant to funding under a block grant for
16 substance use prevention, treatment, and recov-
17 ery services or a block grant for community
18 mental health services under subpart II or sub-
19 part I, respectively, of part B of title XIX of
20 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x
21 et seq.).

22 “(3) HOUSING PROVIDER.—The term ‘housing
23 provider’ means an entity, including a grant recipi-
24 ent under subtitle B or C of this title, a public hous-
25 ing agency (as defined in section 3 of the United

1 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a)), or
2 a federally funded organization or a nonprofit orga-
3 nization, that administers a program to provide
4 housing services to individuals experiencing or at
5 risk of homelessness, including rapid re-housing,
6 transitional housing, housing choice vouchers, and
7 housing-related supportive services.

8 “(b) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may establish
9 demonstration projects or partnerships that involve col-
10 laboration between housing providers and healthcare orga-
11 nizations to provide housing-related supportive services,
12 including—

13 “(1) assistance in coordinating data systems in
14 a manner that is compliant with the Health Insur-
15 ance Portability and Accountability Act (Public Law
16 104–191); and

17 “(2) projects or partnerships that are aimed at
18 serving individuals—

19 “(A) who are homeless, chronically home-
20 less, or at risk of homelessness; and

21 “(B) with—

22 “(i) a high-use of emergency services
23 or emergency departments;

1 “(ii) chronic disabilities, including
 2 physical health or mental health condi-
 3 tions;

4 “(iii) substance use disorders;

5 “(iv) serious mental illness; or

6 “(v) other severe service needs.

7 “(c) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
 8 of enactment of this Act, and every 4 years thereafter,
 9 the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate congres-
 10 sional committees a report on each demonstration project
 11 or partnership established under this section.”.

12 (2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-
 13 MENT.—The table of contents in section 101(b) of
 14 the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42
 15 U.S.C. 11301 note) is amended by inserting after
 16 the item relating to section 408 the following:

“Sec. 409. Demonstration authority.”.

17 (g) STREAMLINING COORDINATED ENTRY.—

18 (1) AUDIT BY THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—
 19 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
 20 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United
 21 States shall—

22 (A) conduct a multi-community evaluation
 23 of the operations of coordinated assessment sys-
 24 tems by the Continuum of Care Program under
 25 subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento

1 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et
2 seq.) program to examine the efficiency, accu-
3 racy, and outcomes of those operations; and

4 (B) submit to the appropriate congres-
5 sional committees on any findings and to the
6 Secretary on any recommendations, as the
7 Comptroller General considers appropriate, for
8 a more effective and efficient coordinated entry
9 process.

10 (2) ASSESSMENTS.—Not later than 2 years
11 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
12 retary shall—

13 (A) evaluate the coordinated assessment
14 processes under the Continuum of Care Pro-
15 gram under subtitle C of title IV of the McKin-
16 ney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
17 11381 et seq.), which shall include—

18 (i) a request for information from
19 continuums of care about coordinated
20 entry tools, processes, barriers, documenta-
21 tion barriers, and necessary guidance;

22 (ii) incorporation of findings from rel-
23 evant reports and demonstrations of the
24 Department, including the report described
25 in paragraph (1); and

(iii) consultation with organizations with expertise in providing health care to people experiencing homelessness on best practices in assessment tools for prioritizing resources and characterizing chronic homelessness and people experiencing homelessness with high-service needs;

(B) issue an updated notice, which shall include guidance—

(i) on effective assessment processes that remove barriers, streamline access, allow for coordination with public housing agencies, include trauma-informed data collection practices, improve accuracy, address needs for underserved groups, and successfully rehouse homeless individuals;

(ii) that includes all key populations and subpopulations, including consideration for age, family status, health status, or other factors, access points, prioritization, and programs and systems serving individuals experiencing homelessness; and

1 (iii) that allows for local flexibility and
2 tailoring based on the needs and resources
3 within the specific community; and

4 (C) establish a timely, periodic procedure
5 to request feedback on coordinated assessment
6 and update the guidance, which may include
7 conducting a request for information not less
8 frequently than once every 5 years.

9 (h) IMPROVING TARGETED DATA COLLECTION,
10 FUNDING, AND COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall—

11 (1) issue not less than 1 request for informa-
12 tion on—

13 (A) improving data collection, including
14 through the use of the Homeless Management
15 Information System or other data systems;

16 (B) coordination and use of data between
17 housing and homelessness providers and phys-
18 ical, mental, and behavioral health organiza-
19 tions, substance use treatment providers, and
20 the Department of Veterans Affairs for imple-
21 mentation of programs to provide services for
22 people experiencing or at risk of homelessness,
23 including the chronically homeless; and

24 (C) the potential benefits and risks of
25 using artificial intelligence models for the pur-

pose of improving program coordination and effectiveness and assessing the effectiveness of interventions to house individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness, including by subpopulations;

(2) consider providing incentives to improve data collection, enhance the use of the Homeless Management Information System, implement community information exchanges, and strengthen the coordination of data from physical, mental, and behavioral health organizations with housing and homelessness providers, in order to target resources for housing, outreach, homelessness prevention, and housing-related supportive services for homeless individuals, or chronically homeless individuals; and

(3) coordinate with the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve coordination between data systems for vouchers provided under section 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19)), the Homeless Management Information System, and any other applicable homeless program supported by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(i) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.— Nothing in this section or the amendments made by this section shall be con-

1 strued to limit the authority of the Secretary to provide
 2 flexibility under housing laws in effect as of the date of
 3 enactment of this Act. The flexibilities and waivers author-
 4 ized under this section and the amendments made by this
 5 section shall not replace or result in the termination of
 6 other flexibilities and waivers that the Secretary is author-
 7 ized to exercise.

8 **SEC. 5506. INCENTIVIZING LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO HOME-**
 9 **LESSNESS.**

10 Section 414 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assist-
 11 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 11373) is amended by adding at the
 12 end the following:

13 “(f) FUNDING CAP WAIVER AUTHORITY.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
 15 provision of law or regulation, a recipient may re-
 16 quest a waiver of the spending cap established pur-
 17 suant to section 415(b) for amounts provided be-
 18 tween fiscal years 2026 through 2029.

19 “(2) WAIVER REQUEST.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A recipient seeking a
 21 waiver described in paragraph (1) shall submit
 22 to the Secretary a waiver request that includes
 23 not more than the following:

1 “(i) A demonstration of local needs
2 and circumstances that necessitate a waiver.
3 er.

4 “(ii) A detailed plan for how the re-
5 cipient intends to use funds.

6 “(iii) A justification for how the pro-
7 posed use of funds supports the most re-
8 cent Consolidated Annual Performance and
9 Evaluation Report of the recipient.

10 “(iv) Any public input solicited under
11 subparagraph (B)(ii).

12 “(B) NOTIFICATION.—Each recipient
13 shall—

14 “(i) notify all subrecipients, including
15 local continuums of care, of the availability
16 of waivers under this subsection; and

17 “(ii) prior to the submission of a
18 waiver request under subparagraph (A)),
19 solicit public input regarding the potential
20 need for and proposed uses of such waiver.

21 “(C) APPROVAL; PUBLICATION.—The Sec-
22 retary shall—

23 “(i) make all waiver requests sub-
24 mitted under subparagraph (A) publicly

1 available on the website of the Department
2 of Housing and Urban Development;

3 “(ii) not later than 60 days after the
4 date on which the Secretary receives a
5 waiver request under subparagraph (A),
6 approve or deny the request; and

7 “(iii) deny any waiver submitted
8 under subparagraph (A) by a recipient
9 that relocates or threaten to relocates indi-
10 viduals or their property without providing
11 emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, transi-
12 tional housing, permanent supportive hous-
13 ing, or other permanent housing options.

14 “(3) REVOCATION.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A waiver approved
16 under this subsection shall remain in effect for
17 each of fiscal years 2026 through 2029 unless
18 the recipient notifies the Secretary in writing
19 that the recipient wishes to revoke the waiver.

20 “(B) NOTIFICATION.—If a recipient re-
21 vokes a waiver under subparagraph (A), the re-
22 cipient shall solicit input from subrecipients re-
23 garding the revocation and provide a justifica-
24 tion for the revocation.

1 “(C) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall
 2 publish any revocation of a waiver under sub-
 3 paragraph (A) and the justification of the re-
 4 cipient for the waiver on the website of the De-
 5 partment of Housing and Urban Develop-
 6 ment.”.

7 **TITLE VI—VETERANS AND** 8 **HOUSING**

9 **SEC. 5601. VA HOME LOAN AWARENESS ACT.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart A of part 2 of the Fed-
 11 eral Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness
 12 Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4541 et seq.) is amended by add-
 13 ing at the end the following:

14 **“SEC. 1329. UNIFORM RESIDENTIAL LOAN APPLICATION.**

15 “Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment
 16 of this section, the Director shall, by regulation or order,
 17 require each enterprise to include a disclaimer below the
 18 military service question on the form known as the Uni-
 19 form Residential Loan Application stating, ‘If yes, you
 20 may qualify for a VA Home Loan. Consult your lender
 21 regarding eligibility.’.”.

22 (b) GAO STUDY.—Not later than 18 months after
 23 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
 24 of the United States shall conduct a study and submit to
 25 Congress a report on whether not less than 80 percent

1 of lenders using the Uniform Residential Loan Application
 2 have included on that form the disclaimer required under
 3 section 1329 of the Federal Housing Enterprises Finan-
 4 cial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992, as added by sub-
 5 section (a).

6 **SEC. 5602. VETERANS AFFAIRS LOAN INFORMED DISCLO-**
 7 **SURE (VALID) ACT.**

8 (a) FHA INFORMED CONSUMER CHOICE DISCLO-
 9 SURE.—

10 (1) INCLUSION OF INFORMATION RELATING TO
 11 VA LOANS.—Subparagraph (A) of section 203(f)(2)
 12 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C.
 13 1709(f)(2)(A)) is amended—

14 (A) by inserting “(i)” after “loan-to-value
 15 ratio”; and

16 (B) by inserting before the semicolon the
 17 following: “, and (ii) in connection with a loan
 18 guaranteed or insured under chapter 37 of title
 19 38, United States Code, assuming prevailing in-
 20 terest rates”.

21 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in the
 22 amendments made by paragraph (1) shall be con-
 23 strued to require an original lender to determine
 24 whether a prospective borrower is eligible for any
 25 loan included in the notice required under section

1 203(f) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C.
2 1709(f)).

3 (b) MILITARY SERVICE QUESTION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subpart A of part 2 of sub-
5 title A of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial
6 Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4541
7 et seq.), as amended by section 601(a) of this Act,
8 is amended by adding at the end the following:

9 **“SEC. 1330. UNIFORM RESIDENTIAL LOAN APPLICATION.**

10 “Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment
11 of this section, the Director shall require each enterprise
12 to—

13 “(1) include a military service question on the
14 form known as the Uniform Residential Loan Appli-
15 cation; and

16 “(2) position the question described in para-
17 graph (1) above the signature line of the Uniform
18 Residential Loan Application.”.

19 (2) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 6 months
20 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director
21 of the Federal Housing Finance Agency shall issue
22 a rule to carry out the amendment made by this sec-
23 tion.

1 **SEC. 5603. HOUSING UNHOUSED DISABLED VETERANS ACT.**

2 (a) EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN DISABILITY BENE-
3 FITS.—Section 3(b)(4)(B) of the United States Housing
4 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(4)(B)) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating clauses (iv) and (v) as
6 clauses (vi) and (vii), respectively; and

7 (2) by inserting after clause (iii) the following:

8 “(iv) for the purpose of determining
9 income eligibility with respect to the sup-
10 ported housing program under section
11 8(o)(19), any disability benefits received
12 under chapter 11 or chapter 15 of title 38,
13 United States Code, received by a veteran,
14 except that this exclusion shall not apply
15 to the income in the definition of adjusted
16 income;

17 “(v) for the purpose of determining
18 income eligibility with respect to any
19 household receiving rental assistance under
20 the supported housing program under sec-
21 tion 8(o)(19) as it relates to eligibility for
22 other types of housing assistance, any dis-
23 ability benefits received under chapter 11
24 or chapter 15 of title 38, United States
25 Code, received by a veteran, except that

1 this exclusion shall not apply to income in
2 the definition of adjusted income;”.

3 (b) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN DISABILITY BENE-
4 FITS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—When determining the eligi-
6 bility of a veteran to rent a residential dwelling unit
7 constructed on Department property on or after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, for which assist-
9 ance is provided as part of a housing assistance pro-
10 gram administered by the Secretary, the Secretary
11 shall exclude from income any disability benefits re-
12 ceived under chapter 11 or chapter 15 of title 38,
13 United States Code by such person.

14 (2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

15 (A) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”
16 means the Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
17 velopment.

18 (B) DEPARTMENT PROPERTY.—The term
19 “Department property” has the meaning given
20 the term in section 901 of title 38, United
21 States Code.

TITLE VII—OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

SEC. 5701. REQUIRING ANNUAL TESTIMONY AND OVER- SIGHT FROM HOUSING REGULATORS.

(a) HUD PROGRAMS.—The Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3531 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 15. ANNUAL TESTIMONY.

“The Secretary shall, on an annual basis, testify before the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives on the status of all programs carried out by the Department, at the request of the relevant committee.”.

(b) GOVERNMENT GUARANTEED OR INSURED MORTGAGES.—On an annual basis, the following individuals shall testify before the appropriate committees of Congress with respect to mortgage loans made, guaranteed, or insured by the Federal Government:

(1) The President of the Government National Mortgage Association.

(2) The Federal Housing Commissioner.

(3) The Administrator of the Rural Housing Service.

1 (4) The Executive Director of the Loan Guar-
2 anty Service of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

3 (5) The Director of the Federal Housing Fi-
4 nance Agency.

5 (c) MORTGAGEE REVIEW BOARD.—Section 202(c)(8)
6 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1708(c)(8)) is
7 amended—

8 (1) by striking “, in consultation with the Fed-
9 eral Housing Administration Advisory Board,”; and

10 (2) by inserting “and to Congress” after “the
11 Secretary”.

12 **SEC. 5702. FHA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ON SAFETY**
13 **AND SOUNDNESS.**

14 (a) MONTHLY REPORTING ON MUTUAL MORTGAGE
15 INSURANCE FUND CAPITAL RATIO.—Section 202(a) of
16 the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1708(a)) is amended
17 by adding at the end the following:

18 “(8) OTHER REQUIRED REPORTING.—The Sec-
19 retary shall—

20 “(A) submit to Congress monthly reports
21 on the capital ratio required under section
22 205(f)(2); and

23 “(B) notify Congress as soon as prac-
24 ticable after the Fund falls below the capital
25 ratio required under section 205(f)(2).”.

1 (b) ANNUAL INDEPENDENT ACTUARIAL STUDY.—
2 Section 202(a)(4) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C.
3 1708(a)(4)) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting
5 the following:

6 “(A) DEFINITION.—In this paragraph, the
7 term ‘first-time homebuyer’ means a borrower
8 for whom no consumer report (as defined in
9 section 603 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act
10 (15 U.S.C. 1681a)) indicates that the borrower
11 has or had a loan with a consumer purpose that
12 is secured by a 1- to 4-unit residential real
13 property.

14 “(B) STUDY AND REPORT.—The Sec-
15 retary”; and

16 (2) in subparagraph (B), as so designated, by
17 striking “also” and inserting “detail how many loans
18 were originated in each census tract to first-time
19 homebuyers, as well as”.

20 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Section 203(w)(2) of the Na-
21 tional Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1709(w)(2)) is amended
22 by inserting “and first-time homebuyers (as defined in sec-
23 tion 202(a)(4)(A))” after “minority borrowers”.

24 (d) GAO STUDY ON SUSTAINABLE HOMEOWNER-
25 SHIP.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enact-

1 ment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United
2 States shall conduct a study and submit to Congress a
3 report on—

4 (1) the value for the Federal Housing Adminis-
5 tration of defining what is sustainable homeownership
6 ship in a way that considers borrower default, refi-
7 nancing of a mortgage that is not insured by the
8 Federal Housing Administration, the Department of
9 Veterans Affairs, or Rural Housing Service, paying
10 off a mortgage loan and transitioning back to rent-
11 ing, and other factors that demonstrate whether in-
12 surance provided under title II of the National
13 Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1707 et seq.) has success-
14 fully served a borrower, including for first-time
15 homebuyers for whom no consumer report (as de-
16 fined in section 603 of the Fair Credit Reporting
17 Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a)) indicates that the borrower
18 has or had a loan with a consumer purpose that is
19 secured by a 1- to 4-unit residential real property;
20 and

21 (2) the feasibility of the Federal Housing Ad-
22 ministration developing a scorecard using the
23 metrics described in paragraph (1) to measure bor-
24 rower performance and reporting the scorecard data
25 to Congress.

1 **SEC. 5703. UNITED STATES INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON**
2 **HOMELESSNESS OVERSIGHT.**

3 Section 203(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless As-
4 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11313(a)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)—

6 (A) by striking “Homeless Emergency As-
7 sistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act
8 of 2009” and inserting “Renewing Opportunity
9 in the American Dream to Housing Act”; and

10 (B) by striking “update such plan annu-
11 ally” and inserting the following: “submit to the
12 President and Congress a report every year
13 thereafter that includes— “

14 “(A) the status of completion of the plan;
15 and

16 “(B) any modifications that were made to
17 the plan and the reasons for those modifica-
18 tions;”;

19 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (10) through
20 (13) as paragraphs (11) through (14), respectively;

21 (3) by redesignating the second paragraph (9)
22 (relating to collecting and disseminating informa-
23 tion) as paragraph (10);

24 (4) in paragraph (13), as so redesignated, by
25 striking “and” at the end;

1 (5) in paragraph (14), as so redesignated, by
2 striking the period at the end and inserting “; and
3 (6) by adding at the end the following:
4 “(15) testify annually before Congress.”.

5 **SEC. 5704. NEIGHBORWORKS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 415(a)(1)(A) of title 5,
7 United States Code, is amended by inserting “the Neigh-
8 borhood Reinvestment Corporation,” after “the Postal
9 Regulatory Commission,”.

10 (b) DUTIES AND AUDITS.—The Neighborhood Rein-
11 vestment Corporation Act (42 U.S.C. 8101 et seq.) is
12 amended—

13 (1) in section 606 (42 U.S.C. 8105), by adding
14 at the end the following:

15 “(e)(1) There is authorized to be appropriated to the
16 Office of Inspector General of the corporation established
17 under section 415 of title 5, United States Code, such
18 sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

19 “(2) There shall not be transferred to the Office of
20 Inspector General of the corporation any program oper-
21 ating responsibilities of the corporation, including the or-
22 ganizational assessments work and grantee oversight func-
23 tion of the corporation.”.

24 (c) INDEPENDENT AUDIT.—Section 607 of the
25 Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation Act (42 U.S.C.

1 8106) is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting
2 following:

3 “(b)(1) The accounts of the corporation shall be au-
4 dited annually by an independent external auditor.

5 “(2) Notwithstanding any other audit work per-
6 formed by the Office of Inspector General of the corpora-
7 tion, the audits required under paragraph (1) shall be con-
8 ducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing
9 standards by independent certified public accountants who
10 are certified by a regulatory authority of the jurisdiction
11 in which the audit is undertaken.”.

12 **SEC. 5705. APPRAISAL MODERNIZATION ACT.**

13 (a) RECONSIDERATION OF VALUE.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 129E of the Truth
15 In Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1639e) is amended—

16 (A) by redesignating subsections (j) and
17 (k) as subsections (k) and (l), respectively; and

18 (B) by inserting after subsection (i) the
19 following:

20 “(j) CONSUMER RIGHT TO RECONSIDERATION OF
21 VALUE OR SUBSEQUENT APPRAISAL.—

22 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 “(A) UNACCEPTABLE APPRAISAL PRAC-
24 TICE.—The term ‘unacceptable appraisal prac-
25 tice’ means an appraisal report that—

1 “(i) uses unsupported or subjective
2 terms to assess or rate the property with-
3 out providing a foundation for analysis and
4 contextual information;

5 “(ii) uses inaccurate or incomplete
6 data about the subject property, the neigh-
7 borhood, the market area, or any com-
8 parable property;

9 “(iii) includes references, statements
10 or comparisons about crime rates or crime
11 statistics, whether objective or subjective;

12 “(iv) relies in the appraisal analysis
13 on comparable properties that were not
14 personally inspected by the appraiser when
15 required by the appraisal’s scope of work;

16 “(v) relies in the appraisal analysis on
17 inappropriate comparable properties;

18 “(vi) fails to use comparable prop-
19 erties that are more similar, or nearer, to
20 the subject property without adequate ex-
21 planation;

22 “(vii) uses comparable property data
23 provided by any interested party to the
24 transaction without verification by a disin-
25 terested party;

1 “(viii) uses inappropriate adjustments
 2 for differences between the subject prop-
 3 erty and the comparable properties that do
 4 not reflect the market’s reaction to such
 5 differences; or

6 “(ix) fails to make proper adjust-
 7 ments, including time adjustments for dif-
 8 ferences between the subject property and
 9 the comparable properties when necessary.

10 “(B) UNSUPPORTED.—The term ‘unsup-
 11 ported’ means, with respect to an appraisal re-
 12 port or an appraiser’s opinion of value, that the
 13 appraisal report or the opinion of value is not
 14 supported by relevant evidence and logic.

15 “(2) REVIEW.—In connection with a consumer
 16 credit transaction secured by a consumer’s principal
 17 dwelling, a creditor shall have a review and resolu-
 18 tion procedure for a consumer-initiated reconsider-
 19 ation of value or subsequent appraisal that complies
 20 with the following requirements:

21 “(A) The creditor shall complete its own
 22 appraisal review before delivering the appraisal
 23 to the consumer.

24 “(B) The creditor shall have policies and
 25 procedures that provide the consumer with a

1 process to submit 1 request for a reconsider-
2 ation of value and subsequent appraisal prior to
3 the loan closing or within 60 calendar days of
4 denial of a credit application if the consumer
5 believes the appraisal report may be unsup-
6 ported, may be deficient due to an unacceptable
7 appraisal practice, or may reflect discrimina-
8 tion.

9 “(C) At the time of application and upon
10 delivery of the appraisal report to the con-
11 sumer, the creditor shall provide a written dis-
12 closure to the consumer describing the process
13 for requesting a reconsideration of value or sub-
14 sequent appraisal, which written disclosure shall
15 include a standardized format for the consumer
16 to submit the request for a reconsideration of
17 value, including—

18 “(i) the name of the borrower;

19 “(ii) the property address;

20 “(iii) the effective date of the ap-
21 praisal;

22 “(iv) the appraiser’s name;

23 “(v) the date of the request;

24 “(vi) a description of why the con-
25 sumer believes the appraisal report may be

1 unsupported, may be deficient due to an
2 unacceptable appraisal practice, or may re-
3 flect discrimination;

4 “(vii) any additional information,
5 data, including not more than 5 alternative
6 comparable properties and the related data
7 sources that the consumer would like the
8 appraiser to consider; and

9 “(viii) an explanation of why the new
10 information, data, or comparable prop-
11 erties support the reconsideration of value.

12 “(D) The creditor shall obtain the nec-
13 essary information from the consumer if the
14 consumer’s request for reconsideration of value
15 or subsequent appraisal is unclear or requires
16 more information.

17 “(E) The creditor shall have a standard-
18 ized format to communicate the reconsideration
19 of value to the appraiser, which format shall in-
20 clude—

21 “(i) the name of the borrower;

22 “(ii) the property address;

23 “(iii) the effective date of the ap-
24 praisal;

25 “(iv) the appraiser’s name;

1 “(v) the date of the request;

2 “(vi) a description of any area of the
3 appraisal report that may be unsupported,
4 may be deficient due to an unacceptable
5 appraisal practice, or may reflect discrimi-
6 nation;

7 “(vii) any additional information,
8 data, including not more than 5 alternative
9 comparable properties and the related data
10 sources that the consumer would like the
11 appraiser to consider;

12 “(viii) an explanation of why the new
13 information, data, or comparable prop-
14 erties support the reconsideration of value;

15 “(ix) a definition of turn-time expecta-
16 tions for the appraiser to communicate the
17 reconsideration of value results back to the
18 creditor;

19 “(x) instructions for delivering the re-
20 consideration of value response as part of
21 a revised appraisal report that includes
22 commentary on conclusions regardless of
23 the outcome; and

24 “(xi) a reference for appraisers on
25 how to correct minor appraisal issues or

1 non-material errors not related to the re-
2 consideration of value process.

3 “(3) SUBSEQUENT APPRAISAL AND REFER-
4 RAL.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the creditor identi-
6 fies material deficiencies in the appraisal report
7 that are not corrected or addressed by the ap-
8 praiser upon request of the creditor, including
9 through a consumer-initiated reconsideration of
10 value, or if there is evidence of unsupported or
11 unacceptable appraisal practices, the creditor
12 shall—

13 “(i) at the request of the consumer,
14 order a subsequent appraisal at the credi-
15 tor’s own expense; and

16 “(ii) forward the appraisal report and
17 the creditor’s summary of findings to the
18 appropriate appraisal licensing agency or
19 regulatory board.

20 “(B) DISCRIMINATION.—If the creditor
21 has reason to believe that an appraisal report
22 reflects discrimination, the creditor shall—

23 “(i) order a subsequent appraisal, at
24 the creditor’s own expense;

1 “(ii) forward the appraisal report and
2 the creditor’s summary of findings to the
3 appropriate local, State, or Federal en-
4 forcement agency; and

5 “(iii) upon a final determination of
6 discrimination by the appropriate local,
7 State, or Federal enforcement agency, re-
8 ceive a reimbursement from the appraiser
9 covering the cost of the subsequent ap-
10 praisal ordered by the creditor.

11 “(C) DEFINITION.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-
13 vided in clause (ii), in this paragraph, the
14 term ‘reason to believe’ means that the
15 creditor has reviewed the applicable law
16 and available evidence and determined that
17 a potential violation of Federal or state
18 antidiscrimination law exists. The available
19 evidence may include the appraisal report,
20 loan files, written communications, credible
21 observations by persons with direct knowl-
22 edge, statistical analysis, and the apprais-
23 er’s response to the request for a reconsid-
24 eration of value.

1 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—The term ‘reason
2 to believe’ does not mean that there is a
3 final legal determination of discrimination.

4 “(4) DOCUMENT RETENTION.—The creditor
5 shall retain all documentation and written commu-
6 nications related to the request for reconsideration
7 of value or subsequent appraisal in the loan file dur-
8 ing the 7-year period beginning on the date on which
9 the consumer submitted the credit application.

10 “(5) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—This sub-
11 section is consistent with the exceptions to the ap-
12 praiser independence requirements found in sub-
13 section (c). Nothing in this subsection shall be con-
14 strued to require a creditor to submit a reconsider-
15 ation of value to the original appraiser before order-
16 ing a subsequent appraisal from a subsequent ap-
17 praiser.”.

18 (2) RULES AND INTERPRETATIVE GUIDE-
19 LINES.—Section 129E(g) of the Truth in Lending
20 Act (15 U.S.C. 1639e(g)) is amended—

21 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “para-
22 graph (2), the Board” and inserting “para-
23 graphs (2) and (3), the Bureau”; and

24 (B) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(3) FINAL RULE.—Not later than 1 year after
2 the date of enactment of this paragraph, the Federal
3 Housing Finance Agency shall issue a final rule
4 after notice and comment and issue such guidance
5 as may be necessary to carry out and enforce sub-
6 section (j).”.

7 (b) PUBLIC APPRAISAL DATABASE.—

8 (1) COVERED AGENCIES DEFINED.—The term
9 “covered agencies” means—

10 (A) the Federal Housing Finance Agency,
11 on behalf of the Federal National Mortgage As-
12 sociation and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage
13 Corporation;

14 (B) the Department of Housing and
15 Urban Development, including the Federal
16 Housing Administration;

17 (C) the Department of Agriculture; and

18 (D) the Department of Veterans Affairs.

19 (2) FEASIBILITY REPORT.—No later than 240
20 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
21 Comptroller General of the United States shall issue
22 a public report to Congress assessing the feasibility
23 of creating a publicly available appraisal database
24 that consists of a searchable and downloadable ap-
25 praisal-level public use file that consolidates ap-

1 praisal data held or aggregated by covered agencies,
2 which shall include—

3 (A) the costs and benefits associated with
4 establishing and maintaining the public data-
5 base;

6 (B) the benefits and risks associated with
7 either the Federal Housing Finance Agency or
8 the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection
9 being responsible for the public database and
10 whether there is another Federal agency best
11 suited for implementing and administering such
12 database;

13 (C) any safety and soundness, antitrust, or
14 consumer privacy-related risks associated with
15 making certain appraisal data factors publicly
16 available, including whether—

17 (i) there are any existing legal re-
18 quirements, including under the Home
19 Mortgage Disclosure Act of 1974 (12
20 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.) and section 552 of
21 title 5, United States Code (commonly
22 known as the “Freedom of Information
23 Act”), or additional actions Federal agen-
24 cies could take to mitigate such risks, such
25 as modifying or aggregating data, or elimi-

1 nating personally identifiable information;
2 and

3 (ii) there are any data factors that, if
4 made public, may violate conduct, ethics,
5 or other professional standards as they re-
6 late to appraisals and appraisal or valu-
7 ation professionals;

8 (D) the feasibility of consolidating or
9 matching appraisal data held by covered agen-
10 cies with corresponding data that is required
11 and made public under the Home Mortgage
12 Disclosure Act of 1974 (12 U.S.C. 2801 et
13 seq.);

14 (E) whether the publication of any ap-
15 praisal data factors may pose unfair business
16 advantages within the valuation industry;

17 (F) the feasibility of including all valuation
18 data held by covered agencies, including data
19 produced by automated valuation models;

20 (G) the feasibility and benefits of making
21 the full appraisal dataset, including any modi-
22 fied fields, available to—

23 (i) Federal agencies, including for
24 purposes related to enforcement and super-
25 vision responsibilities;

1 (ii) relevant State licensing, super-
2 vision, and enforcement agencies and State
3 attorneys general;

4 (iii) approved researchers, including
5 academics and nonprofit organizations
6 that, in connection with their mission,
7 work to ensure the fairness and consist-
8 ency of home valuations, including apprais-
9 als; and

10 (iv) any other entities identified by
11 the Comptroller General as having a com-
12 pelling use for disaggregated data;

13 (H) what appraisal data is already avail-
14 able in the public domain; and

15 (I) the feasibility of incorporating legacy
16 data held by covered agencies during the period
17 beginning on January 1, 2017 and ending on
18 the date of enactment of this Act, and whether
19 there are specific data points not easily consoli-
20 dated or matched, as described in subparagraph
21 (D), with more recent data.

22 (3) PURPOSE.—The database described in para-
23 graph (2) shall be used to provide the public, the
24 Federal Government, and State governments with
25 residential real estate appraisal data to help deter-

1 mine whether financial institutions, appraisal man-
2 agement companies, appraisers, valuation tech-
3 nologies, such as automated valuation models, and
4 other valuation professionals are serving the housing
5 market in a manner that is efficient and consistent
6 for all mortgage loan applicants, borrowers, and
7 communities.

8 (4) CONSULTATION.—As part of the informa-
9 tion used in the report required under paragraph
10 (2), the Comptroller General of the United States
11 shall conduct interviews with—

12 (A) relevant Federal agencies;

13 (B) relevant State licensing, supervision,
14 and enforcement agencies and State attorneys
15 general;

16 (C) appraisers and other home valuation
17 industry professionals;

18 (D) mortgage lending institutions;

19 (E) fair housing and fair lending experts;
20 and

21 (F) any other relevant stakeholders as de-
22 termined by the Comptroller General.

23 (5) HEARING.—Upon the completion of the re-
24 port under paragraph (2), the Committee on Bank-
25 ing, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and

1 the Committee on Financial Services of the House of
 2 Representatives shall each hold a hearing on the
 3 findings of the report and the feasibility of estab-
 4 lishing a public appraisal-level appraisal database.

5 **TITLE VIII—COORDINATION,**
 6 **STUDIES, AND REPORTING**

7 **SEC. 5801. HUD-USDA-VA INTERAGENCY COORDINATION**
 8 **ACT.**

9 (a) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—The Sec-
 10 retary of Housing and Urban Development, the Secretary
 11 of Agriculture, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
 12 establish a memorandum of understanding, or other ap-
 13 propriate interagency agreement, to share relevant hous-
 14 ing-related research and market data that facilitates evi-
 15 dence-based policymaking.

16 (b) INTERAGENCY REPORT.—

17 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
 18 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
 19 Housing and Urban Development, the Secretary of
 20 Agriculture, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
 21 shall jointly submit to the Committee on Banking,
 22 Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the
 23 Committee on Finance of the House of Representa-
 24 tives a report containing—

1 (A) a description of opportunities for in-
2 creased collaboration between the Secretary of
3 Housing and Urban Development, the Secretary
4 of Agriculture, and the Secretary of Veterans
5 Affairs to reduce inefficiencies in housing pro-
6 grams;

7 (B) a list of Federal laws and regulations
8 that adversely affect the availability and afford-
9 ability of new construction of assisted housing
10 and single family and multifamily residential
11 housing subject to mortgages insured under
12 title II of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C.
13 1707 et seq.), insured, guaranteed, or made by
14 the Secretary of Agriculture under title V of the
15 Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.),
16 or insured, guaranteed, or made by the Sec-
17 retary of Veterans Affairs under chapter 37 of
18 title 38, United States Code; and

19 (C) recommendations for Congress regard-
20 ing the Federal laws and regulations described
21 in subparagraph (B).

22 (2) PUBLICATION.—The report required under
23 paragraph (1) shall, prior to submission under that
24 subsection, be published in the Federal Register and
25 open for comment for a period of 30 days.

1 **SEC. 5802. STREAMLINING RURAL HOUSING ACT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing
4 and Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture
5 shall enter into a memorandum of understanding to—

6 (1) evaluate categorical exclusions under the en-
7 vironmental review process for housing projects
8 funded by amounts from the Department of the
9 Housing and Urban Development and the Depart-
10 ment of Agriculture;

11 (2) develop a process to designate a lead agency
12 and streamline adoption of Environmental Impact
13 Statements and Environmental Assessments ap-
14 proved by the other Department to construct hous-
15 ing projects funded by both agencies;

16 (3) maintain compliance with environmental
17 regulations under part 58 of title 24, Code of Fed-
18 eral Regulations, as in effect on January 1, 2025,
19 except as required to amend, add, or remove cat-
20 egorical exclusions identified under sections 58.35 of
21 title 24, Code of Federal Regulations, through
22 standard rulemaking procedures; and

23 (4) evaluate the feasibility of a joint physical in-
24 spection process for housing projects funded by
25 amounts from the Department of the Housing and

1 Urban Development and the Department of Agri-
2 culture.

3 (b) ADVISORY WORKING GROUP.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
5 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
6 retary of Housing and Urban Development and the
7 Secretary of Agriculture shall establish an advisory
8 working group for the purpose of consulting on the
9 memorandum of understanding entered into under
10 subsection (a).

11 (2) MEMBERS.—The advisory working group
12 established under paragraph (1) shall consist of rep-
13 resentatives of—

14 (A) affordable housing nonprofit organiza-
15 tions;

16 (B) State housing agencies;

17 (C) nonprofit and for-profit home builders
18 and housing developers;

19 (D) property management companies;

20 (E) public housing agencies;

21 (F) residents in housing assisted by the
22 Department of Housing and Urban Develop-
23 ment or the Department of Agriculture and
24 representatives of those residents; and

25 (G) housing contract administrators.

1 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
 2 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and
 3 Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture shall
 4 submit to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
 5 Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Finan-
 6 cial Services of the House of Representatives a report that
 7 includes recommendations for legislative, regulatory, or
 8 administrative actions—

9 (1) to improve the efficiency and effectiveness
 10 of housing projects funded by amounts from the De-
 11 partment of the Housing and Urban Development
 12 and the Department of Agriculture; and

13 (2) that do not materially, with respect to resi-
 14 dents of housing projects described in paragraph
 15 (1)—

16 (A) reduce the safety of those residents;

17 (B) shift long-term costs onto those resi-
 18 dents; or

19 (C) undermine the environmental stand-
 20 ards of those residents.

21 **SEC. 5803. IMPROVING SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF FAMILIES IN**
 22 **HUD-SUBSIDIZED HOUSING.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—

24 (1) STUDY.—Subject to subsection (b), the Sec-
 25 retary of Housing and Urban Development shall

1 conduct a study on the implementation of work re-
2 quirements implemented prior to the date of enact-
3 ment of this Act by public housing agencies de-
4 scribed in paragraph (4) participating in the Moving
5 to Work demonstration authorized under section 204
6 of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing
7 and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies
8 Appropriations Act, 1996 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note).

