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H. R. 6197

To require a feasibility study regarding establishment within the Department of Defense of a designated central program office, headed by a senior Department official, responsible for overseeing all academic engagement programs focusing on creating cyber talent across the Department, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself, Mr. CARTER of Texas, and Ms. MACE) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Streamline DoD Cyber
5 Recruitment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FEASIBILITY STUDY REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT**
2 **WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF A**
3 **DESIGNATED CENTRAL PROGRAM OFFICE,**
4 **HEADED BY A SENIOR DEPARTMENT OFFI-**
5 **CIAL, RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING ALL**
6 **ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOCUS-**
7 **ING ON CREATING CYBER TALENT ACROSS**
8 **THE DEPARTMENT.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
11 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a
12 feasibility study regarding the establishment within the
13 Department of Defense of a designated central program
14 office, headed by a senior Department official, responsible
15 for overseeing all academic engagement programs focusing
16 on creating cyber talent across the Department. Such
17 study shall examine the following:

18 (1) The manner in or through which such a
19 designated central program office would obligate and
20 expend amounts relating to cyber education initia-
21 tives.

22 (2) The manner in or through which such a
23 designated central program office would interact
24 with the consortium or consortia of universities (es-
25 tablished pursuant to section 1659 of the National
26 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (10

1 U.S.C. 391 note)) to assist the Secretary on cyberse-
2 curity matters.

3 (3) The reasons why cyber has unique pro-
4 grams apart from other science, technology, engi-
5 neering, and math programs.

6 (4) Whether the creation of the designated cen-
7 tral program office will have an estimated net sav-
8 ings for the Department.

9 (b) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the feasibility
10 study required under subsection (a), the Secretary of De-
11 fense shall consult with and solicit recommendations from
12 academic institutions and stakeholders, including primary,
13 secondary, and post-secondary educational institutions.

14 (c) DETERMINATION.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Upon completion of the fea-
16 sibility study required under subsection (a), the Sec-
17 retary of Defense shall make a determination re-
18 garding the establishment within the Department of
19 Defense of a designated central program office re-
20 sponsible for each covered academic engagement
21 program across the Department.

22 (2) IMPLEMENTATION.—If the Secretary of De-
23 fense makes a determination under paragraph (1) in
24 the affirmative, the Secretary shall establish within
25 the Department of Defense a designated central pro-

1 gram office responsible for each covered academic
2 enrichment program across the Department. Not
3 later than 180 days after such a determination in
4 the affirmative, the Secretary shall promulgate such
5 rules and regulations as are necessary to so establish
6 such an office.

7 (3) NEGATIVE DETERMINATION.—If the Sec-
8 retary determines not to establish a designated cen-
9 tral program office under subsection (a), the Sec-
10 retary shall submit to Congress notice of such deter-
11 mination, together with a justification for the deter-
12 mination.

13 (d) COMPREHENSIVE REPORT.—Not later than 270
14 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
15 retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense
16 committees a comprehensive report that updates the mat-
17 ters required for inclusion in the reports required pursu-
18 ant to section 1649 of the National Defense Authorization
19 Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92) and sec-
20 tion 1726(c) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National
21 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public
22 Law 116–283).

23 (e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “covered
24 academic engagement program” means each of the fol-
25 lowing:

- 1 (1) Any primary, secondary, or post-secondary
2 education program.
- 3 (2) Any recruitment or retention program.
- 4 (3) Any scholarship program.
- 5 (4) Any academic partnerships.
- 6 (5) Any general enrichment program.

