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TEXT OF H.R. 3838, THE STREAMLINING PRO-
CUREMENT FOR EFFECTIVE EXECUTION AND
DELIVERY AND NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHOR-
IZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

[Showing the text of H.R. 3838, as reported by the Committee
on Armed Services, with modifications]

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—This Act may be cited as the
3 “Streamlining Procurement for Effective Execution and
4 Delivery and National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-
5 cal Year 2026”.

6 (b) REFERENCE.—Any reference in this or any other
7 Act to the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
8 Year 2026” shall be deemed to be a reference to the
9 “Streamlining Procurement for Effective Execution and
10 Delivery and National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-
11 cal Year 2026”.

12 **SEC. 2. ORGANIZATION OF ACT INTO DIVISIONS; TABLE OF**
13 **CONTENTS.**

14 (a) DIVISIONS.—This Act is organized into five divi-
15 sions as follows:

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2 thorizations.

3 (2) Division B—Military Construction Author-
4 izations.

5 (3) Division C—Department of Energy Na-
6 tional Security Authorizations and Other Authoriza-
7 tions.

8 (4) Division D—Funding Tables.

9 (5) Division E—Other Matters.

10 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
11 this Act is as follows:

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1 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES.**

2 In this Act, the term “congressional defense commit-
3 tees” has the meaning given that term in section
4 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code.

5 **DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF**
6 **DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS**
7 **TITLE I—PROCUREMENT**
8 **Subtitle A—Authorization of**
9 **Appropriations**

10 **SEC. 101. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
12 fiscal year 2026 for procurement for the Army, the Navy
13 and the Marine Corps, the Air Force and the Space Force,
14 and Defense-wide activities, as specified in the funding
15 table in section 4101.

16 **Subtitle B—Army Programs**

17 **SEC. 111. MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY FOR UH-**

18 **60 BLACKHAWK AIRCRAFT.**

19 (a) AUTHORITY FOR MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT.—
20 Subject to section 3501 of title 10, United States Code,
21 the Secretary of the Army may enter into one or more
22 multiyear contracts, beginning with the fiscal year 2027

1 program year, for the procurement of UH–60 Blackhawk
2 aircraft.

3 (b) CONDITION FOR OUT-YEAR CONTRACT PAY-
4 MENTS.—A contract entered into under subsection (a)
5 shall provide that any obligation of the United States to
6 make a payment under the contract for a fiscal year after
7 fiscal year 2027 is subject to the availability of appropria-
8 tions or funds for that purpose for such later fiscal year.

9 (c) AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCE PROCUREMENT.—The
10 Secretary of the Army may enter into one or more con-
11 tracts, beginning in fiscal year 2026, for advance procure-
12 ment associated with the aircraft for which authorization
13 to enter into a multiyear procurement contract is provided
14 under subsection (a), which may include procurement of
15 economic order quantities of material and equipment for
16 such aircraft when cost savings are achievable.

17 **SEC. 112. AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE EARLY PRODUC-**
18 **TION OF FUTURE LONG-RANGE ASSAULT AIR-**
19 **CRAFT.**

20 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of the Army
21 may enter into contracts, in advance of full-rate produc-
22 tion, for the procurement of future long-range assault air-
23 craft as part of an accelerated low-rate early production
24 effort.

1 (b) OBJECTIVES.—In carrying out the early produc-
2 tion effort described in subsection (a), the Secretary of
3 the Army shall pursue the following objectives:

4 (1) To expedite delivery of future long-range as-
5 sault aircraft operational capability to the
6 warfighter.

7 (2) To maintain momentum and learning con-
8 tinuity between test article completion and full pro-
9 duction ramp-up.

10 (3) To stabilize and retain the specialized work-
11 force and industrial base supporting future long-
12 range assault aircraft, including critical suppliers
13 and production facilities in Texas, Kansas, and other
14 States.

15 (4) To mitigate cost escalation risks and im-
16 prove program affordability across the life cycle.

17 (c) CONSIDERATIONS.—In executing the authority
18 provided by subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

19 (1) prioritize program continuity, cost-effi-
20 ciency, and workforce retention across the supply
21 chain for tiltrotor aircraft;

22 (2) ensure that aircraft procured as part of the
23 early production effort described in subsection (a)
24 incorporate lessons learned from test article evalua-
25 tions; and

1 (3) maintain flexibility in design to accommo-
2 date future upgrades through the modular open sys-
3 tems architecture and digital backbone.

4 (d) BRIEFING TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180
5 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
6 retary of the Army shall provide to the congressional de-
7 fense committees a briefing detailing—

8 (1) the implementation plan and timeline for
9 the procurement and early production effort de-
10 scribed in subsection (a);

11 (2) the status of industrial base readiness and
12 supply chain coordination; and

13 (3) estimated long-term cost savings and oper-
14 ational benefits derived from such early production
15 effort.

16 **SEC. 113. LIMITATION ON REDUCTIONS TO ARMY**
17 **PREPOSITIONED STOCKS—AFLOAT PROGRAM**
18 **SEALIFT CAPABILITY.**

19 (a) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of the Army may
20 not reduce, withdraw, or otherwise degrade the sealift ca-
21 pability of the Army Prepositioned Stocks—Afloat pro-
22 gram (referred to in this section as “APS–3”) until the
23 date on which the Secretary submits to the Committees
24 on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
25 resentatives a report that includes—

1 (1) a comprehensive plan for the Army
2 Prepositioned Stocks program through fiscal year
3 2030, addressing modernization, sustainment, and
4 capacity objectives for all subprograms and capabili-
5 ties, including APS–3;

6 (2) estimated costs, schedule projections, and
7 risk assessments for executing the plan under para-
8 graph (1);

9 (3) a detailed description of any alternative so-
10 lution or capability that the Army envisions would
11 succeed or supplement APS–3, including operational
12 employment concepts, an acquisition strategy, and a
13 strategy for integration with joint and coalition lo-
14 gistics forces;

15 (4) an assessment of the risks, costs, and bene-
16 fits associated with a potential deactivation or reduc-
17 tion in APS–3 capabilities; and

18 (5) any legislative or regulatory authorities re-
19 quired to implement—

20 (A) the plan under paragraph (1); and

21 (B) any alternative solution or capability
22 identified under paragraph (3).

23 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “sealift
24 capability” means the vessels, associated equipment, and

1 any port-of-embarkation and port-of-debarkation infra-
2 structure dedicated to APS—3.

3 **Subtitle C—Navy Programs**

4 **SEC. 121. CONTRACT AUTHORITY FOR FORD CLASS AIR-** 5 **CRAFT CARRIER PROGRAM.**

6 (a) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of the
7 Navy may enter into one or more contracts for the pro-
8 curement of not more than two Ford class aircraft car-
9 riers.

10 (b) AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCE PROCUREMENT AND
11 ECONOMIC ORDER QUANTITY.—The Secretary of the
12 Navy may enter into one or more contracts for advance
13 procurement, advance construction, and material and
14 equipment in economic order quantities associated with
15 the procurement of the Ford class aircraft carriers for
16 which contracts are authorized under subsection (a).

17 (c) USE OF INCREMENTAL FUNDING.—With respect
18 to a contract entered into under subsection (a) or (b), the
19 Secretary of the Navy may use incremental funding to
20 make payments under the contract.

21 (d) LIABILITY.—Any contract entered into under
22 subsection (a) or (b) shall provide that—

23 (1) any obligation of the United States to make
24 a payment under the contract is subject to the avail-
25 ability of appropriations for that purpose; and

1 (2) the total liability of the Federal Government
2 for termination of any contract entered into shall be
3 limited to the total amount of funding obligated to
4 the contract at time of termination.

5 **SEC. 122. CONTRACT AUTHORITY FOR COLUMBIA CLASS**
6 **SUBMARINE PROGRAM.**

7 (a) **CONTRACT AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of the
8 Navy may enter into a contract, beginning with fiscal year
9 2026, for the procurement of up to five Columbia class
10 submarines.

11 (b) **INCREMENTAL FUNDING.**—With respect to a con-
12 tract entered into under subsection (a), the Secretary of
13 the Navy may use incremental funding to make payments
14 under the contract.

15 (c) **FUNDING AND LIABILITY.**—Any contract entered
16 into under subsection (a) shall provide that—

17 (1) any obligation of the United States to make
18 a payment under the contract is subject to the avail-
19 ability of appropriations for that purpose; and

20 (2) the total liability of the Federal Government
21 for termination of any contract entered into shall be
22 limited to the total amount of funding obligated to
23 the contract at time of termination.

1 **SEC. 123. AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCE PROCUREMENT OF**
2 **CERTAIN COMPONENTS TO SUPPORT CON-**
3 **TINUOUS PRODUCTION OF VIRGINIA CLASS**
4 **SUBMARINES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.— The Secretary of the Navy may
6 enter into one or more contracts, prior to ship authoriza-
7 tion, for the advance procurement of covered components
8 for Virginia class submarines, including procurement of
9 such components in economic order quantities when cost
10 savings are achievable.

11 (b) FUNDING AND LIABILITY.—Any contract entered
12 into under subsection (a) shall provide that—

13 (1) any obligation of the United States to make
14 a payment under the contract is subject to the avail-
15 ability of appropriations for that purpose; and

16 (2) the total liability to the Federal Government
17 for termination of the contract shall be limited to
18 the total amount of funding obligated for the con-
19 tract at the time of termination.

20 (c) BUDGET REQUESTS.—In the budget justification
21 materials submitted in support of the budget of the De-
22 partment of Defense (as submitted with the budget of the
23 President under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States
24 Code) for fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter,
25 the Secretary of the Navy shall include a separate budget
26 display identifying the amounts requested pursuant to this

1 section set forth by the specific program, project, or activ-
2 ity under the Virginia class submarine program for which
3 such funds are requested.

4 (d) COVERED COMPONENTS DEFINED.—In this sec-
5 tion, the term “covered components” means the following
6 components for Virginia class submarines:

- 7 (1) Propulsion plant equipment.
- 8 (2) Diesel Systems and associated components.
- 9 (3) Castings, forgings, and tank structures.
- 10 (4) Air flasks.
- 11 (5) Payload tubes.
- 12 (6) Major Valves And Associated Components.
- 13 (7) Hatches.
- 14 (8) Steering and drive components.
- 15 (9) Major Pumps And Motors.
- 16 (10) Snorkel mast and components.
- 17 (11) Torpedo tubes.
- 18 (12) Atmosphere control equipment.

19 **SEC. 124. AUTHORITY TO USE INCREMENTAL FUNDING TO**
20 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE CON-**
21 **STRUCTION OF A GUIDED MISSILE DE-**
22 **STROYER (DDG).**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Amounts authorized to be appro-
24 priated by this Act or otherwise made available for the
25 Navy for Shipbuilding and Conversion for fiscal year 2026

1 may be used by the Secretary of the Navy to enter into
2 an incrementally funded contract for the construction of
3 one Guided Missile Destroyer (DDG).

4 (b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—A contract entered
5 into under subsection (a) shall provide that any obligation
6 of the United States to make a payment under the con-
7 tract is subject to the availability of appropriations for
8 that purpose, and that total liability to the Government
9 for the termination of the contract shall be limited to the
10 total amount of funding obligated at time of termination.

11 **SEC. 125. MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY FOR**
12 **YARD, REPAIR, BERTHING, AND MESSING**
13 **BARGES.**

14 (a) AUTHORITY FOR MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT.—
15 Subject to section 3501 of title 10, United States Code,
16 the Secretary of the Navy may enter into one or more
17 multiyear contracts, beginning with the fiscal year 2026
18 program year, for the procurement of Yard, Repair,
19 Berthing, and Messing Barges and associated material.

20 (b) AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCE PROCUREMENT.—The
21 Secretary of the Navy may enter into one or more con-
22 tracts, beginning in fiscal year 2026, for advance procure-
23 ment associated with the barges for which authorization
24 to enter into a multiyear procurement contract is provided
25 under subsection (a), which may include procurement of

1 economic order quantities of material and equipment for
2 such barges when cost savings are achievable.

3 (b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND TERMINATION LI-
4 ABILITY.—Any contract entered into under subsection (a)
5 shall provide that—

6 (1) any obligation of the United States to make
7 a payment under the contract is subject to the avail-
8 ability of appropriations for that purpose; and

9 (2) the total liability of the Federal Government
10 for termination of the contract shall be limited to
11 the total amount of funding obligated to the contract
12 at the time of termination.

13 **SEC. 126. VESSEL CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR FOLLOW-**
14 **ON SHIPS OF THE LANDING SHIP MEDIUM**
15 **PROGRAM.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—After the construction of the lead
17 ship of the Landing Ship Medium program has com-
18 menced, the Secretary of the Navy shall seek to enter into
19 an agreement with an appropriate vessel construction
20 manager pursuant to which the vessel construction man-
21 ager shall seek to enter into one or more contracts for
22 the construction of not more than 8 additional landing
23 ships under the program.

24 (b) REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL SHIPS.—The
25 additional landing ships authorized to be constructed

1 under subsection (a), shall be nondevelopmental items con-
2 structed using a design that is—

3 (1) the same as the design of the lead ship; or

4 (2) derived from such design.

5 (c) LEAD SHIP DEFINED.—In this section, the term
6 “lead ship” means the first landing ship procured as a
7 commercial or nondevelopmental item as authorized under
8 section 128(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act
9 for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159).

10 **SEC. 127. LIMITATION ON CONSTRUCTION OF MODULAR AT-**
11 **TACK SURFACE CRAFT.**

12 The Secretary of the Navy may not enter into a con-
13 tract or other agreement that includes a scope of work,
14 including priced or unpriced options, for the construction,
15 advance procurement, or long-lead material of the lead
16 ship of the Modular Attack Surface Craft program until
17 the Secretary certifies to the congressional defense com-
18 mittees that such ship will be designed and constructed
19 for the primary purpose of operating autonomously.

20 **SEC. 128. INCLUSION OF AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE SHIP**
21 **SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS AS A SEPARATE**
22 **LINE ITEM IN NAVY BUDGET JUSTIFICATION**
23 **MATERIALS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—In the budget justification mate-
25 rials submitted to Congress in support of the Department

1 of the Defense budget for fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal
2 year thereafter (as submitted with the budget of the Presi-
3 dent under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States
4 Code), the Secretary of the Navy shall include one or more
5 dedicated line items for spare parts and repair parts for
6 amphibious warfare ships in the budget display for other
7 procurement, Navy.

8 (b) AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE SHIP DEFINED.—In this
9 section, the term “amphibious warfare ship” has the
10 meaning given that term in section 8062(h) of title 10,
11 United States Code.

12 **SEC. 129. STRATEGY FOR NAVY INVESTMENT IN AND SUP-**
13 **PORT FOR THE MARITIME INDUSTRIAL BASE.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
16 Navy shall develop and implement a strategy for investing
17 in and supporting the maritime industrial base to address
18 cost and schedule challenges for surface and submarine
19 shipbuilding programs.

20 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy under subsection (a)
21 shall—

22 (1) focus on ensuring reliable supplies of se-
23 quence critical components for submarine and sur-
24 face shipbuilding programs; and

25 (2) include measures—

1 (A) to identify key performance indicators
2 to measure return on investment;

3 (B) to centralize data collection to support
4 further analysis of maritime industrial base per-
5 formance; and

6 (C) to apply artificial intelligence to mon-
7 itor and predict potential supply chain chal-
8 lenges, including potential disruptions, material
9 shortages, delivery delays, and other such fac-
10 tors.

11 (c) REPORT.—Following completion of the strategy
12 required under subsection (a), but not later than 210 days
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
14 of the Navy shall submit to the congressional defense com-
15 mittees a report on the strategy. The report shall in-
16 clude—

17 (1) a summary of the strategy;

18 (2) timelines for implementation of the strat-
19 egy; and

20 (3) an explanation of how the strategy is ex-
21 pected to address cost and schedule challenges for
22 surface and submarine shipbuilding programs.

1 **SEC. 130. MODIFICATION TO REQUIREMENTS FOR RECAPI-**
2 **TALIZATION OF TACTICAL FIGHTER AIR-**
3 **CRAFT OF THE NAVY RESERVE.**

4 Section 127 of the National Defense Authorization
5 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) is amend-
6 ed by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

7 “(c) COVERED F–18 AIRCRAFT DEFINED.—In this
8 section, the term ‘covered F–18 aircraft’ means—

9 “(1) the eight F/A–18E/F Super Hornet air-
10 craft procured using funds authorized and appro-
11 priated for the Navy during fiscal year 2023; or

12 “(2) in lieu of an aircraft described in para-
13 graph (1), any Block II or newer F/A–18E/F tac-
14 tical fighter aircraft that—

15 “(A) has a minimum of 2,000 flight hours
16 of service-life remaining airframe flight time
17 prior to the need for a required high flight-hour
18 inspection and Service Life Modification proc-
19 ess; and

20 “(B) is included in the Naval Aviation
21 Master Aviation Plan and designated for the
22 Navy Reserve.

23 “(d) MASTER AVIATION PLAN.—In conjunction with
24 the activities required under this section, the Secretary of
25 the Navy shall ensure that the Naval Aviation Master

1 Aviation Plan remains up-to-date and relevant with re-
2 spect to aviation units of the Navy Reserve.”.

3 **Subtitle D—Air Force Programs**

4 **SEC. 141. MODIFICATION OF MINIMUM INVENTORY RE-** 5 **QUIREMENTS FOR AIR REFUELING TANKER** 6 **AIRCRAFT.**

7 (a) MINIMUM INVENTORY REQUIREMENT.—Section
8 9062(j) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “a total air-
10 craft inventory of air refueling tanker aircraft of not
11 less than 466 aircraft” and inserting “a total air-
12 craft inventory of air refueling tanker aircraft—

13 “(A) of not less than 466 aircraft during
14 the period ending on September 30, 2026;

15 “(B) of not less than 485 aircraft during
16 the period beginning on October 1, 2026, and
17 ending on September 30, 2027; and

18 “(C) of not less than 504 aircraft begin-
19 ning on October 1, 2027.”; and

20 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “below 466”
21 and inserting “below the applicable level specified in
22 paragraph (1)”.

23 (b) PROHIBITION ON REDUCTION OF KC-135 AIR-
24 CRAFT IN PMAI OF THE RESERVE COMPONENTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds author-
2 ized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise
3 made available for fiscal year 2026 for the Air Force
4 may be obligated or expended to reduce the number
5 of KC-135 aircraft designated as primary mission
6 aircraft inventory within the reserve components of
7 the Air Force.

8 (2) PRIMARY MISSION AIRCRAFT INVENTORY
9 DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “primary
10 mission aircraft inventory” has the meaning given
11 that term in section 9062(i)(2)(B) of title 10,
12 United States Code.

13 **SEC. 142. EXTENSION OF REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO C-**
14 **130 AIRCRAFT.**

15 (a) EXTENSION OF MINIMUM INVENTORY REQUIRE-
16 MENT.—Section 146(a)(3)(B) of the James M. Inhofe Na-
17 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023
18 (Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 2455), as amended by
19 section 145(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act
20 for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159), is amended
21 by striking “2025” and inserting “2026”.

22 (b) EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON REDUCTION OF
23 C-130 AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED TO NATIONAL GUARD.—Sec-
24 tion 146(b)(1) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense
25 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–

1 263; 136 Stat. 2455), as amended by section 145(b) of
2 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
3 2025 (Public Law 118–159), is amended by striking
4 “2025” and inserting “2026”.

5 **SEC. 143. MODIFICATION TO MINIMUM INVENTORY RE-**
6 **QUIREMENT FOR A-10 AIRCRAFT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 134(d) of the National
8 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public
9 Law 114–328; 130 Stat. 2038) is amended by striking
10 “96 A–10 aircraft designated as primary mission aircraft
11 inventory until a period of 90 days has elapsed following
12 the date on which the Secretary submits to the congres-
13 sional defense committees the report under subsection
14 (e)(2)” and inserting “96 A–10 aircraft designated as pri-
15 mary mission aircraft inventory until October 1, 2026”.

16 (b) PROHIBITION ON RETIREMENT.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—During the period beginning
18 on October 1, 2025 and ending on September 30,
19 2026, the Secretary of the Air Force may not—

20 (A) retire an A–10 aircraft;

21 (B) reduce funding for unit personnel or
22 weapon system sustainment activities for A–10
23 aircraft in a manner that presumes future con-
24 gressional authority to divest such aircraft;

1 (C) keep an A-10 aircraft in a status con-
2 sidered excess to the requirements of the pos-
3 sessing command and awaiting disposition in-
4 structions (commonly referred to as “XJ” sta-
5 tus); or

6 (D) decrease the total aircraft inventory of
7 A-10 aircraft below 162 aircraft.

8 (2) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition under para-
9 graph (1) shall not apply to individual A-10 aircraft
10 that the Secretary of the Air Force determines, on
11 a case-by-case basis, to be no longer mission capable
12 and uneconomical to repair because of aircraft acci-
13 dents, mishaps, or excessive material degradation
14 and non-airworthiness status of certain aircraft.

15 (c) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than March 31,
16 2026, the Secretary of the Air Force shall provide to the
17 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
18 House of Representatives a briefing on the status of A-
19 10 aircraft inventory and the proposed plan for divesting
20 all A-10 aircraft prior to fiscal year 2029. The briefing
21 shall cover, at a minimum, the following:

22 (1) The number of A-10 Total Aircraft Inven-
23 tory aircraft disaggregated by Combat Coded Air-
24 craft, Primary Mission Aircraft Inventory, Backup

1 Aircraft Assigned, Attrition Reserve, tail number,
2 and location.

3 (2) The planned divestment date of each such
4 aircraft.

5 (3) The detailed plan for how and when the
6 Secretary proposes to proceed with divestment of
7 aircraft for each A-10 unit prior to fiscal year 2029.

8 (4) The aircraft transition plan for replacing
9 A-10 aircraft with new or existing replacement air-
10 craft in each unit that is divesting of the A-10 air-
11 craft, which shall include an explanation of—

12 (A) how the Secretary plans to minimize
13 adverse personnel impacts within such units, in-
14 cluding adverse impacts with respect to reten-
15 tion, currency, proficiency, qualifications, cer-
16 tifications, and training; and

17 (B) how the Secretary plans to minimize
18 or eliminate any scheduling gap that may occur
19 with respect to a unit divesting from the A-10
20 aircraft and transitioning to a new or existing
21 replacement aircraft.

22 (5) The information and content format that
23 was provided in the briefing to the Committees on
24 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
25 resentatives by the Headquarters Air Force, Deputy

1 Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs (HAF/A8),
2 on February 13, 2023, titled “A–10 Divestment
3 Placemats”.

4 (6) Any other information the Secretary deter-
5 mines relevant.

6 **SEC. 144. PRESERVATION OF CERTAIN RETIRED KC-10 AIR-**
7 **CRAFT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsections (b) and (c),
9 the Secretary of the Air Force shall preserve each KC–
10 10 aircraft that is retired by the Secretary during a period
11 in which the total inventory of air refueling aircraft of the
12 Air Force is less than 504.

13 (b) MANNER OF PRESERVATION.—The retired KC–
14 10 aircraft preserved under subsection (a) shall be pre-
15 served such that each aircraft—

16 (1) is stored in flyable condition;

17 (2) can be returned to service as an air refuel-
18 ing aircraft (which shall include retaining the air re-
19 fueling boom on the aircraft); and

20 (3) is not used to supply parts to other aircraft
21 unless specifically authorized by the Secretary of De-
22 fense upon a request by the Secretary of the Air
23 Force.

24 (c) AUTHORITY TO DISPOSE OF PRESERVED AIR-
25 CRAFT.—A KC–10 aircraft preserved under subsection (a)

1 may be disposed of in accordance with chapter 5 of title
2 40, United States Code.

3 **SEC. 145. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
4 **CONTRACT TERMINATION OR PRODUCTION**
5 **LINE SHUTDOWN FOR E-7A WEDGETAIL AIR-**
6 **CRAFT.**

7 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
8 this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026
9 for the Department of Defense may be obligated or ex-
10 pended—

11 (1) to terminate the mid-tier acquisition rapid
12 prototype contract for the E-7A aircraft; or

13 (2) to terminate the operations of, or to prepare
14 to terminate the operations of, a production line for
15 the E-7A aircraft.

16 **SEC. 146. LIMITATION ON PROCUREMENT OF KC-46 AIR-**
17 **CRAFT PENDING CERTIFICATION ON COR-**
18 **RECTION OF DEFICIENCIES.**

19 (a) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of Defense may not
20 accept or take delivery of covered KC-46 aircraft in excess
21 of the maximum quantity specified in subsection (c) until
22 the Secretary—

23 (1) certifies to the congressional defense com-
24 mittees that the Secretary has developed and is im-
25 plementing a plan of corrective actions and mile-

1 stones to resolve all Category 1 deficiencies identi-
2 fied with respect to KC-46 aircraft; and

3 (2) submits such plan to such committees,
4 which shall include—

5 (A) an estimate of the total amount of
6 funds required to complete implementation of
7 the plan;

8 (B) realistic event-driven schedules to
9 achieve the objectives of the plan; and

10 (C) a schedule risk assessment to a min-
11 imum of 80 percent confidence level.

12 (b) FORM.—The plan described in subsection (a)(2)
13 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain
14 a classified annex.

15 (c) MAXIMUM QUANTITY.—The maximum quantity
16 of covered KC-46 aircraft specified in this subsection is
17 183 aircraft.

18 (d) COVERED KC-46 AIRCRAFT DEFINED.—In this
19 section, the term “covered KC-46 aircraft” means new
20 production KC-46 aircraft the procurement of which is
21 fully funded by the United States.

22 **SEC. 147. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO EXECUTIVE AIR-**
23 **LIFT AIRCRAFT.**

24 (a) ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air
2 Force shall conduct an analysis of alternatives to
3 identify potential solutions for the recapitalization of
4 the executive airlift aircraft fleet of the Air Force.
5 In conducting such analysis, the Secretary shall seek
6 to identify aircraft solutions that have capabilities
7 comparable to the capabilities of commercial pas-
8 senger aircraft in terms of range.

9 (2) TIMELINE.—The Secretary of the Air Force
10 shall—

11 (A) initiate the analysis of alternatives re-
12 quired under paragraph (1) not later than 30
13 days after the date of the enactment of this
14 Act; and

15 (B) complete such analysis not later than
16 April 1, 2026.

17 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after
18 completing the analysis of alternatives required
19 under paragraph (1), the Secretary of the Air Force
20 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services
21 of the Senate and the House of Representatives a
22 report on the results of the analysis.

23 (b) PRIORITIZATION STANDARDS.—Not later than
24 December 1, 2025, the Secretary of the Air Force shall
25 establish standards for prioritizing access to executive air-

1 lift aircraft among authorized users of such aircraft within
2 the Federal Government.

3 (c) PERSONNEL.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1,
5 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall assign a career
6 appointee (as that term is defined in section 3132(a)
7 of title 5, United States Code) in the Senior Execu-
8 tive Service at the Department of Defense to coordi-
9 nate—

10 (A) the efficient tasking of executive airlift
11 aircraft; and

12 (B) compliance with rules, regulations,
13 policies and guidance relating to such aircraft,
14 including the prioritization standards developed
15 under subsection (b).

16 (2) QUALIFICATIONS.—The career appointee
17 assigned under paragraph (1) shall, as determined
18 by the Secretary, have knowledge and experience re-
19 lating to executive airlift aircraft, including famili-
20 arity with the executive airlift fleets of the Armed
21 Forces and knowledge of policies and procedures for
22 the prioritization of executive airlift users.

1 **SEC. 148. REPORT ON THE F-47 ADVANCED FIGHTER AIR-**
2 **CRAFT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1, 2027, the
4 Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the congres-
5 sional defense committees a report on the F-47 advanced
6 fighter aircraft program.

7 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
8 section (a) shall include following:

9 (1) A description of the F-47 aircraft program,
10 including system requirements, employment con-
11 cepts, and projected costs, schedule, and funding re-
12 quirements over the period covered by the program
13 objective memorandum process for fiscal years 2028
14 through 2034.

15 (2) The acquisition strategy for the F-47 pro-
16 gram of record, including consideration of imple-
17 menting a middle tier acquisition pathway or major
18 capability acquisition pathway (as such terms are
19 defined in Department of Defense Instruction
20 5000.85, titled “Major Capability Acquisition” and
21 issued on August 6, 2020 (or a successor instruc-
22 tion)).

23 (3) A proposed fielding strategy for the F-47
24 aircraft, including—

25 (A) estimated force structure require-
26 ments;

- 1 (B) strategic basing considerations;
- 2 (C) an estimate of military construction re-
- 3 quirements;
- 4 (D) an estimate of personnel training re-
- 5 quirements; and
- 6 (E) an integrated total force fielding con-
- 7 cept, including an analysis of Air National
- 8 Guard and Air Force Reserve operational inte-
- 9 gration and associations.

10 (c) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)

11 shall be submitted in unclassified form but may contain

12 a classified annex.

13 **Subtitle E—Defense-wide, Joint,**

14 **and Multiservice Matters**

15 **SEC. 151. AMENDMENTS TO PROHIBITION ON OPERATION,**

16 **PROCUREMENT, AND CONTRACTING RE-**

17 **LATED TO FOREIGN-MADE LIGHT DETECTION**

18 **AND RANGING.**

19 Section 164(a) of the National Defense Authorization

20 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) is amend-

21 ed to read as follows:

22 “(a) PROHIBITIONS.—The Secretary of Defense may

23 not—

24 “(1) operate, enter into or renew a contract for,

25 the procurement of—

1 “(A) a covered light detection and ranging
2 technology (referred to in this section as
3 ‘LiDAR technology’) that—

4 “(i) is manufactured in a covered for-
5 eign country or by an entity domiciled in
6 a covered foreign country;

7 “(ii) uses operating software devel-
8 oped in a covered foreign country or by an
9 entity domiciled in a covered foreign coun-
10 try; or

11 “(iii) uses network connectivity or
12 data storage located in or administered by
13 an entity domiciled in a covered foreign
14 country; or

15 “(B) a system or systems that incor-
16 porates, interfaces with, or otherwise uses
17 LiDAR technology as described in subpara-
18 graph (A); or

19 “(2) enter into or renew a contract with an en-
20 tity that operates a covered LiDAR technology to
21 perform a Department of Defense contract.”.

22 **SEC. 152. ANNUAL GAO REVIEWS OF THE F-35 AIRCRAFT**
23 **PROGRAM.**

24 (a) ANNUAL REVIEWS AND REPORTS.—Not later
25 than March 1, 2026, and on an annual basis thereafter

1 until the termination date specified in subsection (c), the
2 Comptroller General of the United States shall—

3 (1) complete a review of the F-35 aircraft pro-
4 gram; and

5 (2) submit to the congressional defense commit-
6 tees a report on the results of the review.

7 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each review and report under sub-
8 section (a) shall include an assessment of—

9 (1) the cost, scope, and schedule of the F-35
10 aircraft program and its subprograms;

11 (2) the status of the efforts of the Department
12 of Defense to modernize the F-35 aircraft; and

13 (3) such other matters relating to the F-35 air-
14 craft program as the Comptroller General deter-
15 mines appropriate.

16 (c) TERMINATION DATE.—The requirements of this
17 section shall terminate on the date on which all develop-
18 ment, production, and fielding activities under the F-35
19 aircraft acquisition program have ceased.

1 **TITLE II—RESEARCH, DEVELOP-**
2 **MENT, TEST, AND EVALUA-**
3 **TION**

4 **Subtitle A—Authorization of**
5 **Appropriations**

6 **SEC. 201. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
8 fiscal year 2026 for the use of the Department of Defense
9 for research, development, test, and evaluation, as speci-
10 fied in the funding table in section 4201.

11 **Subtitle B—Program Require-**
12 **ments, Restrictions, and Limita-**
13 **tions**

14 **SEC. 211. MODIFICATION TO AUTHORITY TO AWARD PRIZES**
15 **FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ACHIEVE-**
16 **MENTS.**

17 (a) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—Subsection (a) of
18 section 4025 of title 10, United States Code, is amended
19 by striking “, acting through the Under Secretary of De-
20 fense for Research and Engineering, the Under Secretary
21 of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, and the serv-
22 ice acquisition executive for each military department,”.

23 (b) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF AWARD PRIZES.—Sub-
24 section (c) of such section is amended to read as follows:

1 “(c) LIMITATION.—No prize competition may result
2 in the award of a prize with a fair market value of more
3 than \$20,000,000 without the approval of the Secretary
4 of Defense.”.

5 (c) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION THRESHOLD.—
6 Subsection (g)(1) of such section is amended by striking
7 “\$10,000,000” and inserting “the amount specified in
8 subsection (c)”.

9 **SEC. 212. MODIFICATION TO MECHANISMS TO PROVIDE**
10 **FUNDS TO DEFENSE LABORATORIES AND**
11 **OTHER ENTITIES FOR RESEARCH AND DE-**
12 **VELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGIES FOR MILI-**
13 **TARY MISSIONS.**

14 Section 4123 of title 10, United States Code, is
15 amended—

16 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**and**
17 **test organizations**” after “**defense labora-**
18 **tories**”;

19 (2) by inserting “or test organization” after
20 “laboratory” each place it appears; and

21 (3) in subsection (a)(3), by inserting “or test
22 organizations” after “laboratories”.

1 **SEC. 213. MODIFICATION TO AUTHORITY FOR ACQUISITION,**
2 **CONSTRUCTION, OR FURNISHING OF TEST**
3 **FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT.**

4 (a) JOINTLY FUNDED PROJECTS.—Section 4174 of
5 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “A contract of
7 a military department” and inserting “A covered
8 contract”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 sections:

11 “(d)(1) In a case in which research, developmental,
12 or test facilities and equipment described in this section
13 are used to support multiple contracts or programs across
14 different military departments, other Federal agencies
15 outside the Department of Defense, or eligible non-Fed-
16 eral entities, a jointly funded project may be established.

17 “(2) Under a jointly funded project, the Secretary of
18 Defense (or the Secretary’s designee) shall enter into a
19 written agreement with each entity participating in the
20 project. Each such agreement shall, at a minimum, ad-
21 dress the following:

22 “(A) Cost sharing arrangements, including the
23 proportion of total project costs to be borne by each
24 entity.

1 “(B) Allocation of access to the facilities and
2 equipment, including prioritization procedures in
3 cases of competing demands.

4 “(C) Management and oversight responsibil-
5 ities, including the designation of a lead agency.

6 “(D) Ownership and intellectual property rights
7 related to the facilities, equipment, and any resulting
8 data or inventions.

9 “(E) Dispute resolution mechanisms.

10 “(3) A non-Federal entity, including a private com-
11 pany, academic institution, or non-profit organization,
12 may participate in a jointly funded project under this sub-
13 section only if the Secretary of Defense determines such
14 participation is in the national security interest and con-
15 sistent with applicable laws and regulations.

16 “(4) The Secretary of Defense shall issue regulations
17 to implement this subsection. Such regulations shall in-
18 clude specific criteria for evaluating proposed jointly fund-
19 ed projects, standardized agreement templates, and proce-
20 dures for ensuring the transparency and accountability of
21 such projects.

22 “(e) In this section, the term ‘covered contract’
23 means—

24 “(1) a contract of a military department; or

1 “(2) a contract for a jointly funded project as
2 described subsection (c).”.

3 (b) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—Not later than 180
4 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
5 retary of Defense shall issue or revise regulations (as nec-
6 essary) to clarify that the authority for acquisition, con-
7 struction, or furnishing of test facilities and equipment
8 under section 4174 of title 10, United States Code, applies
9 to contracts funded using funds appropriated or otherwise
10 made available for—

11 (1) research, development, test, and evaluation,
12 including science and technology funds designated as
13 budget activity 1 (basic research), budget activity 2
14 (applied research), and budget activity 3 (advanced
15 technology development) (as those budget activity
16 classifications are set forth in volume 2B, chapter 5
17 of the Department of Defense Financial Manage-
18 ment Regulation (DOD 7000.14–R)); and

19 (2) operation and maintenance, to the extent
20 that such funds are used to support activities au-
21 thorized under such section.

1 **SEC. 214. EXTENSION OF LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF**
2 **FUNDS FOR FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH COL-**
3 **LABORATION WITH CERTAIN ACADEMIC IN-**
4 **STITUTIONS.**

5 Section 238(a) of the National Defense Authorization
6 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat.
7 1842) is amended by inserting “or fiscal year 2026” after
8 “fiscal year 2025”.

9 **SEC. 215. MODIFICATION TO POLICIES FOR MANAGEMENT**
10 **AND CERTIFICATION OF LINK 16 MILITARY**
11 **TACTICAL DATA LINK NETWORK.**

12 Section 228(b) of the National Defense Authorization
13 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C.
14 4571 note) is amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “the Ne-
16 vada Test and Training Range, Restricted Area
17 2508, Warning Area 151/470, Warning Area 386,
18 and the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex” and
19 inserting “military special use airspace including all
20 prohibited areas, restricted areas, warning areas,
21 and military operational areas”;

22 (2) in paragraph (2), in the matter before sub-
23 paragraph (A), by striking “training, and large-scale
24 exercises.” and inserting “regular training, and
25 large-scale exercises. Under such processes, approval
26 of Link 16 operations shall be presumed and denial

1 of Link 16 operations shall be accompanied with
2 substantiated evidence demonstrating compromise of
3 safety due to electromagnetic interference.”; and

4 (3) in paragraph (5), by inserting “regular” be-
5 fore “training”.

6 **SEC. 216. SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF**
7 **BIOINDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING PROC-**
8 **ESSES.**

9 Section 215 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense
10 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–
11 263; 10 U.S.C. 4841 note) is amended—

12 (1) by redesignating subsections (d) through (f)
13 as subsections (e) through (g), respectively; and

14 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
15 lowing new subsection:

16 “(d) **APPLICABILITY OF FUNDING.**—The activities
17 described in subsection (c), including the design and con-
18 struction of facilities, are applicable to funds authorized
19 to be appropriated for the Department of Defense for re-
20 search, development, test, and evaluation.”.

1 **SEC. 217. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR ASSIGNMENT TO**
2 **DEFENSE ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS**
3 **AGENCY OF PRIVATE SECTOR PERSONNEL**
4 **WITH CRITICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOP-**
5 **MENT EXPERTISE.**

6 (a) EXTENSION.—Subsection (e) of section 232 of
7 the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National
8 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public
9 Law 113–291; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4091) is amended by
10 striking “September 30, 2025” and inserting “September
11 30, 2030”.

12 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Subsection (f)(2) of
13 such section is amended by striking “section 2302” and
14 inserting “section 3014”.

15 **SEC. 218. POST-EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS FOR PARTICI-**
16 **PANTS IN CERTAIN DEFENSE RESEARCH.**

17 (a) PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS IN COVERED DE-
18 FENSE RESEARCH PROJECTS.—Except as provided under
19 subsection (c), as a condition of becoming or remaining
20 a principal investigator of a covered defense research
21 project, a person shall agree that during the 3-year period
22 beginning on the last day the person is a principal investi-
23 gator of such research, such person may not seek or accept
24 employment, or conduct any activity, for which a foreign
25 entity of concern provides financial compensation or in-
26 kind benefits.

1 (b) EMPLOYEES OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE LAB-
2 ORATORIES.—Except as provided under subsection (c), as
3 a condition of becoming or remaining an employee at a
4 laboratory of the Department of Defense, a person shall
5 agree that during the 3-year period beginning on the last
6 day the person is an employee at such laboratory, such
7 person may not seek or accept employment, or conduct
8 any activity, for which a foreign entity of concern provides
9 financial compensation or in-kind benefits.

10 (c) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense
11 may waive the restrictions under subsections (a) and (b)
12 with respect to a United States person if, not later than
13 30 days before issuing the waiver, the Secretary submits
14 to the congressional defense committees a notice of the
15 waiver that includes—

16 (1) an unclassified justification for the waiver;
17 and

18 (2) a description of any Department of Defense
19 funds provided to the person for which the waiver is
20 issued or to the research in which the person partici-
21 pated.

22 (d) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 270 days after
23 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
24 Defense shall establish a process, under the initiative es-
25 tablished in section 1286 of the John S. McCain National

1 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public
2 Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note), to ensure that, when
3 a person who previously made an agreement in subsection
4 (a) or (b) applies for funding to conduct a covered defense
5 research project in the future—

6 (1) the employer of such person can certify that
7 the person complied with the requirements in sub-
8 sections (a) and (b); and

9 (2) that a person whose employer cannot make
10 the certification in paragraph (1) is ineligible to par-
11 ticipate in the covered defense research project.

12 (e) DETERMINATION OF CRITICAL AND EMERGING
13 TECHNOLOGY.—Not later than 270 days after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the
15 Secretary of Defense shall—

16 (1) determine which technologies are critical or
17 emerging from among the technologies for which the
18 Department funds research; and

19 (2) shall make the results of such determination
20 publicly available.

21 (f) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply with re-
22 spect to research that begins on or after the date that
23 is one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

24 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) The term “foreign entity of concern” has
2 the meaning given that term in section 10612(a) of
3 the Research and Development, Competition, and
4 Innovation Act (42 U.S.C. 19221(a)) and includes a
5 foreign entity that is identified on the list published
6 under section 1286(c)(9)(A) of the John S. McCain
7 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
8 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note).

9 (2) The term “covered defense research
10 project” means a research project that—

11 (A) is operated by an institution of higher
12 education or a subsidiary of an institution of
13 higher education;

14 (B) is funded, in whole or in part, by the
15 Department of Defense; and

16 (C) involves a critical or emerging tech-
17 nology.

18 (3) The term “critical or emerging technology”
19 means a technology that the Secretary determines to
20 be critical or emerging in accordance with subsection
21 (e).

22 (4) The term “institution of higher education”
23 has the meaning given that term in section 102 of
24 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
25 1002).

1 **SEC. 219. NATIONAL SECURITY AND DEFENSE ARTIFICIAL**
2 **INTELLIGENCE INSTITUTE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may es-
4 tablish at least one National Security and Defense Artifi-
5 cial Intelligence Institute (referred to in this section as
6 an “Institute”) at an eligible host institution.

7 (b) INSTITUTE DESCRIBED.—A National Security
8 and Defense Artificial Intelligence Institute referred to in
9 subsection (a) is an artificial intelligence research institute
10 that—

11 (1) is focused on a cross-cutting challenge or
12 foundational science for artificial intelligence sys-
13 tems in the national security and defense sector;

14 (2) establishes partnerships among public and
15 private organizations, including, as appropriate,
16 Federal agencies, institutions of higher education,
17 including community colleges, nonprofit research or-
18 ganizations, Federal laboratories, State, local, and
19 Tribal governments, and industry, including the De-
20 fense Industrial Base and startup companies;

21 (3) has the potential to create an innovation
22 ecosystem, or enhance existing ecosystems, to trans-
23 late Institute research into applications and products
24 used to enhance national security and defense capa-
25 bilities;

1 (4) supports interdisciplinary research and de-
2 velopment across multiple institutions of higher edu-
3 cation and organizations; and

4 (5) supports workforce development in artificial
5 intelligence related disciplines in the United States.

