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H. R. 6246

To direct the Department of Defense to establish policies and procedures for providing continuing language education to military linguists, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2021

Mr. BACON 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 “Defense Language
5 Continuing Education Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFENSE LANGUAGE CONTINUING EDUCATION**
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary

1 of Defense for Personnel and Readiness shall establish
2 policies and procedures to provide, to linguists of the cov-
3 ered Armed Forces who have made the transition from
4 formal training programs to operational and staff assign-
5 ments, continuing language education to maintain their
6 respective language proficiencies.

7 (b) REIMBURSEMENT AUTHORITY.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
10 Under Secretary, in coordination with the chief of
11 each covered Armed Force, shall establish a proce-
12 dure by which the covered Armed Force concerned
13 may reimburse an organization of the Department of
14 Defense that provides, to members of such covered
15 Armed Force, continuing language education, de-
16 scribed in subsection (a), for the costs of such edu-
17 cation.

18 (2) SUNSET.—The authority under this sub-
19 section shall expire on September 30, 2025.

20 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than July 1, 2022, the
21 Under Secretary shall brief the Committees on Armed
22 Services of the Senate and House of Representatives on
23 implementation of this section and plans regarding con-
24 tinuing language education described in subsection (a).

1 (d) COVERED ARMED FORCE DEFINED.—In this sec-
2 tion, the term “covered Armed Force” means the Army,
3 Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Space Force.

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