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# H. R. 9290

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. TORRES of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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 “The Enrique Roman-  
5 Martinez Military Cold Case Justice Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. STANDARDS AND REPORTS RELATING TO CASES**  
2 **OVERSEEN BY MILITARY CRIMINAL INVES-**  
3 **TIGATIVE ORGANIZATIONS.**

4 (a) STANDARDS REQUIRED.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in  
6 consultation with the Secretaries of the military de-  
7 partments, shall develop and implement uniform  
8 standards applicable to the military criminal inves-  
9 tigative organizations of the Department of Defense  
10 that—

11 (A) establish processes and procedures for  
12 the handling of cold cases;

13 (B) specify the circumstances under which  
14 a case overseen by such an organization shall be  
15 referred to the Inspector General of the Depart-  
16 ment of Defense for review; and

17 (C) establish procedures to ensure that, in  
18 the event an investigator transfers out of such  
19 an organization or otherwise ceases to be an in-  
20 vestigator, the cases overseen by such investi-  
21 gator are transferred to a new investigator  
22 within the organization.

23 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the  
24 date of the enactment of this Act the Secretary of  
25 Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the  
26 standards developed under paragraph (1).

1           (3) IMPLEMENTATION.—Following the sub-  
2           mittal of the report under paragraph (2), but not  
3           later than 120 days after the date of the enactment  
4           of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall implement  
5           the standards developed under paragraph (1).

6           (b) REPORT ESTABLISHMENT OF COLD CASE UNIT  
7   IN THE ARMY.—Not later than 120 days after the date  
8   of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army  
9   shall submit to Congress a report on the feasibility of es-  
10   tablishing a cold case unit in the Army Criminal Investiga-  
11   tion Division that is similar to the cold case units oper-  
12   ating within the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and  
13   the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

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