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H. R. 8320

To require a report on improving the diplomatic and defense relationship with Albania, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TORRES of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “U.S.-Albania Coopera-
5 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON IMPROVED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS**
2 **AND DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP WITH ALBA-**
3 **NIA.**

4 (a) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—

5 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-
6 mittees” means—

7 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
8 the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate; and

9 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
10 Committee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-
11 resentatives.

12 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,
14 jointly with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the ap-
15 propriate congressional committees an assessment of the
16 viability of military infrastructure in Durrës, Albania, and
17 Vlorë, Albania, as locations for cooperative security activi-
18 ties, including NATO activities and exercises that advance
19 NATO and shared security objectives and enhance inter-
20 operability. The report shall also include a description
21 of—

22 (1) opportunities for the United States to sup-
23 port training for Albania’s military forces;

24 (2) the current status of such training activities
25 with Albania, including the level of progress toward
26 interoperability, absorption of assistance, ability to

1 sustain equipment provided, and other relevant fac-
2 tors that enhance Albania's ability to contribute to
3 NATO objectives and maritime security; and
4 (3) a cost estimate for any potential U.S. in-
5 vestments and activities.

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