6 (c) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
8 may award financial assistance to an eligible host in-
9 stitution, or consortia thereof, to establish and sup-
10 port one or more Institutes.

11 (2) USE OF FUNDS.—Financial assistance
12 awarded under paragraph (1) may be used by an In-
13 stitute for—

14 (A) managing and making available to re-
15 searchers accessible, curated, standardized, se-
16 cure, and privacy protected data sets from the
17 public and private sectors for the purposes of
18 training and testing artificial intelligence sys-
19 tems and for research using artificial intel-
20 ligence systems with regard to national security
21 and defense;

22 (B) developing and managing testbeds for
23 artificial intelligence systems, including sector-
24 specific test beds, designed to enable users to

1 evaluate artificial intelligence systems prior to
2 deployment;

3 (C) conducting research and education ac-
4 tivities involving artificial intelligence systems
5 to solve challenges with national security impli-
6 cations;

7 (D) providing or brokering access to com-
8 puting resources, networking, and data facilities
9 for artificial intelligence research and develop-
10 ment relevant to the Institute's research goals;

11 (E) providing technical assistance to users,
12 including software engineering support, for arti-
13 ficial intelligence research and development rel-
14 evant to the Institute's research goals;

15 (F) engaging in outreach and engagement
16 to broaden participation in artificial intelligence
17 research and the artificial intelligence work-
18 force; and

19 (G) such other activities as may deter-
20 mined by the Secretary of Defense.

21 (3) DURATION.—Financial assistance under
22 paragraph (1) shall be awarded for a five-year pe-
23 riod, and may be renewed for not more than one ad-
24 ditional five-year period.

1 (4) APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSIST-
2 ANCE.—A eligible host institution or consortia there-
3 of seeking financial assistance under paragraph (1)
4 shall submit to the Secretary of Defense an applica-
5 tion at such time, in such manner, and containing
6 such information as the Secretary may require.

7 (5) COMPETITIVE, MERIT REVIEW.—In award-
8 ing financial assistance under paragraph (1), the
9 Secretary of Defense shall use a competitive, merit-
10 based review process.

11 (6) COLLABORATION.—In awarding financial
12 assistance under paragraph (1), the Secretary of De-
13 fense may collaborate other departments and agen-
14 cies of the Federal Government with missions that
15 relate to or have the potential to be affected by the
16 national security implications of artificial intelligence
17 systems.

18 (7) LIMITATION.—No financial assistance au-
19 thorized in this section shall be awarded to an entity
20 outside of the United States. All recipients of finan-
21 cial assistance under this section, including sub-
22 grantees, shall be based in the United States and
23 shall meet such other eligibility criteria as may be
24 established by the Secretary of Defense.

1 (d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “eligible
2 host institution” means an institution of higher education
3 in the United States that conducts research sponsored by
4 the Department of Defense.

5 **SEC. 220. RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT**
6 **OF BIOTECHNOLOGY WITHIN THE DEPART-**
7 **MENT OF DEFENSE.**

8 (a) REQUIREMENT.—

9 (1) POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.—The Secretary
10 of Defense shall issue policies and guidelines on the
11 responsible development and deployment of bio-
12 technology within the Department of Defense.

13 (2) EXECUTIVE AGENT.—The Secretary shall
14 designate a senior civilian official within the Office
15 of the Secretary of Defense to serve as the executive
16 agent to develop the policies and guidelines under
17 paragraph (1).

18 (3) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall en-
19 sure that the policies and guidelines under para-
20 graph (1) are developed in consultation with—

21 (A) the Under Secretary of Defense for
22 Research and Engineering;

23 (B) the Under Secretary of Defense for
24 Policy; and

1 (C) individuals representing industry, aca-
2 demia, and civil society.

3 (4) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary
4 shall make the policies and guidelines under para-
5 graph (1) publicly available.

6 (b) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The policies and guide-
7 lines under subsection (a)(1) shall include the following:

8 (1) Definitions related to the responsible devel-
9 opment and use of biotechnology.

10 (2) An assessment of whether, and to what ex-
11 tent, existing statutes, regulations, directives, manu-
12 als, or instructions limit the ability of the Depart-
13 ment of Defense to provide guidelines for the re-
14 sponsible development of emerging biotechnology.

15 (3) Guidelines encouraging the safe use of bio-
16 technology products under appropriate regulatory
17 and other oversight processes.

18 (4) Policies relating to informed consent of
19 members of the Armed Forces participating in the
20 development of biotechnology products that have not
21 received regulatory approval.

22 (5) Policies relating to whether, and under
23 which conditions, irreversible or heritable treatments
24 of potential biotechnology applications are accept-
25 able.

1 (6) Policies relating to the potential effects of
2 biotechnologies on the environment.

3 (7) Policies relating to the compliance by and
4 obligations of the Department of Defense with re-
5 spect to the Convention on the Prohibition of the
6 Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bac-
7 teriological and Toxin Weapons and on their De-
8 struction (commonly referred to as the “Biological
9 Weapons Convention”).

10 (8) Such other matters as the Secretary of De-
11 fense determines relevant.

12 (c) REPORT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
15 retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional
16 defense committees a report on the policies and
17 guidelines under subsection (a)(1), including the
18 methodologies used to develop the policies and guide-
19 lines.

20 (2) FORM.—The report required under para-
21 graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but
22 may include a classified annex.

23 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary of
24 Defense shall make report required under paragraph
25 (1) publicly available, except such publicly available

1 version of the report may not include any classified
2 annex provided under paragraph (2).

3 (d) BRIEFING.—During the two-year period begin-
4 ning on the date that is one year after the date of the
5 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall pro-
6 vide to the congressional defense committees an annual
7 briefing on the implementation of the policies and guide-
8 lines under subsection (a)(1), including a description of
9 any needed resources for such implementation.

10 **SEC. 221. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BIOTECHNOLOGY**
11 **WORKFORCE TRAINING.**

12 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than one year after
13 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
14 Defense shall establish and carry out a training pro-
15 gram—

16 (1) for members of the covered Armed Forces,
17 civilian employees of the Department of Defense,
18 and contractors of such Department whose duties
19 the Secretary determines include—

20 (A) creating or deploying novel biotech-
21 nologies;

22 (B) analyzing, preparing for, or responding
23 to biological threats; or

24 (C) planning, research and development,
25 engineering, or testing and evaluation of sys-

1 tems (including quality control and assurance,
2 procurement and contracting, logistics, and cost
3 estimating) regarding biotechnology; and
4 (2) on biotechnology and other relevant critical
5 and emerging technologies.

6 (b) CONSULTATION.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall consult
8 with leadership and workforce training managers in
9 the Department to develop and implement such
10 training program and identify the individuals de-
11 scribed in subsection (a) based on—

12 (A) the needs and priorities of the Depart-
13 ment; and

14 (B) the relevance of the training to the in-
15 dividuals' positions.

16 (2) MATERIAL.—The material covered in the
17 training programs shall be customized by Depart-
18 ment leadership to align with specific needs and mis-
19 sion requirements.

20 (3) SKILLS.—The Secretary shall define the es-
21 sential skills for biotechnology personnel to better
22 understand what Federal personnel should undergo
23 training and how to customize training for groups.

24 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The training program estab-
2 lished under this section shall, at a minimum, in-
3 clude information on—

4 (A) the fundamental science underlying
5 biotechnology, artificial intelligence and other
6 relevant critical and emerging technologies;

7 (B) concepts relating to the technological
8 features of biotechnology systems;

9 (C) applications of biotechnology in de-
10 fense, health, agriculture, energy, environment,
11 and other relevant areas;

12 (D) the ways in which artificial intel-
13 ligence, quantum computing, and other tech-
14 nologies are leveraged to advance biotechnology;

15 (E) mechanisms by which the Federal Gov-
16 ernment supports, funds, purchases, and de-
17 ploys biotechnology and its applications;

18 (F) ways in which the Federal Government
19 can benefit from biotechnology;

20 (G) ethical, social, and legal aspects of bio-
21 technology including ways of incorporating a
22 wide range of stakeholder perspectives through-
23 out research and innovation cycles;

24 (H) ways to mitigate the risks described in
25 previous subparagraphs, including efforts to

1 create and identify biotechnologies that are reli-
2 able, safe, and trustworthy; and

3 (I) future trends in biotechnology, includ-
4 ing intersections with artificial intelligence,
5 quantum computing, autonomous systems, ro-
6 botics, advanced manufacturing, and other rel-
7 evant technologies, as well as trends for eco-
8 nomic and national security, and innovation.

9 (2) PARTICIPATION.—Any individual described
10 under subsection (b)(1) shall complete training
11 under this section annually.

12 (3) INTERACTIVE.—The Secretary shall ensure
13 interactive learning with scholars and experts from
14 private, public and nonprofit sectors is included
15 under the training programs. The Secretary shall
16 provide access to courses through institutions of pro-
17 fessional military education, such as the National
18 Defense University.

19 (4) UPDATES.—The training programs estab-
20 lished under this section shall be updated each year
21 to review and cover advances in biotechnology and
22 its convergence with other critical and emerging
23 technologies.

24 (5) CONTINUING EDUCATION.—The Secretary
25 shall update the training programs established under

1 this section to provide continuing technology edu-
2 cation for individuals described in subsection (a) and
3 include requirements for refresher training on the
4 latest advances in biotechnology science, laboratory
5 work, equipment and software.

6 (d) PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS.—The Secretary
7 shall establish mechanisms to measure participation in
8 training programs required under this section, and to re-
9 ceive and consider feedback from program participants to
10 improve training.

11 (e) REPORT.—Not later than six months after the
12 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall sub-
13 mit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate
14 and House of Representatives a report that includes a
15 plan to establish and implement the training programs re-
16 quired under this section.

17 (f) SUNSET.—This section and the training programs
18 required to be carried out by this section shall terminate
19 on the date that is five years after such programs are es-
20 tablished under subsection (a).

21 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) The term “artificial intelligence” has the
23 meaning given that term in section 5002 of the Na-
24 tional Artificial Intelligence Initiative Act of 2020
25 (division E of Public Law 116–283).

1 (2) The term “covered Armed Force” means
2 the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space
3 Force.

4 **SEC. 222. BIOTECHNOLOGY SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCY**
5 **PROGRAM.**

6 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in
8 coordination with the Secretaries of the military de-
9 partments and the heads of relevant Defense Agen-
10 cies, may establish and implement a program (re-
11 ferred to in this section as the “Program”) to de-
12 velop, scale, and transition biotechnology research
13 from the military service laboratories, including bio-
14 technology-based chemicals, materials, fuels, and
15 other products relevant to the mission of the Depart-
16 ment of Defense that support the resilience, sustain-
17 ability, and responsiveness of the defense supply
18 chain.

19 (2) ACTIVITIES.—Under the Program, the Sec-
20 retary of Defense may carry out the following activi-
21 ties:

22 (A) Conduct an assessment of supply chain
23 vulnerabilities in the Department of Defense.

24 (B) Direct the military service laboratories
25 to establish mechanisms to collaboratively—

1 (i) conduct applied research, including
2 experimentation, advanced technological
3 development, advanced component develop-
4 ment, and rapid prototyping in
5 bioindustrials, biomanufacturing, and re-
6 lated disciplines to support defense mis-
7 sions;

8 (ii) develop, prototype, test, and tran-
9 sition biologically derived materials and
10 products to reduce reliance on foreign sup-
11 ply chains and vulnerable supply chains;

12 (iii) upgrade, expand, or construct
13 physical and digital infrastructure, includ-
14 ing laboratory facilities, of the Department
15 and its partners to support bioindustrial
16 research, development, testing, proto-
17 typing, and production;

18 (iv) as needed, enter into contracts,
19 cooperative agreements, grants, or other
20 transactions with relevant Federal entities
21 and non-Federal entities such as commer-
22 cial entities, research institutions, and aca-
23 demic organizations to execute the activi-
24 ties under this paragraph; and

1 (v) support education, training, and
2 workforce development initiatives to build
3 and sustain a skilled bioindustrial and bio-
4 manufacturing workforce.

5 (C) Collaborate across the military depart-
6 ments, Defense Agencies, and other Federal en-
7 tities to ensure alignment with national bio-
8 industrial and supply chain strategies.

9 (D) Promote the development and utiliza-
10 tion of next-generation feedstocks and processes
11 in ways that support local economic growth.

12 (E) Modernize infrastructure through in-
13 vestment in facilities that enable rapid proto-
14 typing and advanced materials testing.

15 (F) Establish performance metrics and
16 benchmarks to measure progress toward oper-
17 ational integration and transition to programs
18 of record.

19 (3) OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.—In the event the
20 Secretary carries out the Program, the Secretary of
21 Defense shall—

22 (A) prioritize technologies and capabilities
23 that address critical defense supply chain
24 vulnerabilities and enhance military readiness,

1 including technologies and capabilities necessary
2 to—

3 (i) reduce logistics through field-en-
4 abled manufacturing of materials such as
5 construction-grade bio-cement and
6 deployable infrastructure components;

7 (ii) enhance performance through de-
8 velopment of novel materials including pro-
9 tective coatings and biologically derived
10 composites; or

11 (iii) improve cost efficiency of manu-
12 facturing and reduce dependency on for-
13 eign supply chains;

14 (B) consult with representatives of indus-
15 try, academia, and other Federal agencies with
16 relevant expertise, to accelerate development
17 and transitions; and

18 (C) ensure the Program supports the de-
19 velopment and fielding of emerging technologies
20 such as biotechnologies that provide operational
21 and strategic advantages to the Armed Forces,
22 including through—

23 (i) cross-service and public-private
24 partnerships; and

1 (ii) applied research, pilot-scale pro-
2 duction, and technology transition efforts
3 focused on biomanufacturing and materials
4 innovation.

5 (b) PLAN AND REPORTS.—

6 (1) INITIAL PLAN.—Not later than 90 days
7 after electing to commence the Program, the Sec-
8 retary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on
9 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
10 resentatives a plan for the allocation of appropria-
11 tions to fund the Program.

12 (2) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than one
13 year after commencing the Program, and annually
14 thereafter until the Program terminates under sub-
15 section (c), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to
16 the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate
17 and the House of Representatives a report detailing
18 all activities carried out under the program. Each
19 report shall include, to the extent applicable, the fol-
20 lowing:

21 (A) A summary of key research, develop-
22 ment, and prototyping efforts initiated or con-
23 tinued during the year covered by the report,
24 including technical objectives, anticipated de-
25 fense applications, and funding.

1 (B) A list of significant partnerships or
2 agreements executed with industry, academic
3 institutions, and other Federal agencies, includ-
4 ing the purpose, national security nexus, and
5 funding level of each such partnership or agree-
6 ment.

7 (C) An assessment of infrastructure en-
8 hancements undertaken to support bioindustrial
9 development and scale-up, including facility
10 modernization and equipment acquisition.

11 (D) An evaluation of program performance
12 against established milestones or metrics, in-
13 cluding progress toward the transition of tech-
14 nologies to operational use or acquisition pro-
15 grams.

16 (E) An identification of major technical,
17 logistical, or policy challenges encountered, and
18 actions taken to mitigate such challenges.

19 (F) Any recommendations for additional
20 authorities, funding mechanisms, or interagency
21 coordination necessary to enhance the effective-
22 ness of the Program.

23 (3) FORM.—Each report under this subsection
24 shall be submitted in unclassified form but may con-
25 tain a classified annex.

1 (c) SUNSET.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
3 graph (2), the authority to carry out the Program
4 shall terminate on the date that is 10 years after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act.

6 (2) EXTENSION.—The Program may be contin-
7 ued after the termination date specified in para-
8 graph (1) if, before such date, the President—

9 (A) determines that continuation of the
10 Program is necessary to meet national economic
11 or national security needs; and

12 (B) submits notice of such determination
13 to the Committees on Armed Services of the
14 Senate and the House of Representatives.

15 **SEC. 223. REVIEW AND ALIGNMENT OF STANDARDS, GUID-**
16 **ANCE, AND POLICIES RELATING TO DIGITAL**
17 **ENGINEERING.**

18 (a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act, each
21 Secretary of a military department, in coordination
22 with the officials specified in subsection (c), shall
23 complete a comprehensive review of the standards,
24 guidance, and policies relating to digital engineering

1 within the covered Armed Forces under the jurisdic-
2 tion of that Secretary.

3 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each review under paragraph
4 (1) shall include, with respect to the covered Armed
5 Forces under the jurisdiction of the Secretary con-
6 cerned, the following:

7 (A) A review of the reference architectures,
8 standards, and best practices for the use of dig-
9 ital engineering tools (including digital twins
10 and digital threads) as in effect at the time of
11 the review, including standards for the use of
12 such tools at all stages of program design, de-
13 velopment, and testing.

14 (B) Identification of the current standards
15 guiding the use of such digital engineering
16 tools, at all stages of program design, develop-
17 ment, and testing.

18 (C) Assessment of—

19 (i) the extent to which the use of such
20 standards and related governance struc-
21 tures is consistent across the covered
22 Armed Forces under the jurisdiction of the
23 Secretary concerned; and

24 (ii) the level of interoperability of such
25 standards across such Armed Forces.

1 (D) Identification of best practices for dig-
2 ital engineering within each such Armed Force.

3 (E) Recommendations for improvements to
4 the use of digital engineering tools in each such
5 Armed Force.

6 (b) DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARD REFERENCE AR-
7 CHITECTURE.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
9 after the date on which the Secretary of a military
10 department completes the review required under
11 subsection (a), the Secretary shall develop and im-
12 plement a standard reference architecture to guide
13 the use of, and best practices for, digital engineering
14 for program design, development, and testing within
15 each covered Armed Force under the jurisdiction of
16 that Secretary. Each reference architecture shall in-
17 clude—

18 (A) a framework and clear requirements
19 for developing and deploying digital engineering
20 tools across program lifecycles; and

21 (B) defined standards for data manage-
22 ment and modeling.

23 (2) PERIODIC REVIEW.—Not less frequently
24 than once every three years following implementa-
25 tion of the standard reference architecture required

1 under paragraph (1), each Secretary of a military
2 department shall—

3 (A) conduct periodic reviews of the ref-
4 erence architecture to ensure it effectively ad-
5 dresses advancements in technology and evol-
6 ving operational needs; and

7 (B) if necessary, modify the reference ar-
8 chitecture to address such advancements and
9 needs.

10 (3) APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION RE-
11 QUIRED.—Before a reference architecture may be
12 implemented under this subsection, the Under Sec-
13 retary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment,
14 in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense
15 for Research and Engineering and the Director of
16 Operational Test and Evaluation, shall—

17 (A) review and approve the reference archi-
18 tecture; and

19 (B) submit certification of such approval
20 to the head of the covered Armed Force in-
21 volved.

22 (4) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER STAND-
23 ARDIZATION.—Based on the reviews conducted
24 under paragraph (3), the Under Secretary of De-
25 fense for Acquisition and Sustainment, in coordina-

1 tion with the Under Secretary of Defense for Re-
2 search and Engineering and the Director of Oper-
3 ational Test and Evaluation, shall—

4 (A) identify and develop recommendations
5 regarding areas in which further standardiza-
6 tion of reference architectures across the cov-
7 ered Armed Forces may be feasible; and

8 (B) submit such recommendations to the
9 Secretaries of the military departments.

10 (c) OFFICIALS SPECIFIED.—The officials specified in
11 this subsection are the following—

12 (1) The Under Secretary of Defense for Acqui-
13 sition and Sustainment.

14 (2) The Under Secretary of Defense for Re-
15 search and Engineering.

16 (3) The Director of Operational Test and Eval-
17 uation.

18 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) The term “covered Armed Forces” means
20 the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and
21 Space Force.

22 (2) The term “reference architecture” means
23 an authoritative source of information about a spe-
24 cific subject area that guides and constrains the
25 instantiations of multiple architectures and solu-

1 tions, as described in the guidance of the Office of
2 the Assistant Secretary of Defense titled “Reference
3 Architecture Description”, dated June 2010, or any
4 successor to such guidance.

5 **SEC. 224. APPLICATION OF SOFTWARE INNOVATION AND**
6 **DATA MANAGEMENT PLANS TO MODERNIZE**
7 **TEST AND EVALUATION INFRASTRUCTURE.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF DIGITAL TEST AND EVAL-
9 UATION ENVIRONMENT.—

10 (1) PROGRAM.—The Director of the Test Re-
11 source Management Center, in coordination with the
12 officials specified in paragraph (4), shall establish
13 and maintain a digital test and evaluation environ-
14 ment for developmental and operational testing of
15 warfighting capabilities.

16 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The digital test and eval-
17 uation environment required under paragraph (1)
18 shall—

19 (A) incorporate commercially-derived data
20 management, analysis, and operations software
21 tools to enable rapid test and evaluation;

22 (B) enable real-time and iterative data col-
23 lection, management, analysis, and feedback
24 loops across the life cycle of tested systems;

1 (C) provide secure environments for testing
2 systems with operational security sensitivities;
3 and

4 (D) use a modular open system approach
5 (as defined in section 4401 of title 10, United
6 States Code) to ensure the environment can be
7 accessed by multiple vendors and is interoper-
8 able with multiple data sources, data formats,
9 and digital tools.

10 (3) USE OF SOFTWARE ACQUISITION PATH-
11 WAY.—In procuring software and covered hardware
12 (as defined in section 3603 of title 10, United States
13 Code) for the digital test and evaluation environ-
14 ment required under paragraph (1), the Director of
15 the Test Resource Management center shall use a
16 software acquisition pathway described in section
17 3603 of title 10, United States Code.

18 (4) OFFICIALS SPECIFIED.—The officials speci-
19 fied in this paragraph are—

20 (A) the Director of the Defense Innovation
21 Unit;

22 (B) the Director of Operational Test and
23 Evaluation; and

24 (C) each chief of a covered Armed Force.

25 (b) DATA MANAGEMENT PLANS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Before a covered Armed
2 Force may conduct a test and evaluation event, an
3 appropriate official from the Armed Force shall sub-
4 mit to the Director of Operational Test and Evalua-
5 tion and the Director of the Test Resource Manage-
6 ment Center a data management plan for the event.
7 Such data management plan may be included as
8 part of the Test and Evaluation Master plan sub-
9 mitted for the event pursuant to Department of De-
10 fense Directive 5000.100.

11 (2) PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—The Director of
12 Operational Test and Evaluation and the Director of
13 the Test Resource Management Center shall jointly
14 develop standard requirements for the data manage-
15 ment plans required under paragraph (1). Each such
16 data management plan shall include, with respect to
17 the test and evaluation event covered by the plan—

18 (A) identification of relevant data to be
19 collected during the event;

20 (B) methodologies for analyzing data after
21 testing is complete; and

22 (C) any other information the Directors
23 determine appropriate.

24 (c) PILOT PROGRAM TO ACCELERATE TEST.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Defense
2 Innovation Unit and the Director of the Test Re-
3 source Management Center, in coordination with the
4 Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, shall
5 jointly carry out a pilot program to determine how
6 commercial software can be used to accelerate and
7 improve testing for priority mission areas—

8 (A) to accelerate continuous integration
9 and continuous testing of warfighting capabili-
10 ties by applying industry best practices and
11 tooling for scalability, advanced analysis, and
12 data sharing on identified priority use cases;
13 and

14 (B) to enable continuous and iterative test-
15 ing throughout capability design, development,
16 engineering, and fielding.

17 (2) REPORTS REQUIRED.—The Director of the
18 Defense Innovation Unit and the Director of the
19 Test Resource Management Center, in coordination
20 with the Director of Operational Test and Evalua-
21 tion, shall—

22 (A) not later than 120 days after the date
23 of the enactment of this Act, submit to the con-
24 gressional defense committees an interim report

1 that includes an implementation plan for the
2 pilot program under paragraph (1); and

3 (B) following submittal of the report under
4 subparagraph (A), but not later than 270 days
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, sub-
6 mit to the committees a report on the progress
7 of the pilot program, which shall include a de-
8 scription of—

9 (i) the metrics used to measure the
10 performance of commercial software under
11 the program;

12 (ii) the initial findings of the program;
13 and

14 (iii) based on such findings, any iden-
15 tified roadblocks or limitations to using
16 commercial software and digital tools for
17 accelerated testing.

18 (3) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out
19 the pilot program under this subsection shall termi-
20 nate five years after the date of the enactment of
21 this Act.

22 (d) COVERED ARMED FORCE DEFINED.—In this sec-
23 tion, the term “covered Armed Force” means the Army,
24 Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

1 **SEC. 225. DEMONSTRATION OF NEAR REAL-TIME MONI-**
2 **TORING CAPABILITIES TO ENHANCE WEAPON**
3 **SYSTEM PLATFORMS.**

4 (a) PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to the
5 availability of appropriations, the Secretary of Defense, in
6 coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense for Ac-
7 quisition and Sustainment and the chiefs of the Armed
8 Forces, shall carry out a program to equip selected weapon
9 system platforms with onboard, near real-time, end-to-end
10 serial bus and radio frequency monitoring capabilities to
11 ensure continuous operational oversight and cybersecurity
12 health and resiliency.

13 (b) PHASES.—The Secretary of Defense shall imple-
14 ment the program under subsection (a) in phases as fol-
15 lows:

16 (1) Not later than 90 days after the date of the
17 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

18 (A) select not fewer than 3 and not more
19 than 5 weapon system platform fleets for initial
20 participation in the program, prioritizing the
21 MH–60R and MQ–9 aircraft fleets; and

22 (B) complete the initial deployment of
23 monitoring capabilities to such platforms.

24 (2) Not later than one year after the date of
25 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall extend
26 monitoring capabilities to the complete fleets of se-

1 lected platforms and complete initial data collection
2 and analysis from all participating platforms.

3 (3) Not later than one year after the date of
4 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall, sub-
5 ject to the availability of appropriations—

6 (A) select not fewer than 3 and not more
7 than 5 weapon system platform fleets, in addi-
8 tion to those selected under paragraph (1), for
9 participation in the program, prioritizing plat-
10 forms that demonstrate the highest potential
11 for cybersecurity improvement and operational
12 readiness gains based on program data anal-
13 ysis; and

14 (B) complete initial deployment of moni-
15 toring capabilities to such additional platforms.

16 (4) Not later than 18 months after the date of
17 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall com-
18 plete a comprehensive evaluation of the monitoring
19 capabilities demonstrated under the program, includ-
20 ing cybersecurity effectiveness, potential applicability
21 of data to maintenance improvements, and develop-
22 ment of scalability recommendations for potential
23 Department-wide implementation.

24 (c) DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS.—

1 (1) CHIEFS OF THE ARMED FORCES REQUIRE-
2 MENTS.—Each chief of an Armed Force with a
3 weapon system platform participating in the pro-
4 gram under subsection (a) shall collect and provide
5 to the Secretary of Defense data regarding the plat-
6 form and the monitoring capabilities demonstrated
7 under the program, including data on—

8 (A) cyber threat detection effectiveness;

9 (B) maintenance efficiency improvements;

10 (C) safety incident investigation and pre-
11 dictive maintenance accuracy;

12 (D) operational readiness and mission ca-
13 pable rates improvements; and

14 (E) interoperability and data sharing capa-
15 bilities across platforms and services.

16 (2) DEPARTMENTAL ANALYSIS.—The Secretary
17 shall analyze the data provided under paragraph (1)
18 to assess—

19 (A) integration challenges and suggestions
20 for overcoming such challenges in a future De-
21 partment-wide program;

22 (B) scalability requirements for broader
23 Department-wide implementation; and

1 (C) novel approaches for utilizing existing
2 resources in an austere fiscal environment to
3 expand capabilities across the Department.

4 (d) BUDGET INTEGRATION.—In the budget justifica-
5 tion materials submitted to Congress in support of the De-
6 partment of Defense budget for fiscal year 2028 (as sub-
7 mitted with the budget of the President under section
8 1105(a) of title 31), the Secretary of Defense shall include
9 proposed funding levels for the program expansion author-
10 ized under subsection (b)(3).

11 (e) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than 90
12 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annu-
13 ally thereafter for each of the following five years, the Sec-
14 retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense
15 committees a report on the status of the program. Each
16 report shall include, with respect to the period covered by
17 the report—

- 18 (1) implementation plans for the program;
19 (2) identification of the weapon system plat-
20 forms selected for participation in the program; and
21 (3) analysis of any data collected under the pro-
22 gram.

1 **SEC. 226. WESTERN REGIONAL RANGE COMPLEX DEM-**
2 **ONSTRATION.**

3 (a) DEMONSTRATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
4 Defense shall carry out a demonstration of a joint multi-
5 domain kinetic and non-kinetic testing and training envi-
6 ronment across military departments by interconnecting
7 existing ranges and training sites in the western States
8 to improve joint multi-domain training and further test-
9 ing, research, and development.

10 (b) USE OF EXISTING RANGES AND CAPABILITIES.—
11 The demonstration carried out pursuant to subsection (a)
12 shall use existing ranges and range capability, unless ca-
13 pability gaps are identified in the process of planning spe-
14 cific demonstration activities.

15 (c) ACTIVITIES.—The demonstration carried out pur-
16 suant to subsection (a) shall include the following:

- 17 (1) Electromagnetic spectrum operations.
- 18 (2) Electromagnetic warfare.
- 19 (3) Operations that blend kinetic and non-ki-
20 netic effects.
- 21 (4) Operations in the information environment.
- 22 (5) Joint All Domain Command and Control
23 (commonly known as “JADC2”).
- 24 (6) Information warfare, including the fol-
25 lowing:

1 (A) Intelligence, surveillance, and recon-
2 naissance.

3 (B) Offensive and defensive cyber oper-
4 ations.

5 (C) Electromagnetic warfare.

6 (D) Space operations.

7 (E) Psychological operations.

8 (F) Public affairs.

9 (G) Weather operations.

10 (d) TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION OF INITIAL DEM-
11 ONSTRATION.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Sec-
12 retary shall seek to complete an initial demonstration,
13 interconnecting two or more ranges or testing sites of two
14 or more military departments in the western States, sub-
15 ject to availability of appropriations, not later than one
16 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

17 (e) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the
18 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall pro-
19 vide the congressional defense committees a briefing on—

20 (1) a phased implementation plan and design to
21 connect ranges and testing sites in the western
22 States, including the initial demonstration required
23 by subsection (d);

24 (2) how the design architecture of the plan is
25 in alignment with recommendations of the 2020 De-

1 partment of Defense Electromagnetic Spectrum Su-
2 periority Strategy; and

3 (3) how the design architecture will support
4 high-periodicity training, testing, research, and de-
5 velopment.

6 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) The term “information environment” means
8 the aggregate of individuals, organizations, and sys-
9 tems that collect, process, and disseminate, or act on
10 information.

11 (2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
12 of Defense.

13 (g) TERMINATION.—This section shall terminate on
14 September 30, 2028.

15 **SEC. 227. REIMBURSEMENT OF NATIONAL GUARD FOR RE-**
16 **SEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUA-**
17 **TION EXPENSES.**

18 (a) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts authorized to be appro-
19 priated after the date of the enactment of this Act for
20 the Department of Defense for research, development,
21 test, and evaluation shall be available for reimbursement
22 of pay, allowances, and other expenses which would other-
23 wise be incurred against appropriations for the reserve
24 components of the Armed Forces, including the National
25 Guard, in cases in which members of the such reserve

1 components provide support to research, development,
2 test, and evaluation projects in which their involvement
3 furthers the project because of a member's or unit's avail-
4 ability, qualifications, experience, or education.

5 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
6 tion shall be construed—

7 (1) to authorize a deviation from established
8 personnel and training procedures of the reserve
9 components of the Armed Forces, including the Na-
10 tional Guard; or

11 (2) to authorize the direct engagement of mem-
12 bers or units of such components to conduct inde-
13 pendent research, development, test and evaluation
14 projects.

15 **SEC. 228. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
16 **ANIMAL RESEARCH IN COLLABORATION**
17 **WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES OF CONCERN.**

18 (a) PROHIBITION.—None of the funds authorized to
19 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available
20 for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Defense may
21 be obligated or expended—

22 (1) to carry out research, development, test,
23 evaluation, or training activities involving animals—

24 (A) in collaboration with a foreign country
25 of concern; or

1 (B) at any facility located in, or owned or
2 controlled (directly or indirectly) by, a foreign
3 country of concern; or

4 (2) to enter into a contract or other agreement,
5 or make a grant, pursuant to which such activities
6 would be carried out.

7 (b) FOREIGN COUNTRY OF CONCERN DEFINED.—In
8 this section, the term “foreign country of concern” has
9 the meaning given that term in section 9901 of the Wil-
10 liam M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authoriza-
11 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 15
12 U.S.C. 4651).

13 **SEC. 229. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
14 **GAIN OF FUNCTION RESEARCH.**

15 (a) PROHIBITION.—None of the funds authorized to
16 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available
17 for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Defense may
18 be obligated or expended—

19 (1) to conduct gain-of-function research on any
20 potential pandemic pathogen at any facility operated
21 by or on behalf of the Department; or

22 (2) to award contracts, grants, cooperative
23 agreements, or any other form of financial assist-
24 ance to any institution of higher education, non-
25 profit organization, private entity, or other research

1 institute that is conducting gain-of-function research
2 on potential pandemic pathogens.

3 (b) WAIVER.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
5 may waive the prohibition under subsection (a) on a
6 case-by-case basis, with respect to an individual re-
7 search project, grant, contract, or cooperative agree-
8 ment, if the Secretary determines that such a waiver
9 is in the national interests of the United States.

10 (2) CONGRESSIONAL NOTICE.—Not later than
11 30 days before the date on which an award is made,
12 a project is initiated, or an agreement entered into,
13 with respect to which a waiver is made under para-
14 graph (1), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to
15 the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate
16 and the House of Representatives notice of such
17 waiver.

18 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) The term “gain-of-function research” means
20 any research that may be reasonably anticipated to
21 confer an attribute to a pathogen such that the
22 pathogen would have enhanced pathogenicity or
23 transmissibility in mammals.

1 (2) The term “potential pandemic pathogen”
2 means a pathogen that, as a result of any gain-of-
3 function research—

4 (A) is likely more transmissible or likely
5 capable of wide and uncontrollable spread in
6 human populations;

7 (B) is likely more virulent or likely to
8 cause modest or greater morbidity or mortality
9 in humans; or

10 (C) is likely to pose a severe threat to pub-
11 lic health, the capacity of the public health sys-
12 tems to function, or national security.

13 **SEC. 230. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS PEND-**
14 **ING COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS RE-**
15 **LATING TO THE JOINT ENERGETICS TRANSI-**
16 **TION OFFICE.**

17 (a) LIMITATION.—Of the funds authorized to be ap-
18 propriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fis-
19 cal year 2026 for the Department of Defense and available
20 for the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Ac-
21 quisition and Sustainment for travel expenses, not more
22 than 75 percent may be obligated or expended until the
23 date on which the Secretary of Defense—

1 (1) establishes a Joint Energetics Transition
2 Office as required under section 148 of title 10,
3 United States Code; and

4 (2) submits to the congressional defense com-
5 mittees the reports required under subsections (b)
6 and (c) of section 241 of the National Defense Au-
7 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law
8 118–31; 136 Stat. 208).

9 (b) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense
10 may waive the prohibition under subsection (a) if the Sec-
11 retary—

12 (1) determines that extenuating circumstances
13 justify such a waiver; and

14 (2) provides to the congressional defense com-
15 mittees a briefing on the reasons for such deter-
16 mination.

17 **Subtitle C—Plans, Reports, and** 18 **Other Matters**

19 **SEC. 241. FEASIBILITY STUDY ON INCORPORATING MILI-** 20 **TARILY-RELEVANT APPLICATIONS OF** 21 **EMERGING BIOTECHNOLOGY INTO** 22 **WARGAMING EXERCISES.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs
24 of Staff shall conduct a review to determine the feasibility
25 and advisability modifying the design of wargaming exer-

1 cises to ensure that such exercises incorporate militarily-
2 relevant applications of emerging biotechnology.

3 (b) ELEMENTS.—In conducting the review required
4 under subsection (a), the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs
5 of Staff shall take into account—

6 (1) biotechnology-enabled enhancements that
7 improve the cognitive and physical performance of
8 warfighters;

9 (2) biotechnology-enabled chemicals and mate-
10 rials intended to provide a strategic advantage on
11 the battlefield;

12 (3) adversaries' use of biotechnology for mili-
13 tary purposes beyond traditional biological weapons;
14 and

15 (4) any other militarily-relevant applications of
16 biotechnology determined appropriate by the Chair-
17 man.

18 (c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the review under
19 subsection (a), the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
20 shall consult with—

21 (1) the commanders of the combatant com-
22 mands; and

23 (2) other stakeholders within and outside the
24 Department of Defense, as necessary, to identify re-
25 cent militarily-relevant advancements in the field of

1 biotechnology that could potentially be incorporated
2 into exercises.

3 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Chairman of the Joint
5 Chiefs of Staff shall submit to the Committees on Armed
6 Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives
7 a report on the results of the review conducted under sub-
8 section (a). The report shall include—

9 (1) a detailed summary of any recommended
10 modifications to wargaming exercises; and

11 (2) if applicable, a plan for regularly updating
12 the design of such exercises to keep pace with ad-
13 vances in biotechnology.

14 (e) WARGAMING EXERCISE DEFINED.—In this sec-
15 tion, the term “wargaming exercise” means a military ex-
16 ercise conducted to test or improve tactical expertise, and
17 includes the Globally Integrated Wargames.

18 **SEC. 242. FEASIBILITY STUDY ON USE OF CLOUD LABORA-**
19 **TORIES.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
21 conduct a review to determine the feasibility and advis-
22 ability of using cloud laboratories at the Department of
23 Defense to provide authorized researchers with access to
24 high-quality experimental instrumentation and data collec-
25 tion for purposes of generating high-quality data.

1 (b) ELEMENTS.—In conducting the review required
2 under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall take
3 into account—

4 (1) best practices for cloud computing methods
5 to safely store sensitive data, such as biological data;

6 (2) considerations related to cybersecurity, bio-
7 security, research security, and data privacy;

8 (3) estimated costs for the construction and
9 sustainment of cloud laboratories;

10 (4) estimated timelines for establishing cloud
11 laboratories; and

12 (5) consideration of how cloud laboratories can
13 improve the quality and quantity of data to improve
14 research and development of novel technologies.

15 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
16 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
17 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
18 Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the
19 results of the review conducted under subsection (a).

20 (d) CLOUD LABORATORY DEFINED.—In this section,
21 the term “cloud laboratory” means a physical laboratory
22 equipped with automation and data storage to conduct ex-
23 periments.

1 **SEC. 243. QUARTERLY REPORTS ON TERMINATION OF CRIT-**
2 **ICAL TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AWARDS.**

3 (a) **REPORTS REQUIRED.**—Not later than 90 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and on a quar-
5 terly basis thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall sub-
6 mit to the congressional defense committees a report that
7 includes the following:

8 (1) With respect to the quarter preceding the
9 date of the report, identification of each covered
10 award that was terminated by the Department of de-
11 fense on the basis that the award no longer effec-
12 tuates the programs goals or agency priorities as
13 provided under the Department of Defense Research
14 and Development General Terms and Conditions
15 (dated March 2025), or any related or successor
16 guidance.

17 (2) For each covered award identified under
18 paragraph (1)—

19 (A) an explanation of whether or not that
20 award was meeting relevant objectives and re-
21 quirements; and

22 (B) a justification for the termination of
23 the award.

24 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

25 (1) The term “covered award” means an award
26 made by the Department of Defense relating to the

1 research or development of any of the 14 critical
2 technology areas.

3 (2) The term “14 critical technology areas”
4 means the critical technology areas described in the
5 memorandum of the Under Secretary of Defense for
6 Research and Engineering issued on February 1,
7 2022, titled “USD(R&E) Technology Vision for an
8 Era of Competition”, or any successor guidance.

9 **SEC. 244. REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MARKET**
10 **RESEARCH OF CRITICAL TECHNOLOGY AND**
11 **CAPABILITIES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
14 fense, in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense
15 for Research and Engineering and the Under Secretary
16 of Acquisition and Sustainment, shall submit to the con-
17 gressional defense committees a report that—

18 (1) reviews and assesses the ability of the De-
19 partment of Defense to conduct effective and thor-
20 ough market research on critical existing and emerg-
21 ing defense technologies; and

22 (2) makes recommendations for the improve-
23 ment of such market research capabilities.

24 (b) CONTENTS.—The report under subsection (a)
25 shall include the following:

1 (1) An assessment of the strategic market eval-
2 uation practices across developmental innovation and
3 acquisition offices, including practices that are
4 aligned for purposes of investigating existing com-
5 mercial technology capabilities in critical tech-
6 nologies and capabilities.

7 (2) Recommendations on ways to improve mar-
8 ket research and commercial sector due diligence
9 within key Department of Defense innovation and
10 acquisition offices, with a particular focus on deeper
11 engagement with existing private sector entities.

12 (3) An assessment of the current status of de-
13 velopment maturity and growth in critical techno-
14 logical market areas.

15 (4) An assessment of regulatory, legal, and ad-
16 ministrative barriers in testing and evaluation of
17 such critical technologies that may delay their matu-
18 ration and development, such as—

19 (A) a lack of authority to operate new
20 technologies domestically; and

21 (B) barriers to direct commercial sales and
22 foreign military sales for such critical tech-
23 nologies.

1 (5) An assessment of how the barriers described
2 in paragraph (4) may be addressed to direct addi-
3 tional investment and speed development.

4 (6) An assessment of current practices of accu-
5 mulating and storing market research data across
6 the Department of Defense enterprise, from early-
7 stage research and development efforts to mature
8 commercial solutions.

9 (7) Recommendations, with respect to each crit-
10 ical technology sector, for enhancing private sector
11 participation, lowering barriers to entry for commer-
12 cial sector entities, decreasing capital costs required
13 for development, and shortening internal Depart-
14 ment of Defense timelines for major acquisition deci-
15 sions.

16 (8) Recommendations for the creation of stand-
17 ardized best practices for market research and com-
18 mercial sector due diligence within key innovation
19 and acquisition organizations in the Department of
20 Defense.

21 (c) CONSULTATION.—In preparing the report under
22 subsection (a) the Secretary shall seek input from relevant
23 individuals and organizations in commercial industry and
24 the venture capital sector.

**TITLE III—OPERATION AND
MAINTENANCE**

**Subtitle A—Authorization of
Appropriations**

SEC. 301. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2026 for the use of the Armed Forces and other activities and agencies of the Department of Defense for expenses, not otherwise provided for, for operation and maintenance, as specified in the funding table in section 4301.

**Subtitle B—Energy and
Environment**

**SEC. 311. INCLUSION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AND NUCLEAR
TECHNOLOGIES IN ELIGIBLE INVESTMENTS
MADE BY OFFICE OF STRATEGIC CAPITAL.**

Section 149(f)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraphs (U) through (GG) as subparagraphs (W) through (II), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subparagraph (T) the following new subparagraphs:

“(U) Nuclear energy.

“(V) Nuclear technologies.”.