9 (2) SCOPE.—The study required under para-
10 graph (1) shall—

11 (A) consider the short-, medium-, and
12 long-term benefits and challenges of work re-
13 quirements on public housing agencies described
14 in paragraph (4) and on program participants
15 who are subject to such requirements, including
16 the effects work requirements have on home-
17 lessness rates, poverty rates, asset building,
18 earnings growth, job attainment and retention,
19 and public housing agencies' administrative ca-
20 pacity; and

21 (B) include quantitative and qualitative
22 evidence, including interviews with program
23 participants described in subparagraph (A) and
24 their respective resident councils.

1 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
3 shall report the initial findings of the study required
4 under paragraph (1) to the Committee on Banking,
5 Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the
6 Committee on Financial Services of the House of
7 Representatives.

8 (4) PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES DESCRIBED.—
9 The public housing agencies described in this para-
10 graph are public housing agencies that, as part of an
11 application to participate in the program under sec-
12 tion 204 of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and
13 Housing and Urban Development, and Independent
14 Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 (42 U.S.C. 1437f
15 note), submit a proposal identifying work require-
16 ments as an innovative proposal.

17 (b) DETERMINATION.—The requirement under sub-
18 section (a) shall apply if the Secretary of Housing and
19 Urban Development determines that—

20 (1) there are a sufficient number of public
21 housing agencies described in subsection (a)(4) such
22 that the Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-
23 ment can rigorously evaluate the impact of the im-
24 plementation of work requirements described in that
25 subsection; and

4 **DIVISION J—DEPARTMENT OF**
5 **STATE AUTHORIZATION ACT**
6 **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026**

8 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This division may be cited as the
9 “Department of State Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
10 2026”.

11 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of content for
12 this division is as follows:

Sec. 5001. Short title; table of contents.
Sec. 5002. Definitions.

Sec. 5101. Report on vetting of Foreign Service Institute language instructors.
Sec. 5102. Training limitations.
Sec. 5103. Language incentive pay for civil service employees.
Sec. 5104. Options for comprehensive evaluations.
Sec. 5105. Job share and part-time employment opportunities.
Sec. 5106. Promoting reutilization of language skills in the Foreign Service.

Sec. 5201. Periodic briefings from Bureau of Intelligence and Research.

Sec. 5202. Support for congressional delegations.

Sec. 5203. Notification requirements for authorized and ordered departures.

Sec. 5204. Strengthening enterprise governance.

Sec. 5205. Establishing and expanding the Regional China Officer program.

Sec. 5206. Report on China's diplomatic posts.

Sec. 5207. Notification of intent to reduce personnel at covered diplomatic posts.

Sec. 5208. Foreign affairs manual changes.

Sec. 5301. Supporting Department of State data analytics.
Sec. 5302. Post Data Pilot Program.

- Sec. 5303. Authorization to use commercial cloud enclaves overseas.
- Sec. 5304. Reports on technology transformation projects at the Department of State.
- Sec. 5305. Commercial spyware.
- Sec. 5306. Review of science and technology agreement with the People's Republic of China.

TITLE LXIV—PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

- Sec. 5401. Foreign information manipulation and interference strategy.
- Sec. 5402. Lifting the prohibition on use of Federal funds for World's Fair pavilions and exhibits.

TITLE LXV—DIPLOMATIC SECURITY AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS

- Sec. 5501. Report concerning Department of State consular officers joining Coast Guard and Navy missions to Pacific island countries.
- Sec. 5502. Report on security conditions in Damascus, Syria, required for the reopening of the United States diplomatic mission.
- Sec. 5503. Embassies, consulates, and other diplomatic installations return to standards report.
- Sec. 5504. Visa operations report.
- Sec. 5505. Reauthorization of overtime pay for protective services.

TITLE LXVI—MISCELLANEOUS

- Sec. 5551. Submission of federally funded research and development center reports to Congress.
- Sec. 5552. Quarterly report on diplomatic pouch access.
- Sec. 5553. Report on utility of instituting a processing fee for ITAR license applications.
- Sec. 5554. HAVANA Act payment fix.
- Sec. 5555. Establishing an inner Mongolia section within the United States embassy in Beijing.
- Sec. 5556. Report on United States Mission Australia staffing.
- Sec. 5557. Facilitating regulatory exchanges with allies and partners.
- Sec. 5558. Pilot program to audit barriers to commerce in developing partner countries.
- Sec. 5559. Strategy for promoting supply chain diversification.
- Sec. 5560. Extensions.
- Sec. 5561. Permitting for international bridges and land ports of entry.
- Sec. 5562. Updating counterterrorism reports.

1 **SEC. 5002. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this division:

3 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
 4 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
 5 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Relations

1 of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs
 2 of the House of Representatives.

3 (2) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department”
 4 means the Department of State.

5 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 6 the Secretary of State.

7 **TITLE LXI—WORKFORCE**
 8 **MATTERS**

9 **SEC. 5101. REPORT ON VETTING OF FOREIGN SERVICE IN-**
 10 **STITUTE LANGUAGE INSTRUCTORS.**

11 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date
 12 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall
 13 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
 14 port on the execution of requirements under section 6116
 15 of the Department of State Authorization Act of Fiscal
 16 Year 2023 (22 U.S.C. 4030) that includes—

17 (1) a description of all steps taken to date to
 18 carry out that section;

19 (2) a detailed explanation of the suitability or
 20 fitness reviews, background investigations, and post-
 21 employment vetting, as applicable, of relevant For-
 22 eign Service Institute instructors who provide lan-
 23 guage instructions; and

24 (3) a description of planned additional steps re-
 25 quired to execute such section.

1 **SEC. 5102. TRAINING LIMITATIONS.**

2 The Department shall require the approval of the
3 Secretary for eliminations of long-term training assign-
4 ments.

5 **SEC. 5103. LANGUAGE INCENTIVE PAY FOR CIVIL SERVICE**
6 **EMPLOYEES.**

7 The Secretary may provide special monetary incen-
8 tives to acquire or retain proficiency in foreign languages
9 to civil service employees who serve in domestic positions
10 requiring critical language skills that are located in the
11 fifty United States, the District of Columbia, and non-for-
12 eign areas (United States territories and possessions, the
13 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Commonwealth of
14 the Northern Mariana Islands). The amounts of such in-
15 centives should be similar to the language incentive pay
16 provided to members of the Foreign Service pursuant to
17 section 704(b)(3) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (
18 22 U.S.C. 4024(b)(3)).

19 **SEC. 5104. OPTIONS FOR COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATIONS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall assess options
21 for integrating 360-degree reviews in personnel files for
22 promotion panel consideration.

23 (b) EVALUATION SYSTEMS.—The assessment re-
24 quired by subsection (a) shall include—

25 (1) one or more options to integrate 360-degree
26 reviews, references, or evaluations by superiors,

1 peers, and subordinates, including consideration of
2 automated reference requests; and

3 (2) other modifications or systems the Sec-
4 retary considers relevant.

5 (c) ELEMENTS.—The assessment required by sub-
6 section (a) shall describe, with respect to each evaluation
7 system included in the report—

8 (1) any legal constraints or considerations;

9 (2) the timeline required for implementation;

10 (3) any starting and recurring costs in compari-
11 son to current processes;

12 (4) the likely or potential implications for pro-
13 motion decisions and trends; and

14 (5) the impact on meeting the personnel needs
15 of the Foreign Service.

16 **SEC. 5105. JOB SHARE AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OP-**
17 **PORTUNITIES.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish and
19 publish a Department policy on job share and part-time
20 employment opportunities. The policy shall include a tem-
21 plate for job-sharing arrangements, a database of job
22 share and part-time employment opportunities, and a
23 point of contact in the Bureau of Global Talent Manage-
24 ment.

1 (b) WORKPLACE FLEXIBILITY TRAINING.—The Sec-
 2 retary shall incorporate training on workplace flexibility,
 3 including the availability of job share and part-time em-
 4 ployment opportunities, into employee onboarding.

5 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit to
 6 the appropriate congressional committees a report on
 7 workplace flexibility at the Department, including data on
 8 the number of employees utilizing job share or part-time
 9 employment arrangements.

10 (d) EXCEPTION FOR THE BUREAU OF INTELLIGENCE
 11 AND RESEARCH.—The policy described in subsection (a)
 12 shall not apply to officers and employees of the Bureau
 13 of Intelligence and Research.

14 **SEC. 5106. PROMOTING REUTILIZATION OF LANGUAGE**
 15 **SKILLS IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE.**

16 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
 17 gress that—

18 (1) foreign language skills are essential to effec-
 19 tive diplomacy, particularly in high-priority posi-
 20 tions, such as Chinese- and Russian-language des-
 21 ignated positions focused on the People’s Republic of
 22 China and Russia;

23 (2) reutilization of acquired language skills cre-
 24 ates efficiencies through the reduction of language
 25 training overall and increases regional expertise;

(3) often, investments in language skills are not sufficiently utilized and maintained throughout the careers of members of the Foreign Service following an initial assignment after language training;

(4) providing incentives or requirements to select “out-year bidders” for priority language-designated assignments would decrease training costs overall and encourage more expertise in relevant priority areas; and

(5) incentives for members of the Foreign Service to not only acquire and retain, but reuse, foreign language skills in priority assignments would reduce training costs in terms of both time and money and increase regional expertise to improve abilities in those areas deemed high priority by the Secretary.

(b) INCENTIVES TO REUTILIZE LANGUAGE SKILLS.—Section 704(b)(3) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4024(b)(3)) is amended by inserting “and reutilize” after “to acquire or retain proficiency in”.

TITLE LXII—ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

SEC. 5201. PERIODIC BRIEFINGS FROM BUREAU OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and at least every 90

1 days thereafter for at least the next 3 years, the Secretary
2 shall offer to the appropriate committees of Congress a
3 joint briefing facilitated by the Bureau of Intelligence and
4 Research and including other bureaus, as appropriate,
5 on—

6 (1) any topic requested by one or more of the
7 appropriate congressional committees;

8 (2) any topic of current importance to the na-
9 tional security of the United States; and

10 (3) any other topic the Secretary considers nec-
11 essary.

12 (b) LOCATION.—The briefings required under sub-
13 section (a) shall be held at a secure facility that is suitable
14 for review of information that is classified at the level of
15 “Top Secret/SCI”.

16 (c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
17 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
18 tees of Congress” means—

19 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
20 the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate;

21 (2) and the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
22 the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of
23 the House of Representatives.

1 **SEC. 5202. SUPPORT FOR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS.**

2 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
3 gress that—

4 (1) congressional travel is essential to fostering
5 international relations, understanding global issues
6 first-hand, and jointly advancing United States in-
7 terests abroad; and

8 (2) only in close coordination and thanks to the
9 dedication of personnel at United States embassies,
10 consulates, and other missions abroad can the suc-
11 cess of these vital trips be possible.

12 (b) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with applicable laws
13 and the Secretary of State’s security responsibilities, the
14 Secretary shall reaffirm to all diplomatic posts the impor-
15 tance of congressional travel and shall direct all such posts
16 to support congressional travel by members and staff of
17 the appropriate congressional committees to the extent
18 feasible considering capacity and security considerations,
19 when authorized by applicable congressional travel proce-
20 dures to include the congressional authorization letter and
21 congressional travel legislation and policies. The Secretary
22 shall reaffirm the Department’s policies to support such
23 travel by members and staff of the appropriate congres-
24 sional committees, by making such support available on
25 any day of the week, including Federal and local holidays
26 when required to complete congressional responsibilities

1 and, to the extent practical, requiring the direct involve-
2 ment of mid-level or senior officers.

3 (c) EXCEPTION FOR SIMULTANEOUS HIGH-LEVEL
4 VISITS.—The requirement under subsection (b) does not
5 apply in the case of a simultaneous visit from the Presi-
6 dent, the First Lady or First Gentleman, the Vice Presi-
7 dent, the Secretary of State, or the Secretary of Defense.

8 (d) TRAINING.—The Secretary shall require all des-
9 ignated control officers to have been trained on supporting
10 congressional travel at posts abroad prior to the assigned
11 congressional visit.

12 **SEC. 5203. NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR AUTHOR-**
13 **IZED AND ORDERED DEPARTURES.**

14 (a) DEPARTURES REPORT.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
17 retary shall submit a report to the appropriate con-
18 gressional committees listing every instance of an
19 authorized or ordered departure during the 5-year
20 period preceding the date of the enactment of this
21 Act.

22 (2) CONTENTS.—The Secretary shall include in
23 the report required under paragraph (1)—

1 (A) the name of the post and the date of
2 the approval of the authorized or ordered de-
3 parture;

4 (B) the basis for the authorized or ordered
5 departure; and

6 (C) the number of chief of mission per-
7 sonnel that departed, categorized by agency, as
8 well as their eligible family members, if avail-
9 able.

10 (b) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIRE-
11 MENT.—Any instance of an authorized or ordered depar-
12 ture shall be notified to appropriate committees not later
13 than 3 days after the Secretary authorized an authorized
14 or ordered departure. The details in the notification shall
15 include—

16 (1) the information described in subsection
17 (a)(2);

18 (2) the mode of travel for chief of mission per-
19 sonnel who departed;

20 (3) the estimated cost of the authorized or or-
21 dered departure, including travel and per diem costs;
22 and

23 (4) the destination of all departed personnel
24 and changes to their work activities due to the de-
25 parture.

1 (c) TERMINATION.—This requirements under this
2 section shall terminate on the date that is 5 years after
3 the date of the enactment of this Act.

4 **SEC. 5204. STRENGTHENING ENTERPRISE GOVERNANCE.**

5 (1) ORGANIZATION.—The Chief Information
6 Officer and the Chief Data and Artificial Intelligence
7 Officer of the Department of State should report di-
8 rectly to the Deputy Secretary of State for Manage-
9 ment and Resources or, in the event such position
10 is vacant, to the Deputy Secretary of State.

11 (2) ADJUDICATION OF UNRESOLVED BUDGET
12 AND MANAGEMENT DECISIONS.—Adjudication of un-
13 resolved budget and management decisions should be
14 made by the Deputy Secretary of State for Manage-
15 ment and Resources in consultation, as appropriate,
16 with the Deputy Secretary of State.

17 **SEC. 5205. ESTABLISHING AND EXPANDING THE REGIONAL**
18 **CHINA OFFICER PROGRAM.**

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be es-
20 tablished at the Department a Regional China Offi-
21 cer (RCO) program to support regional posts and of-
22 ficers with reporting, information, and policy tools,
23 and to enhance expertise related to strategic com-
24 petition with the People’s Republic of China. RCOs

1 shall, to the greatest extent possible, have appro-
2 priate fluency.

3 (2) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to
4 be appropriated to the Secretary \$5,000,000 for
5 each of fiscal years 2026 through 2029 to the De-
6 partment of State to expand the RCO program, in-
7 cluding for—

8 (A) the hiring of locally employed staff to
9 support Regional China Officers serving abroad;
10 and

11 (B) the establishment of full-time equiva-
12 lent positions to assist in managing and facili-
13 tating the RCO program.

14 (3) PROGRAM FUNDS.—There is authorized to
15 be appropriated \$50,000 for each of fiscal years
16 2026 through 2029 for each Regional China Officer
17 to support programs and public diplomacy activities
18 of the Regional China Officer.

19 **SEC. 5206. REPORT ON CHINA'S DIPLOMATIC POSTS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall sub-
21 mit to appropriate committees of Congress a report on the
22 diplomatic presence of the People's Republic of China
23 worldwide, including—

1 (1) the number of diplomatic posts currently
2 maintained by People’s Republic of China in each
3 country; and

4 (2) the estimated number of diplomatic per-
5 sonnel stationed abroad.

6 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

10 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
11 the Committee on Armed Services, and the Se-
12 lect Committee on Intelligence of the Senate;
13 and

14 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
15 Committee on Armed Services, and the Perma-
16 nent Select Committee on Intelligence of the
17 House of Representatives.

18 (2) CONSULAR OR DIPLOMATIC POST.—The
19 term “consular or diplomatic post” does not include
20 a post to which only personnel of agencies other
21 than the Department of State are assigned.

22 **SEC. 5207. NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO REDUCE PER-**
23 **SONNEL AT COVERED DIPLOMATIC POSTS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection

25 (b), not later than 30 days before the date on which the

1 Secretary of State carries out a reduction in United States
2 Foreign Service personnel of at least 10 percent at a cov-
3 ered diplomatic post, the Secretary shall submit to the ap-
4 propriate Congressional committees a notification of the
5 intent to carry out such a reduction, which shall include
6 a certification by the Secretary that such reduction will
7 not negatively impact the ability of the United States to
8 compete with the People’s Republic of China or the Rus-
9 sian Federation.

10 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply in
11 the case of a security risk to personnel at a covered diplo-
12 matic post.

13 (c) COVERED DIPLOMATIC POST DEFINED.—In this
14 section, the term “covered diplomatic post” means a
15 United States diplomatic post in a country in which the
16 People’s Republic of China or the Russian Federation also
17 have a diplomatic post.

18 **SEC. 5208. FOREIGN AFFAIRS MANUAL CHANGES.**

19 Section 5318(c)(1) of the Department of State Au-
20 thorization Act of 2021 (22 U.S.C. 2658a) is amended
21 by striking “5 years” and inserting “8 years”.

1 **TITLE LXIII—INFORMATION SE-**
2 **CURITY AND CYBER DIPLO-**
3 **MACY**

4 **SEC. 5301. SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT OF STATE DATA**
5 **ANALYTICS.**

6 There is authorized to be appropriated \$3,000,000 to
7 the Secretary for fiscal year 2026 to carry out the “Bu-
8 reau Chief Data Officer Program”.

9 **SEC. 5302. POST DATA PILOT PROGRAM.**

10 (a) POST DATA AND AI PILOT PROGRAM.—

11 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary is au-
12 thorized to establish a program, which shall be
13 known as the “Post Data Program” (referred to in
14 this section as the “Program”), overseen by the De-
15 partment’s Chief Data and Artificial Intelligence Of-
16 ficer.

17 (2) GOALS.—The goals of the Program shall in-
18 clude the following:

19 (A) Cultivating a data and artificial intel-
20 ligence culture at diplomatic posts globally, in-
21 cluding data fluency and data collaboration.

22 (B) Promoting data integration with De-
23 partment of State Headquarters.

1 (C) Creating operational efficiencies, sup-
2 porting innovation, and enhancing mission im-
3 pact.

4 (b) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary shall submit to the appropriate committees of
8 Congress an implementation plan that outlines strat-
9 egies for—

10 (A) advancing the goals described in sub-
11 section (a)(2);

12 (B) hiring data and artificial intelligence
13 officers at United States diplomatic posts; and

14 (C) allocation of necessary resources to
15 sustain the Program.

16 (2) ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not
17 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment
18 of this Act, and annually thereafter for the following
19 3 years, the Secretary shall submit a report to the
20 appropriate committees of Congress regarding the
21 status of the implementation plan required under
22 paragraph (1).

23 (c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
24 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
25 tees of Congress” means—

1 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
2 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and
3 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
4 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
5 resentatives.

6 **SEC. 5303. AUTHORIZATION TO USE COMMERCIAL CLOUD**
7 **ENCLAVES OVERSEAS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Department of State
10 shall issue internal guidelines that authorize and track the
11 use of enclaves deployed in overseas commercial cloud re-
12 gions for OCONUS systems categorized at the Federal In-
13 formation Security Modernization Act (FISMA) high
14 baseline.

15 (b) CONSISTENCY WITH FEDERAL CYBERSECURITY
16 REGULATIONS.—The enclave deployments shall be con-
17 sistent with existing Federal cybersecurity regulations as
18 well as best practices established across National Institute
19 of Standards and Technology standards and ISO 27000
20 security controls.

21 (c) BRIEFING.— Not later than 90 days after the en-
22 actment of the Act, and before issuing the new internal
23 guidelines required under subsection (a), the Secretary
24 shall brief the appropriate committees of Congress on the
25 proposed new guidelines, including—

- 1 (1) relevant risk assessments; and
- 2 (2) any security challenges regarding implemen-
- 3 tation.

4 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
 5 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
 6 tees of Congress” means—

- 7 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
- 8 the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate;
- 9 (2) and the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
- 10 the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of
- 11 the House of Representatives.

12 **SEC. 5304. REPORTS ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFORMATION**
 13 **PROJECTS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.**

14 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
 16 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
 17 gress” means—

- 18 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
- 19 the Senate;
- 20 (B) the Committee on Appropriations of
- 21 the Senate;
- 22 (C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
- 23 the House of Representatives; and
- 24 (D) the Committee on Appropriations of
- 25 the House of Representatives.

(2) TECHNOLOGY.—The term “technology” includes—

(A) artificial intelligence and machine learning systems;

(B) cybersecurity modernization tools or platforms;

(C) cloud computing services and infrastructure;

(D) enterprise data platforms and analytics tools;

(E) customer experience platforms for public-facing services; and

(F) internal workflow automation or modernization systems.

(3) TECHNOLOGY TRANSFORMATION PROJECT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “technology transformation project” means any new or significantly modified technology deployed by the Department with the purpose of improving diplomatic, consular, administrative, or security operations.

(B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “technology transformation project” does not include a routine software update or version upgrade, a secu-

1 rity patch or maintenance of an existing sys-
2 tem, a minor configuration change, a business-
3 as-usual information technology operation, a
4 support activity, or a project that costs less
5 than \$1,000,000.

6 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
9 nually thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary shall
10 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a
11 report on all technology transformation projects
12 completed during the preceding two fiscal years.

13 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by para-
14 graph (1) shall include the following elements:

15 (A) For each project, the following:

16 (i) A summary of the objective, scope,
17 and operational context of the project.

18 (ii) An identification of the primary
19 technologies and vendors used, including
20 artificial intelligence models, cloud pro-
21 viders, cybersecurity platforms, and major
22 software components.

23 (iii) A report on baseline and post-im-
24 plementation performance and adoption

metrics for the project, including (if applicable) with respect to—

(I) operational efficiency, such as reductions in processing time, staff hours, or error rates;

(II) user impact, such as improvements in end-user satisfaction scores and reliability;

(III) security posture, such as enhancements in threat detection, incident response time;

(IV) cost performance, including budgeted costs versus actual costs and projected cost savings or cost avoidance;

(V) interoperability and integration, including level of integration achieved with existing systems of the Department of State;

(VI) artificial intelligence (if applicable); and

(VII) adoption, including, if applicable—

(aa) an estimate of the percentage of eligible end-users ac-

1 tively using the system within the
2 first 3, 6, and 12 months of de-
3 ployment;

4 (bb) the proportion of staff
5 trained to use the system;

6 (cc) the frequency and dura-
7 tion of use, disaggregated by bu-
8 reau or geographic region if rel-
9 evant;

10 (dd) summarized user feed-
11 back, including pain points and
12 satisfaction ratings; and

13 (ee) a description of the sta-
14 tus of deprecation or reduction in
15 use of legacy systems, if applica-
16 ble.

17 (iv) A description of key challenges
18 encountered during implementation and
19 any mitigation strategies employed.

20 (v) A summary of contracting or ac-
21 quisition strategies used, including infor-
22 mation on how the vendor or development
23 team supported change management and
24 adoption, including user testing, stake-
25 holder engagement, and phased rollout.

1 (B) For any project where adoption
2 metrics fell below 50 percent of estimated usage
3 within 6 months of launch:

4 (i) A remediation plan with specific
5 steps to improve adoption, including re-
6 training, user experience improvements, or
7 outreach.

8 (ii) An assessment of whether rollout
9 should be paused or modified.

10 (iii) Any plans for iterative develop-
11 ment based on feedback from employees.

12 (3) PUBLIC SUMMARY.—Not later than 60 days
13 after submitting a report required by paragraph (1)
14 to the appropriate committees of Congress, the Sec-
15 retary of State shall publish an unclassified sum-
16 mary of the report on the publicly accessible website
17 of the Department of State, consistent with national
18 security interests.

19 (c) GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE EVAL-
20 UATION.—Not later than 18 months after the date of the
21 enactment of this Act, and biennially thereafter, the
22 Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to
23 the appropriate committees of Congress a report—

24 (1) evaluating—

1 (A) the extent to which the Department
2 has implemented and reported on technology
3 transformation projects in accordance with the
4 requirements under this section;

5 (B) the effectiveness and reliability of the
6 Department's performance and adoption
7 metrics for such projects;

8 (C) whether such projects have met in-
9 tended goals related to operational efficiency,
10 security, cost-effectiveness, user adoption, and
11 modernization of legacy systems; and

12 (D) the adequacy of oversight mechanisms
13 in place to ensure the responsible deployment of
14 artificial intelligence and other emerging tech-
15 nologies; and

16 (2) including any recommendations to improve
17 the Department's management, implementation, or
18 evaluation of technology transformation efforts.

19 **SEC. 5305. COMMERCIAL SPYWARE.**

20 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
21 gress that—

22 (1) there is a national security need for the le-
23 gitimate and responsible procurement and applica-
24 tion of cyber intrusion capabilities, including efforts

1 related to counterterrorism, counternarcotics, and
2 countertrafficking;

3 (2) the growing commercial market for sophisti-
4 cated cyber intrusion capabilities has enhanced state
5 and non-state actors' abilities to target and track for
6 nefarious purposes individuals, such as journalists,
7 human rights defenders, members of civil society
8 groups, members of ethnic or religious minority
9 groups, and others for exercising their human rights
10 and fundamental freedoms, or the family members
11 of these targeted individuals;

12 (3) the proliferation of commercial spyware pre-
13 sents significant and growing risks to United States
14 national security, including to the safety and secu-
15 rity of United States Government personnel; and

16 (4) ease of access into and lack of transparency
17 in the commercial spyware market raises the prob-
18 ability of spreading potentially destructive or disrup-
19 tive cyber capabilities to a wider range of malicious
20 actors.

21 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
22 United States—

23 (1) to oppose the misuse of commercial spyware
24 to target individuals, including journalists, defenders
25 of internationally recognized human rights, and

1 members of civil society groups, members of ethnic
2 or religious minority groups, and others for exer-
3 cising their internationally recognized human rights
4 and fundamental freedoms, or the family members
5 of these targeted individuals;

6 (2) to coordinate with allies and partners to
7 prevent the export of commercial spyware tools to
8 end-users likely to use them for malicious activities;

9 (3) to maintain robust information-sharing with
10 trusted allies and partners on commercial spyware
11 proliferation and misuse, including to better identify
12 and track these tools; and

13 (4) to work with private industry to identify
14 and counter the abuse and misuse of commercial
15 spyware technology; and

16 (5) to work with allies and partners to establish
17 robust guardrails to ensure that the use of commer-
18 cial spyware tools are consistent with respect for
19 internationally recognized human rights, and the
20 rule of law.

21 **SEC. 5306. REVIEW OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREE-**
22 **MENT WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF**
23 **CHINA.**

24 (a) SECURITY REVIEW.—Not later than 90 days
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary,

1 in coordination with relevant Federal science agencies and
2 the intelligence community, shall conduct a security review
3 of the United States-China Science and Technology Co-
4 operation Agreement (STA). The review shall include the
5 following elements:

6 (1) An assessment of the potential risks of
7 maintaining the STA, including the transfer under
8 such agreement of technology or intellectual prop-
9 erty capable of harming the national security inter-
10 ests of the United States.

11 (2) An assessment of the Secretary of State's
12 ability to monitor compliance of the People's Repub-
13 lic of China's commitments established under the
14 STA.

15 (3) An evaluation of the benefits of the STA
16 agreement to the economy, military, and industrial
17 base of the People's Republic of China and the
18 United States.

19 (4) An evaluation of the value of the informa-
20 tion and data the United States Government re-
21 ceives under the STA related to the People's Repub-
22 lic of China that the United States otherwise would
23 not have access to should it withdraw its participa-
24 tion in the STA.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after comple-
2 tion of the review of the STA required in subsection (a),
3 the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees
4 of Congress a report detailing the findings of the review.
5 The report shall be submitted in unclassified form, but
6 may include a classified annex.

7 (c) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 180 days after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
9 State shall certify to the appropriate committees of Con-
10 gress whether it is in the national security interest of the
11 United States to maintain its participation in the STA
12 through its current duration.

13 (d) GUIDANCE.—If Secretary certifies that it is no
14 longer in the national security interest of the United
15 States to maintain its participation in the STA, the Sec-
16 retary shall, not later than 90 days after submitting the
17 certification, and in coordination with the heads of rel-
18 evant Federal agencies, promulgate guidance on United
19 States Federal agency interactions with counterpart agen-
20 cies in the People’s Republic of China.

21 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
23 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
24 gress” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
2 the Committee on Commerce, Science of Tech-
3 nology, and the Committee on Judiciary of the
4 Senate; and

5 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
6 Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the
7 Committee on Judiciary of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives.

9 (2) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—The term
10 “intelligence community” has the meaning given
11 such term in section 3 of the National Security Act
12 of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).

13 (3) STA.—The term “STA” means the Agree-
14 ment between the Government of the United States
15 of America and the Government of the People’s Re-
16 public of China on Cooperation in Science and Tech-
17 nology, signed at Washington January 31, 1979, its
18 protocols, and any implementing agreements entered
19 into pursuant to such Agreement on or before the
20 date of the enactment of this Act.

TITLE LXIV—PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

SEC. 5401. FOREIGN INFORMATION MANIPULATION AND IN- TERFERENCE STRATEGY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with other relevant agencies, shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a comprehensive strategy to combat foreign information manipulation and interference, which shall be carried out by the Department.

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

(1) Conducting analysis of foreign state and non-state actors' foreign malign influence narratives, tactics, and techniques, including those originating from United States nation-state adversaries, including the Russian Federation, the People's Republic of China, North Korea, and Iran.

(2) Working together with allies and partners to expose and counter foreign malign influence narratives, tactics, and techniques, including those originating in the Russian Federation, the People's Republic of China, North Korea, and Iran.

1 (3) Supporting non-state actors abroad, includ-
2 ing independent media and civil society groups,
3 which are working to expose and counter foreign
4 malign influence narratives, tactics, and techniques,
5 including those originating in the Russian Federa-
6 tion, the People’s Republic of China, North Korea,
7 or Iran.

8 (4) Coordinating efforts to expose and counter
9 foreign information manipulation and interference
10 across Federal departments and agencies.

11 (5) Protecting the First Amendment rights of
12 United States citizens.

13 (6) Creating guardrails to ensure the Depart-
14 ment of State does not provide grants to organiza-
15 tions engaging in partisan political activity in the
16 United States.

17 (c) COORDINATION.—The strategy required under
18 subsection (a) shall be led and implemented by the Under
19 Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs in co-
20 ordination with relevant bureaus and offices at the De-
21 partment of State.

22 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the enact-
23 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the appro-
24 priate committees of Congress a report that includes—

1 (1) actions the Department has taken to pre-
2 serve the institutional capability to counter foreign
3 nation-state influence operations from the People’s
4 Republic of China, Iran, and the Russian Federation
5 since the termination of the Counter Foreign Infor-
6 mation Manipulation and Interference (R/FIMI)
7 hub;

8 (2) a list of active and cancelled Countering
9 PRC Influence Fund (CPIF) and Countering Rus-
10 sian Influence Fund (CRIF) projects since January
11 21, 2025;

12 (3) actions the Department has taken to im-
13 prove Department grantmaking processes related to
14 countering foreign influence operations from nation-
15 state adversaries; and

16 (4) an assessment of recent foreign adversarial
17 information operations and narratives related to
18 United States foreign policy since January 21, 2025,
19 from the People’s Republic of China, Iran, and the
20 Russian Federation.

21 (e) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
22 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
23 tees of Congress” means—

24 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
25 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

1 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
2 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives.

4 **SEC. 5402. LIFTING THE PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL**
5 **FUNDS FOR WORLD'S FAIR PAVILIONS AND**
6 **EXHIBITS.**

7 Section 204 of the Admiral James W. Nance and
8 Meg Donovan Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal
9 Years 2000 and 2001 (22 U.S.C. 2452b) is hereby re-
10 pealed.

11 **TITLE LXV—DIPLOMATIC SECU-**
12 **RITY AND CONSULAR AF-**
13 **FAIRS**

14 **SEC. 5501. REPORT CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF STATE**
15 **CONSULAR OFFICERS JOINING COAST GUARD**
16 **AND NAVY MISSIONS TO PACIFIC ISLAND**
17 **COUNTRIES.**

18 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
19 gress that—

20 (1) Pacific island countries, especially, but not
21 limited to, the Freely Associated States, include
22 close United States partners located across highly
23 strategic waters critical for United States national
24 security; and

1 (2) it is in the national security interests of the
2 United States to maintain and strengthen relations
3 with the governments and the citizens of Pacific is-
4 land countries.

5 (b) REPORT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
8 retary, in coordination with the Commandant of the
9 United States Coast Guard, the Commander of
10 United States Indo-Pacific Command, and the Chief
11 of Naval Operations, shall submit to the appropriate
12 committees of Congress a report analyzing the feasi-
13 bility of attaching Department of State consular of-
14 ficers to Coast Guard and Navy missions in the Pa-
15 cific Island countries.

16 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
17 paragraph (1) shall include—

18 (A) an assessment of the current demand
19 for consular services from citizens of Pacific Is-
20 land countries and challenges that these citizens
21 face in obtaining services;

22 (B) an assessment of the approximate
23 value, including in time and resources saved,
24 such an initiative could save citizens of Pacific
25 Island countries that do not host United States

1 embassies to have their United States visas ad-
2 judicated or to receive other services;

3 (C) an assessment of the cost for the De-
4 partment of State, United States Coast Guard,
5 United States Indo-Pacific Command, and
6 United States Navy, including potential alter-
7 native cost-effective options and recommenda-
8 tions for providing consular services to Pacific
9 Island countries;

10 (D) an assessment of the frequency and
11 duration of United States Coast Guard and
12 United States Navy deployments to Pacific Is-
13 land countries, including—

14 (i) deployment frequency measured
15 against desired number of visits;

16 (ii) amount of time typically spent in
17 port for such visits; and

18 (iii) disruption to planned United
19 States Coast Guard and United States
20 Navy missions in order to visit locations
21 needing consular assistance; and

22 (E) an evaluation of the logistical issues to
23 be addressed including, including—

24 (i) analysis of spacing requirements to
25 host Department of State personnel and

1 equipment aboard United States Coast
2 Guard and United States Navy vessels;

3 (ii) analysis of the information tech-
4 nology and connectivity requirements to
5 conduct consular affairs activities;

6 (iii) the feasibility of printing visas
7 aboard United States Coast Guard and
8 United States Navy vessels;

9 (iv) maintaining physical security of
10 consular officers and relevant adjudication
11 equipment, including computer systems
12 and visa foils, during such missions;

13 (v) impacts to United States Coast
14 Guard and United States Navy vessels' op-
15 erations and security; and

16 (vi) the estimated amount of time that
17 consular officers would spend on board
18 United States Coast Guard and United
19 States Navy vessels between visits to Pa-
20 cific Island countries.

21 (3) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS
22 DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “appro-
23 priate committees of Congress” means—

24 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
25 the Committee on Appropriations, the Com-

1 mittee on Armed Services, the Committee on
2 Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and
3 the Committee on Judiciary of the Senate; and

4 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
5 Committee on Appropriations, the Committee
6 on Armed Services, the Committee on Energy
7 and Commerce, and the Committee on Judici-
8 ary of the House of Representatives.

9 **SEC. 5502. REPORT ON SECURITY CONDITIONS IN DAMAS-**
10 **CUS, SYRIA, REQUIRED FOR THE REOPENING**
11 **OF THE UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC MIS-**
12 **SION.**

13 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
14 ings:

15 (1) The United States has a national security
16 interest in a stable Syria free from the malign influ-
17 ence of Russia and Iran, and which cannot be used
18 by terrorist organizations to launch attacks against
19 the United States or United States allies or partners
20 in the region.

21 (2) Permissive security conditions are necessary
22 for the reopening of any diplomatic mission.

23 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-

1 retary, in consultation with the relevant Federal
2 agencies, shall submit to the appropriate committees
3 of Congress a report describing the Syrian govern-
4 ment's progress towards meeting the security related
5 benchmarks described in paragraph (2).

6 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
7 paragraph (1) shall include the following elements:

8 (A) An assessment of the Syrian govern-
9 ment's progress on counterterrorism especially
10 as it relates to United States designated ter-
11 rorist organizations that threaten to attack the
12 United States or our allies and partners.

13 (B) An assessment of the security environ-
14 ment of the potential sites for a future building
15 of the United States Embassy in Damascus and
16 the conditions necessary for resuming embassy
17 operations in Damascus.

18 (C) An analysis of the Syrian government's
19 progress in identifying and destroying any rem-
20 nants of the Assad regime's chemical weapons
21 program, including any stockpiles, production
22 facilities, or related sites.

23 (D) An assessment of the Syrian govern-
24 ment's destruction of the Assad regime's

1 captagon and other illicit drug stockpiles, to in-
2 clude infrastructure.

3 (E) An assessment of the Syrian govern-
4 ment's relationship with the Russian Federation
5 and the Islamic Republic of Iran, to include ac-
6 cess, basing, overflight, economic relationships,
7 and impacts on United States national security
8 objectives.

9 (F) A description of the Syrian govern-
10 ment's cooperation with the United States to lo-
11 cate and repatriate United States citizens.

12 (c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
13 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
14 tees of Congress” means—

15 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
16 Committee on Armed Services, and the Select Com-
17 mittee on Intelligence of the Senate;

18 (2) and the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
19 Committee on Armed Services, and the Permanent
20 Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of
21 Representatives.

1 **SEC. 5503. EMBASSIES, CONSULATES, AND OTHER DIPLO-**
2 **MATIC INSTALLATIONS RETURN TO STAND-**
3 **ARDS REPORT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall sub-
6 mit a report to the appropriate committees of Congress
7 that includes the impacts of the Bureau of Diplomatic Se-
8 curity’s initiative known as “Return to Standards” on the
9 security needs of United States embassies, consulates, and
10 other diplomatic installations outside the United States.

11 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
12 section (a) shall describe the impacts of the Return to
13 Standards initiative and other reductions in staffing and
14 resources from the beginning of the initiative to the date
15 of enactment of this Act for all embassies, consulates, and
16 other overseas diplomatic installations, including detailed
17 descriptions and explanations of all reductions of per-
18 sonnel or other resources, including their effects on—

- 19 (1) securing facilities and perimeters;
20 (2) transporting United States personnel into
21 the foreign country; and
22 (3) executing any other relevant operations for
23 which they are responsible.

24 (c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
25 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
26 tees of Congress” means—

(1) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

(2) and the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

8 SEC. 5504. VISA OPERATIONS REPORT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of the Act, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on visa backlogs.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall address—

(1) the status of visa backlogs and wait times, including internal and external recommendations to streamline and improve consular processes, as required by the joint exploratory statement for the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024 (division F of Public Law 118–47), including the rationale and justification for the implementation of each such recommendation;

(2) the impact of reductions in force on improvement of the overall efficiency of consular oper-

1 ations, processing time, and customer experience for
2 applicants;

3 (3) the extent to which non-consular Depart-
4 ment personnel have been used to improve the over-
5 all efficiency of consular operations, processing time,
6 and customer experience for applicants during peri-
7 ods of high demand;

8 (4) the viability of temporarily assigning non-
9 consular Department personnel during periods of
10 high demand; and

11 (5) in consultation with any other appropriate
12 Department, an evaluation of the impact of the visa
13 backlogs on the United States tourism industry and
14 recommendations for how to remediate those im-
15 pacts.

16 (c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
17 FINED.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate com-
18 mittees of Congress” means—

19 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
20 the Committee on Judiciary of the Senate; and

21 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
22 Committee on Judiciary of the House of Representa-
23 tives.

1 **SEC. 5505. REAUTHORIZATION OF OVERTIME PAY FOR PRO-**
2 **TECTIVE SERVICES.**

3 Section 6232(g) of the Department of State Author-
4 ization Act of 2023 (division F of Public Law 118–31;
5 5 U.S.C. 5547 note) is amended by striking “2025” and
6 inserting “2027”.

7 **TITLE LXVI—MISCELLANEOUS**

8 **SEC. 5551. SUBMISSION OF FEDERALLY FUNDED RESEARCH**
9 **AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER REPORTS TO**
10 **CONGRESS.**

11 Not later than 30 days after receiving a report or
12 other written product provided to the Department by fed-
13 erally funded research and development centers
14 (FFRDCs) and consultant groups that were supported by
15 funds congressionally appropriated to the Department, the
16 Secretary shall provide the appropriate committees the re-
17 port or written product, including the original proposal for
18 the report, the amount provided by the Department to the
19 FFRDC, and a detailed description of the value the De-
20 partment derived from the report.

21 **SEC. 5552. QUARTERLY REPORT ON DIPLOMATIC POUCH**
22 **ACCESS.**

23 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
24 ment of this Act, and every 90 days thereafter for the next
25 3 years, the Secretary shall submit a report to the appro-
26 priate congressional committees that describes—

1 (1) a list of every overseas United States diplo-
2 matic post where diplomatic pouch access is re-
3 stricted or limited by the host government;

4 (2) an explanation as to why, in each instance
5 where an overseas United States diplomatic post is
6 restricted or limited by the host government, the
7 host government has failed to do so; and

8 (3) a detailed explanation outlining the steps
9 the Department is taking to gain diplomatic pouch
10 access in each instance where such access has been
11 restricted or limited by the host government.

12 **SEC. 5553. REPORT ON UTILITY OF INSTITUTING A PROC-**
13 **ESSING FEE FOR ITAR LICENSE APPLICA-**
14 **TIONS.**

15 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
16 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the appro-
17 priate congressional committees a report on the feasibility
18 and effect of establishing an export licensing fee system
19 for the commercial export of defense items and services
20 to partially or fully finance the licensing costs of the De-
21 partment, if permitted by statute. The report should con-
22 sider whether and to what degree such an export license
23 application fee system would be preferable to relying solely
24 on the existing registration fee system and the feasibility
25 of a tiered system of fees, considering such options as vol-

1 ume per applicant over time and discounted fees for small
2 businesses.

3 **SEC. 5554. HAVANA ACT PAYMENT FIX.**

4 Section 901 of title IX of division J of the Further
5 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (22 U.S.C. 2680b)
6 is amended—

7 (1) by striking “January 1, 2016” each place
8 it appears and inserting “September 11, 2001”; and

9 (2) in subsection (e)(1), in the matter preceding
10 subparagraph (A), by striking “of a” and inserting
11 “of an”.

12 (3) in subsection (h), by adding at the end the
13 following new paragraph:

14 “(4) LIMITATIONS.—

15 “(A) APPROPRIATIONS REQUIRED.—Pay-
16 ments under subsections (a) and (b) in a fiscal
17 year may only be made using amounts appro-
18 priated in advance specifically for payments
19 under such paragraph in such fiscal year.

20 “(B) MATTER OF PAYMENTS.—Payments
21 under subsections (a) and (b) using amounts
22 appropriated for such purpose shall be made on
23 a first come, first serve, or pro rata basis.

24 “(C) AMOUNTS OF PAYMENTS.—The total
25 amount of funding obligated for payments

under subsections (a) and (b) may not exceed the amount specifically appropriated for providing payments under such paragraph during its period of availability.”.

**SEC. 5555. ESTABLISHING AN INNER MONGOLIA SECTION
WITHIN THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN
BEIJING.**

(a) INNER MONGOLIA SECTION IN UNITED STATES
EMBASSY IN BEIJING, CHINA.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary should consider establishing an Inner Mongolian team within the United States Embassy in Beijing, China, to follow political, economic, and social developments in the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region and other areas designated by the People’s Republic of China as autonomous for Mongolians, with due consideration given to hiring Southern Mongolians as Locally Employed Staff.

(2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Responsibilities of a team devoted to Inner Mongolia should include reporting on internationally recognized human rights issues, monitoring developments in critical minerals mining, environmental degradation, and PRC space capabilities, and access to areas designated as autonomous for Mongolians by United States Government

officials, journalists, nongovernmental organizations,
and the Southern Mongolian diaspora.

(3) LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary should ensure that the Department of State has sufficient proficiency in Mongolian language in order to carry out paragraph (1), and that the United States Embassy in Beijing, China, has sufficient resources to hire Local Employed Staff proficient in the Mongolian language, as appropriate.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the staffing described in subsection (a).

SEC. 5556. REPORT ON UNITED STATES MISSION AUSTRALIA STAFFING.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) Australia is one of the closest allies of the United States and integral to United States national security interests in the Indo-Pacific;

(2) the United States-Australia alliance has seen tremendous growth, including through AUKUS, as part of which, the United States plans to rotate up to four Virginia-class attack submarines out of the Australian port of Perth by 2027; and

1 (3) current United States staffing and facilities
2 across United States Mission Australia do not ap-
3 pear adequately resourced to support an expanding
4 mission set and are no longer commensurate with
5 strategic developments, as the United States will
6 need to station many more United States civilian
7 and military personnel in western Australia to sup-
8 port the maintenance and supply of these vessels.

9 (b) REPORT.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
11 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
12 to the appropriate committees of Congress a report
13 regarding staffing and facility requirements at
14 United States Mission Australia.

15 (2) CONTENTS.—The report required under
16 paragraph (1) shall include—

17 (A) an assessment of how many United
18 States civilian and military personnel and their
19 dependents the Department of State expects in
20 the Perth area and across Australia in the next
21 two years;

22 (B) an assessment of what requirements
23 those United States personnel will have, includ-
24 ing housing, schooling, and office space;

1 (C) a description of how many United
2 States personnel are currently working in the
3 United States Consulate in Perth and their
4 roles;

5 (D) information regarding the Department
6 of State's actions to transfer United States per-
7 sonnel from elsewhere within Mission Australia
8 to increase staffing in Perth and the tradeoffs
9 of such personnel moves;

10 (E) a status update on the interagency
11 process begun in 2024 to assess the needs of
12 Mission Australia;

13 (F) an assessment of the impact of the De-
14 partment of State reorganization and workforce
15 reduction on the staffing contemplated by that
16 process; and

17 (G) an estimated total cost of expanding
18 Perth staffing to sufficiently serve the increased
19 presence of United States personnel in the area
20 and to achieve any other United States foreign
21 policy objectives.

22 (c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
23 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
24 tees of Congress” means—

1 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
2 Senate;

3 (2) the Committee on Armed Services of the
4 Senate;

5 (3) the Committee on Appropriations of the
6 Senate;

7 (4) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
8 House of Representatives;

9 (5) the Committee on Armed Services of the
10 House of Representatives; and

11 (6) the Committee on Appropriations of the
12 House of Representatives.

13 **SEC. 5557. FACILITATING REGULATORY EXCHANGES WITH**
14 **ALLIES AND PARTNERS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in coordination
16 with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and
17 agencies, should establish and develop a voluntary pro-
18 gram to facilitate and encourage regular dialogues be-
19 tween interested United States Government regulatory
20 and technical agencies and their counterpart organizations
21 in allied and partner countries, both bilaterally and in rel-
22 evant multilateral institutions and organizations—

23 (1) to promote best practices in regulatory for-
24 mation and implementation;

1 (2) to collaborate to achieve optimal regulatory
2 outcomes based on scientific, technical, and other
3 relevant principles;

4 (3) to seek better harmonization and alignment
5 of regulations and regulatory practices; and

6 (4) to build consensus around industry and
7 technical standards in emerging sectors that will
8 drive future global economic growth and commerce.

9 (b) PRIORITIZATION OF ACTIVITIES.—In facilitating
10 expert exchanges under subsection (a), the Secretary
11 should prioritize—

12 (1) bilateral coordination and collaboration with
13 countries where greater regulatory coherence, har-
14 monization of standards, or communication and dia-
15 logue between technical agencies is achievable and
16 best advances the economic and national security in-
17 terests of the United States;

18 (2) multilateral coordination and collaboration
19 where greater regulatory coherence, harmonization
20 of standards, or dialogue on other relevant regu-
21 latory matters is achievable and best advances the
22 economic and national security interests of the
23 United States, including with the members of—

24 (A) the European Union;

1 (B) the Asia-Pacific Economic Coopera-
2 tion;

3 (C) the Association of Southeast Asian Na-
4 tions (ASEAN);

5 (D) the Organization for Economic Co-
6 operation and Development (OECD);

7 (E) the Pacific Alliance; and

8 (F) multilateral development banks; and

9 (3) regulatory practices and standards-setting
10 bodies focused on key economic sectors and emerg-
11 ing technologies.

12 (c) PARTICIPATION BY NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTI-
13 TIES.—With regard to the program described in sub-
14 section (a), the Secretary may facilitate the participation
15 of relevant organizations and individuals with relevant ex-
16 pertise, as appropriate and to the extent that such partici-
17 pation advances the goals of such program.

18 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The authorities pro-
19 vided by this section are intended solely to provide United
20 States embassy and related Department support for dia-
21 logues which may occur outside the United States, on a
22 strictly voluntary basis and as agreed to by the relevant
23 United States Federal department or agency with their
24 foreign counterparts, and are not intended to obligate in

1 any way the participation of any other Federal department
2 or agency in such dialogues.

3 **SEC. 5558. PILOT PROGRAM TO AUDIT BARRIERS TO COM-**
4 **MERCE IN DEVELOPING PARTNER COUN-**
5 **TRIES.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, in coordina-
7 tion with relevant Federal departments and agencies as
8 determined by the Secretary, is authorized to establish a
9 pilot program—

10 (1) to identify and evaluate barriers to com-
11 merce in developing countries that are allies and
12 partners of the United States; and

13 (2) to provide assistance to promote economic
14 development and commerce to those countries.

15 (b) PURPOSES.—Under the pilot program established
16 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall, in partnership
17 with the countries selected under subsection (c)(1)—

18 (1) seek to identify possible barriers in those
19 countries that limit international commerce with the
20 goal of setting priorities for the efficient use of
21 United States economic assistance;

22 (2) focus relevant United States economic as-
23 sistance on building self-sustaining institutional ca-
24 pacity for expanding commerce with those countries,

1 consistent with their international obligations and
2 commitments; and

3 (3) further the national interests of the United
4 States by—

5 (A) expanding prosperity through the
6 elimination of foreign barriers to commercial
7 exchange;

8 (B) assisting such countries to identify and
9 reduce commercial restrictions, including
10 through the deployment of targeted foreign as-
11 sistance, as appropriate, to increase inter-
12 national commerce and investment;

13 (C) assisting each selected country in un-
14 dertaking reforms that will promote economic
15 growth, and promote conditions favorable for
16 business and commercial development and job
17 growth in the country; and

18 (D) assisting, as appropriate, private sec-
19 tor entities in those countries to engage in re-
20 form efforts and enhance productive global sup-
21 ply chain partnerships with the United States
22 and allies and partners of the United States.

23 (c) SELECTION OF COUNTRIES.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall select
25 countries for participation in the pilot program es-

1 tablished under subsection (a) from among devel-
2 oping countries—

3 (A) that are allies and partners of the
4 United States;

5 (B) the governments of which have clearly
6 demonstrated a willingness to make appropriate
7 legal, policy, and regulatory reforms that may
8 stimulate economic growth and job creation,
9 consistent with international trade rules and
10 practices; and

11 (C) that meet such additional criteria as
12 may be established by the Secretary, in con-
13 sultation with, as appropriate, the heads of
14 other Federal departments and agencies as de-
15 termined by the Secretary.

16 (2) CONSIDERATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL CRI-
17 TERIA.—In establishing additional criteria under
18 paragraph (1)(C), the Secretary shall—

19 (A) identify and address structural weak-
20 nesses, systemic flaws, or other impediments
21 within countries that may be considered for
22 participation in the pilot program under sub-
23 section (a) that impact the effectiveness of
24 United States assistance to and make rec-

ommendations for addressing those weaknesses,
flaws, and impediments;

(B) set priorities for commercial development assistance that focus resources on countries where the provision of such assistance can deliver the best value in identifying and eliminating commercial barriers; and

(C) developing appropriate performance measures and establishing annual targets to monitor and assess progress toward achieving those targets, including measures to be used to terminate the provision of assistance determined to be ineffective.

(3) NUMBER AND DEADLINE FOR SELECTIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for 3 years, the Secretary should select countries for participation in the pilot program.

(B) NUMBER.—The Secretary should select for participation in the pilot program under subsection (a) not fewer than 3 countries during the 1-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (4) PRIORITIZATION BASED ON RECOMMENDA-
2 TIONS FROM CHIEFS OF MISSION.—In selecting
3 countries under paragraph (1) for participation in
4 the pilot program under subsection (a), the Sec-
5 retary shall prioritize—

6 (A) countries recommended by chiefs of
7 mission—

8 (i) that will be able to substantially
9 benefit from expanded commercial develop-
10 ment assistance; and

11 (ii) the governments of which have
12 demonstrated the political will to effectively
13 and sustainably implement such assistance;
14 or

15 (B) groups of countries, including groups
16 of geographically contiguous countries, includ-
17 ing as recommended by chiefs of mission, that
18 meet the criteria under subparagraph (A) and
19 as a result of expanded United States commer-
20 cial development assistance, will contribute to
21 greater intra-regional commerce or regional eco-
22 nomic integration.

23 (d) PLANS OF ACTION.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall lead in
25 engaging relevant officials of each country selected

1 under subsection (c)(1) to participate in the pilot
2 program under subsection (a) with respect to the de-
3 velopment of a plan of action to identify and evalu-
4 ate barriers to economic and commercial develop-
5 ment that then informs United States assistance.

6 (2) ANALYSIS REQUIRED.—The development of
7 a plan of action under paragraph (1) shall include
8 a comprehensive analysis of relevant legal, policy,
9 and regulatory constraints to economic and job
10 growth in that country.

11 (3) ELEMENTS.—A plan of action developed
12 under paragraph (1) for a country shall include the
13 following:

14 (A) Priorities for reform.

15 (B) Clearly defined policy responses, in-
16 cluding regulatory and legal reforms, as nec-
17 essary, to achieve improvement in the business
18 and commercial environment in the country.

19 (C) Identification of the anticipated costs
20 to establish and implement the plan.

21 (D) Identification of appropriate sequenc-
22 ing and phasing of implementation of the plan
23 to create cumulative benefits, as appropriate.

24 (E) Identification of best practices and
25 standards.

1 (F) Considerations with respect to how to
2 make the policy reform investments under the
3 plan long-lasting.

4 (G) Appropriate consultation with affected
5 stakeholders in that country and in the United
6 States.

7 (e) TERMINATION.—The pilot program established
8 under subsection (a) shall terminate on the date that is
9 8 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 5559. STRATEGY FOR PROMOTING SUPPLY CHAIN DI-**
11 **VERSIFICATION.**

12 (a) STRATEGY.—The Secretary, in consultation with
13 the Secretary of Commerce and the heads of other relevant
14 Federal departments and agencies, as determined by the
15 Secretary, shall develop, implement, and submit to the ap-
16 propriate congressional committees a diplomatic strategy
17 to support efforts to increase supply chain resiliency and
18 security by promoting and strengthening efforts to
19 incentivize the relocation of supply chains from the Peo-
20 ple’s Republic of China.

21 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required under sub-
22 section (a) shall—

23 (1) be informed by consultations with the gov-
24 ernments of allies and partners of the United States;

1 (2) provide a description of how supply chain
2 diversification can be pursued in a complementary
3 fashion to strengthen the national interests of the
4 United States;

5 (3) include an assessment of—

6 (A) the status and effectiveness of current
7 efforts by governments, multilateral develop-
8 ment banks, and the private sector to attract
9 investment by private entities who are seeking
10 to diversify from reliance on the People’s Re-
11 public of China;

12 (B) major challenges hindering those ef-
13 forts; and

14 (C) how the United States can strengthen
15 the effectiveness of those efforts;

16 (4) identify United States allies and partners
17 with comparative advantages for sourcing and manu-
18 facturing critical goods and countries with the great-
19 est opportunities and alignment with United States
20 values;

21 (5) identify how activities by the International
22 Trade Administration and other relevant Federal
23 agencies, as determined by the Secretary, can effec-
24 tively be leveraged to strengthen and promote supply

1 chain diversification, including nearshoring to Latin
2 America and the Caribbean as appropriate;

3 (6) advance diplomatic initiatives to secure spe-
4 cific national commitments by governments in Latin
5 America and the Caribbean to undertake efforts to
6 create favorable conditions for nearshoring in the re-
7 gion, including commitments—

8 (A) to develop formalized national strate-
9 gies to attract investment from the United
10 States ;

11 (B) to address corruption and rule of law
12 concerns;

13 (C) to modernize digital and physical infra-
14 structure of these nations;

15 (D) to improve ease of doing business; and

16 (E) to finance and incentivize nearshoring
17 initiatives that transfer supply chains from the
18 People’s Republic of China to the nations of the
19 Americas;

20 (7) advance, in coordination with the National
21 Institute of Standards [and] Technology, diplomatic
22 initiatives towards mutually beneficial dialogues on
23 standards and regulations; and

24 (8) in coordination with the International Trade
25 Administration, develop and implement assistance

1 programs to finance, incentivize, or otherwise pro-
2 mote supply chain diversification in accordance with
3 the assessments and identifications made pursuant
4 to paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), including, at min-
5 imum, programs—

6 (A) to help develop physical and digital in-
7 frastructure;

8 (B) to promote transparency in procure-
9 ment processes;

10 (C) to provide technical assistance in im-
11 plementing national nearshoring strategies;

12 (D) to help mobilize private investment;
13 and

14 (E) to pursue commitments by private sec-
15 tor entities to relocate supply chains from the
16 People's Republic of China.

17 (c) COORDINATION WITH MULTILATERAL DEVELOP-
18 MENT BANKS.—In implementing the strategy required
19 under subsection (a), the Secretary of State and the heads
20 of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, as de-
21 termined by the Secretary, should, as appropriate, cooper-
22 ate with the World Bank Group and the regional develop-
23 ment banks through the Secretary of the Treasury.

1 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
2 FINED.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate com-
3 mittees of Congress” means—

4 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
5 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
6 tation, the Select Committee on Intelligence, and the
7 Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

8 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
9 Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Perma-
10 nent Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Com-
11 mittee on Appropriations of the of the House of
12 Representatives.

13 **SEC. 5560. EXTENSIONS.**

14 (a) SUPPORT TO ENHANCE THE CAPACITY OF INTER-
15 NATIONAL MONETARY FUND MEMBERS TO EVALUATE
16 THE LEGAL AND FINANCIAL TERMS OF SOVEREIGN DEBT
17 CONTRACTS.—Title XVI of the International Financial
18 Institutions Act (22 U.S.C. 262p et seq.) is amended in
19 section 1630(c) by striking “5-year period” and inserting
20 “10-year period”.

21 (b) INSPECTOR GENERAL ANNUITANT WAIVER.—
22 The authorities provided under section 1015(b) of the
23 Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111–
24 212; 124 Stat. 2332) shall remain in effect through Sep-
25 tember 30, 2031.

1 (c) EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATIONS TO SUPPORT
 2 UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL
 3 FAIRS AND EXPOS.—Section 9601(b) of the Department
 4 of State Authorizations Act of 2022 (division I of Public
 5 Law 117–263; 136 6 Stat. 3909) is amended by striking
 6 “fiscal years 2023 and 2024” and inserting “fiscal years
 7 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028”.

8 **SEC. 5561. PERMITTING FOR INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES**
 9 **AND LAND PORTS OF ENTRY.**

10 Section 6 of the International Bridge Act of 1972 (33
 11 U.S.C. 535d) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1)—

14 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
 15 graph (A), by striking “December 31,
 16 2024,” and inserting “December 31,
 17 2035,”; and

18 (ii) by striking subparagraphs (A),
 19 (B), and (C), and inserting the following:

20 “(A) An international bridge between the
 21 United States and Mexico.

22 “(B) An international bridge between the
 23 United States and Canada.

1 “(C) A port of entry on the international
2 land border between the United States and
3 Mexico.

4 “(D) A port of entry on the international
5 land border between the United States and
6 Canada.”; and

7 (B) in paragraph (2)(A)(ii), by inserting
8 “or land port of entry” after “international
9 bridge”;

10 (2) in subsection (b), by inserting “or land port
11 of entry” after “international bridge”;

12 (3) in subsection (c)(2), by inserting “or land
13 port of entry” after “international bridge”; and

14 (4) in subsection (f), by inserting “or land port
15 of entry” after “international bridge” each place it
16 appears.

1 **SEC. 5562. UPDATING COUNTERTERRORISM REPORTS.**

2 Section 140(a) of the Foreign Relations Authoriza-
3 tion Act, Fiscal Years 1988 and 1989 (22 U.S.C.
4 2656f(a)) is amended by striking “April 30” and inserting
5 “October 31”.

Passed the Senate October 9, 2025.

Attest:

Secretary.

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AN ACT

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.