

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 3118

To require reporting on compliance with requirements to update leadership boards across the Department of Defense.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 6, 2025

Mrs. BLACKBURN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Respect the Chief Act
5 of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORTING ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIRE-**
7 **MENTS TO UPDATE LEADERSHIP BOARDS AT**
8 **MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.**

9 (a) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than January 31,
10 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Presi-

1 dent and the congressional defense committees a report
2 certifying compliance, during the preceding calendar year,
3 with applicable requirements to update command and con-
4 trol leadership boards across the Department of Defense.

5 (b) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—Not later than 120
6 days after the inauguration of a new President or the con-
7 firmation of a new Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of
8 Defense shall submit to the President and the congres-
9 sional defense committees a report certifying that all com-
10 mand and control leadership boards across the Depart-
11 ment of Defense have been updated to reflect the current
12 Commander-in-Chief and other applicable leadership
13 changes.

14 (c) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES DE-
15 FINED.—In this section, the term “congressional defense
16 committees” has the meaning given the term in section
17 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code.

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