1 **SEC. 312. INCLUSION OF INFORMATION ABOUT PFAS INVES-**
2 **TIGATION AND REMEDIATION IN ANNUAL RE-**
3 **PORT ON DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL PRO-**
4 **GRAMS.**

5 Section 2711 of title 10, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
8 following new paragraph:

9 “(6) Information on the costs associated with
10 investigating and remediating per- and
11 polyfluoroalkyl substances contamination, includ-
12 ing—

13 “(A) detailed information regarding the
14 total potential total costs to the Department of
15 investigating and remediating such contamina-
16 tion at all locations where investigation and re-
17 mediation is expected to be funded by the De-
18 partment; and

19 “(B) the cost assumption analysis required
20 under subsection (d).”; and

21 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
22 section:

23 “(d) PFAS COST ASSUMPTION ANALYSIS.—The Sec-
24 retary shall carry out an annual cost assumption analysis
25 with respect to the most important contributors to the

1 costs to the Department of investigating and remediating
2 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances contamination that—

3 “(1) includes—

4 “(A) an assessment of any changes in reg-
5 ulatory standards, treatment technologies, and
6 site prioritization that could affect future costs;

7 “(B) examples of how modifying assump-
8 tions about contamination extent, remediation
9 timelines, or emerging disposal methods could
10 affect projected costs; and

11 “(C) an identification of any funding
12 shortfalls or other constraints that could affect
13 the investigation and remediation of such con-
14 tamination; and

15 “(2) incorporates a risk and uncertainty anal-
16 ysis with respect to the effects of potential changes
17 in the most important contributors to the costs to
18 the Department of investigating and remediating
19 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances contamination,
20 including—

21 “(A) variability in the extent of such con-
22 tamination based on ongoing site assessments,
23 inspections, and investigations;

1 “(B) shifts in regulatory requirements that
2 could alter investigation and remediation strate-
3 gies; and

4 “(C) advances in technologies for the treat-
5 ment and disposal such contamination that
6 could reduce or increase long-term costs.”.

7 **SEC. 313. MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO**
8 **REPLACEMENT OF FLUORINATED AQUEOUS**
9 **FILM-FORMING FOAM.**

10 Section 322 of the National Defense Authorization
11 Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 10 U.S.C.
12 2661 note prec.) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (b)—

14 (A) by striking “October 1, 2023” and in-
15 serting “October 1, 2026”; and

16 (B) by striking “in excess of one part per
17 billion of” and inserting “detectable”;

18 (2) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “October 1,
19 2024” and inserting “October 1, 2026”;

20 (3) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the
21 following:

22 “(d) EXEMPTIONS.—Subsections (b) and (c) shall not
23 apply to firefighting foam for use—

24 “(1) onboard oceangoing vessels, including use
25 in pier-side inspection, testing, and maintenance;

1 “(2) that is necessary to conduct testing to
2 meet military specification qualification requirements
3 and ensure quality standards of the inventory of the
4 Department;

5 “(3) during research, development, test, and
6 evaluation of fluorine-free fire-fighting agents;

7 “(4) on naval nuclear submarine propulsion
8 plants; or

9 “(5) in tactical vehicles and equipment that is
10 incompatible with fluorine-free fire-fighting agents.”;
11 and

12 (4) in subsection (e)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1)—

14 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
15 graph (A), by inserting “the limitation
16 under subsection (b) or” before “the prohi-
17 bition”; and

18 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—

19 (I) in clause (ii), by inserting “or
20 to maintain military readiness” after
21 “safety”;

22 (II) by striking clause (iii) and
23 redesignating clauses (iv) and (v) as
24 clauses (iii) and (iv), respectively; and

1 (III) in clause (iii), as so redesign-
2 nated, by striking “and does not re-
3 quire revision”; and

4 (B) in paragraph (2)(C), by striking “Sec-
5 retary of Defense” and inserting “Under Sec-
6 retary of Defense for Acquisition and
7 Sustainment”.

8 **SEC. 314. PROVISION OF ALTERNATIVE DRINKING WATER**
9 **TO CERTAIN COMMUNITIES WITH PRIVATE**
10 **DRINKING WATER WELLS CONTAMINATED**
11 **WITH PERFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES OR**
12 **POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES.**

13 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Beginning on the date of the
14 enactment of this Act, for each household that is located
15 in a community with a private drinking water well in
16 which contamination from a perfluoroalkyl substance,
17 polyfluoroalkyl substance, or mixture thereof resulting
18 from activities of the Department of Defense exceeds the
19 maximum contaminant level for such substance or mix-
20 ture, respectively, and that has not received a permanent
21 safe drinking water solution described in subsection (b),
22 the Secretary of Defense shall provide to such household
23 an alternative source of drinking water (which may include
24 the provision of bottled water) until such time as—

1 (1) the degree of cleanup of such contamination
2 has at least attained such respective maximum con-
3 taminant level, consistent with section 121(d) of the
4 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensa-
5 tion, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9621(d));
6 or

7 (2) the Secretary provides such household with
8 a permanent safe drinking water solution described
9 in subsection (b).

10 (b) PERMANENT SAFE DRINKING WATER SOLU-
11 TIONS DESCRIBED.—A permanent safe drinking water so-
12 lution described in this subsection is the connection of a
13 household to a public water system, installation at a
14 household of an onsite filtration system capable of treating
15 the contamination specified in subsection (a), or provision
16 to a household of another permanent alternative source
17 of drinking water.

18 (c) COORDINATION WITH EXISTING AUTHORITIES.—
19 The Secretary of Defense shall carry out this section in
20 a manner consistent with the Comprehensive Environ-
21 mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of
22 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.) and any other authority
23 under environmental law, including by coordinating efforts
24 under subsection (a) with ongoing efforts to address con-
25 tamination under such authorities.

1 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) The terms “maximum contaminant level”
3 and “public water system” have the meanings given
4 those terms in section 1401 of the Safe Drinking
5 Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f).

6 (2) The term “private drinking water well”
7 means a drinking water well that is not a public
8 water system and is not connected to a public water
9 system.

10 **SEC. 315. RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR IN-**
11 **STALLATION AND OPERATIONAL NUCLEAR**
12 **ENERGY.**

13 (a) EXECUTIVE AGENT.—The Secretary of Defense,
14 in coordination with the Secretary of the Army, the Under
15 Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, the
16 Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineer-
17 ing, and the Director of the Strategic Capabilities Office
18 of the Department of Defense, shall ensure that, not later
19 than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
20 there is designated an executive agent of the Department
21 of Defense for installation and operational nuclear energy.

22 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The responsibilities of the
23 executive agent specified in subsection (a) shall include the
24 following:

1 (1) In coordination with the commanders of the
2 combatant commands and the Joint Chiefs of Staff,
3 assessing installation energy and operational energy
4 needs, and establishing and maintaining require-
5 ments for the use of nuclear energy to meet such
6 needs, for the purpose of furthering mission critical
7 activities of the Department of Defense and enhanc-
8 ing national security.

9 (2) Consulting with project developers and
10 other experts from the commercial nuclear industry,
11 potential private owners and operators of nuclear re-
12 actors to be deployed at military installations, and
13 other persons determined appropriate by the execu-
14 tive agent, to assess the technological capabilities,
15 development status, costs, timelines, risks, and po-
16 tential need for design evolution of nuclear reactors
17 to meet the needs of the Department of Defense re-
18 ferred to paragraph (1).

19 (3) In coordination with the Secretary of En-
20 ergy, the Secretaries of the military departments,
21 and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, assessing
22 the technology readiness, licensability, deployability,
23 operability, and maintainability of nuclear reactors
24 with respect to potential deployment at military in-
25 stallations.

1 (4) In coordination with the Secretary of De-
2 fense and the Secretaries of the military depart-
3 ments, integrating technical and project resources
4 across the Department of Defense for the use of nu-
5 clear reactors to meet the needs of the Department
6 of Defense referred to in paragraph (1), including by
7 developing a plan to aggregate the demand for, and
8 the acquisition and deployment of, nuclear reactors
9 across military installations and military depart-
10 ments.

11 (5) In coordination with the Secretary of En-
12 ergy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission—

13 (A) evaluating the regulatory framework
14 and other requirements applicable to the use of
15 nuclear reactors to meet such needs; and

16 (B) establishing training programs and
17 plans relating to the acquisition and operation
18 of nuclear reactors to meet such needs.

19 (6) Identifying the timelines and resource re-
20 quirements necessary for the acquisition and oper-
21 ation of nuclear reactors to meet such needs, includ-
22 ing—

23 (A) any support necessary from the na-
24 tional laboratories of the Department of En-
25 ergy; and

1 (B) any funding necessary to carry out in-
2 terim pilot programs for the limited deployment
3 of nuclear reactors until such timelines and re-
4 source requirements are met.

5 (7) Including resource requirements identified
6 pursuant to paragraph (6), and any other resource
7 requirements necessary to carry out this subsection,
8 in applicable planning, programming, budgeting, and
9 execution processes of the Department of Defense,
10 including by preparing, as applicable—

11 (A) a program objective memorandum for
12 any new resource so required; and

13 (B) a budget justification for any new re-
14 source so required for inclusion in the budget
15 materials submitted by the Secretary of De-
16 fense to Congress in support of the President's
17 annual budget request (submitted to Congress
18 pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, United
19 States Code).

20 (8) Providing technical support for programs of
21 the military departments relating to the deployment
22 of nuclear reactors for installation energy resilience.

23 (c) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than September
24 30, 2026, and annually thereafter for a period of five
25 years, the executive agent specified in subsection (a) shall

1 submit to the Secretary of Defense and the congressional
2 defense committees a report describing the actions taken
3 to implement this section during the one-year period end-
4 ing on the date of the submission of such report.

5 (d) PLAN FOR PROGRAM OF RECORD.—

6 (1) SUBMISSION.—Not later than one year after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
8 of Defense, in coordination with the executive agent
9 specified in subsection (a), shall submit to the con-
10 gressional defense committees a plan to establish a
11 program of record of the Department of Defense for
12 the use of nuclear energy to meet installation energy
13 and operational energy needs.

14 (2) ELEMENTS.—The plan under paragraph (1)
15 shall include the following:

16 (A) An identification of requirements nec-
17 essary for the establishment of the program of
18 record specified in such paragraph.

19 (B) A budget estimate for such program of
20 record through 2030 or through the conclusion
21 of the five-year period following the first date
22 on which a nuclear reactor is deployed at a
23 military installation, whichever is later.

24 (C) A summary of actions taken to imple-
25 ment the responsibilities under subsection (b)

1 and information derived as a result of such ac-
2 tions.

3 (D) Use cases for nuclear reactors, devel-
4 oped in coordination with the commanders of
5 combatant commands with respect to installa-
6 tion and operational needs (including needs re-
7 lating to the electrification of operational en-
8 ergy, elimination of fuel supply vulnerabilities,
9 military installation resilience, sustainment of
10 military installations, enablement of multi-do-
11 main operations, and advanced weaponry).

12 (E) An identification of the minimum po-
13 tential number of military installations at which
14 nuclear reactors would be necessary to deploy in
15 order to establish a cost-effective program, and
16 projected dates by which such nuclear reactors
17 would achieve initial operational capability.

18 (F) An estimate of fuel requirements nec-
19 essary to support the deployment of various
20 models of nuclear reactors at military installa-
21 tions, to inform future acquisition planning.

22 (e) COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE DIRECTIVE.—
23 The Secretary shall carry out this section in compliance
24 with Directive 5101.1.

1 (f) SUPPORT WITHIN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—

2 In accordance with Directive 5101.1, the Secretary shall
3 ensure that the military departments, the Defense Agen-
4 cies, and other elements of the Department of Defense
5 provide the executive agent specified in subsection (a) with
6 the appropriate support and resources needed to perform
7 the roles, responsibilities, and authorities of the executive
8 agent.

9 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

10 (1) The term “Directive 5101.1” means De-
11 partment of Defense Directive 5101.1, or any suc-
12 cessor directive relating to the responsibilities of an
13 executive agent of the Department of Defense.

14 (2) The terms “energy resilience” and “military
15 installation resilience” have the meanings given
16 those terms in section 101 of title 10, United States
17 Code.

18 (3) The term “executive agent” has the mean-
19 ing given the term “DoD Executive Agent” in Direc-
20 tive 5101.1.

21 (4) The term “operational energy” has the
22 meaning given that term in section 2924 of title 10,
23 United States Code.

1 **SEC. 316. ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVANCED NUCLEAR TECH-**
2 **NOLOGIES TRANSITION WORKING GROUP.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
5 Defense shall establish a working group to be known as
6 the “Advanced Nuclear Technologies Transition Working
7 Group”.

8 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The working group shall be com-
9 posed of the following members, or designees thereof:

10 (1) The Secretary of Defense.

11 (2) The Secretaries of the military departments.

12 (3) The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

13 (4) The Under Secretary of Defense for Acqui-
14 sition and Sustainment.

15 (5) The Under Secretary of Defense for Re-
16 search and Engineering.

17 (6) The Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

18 (7) The Director of the Defense Innovation
19 Unit.

20 (8) The Director of the Strategic Capabilities
21 Office.

22 (9) The head of any other organizational entity
23 of the Department of Defense the Chairperson de-
24 termines appropriate.

1 (c) CHAIRPERSON.—The Secretary of Defense, or a
2 designee thereof, shall serve as the Chairperson of the
3 working group.

4 (d) DUTIES.—The duties of the working group shall
5 include the following:

6 (1) Developing and implementing a strategy to
7 accelerate the procurement and fielding of commer-
8 cially available advanced nuclear technologies using
9 available authorities.

10 (2) Identifying critical installation energy and
11 operational energy needs of military installations
12 and the combatant commands that may be ad-
13 dressed through the use of advanced nuclear tech-
14 nologies, ensuring such needs are considered in rela-
15 tion to efforts and planned efforts of the Depart-
16 ment of Defense, and developing an accelerated
17 pathway to leverage advanced nuclear technologies
18 to address any gap in such needs.

19 (3) Coordinating efforts among the members of
20 the working group for the demonstration and transi-
21 tion of advanced nuclear technologies, including by
22 increasing opportunities for collaboration between
23 the Department of Defense and potential partners
24 within the commercial nuclear industry with respect
25 to research and development, testing and evaluation,

1 and procurement activities relating to such tech-
2 nologies.

3 (4) Coordinating with the heads of other rel-
4 evant Federal departments and agencies regarding
5 the conduct of interagency activities and develop-
6 ment of best practices to address obstacles to the
7 rapid fielding of advanced nuclear technologies, in-
8 cluding any such obstacle relating to workforce de-
9 velopment, regulatory frameworks, licensing require-
10 ments, access to fuel sources, safety or security
11 standards, or decommissioning.

12 (5) Establishing opportunities for engagement
13 with developers of advanced nuclear technologies
14 within the commercial nuclear industry to assess the
15 availability (including, as applicable, the timeline for
16 availability) of micro-reactor and small modular re-
17 actor capabilities for potential application to meet
18 the needs of the Department of Defense.

19 (e) MEETINGS.—The working group shall meet at the
20 call of the Chairperson and not less frequently than quar-
21 terly.

22 (f) BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS.—

23 (1) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than 180
24 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
25 Chairperson shall provide to the congressional de-

1 fense committees a briefing on the organization,
2 plans, milestones, and activities of the working
3 group.

4 (2) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than Sep-
5 tember 30, 2026, and annually thereafter until the
6 date of termination under subsection (g), the Chair-
7 person shall submit to the congressional defense
8 committees a report describing, with respect to the
9 year preceding the date of submission of the report,
10 the plans, milestones, and activities of the working
11 group, including a description of the status during
12 such year of any project relating to advanced nu-
13 clear technologies, any funding or other requirement
14 associated with such a project, and any plan to tran-
15 sition a capability under such a project.

16 (g) TERMINATION.—The working group shall termi-
17 nate on September 30, 2029.

18 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) The term “micro-reactor” means an ad-
20 vanced nuclear reactor, as such term is defined in
21 section 951(b)(1) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005
22 (42 U.S.C. 16271(b)(1)), with a rated capacity of
23 less than 50 electrical megawatts.

1 (2) The term “operational energy” has the
2 meaning given that term in section 2924 of title 10,
3 United States Code.

4 (3) The term “small modular reactor” means
5 an advanced nuclear reactor, as such term is defined
6 in section 951(b)(1) of the Energy Policy Act of
7 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16271(b)(1))—

8 (A) with a rated capacity of less than 500
9 electrical megawatts; and

10 (B) that may be constructed and operated
11 in combination with similar reactors at a single
12 site.

13 (4) The term “working group” means the work-
14 ing group established under subsection (a).

15 **SEC. 317. DEPARTMENT OF AIR FORCE PROGRAM OF**
16 **RECORD FOR COMMERCIAL WEATHER DATA.**

17 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than September 30,
18 2027, the Secretary of the Air Force shall establish a pro-
19 gram of record of the Department of the Air Force to—

20 (1) acquire and use commercial weather data
21 to—

22 (A) support operational weather fore-
23 casting; and

24 (B) enhance mission planning and execu-
25 tion in data-sparse and contested environments;

1 (2) integrate such commercial weather data and
2 related systems into meteorological and decision sup-
3 port frameworks of the Air Force; and

4 (3) ensure resilience against adversarial ad-
5 vancements in space-based environmental moni-
6 toring.

7 (b) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
8 March 1, 2026, the Secretary of the Air Force shall sub-
9 mit to the congressional defense committees, with respect
10 to the program of record to be established under sub-
11 section (a), the following:

12 (1) A transition plan for the adoption of such
13 program of record, including projected costs and
14 funding requirements over the period covered by the
15 program objective memorandum process for fiscal
16 years 2027 through 2031.

17 (2) An acquisition strategy for such program of
18 record, including an outline of potential middle tier
19 of acquisition pathways or major capability acquisi-
20 tion pathways (as such term is defined in Depart-
21 ment of Defense Instruction 5000.85, titled “Major
22 Capability Acquisition” and issued on August 6,
23 2020 (or successor instruction)).

24 (3) A budget justification for inclusion of such
25 program of record in the budget materials submitted

1 by the Secretary of Defense to Congress in support
2 of the President's annual budget request (submitted
3 to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title 31,
4 United States Code) for fiscal year 2027, to secure
5 sustained funding.

6 **SEC. 318. PILOT PROGRAM ON NAVY INSTALLATION NU-**
7 **CLEAR ENERGY.**

8 (a) PILOT PROGRAM REQUIRED.—Beginning not
9 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of
10 this Act, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy,
11 Installations, and Environment shall carry out a ten-year
12 pilot program at one or more naval installations for the
13 purpose of determining how small modular reactors or mo-
14 bile reactors could be used—

15 (1) to meet the coastal installation energy needs
16 of the Navy during the ten-year period beginning on
17 the date of the enactment of this Act; and

18 (2) to inform the development of concepts for
19 the use of nuclear power facilities to support in-
20 creased energy security for Navy and Marine Corps
21 installations.

22 (b) INSTALLATION PRIORITIZATION.—In selecting
23 naval installations for the pilot program required by sub-
24 section (a), the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for En-

1 ergy, Installations, and Environment shall prioritize an in-
2 stallation that—

3 (1) has entered into, as of the date of the en-
4 actment of this Act, a memorandum of agreement
5 with a private power provider to explore the use of
6 a small modular reactor or mobile reactor for instal-
7 lation energy requirements; and

8 (2) contributes support to naval operational
9 forces in the mid-Atlantic region.

10 (c) PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS.—

11 (1) AVAILABLE INFRASTRUCTURE.—The Assist-
12 ant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations,
13 and Environment may carry out the pilot program
14 required by subsection (a) by assessing and making
15 recommendations regarding how to make available
16 the facilities of a Navy or Marine Corps program se-
17 lected for participation in the pilot program.

18 (2) DATA CENTERS.—As part of the pilot pro-
19 gram, the Assistant Secretary shall evaluate and
20 make recommendations regarding how to make
21 available Navy or Marine Corps facilities to co-locate
22 data centers with the assessed, representative small
23 modular reactors or mobile reactors.

24 (3) CONTRACTS.—The pilot program does not
25 require the Secretary of the Navy to enter into any

1 new contract, such as an energy savings perform-
2 ance contract.

3 (d) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

4 (1) ANNUAL REPORT.—In each report sub-
5 mitted under section 2925 of title 10, United States
6 Code, during the period beginning on the date that
7 is one year after the date of enactment of this Act
8 and ending on September 30, 2032, the Secretary of
9 the Navy shall include, for the year covered by the
10 report, each of the following:

11 (A) A five-year funding plan for all Navy
12 nuclear shore and installation power programs
13 for the Navy, including nuclear efforts provided
14 for in the context of the Navy Shore Energy
15 Program and any identified funding shortfalls.

16 (B) An identification of authorities re-
17 quired and remaining barriers to the provision
18 of nuclear power from a military installation to
19 civilian energy grids.

20 (C) A review of lessons learned from re-
21 lated efforts conducted by the other military de-
22 partments, the Defense Innovation Unit, and
23 any other entities the Secretary considers rel-
24 evant.

1 (D) An analysis of efforts taken by the
2 Navy to use nuclear power on Navy installa-
3 tions to support data center power demands.

4 (E) Any other details the Secretary of the
5 Navy considers relevant.

6 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Upon conclusion of the
7 pilot program, the Secretary of the Navy shall sub-
8 mit to the congressional defense committees a report
9 that includes, or include in the report required under
10 section 2925 of title 10, United States Code, for the
11 fiscal year during which the pilot program concludes,
12 the following:

13 (A) An identification of the funding that
14 would be required to convert the pilot program
15 to a program of record.

16 (B) An identification of all available fund-
17 ing provided in the budget of the Navy for the
18 fiscal year during which the report is submitted
19 for nuclear power at Navy and Marine Corps
20 installations.

21 (e) EARLY TERMINATION.—The Secretary of the
22 Navy may terminate the pilot program before the expira-
23 tion of the five-year period referred to in subsection (a)
24 if the Secretary provides notice of such early termination
25 to the congressional defense committees.

1 **SEC. 319. PILOT PROGRAM TO INSTALL PROPANE-POW-**
2 **ERED GENERATORS AT A DOMESTIC DE-**
3 **FENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE FACILITY.**

4 (a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—Not later than one year
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant
6 Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and the En-
7 vironment shall carry out a pilot program under which the
8 Assistant Secretary shall install propane-powered genera-
9 tors at an organic industrial base facility. Under the pilot
10 program, such generators shall—

11 (1) be used in tandem with an on-site microgrid
12 in order to improve the resiliency and redundancy of
13 power generation at the facility; and

14 (2) be powered by conventional or renewable
15 propane.

16 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) The term “microgrid” has the meaning
18 given such term in section 641(b)(6) of the United
19 States Energy Storage Competitiveness Act of 2007
20 (42 U.S.C. 17231(b)(6)).

21 (2) The term “propane” has the meaning given
22 such term in section 3(6) of the Propane Education
23 and Research Act of 1996 (15 U.S.C. 6402(6)).

24 (c) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out the
25 pilot program under this section shall terminate on the

1 date that is five years after the date of the enactment of
2 this Act.

3 **SEC. 320. STRATEGY TO ACCELERATE REMEDIATION OF**
4 **CONTAMINATION FROM PERFLUOROALKYL**
5 **SUBSTANCES AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUB-**
6 **STANCES.**

7 (a) STRATEGY.—Not later than 180 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
9 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a
10 strategy to accelerate the remediation efforts of the De-
11 partment of Defense with respect to contamination from
12 perfluoroalkyl substances or polyfluoroalkyl substances,
13 which shall include—

14 (1) criteria of the Department for the
15 prioritization of military installations and National
16 Guard facilities with respect to which such efforts
17 are planned or underway, based on relative risk to
18 human health, demonstrated environmental impact,
19 and proximity to any community affected, or at risk
20 of being affected, by such contamination;

21 (2) timelines for completing each phase of the
22 cleanup process under CERCLA with respect to
23 such contamination for each such military installa-
24 tion or National Guard facility;

1 (3) a plan for deploying additional technologies,
2 personnel, or other resources to reduce delays to
3 such remediation efforts, including an identification
4 of—

5 (A) the number of laboratories accredited
6 by the environmental laboratory accreditation
7 program of the Department to test for the pres-
8 ence of perfluoroalkyl substances and
9 polyfluoroalkyl substances; and

10 (B) the number of laboratories in the proc-
11 ess of being so accredited; and

12 (4) benchmarks for evaluating the performance
13 of each military department or Defense Agency with
14 respect to response efforts to address contamination
15 from perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl
16 substances.

17 (b) PUBLIC DASHBOARD.—Not later than one year
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
19 shall publish on a publicly accessible website of the De-
20 partment an online dashboard that provides information
21 on the actions of the Department, including each military
22 department, relating to contamination from perfluoroalkyl
23 substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances. The dashboard
24 shall be updated on a semiannual basis and shall include
25 a summary of—

1 (1) funding levels and expenditures relating to
2 response efforts to address such contamination,
3 dissagregated by each military installation or Na-
4 tional Guard facility with respect to which such ef-
5 forts are planned or underway;

6 (2) the status of response efforts to address
7 such contamination under the applicable phase of
8 the cleanup process under CERCLA, including the
9 status of any interim removal actions, at each such
10 site;

11 (3) projected and actual timelines for the com-
12 pletion of remediation with respect to such contami-
13 nation at each such site; and

14 (4) points of contact for community engage-
15 ment.

16 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) The terms “CERCLA”, “National Guard
18 facility”, “removal”, and “response” have the mean-
19 ings given those terms in section 2700 of title 10,
20 United States Code.

21 (2) The term “Defense Agency” has the mean-
22 ing given such term in section 101(a) of title 10,
23 United States Code.

1 **Subtitle C—Logistics and**
2 **Sustainment**

3 **SEC. 331. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF DEPOT**
4 **WORKING CAPITAL FUNDS FOR UNSPECIFIED**
5 **MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION.**

6 Section 2208(u)(4) of title 10, United States Code,
7 is amended by striking “September 30, 2025” and insert-
8 ing “September 30, 2027”.

9 **SEC. 332. DESIGNATION OF SENIOR OFFICIALS RESPON-**
10 **SIBLE FOR INTEGRATION OF GLOBAL CON-**
11 **TESTED LOGISTICS POSTURE MANAGEMENT.**

12 (a) DESIGNATION OF SENIOR MILITARY DEPART-
13 MENT OFFICIALS.—Chapter 131 of title 10, United States
14 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
15 section:

16 **“§ 2229b. Responsibility for contested logistics pos-**
17 **ture management**

18 “(a) DESIGNATION OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL.—
19 The Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall designate the
20 member or employee of the Joint Staff with primary re-
21 sponsibility for the core logistics capabilities of supply,
22 maintenance operations, prepositioned stocks, deployment
23 and distribution, health services support, engineering, lo-
24 gistics services, and operational contract to serve as the
25 official within the Department with principal responsibility

1 for the integration of global contested logistics posture
2 management across the military departments. In carrying
3 out such responsibility, such official shall coordinate with
4 the senior military department officials designated under
5 subsection (c).

6 “(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The official designated
7 under subsection (a) shall coordinate and deconflict the
8 activities of the military departments with respect to each
9 of the following:

10 “(1) The locations of sites outside the conti-
11 nental United States at which stocks of supplies and
12 equipment as well as the composition of those
13 stocks.

14 “(2) The provision of adequate intra-theater sea
15 and air capability to move material and personnel
16 throughout the theater.

17 “(3) The monitoring and coordination of
18 resourcing decisions by the military departments in
19 support of operational plans and contingencies.

20 “(4) The identification of shortcomings in the
21 provision of resources identified in paragraphs (2)
22 and (3).

23 “(c) SENIOR MILITARY DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.—
24 (1) Each secretary of a military department shall des-
25 ignate, from among officials serving in the department,

1 an official to have principal responsibility for contested lo-
2 gistics posture management for that department.

3 “(2) Each senior official designated under paragraph
4 (1) shall be responsible for—

5 “(A) ensuring that the department concerned is
6 adequately prepared to provide coordinated logistics
7 support to the armed forces of that department in
8 contested environments outside the continental
9 United States, including by—

10 “(i) establishing or arranging for access to
11 locations through which supplies and equipment
12 can be provided to such forces;

13 “(ii) developing any necessary infrastruc-
14 ture; and

15 “(iii) to the extent feasible, prepositioning
16 supplies and equipment at such locations; and

17 “(B) ensuring that the logistics capabilities de-
18 scribed in subparagraph (A) meet the requirements
19 of the operational and contingency plans of such
20 forces.

21 “(3) Each senior official designated under paragraph
22 (1) may designate an official of the military department
23 concerned to serve as a deputy to assist the senior official
24 in carrying out the responsibilities under this section.

1 “(d) CONTESTED LOGISTICS POSTURE STRATEGY.—

2 (1) The official designated under subsection (a), in coordi-
3 nation with each senior official designated under sub-
4 section (b) and any other Department official identified
5 by the Secretary, shall develop and implement a strategy
6 for carrying out the responsibilities described in subsection
7 (c)(2).

8 “(2) The strategy required under paragraph (1) shall
9 include each of the following:

10 “(A) A description of—

11 “(i) the locations of sites outside the conti-
12 nental United States at which stocks of supplies
13 and equipment are prepositioned as of the date
14 of the strategy;

15 “(ii) the status and disposition of such
16 prepositioned stocks; and

17 “(iii) the operational or contingency plan
18 such stocks are intended to support.

19 “(B) An identification of—

20 “(i) any shortcomings associated with the
21 sites and prepositioned stocks described in sub-
22 paragraph (A) that must be addressed to opti-
23 mally execute operational and contingency
24 plans; and

1 “(ii) any additional sites, infrastructure, or
2 equipment that may be needed to address such
3 shortcomings and support such plans.

4 “(C) A description of any additional funding or
5 other resources required—

6 “(i) to address the shortcomings identified
7 under subparagraph (B)(i); and

8 “(ii) to provide for the additional sites, in-
9 frastructure, and equipment identified under
10 subparagraph (B)(ii).

11 “(D) A prioritized list of investment rec-
12 ommendations for each item described in subpara-
13 graph (C).

14 “(E) An identification of each case in which the
15 military department concerned lacks the authority or
16 ability to access a location outside the United States
17 for purposes of providing logistics support as re-
18 quired under operational and contingency plans, set
19 forth separately by location.

20 “(F) An assessment of any existing and pro-
21 jected threats to sites outside the continental United
22 States that are expected to support such operational
23 and contingency plans.

1 “(3) The strategy required under paragraph (1) shall
2 cover the period of two years following the date of the
3 strategy and shall be updated on an biennial basis.”.

4 (b) DEADLINE FOR DESIGNATION.—Not later than
5 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, each
6 Secretary of a military department shall make the des-
7 ignation required under section 2229b(b) of title 10,
8 United States Code, as added by subsection (a).

9 (c) DEADLINE; REPORTS.—

10 (1) DEADLINE.—The development of the strat-
11 egy required under subsection (d) of section 2229b
12 of title 10, United States Code, as added by sub-
13 section (a), shall be completed by not later than
14 January 31, 2027.

15 (2) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the offi-
17 cial designated under subsection (a) of such section
18 2229b shall submit to the congressional defense
19 committees a report that includes—

20 (A) the names of the officials designated
21 under subsection (b) of such section; and

22 (B) a plan for the completion of the devel-
23 opment of the strategy required under sub-
24 section (d) of such section.

1 (3) BIENNIAL INTERIM REPORTS.—During the
2 period beginning on the date of the submission of
3 the initial report under paragraph (2) and ending on
4 the date of the completion of the development of the
5 strategy required under subsection (d) of such sec-
6 tion 2229b, the official designated under subsection
7 (a) of such section shall submit to the congressional
8 defense committees semi-annual reports each of
9 which shall include—

10 (A) an update on the progress made to-
11 ward the completion of the development of the
12 strategy; and

13 (B) an assessment of the progress of the
14 official with respect to the responsibilities of the
15 official under subsection (b) of such section.

16 **SEC. 333. MODIFICATION OF MINIMUM CAPITAL INVEST-**
17 **MENT FOR CERTAIN DEPOTS OF DEPART-**
18 **MENT OF DEFENSE.**

19 Section 2476(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code,
20 is amended by striking “the preceding three fiscal years”
21 and inserting “the preceding fiscal year, the current fiscal
22 year, and the estimated amount for the following fiscal
23 year”.

1 **SEC. 335. MODIFICATION TO ANNUAL REPORT ON NAVY**
2 **SHIPYARD INFRASTRUCTURE OPTIMIZATION**
3 **PROGRAM.**

4 Section 355(c)(2)(A) of the National Defense Au-
5 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–
6 81; 10 U.S.C. 8013 note) is amended by inserting “and
7 the incorporation of digital infrastructure (including hard-
8 ware, software, and cloud storage) and platforms” before
9 “; and”.

10 **SEC. 336. STRATEGY TO IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE OF**
11 **CERTAIN DEPOTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**
12 **DEFENSE.**

13 Section 359 of the National Defense Authorization
14 Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 133 Stat.
15 1323; 10 U.S.C. 2476 note) is amended—

16 (1) by striking subsection (c); and

17 (2) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as
18 subsections (c) and (d), respectively.

19 **SEC. 337. PILOT PROGRAM FOR ARSENAL WORKLOAD**
20 **SUSTAINMENT.**

21 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF PILOT PROGRAM.**—Not
22 later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
23 Act, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a pilot pro-
24 gram to incentivize public-private partnerships at arsenals
25 of the Department of the Army, to be known as the “Arse-

1 nal Workload Sustainment Pilot Program” (in this section
2 referred to as the “pilot program”).

3 (b) PRIORITIZATION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the pilot
5 program, the Secretary shall prioritize the award of
6 a contract to a non-public partner that will use a
7 Government owned, Government controlled arsenal
8 of the Department of the Army.

9 (2) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall select to
10 participate in the pilot program non-public partners
11 that the Secretary determines demonstrate that the
12 performance of any work under the pilot program
13 shall be performed equally by employees of the De-
14 partment of Defense and the non-public partner.

15 (c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 90 days after the
16 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue
17 regulations to implement subsection (b).

18 (d) REPORT.—

19 (1) SUBMISSION.—Not later than one year after
20 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
21 shall submit to the congressional defense committees
22 a report on the activities conducted under the pilot
23 program, including a description of any operational
24 challenges identified in the course of such conduct.

1 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report under paragraph
2 (1) shall include the following:

3 (A) A breakout, by relevant budget ac-
4 count, of the workload achieved during the
5 prior fiscal year at each Government owned,
6 Government controlled arsenal of the Depart-
7 ment of the Army for which a contract was
8 awarded under the pilot program, whether di-
9 rectly or pursuant to such contract.

10 (B) An assessment of relevant budget ac-
11 counts where any such arsenal may be used to
12 meet future procurement needs of the Depart-
13 ment of Defense, irrespective of cost.

14 (C) An outlook of expected workload at
15 each such arsenal during the period covered by
16 the future-years defense program submitted to
17 Congress under section 221 of title 10, United
18 States Code.

19 (D) The capital investments required to be
20 made at each such arsenal to ensure compliance
21 and operational capacity.

22 (e) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out the
23 pilot program shall terminate on the date that is five years
24 after the date of the establishment of the pilot program.

1 (f) NON-PUBLIC PARTNER DEFINED.—In this sec-
2 tion, the term “non-public partner” means an entity, indi-
3 vidual, university, or nonprofit organization that is not
4 part of the United States Government.

5 **SEC. 338. DEPOT-LEVEL MAINTENANCE COORDINATION IN**
6 **MULTINATIONAL EXERCISES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each year, the Secretary of the
8 Air Force shall incorporate in at least one multinational
9 exercise conducted in the area of operations of the United
10 States Indo-Pacific Command—

11 (1) depot-level maintenance, repair, and
12 sustainment considerations, including binational or
13 multinational planning sessions with covered nations
14 on—

15 (A) identifying opportunities to cooperate
16 on depot-level maintenance and repair in ways
17 that minimize transportation requirements in
18 such area of operations and determining the au-
19 thorities necessary to deliver the necessary joint
20 capabilities;

21 (B) facilitating real-time coordination be-
22 tween the United States and covered nations to
23 maintain munitions stock levels and resupply
24 routes in the such area of operations;

1 (C) mutual recognition of airworthiness
2 and maintenance certification between the
3 United States and covered nations; and

4 (D) emergency tabletop exercises, such as
5 when an aircraft of a covered nation breaks
6 down on United States territory, and vice versa,
7 in a contested logistics environment; and

8 (2) coordination with the Air Force
9 Sustainment Center, including the participation of
10 representatives of—

11 (A) the United States Indo-Pacific Com-
12 mand;

13 (B) United States Air Force Pacific;

14 (C) the United States Air Mobility Com-
15 mand; and

16 (D) the Air Force Sustainment Center.

17 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
18 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air
19 Force shall submit to Congress a report summarizing the
20 lessons learned from carrying out an exercise in accord-
21 ance with subsection (a) with respect to the Republic of
22 Korea and the Commonwealth of Australia. Such report
23 shall include each of the following:

24 (1) A list of candidate systems for co-
25 sustainment with Korea and Australia.

1 (2) A list of depot-level repair workload oppor-
2 tunities to undertake with Korea and Australia, in-
3 cluding testing equipment or line replaceable units.

4 (3) Opportunities to incorporate Korean and
5 Australian industry partners in depot-level mainte-
6 nance repair activities, including through public-pri-
7 vate partnerships.

8 (4) An identification of any potential logistical
9 challenges that could arise with the host country, in-
10 cluding with respect to workforce, housing, and loca-
11 tion of workload.

12 (5) An identification of any potential impedi-
13 ments involving intellectual property or data rights
14 between original equipment manufacturers and the
15 Department of the Air Force or between the Depart-
16 ment of the Air Force and named partner countries.

17 (6) An identification of any potential impedi-
18 ments related to the International Traffic in Arms
19 Regulations and related statutes.

20 (7) Any additional recommendations to Con-
21 gress that would ease the facilitation of depot-level
22 maintenance repair partnerships with Korea and
23 Australia, including changes to existing status of
24 forces agreements.

1 (8) An analysis of current maintenance and re-
2 pair capabilities and gaps in the organic industrial
3 base of Korea and Australia.

4 (9) An assessment of the types of maintenance
5 and repair activities (depot-level, preventative, cor-
6 rective) that may be most appropriate for partner-
7 ship with Korea and Australia.

8 (10) An assessment of how partnerships may
9 contribute to allied contingency operations, inter-
10 operability, and regional posture resilience in the
11 Indo-Pacific region.

12 (11) A consideration of planning factors related
13 to the evolving force generation models, future-gen-
14 eration aircraft programs, deployment schedules,
15 statutory maintenance thresholds, and other relevant
16 operational requirements of the Department of the
17 Air Force.

18 (c) COVERED NATION DEFINED.—In this section, the
19 term “covered nation” means any of the following:

20 (1) The Commonwealth of Australia.

21 (2) Canada.

22 (3) Japan.

23 (4) New Zealand.

24 (5) The Republic of Korea.

1 (6) The United Kingdom of Great Britain and
2 Northern Ireland.

3 (7) Any other nation designated a covered na-
4 tion for the purposes of this section by the Secretary
5 of the Air Force.

6 **SEC. 339. MAINTENANCE INSPECTION CAPABILITIES AND**
7 **REQUIREMENTS.**

8 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Subject to the requirements of
9 subsection (b), the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that
10 when the Department of Defense conducts maintenance
11 of aviation critical safety items and mission critical parts,
12 such maintenance—

13 (1) includes the use of a technical data require-
14 ment or organic or commercially available diagnostic
15 tool, if such a requirement or tool is required and
16 available; and

17 (2) is not conducted solely through visual in-
18 spection unless—

19 (A) no such requirement or tool is avail-
20 able; or

21 (B) only a visual inspection is required
22 under a technical data requirement.

23 (b) SUSTAINMENT.—The Secretary shall ensure that
24 the acquisition of appropriate technical data requirements
25 and diagnostic tools for the conduct of maintenance of

1 aviation critical safety items and mission critical parts are
2 planned as part of the sustainment of the systems con-
3 taining such items and parts.

4 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) The term “aviation critical safety item”
6 means any part, assembly, installation equipment,
7 launch equipment, recovery equipment, or support
8 equipment for an aircraft or aviation weapon system
9 the failure, malfunction, or absence of which could
10 cause—

11 (A) a catastrophic or critical failure result-
12 ing in the loss of or serious damage to the air-
13 craft or weapon system;

14 (B) an unacceptable risk of personal injury
15 or loss of life; or

16 (C) an uncommanded engine shutdown
17 that jeopardizes safety.

18 (2) The term “corrosion” means the deteriora-
19 tion of a material or its properties, including non-
20 metallic materials, due to a reaction of that material
21 with the chemical environment.

22 (3) The term “diagnostic tool” means a non-de-
23 structive inspection tool capable of—

1 (A) detecting corrosion, cracks, component
2 damage, adhesion failure, and standard wear
3 and tear; and

4 (B) leveraging artificial intelligence and
5 machine learning to build a predictive maintenance
6 database when necessary to improve
7 maintainability.

8 **SEC. 340. JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER SUSTAINMENT.**

9 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—By not later than September
10 30, 2028, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with
11 the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of the Air
12 Force, shall ensure that—

13 (1) sufficient wartime spares, support equipment,
14 and depot level capabilities are projected to be
15 available for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter to—

16 (A) sustain F-35 Joint Strike Fighter operations
17 for at least 90 days in the most stressing
18 operational plan required of each such Secretary;
19 and

20 (B) meet the fleet wide minimum readiness
21 targets established by each such Secretary; and

22 (2) each F-35 Joint Strike Fighter contractor
23 has provided to the Secretary of the Navy or the
24 Secretary of the Air Force, as applicable, and such
25 Secretary has validated as accurate, all information

1 that is necessary for the Department of Defense to
2 successfully complete the financial reporting and ac-
3 countability requirements for F-35 property, includ-
4 ing—

5 (A) the incorporation of information relat-
6 ing to the management and reporting of Gov-
7 ernment property that has been provided for
8 contractor performance, as defined and agreed
9 upon in the contract entered into by the con-
10 tractor; and

11 (B) the remediation of all material weak-
12 nesses of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Pro-
13 gram identified in the Department of Defense
14 Agency Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2024
15 that are within the control and responsibility of
16 the contractor.

17 (b) TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS.—The
18 information required under subsection (a)(2) may be pro-
19 vided on an individual contract basis.

20 (c) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive a require-
21 ment under subsection (a) if the Secretary—

22 (1) determines that such waiver is in the na-
23 tional security interests of the United States; and

24 (2) provides to the congressional defense com-
25 mittees notice of such determination, which shall in-

1 clude an identification of the concern of the Sec-
2 retary, a remedial action plan, and a proposed
3 timeline to meet the requirements of such sub-
4 section.

5 (d) REPORT.—Not later than February 1, 2026, the
6 Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary
7 of the Navy and the Secretary of the Air Force, shall sub-
8 mit to the congressional defense committees a report on
9 the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program that includes a de-
10 scription of each of the following:

11 (1) The top scarce supply assets and plans to
12 reach sustainable supply positions by not later than
13 September 30, 2028.

14 (2) The readiness condition of afloat and de-
15 ployment spares packages and efforts available to re-
16 fresh outdated supplies and spares.

17 (3) The fiscal programming, by fiscal year, nec-
18 essary to reduce deficient parts and depot capabili-
19 ties to meet the joint strike fighter planning targets
20 by not later than September 30, 2028.

21 **SEC. 341. MODERNIZATION OF ARMY ARSENALS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to accelerate the mod-
23 ernization of the organic industrial base of the Army and
24 to expand capacity across the munitions industrial base

1 to meet the munitions requirements of the Army, the Sec-
2 retary of the Army shall—

3 (1) assess existing Army facilities, as well as ex-
4 isting environmental permits, security arrangements,
5 and personnel, to identify facilities that could be
6 used or modified for the production of munitions;
7 and

8 (2) in identifying facilities under paragraph (1),
9 ensure that such facilities have enough property that
10 is available and suitable for future industrial or
11 technical development.

12 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
13 gress that the Secretary should expedite the use or modi-
14 fication of Army facilities to the fullest extent possible in
15 order to increase the rate of production of munitions.

16 **SEC. 342. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS TO REDUCE THE**
17 **NUMBER OF CIVILIAN PERSONNEL EM-**
18 **PLOYED AT PINE BLUFF ARSENAL, ARKAN-**
19 **SAS, AND RED RIVER ARMY DEPOT, TEXAS.**

20 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
21 this Act or otherwise made available for the Department
22 of Defense for fiscal year 2026 may be used to reduce
23 the number of civilian personnel employed at the Pine
24 Bluff Arsenal, Arkansas, or Red River Army Depot,

1 Texas, until the date on which the Secretary of the
2 Army—

3 (1) certifies to the congressional defense com-
4 mittees that such a reduction complies with—

5 (A) civilian personnel reduction limitations
6 required by section 2687 of title 10, United
7 States Code;

8 (B) the requirement under section 7532 of
9 title 10, United States Code, to have supplies
10 needed for the Department of the Army made
11 in factories or arsenals owned by the United
12 States; and

13 (C) overall limitations on depot-level main-
14 tenance and repair workload that may be per-
15 formed by non-Federal Government personnel
16 under a contract pursuant to section 2466 of
17 title 10, United States Code; and

18 (2) submits to the congressional defense com-
19 mittees a report that includes—

20 (A) a detailed cost analysis associated with
21 each of subparagraphs (A) through (C) of para-
22 graph (1);

23 (B) detailed estimates of the costs that will
24 be incurred if the Army moves the white phos-
25 phorus ammunition mission away from Pine

1 Bluff Arsenal, including the cost and time asso-
2 ciated with acquiring the necessary environ-
3 mental permits; and

4 (C) current capability gaps within the
5 Army that could be filled through the Army or-
6 ganic industrial base, including with respect to
7 s-UAS, battery technology, and brushless mo-
8 tors.

9 **Subtitle D—Organizational Matters**

10 **SEC. 351. ESTABLISHMENT OF ARMY MUSEUM SYSTEM.**

11 Chapter 775 of title 10, United States Code, is
12 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

13 **“§ 7715. Army museum system**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army shall
15 support a system of official Army museums within the
16 United States Army Center of Military History. Such sys-
17 tem shall include the National Museum of the United
18 States Army and may contain other museums honoring
19 individual installations, units, and branches, as designated
20 by the Secretary of the Army, that meet criteria estab-
21 lished under subsection (b).

22 “(b) CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION.—The Secretary of
23 the Army shall establish criteria for designating museums
24 of subsection (a) for inclusion in the Army museum sys-
25 tem. Such criteria shall include—

1 “(1) historical significance to Army operations,
2 technology, or personnel;

3 “(2) public accessibility and educational out-
4 reach programs; and

5 “(3) alignment with the mission of the Army to
6 preserve its heritage.

7 “(c) CRITERIA FOR CLOSURE.—The Secretary of the
8 Army shall establish criteria for closing museums within
9 the Army museum system. If the Secretary decides to
10 close a museum in such system, the Secretary shall submit
11 to Congress, not later than 90 days before the date on
12 which the museum closes, notice that includes—

13 “(1) a plan for the preservation, storage, or al-
14 ternate display of historical collections contained in
15 the museum;

16 “(2) how any issues relating to museum per-
17 sonnel will be resolved;

18 “(3) an identification of any efforts to maintain
19 museum operations through public-private partner-
20 ships; and

21 “(4) an analysis of the cost to transport, con-
22 solidate, and preserve the historical collections con-
23 tained in the museum.

24 “(d) FUNDING AND SUPPORT.—Consistent with ap-
25 plicable law, the Secretary may enter into partnerships,

1 including with nonprofit organizations, to enhance the fi-
2 nancial sustainability and public engagement of the muse-
3 ums in the Army museum system.”.

4 **SEC. 352. AUTHORIZATION TO MAINTAIN A LIBRARY IN THE**
5 **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.**

6 Chapter 803 of title 10, United States Code, is
7 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

8 **“§ 8030. Library**

9 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of the Navy
10 may maintain in the Department of the Navy a library
11 as a centralized institution dedicated to preserving,
12 curating, and providing access to historical records, tech-
13 nical documents, and educational resources pertinent to
14 the mission and heritage of the Navy.

15 “(b) MISSION.—The mission of a library maintained
16 under this section shall include—

17 “(1) collecting and preserving naval historical
18 records, manuscripts, artifacts, and publications;

19 “(2) supporting research, education, and train-
20 ing for historians, the general public, and personnel
21 of the Department of the Navy;

22 “(3) enhancing the institutional knowledge and
23 operational readiness of the Navy through access to
24 technical, strategic, and doctrinal resources; and

1 “(4) promoting public understanding of the
2 contributions of the Navy to national defense and
3 maritime history.”.

4 **SEC. 353. AUTHORIZATION TO MAINTAIN A NAVY ART GAL-**
5 **LERY.**

6 Chapter 803 of title 10, United States Code, as
7 amended by section 352, is further amended by adding
8 at the end the following new section:

9 **“§ 8030A. Art gallery**

10 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of the Navy
11 may maintain an art gallery to preserve, display, and pro-
12 mote artwork related to the history, heritage, and oper-
13 ations of the United States Navy.

14 “(b) MISSION.—The mission of an art gallery main-
15 tained under subsection (a) shall include—

16 “(1) to collect and exhibit artworks, including
17 paintings, drawings, and sculptures, that depict
18 naval operations, personnel, and significant histor-
19 ical events;

20 “(2) to enhance the morale and welfare of Navy
21 personnel by celebrating their service through artis-
22 tic representation; and

23 “(3) to educate the public and preserve the cul-
24 tural legacy of the Navy for future generations.”.

1 **SEC. 354. ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED STATES NAVY MU-**
2 **SEUM SYSTEM.**

3 Chapter 861 of title 10, United States Code, is
4 amended by inserting after section 8617 the following new
5 section:

6 **“§ 8617A. United States Navy Museum System**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Navy shall
8 support a system of official Navy museums, which shall
9 collectively be known as the ‘United States Navy Museum
10 System’. Such system shall include the following muse-
11 ums:

12 “(1) The National Museum of the United
13 States Navy.

14 “(2) The United States Naval Academy Mu-
15 seum.

16 “(3) The Naval War College Museum.

17 “(4) The Submarine Force Museum.

18 “(5) The National Naval Aviation Museum.

19 “(6) The USS Constitution Museum.

20 “(7) The United States Navy Seabee Museum.

21 “(8) The Puget Sound Navy Museum.

22 “(9) The Naval Undersea Museum.

23 “(10) The National Museum of the American
24 Sailor.

1 “(11) Such other museums as may be des-
2 ignated by the Secretary of the Navy that meet cri-
3 teria established under subsection (b).

4 “(b) CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION.—The Secretary of
5 the Navy shall establish criteria for designating museums
6 other than museums identified in paragraphs (1) through
7 (10) of subsection (a) for inclusion in the United States
8 Navy Museum System. Such criteria shall include—

9 “(1) historical significance to naval operations,
10 technology, or personnel;

11 “(2) public accessibility and educational out-
12 reach programs; and

13 “(3) alignment with the mission of the Navy to
14 preserve its heritage.

15 “(c) FUNDING AND SUPPORT.—Consistent with ap-
16 plicable law, the Secretary may enter into partnerships,
17 including with nonprofit organizations, to enhance the fi-
18 nancial sustainability and public engagement of the muse-
19 ums in the United States Museum System.”.

20 **SEC. 355. ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF**
21 **THE NATIONAL GUARD.**

22 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Chapter 1 of title 32, United
23 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
24 lowing new section:

1 **“§ 116. Center for the Study of the National Guard**

2 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense, in
3 coordination with the Chief of the National Guard Bureau,
4 shall establish a center, to be known as the ‘Center for
5 the Study of the National Guard’ at an appropriate aca-
6 demic institution that—

7 “(1) maintains an established relationship with
8 the National Guard Bureau;

9 “(2) possesses a strong academic program in
10 military history; and

11 “(3) is situated in proximity to a major Na-
12 tional Guard installation.

13 “(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Center for the Study
14 of the National Guard shall—

15 “(1) serve as the principal repository for histor-
16 ical documents, oral histories, and other records re-
17 lated to the National Guard;

18 “(2) conduct research, analysis, and educational
19 programs related to the history, evolution, and oper-
20 ational contributions of the National Guard;

21 “(3) facilitate outreach efforts to increase pub-
22 lic awareness of the role of the National Guard in
23 national defense and domestic response operations;
24 and

25 “(4) support the Department of Defense in
26 shaping policy decisions and strategic planning re-

1 lated to National Guard operations carried out
2 under titles 10 and 32, United States Code.

3 “(c) COLLABORATION AND SUPPORT.—The Chief of
4 the National Guard Bureau may—

5 “(1) collaborate with the Center for the Study
6 of the National Guard in the collection, preservation,
7 and dissemination of National Guard history;

8 “(2) provide historical documents, records, and
9 resources to support the research and archival ef-
10 forts of the Center; and

11 “(3) facilitate joint initiatives between the Na-
12 tional Guard Bureau and the Center to enhance his-
13 torical preservation, education, and public aware-
14 ness.

15 “(d) PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.—The Sec-
16 retary of Defense shall seek to establish and maintain the
17 Center for the Study of the National Guard as a public-
18 private partnership to minimize costs to the Federal Gov-
19 ernment.”.

20 (b) DEADLINE FOR ESTABLISHMENT.—The Sec-
21 retary of Defense shall establish the Center for the Study
22 of the National Guard required under section 116 of title
23 32, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), by
24 not later than the date that is 180 days after the date
25 of the enactment of this Act.

1 (c) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING.—Not later than one
2 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
3 of Defense shall provide to the congressional defense com-
4 mittees a briefing that includes—

5 (1) a description of the selection of the aca-
6 demic institution where the Center for the Study of
7 the National Guard required under section 116 of
8 title 32, United States Code, as added by subsection
9 (a), is located;

10 (2) an identification of the status of the estab-
11 lishment and initial operations of the Center;

12 (3) a description of any ongoing efforts between
13 the National Guard Bureau and the Center; and

14 (4) the recommendations of the Secretary to en-
15 hance the preservation and study of National Guard
16 history.

17 **SEC. 356. RECOGNITION OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE NA-**
18 **TIONAL NAVY UDT-SEAL MUSEUM IN FORT**
19 **PIERCE, FLORIDA, AS A NATIONAL MEMO-**
20 **RIAL, NATIONAL MEMORIAL GARDEN, AND**
21 **NATIONAL K9 MEMORIAL.**

22 The Secretary of the Navy shall recognize the Na-
23 tional Navy SEAL Museum Memorial, the Memorial Gar-
24 den and Living Beach, and the Naval Special Warfare K9
25 Memorial of the National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum, lo-

1 cated at 3300 North Highway A1A, North Hutchinson Is-
2 land, in Fort Pierce, Florida, as a national memorial, na-
3 tional memorial garden, and national K9 memorial, re-
4 spectively, of the Navy SEALs.

5 **Subtitle E—Studies, Reports, and** 6 **Briefings**

7 **SEC. 361. ASSESSMENTS AND PLAN FOR INCREASING AC-** 8 **CESS TO NUTRITIOUS FOOD ON MILITARY IN-** 9 **STALLATIONS.**

10 (a) ASSESSMENTS.—

11 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Chapter 23 of title 10,
12 United States Code, is amended by inserting after
13 section 488 the following new section:

14 **“§ 489. Biennial assessments on nutrition standards** 15 **of military departments**

16 “On a biennial basis, the Secretary of Defense
17 shall—

18 “(1) conduct an assessment of the nutrition
19 standards of each military department, including by
20 reviewing any nutrition program or related policy of
21 that military department, and the extent to which
22 such standards are reflected in the food options ac-
23 cessible to members of the armed forces at the mili-
24 tary installations of that military department;

1 “(2) submit a report containing the results of
2 such assessment to the Committees on Armed Serv-
3 ices of the House of Representatives and the Senate;
4 and

5 “(3) publish such report on a publicly available
6 website of the Department of Defense.”.

7 (2) FIRST REPORT.—Not later than December
8 1, 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to
9 the Committees on Armed Services of the House of
10 Representatives and the Senate, and publish on a
11 publicly available website of the Department of De-
12 fense, the first report required under section 489 of
13 title 10, United States Code, as added by paragraph
14 (1).

15 (b) PLAN.—

16 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180 days
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
18 Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Read-
19 iness and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acqui-
20 sition and Sustainment, in coordination with the As-
21 sistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Re-
22 serve Affairs and such other entities as the Sec-
23 retary of Defense determines appropriate, shall
24 jointly submit to the Committees on Armed Services
25 of the House of Representatives and the Senate and

1 publish on a publicly available website of the Depart-
2 ment of Defense a plan to increase access to nutri-
3 tious food on military installations, consistent with
4 recommendations included in the report of the Gov-
5 ernment Accountability Office titled “DOD Food
6 Program: Additional Actions Needed to Implement,
7 Oversee, and Evaluate Nutrition Efforts for Service
8 Members”, and dated June 24, 2024 (GAO–24–
9 106155).

10 (2) ELEMENTS.—The plan under paragraph (1)
11 shall include a strategy developed by the Assistant
12 Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Af-
13 fairs for increasing nutritious menu options at
14 venues that are located on military installations,
15 offer food services to members of the Armed Forces,
16 and are not funded with appropriated amounts (re-
17 ferred to in the report specified in such paragraph
18 as “nonappropriated fund food venues”).

19 **SEC. 362. QUARTERLY REPORTS ON MUNITIONS RESPONSE**
20 **PROJECTS AT SITES FORMERLY USED BY**
21 **THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
23 last day of each fiscal quarter that begins after the date
24 of the enactment of this Act, until the termination date
25 specified in subsection (c), the Secretary of the Army, act-

1 ing through the Commanding General of the United
2 States Army Corps of Engineers, shall submit to the con-
3 gressional defense committees a report on the status of
4 munitions response projects at sites formerly used by the
5 Department of Defense.

6 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each report submitted under sub-
7 section (a) shall include, for the quarter covered by the
8 report, the following information:

9 (1) The number of new task order awards for
10 munitions response projects at sites formerly used
11 by the Department of Defense issued and the total
12 dollar value of such awards.

13 (2) The number of optional tasks exercised as
14 part of such projects and the total dollar value of
15 such exercised tasks.

16 (3) The number of contract modifications or re-
17 quests for equitable adjustment issued as part of
18 such projects and the total dollar value of such
19 modifications and adjustments.

20 (4) The number of task orders for such projects
21 with expiring funds and the total value of any asso-
22 ciated deobligations.

23 (5) The number of active munitions response
24 projects at such sites and the contract phase of each
25 project, including whether the project is in the reme-

1 dial investigation, feasibility study, proposed plan, or
2 decision document or record of decision phase.

3 (6) The number of active such projects placed
4 on hold and, for each such project, a summary of
5 the reason for the hold, including delays related to
6 regulatory agencies, rights-of-entry issues, Federal
7 land manager actions, or discrepancies in the num-
8 ber of subsurface anomalies between the statement
9 of work and field conditions.

10 (c) TERMINATION DATE.—The termination date
11 specified in this subsection is the date that is five years
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

13 **SEC. 363. REPORT ON CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF DECLINING**
14 **AIRCRAFT READINESS RATES.**

15 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than May 31,
16 2026, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the
17 Committees on Armed Services of the House of Represent-
18 atives and the Senate a report on the declining rates of
19 aircraft readiness within the fleet of the Air Force (with
20 an emphasis on fighter aircraft within such fleet) and fac-
21 tors contributing to that decline. Such report shall include,
22 with respect to such aircraft, the following:

23 (1) A review of mission capability rates over the
24 five fiscal years preceding the date of the submission
25 of the report, including an assessment of key factors

1 contributing to any decline in such rates, such as
2 maintenance backlogs, shortages in aircraft parts, or
3 depot capacity constraints.

4 (2) An analysis of the manner and extent to
5 which reductions to the flying hours program of the
6 Air Force or gaps in funding for weapon system
7 sustainment activities may have contributed to lower
8 sortie generation, increased aircraft downtime, and
9 declining rates of aircraft readiness in general.

10 (3) An assessment of how personnel and units
11 of the Air Force communicate aircraft status for op-
12 erations and maintenance purposes, including any
13 discrepancies between pilot debriefs, maintenance
14 write-ups, and data recorded in the Defense Read-
15 ness Reporting System of the Department of De-
16 fense.

17 (4) An assessment of how high-tempo rotational
18 deployments strain the availability of aircraft, accel-
19 erate the degradation of aircraft, and affect the
20 long-term readiness of the fleet.

21 (5) An analysis of how low rates of aircraft
22 readiness negatively affect the training and readi-
23 ness of new fighter pilots, including by limiting
24 training opportunities, reducing instructor avail-
25 ability, and generating operational shortfalls.

1 (6) Proposed actions to reverse the declining
2 rates of aircraft readiness, improve the effectiveness
3 of aircraft sustainment, and ensure more accurate
4 readiness reporting, including any recommendations
5 for relevant legislative actions.

6 (b) FORM.—The report required by paragraph (1)
7 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
8 a classified annex.

9 **SEC. 364. DRIVER SIMULATORS IN MILITARY VEHICLES.**

10 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
11 ings:

12 (1) The report of the Government Account-
13 ability Office titled “Military Vehicles: Army and
14 Marine Corps Should Take Additional Actions to
15 Mitigate and Prevent Training Accidents” (GAO-21-
16 361) stated, “Driver inattentiveness, lapses in super-
17 vision, and lack of training were among the most
18 common causes of these accidents, according to GAO
19 analysis of Army and Marine Corps data.”

20 (2) Such report further determined that the
21 Army and Marine Corps, “have not developed a well-
22 defined process with performance criteria and meas-
23 urable standards to train their tactical vehicle driv-
24 ers from basic qualifications to proficiency in diverse

1 driving conditions, such as driving at night or over
2 varied terrain.”

3 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
4 gress that—

5 (1) acquisition program baseline budget re-
6 quests submitted in the budget submission of the
7 President for manned military ground vehicles
8 should include funding specifically allocated to the
9 development, procurement, fielding, and sustainment
10 of driver training simulators with sufficient fidelity
11 to provide accurate visual, auditory, haptic, tactile,
12 and vestibular stimulation to the trainee learning to
13 operate the vehicle; and

14 (2) driver training simulators should be—

15 (A) incorporated into the lifecycle support
16 for ground vehicles and should adequately simu-
17 late all of the environmental conditions in which
18 drivers will be required to operate military
19 ground vehicles in support of the tactical con-
20 cept of employment of those vehicles;

21 (B) available for both initial entry level
22 driver training and for periodic sustainment
23 training of military vehicle drivers; and

24 (C) available for each vehicle type in suffi-
25 cient enough numbers at each military installa-

1 tion to support driver training for the number
2 of licensed drivers at the installation until such
3 vehicle type is removed from service.

4 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than March
5 1, 2026, the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of
6 the Navy shall jointly submit to the congressional defense
7 committees a report containing an assessment of fielded
8 military vehicle programs for which no driver simulator
9 has been fielded to support the vehicle fleet. Such report
10 shall include an updated cost analysis requirement docu-
11 ment that includes necessary programming for driver sim-
12 ulators and a phasing plan for the procurement and field-
13 ing of driver simulators.

14 **Subtitle F—Other Matters**

15 **SEC. 371. AUTHORITY TO EVACUATE FAMILY PETS AND** 16 **CONTRACT WORKING DOGS DURING NON-** 17 **COMBATANT EVACUATIONS OF FOREIGN** 18 **COUNTRIES.**

19 Section 2387 of title 10, United States Code, is
20 amended—

21 (1) in the section heading, by striking “: **re-**
22 **quirement to transfer animals to 341st**
23 **Training Squadron after service life**”;

1 (2) in the heading for subsection (a), by strik-
2 ing “IN GENERAL” and inserting “REQUIREMENT
3 TO TRANSFER”;

4 (3) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
5 section (d); and

6 (4) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
7 lowing new subsection (c):

8 “(c) AUTHORITY TO EVACUATE.—(1) Subject to the
9 limitations under paragraph (2), in the event of a situation
10 during which the Department of Defense evacuates non-
11 combatants from a foreign country, the Secretary of De-
12 fense may enter into agreements with appropriate non-
13 profit entities under which such entities provide for the
14 evacuation of—

15 “(A) the family pets of citizens of the United
16 States who are evacuated by the Department; and

17 “(B) contract working dogs located in such
18 country.

19 “(2) The limitations under this paragraph are as fol-
20 lows:

21 “(A) The Department of Defense is not respon-
22 sible for providing veterinary care for a family pet
23 or contract working dog by reason of the evacuation
24 of the pet or dog pursuant to paragraph (1).

1 “(B) The Secretary may not exercise the au-
2 thority under paragraph (1) if the exercise of such
3 authority would result in a reduction in the number
4 of individuals who would otherwise be evacuated.”.

5 **SEC. 372. MANNED ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT SAFETY.**

6 Chapter 157 of title 10, United States Code, is
7 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

8 **“§ 2653. Aircraft safety: requirements for highly traf-**
9 **ficked domestic airspace**

10 “(a) LIMITATION ON OPERATION.—Notwithstanding
11 section 1046 of the John S. McCain National Defense Au-
12 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–
13 232, 49 U.S.C. 40101 note), except as provided in sub-
14 section (b), the Secretary of a military department may
15 not authorize any manned rotary wing aircraft of the De-
16 partment of Defense to operate a training mission in a
17 highly trafficked domestic airspace unless such aircraft,
18 while being operated, is actively providing warning to
19 nearby commercial aircraft, in a manner compatible with
20 the traffic alert and collision avoidance system of such
21 commercial aircraft, of the proximity of the Department
22 of Defense aircraft.

23 “(b) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of a mili-
24 tary department, with the concurrence of the Secretary of
25 Transportation, may waive the limitation under subsection

1 (a) with respect to the operation of an aircraft if the Sec-
2 retary determines that—

3 “(1) such waiver is in the national security in-
4 terests of the United States; and

5 “(2) a commercial aviation compatibility risk
6 assessment has been conducted with respect to the
7 operation of the aircraft pursuant to the waiver to
8 mitigate the risk associated with such operation.

9 “(c) LIMITATION ON DELEGATION.—The Secretary
10 of a military department may not delegate the waiver au-
11 thority under subsection (b) to an official whose rank is
12 below a general or flag officer.

13 “(d) DEFINITION OF HIGHLY TRAFFICKED DOMES-
14 TIC AIRSPACE.—The term ‘highly trafficked domestic air-
15 space’ means—

16 “(1) the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area
17 Special Flight Rules Area, as such term is defined
18 in section 93.335 of title 14, Code of Federal Regu-
19 lations, or any successor regulation; or

20 “(2) an area surrounding class B, C, or D air-
21 space of a commercial service airport, as such term
22 is defined in section 47102 of title 49.”.

1 **SEC. 373. INCLUSION OF TERRITORIES IN CERTAIN INTER-**
2 **GOVERNMENTAL SUPPORT AGREEMENTS**
3 **FOR INSTALLATION-SUPPORT SERVICES.**

4 Section 2679(f)(3) of title 10, United States Code,
5 is amended—

6 (1) by striking “and” before “the United States
7 Virgin Islands”; and

8 (2) by inserting “the State of Yap of the Fed-
9 erated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of
10 Palau,” after “Virgin Islands,”.

11 **SEC. 374. TRANSPORTATION OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS BY**
12 **FOREIGN AIR CARRIER.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a)
14 and (c) of section 40118 of title 49, United States Code,
15 the Secretary of Defense is authorized to pay for the
16 transportation by a foreign air carrier of Department of
17 Defense personnel and any in-cabin or accompanying
18 checked baggage or cargo if—

19 (1) no air carrier holding a certificate under
20 section 41102 of such title 49 is willing and able to
21 transport up to 3 domestic animals accompanying
22 such Federal personnel; and

23 (2) the transportation is from a place—

24 (A) outside the United States to a place in
25 the United States;

1 (B) in the United States to a place outside
2 the United States; or

3 (C) outside the United States to another
4 place outside the United States.

5 (b) LIMITATION.—An amount paid pursuant to sub-
6 section (a) for transportation by a foreign carrier may not
7 be greater than the amount that would otherwise have
8 been paid had the transportation been on an air carrier
9 holding a certificate under section 41102 had that carrier
10 been willing and able to provide such transportation. If
11 the amount that would otherwise have been paid to such
12 an air carrier is less than the cost of transportation on
13 the applicable foreign carrier, the Department personnel
14 may pay the difference of such amount.

15 (c) DOMESTIC ANIMAL DEFINED.—In this section,
16 the term “domestic animal” means a dog or a cat.

17 **SEC. 375. ADJUSTMENT AND DIVERSIFICATION ASSIST-**
18 **ANCE FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**
19 **AFFECTED BY ARMY TRANSFORMATION INI-**
20 **TIATIVE.**

21 (a) PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE.—Beginning not later
22 than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
23 subject to the availability of appropriations for such pur-
24 pose, the Secretary of Defense may provide adjustment
25 and diversification assistance, pursuant to section 2391(b)

1 of title 10, United States Code, to State and local govern-
2 ments affected by the actions taken under the Army
3 Transformation Initiative with respect to—

- 4 (1) Red River Army Depot, Texas;
- 5 (2) Pine Bluff Arsenal, Arkansas; and
- 6 (3) such other Army installations as are identi-
7 fied by the Secretary.

8 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date
9 of the enactment of the Act, the Secretary of Defense shall
10 submit to the congressional defense committees a report
11 that includes—

- 12 (1) an identification of the amount of adjust-
13 ment and diversification assistance anticipated to be
14 provided during fiscal year 2026 to State and local
15 governments for each Army installation; and
- 16 (2) an identification of options to address any
17 capability gaps of the Army that could be filled
18 through the Army organic industrial base.

19 **SEC. 376. AVAILABILITY OF MILK AT DINING FACILITIES ON**
20 **MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
22 ensure that milk is available to members of the Armed
23 Forces at dining facilities on military installations.

24 (b) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary may not, to carry
25 out this section, purchase milk from an entity owned or

1 controlled by a foreign adversary, as determined by the
2 Secretary of Commerce under section 7.4 of title 15, Code
3 of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation).

4 (c) DEFINITION OF MILK.—In this section, the term
5 “milk” has the meaning given such term in section 133.3
6 of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor
7 regulation) and includes fluid or powdered milk.

8 **SEC. 377. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR MILITARY WORKING**
9 **DOG KENNELS AND FACILITIES.**

10 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF MINIMUM STANDARDS.—
11 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment
12 of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with
13 the Secretary of each military department, veterinary ex-
14 perts, and military working dog program managers, shall
15 establish and implement minimum standards for kennels
16 and other facilities used to house military working dogs.
17 Such minimum standards shall include each of the fol-
18 lowing:

19 (1) Requirements for space and design to en-
20 sure each military working dog has sufficient space
21 to stand, turn around, lie down comfortably, and en-
22 gage in natural behaviors.

23 (2) Standards for environmental conditions to
24 ensure adequate ventilation, temperature control,
25 and protection from extreme weather conditions.

1 (3) Standards for sanitation and hygiene to en-
2 sure kennels and other facilities can be easily
3 cleaned and disinfected.

4 (4) Requirements related to safety and security
5 to prevent military working dogs from escaping and
6 being injured and preventing access to kennels and
7 other facilities by unauthorized individuals.

8 (5) Standards for access to veterinary care to
9 address the routine and emergency medical care
10 needs of military working dogs, either at a military
11 veterinary treatment facility or through sufficient
12 on-site veterinary capabilities.

13 (6) Requirements related to daily access to ex-
14 ercise areas.

15 (7) Required annual inspections to ensure com-
16 pliance with such standards.

17 (8) Such other standards and requirements as
18 the Secretary of Defense determines are appropriate.

19 (b) IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE.—

20 (1) EXISTING FACILITIES.—

21 (A) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than one
22 year after the date of the establishment of the
23 standards required under subsection (a), the
24 Secretary of Defense, acting through the Exec-
25 utive Agent for the Department of Defense

1 Military Working Dog Program, shall ensure
2 that each kennel and other facility used to
3 house military working dogs under the jurisdic-
4 tion of the Department of Defense are assessed
5 to determine the extent to which such kennels
6 and facilities are in compliance with such stand-
7 ards.

8 (B) MODIFICATION.—Not later than three
9 years after the date of the enactment of this
10 Act, the Secretary, acting through the Execu-
11 tive Agent, shall ensure that each such kennel
12 and facility is modified to the extent required to
13 comply with such standards.

14 (2) NEW FACILITIES.—The Secretary, acting
15 through the Executive Agent, shall ensure that any
16 kennel or other facility used to house military work-
17 ing dogs under the jurisdiction of the Department
18 that is constructed or renovated after the date of en-
19 actment of this Act is in compliance with such
20 standards before such kennel or facility is used to
21 house such a military working dog.

22 (c) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense
23 may waive a specific requirement or standard developed
24 under subsection (a), on a case-by-case basis, if the Sec-
25 retary determines that such a waiver is required to provide

1 for a temporary deployment or exigent circumstances. The
2 Secretary may not issue a waiver under this subsection
3 unless the Secretary—

4 (1) provides for the implementation of alter-
5 native measures to ensure the welfare of any dogs
6 affected by the waiver; and

7 (2) submits to the Committees on Armed Serv-
8 ices of the Senate and House of Representatives a
9 report containing notice of the waiver, a justification
10 for such waiver, and a description of the alternative
11 measures provided under paragraph (1).

12 **SEC. 378. RESTROOM ACCESS AT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS**
13 **FOR CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION SERVICE**
14 **PROVIDERS.**

15 (a) RESTROOM ACCESS.—The Secretary of Defense
16 shall take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that,
17 with respect to each covered location, there is a rest-
18 room—

19 (1) located at or in close proximity to the cov-
20 ered location;

21 (2) to which any covered driver, while providing
22 a transportation protective service involving the
23 transport of sensitive cargo to or from the covered
24 location on behalf of the Department of Defense, is
25 authorized access;

1 (3) that to the extent practicable, provides for
2 privacy, hand washing, accessibility, and gender-spe-
3 cific needs; and

4 (4) in the case of a portable restroom, that is
5 vented and equipped with adequate lighting (which
6 may be achieved through supplementation with a
7 temporary lighting source, as necessary).

8 (b) LOCATION.—The location of a restroom under
9 subsection (a)(1) may not be a location to which access
10 by the covered driver would result in—

11 (1) a security risk, as determined by the Sec-
12 retary;

13 (2) a health or safety risk to the covered driver;
14 or

15 (3) a violation of any other regulation or policy
16 of the Department.

17 (c) NOTIFICATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE.—In car-
18 rying out subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

19 (1) establish a process by which a covered driv-
20 er may provide to the Secretary timely notification
21 of any covered location with respect to which access
22 to a restroom is not provided consistent with such
23 subsection; and

24 (2) upon receiving such a notification, coordi-
25 nate with the commander of the military installation

1 concerned or other appropriate officer or employee
2 of the Department to ensure such access is provided.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The terms “arms, ammunition, and explo-
5 sives”, “safe haven”, “secure holding area”, “secure
6 holding location”, and “transportation protective
7 service” have the meanings given those terms in the
8 publication of the Military Surface Deployment and
9 Distribution Command of the Department of De-
10 fense issued October 4, 2024, and titled “Military
11 Freight Traffic Unified Rules Publication-1
12 (MFTURP-1)”, or any successor thereto.

13 (2) The term “commercial motor vehicle” has
14 the meaning given that term in section 31101 of
15 title 49, United States Code.

16 (3) The term “covered driver” means an oper-
17 ator of a commercial motor vehicle—

18 (A) authorized to provide a transportation
19 protective service on behalf of the Department
20 of Defense; and

21 (B) subject to requirements for qualifica-
22 tions and maximum hours of service under sec-
23 tion 31502(b) of title 49, United States Code.

24 (4) The term “covered location” means a safe
25 haven, secure holding area, or secure holding loca-

1 tion at a military installation or other facility of the
2 Department of Defense.

3 (5) The terms “facility” and “military installa-
4 tion” have the meanings given those terms in section
5 2801(c) of title 10, United States Code.

6 (6) The term “sensitive cargo” means—

7 (A) arms, ammunition, and explosives;

8 (B) classified material; or

9 (C) any other cargo, or category thereof,
10 the Secretary of Defense determines sensitive
11 for purposes of this section.

12 **SEC. 379. REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO WEARING OP-**
13 **TIONAL COMBAT BOOTS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than two years after the
15 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of De-
16 fense shall issue regulations to prohibit any member of
17 the Armed Forces from wearing optional combat boots as
18 part of a required uniform unless the optional combat
19 boots are entirely manufactured in the United States and
20 entirely made of—

21 (1) materials grown, reprocessed, reused, or
22 produced in the United States; and

23 (2) components that are manufactured entirely
24 in the United States and entirely made of materials
25 described in paragraph (1).

1 (b) WAIVER.—The requirements of subsection (a)
2 may be waived if a member of the Armed Forces provides
3 a medical justification authorized by the commanding offi-
4 cer of such member to wear optional combat boots as part
5 of a required uniform.

6 (c) EXCEPTION.—The requirements of subsection (a)
7 shall not apply to a member of the Armed Forces within
8 a combat arms military occupational specialty who is in
9 a deployed status.

10 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) The term “optional combat boots”, with re-
12 spect to a member of the Armed Forces, means com-
13 bat boots not furnished to such member of the
14 Armed Forces by the Secretary of Defense.

15 (2) The term “required uniform” means a uni-
16 form a member of the Armed Forces is required to
17 wear as a member of the Armed Forces.

18 **SEC. 380. INITIATIVE TO CONTROL SPREAD OF GREATER**
19 **BANDED HORNET IN GUAM.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
21 enhance efforts to manage, control, and interdict the
22 greater banded hornet on military installations in Guam.

23 (b) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—The efforts required
24 under subsection (a) shall include the following:

1 (1) Carrying out science-based management
2 and control programs to reduce the effect of the
3 greater banded hornet on military installations and
4 to prevent the introduction or spread of the greater
5 banded hornet to areas where such hornet has not
6 yet been established.

7 (2) Providing support for interagency and inter-
8 governmental response efforts to control, interdict,
9 monitor, and eradicate the greater banded hornet on
10 military installations in Guam.

11 (3) Pursuing chemical, biological, and other
12 control techniques, technology transfer, and best
13 practices to support management, control, interdic-
14 tion and, where possible, eradication of the greater
15 banded hornet in Guam.

16 (4) Establishing an early detection and rapid
17 response mechanism to monitor and deploy coordi-
18 nated efforts if the greater banded hornet, or an
19 other newly detected invasive alien species, is de-
20 tected at new sites on military installations in
21 Guam.

22 (5) Carrying out such other activities as the
23 Secretary determines appropriate to manage, con-
24 trol, and interdict the greater banded hornet on mili-
25 tary installations in Guam.

1 (c) ANNUAL BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
3 thereafter for each of the next three years, the Assistant
4 Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations, and Envi-
5 ronment shall provide to the Committees on Armed Serv-
6 ices of the House of Representatives and the Senate a
7 briefing on the implementation of this section, which shall
8 include detailed information about the efforts of the Sec-
9 retary to manage, control, and interdict the greater band-
10 ed hornet on military installations in Guam.

11 **SEC. 381. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR ARMY INI-**
12 **TIAL ENTRY ROTARY WING TRAINING.**

13 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
14 this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026
15 for the Army may be obligated or expended for the Next
16 Generation Initial Entry Rotary Wing training program
17 (Flight School Next) at Fort Novosel, Alabama, until—

18 (1) the Secretary of the Army submits to the
19 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
20 the House of Representatives a business case anal-
21 ysis that includes an analysis of the Army initial
22 entry rotary wing training currently provided at
23 Fort Novosel, Alabama, and options for changing
24 such training in order to increase the quality of the
25 training, reduce costs, and gain efficiencies; and

(2) the Secretary provides to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing on the business case analysis submitted under paragraph (1).

TITLE IV—MILITARY PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATIONS

Subtitle A—Active Forces

SEC. 401. END STRENGTHS FOR ACTIVE FORCES.

The Armed Forces are authorized strengths for active duty personnel as of September 30, 2026, as follows:

- (1) The Army, 454,000.
- (2) The Navy, 344,600.
- (3) The Marine Corps, 172,300.
- (4) The Air Force, 321,500.
- (5) The Space Force, 10,400.

Subtitle B—Reserve Forces

SEC. 411. END STRENGTHS FOR SELECTED RESERVE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Armed Forces are authorized strengths for Selected Reserve personnel of the reserve components as of September 30, 2026, as follows:

- (1) The Army National Guard of the United States, 328,000.
- (2) The Army Reserve, 172,000.
- (3) The Navy Reserve, 57,500.
- (4) The Marine Corps Reserve, 33,600.

1 (5) The Air National Guard of the United
2 States, 106,300.

3 (6) The Air Force Reserve, 67,500.

4 (7) The Coast Guard Reserve, 8,500.

5 (b) END STRENGTH REDUCTIONS.—The end
6 strengths prescribed by subsection (a) for the Selected Re-
7 serve of any reserve component shall be proportionately
8 reduced by—

9 (1) the total authorized strength of units orga-
10 nized to serve as units of the Selected Reserve of
11 such component which are on active duty (other
12 than for training) at the end of the fiscal year; and

13 (2) the total number of individual members not
14 in units organized to serve as units of the Selected
15 Reserve of such component who are on active duty
16 (other than for training or for unsatisfactory partici-
17 pation in training) without their consent at the end
18 of the fiscal year.

19 (c) END STRENGTH INCREASES.—Whenever units or
20 individual members of the Selected Reserve of any reserve
21 component are released from active duty during any fiscal
22 year, the end strength prescribed for such fiscal year for
23 the Selected Reserve of such reserve component shall be
24 increased proportionately by the total authorized strengths

1 of such units and by the total number of such individual
2 members.

3 **SEC. 412. END STRENGTHS FOR RESERVES ON ACTIVE**
4 **DUTY IN SUPPORT OF THE RESERVES.**

5 Within the end strengths prescribed in section
6 411(a), the reserve components of the Armed Forces are
7 authorized, as of September 30, 2026, the following num-
8 ber of Reserves to be serving on full-time active duty or
9 full-time duty, in the case of members of the National
10 Guard, for the purpose of organizing, administering, re-
11 cruiting, instructing, or training the reserve components:

12 (1) The Army National Guard of the United
13 States, 30,845.

14 (2) The Army Reserve, 16,511.

15 (3) The Navy Reserve, 10,409.

16 (4) The Marine Corps Reserve, 2,400.

17 (5) The Air National Guard of the United
18 States, 25,171.

19 (6) The Air Force Reserve, 6,218.

20 **SEC. 413. END STRENGTHS FOR MILITARY TECHNICIANS**
21 **(DUAL STATUS).**

22 The minimum number of military technicians (dual
23 status) as of the last day of fiscal year 2026 for the re-
24 serve components of the Army and the Air Force (notwith-

1 standing section 129 of title 10, United States Code) shall
2 be the following:

3 (1) For the Army National Guard of the United
4 States, 21,294.

5 (2) For the Army Reserve, 6,258.

6 (3) For the Air National Guard of the United
7 States, 10,405.

8 (4) For the Air Force Reserve, 6,455.

9 **SEC. 414. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RESERVE PERSONNEL AU-**
10 **THORIZED TO BE ON ACTIVE DUTY FOR**
11 **OPERATIONAL SUPPORT.**

12 During fiscal year 2026, the maximum number of
13 members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces
14 who may be serving at any time on full-time operational
15 support duty under section 115(b) of title 10, United
16 States Code, is the following:

17 (1) The Army National Guard of the United
18 States, 17,000.

19 (2) The Army Reserve, 13,000.

20 (3) The Navy Reserve, 6,200.

21 (4) The Marine Corps Reserve, 3,000.

22 (5) The Air National Guard of the United
23 States, 16,000.

24 (6) The Air Force Reserve, 14,000.

1 **SEC. 415. EXCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD**
2 **PERFORMING CERTAIN DUTY FROM COUNT-**
3 **ING FOR ACTIVE-DUTY END STRENGTHS.**

4 Section 115(i) of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
6 graph:

7 “(14) Members of the National Guard on active
8 duty or full-time National Guard duty for the pur-
9 pose of supporting military intelligence operations
10 under section 12301(d) of this title.”.

11 **Subtitle C—Authorization of**
12 **Appropriations; Reports**

13 **SEC. 421. MILITARY PERSONNEL.**

14 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds
15 are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year
16 2026 for the use of the Armed Forces and other activities
17 and agencies of the Department of Defense for expenses,
18 not otherwise provided for, for military personnel, as spec-
19 ified in the funding table in section 4401.

20 (b) CONSTRUCTION OF AUTHORIZATION.—The au-
21 thorization of appropriations in the subsection (a) super-
22 sedes any other authorization of appropriations (definite
23 or indefinite) for such purpose for fiscal year 2026.

1 **SEC. 422. STREAMLINING OF TOTAL FORCE REPORTING RE-**
2 **QUIREMENTS.**

3 (a) REPEAL OF ANNUAL REPORT ON MILITARY
4 TECHNICIANS.—Section 115a of title 10, United States
5 Code, is amended by striking subsection (g).

6 (b) INCORPORATION OF ANNUAL CIVILIAN PER-
7 SONNEL MANAGEMENT REPORT INTO ANNUAL DEFENSE
8 MANPOWER PROFILE REPORT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Such section is further
10 amended—

11 (A) by redesignating subsections (d)
12 through (f) as subsections (e) through (g), re-
13 spectively; and

14 (B) by inserting after subsection (c) the
15 following new subsection (d):

16 “(d)(1) The Secretary shall include in each report
17 under subsection (a) a detailed discussion of the manage-
18 ment of the civilian workforce of the Department of De-
19 fense. The discussion shall include the matter specified in
20 paragraph (2) for the civilian workforce of—

21 “(A) the Office of the Secretary of Defense;

22 “(B) the Defense Agencies;

23 “(C) the Department of Defense Field Activi-
24 ties; and

25 “(D) the military departments.”.

1 (2) TRANSFER.—Paragraph (2) of section
2 129(c) of such title—

3 (A) is amended, in the matter preceding
4 subparagraph (A)—

5 (i) by striking “Each report under
6 paragraph (1) shall contain” and inserting
7 “The matter to be included in each discus-
8 sion under paragraph (1)” and

9 (ii) by striking “under the jurisdiction
10 of the official submitting the report,” and
11 inserting “of each element of the Depart-
12 ment of Defense named in such paragraph,
13 is”; and

14 (B) is transferred to section 115a and in-
15 serted at the end of subsection (d) of such sec-
16 tion, as added by paragraph (1) of this sub-
17 section.

18 (3) CONFORMING REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT
19 FOR SEPARATE ANNUAL CIVILIAN PERSONNEL MAN-
20 AGEMENT REPORT.—Section 129 of such title is
21 amended by striking subsection (c).

1 **TITLE V—MILITARY PERSONNEL**
2 **POLICY**

3 **Subtitle A—Officer Policy**

4 **SEC. 501. TREATMENT OF SPACE FORCE OFFICERS FOR**
5 **PURPOSES OF LAWS RELATING TO AUTHOR-**
6 **IZED NUMBER AND DISTRIBUTION OF OFFI-**
7 **CERS IN GENERAL OFFICER GRADES.**

8 (a) DISTRIBUTION OF COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ON
9 ACTIVE DUTY IN GENERAL OFFICER GRADES.—Section
10 525 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a)—

12 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
13 by inserting “or the Space Force officer list”
14 after “officer on the active duty list”;

15 (B) in paragraph (5)—

16 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
17 “officers in the grade of general” and in-
18 serting “officers on sustained duty orders
19 in the grade of general”;

20 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
21 “officers in a grade above” and inserting
22 “officers on sustained duty orders in a
23 grade above”; and

24 (iii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
25 “officers in the grade” and inserting “offi-

1 cers on sustained duty orders in the
2 grade”; and

3 (2) in subsection (h), by adding at the end the
4 following new paragraph:

5 “(3)(A) The limitations of this section do not apply
6 to a Space Force general officer serving in space force ac-
7 tive status not on sustained duty orders, and who is on
8 active duty for a period in excess of 365 days but not to
9 exceed three years. Unless authorized by the Secretary of
10 Defense, the number of Space Force general officers cov-
11 ered by this subsection and not serving in a joint duty
12 assignment for purposes of chapter 38 of this title may
13 not exceed five.

14 “(B) Not later than 30 days after authorizing a num-
15 ber of Space Force general officers in excess of the num-
16 ber specified in subparagraph (A), the Secretary of De-
17 fense shall provide a notification as required in paragraph
18 (2).”.

19 (b) EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS FROM AU-
20 THORIZED STRENGTH OF SPACE FORCE GENERAL OFFI-
21 CERS ON ACTIVE DUTY.—Section 526 of such title is
22 amended—

23 (1) in subsection (c)—

1 (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting
2 “AND OF THE SPACE FORCE” after “COMPO-
3 NENTS”;

4 (B) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or of
5 the Space Force” after “a reserve component”;

6 (C) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end
7 the following new subparagraph:

8 “(D) The Secretary of the Air Force may au-
9 thorize not more than two of the general officers au-
10 thorized to serve in the Space Force under section
11 20110 of this title to serve on active duty for a pe-
12 riod of at least 180 days and not longer than 365
13 days.”; and

14 (D) in paragraph (3)(A), by inserting “(or
15 a Space Force general officer in a space force
16 active status on sustained duty)” after “a re-
17 serve component”; and

18 (2) in subsection (d)—

19 (A) by striking “or” at the end of para-
20 graph (1);

21 (B) by striking the period at the end of
22 paragraph (2) and inserting “; or”; and

23 (C) by adding at the end the following new
24 paragraph:

1 “(3) a Space Force officer in the grade of brig-
2 adier general or above on orders to sustained duty
3 during the 60-day period preceding the end of such
4 orders.”.

5 (c) STRENGTH IN GRADE OF SPACE FORCE GEN-
6 ERAL OFFICERS IN SPACE FORCE ACTIVE STATUS NOT
7 ON SUSTAINED DUTY.—Chapter 2003 of such title is
8 amended by adding at the end the following new section:
9 **“§ 20110. Strength in grade: Space Force general offi-
10 cers in Space Force active status not on
11 sustained duty**

12 “(a) AUTHORIZED STRENGTH.—The authorized
13 strength of general officers in the Space Force serving in
14 space force active status not on sustained duty is five.

15 “(b) EXCLUSIONS.—The following Space Force gen-
16 eral officers shall not be counted for purposes of this sec-
17 tion:

18 “(1) Those counted under section 526 of this
19 title.

20 “(2) Those serving in a joint duty assignment
21 for purposes of chapter 38 of this title, except that
22 the number of officers who shall not be counted
23 under this paragraph may not exceed two.

24 “(c) PERMANENT GRADE.—A Space Force general
25 officer may not be reduced in permanent grade because

1 of a reduction in the number authorized under subsection
2 (a).

3 “(d) TEMPORARY EXCLUSION.—The limitation of
4 subsection (a) does not apply to an officer released from
5 a joint duty assignment or other non-joint active duty as-
6 signment, but only during the 60-day period beginning on
7 the date the officer departs the joint duty or other active
8 duty assignment. The Secretary of Defense may authorize
9 the Secretary of the Air Force to extend the 60-day period
10 by an additional 120 days, except that not more than three
11 Space Force officers may be covered by an extension under
12 this subsection at the same time.”.

13 **SEC. 502. REDISTRIBUTION OF GENERAL OFFICERS ON AC-**
14 **TIVE DUTY FROM THE AIR FORCE TO THE**
15 **SPACE FORCE.**

16 Section 526(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
17 amended—

18 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “171” and in-
19 serting “168”; and

20 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking “21” and in-
21 serting “24”.

1 **SEC. 503. AUTHORITY TO WAIVE PROHIBITION ON OFFI-**
2 **CERS SERVING ON SUCCESSIVE SELECTION**
3 **BOARDS FOR BOARDS TO CONSIDER OFFI-**
4 **CERS FOR PROMOTION TO MAJOR GENERAL**
5 **OR REAR ADMIRAL.**

6 Section 612(b) of title 10, United States Code, is
7 amended—

8 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “(b)”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new
10 paragraph:

11 “(2) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary
12 of Defense, the Secretary of a military department may
13 waive the limitation in paragraph (1) in the case of a selec-
14 tion board that will consider officers for recommendation
15 for promotion to the grade of major general or rear admi-
16 ral if the Secretary of the military department determines
17 that qualified officers on the active-duty list or Space
18 Force officer list or otherwise authorized to serve on the
19 board are not available in sufficient number to comprise
20 that selection board.”.

21 **SEC. 504. CHAPLAINS: CAREER FLEXIBILITY; DETAIL AS**
22 **STUDENTS AT SCHOOLS FOR EDUCATION RE-**
23 **QUIRED FOR APPOINTMENT.**

24 (a) CAREER FLEXIBILITY FOR CHAPLAINS.—Sub-
25 section (a) of section 710 of title 10, United States Code,
26 is amended—

1 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “Each Secretary”;

2 and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following new

4 paragraph:

5 “(2) If the Secretary of a military department carries
6 out a program under paragraph (1), such Secretary shall,
7 pursuant to this section, inactivate a member who com-
8 pletes a detail under section 2004c of this title upon such
9 completion so such member may perform religious min-
10 istry that meets professional requirements for appoint-
11 ment as a chaplain in the military department con-
12 cerned.”.

13 (b) DETAIL AS STUDENTS AT SCHOOLS FOR EDU-
14 CATION REQUIRED FOR APPOINTMENT AS A CHAPLAIN.—
15 Chapter 101 of title 10, United States Code, is amended
16 by inserting after section 2004b the following new section
17 2004c:

18 “§ 2004c. Detail as students at schools for education
19 required for appointment as a chaplain:
20 commissioned officers; certain enlisted
21 members

22 “(a) DETAIL AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of each
23 military department may detail commissioned officers and
24 enlisted members of the armed forces as students at ac-
25 credited colleges, universities, and schools of theology, lo-

1 cated in the United States, for a period of training leading
2 to a graduate degree that meets the educational require-
3 ments for appointment as a chaplain in the armed forces.
4 No more than twenty officers and enlisted members from
5 each military department may commence such training in
6 any single fiscal year.

7 “(b) ELIGIBILITY FOR DETAIL.—To be eligible for
8 detail under subsection (a), an officer or enlisted member
9 must be a citizen of the United States and must—

10 “(1)(A) have served on active duty for a period
11 of not less than two years nor more than five years
12 and be an officer in the pay grade O–3 or below as
13 of the time the training is to begin; or

14 “(B) have served on active duty for a period of
15 not less than three years nor more than ten years
16 and be an enlisted member in the pay grade E–4 or
17 above as of the time the training is to begin;

18 “(2) in the case of an enlisted member, meet all
19 requirements for acceptance of a commission as a
20 commissioned officer in the armed forces; and

21 “(3) sign an agreement that unless sooner sepa-
22 rated the officer or enlisted member will—

23 “(A) complete the educational course of
24 chaplaincy training; and

1 “(B) if the Secretary of the military de-
2 partment concerned carries out a program
3 under section 710 of this title—

4 “(i) agree to be inactivated for a pe-
5 riod of not less than two years nor more
6 than three years under subsection (a)(2) of
7 such section title upon completion of a de-
8 tail under this section; and

9 “(ii) accept transfer or detail as a
10 chaplain in the military department con-
11 cerned upon completion of the period de-
12 scribed in clause (i).

13 “(c) SERVICE OBLIGATION.—The agreement of an
14 officer or enlisted member under subsection (b) shall pro-
15 vide that the officer or enlisted member shall serve on ac-
16 tive duty for two years for each year or part thereof of
17 chaplaincy training completed under subsection (a), except
18 that the agreement may authorize the officer or enlisted
19 member to serve a portion of such service obligation on
20 active duty and to complete the service obligation that re-
21 mains upon separation from active duty in the Selected
22 Reserve, in which case the officer or enlisted member shall
23 serve three years in the Selected Reserve for each year
24 or part thereof of the chaplaincy training of such officer
25 or enlisted member under subsection (a) for any service

1 obligation that was not completed before separation from
2 active duty.

3 “(d) SELECTION OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEM-
4 BERS FOR DETAIL.—Officers and enlisted members de-
5 tailed for chaplaincy training under subsection (a) shall
6 be selected on a competitive basis by the Secretary of the
7 military department concerned.

8 “(e) RELATION OF SERVICE OBLIGATIONS TO OTHER
9 SERVICE OBLIGATIONS.—Any service obligation incurred
10 by an officer or enlisted member under an agreement en-
11 tered into under subsection (b) shall be in addition to any
12 service obligation incurred by such officer or enlisted any
13 other provision of law or agreement.

14 “(f) EXPENSES.—Expenses incident to the detail of
15 officers and enlisted members under this section shall be
16 paid from any funds appropriated for the military depart-
17 ment concerned.

18 “(g) FAILURE TO COMPLETE PROGRAM.—An officer
19 or enlisted member who is dropped from a program of
20 chaplaincy training to which detailed under subsection (a)
21 for deficiency in conduct or studies, or for other reasons,
22 may be required to—

23 “(1) perform active duty in an appropriate mili-
24 tary capacity in accordance with the active duty obli-
25 gation imposed by regulations issued by the Sec-

1 retary of Defense, except that in no case shall an of-
2 ficer or enlisted member be required to serve on ac-
3 tive duty for any period in excess of one year for
4 each year or part thereof he participated in the pro-
5 gram; or

6 “(2) repay the expenses incident to the detail of
7 such officer or enlisted member and paid under sub-
8 section (f).

9 “(h) LIMITATION ON DETAILS.—No agreement de-
10 tailing an officer or enlisted member of the armed forces
11 to a chaplaincy school may be entered into during any pe-
12 riod in which the President is authorized by law to induct
13 persons into the armed forces involuntarily. Nothing in
14 this subsection shall affect any agreement entered into
15 during any period when the President is not authorized
16 by law to so induct persons into the armed forces.”.

17 **SEC. 505. RANKS OF JUDGE ADVOCATES GENERAL.**

18 (a) ARMY.—Section 7037(a) of title 10, United
19 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
20 lowing: “The Judge Advocate General, while so serving,
21 has the grade of lieutenant general.”.

22 (b) NAVY.—Section 8088(b) of title 10, United
23 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
24 lowing: “The Judge Advocate General, while so serving,

1 has the grade of vice admiral or lieutenant general, as ap-
2 propriate.”.

3 (c) AIR FORCE.—Section 9037(a) of title 10, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing: “The Judge Advocate General, while so serving,
6 has the grade of lieutenant general.”.

7 **SEC. 506. PROCEDURES FOR SELECTION OF SPACE FORCE**
8 **OFFICERS FOR PROMOTION TO MAJOR GEN-**
9 **ERAL.**

10 (a) SELECTION BOARDS.—

11 (1) BOARDS TO RECOMMEND FOR PROMOTION
12 TO MAJOR GENERAL OFFICERS WHO ARE EXCEP-
13 TIONALLY WELL QUALIFIED.—Subsection (a) of sec-
14 tion 20215 of title 10, United States Code, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 “(a) CRITERIA FOR RECOMMENDATION OF OFFICERS
17 FOR PROMOTION.—(1) A selection board convened under
18 section 20211 of this title to consider officers for pro-
19 motion to a grade below major general shall recommend
20 for promotion to the next higher grade those officers con-
21 sidered by the board whom the board, giving due consider-
22 ation to the needs of the Space Force for officers with
23 particular skills (as noted in the guidelines or information
24 furnished the board under section 615(b) of this title),

1 considers best qualified for promotion within each com-
2 petitive category considered by the board.

3 “(2) A selection board convened under section 20211
4 of this title to consider officers for promotion to the grade
5 of major general shall recommend for promotion to such
6 grade those officers considered by the board whom the
7 board considers exceptionally well qualified for pro-
8 motion.”.

9 (2) REQUIREMENT FOR MAJORITY ACTION BY
10 BOARD MEMBERS.—Subsection (c)(3) of such section
11 is amended by inserting after “best qualified for pro-
12 motion” the following: “(or, in the case of an officer
13 recommended for promotion to the grade of major
14 general, that the officer is exceptionally well quali-
15 fied for promotion)”.

16 (3) INAPPLICABILITY OF PROVISION RELATING
17 TO PROMOTION LIST ORDER.—Subsection (g)(1) of
18 such section is amended by adding at the end the
19 following new sentence: “This subsection does not
20 apply to a selection board convened to consider offi-
21 cer for recommendation to the grade of major gen-
22 eral.”.

23 (4) REPORTS OF SELECTION BOARDS.—Section
24 20216(a)(2)) of such title is amended by inserting
25 after “best qualified for promotion” the following:

1 “(or, in the case of officers recommended for pro-
2 motion to the grade of major general, that the offi-
3 cers are exceptionally well qualified for promotion)”.
4

5 (5) INAPPLICABILITY OF AUTHORITY TO AD-
6 JUST PLACEMENT OF OFFICERS IN BOARD RE-
7 PORT.—Section 20217 of such title is amended—

8 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “or
9 major general”; and

10 (B) in the section heading, by striking the
11 last three words.

12 (b) PROMOTIONS TO MAJOR GENERAL.—

13 (1) PROMOTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES.—Section
14 20239 of such title is amended—

15 (A) in subsection (b)(3), by striking “Ex-
16 cept as provided in subsections (e) and (f)” and
17 inserting “Except as provided in subsections
18 (d), (f), and (g)”;

19 (B) by redesignating subsections (d), (e),
20 and (f) as subsections (e), (f), and (g), respec-
21 tively; and

22 (C) by inserting after subsection (c) the
23 following new subsection (d):

24 “(d) PROMOTION TO MAJOR GENERAL.—

25 “(1) CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PRO-
MOTION.—When the Senate gives it advice and con-

1 sent to the promotion of an officer to the grade of
2 major general, the Secretary of the Air Force shall
3 issue to the officer a certificate of eligibility for pro-
4 motion, dated as of the date on which the Senate
5 gave its advice and consent.

6 “(2) PROMOTION TO FILL VACANCY.—Officers
7 who have a certificate of eligibility under paragraph
8 (1) shall be promoted to fill vacancies as they occur
9 in positions designated to carry the grade of major
10 general. Such promotions shall be made in accord-
11 ance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of
12 the Air Force, based upon the needs of the service.

13 “(3) DURATION OF CERTIFICATE OF ELIGI-
14 BILITY.—A certificate of eligibility issued under
15 paragraph (1) expires at the end of the period begin-
16 ning on the date as of when the certificate of eligi-
17 bility was issued and ending on the first day of the
18 eighteenth month following the month during which
19 the certificate was so issued.”.

20 (2) REMOVAL FROM PROMOTION LIST.—Section
21 20241 of such title is amended—

22 (A) by redesignating subsections (d), (e),
23 and (f) as subsections (e), (f), and (g), respec-
24 tively;

1 (B) by inserting after subsection (c) the
2 following new subsection (d):

3 “(d) REMOVAL UPON EXPIRATION OF CERTIFICATE
4 OF ELIGIBILITY.—If an officer who has been issued a cer-
5 tificate of eligibility for promotion to the grade of major
6 general under 20239(d) of this title is not appointed to
7 such grade before the expiration of the certificate of eligi-
8 bility pursuant to such section, the officer’s name shall
9 be removed from the promotion list.”; and

10 (C) in paragraph (1) of subsection (f), as
11 so redesignated—

12 (i) by striking “subsection (a), (b), or
13 (c)” and inserting “subsection (a), (b), (c),
14 or (d)”; and

15 (ii) by adding at the end the following
16 new sentence: “The authority of the Sec-
17 retary of the Air Force under the pre-
18 ceding sentence does not apply in the case
19 of such an officer who is promoted to the
20 grade of major general following removal
21 from a list under subsection (d).”.

22 (c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
23 Title 10, United States Code, is amended as follows:

24 (1) Section 615(a)(1) is amended by striking
25 “or 20211”.

1 (2) Section 20203 is amended by redesignating
2 the second subsection (b) and subsections (c), (d),
3 (e), and (f) as subsections (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g),
4 respectively.

5 (3) Section 20214 is amended by inserting be-
6 fore the period at the end the following: “convened
7 under section 20211 of this title in the same manner
8 as to selection boards convened under section 611 of
9 this title”.

10 (4) Section 20215(g)(1) is amended by striking
11 “section 624(a)(1)” and inserting “section
12 20239(a)(1)”.

13 (5) Section 20217(a) is amended by striking
14 “section 20215” and inserting “section 20216”.

15 (6) Section 20231 is amended—

16 (A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “sec-
17 tion 14101(a)” and inserting “section 20211”;
18 and

19 (B) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “sec-
20 tion 20151” and inserting “section 20252”.

21 (7) Section 20239 is amended—

22 (A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking
23 “modified” and inserting “adjusted”;

24 (B) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “sub-
25 section (f)” and inserting “subsection (g)”.

1 (8) Section 20241(c) is amended by striking
2 “section 20238(a)” in paragraphs (1) and (3) and
3 inserting “section 20239(a)(1)”.

4 (9) Section 20251(a)(2) is amended by striking
5 “section 14201” and inserting “section 14101”.

6 **SEC. 507. ESTABLISHMENT OF BLAST SAFETY OFFICER PO-**
7 **SITIONS.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than September 30,
9 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall establish blast safety
10 officer positions in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air
11 Force, and Space Force.

12 (b) DUTIES.—Duties of a blast safety officer shall in-
13 clude the following, in accordance with standards estab-
14 lished pursuant to section 735 of the James M. Inhofe
15 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023
16 (Public Law 117–263; 10 U.S.C. 1071 note):

17 (1) Monitoring and mitigating blast and over-
18 pressure exposure to members of such Armed Forces
19 during live-fire or explosive exercises, including
20 breaching exercises. A blast safety officer may order
21 the cessation of such an exercise if exposure exceeds
22 safe thresholds.

23 (2) Briefing members of such Armed Forces,
24 before an exercise, regarding the health risks of

1 blast exposure and mitigation protocols (including
2 minimum safe distances).

3 (3) Overseeing the use of personal protective
4 equipment and wearable sensors by such members
5 during such an exercise.

6 (4) Investigating blast overpressure incidents,
7 reporting findings, and coordinating with health care
8 providers to address risks to the health of affected
9 members.

10 (5) Maintaining blast overpressure exposure
11 logs to support future mitigation.

12 (6) Coordinating with range safety officers and
13 personnel.

14 (c) ASSIGNMENTS.—The Secretary of a military de-
15 partment concerned shall assign a blast safety officer to
16 each special mission unit in each such Armed Force.

17 (d) TRAINING; CERTIFICATION.—A blast safety offi-
18 cer shall receive training and maintain a certification in
19 blast safety.

20 **SEC. 508. DESIGNATION OF AT LEAST ONE GENERAL OFFI-**
21 **CER OF THE MARINE CORPS RESERVE AS A**
22 **JOINT QUALIFIED OFFICER.**

23 The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that at least
24 one general officer of the Marine Corps Reserve is des-
25 ignated as a joint qualified officer.

1 **Subtitle B—Reserve Component**
2 **Management**

3 **SEC. 511. GRADES OF CERTAIN CHIEFS OF RESERVE COM-**
4 **PONENTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—

6 (1) CHIEF OF ARMY RESERVE.—Section
7 7038(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended
8 by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following
9 new paragraph:

10 “(4) The Chief of Army Reserve, while so serving,
11 holds the grade of lieutenant general.”.

12 (2) CHIEF OF NAVY RESERVE.—Section
13 8083(b) of such title is amended by striking para-
14 graph (4) and inserting the following new para-
15 graph:

16 “(4) The Chief of Navy Reserve, while so serving,
17 holds the grade of vice admiral.”.

18 (3) COMMANDER, MARINE FORCES RESERVE.—
19 Section 8084(b) of such title is amended by striking
20 paragraph (4) and inserting the following new para-
21 graph:

22 “(4) The Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, while
23 so serving, holds the grade of lieutenant general.”.

24 (4) CHIEF OF AIR FORCE RESERVE.—Section
25 9038(b) of such title is amended by striking para-

1 graph (4) and inserting the following new para-
2 graph:

3 “(4) The Chief of Air Force Reserve, while so serving,
4 holds the grade of lieutenant general.”.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
6 subsection (a) shall take effect on the day that is one year
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply
8 to appointments made on or after such day.

9 **SEC. 512. PILOT AUTHORITY FOR EXTENDED LENGTH OF**
10 **ORDERS TO ACTIVE DUTY FOR PREPLANNED**
11 **MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE COMBATANT**
12 **COMMANDS.**

13 Section 12304b of title 10, United States Code, is
14 amended—

15 (1) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection
16 (j);

17 (2) by inserting after subsection (h) the fol-
18 lowing new subsection:

19 “(i) TEMPORARY AUTHORITY FOR EXTENDED ACTI-
20 VATION FOR MARINE CORPS.—(1) The Secretary of the
21 Navy may exercise the authority under subsection (a) with
22 respect to units of the Selected Reserve of the Marine
23 Corps by substituting ‘545 consecutive days’ for ‘365 con-
24 secutive days’.

1 “(2) In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary of
2 the Navy may not order a unit to active duty in direct
3 support of an operation for more than 365 consecutive
4 days. For purposes of this paragraph, direct support does
5 not include training, exercises, or preparation activities
6 prior to deployment to support an operation.

7 “(3) The authority under this subsection shall termi-
8 nate on December 31, 2030.”; and

9 (3) in subsection (j), as redesignated by para-
10 graph (1) of this section, by striking “section
11 231(f)(2)” and inserting “section 231”.

12 **SEC. 513. PROHIBITION ON CONSIDERATION OF AMOUNT**
13 **OF TIME OF SERVICE IN ACTIVATION OF RE-**
14 **SERVE MEMBERS.**

15 Chapter 1209 of title 10, United States Code, is
16 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

17 **“§ 12324. Reserves: prohibition on consideration of**
18 **amount of time of service in the armed**
19 **forces for purposes of activation**

20 **“(a) PROHIBITION.—**In evaluating the suitability of
21 a member of a reserve component to be ordered to active
22 duty under any provision of law, the Secretary concerned
23 may not consider—

24 **“(1)** the amount of time of service in the armed
25 forces of such member;

1 “(2) the amount of time of service on active
2 duty of such member; or

3 “(3) the amount of time of service on active
4 duty by such member that would result in such
5 member becoming eligible for retired pay or retainer
6 pay under a purely military retirement system (other
7 than the retirement system under chapter 1223 of
8 this title).

9 “(b) INFORMATION AVAILABLE FOR CONSIDER-
10 TION.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary con-
11 cerned—

12 “(1) shall ensure that no information regarding
13 the amount of time of service in the armed forces of
14 a member or the age of such member is made avail-
15 able to any person evaluating such member for suit-
16 ability for active duty; and

17 “(2) may provide that information on relevant
18 experience of a member, including the amount of
19 time a member has performed duties relevant to the
20 duty for which such member is being considered, is
21 made available to a person evaluating such member
22 for suitability for active duty.”.

1 **SEC. 514. ACTIVE AND INACTIVE TRANSFERS OF OFFICERS**
2 **OF THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND AIR**
3 **FORCE NATIONAL GUARD.**

4 Section 303 of title 32, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 sections:

7 “(d)(1) Under regulations prescribed by the Sec-
8 retary of the Army, an officer of the Army National
9 Guard—

10 “(A) who fills a vacancy in a federally recog-
11 nized unit of the Army National Guard may be
12 transferred from the active Army National Guard to
13 the inactive Army National Guard; or

14 “(B) transferred pursuant to paragraph (1)
15 may be transferred from the inactive Army National
16 Guard to the active Army National Guard to fill a
17 vacancy described in such paragraph.

18 “(2) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary
19 of the Air Force, an officer of the Air Force National
20 Guard—

21 “(A) who fills a vacancy in a federally recog-
22 nized unit of the Air Force National Guard may be
23 transferred from the active Air Force National
24 Guard to the inactive Air Force National Guard; or

25 “(B) transferred pursuant to paragraph (1)
26 may be transferred from the inactive Air Force Na-

1 tional Guard to the active Air Force National Guard
2 to fill a vacancy described in such paragraph.”.

3 **SEC. 515. NATIONAL GUARD: ACTIVE GUARD AND RESERVE**
4 **DUTY IN RESPONSE TO A STATE DISASTER.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 32, United
6 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 328 the
7 following new section:

8 **“§ 328A. Active Guard and Reserve duty: State dis-**
9 **aster response duty**

10 “(a) AUTHORITY.—The chief executive of a State
11 who has declared a emergency in such State due to a dis-
12 aster, may, with the consent of the Secretary of Defense,
13 order a member of the National Guard of such State, who
14 is performing Active Guard and Reserve duty pursuant to
15 section 328 of this title, to perform duties in response to,
16 or in preparation for, such disaster. Duty performed under
17 this section shall be referred to as ‘State disaster response
18 duty’.

19 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—State disaster response duty
20 performed pursuant to this section—

21 “(1) shall be on a reimbursable basis, in accord-
22 ance with subsection (c);

23 “(2) may be performed to the extent that the
24 performance of such duty does not interfere with the
25 performance of the member’s primary Active Guard

1 and Reserve duties of organizing, administering, re-
2 cruiting, instructing, and training the reserve com-
3 ponents; and

4 “(3) shall not exceed a total of 14 days per
5 member per calendar year, except that the Secretary
6 of Defense may, if the chief executive so requests be-
7 fore the end of the 14th such day, authorize an ex-
8 tension of the duration of such duty, not to exceed
9 an additional—

10 “(A) 7 days, if the Secretary determines
11 that such extension is appropriate; and

12 “(B) 46 days if the Secretary determines
13 that such duty is in support of the response to
14 a catastrophic incident, as such term is defined
15 in section 501 of the Homeland Security Act of
16 2002 (6 U.S.C. 311).

17 “(c) REIMBURSEMENT.—(1) The Secretary of the
18 military department concerned shall charge a State for the
19 fully burdened costs of manpower for each day of State
20 disaster response duty performed pursuant to this section.

21 “(2) Such charges shall be paid from the funds of
22 the State of the requesting chief executive or from any
23 other non-Federal funds.

1 “(3) Any amounts received by a Secretary of a mili-
2 tary department under this section shall be credited, at
3 the discretion of the Secretary of Defense, to—

4 “(A) the appropriation, fund, or account used
5 to pay such costs; or

6 “(B) an appropriation, fund, or account avail-
7 able for the purposes for which such costs were in-
8 curred.

9 “(4) If the State of the requesting chief executive is
10 more than 90 days in arrears in reimbursing the Secretary
11 of the military department concerned for State disaster
12 response duty performed pursuant to this section, such
13 duty may not be performed—

14 “(A) unless authorized by the Secretary of De-
15 fense; and

16 “(B) after the requesting chief executive obli-
17 gates funds for the amount in arrears.

18 “(d) LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.—While performing
19 State disaster response duty under this section, a member
20 of the National Guard is not an instrumentality of the
21 United States with respect to any act or omission in car-
22 rying out such duty. The United States shall not be re-
23 sponsible for any claim or judgment arising from the use
24 of a member of the National Guard under this section.

25 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) The term ‘Active Guard and Reserve duty’
2 has the meaning given such term in section 101 of
3 title 10.

4 “(2) The term ‘State’ has the meaning given
5 such term in section 901 of this title.”.

6 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
8 Defense shall prescribe regulations under section 328A of
9 such title, as added by subsection (a).

10 **SEC. 516. FIREGUARD PROGRAM: PROGRAM OF RECORD;**

11 **AUTHORIZATION.**

12 Section 510 of title 32, United States Code, is
13 amended—

14 (1) in subsection (a)—

15 (A) by inserting “(1)” before “The Sec-
16 retary”;

17 (B) by inserting “of record” after “carry
18 out a program”; and

19 (C) by adding at the end the following new
20 paragraph:

21 “(2) The FireGuard Program is authorized through
22 December 31, 2031.”.

23 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
24 section:

1 “(c) ANNUAL BRIEFING.—Not later than one year
2 after the date of the enactment of the National Defense
3 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, the Secretary
4 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
5 Senate and House of Representatives the first of five an-
6 nual briefings regarding the FireGuard Program. Such a
7 briefing shall include, with regards to the year preceding
8 the date of the briefing, the following elements:

9 “(1) The States (as such term is defined in sec-
10 tion 901 of this title), counties, municipalities, and
11 Tribal governments that received information under
12 the FireGuard Program.

13 “(2) A comparative analysis of a map of—

14 “(A) each wildfire, initially provided to an
15 entity described in paragraph (1) through the
16 FireGuard Program; and

17 “(B) the perimeter of such wildfire after
18 containment.

19 “(3) An analysis of the time between the detec-
20 tion of a fire via raw satellite data and alerts being
21 sent to local responders.

22 “(4) A review of efforts undertaken to integrate
23 emerging satellite and aerial surveillance tech-
24 nologies from qualified private, nonprofit, and public
25 sector sources.”.

1 **Subtitle C—General Service**
2 **Authorities and Military Records**

3 **SEC. 521. WOMEN’S INITIATIVE TEAMS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 50 of title 10, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new section:

7 **“§ 996. Establishment of women’s initiative teams**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary concerned
9 shall establish a women’s initiative team in each of the
10 Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force
11 to identify and address barriers, if any, to the service, re-
12 cruitment, retention, and advancement of women in those
13 armed forces.

14 “(b) DUTIES.—Each women’s initiative team estab-
15 lished under subsection (a) shall—

16 “(1) identify and address issues, if any, that
17 hinder service by women in the armed force in which
18 such team is established;

19 “(2) support the recruitment and retention of
20 women in such armed force;

21 “(3) recommend policy changes that support
22 the needs of women members of such armed force;
23 and

24 “(4) foster a sense of community.

1 “(c) COMPOSITION.—Each women’s initiative team
2 established under subsection (a) shall be composed of
3 members of the armed force in which such team is estab-
4 lished of a variety of ranks, backgrounds, and occupational
5 specialities.

6 “(d) COLLABORATION.—A women’s initiative team
7 established under subsection (a) shall work collaboratively
8 with the leadership of the armed force in which such team
9 is established and other stakeholders to carry out the du-
10 ties described in subsection (b).”.

11 (b) REPORTS.—Not later than one year after the date
12 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter until
13 the date that is five years after such date, the Secretary
14 of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense com-
15 mittees a report on the activities and progress of each
16 women’s initiative team established under section 996 of
17 title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a).
18 Each report shall include the following:

19 (1) A description of the structure, membership,
20 and organizational alignment of each women’s initia-
21 tive team.

22 (2) A summary of key activities and initiatives
23 undertaken by each team.

1 (3) An assessment of the impact of such activi-
2 ties on improving conditions for women, including
3 measurable outcomes where available.

4 (4) Recommendations for legislative or policy
5 changes to further support the success of the teams.

6 **SEC. 522. INDIVIDUAL LONGITUDINAL EXPOSURE RECORD:**

7 **CODIFICATION; EXPANSION.**

8 (a) EXPANSION.—Chapter 50 of title 10, United
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing new section:

11 **“§ 996. Individual Longitudinal Exposure Record**

12 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense
13 shall maintain a database that is a central portal for expo-
14 sure-related data that compiles, collates, presents, and
15 provides available occupational and environmental expo-
16 sure information to support the needs of the Department
17 of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Such
18 database shall be referred to as the ‘Individual Longitu-
19 dinal Exposure Record’.

20 “(b) ELEMENTS.—The Individual Longitudinal Ex-
21 posure Record includes the following elements:

22 “(1) Service records of members of the armed
23 forces.

24 “(2) All non-classified data available to the Sec-
25 retary regarding how, where, and when members of

1 the armed forces have been exposed to various occu-
2 pational or environmental hazards.

3 “(3) Medical records of members relating to ex-
4 posures described in paragraph (2), including diag-
5 noses, treatment plans, and laboratory data.

6 “(c) SERVICE RECORDS.—If a member is a member
7 described in paragraph (2) of subsection (b), the Secretary
8 shall include the data described in such paragraph in the
9 service record of such member.

10 “(d) DATA SHARING.—The Secretary shall provide
11 access to information in the Individual Longitudinal Expo-
12 sure Record to the following:

13 “(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

14 “(2) The Director of the Defense Health Agen-
15 cy, for use by health care providers, epidemiologists,
16 and researchers of the Department of Defense.

17 “(3) The Under Secretary for Health of the De-
18 partment of Veterans Affairs, for use by health care
19 providers, epidemiologists, and researchers of such
20 department.

21 “(4) The Under Secretary for Benefits of the
22 Department of Veterans Affairs, for use by per-
23 sonnel of such department regarding compensation
24 and benefits for service-connected disabilities or
25 death.

1 “(e) ANNUAL REPORT.—(1) The Secretary of De-
2 fense shall submit, to the committees specified in para-
3 graph (2), an annual report regarding the Individual Lon-
4 gitudinal Exposure Record.

5 “(2) The committees specified in this paragraph are
6 the following:

7 “(A) The Committee on Armed Services of the
8 Senate.

9 “(B) The Committee on Armed Services of
10 House of Representatives.

11 “(C) The Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the
12 Senate.

13 “(D) The Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of
14 the House of Representatives.

15 “(E) The Committee on Commerce, Science,
16 and Transportation of the Senate.

17 “(F) The Committee on Transportation and In-
18 frastructure of the House of Representatives.”.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1171(b)(2)
20 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 “(2) The term ‘Individual Longitudinal Expo-
23 sure Record’ means the database maintained under
24 section 996 of title 10.”.

1 **SEC. 523. CODIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL BASIC BRANCHES**
2 **OF THE ARMY.**

3 Section 7063(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (12), by striking “; and” and
6 inserting a semicolon;

7 (2) by redesignating paragraph (13) as para-
8 graph (24); and

9 (3) by inserting after paragraph (12) the fol-
10 lowing new paragraphs:

11 “(13) Air Defense Artillery;

12 “(14) Aviation;

13 “(15) Cavalry Scout;

14 “(16) Psychological Operations;

15 “(17) Special Forces;

16 “(18) Civil Affairs;

17 “(19) Cyber;

18 “(20) Electronic Warfare;

19 “(21) Military Intelligence;

20 “(22) Public Affairs;

21 “(23) Army Music; and”.

22 **SEC. 524. REQUIREMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, RACIAL**
23 **NEUTRALITY, AND EXCLUSIVE USE OF MERIT**
24 **IN MILITARY PERSONNEL ACTIONS.**

25 (a) MERIT REQUIREMENT.—All Department of De-
26 fense military personnel actions, including accessions, pro-

1 motions, assignments, command selection, and military
2 and civil schooling selection and training, shall be based
3 exclusively on individual merit, fitness, capability, and per-
4 formance.

5 (b) CONSIDERATION OF RACE PROHIBITED.—Con-
6 sideration of an individual's race, ethnicity, or national or-
7 igin in any military personnel action is prohibited through-
8 out the Department of Defense.

9 (c) LIMITED EXCEPTION FOR TASKING OF SPECIFIC
10 MISSIONS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—This section shall not be
12 construed to prohibit tasking for specific, unconven-
13 tional missions in foreign countries, where the an-
14 ticipated ground operating environment of indige-
15 nous populations may justify consideration of race,
16 ethnicity, or national origin when tasking for the
17 mission to optimize mission success.

18 (2) COMBATANT COMMANDER APPROVAL RE-
19 QUIRED.—Any tasking pursuant to the exception de-
20 scribed in paragraph (1) shall require the approval
21 of the combatant commander concerned.

22 (3) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than
23 60 days after a tasking pursuant to the exception
24 described in paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense
25 shall report the tasking to the Committees on Armed

1 Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-
2 tives. The report shall describe—

3 (A) the mission, including location and du-
4 ration;

5 (B) the staffing of the mission;

6 (C) the demographic factors warranting
7 the tasking;

8 (D) the number of personnel involved, in-
9 cluding their rank, position, and race, ethnicity,
10 and national origin; and

11 (E) the rationale for the tasking.

12 **SEC. 525. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR**
13 **DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION.**

14 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
15 this Act may be used for matters or programs relating
16 to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

17 **SEC. 526. PROHIBITION OF NEW COVID-19 VACCINE MAN-**
18 **DATE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
19 **FORCES.**

20 The Secretary of Defense may not issue any COVID-
21 19 vaccine mandate as a replacement for the mandate re-
22 scinded under section 525 of the James M. Inhofe Na-
23 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023
24 (Public Law 117-263).

1 **Subtitle D—Recruitment and**
2 **Accession**

3 **SEC. 531. RECRUITMENT: IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO**
4 **SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS OF**
5 **HIGHER EDUCATION.**

6 (a) RECRUITING AT SECONDARY SCHOOLS.—Section
7 503(c)(1)(A) of title 10, United States Code, is amend-
8 ed—

9 (1) in clause (i), by striking “the same access
10 to secondary school students as is provided generally
11 to postsecondary educational institutions or to pro-
12 spective employers of those students” and inserting
13 “meaningful access to secondary schools (including
14 at least four visits across each academic year, be-
15 tween classes, when students are physically present,
16 and in a manner that does not interfere with class
17 attendance), and, after reasonable notice, in meeting
18 spaces including auditoriums, at athletic functions,
19 and at other group or social activities”; and

20 (2) in clause (iii)—

21 (A) by inserting “during the first 60 days
22 of the academic year, and not later than 30
23 days after receiving such request during an-
24 other period of time” after “receiving such re-
25 quest”; and

1 (B) by inserting “academic grades, sexes,”
2 after “student names,”.

3 (b) RECRUITING AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDU-
4 CATION.—Section 983(b) of title 10, United States Code,
5 is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “in a manner
7 that is at least equal in quality and scope to the ac-
8 cess to campuses and to students that is provided to
9 any other employer” and inserting “(including at
10 least four visits across each academic year, between
11 classes, when students are physically present, and in
12 a manner that does not interfere with class attend-
13 ance), and, after reasonable notice, in meeting
14 spaces including auditoriums, at athletic functions,
15 and at other group or social activities”; and

16 (2) in paragraph (2)—

17 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

18 (i) by inserting “academic grades,
19 sexes,” after “names,”;

20 (ii) by striking “60th day following
21 the date of a request” and inserting “60
22 days after receiving a request during the
23 first 60 days of the academic year, and not
24 later than 30 days after the date of a re-
25 quest during another period of time”; and

1 (iii) by striking “; and” and inserting
2 a semicolon;

3 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
4 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following new
6 subparagraph:

7 “(C) whether the student submitted a Free
8 Application for Federal Student Aid described
9 in section 483 of the Higher Education Act of
10 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1090) (if collected by the in-
11 stitution); and”;

12 (3) by adding at the end the following new
13 paragraph:

14 “(3) access by military recruiters for purposes
15 of military recruiting, with respect to students (who
16 are 17 years of age or older) not returning to the
17 institution after having been enrolled during the pre-
18 vious semester—

19 “(A) the information required under para-
20 graph (2); and

21 “(B) the reason why such students did not
22 return, if collected by the institution.”.

23 (c) TYPES OF AFFILIATION FOR JROTC UNITS.—

24 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of De-
25 fense may establish, with regards to the Junior Re-

1 serve Officers’ Training Corps (hereinafter,
2 “JROTC”) , the following types of affiliation:

3 (A) HOST UNIT.—A host unit is a unit at
4 a secondary educational institution that has at
5 least one instructor for the unit and has en-
6 tered into a memorandum of understanding
7 under section 2031(b) of title 10, United States
8 Code.

9 (B) CROSS-TOWN UNIT.—A cross-town
10 unit is a unit that operates without an instruc-
11 tor pursuant to section 2035(b)(2)(B) of title
12 10, United States Code, and has entered into
13 an agreement with a host unit to allow students
14 of the cross-town unit to participate in JROTC
15 activities at the campus of the host unit.

16 (2) GUIDANCE.—If the Secretary establishes
17 the types of affiliation under paragraph (1), the Sec-
18 retary shall prescribe guidance that clarifies the
19 roles, responsibilities, and requirements for each
20 such type.

21 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
22 the Secretary creates such types of affiliation, the
23 Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed
24 Services of the Senate and House of Representatives

1 a report on such affiliations. Such a report shall in-
2 clude the following elements:

3 (A) The number and locations of cross-
4 town units.

5 (B) Total enrollment numbers for each
6 cross-town units.

7 (C) Recommendations for further improve-
8 ments or changes to enhance the effectiveness
9 of JROTC.

10 (d) REPORT ON HONOR SCHOOLS.—Not later than
11 September 30, 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall sub-
12 mit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate
13 and House of Representatives a report on schools des-
14 ignated as honor schools by the Secretaries of the Army,
15 Navy, and Air Force. Such report shall include the fol-
16 lowing elements:

17 (1) The criteria for such designation.

18 (2) A list of schools so designated.

19 (3) The percentage of honor graduates of honor
20 schools who, after nomination pursuant to sub-
21 section (b)(4) of section 7442, 8454, or 9442 of title
22 10, United States Code, enroll as cadets or mid-
23 shipmen at a Service Academy (as such term is de-
24 fined in section 347 of title 10, United States Code).

1 **SEC. 532. ALTERNATIVE SERVICE IN THE DEFENSE INDUS-**
2 **TRIAL BASE BY INDIVIDUALS DENIED EN-**
3 **LISTMENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 504 of title 10, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new subsection:

7 “(c) ALTERNATIVE SERVICE IN THE DEFENSE IN-
8 DUSTRIAL BASE.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall
9 carry out a program to provide to an individual described
10 in paragraph (2) information about with opportunities to
11 work in the defense industrial base.

12 “(2) An individual described in this paragraph is an
13 individual who seeks to originally enlist in an armed force
14 but is denied enlistment.

15 “(3) In carrying out the program, the Secretary
16 shall—

17 “(A) identify job opportunities in the defense
18 industrial base;

19 “(B) provide available information about train-
20 ing or certification programs to obtain the skills nec-
21 essary for such a job; and

22 “(C) seek to enter into agreements with entities
23 in the defense industrial base.

24 “(4) The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the
25 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
26 House of Representatives an annual report on the pro-

1 gram under this subsection. Such a report shall include,
2 with respect to the year preceding the date of the report,
3 the following elements:

4 “(A) The number of individuals described in
5 paragraph (2) provided information described in
6 paragraph (3)(A).

7 “(B) The number of individuals described in
8 paragraph (2) provided information described in
9 paragraph (3)(B).

10 “(C) The number of agreements described in
11 paragraph (3)(C) into which the Secretary entered.”.

12 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
14 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
15 Senate and the House of Representatives a report regard-
16 ing the implementation of subsection (c) of such section,
17 as added by subsection (a).

18 **SEC. 533. MEDICAL ACCESSION STANDARDS FOR MEMBERS**
19 **OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

20 Chapter 37 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-
21 ed by adding at the end the following new section:

22 **“§ 658. Medical accession standards for members of**
23 **the armed forces**

24 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDARDS.—(1) The
25 Secretaries concerned shall establish uniform medical ac-

1 cession standards for each armed force. Such standards
2 shall—

3 “(A) apply uniformly for all commissioned offi-
4 cers of an armed force; and

5 “(B) apply uniformly for all enlisted members
6 of an armed force across each occupational specialty.

7 “(2) The Secretary concerned shall make readily
8 available and understandable to potential members of the
9 armed forces the standards established under paragraph
10 (1), including an explanation of the process established
11 under subsection (c)(1) and the process for seeking ap-
12 proval under subsection (c)(2).

13 “(b) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN MEDICAL DISQUALI-
14 FICATIONS.—No person may be disqualified from serving
15 as a member of the armed forces on the sole basis of a
16 past diagnosis of a medical condition if—

17 “(1) the diagnosis occurred before such person
18 reached the age of 13 years old;

19 “(2) the condition did not require treatment
20 during the five-year period that ends on the date on
21 which such person seeks to become a member of the
22 armed forces;

23 “(3) a licensed medical professional provides a
24 current evaluation affirming that such person does
25 not meet diagnostic criteria for the condition and is

1 medically fit for service as a member of the armed
2 forces; and

3 “(4) the Secretary concerned determines such
4 diagnosis is unlikely to impact the health and readi-
5 ness of the armed force of which such person seeks
6 to become a member.

7 “(c) PROCESS FOR REVIEW OR WAIVER OF MEDICAL
8 DISQUALIFICATIONS.—(1) The Secretary concerned shall
9 establish a process for the review of medical disqualifica-
10 tions of persons seeking to become a member of the armed
11 forces.

12 “(2) The Secretary concerned may approve the acces-
13 sion of a person into the armed forces without regard to
14 a disqualifying medical diagnosis if the Secretary con-
15 cerned determines that the accession of such person is in
16 the interests of national security.

17 “(d) REPORTS.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall
18 submit to the congressional defense committees an annual
19 report identifying—

20 “(A) the number of persons disqualified from
21 service as a member of the armed forces during the
22 preceding calendar year due to medical history;

23 “(B) the number and type of approvals granted
24 under subsection (c)(2) during the preceding cal-
25 endar year; and

1 “(C) any updates to the medical standards for
2 accession established under subsection (a) or the
3 process established under subsection (c)(1) since the
4 submission of the preceding report.

5 “(2) For any fiscal year in which the Secretary con-
6 cerned approves the accession of a person into the Coast
7 Guard under subsection (c)(2), the Secretary of the de-
8 partment in which the Coast Guard is operating shall sub-
9 mit, to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-
10 ture of the House of Representatives and the Committee
11 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate,
12 a report identifying the information required under para-
13 graph (1)(B) with regards to such member.”.

14 **SEC. 534. SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM: AUTOMATIC REG-**
15 **ISTRATION.**

16 (a) AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION.—The Military Selec-
17 tive Service Act (50 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.) is amended by
18 striking section 3 (50 U.S.C. 3802) and inserting the fol-
19 lowing new section 3:

20 “SEC. 3. (a)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this
21 title, every male citizen of the United States, and every
22 other male person residing in the United States, between
23 the ages of eighteen and twenty-six, shall be automatically
24 registered under this Act by the Director of the Selective
25 Service System.

1 “(2) This section shall not apply to any alien lawfully
2 admitted to the United States as a nonimmigrant under
3 section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act
4 (8 U.S.C. 1101) for so long as such alien continues to
5 maintain a lawful nonimmigrant status in the United
6 States.

7 “(b) Regulations prescribed pursuant to this section
8 (a) may require—

9 “(1) a person subject to registration under this
10 section to provide, to the Director, information (in-
11 cluding date of birth, address, social security ac-
12 count number, phone number, and email address)
13 regarding such person;

14 “(2) a Federal entity to provide, to the Direc-
15 tor, information described in paragraph (1) that the
16 Director determines necessary to identify or register
17 a person subject to registration under this section;
18 and

19 “(3) the Director to provide, to a person reg-
20 istered under this section, written notification that—

21 “(A) such person has been so registered;
22 and

23 “(B) if such person is not required to be
24 so registered, the procedure by which such per-
25 son may correct such registration.”.

1 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

2 The Military Selective Service Act is further amended—

3 (1) in section 4 (50 U.S.C. 3803)—

4 (A) in subsection (a)—

5 (i) by striking “required to register”

6 each place it appears and inserting “reg-

7 istered”;

8 (ii) by striking “at the time fixed for

9 his registration,”; and

10 (iii) by striking “who is required to

11 register” and inserting “registered”;

12 (B) in subsection (k)(2), in the matter fol-

13 lowing subparagraph(B), by striking “liable for

14 registration” and inserting “registered”;

15 (2) in section 6(a) (50 U.S.C. 3806(a))—

16 (A) in paragraph (1)—

17 (i) by striking “required to be”;

18 (ii) by striking “subject to registra-

19 tion” and inserting “registered”; and

20 (iii) by striking “liable for registration

21 and training” and inserting “registered

22 and liable for training”;

23 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “required

24 to be” each place it appears;

1 (3) in section 10(b)(3) (50 U.S.C. 3809(b)(3))

2 by striking “registration,”;

3 (4) in section 12 (50 U.S.C. 3811)—

4 (A) in subsection (d)—

5 (i) by striking “, neglecting, or refus-
6 ing to perform the duty of registering im-
7 posed by” and inserting “registration
8 under”; and

9 (ii) by striking “, or within five years
10 next after the last day before such person
11 does perform his duty to register, which-
12 ever shall first occur”;

13 (B) in subsection (e)—

14 (i) by striking “the Secretary of
15 Health and Human Services” and insert-
16 ing “Federal agencies”;

17 (ii) by striking “by a proclamation of
18 the President” and inserting “to be reg-
19 istered”;

20 (iii) by striking “to present themselves
21 for and submit to registration under such
22 section”; and

23 (iv) by striking “by the Secretary”;

24 and

1 (C) by striking subsection (g) (50 U.S.C.
2 3811(g)); and

3 (5) in section 15(a) (50 U.S.C. 3813(a)), by
4 striking “upon publication by the President of a
5 proclamation or other public notice fixing a time for
6 any registration under section 3”.

7 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
8 this section shall take effect one year after the date of
9 the enactment of this Act.

10 **Subtitle E—Member Training and** 11 **Education**

12 **SEC. 541. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR OCCUPATIONAL** 13 **SPECIALTIES WITH CIVILIAN EQUIVALENTS.**

14 Chapter 101 of title 10, United States Code, is
15 amended by inserting after section 2009 the following new
16 section:

17 **“§ 2010. Training requirements for occupational spe-** 18 **cialties with civilian equivalents**

19 “The Secretary concerned shall ensure that training
20 provided to a member of the armed forces with respect
21 to an occupational specialty in the armed forces for which
22 there is a similar civilian occupation includes all training
23 and appropriate certifications that will allow such member
24 to enter such civilian occupation following separation from

1 the armed forces without the need to satisfy any additional
2 training or certification requirements.”.

3 **SEC. 542. INCLUSION OF SPACE FORCE EDUCATION PRO-**
4 **GRAMS IN DEFINITIONS REGARDING PROFES-**
5 **SIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION.**

6 (a) SENIOR AND INTERMEDIATE LEVEL SERVICE
7 SCHOOLS.—Section 2151(b) of title 10, United States
8 Code, is amended—

9 (1) by adding at the end of paragraph (1) the
10 following new subparagraph:

11 “(E) The Space Force Senior Level Edu-
12 cation Program.”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end of paragraph (2) the
14 following new subparagraph:

15 “(E) The Space Force Intermediate Level
16 Education Program.”.

17 (b) BUDGET REQUESTS FOR PROFESSIONAL MILI-
18 TARY EDUCATION.—Section 2162(d) of such title is
19 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
20 graphs:

21 “(9) The Space Force Senior Level Education
22 Program.

23 “(10) The Space Force Intermediate Level
24 Education Program.”.

1 **SEC. 543. CENTER FOR STRATEGIC DETERRENCE AND**
2 **WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION STUDIES.**

3 Chapter 108 of title 10, United States Code, is
4 amended by inserting after section 2165 the following new
5 section:

6 **“§ 2166. National Defense University: Center for Stra-**
7 **tegic Deterrence and Weapons of Mass**
8 **Destruction Studies**

9 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense
10 shall establish a Center for Strategic Deterrence and
11 Weapons of Mass Destruction Studies within the Institute
12 for National Strategic Studies of the National Defense
13 University (in this section referred to as the ‘Center’).

14 “(b) MISSION.—The Center established under sub-
15 section (a) shall—

16 “(1) prepare national security leaders to ad-
17 dress the challenges of strategic deterrence and
18 weapons of mass destruction through education, re-
19 search, and outreach activities throughout the Fed-
20 eral Government;

21 “(2) develop leaders with an understanding of
22 strategic deterrence and the implications of weapons
23 of mass destruction;

24 “(3) in accordance with guidance provided by
25 the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, develop
26 and provide appropriate curricula, learning out-

1 comes, and educational tools relating to strategic de-
2 terrence and weapons of mass destruction for use at
3 institutions that provide joint professional military
4 education;

5 “(4) serve as the primary institution within the
6 Department for the study of strategic deterrence
7 and weapons of mass destruction education in joint
8 professional military education;

9 “(5) design, develop, and implement studies and
10 analyses to enhance understanding of—

11 “(A) strategic deterrence;

12 “(B) the threat of weapons of mass de-
13 struction to the security of the United States
14 and globally; and

15 “(C) responses to prevent, mitigate, or
16 eliminate the threat in accordance with Depart-
17 ment and national security policies and strate-
18 gies; and

19 “(6) provide expert support on strategic deter-
20 rence and weapons of mass destruction issues to the
21 Department of Defense and other Federal Govern-
22 ment leaders.”.

23 **SEC. 544. SERVICE ACADEMIES; APPOINTMENTS AND ADDI-**
24 **TIONAL APPOINTEES.**

25 (a) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.—

1 (1) APPOINTMENTS.—Section 7442 of title 10,
2 United States Code, is amended—

3 (A) in subsection (a)—

4 (i) by striking “subsection (j)” and in-
5 serting “subsection (k)”;

6 (ii) in paragraph (1), by striking “as
7 established by competitive examinations”
8 and inserting “as determined by candidate
9 composite score rank”; and

10 (iii) in the matter following paragraph
11 (10)—

12 (I) in the second sentence—

13 (aa) by inserting “(in which
14 event selection shall be in order
15 of merit as determined by can-
16 didate composite score rank)”
17 after “may be submitted without
18 ranking”; and

19 (bb) by striking “9 ranked”
20 and inserting “14 ranked”;

21 (II) by inserting after the second
22 sentence the following “If alternates
23 are submitted unranked, any selection
24 from among such unranked alternates
25 shall be in order of merit as deter-

1 mined by candidate composite score
2 rank.”; and

3 (III) by striking “shall be consid-
4 ered qualified alternates for the pur-
5 pose of selection under other provi-
6 sions of this chapter” and inserting
7 “shall be eligible and considered for
8 selection under other provisions of
9 this chapter, including as qualified al-
10 ternates and additional appointees”;

11 (B) by redesignating subsections (b)
12 through (j) as subsections (c) through (k), re-
13 spectively;

14 (C) by inserting after subsection (a) the
15 following new subsection:

16 “(b) There shall be appointed each year at the Acad-
17 emy 300 qualified alternates selected in order of merit as
18 determined by candidate composite score rank by the Sec-
19 retary of the Army from qualified candidates nominated
20 pursuant to paragraphs (3) through (10) of subsection (a)
21 and all other qualified, non-selected candidates holding
22 nominations from any other source pursuant to this chap-
23 ter.”;

24 (D) in subsection (c), as redesignated by
25 subparagraph (B)—

1 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “one
2 hundred selected by the President” and in-
3 serting “up to one hundred qualified can-
4 didates selected by the President in order
5 of merit as determined by candidate com-
6 posite score rank”;

7 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

8 (I) by striking “85” and insert-
9 ing “up to 85 qualified candidates”;
10 and

11 (II) by inserting “, selected in
12 order of merit as determined by can-
13 didate composite score rank” before
14 the period at the end;

15 (iii) in paragraph (3)—

16 (I) by striking “85” and insert-
17 ing “up to 85 qualified candidates”;
18 and

19 (II) by inserting “, selected in
20 order of merit as determined by can-
21 didate composite score rank” before
22 the period at the end;

23 (iv) in paragraph (4)—

1 (I) by striking “20” and insert-
2 ing “up to 20 qualified candidates”;
3 and

4 (II) by inserting “, selected in
5 order of merit as determined by can-
6 didate composite score rank” before
7 the period at the end; and

8 (v) by striking paragraph (5);

9 (E) in subsection (f), as redesignated by
10 subparagraph (B), by striking “subsection (b)”
11 and inserting “subsection (c)”;

12 (F) in subsection (h), as so redesignated—

13 (i) by striking “subsection (b)” each
14 place it appears and inserting “subsection
15 (c)”;

16 (ii) in paragraph (4), by striking
17 “subsection (e)” and inserting “subsection
18 (f)”;

19 (G) by adding at the end the following new
20 subsections:

21 “(l) Qualifications of candidates for admission shall
22 be determined by use of, among other metrics, a candidate
23 composite score uniformly calculated for each applicant.
24 The academic component of such composite score shall be
25 weighted at not less than 60 percent of the overall com-

1 posite score and shall include the candidate's standardized
2 test scores, which shall be weighted at not less than 45
3 percent of the overall composite score. The total of all sub-
4 jective components, if any, of the composite score shall be
5 weighted at not more than 10 percent of the overall com-
6 posite score. Any subjectively based adjustment of the can-
7 didate composite score shall be limited to not more than
8 10 percent of the score before such adjustment. Can-
9 didates' composite scores, only, shall be used to determine
10 order of merit.

11 “(m) Not later than October 1 of each year, the Sec-
12 retary of the Army shall submit to the Committees on
13 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-
14 atives a report, including—

15 “(1) with respect to the preceding admissions
16 cycle—

17 “(A) the established minimum candidate
18 composite score and college entrance examina-
19 tion rank (CEER) score used in such cycle; and

20 “(B) the total number of waivers of such
21 minimum candidate composite score or CEER
22 score, including the candidate composite score
23 and CEER score of each cadet to whom a waiv-
24 er relates, a brief explanation of the reasons for
25 such waiver, and the category of appointment

1 under which each such cadet was appointed
2 (and if congressional, the type of slate that
3 nominated the waived appointee); and

4 “(2) for each cadet who, during the four-year
5 period preceding the date of the report, received a
6 waiver for the established minimum candidate com-
7 posite score or CEER score, the status of each such
8 cadet, including whether the cadet is still at the
9 Academy, the circumstances of such cadet’s depar-
10 ture (if applicable), the cumulative academic GPA,
11 cumulative military GPA, any major conduct or
12 honor violations, any remedial measures undertaken,
13 and any other noteworthy information concerning
14 such cadet.”.

15 (2) ADDITIONAL APPOINTEES.—Section 7443 of
16 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

17 (A) in the section heading, by striking
18 “**appointment**” and inserting “**additional**
19 **appointments**”;

20 (B) in the first sentence—

21 (i) by inserting “(a)” before “If it is
22 determined”; and

23 (ii) by striking “ who competed for
24 nomination” and inserting “who were eligi-

1 ble and competed unsuccessfully for nomi-
2 nation under any other provision of law”;
3 (C) in the second sentence—

4 (i) by striking “(8)” and inserting
5 “(10)”; and

6 (ii) by striking “holding competitive
7 nominations” and inserting “who were eli-
8 gible and competed unsuccessfully for nom-
9 ination”; and

10 (D) by adding at the end the following:
11 “All provisions relating to candidate composite
12 score in section 7442 of this title shall apply to
13 calculation and use of candidate composite
14 score as that term is used in this section.

15 “(b) Not later than October 1 of each year, the Sec-
16 retary of the Army shall submit to the congressional de-
17 fense committees a report that includes, with respect to
18 the preceding admissions cycle—

19 “(1) the candidate composite scores and college
20 entrance examination rank (CEER) scores of the ten
21 candidates appointed under this section and under
22 section 7442(e) of this title who had the lowest can-
23 didate composite scores;

1 “(2) the total number of qualified and nomi-
2 nated (by any source), but not selected, candidates;
3 and

4 “(3) the candidate composite scores and CEER
5 scores of the ten qualified and nominated candidates
6 having the highest candidate composite scores and
7 who were not selected for appointment.”.

8 (b) UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY.—

9 (1) APPOINTMENTS.—Section 8454 of title 10,
10 United States Code, is amended—

11 (A) in subsection (a)—

12 (i) by striking “subsection (h)” and
13 inserting “subsection (i)”;

14 (ii) in paragraph (1), by striking “as
15 established by competitive examination”
16 and inserting “as determined by candidate
17 composite score rank”; and

18 (iii) in the matter following paragraph
19 (10)—

20 (I) in the second sentence—

21 (aa) by inserting “(in which
22 event selection shall be in order
23 of merit as determined by can-
24 didate composite score rank)”

1 after “may be submitted without
2 ranking”; and

3 (bb) by striking “9 ranked”
4 and inserting “14 ranked”;

5 (II) by inserting after the second
6 sentence the following “If alternates
7 are submitted unranked, any selection
8 from among such unranked alternates
9 shall be in order of merit as deter-
10 mined by candidate composite score
11 rank.”; and

12 (III) by striking “shall be consid-
13 ered qualified alternates for the pur-
14 pose of selection under other provi-
15 sions of this chapter” and inserting
16 “shall be eligible and considered for
17 selection under other provisions of
18 this chapter, including as qualified al-
19 ternates and additional appointees”;

20 (B) by redesignating subsections (b)
21 through (h) as subsections (c) through (i), re-
22 spectively;

23 (C) by inserting after subsection (a) the
24 following new subsection:

1 “(b) There shall be appointed each year at the Acad-
2 emy 300 qualified alternates selected in order of merit as
3 determined by candidate composite score rank by the Sec-
4 retary of the Navy from qualified candidates nominated
5 pursuant to paragraphs (3) through (10) of subsection (a)
6 and all other qualified, non-selected candidates holding
7 nominations from any other source pursuant to this chap-
8 ter.”;

9 (D) in subsection (c), as redesignated by
10 subparagraph (B)—

11 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “one
12 hundred selected by the President” and in-
13 serting “up to one hundred qualified can-
14 didates selected by the President in order
15 of merit as determined by candidate com-
16 posite score rank”;

17 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

18 (I) by striking “85” and insert-
19 ing “up to 85 qualified candidates”;
20 and

21 (II) by inserting “, selected in
22 order of merit as determined by can-
23 didate composite score rank” before
24 the period at the end;

25 (iii) in paragraph (3)—

1 (I) by striking “85” and insert-
2 ing “up to 85 qualified candidates”;
3 and

4 (II) by inserting “, selected in
5 order of merit as determined by can-
6 didate composite score rank” before
7 the period at the end;

8 (iv) in paragraph (4)—

9 (I) by striking “20” and insert-
10 ing “up to 20 qualified candidates”;
11 and

12 (II) by inserting “, selected in
13 order of merit as determined by can-
14 didate composite score rank” before
15 the period at the end; and

16 (v) by striking paragraph (5);

17 (E) in subsection (f), as redesignated by
18 subparagraph (B), by striking “subsection (b)”
19 both places it appears and inserting “subsection
20 (c)”; and

21 (F) by adding at the end the following new
22 subsections:

23 “(j) Qualifications of candidates for admission shall
24 be determined by use of, among other metrics, a candidate
25 composite score uniformly calculated for each applicant.

1 The academic component of such composite score shall be
2 weighted at not less than 60 percent of the overall com-
3 posite score and shall include the candidate's standardized
4 test scores, which shall be weighted at not less than 45
5 percent of the overall composite score. The total of all sub-
6 jective components, if any, of the composite score shall be
7 weighted at not more than 10 percent of the overall com-
8 posite score. Any subjectively based adjustment of the can-
9 didate composite score shall be limited to not more than
10 10 percent of the score before such adjustment. Can-
11 didates' composite scores, only, shall be used to determine
12 order of merit.

13 “(k) Not later than October 1 of each year, the Sec-
14 retary of the Navy shall submit to the Committees on
15 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-
16 atives a report, including—

17 “(1) with respect to the preceding admissions
18 cycle—

19 “(A) the established minimum candidate
20 composite score and college entrance examina-
21 tion rank (CEER) score used in such cycle; and

22 “(B) the total number of waivers of such
23 minimum candidate composite score or CEER
24 score, including the candidate composite score
25 and CEER score of each midshipman to whom

1 a waiver relates, a brief explanation of the rea-
2 sons for such waiver, and the category of ap-
3 pointment under which each such midshipman
4 was appointed (and if congressional, the type of
5 slate that nominated the waived appointee); and
6 “(2) for each midshipman who, during the four-
7 year period preceding the date of the report, received
8 a waiver for the established minimum candidate
9 composite score or CEER score, the status of each
10 such midshipman, including whether the mid-
11 shipman is still at the Academy, the circumstances
12 of such midshipman’s departure (if applicable), the
13 cumulative academic GPA, cumulative military GPA,
14 any major conduct or honor violations, any remedial
15 measures undertaken, and any other noteworthy in-
16 formation concerning such midshipman.”.

17 (2) ADDITIONAL APPOINTEES.—Section 8456 of
18 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

19 (A) in the section heading, by inserting “,
20 **additional appointments**” after “**Mid-**
21 **shipmen**”; and

22 (B) in subsection (b)—

23 (i) in the first sentence, by striking
24 “who competed for nomination” and in-
25 serting “who were eligible and competed

1 unsuccessfully for nomination under any
2 other provision of law”;

3 (ii) in the second sentence—

4 (I) by striking “(8)” and insert-
5 ing “(10)”; and

6 (II) by striking “who competed
7 for appointment” and inserting “who
8 were eligible and competed unsucces-
9 fully for nomination”; and

10 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing: “All provisions relating to can-
12 didate composite score in section 8454 of
13 this title shall apply to calculation and use
14 of candidate composite score as that term
15 is used in this section.

16 “(d) Not later than October 1 of each year, the Sec-
17 retary of the Navy shall submit to the congressional de-
18 fense committees a report that includes, with respect to
19 the preceding admissions cycle—

20 “(1) the candidate composite scores and college
21 entrance examination rank (CEER) scores of the ten
22 candidates appointed under this section and under
23 section 8454(e) of this title who had the lowest can-
24 didate composite scores;

1 “(2) the total number of qualified and nomi-
2 nated (by any source), but not selected, candidates;
3 and

4 “(3) the candidate composite scores and CEER
5 scores of the ten qualified and nominated candidates
6 having the highest candidate composite scores and
7 who were not selected for appointment.”.

8 (c) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.—

9 (1) APPOINTMENTS.—Section 9442 of title 10,
10 United States Code, is amended—

11 (A) in subsection (a)—

12 (i) by striking “subsection (j)” and in-
13 serting “subsection (k)”;

14 (ii) in paragraph (1), by striking “as
15 established by competitive examination”
16 and inserting “as determined by candidate
17 composite score rank”; and

18 (iii) in the matter following paragraph
19 (10)—

20 (I) in the second sentence—

21 (aa) by inserting “(in which
22 event selection shall be in order
23 of merit as determined by can-
24 didate composite score rank)”

1 after “may be submitted without
2 ranking”; and

3 (bb) by striking “9 ranked”
4 and inserting “14 ranked”;

5 (II) by inserting after the second
6 sentence the following “If alternates
7 are submitted unranked, any selection
8 from among such unranked alternates
9 shall be in order of merit as deter-
10 mined by candidate composite score
11 rank.”; and

12 (III) by striking “shall be consid-
13 ered qualified alternates for the pur-
14 pose of selection under other provi-
15 sions of this chapter” and inserting
16 “shall be eligible and considered for
17 selection under other provisions of
18 this chapter, including as qualified al-
19 ternates and additional appointees”;

20 (B) by redesignating subsections (b)
21 through (j) as subsections (c) through (k), re-
22 spectively;

23 (C) by inserting after subsection (a) the
24 following new subsection:

1 “(b) There shall be appointed each year at the Acad-
2 emy 300 qualified alternates selected in order of merit as
3 determined by candidate composite score rank by the Sec-
4 retary of the Air Force from qualified candidates nomi-
5 nated pursuant to paragraphs (3) through (10) of sub-
6 section (a) and all other qualified, non-selected candidates
7 holding nominations from any other source pursuant to
8 this chapter.”;

9 (D) in subsection (c), as redesignated by
10 subparagraph (B)—

11 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “one
12 hundred selected by the President” and in-
13 serting “up to one hundred qualified can-
14 didates selected by the President in order
15 of merit as determined by candidate com-
16 posite score rank”;

17 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

18 (I) by striking “85” and insert-
19 ing “up to 85 qualified candidates”;
20 and

21 (II) by inserting “, selected in
22 order of merit as determined by can-
23 didate composite score rank” before
24 the period at the end;

25 (iii) in paragraph (3)—

1 (I) by striking “85” and insert-
2 ing “up to 85 qualified candidates”;
3 and

4 (II) by inserting “, selected in
5 order of merit as determined by can-
6 didate composite score rank” before
7 the period at the end;

8 (iv) in paragraph (4)—

9 (I) by striking “20” and insert-
10 ing “up to 20 qualified candidates”;
11 and

12 (II) by inserting “, selected in
13 order of merit as determined by can-
14 didate composite score rank” before
15 the period at the end; and

16 (v) by striking paragraph (5);

17 (E) in subsection (f), as redesignated by
18 subparagraph (B), by striking “subsection (b)”
19 and inserting “subsection (c)”;

20 (F) in subsection (h), as so redesignated—

21 (i) in paragraph (2), by striking “sub-
22 section (b)” each place it appears and in-
23 serting “subsection (c)”;

24 (ii) in paragraph (3)—

1 (I) by striking “subsection
2 (b)(5)” and insert “subsection (b)”;

3 (II) in subparagraphs (A)
4 through (C), by striking “subsection
5 (b)” each place it appears and insert-
6 ing “subsection (c)”;

7 (iii) in paragraph (4), by striking
8 “subsection (e)” and inserting “subsection
9 (f)”;

10 (G) by adding at the end the following new
11 subsections:

12 “(I) Qualifications of candidates for admission shall
13 be determined by use of, among other metrics, a candidate
14 composite score uniformly calculated for each applicant.
15 The academic component of such composite score shall be
16 weighted at not less than 60 percent of the overall com-
17 posite score and shall include the candidate’s standardized
18 test scores, which shall be weighted at not less than 45
19 percent of the overall composite score. The total of all sub-
20 jective components, if any, of the composite score shall be
21 weighted at not more than 10 percent of the overall com-
22 posite score. Any subjectively based adjustment of the can-
23 didate composite score shall be limited to not more than
24 10 percent of the score before such adjustment. Can-

1 didates' composite scores, only, shall be used to determine
2 order of merit.

3 “(m) Not later than October 1 of each year, the Sec-
4 retary of the Air Force shall submit to the Committees
5 on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
6 resentatives a report, including—

7 “(1) with respect to the preceding admissions
8 cycle—

9 “(A) the established minimum candidate
10 composite score and college entrance examina-
11 tion rank (CEER) score used in such cycle; and

12 “(B) the total number of waivers of such
13 minimum candidate composite score or CEER
14 score, including the candidate composite score
15 and CEER score of each cadet to whom a waiv-
16 er relates, a brief explanation of the reasons for
17 such waiver, and the category of appointment
18 under which each such cadet was appointed
19 (and if congressional, the type of slate that
20 nominated the waived appointee); and

21 “(2) for each cadet who, during the four-year
22 period preceding the date of the report, received a
23 waiver for the established minimum candidate com-
24 posite score or CEER score, the status of each such
25 cadet, including whether the cadet is still at the

1 Academy, the circumstances of such cadet’s depar-
2 ture (if applicable), the cumulative academic GPA,
3 cumulative military GPA, any major conduct or
4 honor violations, any remedial measures undertaken,
5 and any other noteworthy information concerning
6 such cadet.”.

7 (2) ADDITIONAL APPOINTEES.—Section 9443 of
8 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

9 (A) in the section heading, by striking
10 **“appointment”** and inserting **“additional**
11 **appointments”**;

12 (B) in the first sentence—

13 (i) by inserting “(a)” before “If it is
14 determined”; and

15 (ii) by striking “who competed for
16 nomination” and inserting “who were eligi-
17 ble and competed unsuccessfully for nomi-
18 nation under any other provision of law”;

19 (C) in the second sentence—

20 (i) by striking “(8)” and inserting
21 “(10)”; and

22 (ii) by striking “holding competitive
23 nominations” and inserting “who were eli-
24 gible and competed unsuccessfully for nom-
25 ination”; and

1 (D) by adding at the end the following:

2 “All provisions relating to candidate composite
3 score in section 9442 of this title shall apply to
4 calculation and use of candidate composite
5 score as that term is used in this section.

6 “(b) Not later than October 1 of each year, the Sec-
7 retary of the Air Force shall submit to the congressional
8 defense committees a report that includes, with respect to
9 the preceding admissions cycle—

10 “(1) the candidate composite scores and college
11 entrance examination rank (CEER) scores of the ten
12 candidates appointed under this section and under
13 section 9442(e) of this title who had the lowest can-
14 didate composite scores;

15 “(2) the total number of qualified and nomi-
16 nated (by any source), but not selected, candidates;
17 and

18 “(3) the candidate composite scores and CEER
19 scores of the ten qualified and nominated candidates
20 having the highest candidate composite scores and
21 who were not selected for appointment.”.

22 **SEC. 545. MODIFICATIONS TO ALTERNATIVE OBLIGATION**
23 **FOR CADETS AND MIDSHIPMEN.**

24 (a) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.—Section
25 7448(b)(4) of title 10, United States Code, is amended

1 in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) by striking
2 “three” and inserting “five”.

3 (b) UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY.—Section
4 8459(b)(4) of title 10, United States Code, is amended
5 in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) by striking
6 “three” and inserting “five”.

7 (c) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.—Section
8 9448(b)(4) of title 10, United States Code, is amended
9 in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) by striking
10 “three” and inserting “five”.

11 **SEC. 546. MODIFICATION TO THE DESIGNATION OF MEM-**
12 **BERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
13 **TO THE BOARDS OF VISITORS OF SERVICE**
14 **ACADEMIES.**

15 (a) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.—Section
16 7455(a)(8) of title 10, United States Code, is amended
17 by striking “one other member” and inserting “two other
18 members”.

19 (b) UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY.—Section
20 8468(a)(8) of title 10, United States Code, is amended
21 by striking “one other member” and inserting “two other
22 members”.

23 (c) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.—Section
24 9455(a)(8) of title 10, United States Code, is amended

1 by striking “one other member” and inserting “two other
2 members”.

3 **SEC. 547. DETAIL OF MEMBERS OF THE SPACE FORCE AS**
4 **INSTRUCTORS AT AIR FORCE INSTITUTE OF**
5 **TECHNOLOGY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9414 of title 10, United
7 States Code, is amended—

8 (1) by striking the heading and inserting the
9 following new heading:

10 **“§ 9414. United States Air Force Institute of Tech-**
11 **nology: degree granting authority; fac-**
12 **ulty, reimbursement and tuition; accept-**
13 **ance of research grants”;**

14 (2) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as
15 subsections (f) and (g), respectively; and

16 (3) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
17 lowing new subsection:

18 “(e) SPACE FORCE FACULTY.—(1) The Secretary
19 shall detail members of the Space Force as instructors at
20 the United States Air Force Institute of Technology to
21 provide instruction in areas that support the mission of
22 the Space Force.

23 “(2) The number of members of the Space Force de-
24 tailed by the Secretary to the United States Air Force In-

stitute of Technology as instructors during an academic year shall be equal to or greater than the product of—

“(A) the total number of members of the Space Force divided by the total number of members of the Space Force and the Air Force; and

“(B) the total number of instructors at the United States Air Force Institute of Technology.”.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the implementation of subsection (e) of section 9414 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a) of this section, including—

(1) an identification of the number, academic specialties, and courses of instruction of the members of the Space Force detailed as instructors at the United States Air Force Institute of Technology; and

(2) an assessment of the contributions of those instructors to Space Force objectives.

1 **SEC. 548. REPEAL OF ANNUAL CERTIFICATIONS RELATED**
2 **TO THE READY, RELEVANT LEARNING INITIA-**
3 **TIVE OF THE NAVY.**

4 Section 545 of the National Defense Authorization
5 Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 10 U.S.C.
6 8431 note prec.) is repealed.

7 **SEC. 549. PILOT PROGRAM FOR GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL**
8 **INTELLIGENCE AND SPATIAL COMPUTING**
9 **FOR PERFORMANCE TRAINING AND PRO-**
10 **FICIENCY ASSESSMENT.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after
12 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
13 the Navy shall develop and implement pilot program to
14 optimize the use of generative artificial intelligence and
15 spatial computing for immersive training and assessment.

16 (b) ELEMENTS.—The pilot program required by sub-
17 section (a) shall include—

18 (1) the development of content with respect to
19 not less than 5 occupational specialties; and

20 (2) methods to assess the feasibility and effec-
21 tiveness of the use of generative artificial intelligence
22 and spatial computing training methods in compari-
23 son to other training methods, particularly with re-
24 spect to cost and time required to achieve training
25 goals.

1 (c) TERMINATION.—The pilot program required by
2 subsection (a) shall terminate on the date that is one year
3 after the date of the establishment of the program.

4 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the termi-
5 nation of the pilot program required by subsection (a), the
6 Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the congressional
7 defense committees a report describing the results of the
8 pilot program, including an analysis of the effectiveness
9 of the use of generative artificial intelligence and spatial
10 computing for training and a description of any cost sav-
11 ings and savings in time required to achieve training goals.

12 **SEC. 549A. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO**
13 **ENDORSE CRITICAL RACE THEORY.**

14 (a) PROHIBITION.—No funds authorized to be appro-
15 priated by this Act may be used to endorse critical race
16 theory—

17 (1) at an academic institution operated by the
18 Department of Defense;

19 (2) in training provided to a member of the
20 Armed Forces; or

21 (3) in professional military education.

22 (b) PROTECTION OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM.—Nothing
23 in this section shall be construed to supersede the institu-
24 tional autonomy or academic freedom of instructors in-
25 volved in the selection of textbooks, supplemental mate-

1 rials, or other classroom materials, or in the preparation
2 or presentation of classroom instruction or lectures.

3 (c) CRITICAL RACE THEORY DEFINED.—In this sec-
4 tion, the term “critical race theory” means the theory that
5 individuals, by virtue of race, ethnicity, color, or national
6 origin, bear collective guilt and are inherently responsible
7 for actions committed in the past by other individuals of
8 such race, ethnicity, color, or national origin.

9 **SEC. 549B. PROHIBITION ON THE REDUCTION OF FUNDING**
10 **FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR**
11 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

12 (a) PROHIBITION.—None of the funds authorized to
13 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available
14 for fiscal year 2026 may be obligated or expended by the
15 Department of Defense to terminate, replace, reduce, or
16 prepare to terminate, replace, or reduce a program of for-
17 eign language training or instruction until the Secretary
18 of Defense submits to the congressional defense commit-
19 tees a report on the planned termination, replacement, or
20 reduction, including—

21 (1) an identification of the programs the Sec-
22 retary is seeking to terminate, replace, or reduce;

23 (2) the intent, scope, and impact of any funding
24 reductions to foreign language training or instruc-

1 tion in relation to the national security interests of
2 the United States;

3 (3) the impact of the termination, replacement,
4 or reduction of the program on existing military lin-
5 guists and Foreign Area Officers; and

6 (4) a certification that any termination, replace-
7 ment, or reduction will not negatively impact the op-
8 erations and mission of the Defense Language Insti-
9 tute Foreign Language Center.

10 (b) PROGRAMS INCLUDED.—For purposes of sub-
11 section (a), a program of foreign language training or in-
12 struction includes—

13 (1) institutional language training programs
14 conducted by the Defense Language Institute For-
15 eign Language Center;

16 (2) unit-level or operational foreign language
17 instruction and sustainment training;

18 (3) immersive or in-country language training
19 programs;

20 (4) associated curriculum development, instruc-
21 tional staffing, and digital language training sup-
22 port; and

23 (5) any other program or activity of the De-
24 partment of Defense that provides foreign language

1 training or instruction to members of the Armed
2 Forces.

3 **SEC. 549C. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY TO REORGANIZE**
4 **THE SENIOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING**
5 **CORPS OF THE ARMY.**

6 (a) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of the Army may
7 not reorganize a unit of the program of the Army until
8 90 days after the Secretary, acting through the Army
9 Cadet Command, submits to the Committees on Armed
10 Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a
11 briefing. Elements of such a briefing shall specify the fol-
12 lowing, with regards to such proposed reorganization:

13 (1) Each position to be eliminated.

14 (2) A risk analysis regarding Army officer ac-
15 cessions that justifies such reorganization.

16 (3) Potential cost savings or expenses to the
17 United States.

18 (4) The number of members of the program af-
19 fected by the reorganization, including travel re-
20 quired travel.

21 (5) Any change to a scholarship awarded under
22 section 2107 or 2107a of title 10, United States
23 Code.

24 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) The terms “program” and “member of the
2 program” have the meanings given such terms in
3 section 2101 of title 10, United States Code.

4 (2) The term “reorganize”, with respect to a
5 unit of the program, includes closing, restructuring,
6 reclassifying, merging, or realigning.

7 **Subtitle F—Military Justice and** 8 **Other Legal Matters**

9 **SEC. 551. ENSURING THE AVAILABILITY OF LEGAL ADVICE** 10 **TO COMMANDERS.**

11 Section 162(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
12 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
13 graph:

14 “(5) In all cases, forces assigned to a combatant com-
15 mand or to the United States element of the North Amer-
16 ican Aerospace Defense Command under this subsection
17 shall include qualified judge advocates in numbers suffi-
18 cient to provide legal advice to all commanders responsible
19 for planning and organizing military operations and all
20 commanders authorized to convene courts-martial under
21 sections 822 through 824 of this title. The qualifications
22 of judge advocates assigned under this paragraph shall in-
23 clude—

24 “(A) the qualifications set forth in section 827
25 of this title; and

1 “(B) any additional education, expertise, or ex-
2 perience determined to be necessary to fulfill the re-
3 quirements of this paragraph by the Judge Advocate
4 General of the armed force concerned, or in the case
5 of the Marine Corps, by the Staff Judge Advocate
6 to the Commandant of the Marine Corps.”.

7 **SEC. 552. MODIFICATIONS TO OFFENSE OF WRONGFUL**
8 **BROADCAST OR DISTRIBUTION OF INTIMATE**
9 **VISUAL IMAGES UNDER THE UNIFORM CODE**
10 **OF MILITARY JUSTICE.**

11 Section 917a of title 10, United States Code (article
12 117a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice) is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 **“§ 917a. Art. 117a. Wrongful broadcast, distribution,**
15 **or publication of intimate visual images**

16 “(a) PROHIBITION.—Any person subject to this chap-
17 ter—

18 “(1) who knowingly broadcasts, distributes, or
19 uses a communication service to publish an authen-
20 tic intimate visual depiction of an identifiable indi-
21 vidual who is not a minor if—

22 “(A) the intimate visual depiction was ob-
23 tained or created under circumstances in which
24 the person knew or reasonably should have

1 known the identifiable individual had a reason-
2 able expectation of privacy;

3 “(B) the authentic intimate visual depic-
4 tion was broadcast, distributed, or published
5 without the consent of the identifiable indi-
6 vidual;

7 “(B) what is depicted was not voluntarily
8 exposed by the identifiable individual in a public
9 or commercial setting;

10 “(C) what is depicted is not a matter of
11 public concern; and

12 “(D) the broadcast, distribution, or publi-
13 cation of the intimate visual depiction—

14 “(i) is intended to cause harm; or

15 “(ii) causes harm, including psycho-
16 logical, financial, or reputational harm, to
17 the identifiable individual;

18 “(2) who knowingly broadcasts, distributes, or
19 uses a communication service to publish an authen-
20 tic intimate visual depiction of an identifiable indi-
21 vidual who is a minor with intent to—

22 “(A) abuse, humiliate, harass, or degrade
23 the minor; or

24 “(B) arouse or gratify the sexual desire of
25 any person;

1 “(3) who knowingly broadcasts, distributes, or
2 uses a communication service to publish a digital
3 forgery of an identifiable individual who is not a
4 minor if—

5 “(A) the digital forgery was broadcast, dis-
6 tributed, or published without the consent of
7 the identifiable individual;

8 “(B) what is depicted was not voluntarily
9 exposed by the identifiable individual in a public
10 or commercial setting;

11 “(C) what is depicted is not a matter of
12 public concern; and

13 “(D) the broadcast, distribution, or publi-
14 cation of the digital forgery—

15 “(i) is intended to cause harm; or

16 “(ii) causes harm, including psycho-
17 logical, financial, or reputational harm, to
18 the identifiable individual; or

19 “(4) who knowingly broadcasts, distributes, or
20 uses a communication service to publish a digital
21 forgery of an identifiable individual who is a minor
22 with intent to—

23 “(A) abuse, humiliate, harass, or degrade
24 the minor; or

1 “(B) arouse or gratify the sexual desire of
2 any person,
3 is guilty of wrongful distribution of intimate visual images
4 or visual images of sexually explicit conduct and shall be
5 punished as a court-martial may direct.

6 “(b) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply
7 to—

8 “(1) a lawfully authorized investigative, protec-
9 tive, or intelligence activity of—

10 “(A) a law enforcement agency of the
11 United States, a State, or a political subdivision
12 of a State; or

13 “(B) an intelligence agency of the United
14 States;

15 “(2) a disclosure made reasonably and in good
16 faith—

17 “(A) to a law enforcement officer or agen-
18 cy;

19 “(B) as part of a document production or
20 filing associated with a legal proceeding;

21 “(C) as part of medical education, diag-
22 nosis, or treatment or for a legitimate medical,
23 scientific, or educational purpose;

24 “(D) in the reporting of unlawful content
25 or unsolicited or unwelcome conduct or in pur-

1 suance of a legal, professional, or other lawful
2 obligation; or

3 “(E) to seek support or help with respect
4 to the receipt of an unsolicited intimate visual
5 depiction;

6 “(3) a disclosure reasonably intended to assist
7 the identifiable individual; or

8 “(4) a person who possesses or publishes an in-
9 timate visual depiction of himself or herself engaged
10 in nudity or sexually explicit conduct.

11 “(c) CONSENT.—For the purposes of subsection
12 (a)—

13 “(1) the fact that the depicted individual con-
14 sented to the creation of the intimate visual depic-
15 tion shall not establish that the person consented to
16 its disclosure; and

17 “(2) the fact that the depicted individual dis-
18 closed the intimate visual depiction to another per-
19 son shall not establish that the depicted individual
20 consented to the further disclosure of the intimate
21 visual depiction.

22 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 “(1) CONSENT.—The term ‘consent’ means an
24 affirmative, conscious, and voluntary authorization

1 made by an individual free from force, fraud, duress,
2 misrepresentation, or coercion.

3 “(2) DIGITAL FORGERY.—The term ‘digital for-
4 gery’ means any intimate visual depiction of an iden-
5 tifiable individual created through the use of soft-
6 ware, machine learning, artificial intelligence, or any
7 other computer-generated or technological means, in-
8 cluding by adapting, modifying, manipulating, or al-
9 tering an authentic visual depiction, that, when
10 viewed as a whole by a reasonable person, is indis-
11 tinguishable from an authentic visual depiction of
12 the individual.

13 “(3) IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term
14 ‘identifiable individual’ means an individual—

15 “(A) who appears in whole or in part in an
16 intimate visual depiction; and

17 “(B) whose face, likeness, or other distin-
18 guishing characteristic (including a unique
19 birthmark or other recognizable feature) is dis-
20 played in connection with such intimate visual
21 depiction.

22 “(4) VISUAL DEPICTION.—The term ‘visual de-
23 piction’ includes undeveloped film and videotape,
24 data stored on computer disk or by electronic means
25 which is capable of conversion into a visual image,

1 and data which is capable of conversion into a visual
2 image that has been transmitted by any means,
3 whether or not stored in a permanent format.

4 “(5) INTIMATE VISUAL DEPICTION.—The term
5 ‘intimate visual depiction’—

6 “(A) means a visual depiction that de-
7 picts—

8 “(i) the uncovered genitals, pubic
9 area, anus, or female nipple of an identifi-
10 able individual; or

11 “(ii) the display or transfer of bodily
12 sexual fluids—

13 “(I) on to any part of the body
14 of an identifiable individual;

15 “(II) from the body of an identi-
16 fiable individual; or

17 “(iii) an identifiable individual engag-
18 ing in sexually explicit conduct; and

19 “(B) includes any visual depictions de-
20 scribed in subparagraph (A) produced while the
21 identifiable individual was in a public place only
22 if the individual did not—

23 “(i) voluntarily display the content de-
24 picted; or

1 “(ii) consent to the sexual conduct de-
2 picted.

3 “(6) SEXUALLY EXPLICIT CONDUCT.—The term
4 ‘sexually explicit conduct’ means actual or simu-
5 lated—

6 “(A) sexual intercourse, including genital-
7 genital, oral-genital, anal-genital, or oral-anal,
8 whether between persons of the same or oppo-
9 site sex;

10 “(B) bestiality;

11 “(C) masturbation;

12 “(D) sadistic or masochistic abuse; or

13 “(E) lascivious exhibition of the genitals or
14 pubic area of any person.

15 “(7) MINOR.—The term ‘minor’ means any in-
16 dividual under the age of 18 years.

17 “(8) BROADCAST.—The term ‘broadcast’ means
18 to electronically transmit a visual image with the in-
19 tent that it be viewed by a person or persons.

20 “(9) DISTRIBUTE.—The term ‘distribute’
21 means to deliver to the actual or constructive posses-
22 sion of another person, including transmission by
23 mail or electronic means.

24 “(10) COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE.—The term
25 ‘communications service’ means—

1 “(A) a service provided by a person that is
2 a common carrier;

3 “(B) an electronic communication service;

4 “(C) an information service; or

5 “(D) an interactive computer service.

6 “(11) COMMON CARRIER.—The term ‘common
7 carrier’ means any person engaged as a common
8 carrier for hire, in interstate or foreign communica-
9 tion by wire or radio or interstate or foreign radio
10 transmission of energy, but a person engaged in
11 radio broadcasting shall not, insofar as such person
12 is so engaged, be deemed a common carrier.

13 “(12) ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERV-
14 ICE.—The term ‘electronic communication service’
15 means any service which provides to users thereof
16 the ability to send or receive wire or electronic com-
17 munications.

18 “(13) INFORMATION SERVICE.—The term ‘in-
19 formation service’ means the offering of a capability
20 for generating, acquiring, storing, transforming,
21 processing, retrieving, utilizing, or making available
22 information via telecommunications, and includes
23 electronic publishing, but does not include any use
24 of any such capability for the management, control,

1 or operation of a telecommunications system or the
2 management of a telecommunications service.

3 “(14) INTERACTIVE COMPUTER SERVICE.—The
4 term ‘interactive computer service’ means any infor-
5 mation service, system, or access software provider
6 that provides or enables computer access by multiple
7 users to a computer server, including specifically a
8 service or system that provides access to the Inter-
9 net and such systems operated or services offered by
10 libraries or educational institutions.”.

11 **SEC. 553. PUNITIVE ARTICLE UNDER THE UNIFORM CODE**
12 **OF MILITARY JUSTICE FOR OFFENSES RE-**
13 **LATING TO CHILD PORNOGRAPHY.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 47 of title 10, United
15 States Code (the Uniform Code of Military Justice) is
16 amended by inserting after section 917a (article 117a) the
17 following new section (article):

18 **“§ 917b. Art. 117b. Child pornography**

19 “(a) PROHIBITION.—Any person subject to this chap-
20 ter who knowingly and wrongfully—

21 “(1) possesses, receives, or views child pornog-
22 raphy;

23 “(2) possesses child pornography with the in-
24 tent to distribute;

25 “(3) distributes child pornography; or

1 “(4) produces child pornography,
2 shall be punished as a court-martial may direct, subject
3 to the applicable limits specified in subsection (b).

4 “(b) MAXIMUM PUNISHMENTS.—

5 “(1) The maximum punishment for the offense
6 of possessing, receiving, or viewing child pornog-
7 raphy under subsection (a)(1) shall be dishonorable
8 discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and
9 confinement for 10 years.

10 “(2) The maximum punishment for the offense
11 of possessing child pornography with intent to dis-
12 tribute under subsection (a)(2) shall be dishonorable
13 discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and
14 confinement for 15 years.

15 “(3) The maximum punishment for the offense
16 of distributing child pornography under subsection
17 (a)(3) shall be dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of
18 all pay and allowances, and confinement for 20
19 years.

20 “(4) The maximum punishment for the offense
21 of producing child pornography under subsection
22 (a)(4) shall be dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of
23 all pay and allowances, and confinement for 30
24 years.

1 “(c) TREATMENT OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE
2 INFORMATION.—On motion of the Government, in any
3 prosecution under this section, except for good cause
4 shown, the name, address, social security number, or other
5 nonphysical identifying information, other than the age or
6 approximate age, of any minor who is depicted in any child
7 pornography or visual depiction or copy thereof shall not
8 be admissible and may be redacted from any otherwise ad-
9 missible evidence, and the panel shall be instructed, upon
10 request of the Government, that it can draw no inference
11 from the absence of such evidence.

12 “(d) DETERMINATION WRONGFULNESS.—Any facts
13 or circumstances that show that a visual depiction of child
14 pornography was unintentionally or inadvertently acquired
15 are relevant to wrongfulness, including, the method by
16 which the visual depiction was acquired, the length of time
17 the visual depiction was maintained, and whether the vis-
18 ual depiction was promptly, and in good faith, destroyed
19 or reported to law enforcement.

20 “(e) DETERMINATION OF KNOWING.—An accused
21 may not be convicted of an offense under subsection (a)
22 if the accused was not aware that the visual depiction in-
23 volved was of a minor or what appeared to be a minor,
24 engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Awareness may be
25 inferred from circumstantial evidence such as the name

1 of a computer file or folder, the name of the host website
2 from which a visual depiction was viewed or received,
3 search terms used, and the number of images possessed.

4 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 “(1) The term ‘child pornography’ means mate-
6 rial that contains either an obscene visual depiction
7 of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct or
8 a visual depiction of an actual minor engaging in
9 sexually explicit conduct.

10 “(2) The term ‘distribute’ means to deliver to
11 the actual or constructive possession of another.

12 “(3) The term ‘minor’ means any person under
13 the age of 18 years.

14 “(4) The term ‘possess’ means to exercise con-
15 trol of something. Possession may be direct physical
16 custody like holding an item in one’s hand, or it may
17 be constructive, as in the case of a person who hides
18 something in a locker or a car to which that person
19 may return to retrieve it. Possession must be know-
20 ing and conscious. Possession inherently includes the
21 power or authority to preclude control by others. It
22 is possible for more than one person to possess an
23 item simultaneously, as when several people share
24 control over an item.

25 “(5) The term ‘produce’—

1 “(A) means to create or manufacture child
2 pornography that did not previously exist; and

3 “(B) does not include reproducing or copy-
4 ing child pornography.

5 “(6) The term ‘sexually explicit conduct’ means
6 actual or simulated—

7 “(A) sexual intercourse or sodomy, includ-
8 ing genital to genital, oral to genital, anal to
9 genital, or oral to anal, whether between per-
10 sons of the same or opposite sex;

11 “(B) bestiality;

12 “(C) masturbation;

13 “(D) sadistic or masochistic abuse; or

14 “(E) lascivious exhibition of the genitals,
15 anus, or pubic area of any person.

16 “(7) The term ‘visual depiction’ includes—

17 “(A) any developed or undeveloped photo-
18 graph, picture, film, or video; any digital or
19 computer image, picture, film, or video made by
20 any means, including those transmitted by any
21 means including streaming media, even if not
22 stored in a permanent format; or

23 “(B) any digital or electronic data capable
24 of conversion into a visual image.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO DEFINITION OF
2 COVERED OFFENSE.—Section 801(17)(A) of title 10,
3 United States Code (article 1(17)(A) of the Uniform Code
4 of Military Justice), is amended—

5 (1) by inserting “section 917b (article 117b),”
6 after “section 917a (article 117a),”; and

7 (2) by striking “the standalone offense of child
8 pornography punishable under section 934 (article
9 134),”.

10 **SEC. 554. AUTHORIZATION OF DEATH PENALTY FOR OF-**
11 **FENSE OF RAPE OF A CHILD UNDER THE UNI-**
12 **FORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE.**

13 Section 920b(a) of title 10, United States Code (arti-
14 cle 120b(a) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), is
15 amended by inserting “by death, or such other punish-
16 ment” after “shall be punished”.

17 **SEC. 555. INCREASE IN MAXIMUM SENTENCE FOR THE OF-**
18 **FENSE OF VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER**
19 **UNDER THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY**
20 **JUSTICE.**

21 (a) REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION.—Not later
22 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
23 the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Joint
24 Service Committee on Military Justice, shall review and
25 recommend to the President an increase for the maximum

1 sentence for voluntary manslaughter under section 919(a)
2 of title 10, United States Code (article 119(a) of the Uni-
3 form Code of Military Justice).

4 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Following receipt of the rec-
5 ommendation under subsection (a) but not later than one
6 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Presi-
7 dent shall prescribe regulations updating the maximum
8 sentence for voluntary manslaughter under section 919(a)
9 of title 10, United States Code (article 119(a) of the
10 Uniform Code of Military Justice), in accordance with such
11 recommendation.

12 **SEC. 556. ANALYSIS OF THE ADVISABILITY OF MODIFYING**
13 **THE DEFINITION OF ABUSIVE SEXUAL CON-**
14 **TACT UNDER THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILI-**
15 **TARY JUSTICE.**

16 (a) ANALYSIS REQUIRED.—The Secretary of De-
17 fense, in coordination with the Joint Service Committee
18 on Military Justice, shall analyze the advisability of modi-
19 fying the definition of abusive sexual contact under section
20 920 of title 10, United States Code (article 120 of the
21 Uniform Code of Military Justice), to address the full
22 range of harmful behaviors associated with sexual assault
23 and to prevent misapplication of the offense to acts that
24 are not inherently abusive.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
3 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
4 Senate and the House of Representatives a report detail-
5 ing the results of the analysis under subsection (a) and
6 any associated recommendations.

7 **SEC. 557. REVISION TO SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND**
8 **RESPONSE TRAINING GUIDANCE.**

9 (a) REVISION REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180
10 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under
11 Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, in co-
12 ordination with the Director of the Sexual Assault Preven-
13 tion and Response Office of the Department of Defense,
14 shall revise sexual assault prevention and response train-
15 ing guidance to require that information on the resources
16 of the Department of Veterans Affairs to address experi-
17 ences with unwanted sexual behavior be included in the
18 annual or periodic sexual assault prevention and response
19 training that is administered to all members of the Armed
20 Forces.

21 (b) IMPLEMENTATION OVERSIGHT.—The Secretary
22 of Defense shall ensure that each Secretary of a military
23 department—

1 (1) incorporates the revised guidance under
2 subsection (a) into the formal training curricula of
3 the military department concerned;

4 (2) provides documented confirmation to the
5 Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Read-
6 iness that the revised training has been delivered to
7 all currently serving members of the Armed Forces
8 within one year of the approval of such revised guid-
9 ance; and

10 (3) establishes a mechanism to verify continued
11 compliance with the revised guidance.

12 (c) REPORTING.—Not later than one year after the
13 date on which the revised guidance is issued under sub-
14 section (a), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the
15 congressional defense committees a report that includes—

16 (1) an assessment of the extent to which each
17 military department has implemented the guidance;
18 and

19 (2) statistics on number of members of the
20 Armed Forces trained under the revised guidance.

21 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) The term “unwanted sexual behavior”
23 means any sexual contact or interaction to which an
24 individual does not or could not freely consent, in-
25 cluding harassment, coercion, assault, or abuse.

1 (2) The term “sexual assault prevention and re-
2 sponse training” means any training, instruction, or
3 education provided pursuant to Department of De-
4 fense Instruction 6495.02, Volume 2 or any suc-
5 cessor guidance.

6 **SEC. 558. REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS ON EFFORTS TO PRE-**
7 **VENT AND RESPOND TO SEXUAL ASSAULT,**
8 **SEXUAL HARASSMENT, AND INTIMATE-PART-**
9 **NER VIOLENCE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT**
10 **OF DEFENSE.**

11 (a) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
13 the date of the enactment of this Act, and on a
14 quarterly basis thereafter, the Secretary of Defense,
15 acting through the Executive Director of Force Re-
16 siliency, shall submit to the committees on Armed
17 Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-
18 tives a report on the efforts of the Department of
19 Defense to prevent and respond to sexual assault,
20 sexual harassment, and intimate-partner violence.

21 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report under paragraph
22 (1) shall include the following:

23 (A) An overview of the efforts of the De-
24 partment of Defense to prevent and respond to

1 sexual assault, sexual harassment, and intimate
2 partner violence.

3 (B) With respect to the period covered by
4 the report, the most recently available data
5 on—

6 (i) reports of sexual assault;

7 (ii) reports of sexual harassment;

8 (iii) reports of intimate partner vio-
9 lence;

10 (iv) staffing of the primary prevention
11 workforce, including filled and unfilled po-
12 sitions disaggregated by the Army, Air
13 Force, Navy, and Marine Corps;

14 (v) staffing of the sexual assault and
15 harassment response workforce, including
16 filled and unfilled positions disaggregated
17 by the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine
18 Corps;

19 (vi) staffing of the family advocacy
20 program, including filled and unfilled posi-
21 tions disaggregated by the Army, Air
22 Force, Navy, and Marine Corps;

23 (vii) staffing of the offices of special
24 trial counsel, including filled and unfilled

1 positions disaggregated by the Army, Air
2 Force, Navy, and Marine Corps; and
3 (viii) staffing of the Army Criminal
4 Investigation Division, Air Force Office of
5 Special Investigations, and Naval Criminal
6 Investigative Service, including filled and
7 unfilled positions dedicated to covered of-
8 fenses under the jurisdiction of special trial
9 counsels.

10 (b) SPECIAL TRIAL COUNSEL BRIEFINGS.—Not later
11 than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
12 and on an annual basis thereafter, the lead special trial
13 counsels of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps
14 shall jointly provide to the Committees on Armed Services
15 of the Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing
16 on the progress of special trial counsels in prosecuting cov-
17 ered offenses.

18 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “cov-
19 ered offense” and “special trial counsel” have the mean-
20 ings given those terms in section 801 of title 10, United
21 States Code (article 1 of the Uniform Code of Military
22 Justice).

1 **SEC. 559. STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING**
2 **MISCONDUCT PREVENTION IN OKINAWA,**
3 **JAPAN.**

4 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 90 days after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
6 shall seek to enter into a contract or other agreement with
7 a federally funded research and development center pursu-
8 ant to which the center shall—

9 (1) conduct a study to evaluate the effectiveness
10 of programs, policies, and practices of the covered
11 Armed Forces to prevent criminal activity and other
12 misconduct by members stationed in Okinawa,
13 Japan; and

14 (2) develop evidence-based options and rec-
15 ommendations for changes to programs, policies, and
16 practices to prevent criminal activity and other mis-
17 conduct by members of the covered Armed Forces
18 stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

19 (b) REPORT TO SECRETARIES.—The federally funded
20 research and development center that carries out the study
21 and analysis under subsection (a) shall submit to the Sec-
22 retary of Defense and the Secretaries of the military de-
23 partments a report on the results of such study.

24 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30 days
25 after receiving the report under subsection (b), the Sec-
26 retary of Defense shall submit an unaltered copy of the

1 report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate
2 and the House of Representatives.

3 (d) IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR MILITARY DEPART-
4 MENTS.—Not later than 180 days after receiving the re-
5 port under subsection (b), each Secretary of a military de-
6 partment shall—

7 (1) review the findings of the report and, based
8 on such findings, develop a plan to improve preven-
9 tion of criminal activity and other misconduct by
10 members of the covered Armed Forces under the ju-
11 risdiction of that Secretary who are stationed in
12 Okinawa, Japan; and

13 (2) provide to the Committees on Armed Serv-
14 ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives
15 a briefing on the plan.

16 (e) COVERED ARMED FORCES DEFINED.—In this
17 section, the term “covered Armed Forces” means the
18 Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Space Force.

19 **Subtitle G—Career Transition**

20 **SEC. 561. ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATION OATH FOR** 21 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

22 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATION OATH.—Sec-
23 tion 502 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “The oath”
25 and inserting “An oath established by this section”;

1 (2) by redesignating subsection (b), as amend-
2 ed, as subsection (c); and

3 (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
4 lowing new subsection (b):

5 “(b) SEPARATION OATH.—Prior to retirement or
6 other separation from the armed forces, other than sepa-
7 ration pursuant to the sentence of a court-martial, a mem-
8 ber of an armed force may take the following oath:

9 “‘I, _____, recognizing that
10 my oath to support and defend the Constitution of
11 the United States against all enemies, foreign and
12 domestic, has involved me and my fellow members in
13 experiences that few persons, other than our peers,
14 can understand, do solemnly swear (or affirm) to
15 continue to be the keeper of my brothers- and sis-
16 ters-in-arms and protector of the United States and
17 the Constitution; to preserve the values I have
18 learned; to maintain my body and my mind; to give
19 help to, and seek help from, my fellow veterans; and
20 to not bring harm to myself or others. I take this
21 oath freely and without purpose of evasion, so help
22 me God.’”.

23 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The heading of section
24 502 of title 10, United States Code, is amended to read
25 as follows:

1 **“§ 502. Enlistment oath and separation oath: who**
2 **may administer”.**

3 **SEC. 562. PRESENTATION BY A VETERANS SERVICE ORGA-**
4 **NIZATION IN TAP PRESEPARATION COUN-**
5 **SELING.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1142(b) of title 10,
7 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
8 following new paragraph:

9 “(20) A presentation that promotes the benefits
10 available to veterans under laws administered by the
11 Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Such presentation—

12 “(A) shall be standardized;

13 “(B) shall be previously reviewed and ap-
14 proved by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;

15 “(C) shall be submitted by the Secretary of
16 Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Vet-
17 erans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of Rep-
18 resentatives for review at least 90 days before
19 implementation;

20 “(D) shall be presented by—

21 “(i) a national representative of a vet-
22 erans service organization recognized
23 under section 5902 of title 38; or

24 “(ii) if a national representative is un-
25 available, a State or local representative of

1 such an organization authorized by the
2 Secretary concerned to so present;

3 “(E) shall include information on how a
4 veterans service organization may assist the
5 member in filing a claim described in paragraph
6 (19);

7 “(F) may not encourage the member to
8 join a particular veterans service organization;
9 and

10 “(G) may not exceed one hour in length.”.

11 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not less than once each year
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
13 of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
14 ices of the Senate and House of Representatives, and to
15 the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and
16 House of Representatives, a report—

17 (1) that identifies each veterans service organi-
18 zation that presented under paragraph (20) of sec-
19 tion 1142(b) of title 10, United States Code, as
20 added by subsection (a);

21 (2) that contains the number of members of the
22 Armed Forces who attended such presentations; and

23 (3) that includes any recommendations of the
24 Secretary regarding changes to such presentation or
25 to such paragraph.

1 **SEC. 563. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY OF VETERANS FOR**
2 **CERTAIN MILITARY ADAPTIVE SPORTS PRO-**
3 **GRAM.**

4 Section 2564a of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended in subsection (a)(1)(B), in the matter preceding
6 clause (i), by striking “, during the one-year period fol-
7 lowing the veteran’s date of separation,”.

8 **SEC. 564. TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: DEPART-**
9 **MENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT NAVIGATOR**
10 **AND PARTNERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than one year after
12 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
13 Labor, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the
14 Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is
15 operating when it is not operating as a service in the Navy,
16 and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall carry out a
17 pilot program to be known as the “Employment Navigator
18 and Partnership Pilot Program”. The pilot program shall
19 supplement the program under section 1144 of title 10,
20 United States Code.

21 (b) ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the pilot program
22 under this section, the Secretary of Labor, in consultation
23 with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the depart-
24 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating when it is
25 not operating as a service in the Navy, and the Secretary
26 of Veterans Affairs, shall—

1 (1) seek to enter into contracts with public, pri-
2 vate, and nonprofit entities under which such enti-
3 ties provide individualized employment counseling
4 for members of the Armed Forces and their spouses;

5 (2) prioritize entering into contracts with quali-
6 fied private entities that have experience providing
7 instruction to members of the Armed Forces eligible
8 for assistance under the pilot program carried out
9 under this section on—

10 (A) private sector culture, resume writing,
11 career networking, and training on job search
12 technologies;

13 (B) academic readiness and educational
14 opportunities; or

15 (C) other relevant topics, as determined by
16 the Secretary;

17 (3) give a preference to any private entity
18 that—

19 (A) has a national or international geo-
20 graphical area of service;

21 (B) provides multiple forms of career as-
22 sistance and placement services to—

23 (i) active duty members of the Armed
24 Forces;

1 (ii) spouses of active duty members of
2 the Armed Forces;

3 (iii) veterans; and

4 (iv) spouses of veterans;

5 (C) provides services to at least 1,000 indi-
6 viduals who are—

7 (i) active duty members of the Armed
8 Forces;

9 (ii) spouses of active duty members of
10 the Armed Forces;

11 (iii) veterans; or

12 (iv) spouses of veterans;

13 (D) has continuously, for at least the
14 three-year period immediately preceding the
15 date of the contract, provided services to indi-
16 viduals who are—

17 (i) active duty members of the Armed
18 Forces;

19 (ii) spouses of active duty members of
20 the Armed Forces;

21 (iii) veterans; and

22 (iv) spouses of veterans; and

23 (E) has a demonstrated record of success
24 in providing assistance with employment serv-
25 ices, as indicated by—

1 (i) the average wages or earnings of
2 people who receive employment services
3 provided by the entity;

4 (ii) prior completion of Federal grants
5 or contracts;

6 (iii) having at least 75 percent of its
7 participants find full-time employment
8 within six months of initially receiving em-
9 ployment services provided by the entity;
10 and

11 (iv) other employment performance in-
12 dicators, as determined by the Secretary;
13 and

14 (4) seek to enter into contracts with not fewer
15 than 10, but not more than 60, private entities
16 under which each such entity is compensated at a
17 rate agreed upon between the Secretary and the en-
18 tity for each individual who receives employment
19 services provided by the entity and is in unsub-
20 sidized employment during the second quarter after
21 exit from the program; and

22 (5) conduct such other activities as may be nec-
23 essary for the delivery of individualized employment
24 counseling and other employment services under this
25 section.

1 (c) REPORT.—Not later than October 1 of each year
2 during the term of the pilot program, the Secretary of
3 Labor, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the
4 Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is
5 operating when it is not operating as a service in the Navy,
6 and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall submit to the
7 Committees on Armed Services, the Committee on Trans-
8 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
9 tives, and the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Sen-
10 ate and House of Representatives a report on the pilot
11 program under this section, including the employment out-
12 comes for members of the Armed Forces and their spouses
13 who receive employment services under the program on
14 the following indicators of performance—

15 (1) the percentage of program participants who
16 are in unsubsidized employment during the second
17 quarter after exit from the program;

18 (2) the percentage of program participants who
19 are in unsubsidized employment during the fourth
20 quarter after exit from the program; and

21 (3) the median earnings of program partici-
22 pants who are in unsubsidized employment during
23 the second quarter after exit from the program.

1 (d) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall termi-
2 nate five years after the date on which the Secretary of
3 Labor begins to carry out the pilot program.

4 **SEC. 565. SKILLBRIDGE: APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) STUDY.—Not later than September 30, 2026, the
6 Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary
7 of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating
8 when not operating as a service in the Department of the
9 Navy, shall conduct a study to identify the private entities
10 participating in Skillbridge that offer positions in reg-
11 istered apprenticeship programs to covered members.

12 (b) RECRUITMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall
13 consult with officials and employees of the Department of
14 Labor who have experience with registered apprenticeship
15 programs to facilitate the Secretary entering into agree-
16 ments with entities that offer positions described in sub-
17 section (a) in areas where the Secretary determines few
18 such positions are available to covered members.

19 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) The term “covered member” means a mem-
21 ber of the Armed Forces eligible for Skillbridge.

22 (2) The term “registered apprenticeship pro-
23 gram” means an apprenticeship program registered
24 under the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known

1 as the “National Apprenticeship Act”; 50 Stat. 664,
2 chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.).

3 (3) The term “Skillbridge” means an employ-
4 ment skills training program under section 1143(e)
5 of title 10, United States Code.

6 **SEC. 566. FEMALE MEMBERS OF CERTAIN ARMED FORCES**
7 **AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPART-**
8 **MENT OF DEFENSE IN STEM.**

9 (a) STUDY; REPORT.—Not later than September 30,
10 2025, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Com-
11 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of
12 Representatives a report containing the results of a study
13 on how to—

14 (1) increase participation of covered individuals
15 in positions in the covered Armed Forces or Depart-
16 ment of Defense and related to STEM; and

17 (2) change Skillbridge to help covered individ-
18 uals eligible for Skillbridge find civilian employment
19 in positions related to STEM.

20 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) The term “covered Armed Force” means
22 the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space
23 Force.

24 (2) The term “covered individual” means a fe-
25 male—

1 (A) member of a covered Armed Force; or

2 (B) civilian employee of the Department of

3 Defense.

4 (3) The term “Skillbridge” means an employ-

5 ment skills training program under section 1143(e)

6 of title 10, United States Code.

7 (4) The term “STEM” means science, tech-

8 nology, engineering, and mathematics.

9 **Subtitle H—Family Programs and**
10 **Child Care**

11 **SEC. 571. NOTIFICATION OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE AT**
12 **PROVIDERS OF CHILD CARE SERVICES OR**
13 **YOUTH PROGRAMS.**

14 Section 1794 of title 10, United States Code, is
15 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
16 section:

17 “(g) NOTIFICATION OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE.—

18 (1) The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe a policy that
19 requires covered child and youth programs to—

20 “(A) not later than 24 hours after a program

21 becomes aware of alleged or suspected abuse or ne-

22 glect of a child occurring in such program, notify the

23 parents and guardians of such child of such alleged

24 or suspected abuse or neglect; and

1 “(B) not later than 72 hours after a program
2 becomes aware of alleged abuse or neglect of a child
3 occurring in such program, provide notice of such al-
4 leged abuse or neglect to—

5 “(i) the Committees on Armed Services of
6 the Senate and the House of Representatives;

7 “(ii) if the alleged abuse or neglect occurs
8 in one of the several States, the Senators that
9 represent the State in which the alleged abuse
10 or neglect occurred; and

11 “(iii) if the alleged abuse or neglect occurs
12 in a location represented by a Member of, or
13 Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the
14 House of Representatives, the Member of, or
15 Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the
16 House of Representatives that represents such
17 location.

18 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘covered child and
19 youth program’ means a military child development cen-
20 ter, a Department of Defense youth program, a family
21 home day care, or a provider of child care services or youth
22 program services that receives financial assistance under
23 section 1798.”.

1 **SEC. 572. PILOT PROGRAM TO INCREASE PAYMENTS FOR**
2 **CHILD CARE SERVICES IN HIGH-COST AREAS.**

3 Section 1798 of title 10, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 section:

6 “(d) PILOT PROGRAM FOR INCREASED PAYMENTS IN
7 HIGH-COST AREAS.—(1) Beginning on January 1, 2027,
8 the Secretary shall establish a pilot program to increase
9 the maximum amount of financial assistance per month
10 per child that the Secretary authorizes to be provided to
11 eligible providers under this section as of December 31,
12 2026, by 30 percent for services provided to children who
13 are two years old or younger in accordance with this sub-
14 section.

15 “(2) The Secretary—

16 “(A) shall provide for an increased maximum
17 amount of financial assistance under the pilot pro-
18 gram established under this subsection in each area
19 with high child care services costs, as determined by
20 the Secretary; and

21 “(B) may provide for such increased maximum
22 amount of financial assistance in other areas as the
23 Secretary considers appropriate.

24 “(3) Not later than one year after the establishment
25 of the pilot program under this subsection, and semiannu-
26 ally thereafter until the date of the termination of the pilot

1 program, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional
2 defense committees a report on the pilot program that in-
3 cludes—

4 “(A) the number of families with respect to
5 whom the Secretary has increased the maximum
6 amount of financial assistance per month per child
7 being provided under the pilot program,
8 disaggregated by location;

9 “(B) the total amount of financial assistance
10 provided under the pilot program with respect to
11 such families, disaggregated by location;

12 “(C) the total amount of financial assistance
13 that would have been provided with respect to such
14 families without the increase under the pilot pro-
15 gram, disaggregated by location;

16 “(D) the determination of the Secretary as to
17 whether additional funding under the pilot pro-
18 gram—

19 “(i) helped reduce child care costs for ap-
20 plicable military families;

21 “(ii) increased child care provider partici-
22 pation in the financial assistance available
23 under this section; and

24 “(iii) increased access to infant and toddler
25 care for military families;

1 “(E) the determination of the Secretary with
2 respect to the feasibility of expanding the pilot pro-
3 gram to all communities;

4 “(F) any challenges identified by the Secretary
5 in carrying out the pilot program;

6 “(G) legislation or administrative action that
7 the Secretary determines necessary to make the pilot
8 program permanent; and

9 “(H) any other information the Secretary deter-
10 mines appropriate.

11 “(4) Not later than 90 days after the date of the ter-
12 mination of the pilot program, the Secretary shall submit
13 to the congressional defense committees a report that in-
14 cludes—

15 “(A) the elements specified in subparagraphs
16 (A) through (H) of paragraph (3); and

17 “(B) the recommendation of the Secretary as to
18 whether to make the pilot program permanent.

19 “(5) The pilot program established under this sub-
20 section shall terminate on the date that is five years after
21 the date on which such program is established.”.

22 **SEC. 573. PILOT PROGRAM TO INCREASE PAYMENTS FOR**
23 **CHILD CARE SERVICES IN HIGH-COST AREAS.**

24 Section 1798 of title 10, United States Code, is
25 amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
2 section (d); and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
4 lowing new subsection:

5 “(c) PILOT PROGRAM FOR GRANTS TO INCREASE IN-
6 FANT AND TODDLER CAPACITY IN HIGH-COST AREAS.—

7 (1) The Secretary of Defense may establish a pilot pro-
8 gram to provide grants to eligible providers seeking to ex-
9 pand the capacity of such providers to provide care for
10 infants and toddlers.

11 “(2) A grant awarded under the pilot program estab-
12 lished under paragraph (1) shall—

13 “(A) be in an amount determined by the Sec-
14 retary, but in no case more than 75 percent of the
15 estimated cost of the expansion for which the grant
16 is provided; and

17 “(B) require the recipient of a grant to—

18 “(i) make available not less than half of
19 any additional capacity for infants and toddlers
20 to children of members of the armed forces that
21 results from the expansion for which a grant is
22 awarded for the 10-year period that begins on
23 the date on which such expansion is completed;
24 and

1 “(ii) certify that the recipient will not dis-
2 place children enrolled on the date described in
3 clause (i) who are not children of members of
4 the armed forces to meet the requirement of
5 clause (i).

6 “(3) The Secretary—

7 “(A) shall award grants under the pilot pro-
8 gram established under paragraph (1) to not less
9 than 10 eligible providers located in areas with high
10 child care services costs, as determined by the Sec-
11 retary; and

12 “(B) may award grants under the pilot pro-
13 gram established under paragraph (1) to eligible
14 providers located in other areas as the Secretary
15 considers appropriate.

16 “(4) Not later than one year after the establishment
17 of the pilot program under this subsection, and semiannu-
18 ally thereafter until the date of the termination of the pilot
19 program, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate
20 congressional committees a report on the pilot program
21 that includes—

22 “(A) the number of eligible providers partici-
23 pating in the pilot program, disaggregated by loca-
24 tion;

1 “(B) the number of additional infant and tod-
2 dler enrollments at eligible providers made available
3 under the pilot program, disaggregated by location;

4 “(C) the determination of the Secretary as to
5 whether grants provided under the pilot program—

6 “(i) helped reduce child care costs for ap-
7 plicable military families;

8 “(ii) increased child care provider partici-
9 pation in the financial assistance available
10 under this section; and

11 “(iii) increased access to infant and toddler
12 care for military families;

13 “(D) the determination of the Secretary with
14 respect to the feasibility of expanding the pilot pro-
15 gram to all communities;

16 “(E) any challenges identified by the Secretary
17 in carrying out the pilot program;

18 “(F) legislation or administrative action that
19 the Secretary determines necessary to make the pilot
20 program permanent; and

21 “(G) any other information the Secretary deter-
22 mines appropriate.

23 “(5) Not later than 90 days after the date of the ter-
24 mination of the pilot program, the Secretary shall submit

1 to the appropriate congressional committees a report that
2 includes—

3 “(A) the elements specified in subparagraphs
4 (A) through (G) of paragraph (4); and

5 “(B) the recommendation of the Secretary as to
6 whether to make the pilot program permanent.

7 “(6) The pilot program established under this sub-
8 section shall terminate on the date that is five years after
9 the date on which such program is established.

10 “(7) In this subsection, the term ‘appropriate con-
11 gressional committees’ means—

12 “(A) the congressional defense committees;

13 “(B) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
14 Transportation of the Senate; and

15 “(C) the Committee on Transportation and In-
16 frastructure of the House of Representatives.”.

17 **SEC. 574. EXTENSION OF PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FI-**
18 **NANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS OF THE**
19 **ARMED FORCES FOR IN-HOME CHILD CARE.**

20 (a) EXTENSION.—Subsection (d) of section 589 of
21 the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Au-
22 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C. 1791
23 note) is amended by striking “five years after” and all
24 that follows and inserting “on December 31, 2029.”.

1 (b) FINAL REPORT.—Subsection (c)(2) of such sec-
2 tion is amended by striking “90 days after” and inserting
3 “one year before”.

4 **SEC. 575. MILITARY ONESOURCE: INFORMATION REGARD-**
5 **ING MATERNAL HEALTH CARE.**

6 Section 561 of the National Defense Authorization
7 Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 10 U.S.C.
8 1781 note) is amended, in subsection (b)—

9 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through
10 (17) as paragraphs (5) through (18), respectively;
11 and

12 (2) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) and in-
13 serting after paragraph (1) the following new para-
14 graphs:

15 “(2) Health care.

16 “(3) Maternal health care, including the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(A) A list of maternal health services, in-
19 cluding pre- and post-natal care.

20 “(B) A guide to continuity of such care
21 through a permanent change of station.

22 “(C) With regards to a pregnant member,
23 relevant regulations, options for leave, and uni-
24 form resources and requirements.

1 “(4) Death benefits and life insurance pro-
2 grams.”.

3 **SEC. 576. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
4 **TERMINATION OF DODEA AND CHILD CARE**
5 **WORKERS.**

6 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
7 this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026
8 for the Department of Defense may be obligated or ex-
9 pende to terminate employees of Military Child Develop-
10 ment Programs or employees of the Department of De-
11 fense Education Activity, regardless of whether such posi-
12 tions are funded by appropriated or nonappropriated
13 funds, unless the employee was documented as not per-
14 forming or engaging in misconduct.

15 **Subtitle I—Dependent Education**

16 **SEC. 581. ENSURING ACCESS TO DODEA SCHOOLS FOR CER-**
17 **TAIN MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE COMPO-**
18 **NENTS.**

19 Section 2164 of title 10, United States Code, is
20 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
21 section:

22 “(n) ELIGIBILITY OF DEPENDENTS OF CERTAIN
23 MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE COMPONENTS.—(1) A de-
24 pendent of a member described in paragraph (2) shall be
25 eligible to attend a school established under this section

1 at the military installation that is the permanent station
2 of such member and such dependent shall automatically
3 be granted enrollment at such school at the request of
4 such member if there is sufficient space in the school to
5 accommodate the dependent. In the event there is not suf-
6 ficient space available at such school at the time the de-
7 pendent seeks to enroll, the dependent shall be place on
8 a wait-list for enrollment in the school.

9 “(2) A member described in this paragraph is a mem-
10 ber—

11 “(A) of a reserve component;

12 “(B) performing active service; and

13 “(C) pursuant to an order for accompanied per-
14 manent change of station.”.

15 **SEC. 582. CERTAIN ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL**
16 **AGENCIES THAT BENEFIT DEPENDENTS OF**
17 **MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.**

18 (a) CONTINUATION OF AUTHORITY TO ASSIST LOCAL
19 EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES THAT BENEFIT DEPENDENTS
20 OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND DEPARTMENT
21 OF DEFENSE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES.—

22 (1) ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOLS WITH SIGNIFI-
23 CANT NUMBERS OF MILITARY DEPENDENT STU-
24 DENTS.—Of the amount authorized to be appro-
25 priated for fiscal year 2026 by section 301 and

1 available for operation and maintenance for Defense-
2 wide activities as specified in the funding table in
3 section 4301, \$35,000,000 shall be available only for
4 the purpose of providing assistance to local edu-
5 cational agencies under subsection (a) of section 572
6 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
7 Year 2006 (Public Law 109–163; 20 U.S.C. 7703b).

8 (2) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY DEFINED.—

9 In this subsection, the term “local educational agen-
10 cy” has the meaning given that term in section
11 7013(9) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
12 cation Act of (20 U.S.C. 7713(9)).

13 (b) IMPACT AID FOR CHILDREN WITH SEVERE DIS-
14 ABILITIES.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount authorized to
16 be appropriated for fiscal year 2026 pursuant to sec-
17 tion 301 and available for operation and mainte-
18 nance for Defense-wide activities as specified in the
19 funding table in section 4301, \$5,000,000 shall be
20 available for payments under section 363 of the
21 Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization
22 Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (as enacted into law by
23 Public Law 106–398; 114 Stat. 1654A-77; 20
24 U.S.C. 7703a).

1 (2) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT.—Of the amount au-
2 thorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2026 pur-
3 suant to section 301 and available for operation and
4 maintenance for Defense-wide activities as specified
5 in the funding table in section 4301, \$5,000,000
6 shall be available for use by the Secretary of Defense
7 to make payments to local educational agencies de-
8 termined by the Secretary to have higher concentra-
9 tions of military children with severe disabilities.

10 (3) BRIEFING.—Not later than March 31,
11 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the
12 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
13 the House of Representatives a briefing on the De-
14 partment of Defense’s evaluation of each local edu-
15 cational agency with higher concentrations of mili-
16 tary children with severe disabilities and subsequent
17 determination of the amounts of impact aid each
18 such agency shall receive.

19 **SEC. 583. VERIFICATION OF REPORTING OF ELIGIBLE FED-**
20 **ERALLY CONNECTED CHILDREN FOR PUR-**
21 **POSES OF FEDERAL IMPACT AID PROGRAMS.**

22 (a) CERTIFICATION.—On an annual basis, each com-
23 mander of a military installation under the jurisdiction of
24 the Secretary of a military department shall submit to
25 such Secretary a written certification verifying whether

1 the commander has confirmed the information contained
2 in all impact aid source check forms received from local
3 educational agencies as of the date of such certification.

4 (b) REPORT.—Not later than June 30 of each year,
5 each Secretary of a military department shall submit to
6 the congressional defense committees a report, based on
7 the information received under subsection (a), that identi-
8 fies—

9 (1) each military installation under the jurisdic-
10 tion of such Secretary that has confirmed the infor-
11 mation contained in all impact aid source check
12 forms received from local educational agencies as of
13 the date of the report; and

14 (2) each military installation that has not con-
15 firmed the information contained in such forms as of
16 such date.

17 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) The term “impact aid source check form”
19 means a form submitted to a military installation by
20 a local educational agency to confirm the number
21 and identity of children eligible to be counted for
22 purposes of the Federal impact aid program under
23 section 7003(a) of the Elementary and Secondary
24 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7703(a)).

1 (2) The term “local educational agency” has
2 the meaning given that term in section 8101 of the
3 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
4 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

5 **Subtitle J—Decorations and**
6 **Awards, Reports, and Other**
7 **Matters**

8 **SEC. 591. AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF MEDAL OF**
9 **HONOR TO JAMES CAPERS, JR., FOR ACTS OF**
10 **VALOR AS A MEMBER OF THE MARINE CORPS**
11 **DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.**

12 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding the time lim-
13 itations specified in section 8298 of title 10, United States
14 Code, or any other time limitation with respect to the
15 awarding of certain medals to persons who served in the
16 Armed Forces, the President is authorized to award the
17 Medal of Honor, under section 8291 of such title, to
18 James Capers, Jr., for the acts of valor described in sub-
19 section (b).

20 (b) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor
21 described in this subsection are the actions of James Ca-
22 pers, Jr., as a member of the Marine Corps, during the
23 period of March 31 through April 3, 1967, during the
24 Vietnam War, for which he was previously awarded the
25 Silver Star.

1 **SEC. 592. AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD THE MEDAL OF**
2 **HONOR TO RETIRED COLONEL PHILIP J.**
3 **CONRAN FOR ACTS OF VALOR IN LAOS DUR-**
4 **ING THE VIETNAM WAR.**

5 Notwithstanding the time limitations specified in sec-
6 tion 9274 of title 10, United States Code, or any other
7 time limitation with respect to the awarding of certain
8 medals to persons who served in the Armed Forces, the
9 President is authorized to award the Medal of Honor,
10 under section 9271 of such title, to retired Colonel Philip
11 J. Conran for the acts of valor in Laos during the Vietnam
12 war, for which he was previously awarded the Air Force
13 Cross.

14 **TITLE VI—COMPENSATION AND**
15 **OTHER PERSONNEL BENEFITS**
16 **Subtitle A—Basic Pay and Retired**
17 **Pay**

18 **SEC. 601. CODIFICATION OF APPLICABILITY TO SPACE**
19 **FORCE OF CERTAIN PAY AND ALLOWANCE**
20 **AUTHORITIES.**

21 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 101 of title 37, United
22 States Code, is amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (22), by inserting “, or for
24 members of the Space Force in space force active
25 status not on sustained duty,” after “reserve compo-
26 nent” in subparagraphs (A) and (B); and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new
2 paragraphs:

3 “(27) The term ‘space force active status’ has
4 the meaning given that term in section 101 of title
5 10.

6 “(28) The term ‘sustained duty’ has the mean-
7 ing given that term in section 101 of title 10.”.

8 (b) BASIC PAY.—Chapter 3 of such title is amended
9 as follows:

10 (1) REFERENCES TO OFFICER GRADES.—Sec-
11 tion 201(a) of such title is amended—

12 (A) by striking “(1) Subject to paragraph
13 (2), for the” and inserting “For the”;

14 (B) by striking “and Marine Corps” in the
15 heading of the second column of the table and
16 inserting “Marine Corps, and Space Force”;
17 and

18 (C) by striking paragraph (2).

19 (2) APPLICABLE PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR
20 CERTAIN SPACE FORCE MEMBERS WHO ARE PHYS-
21 ICALLY DISABLED OR INCUR LOSS OF EARNED IN-
22 COME WHEN NOT ON SUSTAINED DUTY.—Sub-
23 sections (g)(1) and (h)(1) of section 204 of such
24 title are amended by inserting “, or a member of the
25 Space Force in space force active status not on sus-

1 tained duty,” after “of a reserve component of a
2 uniformed service”.

3 (3) SERVICE CREDITABLE FOR COMPUTA-
4 TION.—Section 205(a)(2) of such title is amended—

5 (A) by transferring subparagraph (F) to
6 appear after subparagraph (A) and redesign-
7 nating that subparagraph as subparagraph (B);

8 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (D)
9 and (E) as subparagraphs (E) and (F), respec-
10 tively;

11 (C) by striking subparagraph (C) and re-
12 designating the original subparagraph (B) as
13 subparagraph (D); and

14 (D) by inserting after subparagraph (B),
15 as transferred and redesignated by subpara-
16 graph (A) of this paragraph, the following new
17 subparagraph (C):

18 “(C) the Space Force;”.

19 (4) INACTIVE-DUTY TRAINING PAY.—Section
20 206 of such title is amended—

21 (A) in subsection (a), in the matter pre-
22 ceding paragraph (1)—

23 (i) by striking “Guard or a” and in-
24 serting “Guard, a”; and

1 (ii) by inserting “, or a member of the
2 Space Force” after “uniformed service”
3 the first place it appears;

4 (B) in subsection (d)—

5 (i) in paragraph (1), by inserting “,
6 by a member of the Space Force,” after
7 “reserve component”; and

8 (ii) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or
9 the Space Force,” after “Ready Reserve”;
10 (C) in subsection (e)—

11 (i) by striking “Guard or of a” and
12 inserting “Guard, a”; and

13 (ii) by inserting “, or the Space
14 Force” after “uniformed services”; and

15 (D) in the section heading, by inserting “;
16 **MEMBERS OF THE SPACE FORCE**” before
17 the colon.

18 (5) PARTICIPATION IN THRIFT SAVINGS
19 PLAN.—Section 211(a)(2) of such title is amended
20 by inserting “or the Space Force” after “member of
21 the Ready Reserve”.

22 (c) SPECIAL PAY, INCENTIVE PAY, AND BONUS AU-
23 THORITIES.—Subchapter II of chapter 5 of such title is
24 amended as follows:

1 (1) GENERAL BONUS AUTHORITY FOR EN-
2 LISTED MEMBERS.—Section 331 of such title is
3 amended—

4 (A) in subsection (a)—

5 (i) by striking “or” at the end of
6 paragraph (4);

7 (ii) by striking the period at the end
8 of paragraph (5) and inserting “; or”; and

9 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing new paragraph:

11 “(6) transfers from a regular component or re-
12 serve component of an armed force to the Space
13 Force or from the Space Force to a regular compo-
14 nent or reserve component of another armed force,
15 subject to the approval of the Secretary with juris-
16 diction over the armed force to which the member is
17 transferring.”; and

18 (B) in subsection (c)(1)—

19 (i) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
20 “, or in the Space Force on sustained duty
21 under section 20105 of title 10,” after “in
22 a regular component”;

23 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting
24 “, or in the Space Force in space force ac-
25 tive status not on sustained duty under

1 section 20105 of title 10,” after “in a re-
2 serve component”; and

3 (iii) in subparagraph (D), by striking
4 “paragraph (4) or (5)” and inserting
5 “paragraph (4), (5), or (6)”.

6 (2) GENERAL BONUS AUTHORITY FOR OFFI-
7 CERS.—Section 332 of such title is amended—

8 (A) in subsection (a)—

9 (i) by striking “or” at the end of
10 paragraph (4);

11 (ii) by striking the period at the end
12 of paragraph (5) and inserting “; or”; and

13 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
14 lowing new paragraph:

15 “(6) transfers from a regular component or re-
16 serve component of a uniformed service to the Space
17 Force or from the Space Force to a regular compo-
18 nent or reserve component of another uniformed
19 service, subject to the approval of the Secretary with
20 jurisdiction over the uniformed service to which the
21 member is transferring.”; and

22 (B) in subsection (c)(1)—

23 (i) in subparagraph (C), by inserting
24 “, or in the Space Force on sustained duty

1 under section 20105 of title 10,” after “in
2 a regular component”;

3 (ii) in subparagraph (D), by inserting
4 “, or in the Space Force in space force ac-
5 tive status not on sustained duty under
6 section 20105 of title 10,” after “in a re-
7 serve component” and

8 (iii) in subparagraph (E), by striking
9 “paragraph (4) or (5)” and inserting
10 “paragraph (4), (5), or (6)”.

11 (3) SPECIAL AVIATION INCENTIVE PAY OR
12 BONUS FOR OFFICERS.—Section 334 of such title is
13 amended—

14 (A) by striking “in a regular or reserve
15 component” in subsections (a)(1), (b), (h)(1),
16 (h)(2), and (h)(3);

17 (B) in subsection (b)(3), by inserting “, or,
18 in the case of an officer of the Space Force, to
19 remain in space force active status,” after “in
20 a reserve component”; and

21 (C) in subsection (e)—

22 (i) in the subsection heading, by strik-
23 ing “RESERVE COMPONENT”; and

24 (ii) by striking “A reserve component
25 officer” and inserting “An officer.”.

1 (4) SPECIAL PAYS.—Sections 351(a), 352(a),
2 353(a), and 353(b) of such title are amended by
3 striking “of a regular or reserve component”.

4 (5) RETENTION INCENTIVES FOR MEMBERS
5 QUALIFIED IN CRITICAL MILITARY SKILLS OR AS-
6 SIGNED TO HIGH PRIORITY UNITS.—Section 355 of
7 such title is amended—

8 (A) in subsection (a)—

9 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph

10 (1)—

11 (I) by striking “An officer or en-
12 listed member” and inserting “A
13 member”; and

14 (II) by inserting “, or a member
15 the Space Force who is serving in
16 space force active status,” after “in a
17 reserve component”; and

18 (ii) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or
19 to remain in space force active status for
20 at least one year” before the semicolon at
21 the end;

22 (B) in subsection (d)(1), by inserting “or
23 a member of the Space Force not on sustained
24 duty” in the second sentence after “reserve
25 component member”; and

1 (C) in subsection (e)—

2 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “ac-
3 tive duty or service in an active status in
4 a reserve component” in subparagraph (A)
5 and the first place it appears in subpara-
6 graph (B) and inserting “a specified form
7 of service (or combination thereof)”;

8 (ii) in paragraphs (1)(B), (2), (3),
9 and (4), by striking “active duty or service
10 in an active status in a reserve component
11 for which” and inserting “service for
12 which”; and

13 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
14 lowing new paragraph:

15 “(5) In this subsection, the term ‘specified form
16 of service’ means—

17 “(A) service on active duty;

18 “(B) service in an active status in a re-
19 serve component; or

20 “(C) service in the Space Force in space
21 force active status.”.

22 (6) CONTINUATION PAY FOR FULL TSP MEM-
23 BERS WITH 7 TO 12 YEARS OF SERVICE.—Section
24 356(b) of such title is amended—

1 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph

2 (1)—

3 (i) in the second sentence, by striking

4 “or a reserve component” and inserting “,

5 a member of the Space Force on sustained

6 duty, or a member of a reserve compo-

7 nent”; and

8 (ii) in the third sentence, by inserting

9 “or a member of the Space Force in space

10 force active status not on sustained duty”

11 after “(as so defined)”;

12 (B) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or a

13 member of the Space Force on sustained duty”

14 in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) after

15 “of a regular component”; and

16 (C) in paragraph (2)—

17 (i) by inserting “or a member of the

18 Space Force in space force active status

19 and not on sustained duty” in the matter

20 preceding subparagraph (A) after “of a re-

21 serve component”; and

22 (ii) by inserting “or a member of the

23 Space Force on sustained duty, respec-

24 tively,” in subparagraph (A) after “of a

25 regular component”.

1 (d) ADMINISTRATION OF SPECIAL PAY, INCENTIVE
2 PAY, AND BONUS AUTHORITIES.—Subchapter III of chap-
3 ter 5 of such title is amended as follows:

4 (1) CONTINUATION OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES
5 DURING CERTAIN HOSPITALIZATION AND REHABILI-
6 TATION.—Section 372(a) of such title is amended by
7 striking “of a regular or reserve component”.

8 (2) REPAYMENT OF UNEARNED PORTION OF
9 BONUS OR SPECIAL OR INCENTIVE PAY.—Section
10 373(d)(2)(A) of such title is amended by striking “in
11 a regular or reserve component who remains on ac-
12 tive duty or in an active status” and inserting “who
13 remains on active duty, in an active status in a re-
14 serve component, or in space force active status”.

15 (e) ALLOWANCES OTHER THAN TRAVEL AND TRANS-
16 PORTATION ALLOWANCES.—Section 416 of such title is
17 amended by inserting “an officer of the Space Force not
18 on sustained duty,” after “of component,”.

19 (f) LEAVE.—Section 501 of such title is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (a)—

21 (A) by inserting “, or of the Space Force,”
22 in paragraphs (4) and (5) after “of a reserve
23 component”; and

1 (B) by inserting “, or from the Space
2 Force,” in paragraph (4) after “from the re-
3 serve component”; and
4 (2) in subsection (b)(5)—

5 (A) in subparagraphs (A) and (D), by in-
6 serting “, or a member of the Space Force in
7 space force active status not on sustained
8 duty,” after “of a reserve component”; and

9 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “Reg-
10 ular” before “Space Force”.

11 (g) MISCELLANEOUS RIGHTS AND BENEFITS.—
12 Chapter 17 of such title is amended as follows:

13 (1) Section 908(a)(2) of such title is amended
14 by inserting “and members of the Space Force in
15 space force active status not on sustained duty”
16 after “of the armed forces”.

17 (2) Section 910 of such title is amended—

18 (A) by inserting “or of the Space Force”
19 after “of the armed forces” in subsection (a);

20 (B) by inserting “or the Space Force”
21 after “a reserve component” in subsections
22 (b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(3), and (e)(1); and

23 (C) in the heading of such section by in-
24 serting “**AND MEMBERS OF THE SPACE**

1 **FORCE”** after “**RESERVE COMPONENT**
2 **MEMBERS”**.

3 (h) ADMINISTRATION.—Section 1002 of such title is
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) by striking “of the National Guard, or
7 of a reserve component of a uniformed service,”
8 and inserting “of a reserve component of a uni-
9 formed service, or of the Space Force”; and

10 (B) by striking “his consent” and inserting
11 “the member’s consent”; and

12 (C) in subsection (c), by inserting “or the
13 Space Force” after “of a reserve component”;
14 and

15 (2) in the heading, by striking “**AND MEM-**
16 **BERS OF NATIONAL GUARD”** and inserting “;
17 **MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD; MEM-**
18 **BERS OF THE SPACE FORCE”**.

19 (i) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO REFLECT CHANGE
20 OF NAME OF SPACE AND MISSILE SYSTEMS CENTER TO
21 SPACE SYSTEMS COMMAND.—Section 2273a(a) of title
22 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “Air
23 Force Space and Missile Systems Center” and inserting
24 “Space Force Space Systems Command”.

1 **Subtitle B—Bonus and Incentive**
2 **Pays**

3 **SEC. 611. ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF CERTAIN EXPIRING**
4 **BONUS AND SPECIAL PAY AUTHORITIES.**

5 (a) AUTHORITIES RELATING TO RESERVE
6 FORCES.—Section 910(g) of title 37, United States Code,
7 relating to income replacement payments for reserve com-
8 ponent members experiencing extended and frequent mo-
9 bilization for active duty service, is amended by striking
10 “December 31, 2025” and inserting “December 31,
11 2026”.

12 (b) TITLE 10 AUTHORITIES RELATING TO HEALTH
13 CARE PROFESSIONALS.—The following sections of title
14 10, United States Code, are amended by striking “Decem-
15 ber 31, 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2026”:

16 (1) Section 2130a(a)(1), relating to nurse offi-
17 cer candidate accession program.

18 (2) Section 16302(d), relating to repayment of
19 education loans for certain health professionals who
20 serve in the Selected Reserve.

21 (c) AUTHORITIES RELATING TO NUCLEAR OFFI-
22 CERS.—Section 333(i) of title 37, United States Code, is
23 amended by striking “December 31, 2025” and inserting
24 “December 31, 2026”.

1 (d) AUTHORITIES RELATING TO TITLE 37 CONSOLI-
2 DATED SPECIAL PAY, INCENTIVE PAY, AND BONUS AU-
3 THORITIES.—The following sections of title 37, United
4 States Code, are amended by striking “December 31,
5 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2026”:

6 (1) Section 331(h), relating to general bonus
7 authority for enlisted members.

8 (2) Section 332(g), relating to general bonus
9 authority for officers.

10 (3) Section 334(i), relating to special aviation
11 incentive pay and bonus authorities for officers.

12 (4) Section 335(k), relating to special bonus
13 and incentive pay authorities for officers in health
14 professions.

15 (5) Section 336(g), relating to contracting
16 bonus for cadets and midshipmen enrolled in the
17 Senior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps.

18 (6) Section 351(h), relating to hazardous duty
19 pay.

20 (7) Section 352(g), relating to assignment pay
21 or special duty pay.

22 (8) Section 353(i), relating to skill incentive
23 pay or proficiency bonus.

1 (9) Section 355(h), relating to retention incen-
2 tives for members qualified in critical military skills
3 or assigned to high priority units.

4 (e) **AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY INCREASE**
5 **IN RATES OF BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING.**—Section
6 403(b) of title 37, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (7)(E), relating to an area
8 covered by a major disaster declaration or con-
9 taining an installation experiencing an influx of mili-
10 tary personnel, by striking “December 31, 2025”
11 and inserting “December 31, 2026”; and

12 (2) in paragraph (8)(C), relating to an area
13 where actual housing costs differ from current rates
14 by more than 20 percent, by striking “December 31,
15 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2026”.

16 **SEC. 612. INCENTIVE PAY: EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DIS-**
17 **POSAL DUTY.**

18 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Subchapter I of chapter 5 of
19 title 37, United States Code, is amended by inserting after
20 section 301e the following new section:

21 **“§ 301f. Incentive pay: explosive ordnance disposal**
22 **duty.**

23 “(a) **ELIGIBILITY.**—(1) Subject to regulations pre-
24 scribed by the Secretary of Defense, a regular member of
25 a covered armed force is entitled to continuous monthly

1 explosive ordnance disposal duty incentive pay in the
 2 amount specified in subsection (b)(1) if the member—

3 “(A) is entitled to basic pay;

4 “(B) holds (or is in training leading to) an ex-
 5 plosive ordnance disposal duty designator; and

6 “(C) is in and remains in explosive ordnance
 7 disposal duty on a career basis.

8 “(2) Subject to regulations prescribed by the Sec-
 9 retary of Defense, a member of a covered armed force who
 10 is entitled to basic pay but is not entitled to continuous
 11 monthly explosive ordnance disposal duty incentive pay
 12 under paragraph (1) is entitled to explosive ordnance dis-
 13 posal duty incentive pay in the amount prescribed pursu-
 14 ant to subsection (b)(2) for any period during which such
 15 member performs explosive ordnance disposal duty under
 16 orders.

17 “(b) RATES.—(1) Continuous monthly explosive ord-
 18 nance disposal duty incentive pay under subsection (a)(1)
 19 shall be in the following amounts:

“Years of explosive ordnance disposal duty (including training):	Monthly Rate
2 or fewer	\$125
Over 2	\$156
Over 3	\$188
Over 4	\$206
Over 6	\$650
Over 8	\$800
Over 10	\$1,000
Over 17	\$840
Over 22	\$585
Over 24	\$385

“Years of explosive ordnance disposal duty (including training):	Monthly Rate
Over 25	\$250

1 “(2) Explosive ordnance disposal duty incentive pay
2 under subsection (a)(2)—

3 “(A) shall be in amounts prescribed by the Sec-
4 retary of Defense;

5 “(B) may not, for any month, exceed the max-
6 imum amount specified in paragraph (1); and

7 “(C) may not be less per day than the amount
8 under subsection (d).

9 “(c) COMPUTATION OF YEARS.—Years of explosive
10 ordnance disposal duty by a member shall be computed
11 beginning with the effective date of the initial order to
12 such member to perform explosive ordnance disposal duty.

13 “(d) APPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN DUTY IN THE RE-
14 SERVE COMPONENTS.—Under regulations prescribed by
15 the Secretary of Defense and to the extent provided for
16 by appropriations, for each day that a member of the re-
17 serve component of a covered armed force who is entitled
18 to compensation under section 206 of this title performs,
19 under orders, explosive ordnance disposal duty, such mem-
20 ber is eligible for an increase in compensation equal to
21 one-thirtieth of the continuous monthly incentive pay
22 under subsection (b)(1) for a member of corresponding
23 years of service entitled to basic pay.

1 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 “(1) The term ‘covered armed force’ means the
3 Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space
4 Force.

5 “(2) The term ‘explosive ordnance disposal’ has
6 the meaning given such term in section 2284 of title
7 10.

8 “(3) The term ‘explosive ordnance disposal
9 duty’ means duty performed by a member of a cov-
10 ered armed force, under regulations prescribed by
11 the Secretary of Defense, in explosive ordnance dis-
12 posal.”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 301f of title 37,
14 United States Code, added by this section, shall take effect
15 on the date that is 180 days after the date of the enact-
16 ment of this Act and apply to explosive ordnance disposal
17 duty performed on or after such date.

18 **SEC. 613. STANDARDIZATION OF CYBER ASSIGNMENT IN-**
19 **CENTIVE PAY FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
20 **FORCES.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 5 of
22 title 37, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
23 end the following new section:

1 **“§ 375. Standardization of cyber assignment incentive**
2 **pay**

3 “(a) POLICY.—The Secretary of Defense shall estab-
4 lish and implement a standardized policy for cyber assign-
5 ment incentive pay applicable to all members of the Army,
6 Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force per-
7 forming qualifying cyber operations roles.

8 “(b) ELEMENTS.—The policy under subsection (a)
9 shall—

10 “(1) define uniform eligibility criteria based on
11 work-role certification, mission assignment, and
12 readiness requirements;

13 “(2) establish a tiered pay structure based on
14 proficiency levels and operational demands;

15 “(3) ensure parity in pay rates and qualifica-
16 tion standards throughout the armed forces specified
17 in subsection (a);

18 “(4) provide guidance for continuation of cyber
19 assignment incentive pay during moves relating to
20 changes of permanent station, subject to continued
21 eligibility; and

22 “(5) include procedures for periodic review and
23 adjustment of cyber assignment incentive pay rates
24 to reflect evolving mission needs and market com-
25 petitiveness.

1 “(c) CYBER ASSIGNMENT INCENTIVE PAY DE-
2 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘cyber assignment incen-
3 tive pay’ means special pay authorized under this chapter
4 for members of the armed forces assigned to designated
5 cyber operations roles.”.

6 (b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 270 days after the
7 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
8 shall brief the congressional defense committees on the im-
9 plementation of section 375 of title 37, United States
10 Code, as added by subsection (a) of this section, including
11 any anticipated impacts on recruitment, retention, and
12 readiness of cyber personnel.

13 **Subtitle C—Allowances**

14 **SEC. 621. BASIC NEEDS ALLOWANCE: EXCLUSION OF BASIC** 15 **ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING FROM THE CAL-** 16 **CULATION OF GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME** 17 **OF AN ELIGIBLE MEMBER OF THE ARMED** 18 **FORCES.**

19 Section 402b(k)(1)(B) of title 37, United States
20 Code, is amended—

21 (1) by striking “in” and all that follows
22 through “portion of”; and

23 (2) by striking “that the Secretary concerned
24 elects to exclude” and inserting “paid to such mem-
25 ber”.

1 **SEC. 622. FAMILY SEPARATION ALLOWANCE: INCREASE.**

2 Section 427(a) of title 37, United States Code, is
3 amended in paragraph (1), by striking “not less than
4 \$250, and not more than \$400” and inserting “equal to
5 \$400”.

6 **SEC. 623. REPORT REGARDING THE BASIC ALLOWANCE**
7 **FOR SUBSISTENCE AND MILITARY FOOD PRO-**
8 **GRAMS.**

9 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than September
10 30, 2026, and annually thereafter through 2030, the Sec-
11 retary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of
12 the military departments, shall submit to the Committees
13 on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Represent-
14 atives a report described in subsection (b).

15 (b) REPORT DESCRIBED.—A report described in this
16 subsection shall explain how, during the fiscal year in
17 which the Secretary submits such report—

18 (1) the Secretary of Defense allocated funds for
19 the basic allowance for subsistence under section
20 402 of title 37, United States Code, to pay for food
21 programs;

22 (2) subsistence in-kind is budgeted to pay for
23 food programs on military installations; and

24 (3) the Secretaries of the military departments
25 used budget authorities to fund the fully burdened
26 cost of feeding members—

1 (A) of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air
2 Force, and Space Force; and

3 (B) who were assigned to essential station
4 messing during such fiscal year.

5 **SEC. 624. BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING: STUDY TO**
6 **EVALUATE ALTERNATIVE RATE CALCULA-**
7 **TION.**

8 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—

9 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than September
10 30, 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall seek to
11 enter into an agreement with a covered entity to
12 conduct a study in which the covered entity shall
13 calculate, using industry-standard machine learning
14 and an artificial intelligence algorithm, proposed
15 monthly rates of BAH described in subsection (b)
16 for MHAs selected under subsection (c).

17 (2) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—During such a
18 study, the Secretary shall pay BAH in MHAs se-
19 lected under subsection (c) at rates prescribed under
20 section 403 of title 37, United States Code.

21 (b) **PROPOSED MONTHLY RATES.**—A proposed
22 monthly rate of BAH described in this subsection—

23 (1) accurately reflects housing prices in the
24 MHA subject to such rate; and

1 (2) is sufficient for military families who reside
2 in such MHA to procure adequate and affordable
3 housing.

4 (c) MHAs.—The Secretary shall select not fewer
5 than 15 MHAs to participate in such a study. To select
6 an MHA, the Secretary shall consider factors including
7 the following:

8 (1) Variety of geographic location.

9 (2) The ranks of members who reside in an
10 MHA.

11 (3) Whether members who reside in an MHA
12 have dependents.

13 (4) Economic factors including inflation, cost of
14 living, and the cost of private mortgage insurance.

15 (d) TERMINATION.—A study under this section shall
16 terminate on the day that is three years after the date
17 on which the Secretary enters into an agreement with a
18 covered entity.

19 (e) ANNUAL BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 180 days
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and on an
21 annual basis thereafter through the termination date
22 under subsection (d), the Secretary shall provide to the
23 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
24 House of Representatives a briefing on the status of a
25 study under this section.

1 (f) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date
2 of the termination of such a study, the Secretary shall sub-
3 mit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate
4 and House of Representatives a report regarding such
5 study. Such report shall include the following elements:

6 (1) An evaluation by the Secretary of the pro-
7 posed monthly rates of BAH calculated by a covered
8 entity pursuant to an agreement under subsection
9 (a).

10 (2) Any recommendation of the Secretary re-
11 garding legislation to improve the calculation of
12 BAH process based on the study.

13 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) The term “BAH” means the basic allow-
15 ance for housing for members of the uniformed serv-
16 ices under section 403 of title 37, United States
17 Code.

18 (2) The term “covered entity” means a nation-
19 ally recognized entity in the field of single-family
20 housing that has data on local rental rates in real
21 estate markets across the United States.

22 (3) The term “MHA” means military housing
23 area.

Subtitle D—Leave

SEC. 631. BEREAVEMENT LEAVE FOR A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES IN THE CASE OF A LOSS OF PREGNANCY OR STILLBIRTH.

Subsection (l)(1)(A) of section 701 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “the death of an immediate family member.” and inserting an em dash; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new clauses:

“(i) the death of an immediate family member;
or

“(ii) the loss of a pregnancy or a stillbirth by such member or the spouse of such member.”.

SEC. 632. CONVALESCENT LEAVE FOR CADETS AND MIDSHIPMEN.

Section 702 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), and (e) as subsections (d), (e), and (f), respectively;

(2) by inserting after subsection (b) the following new subsection:

“(c) CONVALESCENT LEAVE.—An academy cadet or midshipman diagnosed with a medical condition is allowed convalescent leave under section 701(m) of this title.”; and

(3) in subsection (d), as redesignated by paragraph (1) of this section, by striking “Sections 701” and inserting “Except as provided by subsection (c), sections 701”.

Subtitle E—Family and Survivor Benefits

SEC. 641. ANNUAL REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE LIMITS FOR CHILD CARE AND YOUTH PROGRAM SERVICES PROVIDERS.

Section 1798 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(d) ANNUAL REVIEW OF AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall annually review the amount of financial assistance provided under this section, including the maximum amount of financial assistance per month per child that the Secretary authorizes to be provided to eligible providers under this section.”.

SEC. 642. WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS FOR AIR TRANSPORTATION OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHEN NECESSARY TO MEET MISSION REQUIREMENTS.

Section 562(c) of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Public Law 109–

1 364; 10 U.S.C. 1482 note) is amended by adding at the
2 end the following new paragraph:

3 “(4) WAIVER.—The Secretary concerned may
4 waive the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (3) as
5 the Secretary considers necessary to meet mission
6 requirements during—

7 “(A) a time of war;

8 “(B) a national emergency requiring the
9 use of significant personnel and aircraft;

10 “(C) a large-scale combat operation; or

11 “(D) a contingency operation.”.

12 **Subtitle F—Defense Resale Matters**

13 **SEC. 651. USE OF COMMISSARY STORES: CIVILIAN EMPLOY-** 14 **EES OF MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1066 of title 10, United
16 States Code, is amended, in subsection (a)—

17 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “An individual”;
18 and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following new
20 paragraph:

21 “(2) A civil service mariner of the Military Sealift
22 Command may be permitted to use commissary stores and
23 MWR retail facilities on the same basis as members of
24 the armed forces on active duty.”.

1 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

2 Such section is further amended—

3 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**pro-**
4 **protective services**” and inserting “**certain**”; and

5 (2) in the heading of subsection (a), by striking
6 “PROTECTIVE SERVICES” and inserting “CERTAIN”.

7 **SEC. 652. MWR RETAIL FACILITIES: USE BY CIVILIAN EM-**
8 **PLOYEES OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 54 of title 10, United
10 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing new section:

12 **“§ 1067. MWR facilities: civilian employees**

13 “(a) CURRENT EMPLOYEES.—Subject to subsection
14 (c) of this section and section 1066 of this title, a civilian
15 employee of the Department of Defense or department in
16 which the Coast Guard is operating shall be permitted to
17 use MWR retail facilities on the same basis as members
18 of the armed forces on active duty.

19 “(b) RETIRED EMPLOYEES.—Subject to subsection
20 (c), a retired civilian employee of the Department of De-
21 fense or department in which the Coast Guard is operating
22 shall be permitted to use MWR retail facilities on the same
23 basis as members of the armed forces on active duty.

1 “(c) LIMITATION.—A civilian employee or retired ci-
2 vilian employee may not purchase tobacco or a military
3 uniform at MWR retail facilities.

4 “(d) MWR RETAIL FACILITIES DEFINED.—In this
5 section, the term ‘MWR retail facilities’ has the meaning
6 given such term in section 1063 of this title.”.

7 (b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall
8 prescribe regulations under section 1067 of such title, as
9 added by this section, not later than 30 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act.

11 **SEC. 653. SINGLE-USE SHOPPING BAGS IN COMMISSARY**
12 **STORES.**

13 Section 2485 of title 10, United States Code, is
14 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
15 section:

16 “(j) SINGLE-USE SHOPPING BAGS.—The Defense
17 Commissary Agency may not prohibit the use of, or charge
18 a fee for, single-use shopping bags in a commissary
19 store.”.

**Subtitle G—Other Benefits,
Reports, and Briefings**

**SEC. 661. PROVISION OF INFORMATION REGARDING RELO-
CATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR MEM-
BERS RECEIVING ORDERS FOR A CHANGE OF
PERMANENT STATION.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1056 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and community orientation” and inserting “community orientation, education systems, school enrollment procedures, and State-specific provisions under the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children”;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and community orientation” and inserting “community orientation, and educational resources for dependent children, including school transition assistance, academic continuity, and special education services”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(E) Educational planning and support services for dependent children with disabilities, including

1 procedures for transferring individualized education
2 programs and coordinating with the Exceptional
3 Family Member Program.”;

4 (2) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as
5 subsections (f) and (g), respectively; and

6 (3) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
7 lowing new subsection:

8 “(e) PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON PROGRAM.—

9 (1) The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that members
10 of the armed forces and the families of those members
11 are provided information regarding available assistance
12 under this section and any other assistance relating to a
13 change of permanent station available under any other
14 provision of law.

15 “(2) The Secretary shall ensure that information re-
16 quired to be provided under this subsection is provided to
17 a member of the armed forces and the family of that mem-
18 ber not later than 45 days before the date on which a
19 change of permanent station takes effect for that member.

20 “(3) The information provided under this subsection
21 shall include—

22 “(A) information on family assistance programs
23 authorized under section 1788 of this title, including
24 financial planning resources, spouse employment
25 support, and community integration services;

1 “(B) guidance on available housing assistance,
2 including on-base housing options, rental protec-
3 tions, and resources for off-base relocation;

4 “(C) mental health and well-being support serv-
5 ices, including those accessible during the period of
6 transition for a change of permanent station;

7 “(D) educational resources for dependent chil-
8 dren, including school transition assistance and spe-
9 cial education services;

10 “(E) information on available legal and finan-
11 cial counseling programs; and

12 “(F) any other assistance programs that sup-
13 port members of the armed forces and their families
14 during relocation.

15 “(4) The Secretary of Defense shall—

16 “(A) incorporate the information required to be
17 provided under this subsection into accessible mate-
18 rials and briefings provided to members of the
19 armed forces relating to a change of permanent sta-
20 tion;

21 “(B) ensure that the program under this sec-
22 tion provides accessible materials and briefings at
23 military installations and through online resources;

24 “(C) develop a communication strategy, includ-
25 ing digital outreach and printed materials, to in-

1 crease awareness of the program under this section
2 and assistance available under other provisions of
3 law relating to a change of permanent station; and
4 “(D) assess the satisfaction of members of the
5 armed forces and their families with the information
6 provided under this subsection.”.

7 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
8 of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for three
9 years, the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the Com-
10 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House
11 of Representatives a briefing on the implementation of the
12 amendments made by this section. Such briefing shall in-
13 clude—

14 (1) the status of efforts to integrate informa-
15 tion required to be provided by subsection (e) of sec-
16 tion 1056 of title 10, United States Code, as added
17 by subsection (a) of this section, into accessible ma-
18 terials and briefings provided to members of the
19 armed forces and their families relating to a change
20 of permanent station;

21 (2) an assessment of the awareness by members
22 of the armed forces and their families of available
23 programs in support of a change of permanent sta-
24 tion; and

1 (3) any recommendations of the Secretary for
2 improving the dissemination of information related
3 to relocation and family assistance programs.

4 **SEC. 662. EXPANSION OF PILOT PROGRAM TO INCREASE**
5 **ACCESS TO FOOD ON MILITARY INSTALLA-**
6 **TIONS.**

7 Section 654 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Im-
8 provement and National Defense Authorization Act for
9 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 1060a
10 note) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a)—

12 (A) by striking “Secretary of the Army”
13 and inserting “Secretary of a military depart-
14 ment”; and

15 (B) by striking “installations of the Army
16 for members of the Army” and inserting “in-
17 stallations under the jurisdiction of the Sec-
18 retary for members of the Armed Forces”;

19 (2) in subsection (b), by inserting “of the mili-
20 tary department concerned” after “Secretary”; and

21 (3) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the
22 following new subsection (d):

23 “(d) REPORTING.—

24 “(1) PROGRESS REPORTS.—At the end of each
25 calendar quarter until the pilot program terminates,

1 the Secretary of a military department shall submit
2 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate
3 and House of Representatives a progress report re-
4 garding implementation of the pilot program.

5 “(2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 90 days
6 after the pilot program terminates, the Secretary of
7 a military department shall submit to the Commit-
8 tees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of
9 Representatives a final report regarding the pilot
10 program. Such report shall include the following ele-
11 ments:

12 “(A) Lessons learned from the pilot pro-
13 gram.

14 “(B) The recommendation of the Secretary
15 whether to expand or make permanent the pilot
16 program.

17 “(C) If the Secretary recommends expan-
18 sion, the military installations covered by such
19 recommended expansion.

20 “(D) Limitations to the operation or ex-
21 pansion of the pilot program.

22 “(E) Any information the Secretary deter-
23 mines appropriate.”.

1 **SEC. 663. CASUALTY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: REVIEW; IM-**
2 **PLEMENTATION PLAN.**

3 (a) GAO REVIEW.—Not later than January 1, 2027,
4 the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit
5 to the Secretary of Defense a report containing the results
6 of a review of operations of the casualty assistance pro-
7 gram of the Department of Defense. Elements of such re-
8 port shall include recommendations of the Comptroller
9 General regarding the feasibility and advisability of the
10 following:

11 (1) Improving and standardizing across the
12 Armed Forces—

13 (A) the selection and management (includ-
14 ing lengths of assignments) of casualty assist-
15 ance officers; and

16 (B) training of casualty assistance officers
17 regarding the policies, procedures, entitlements,
18 benefits, and financial obligations relevant to
19 survivors of members of the Armed Forces.

20 (2) The implementation of a registry of the De-
21 partment through which a survivor may elect to pro-
22 vide their contact information to the Department to
23 facilitate contact and outreach to such survivor.

24 (3) The development a long-term care program
25 for such survivors, modeled on the Survivor Out-
26 reach Services of the Army, that provides informa-

1 tion and access to survivor benefits, case managers,
2 and counselors.

3 (b) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later than 180
4 days after the Secretary receives the report under sub-
5 section (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Committees
6 on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Represent-
7 atives—

8 (1) a copy of such report; and

9 (2) the plan of the Secretary to implement such
10 recommendations of the Comptroller General.

11 **TITLE VII—HEALTH CARE** 12 **PROVISIONS**

13 **Subtitle A—TRICARE and Other** 14 **Health Benefits**

15 **SEC. 701. DENTAL READINESS.**

16 Section 1076a of title 10, United States Code, is
17 amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a)—

19 (A) in paragraph (1)—

20 (i) in the header, by striking “SE-
21 LECTED RESERVE AND”; and

22 (ii) by striking “for members of the
23 Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve
24 and”;

1 (B) in paragraph (2), in the header, by in-
2 serting “INDIVIDUAL READY” after “OTHER”;
3 and

4 (C) by adding at the end the following new
5 paragraph:

6 “(5) PLAN FOR SELECTED RESERVE.—A dental
7 benefits plan for members of the Selected Reserve of
8 the Ready Reserve.”;

9 (2) in subsection (d)—

10 (A) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
11 paragraph (4); and

12 (B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
13 following new paragraph:

14 “(3) NO PREMIUM PLANS.—(A) The dental in-
15 surance plan established under subsection (a)(5) is
16 a no premium plan.

17 “(B) Members enrolled in a no premium plan
18 may not be charged a premium for benefits provided
19 under the plan.”;

20 (3) in subsection (e)(2)(A), by striking “a mem-
21 ber of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve
22 or”;

23 (4) by redesignating subsections (f) through (l)
24 as subsections (g) through (m), respectively;

1 (5) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
2 lowing new subsection (f):

3 “(f) COPAYMENTS UNDER NO PREMIUM PLANS.—A
4 member who receives dental care under a no premium plan
5 referred to in subsection (d)(3) shall pay no charge for
6 any care described in subsection (c).”; and

7 (6) in subsection (i), as redesignated by para-
8 graph (4), by striking “subsection (k)(2)” and in-
9 serting “subsection (l)(2)”.

10 **SEC. 702. INCLUSION OF CERTAIN TESTS AS PART OF THE**
11 **PERIODIC HEALTH ASSESSMENT PROVIDED**
12 **TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

13 Chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-
14 ed by inserting after section 1074o the following new sec-
15 tion:

16 **“§ 1074p. Periodic health assessments**

17 “Beginning in 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall
18 ensure that periodic health assessments provided to a
19 member of the armed forces include the following:

20 “(1) On an annual basis—

21 “(A) a sports physical;

22 “(B) an electrocardiogram; and

23 “(C) blood work that includes—

24 “(i) a comprehensive metabolic panel

25 and complete blood count; and

1 “(ii) if necessary—

2 “(I) a thyroid stimulating hor-
3 mone test; and

4 “(II) a brain natriuretic peptide
5 test.

6 “(2) Any test or evaluation required by law
7 with respect to such member, including an evalua-
8 tion required by section 704 of the National Defense
9 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law
10 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 1074f note) and a test required
11 by section 707 of such Act (10 U.S.C. 1074 note).

12 “(3) Any other test or evaluation determined
13 appropriate by the Secretary.”.

14 **SEC. 703. FERTILITY TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS**
15 **OF THE ARMED FORCES AND DEPENDENTS.**

16 (a) FERTILITY TREATMENT.—Chapter 55 of title 10,
17 United States Code, is amended by inserting after section
18 1074o the following new section:

19 **“§ 1074p. Fertility treatment for certain active duty**
20 **members of the armed forces and de-**
21 **pendents**

22 “(a) COVERAGE.—The Secretary shall ensure that
23 fertility-related care for a covered member (or a dependent
24 of such a member) shall be covered under TRICARE
25 Prime and TRICARE Select.

1 “(b) IN VITRO FERTILIZATION.—In the case of in
2 vitro fertilization treatment furnished to an individual
3 pursuant to subsection (a)—

4 “(1) three completed oocyte retrievals may be
5 furnished per calendar year; and

6 “(2) single embryo transfers shall be provided
7 unless otherwise medically indicated in accordance
8 with the guidelines of the American Society for Re-
9 productive Medicine.

10 “(c) COST SHARING AND OTHER LIMITATIONS.—The
11 Secretary shall ensure that cost-sharing amounts for an
12 individual who receives fertility-related care under this
13 section are determined under section 1075, 1075a, or
14 other applicable provision of this chapter in accordance
15 with the kind of care provided (such as an in-network in-
16 patient visit) and without regard to whether the care is
17 fertility-related care. The Secretary may not impose any
18 waiting periods or other limitations once the individual has
19 received a medical diagnosis of infertility.

20 “(d) PROHIBITIONS.—Funds available to the Depart-
21 ment of Defense may not be used for preimplantation ge-
22 netic screening, human cloning, international surrogacy,
23 or artificial womb technology.

24 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

25 “(1) The term ‘covered member’ means—

1 “(A) a member of the Army, Navy, Marine
2 Corps, Air Force, or Space Force, serving on
3 active duty; and

4 “(B) does not include a former member of
5 the armed forces.

6 “(2) The term ‘infertility’ means a disease, con-
7 dition, or status characterized by—

8 “(A) the failure to establish a pregnancy
9 or to carry a pregnancy to live birth after reg-
10 ular, unprotected sexual intercourse in accord-
11 ance with the guidelines of the American Soci-
12 ety for Reproductive Medicine;

13 “(B) the inability of an individual to repro-
14 duce without medical intervention either as a
15 single individual or with the partner of the indi-
16 vidual; or

17 “(C) the findings of a licensed physician
18 based on the medical, sexual, and reproductive
19 history, age, physical findings, or diagnostic
20 testing, of the individual.

21 “(3) The term ‘fertility-related care’ means—

22 “(A) the diagnosis of infertility; and

23 “(B) fertility treatment.

24 “(4) The term ‘fertility treatment’ includes the
25 following:

1 “(A) In vitro fertilization or other treat-
2 ments or procedures in which human oocytes,
3 embryos, or sperm are handled when clinically
4 appropriate.

5 “(B) Sperm retrieval.

6 “(C) Egg retrieval.

7 “(D) Preservation of human oocytes, em-
8 bryos, or sperm.

9 “(E) Artificial insemination, including
10 intravaginal insemination, intracervical insemi-
11 nation, and intrauterine insemination.

12 “(F) Transfer of reproductive genetic ma-
13 terial.

14 “(G) Medications as prescribed or nec-
15 essary for fertility.

16 “(H) