

(3) an estimate of the relative percentage of total defense spending during such period represented by the costs estimated under subparagraphs (A) and (B); and

(4) an estimate of the relative percentage of total acquisition costs of the military departments and of the Department of Defense during such period represented by the acquisition costs estimated under subparagraph (B).

(c) **COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW.**—The Comptroller General of the United States shall—

(1) periodically review reports submitted under subsection (a) for accuracy and completeness with respect to the matters described in paragraphs (2)(F) and (3) of such subsection; and

(2) submit to the congressional defense committees a summary of each such review.

(d) **INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT BY UNITED STATES STRATEGIC COMMAND.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 150 days after the submission to Congress of the budget of the President under section 1105(a) of title 31, for each fiscal year the Commander of United States Strategic Command shall complete an independent assessment of any operational effects of the sufficiency of the execution, as of the date of the assessment, of the acquisition, construction, and recapitalization programs of the Department of Defense and the National Nuclear Security Administration to modernize the nuclear forces of the United States and meet current and future deterrence requirements.

(2) **CONTENTS.**—Each assessment required under paragraph (1) shall include an evaluation of the ongoing execution of modernization programs associated with—

(A) the nuclear weapons design, production, and sustainment infrastructure;

(B) the nuclear weapons stockpile;

(C) the delivery systems for nuclear weapons; and

(D) the nuclear command, control, and communications system.

(3) **ROUTING AND SUBMISSION.**—

(A) **SUBMISSION TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS COUNCIL.**—Not later than 15 days after completion of an assessment required by paragraph (1), the Commander of United States Strategic Command shall—

(i) submit the assessment to the Chairman of the Nuclear Weapons Council; and

(ii) notify the congressional defense committees that the assessment has been submitted to the Chairman of the Nuclear Weapons Council.

(B) **SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 15 days after the Chairman of the Nuclear Weapons Council receives an assessment required by paragraph (1), the Chairman shall transmit the assessment, without change, to the congressional defense committees.

(Added and amended Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title XVI, §1665(c)(1), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1773; Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title XVI, §1633, Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4059; Pub. L. 117-263, div. A, title XVI, §1635, Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 2939; Pub. L. 118-31,

div. A, title XVI, §1633, Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 592; Pub. L. 118-159, div. A, title XVI, §1624, Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2173.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section, as added and amended by Pub. L. 116-92, is based on Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title X, §1043, Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1576, as amended by Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1041(a), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1931; Pub. L. 113-66, div. A, title X, §1054, Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 861; Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title XVI, §1643, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3650; Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title XVI, §1665, Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1767; Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title XVI, §1670, Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 2157; Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title XVI, §1665(a), (b), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1773, which was transferred to this chapter and renumbered as this section.

AMENDMENTS

2024—Pub. L. 118-159, §1624(1), substituted “Biennial” for “Annual” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 118-159, §1624(2)(A), inserted “the odd-numbered” after “for each of”.

Subsec. (a)(2)(G). Pub. L. 118-159, §1624(2)(B), substituted “report” for “year” in two places.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 118-159, §1624(3), struck out par. (1) designation and heading “Budgets for odd-numbered fiscal years” before “Not later than July 1”; redesignated subpars. (A) to (D) of former par. (1) as pars. (1) to (4), respectively; substituted “report required under subsection (a)” for “covered odd-numbered fiscal year report” in introductory provisions; struck out “covered odd-numbered fiscal year” before “report” in pars. (1) and (2); and struck out former pars. (2) and (3) which provided for budget updates in even-numbered fiscal years and defined terms for covered even-numbered and odd-numbered fiscal year reports, respectively.

2023—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 118-31 added subsec. (d).

2022—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 117-263 substituted “2029” for “2024”.

2021—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 116-283, §1633(1), substituted “periodically review reports submitted” for “review each report”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 116-283, §1633(2), struck out “not later than 180 days after the date on which such report under subsection (a) is submitted,” before “submit to the congressional defense committees”.

2019—Pub. L. 116-92, §1665(c)(1)(D), conformed section designation and catchline to the style of this title.

Pub. L. 116-92, §1665(c)(1)(A)–(C), transferred section 1043 of Pub. L. 112-81, as amended, to this chapter and renumbered it as this section. See Codification note above.

§ 492b. Biannual briefing on nuclear weapons and related activities

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—On or about May 1 and November 1 of each year, the officials specified in subsection (b) shall provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing on matters relating to nuclear weapons policies, operations, technology development, and other similar topics as requested by such committees.

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

(1) The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition.

(2) The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear Deterrence, Chemical, and Biological Defense Policy and Programs.

(3) The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy.

(4) The Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs of the National Nuclear Security Administration.

(5) The Director for Strategy, Plans, and Policy of the Joint Staff.

(6) The Director for Capability and Resource Integration for the United States Strategic Command.

(c) DELEGATION.—An official specified in subsection (b) may delegate the authority to provide a briefing under subsection (a) to a member of the Senior Executive Service who reports to the official.

(d) TERMINATION.—The requirement to provide a briefing under subsection (a) shall terminate on January 1, 2028.

(Added Pub. L. 117–263, div. A, title XVI, §1631, Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 2934; amended Pub. L. 118–159, div. A, title XVI, §1621(d)(2), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2171.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

As enacted by Pub. L. 117–263, “SEC.” preceding section designation and catchline text were editorially conformed to the style used in this title.

AMENDMENTS

2024—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 118–159 substituted “Nuclear Deterrence, Chemical, and Biological Defense Policy and Programs” for “Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs”.

§ 493. Reports to Congress on the modification of the force structure for the strategic nuclear weapons delivery systems of the United States

Whenever after December 31, 2011, the President proposes a modification of the force structure for the strategic nuclear weapons delivery systems of the United States, the President shall submit to Congress a report on the modification not less than 180 days before the intended effective date of the modification. The report shall include a description of the manner in which such modification will maintain for the United States a range of strategic nuclear weapons delivery systems appropriate for the current and anticipated threats faced by the United States when compared with the current force structure of strategic nuclear weapons delivery systems.

(Added and amended Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title X, §1031(b)(3)(B), (C)(ii), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1918, 1919; Pub. L. 113–66, div. A, title X, §1091(b)(5), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 876; Pub. L. 117–81, div. A, title XVI, §1634, Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 2091.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

The text of this section is based on Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title X, §1077, Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1596. Section 1077 of Pub. L. 112–81, formerly classified to section 2514 of Title 50, War and National Defense, was transferred to this section by Pub. L. 112–239, §1031(b)(3)(B)(i)–(iii).

AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 117–81 inserted “not less than 180 days before the intended effective date of the modification” after “report on the modification”.

2013—Pub. L. 112–239, §1031(b)(3)(C)(ii), made technical amendments to conform section enumerator and catch-

line to the style of this title. See Codification note above.

Pub. L. 112–239, §1031(b)(3)(B)(iv), as amended by Pub. L. 113–66, §1091(b)(5), substituted “December 31, 2011,” for “the date of the enactment of this Act”.

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 113–66, div. A, title X, §1091(b), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 876, provided in part that the amendment made by section 1091(b)(5) is effective as of Jan. 2, 2013, and as if included in Pub. L. 112–239 as enacted.

§ 493a. Industrial base monitoring for B-21 and Sentinel programs

(a) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary of the Air Force, acting through the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, shall designate a senior official, who shall report to the Assistant Secretary, to monitor the combined industrial base supporting the acquisition of—

(1) B-21 aircraft; and

(2) the Sentinel intercontinental ballistic missile weapon system.

(b) REQUIREMENTS FOR MONITORING.—In monitoring the combined industrial base described in subsection (a), the senior official designated under such subsection shall—

(1) have the authority to select staff to assist the senior official from among civilian employees of the Department and members of the armed forces, who may provide such assistance concurrently while serving in another position;

(2) monitor the acquisition by the combined industrial base of—

(A) materials, technologies, and components associated with nuclear weapons systems; and

(B) commodities purchased on a large scale;

(3) monitor the hiring or contracting by the combined industrial base of personnel with critical skills; and

(4) assess whether personnel with critical skills and knowledge, intellectual property on manufacturing processes, and facilities and equipment necessary to design, develop, manufacture, repair, and support a program are available and affordable within the scopes of the B-21 aircraft program and the Sentinel intercontinental ballistic missile weapon system program.

(c) ANNUAL REPORT.—At the same time as the submission of the budget of the President pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31 for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report with respect to the status of the combined industrial base described in subsection (a).

(Added Pub. L. 117–263, div. A, title XVI, §1632, Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 2934.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CONDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SENTINEL INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE PROGRAM

Pub. L. 118–159, div. A, title XVI, §1629, Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2176, provided that: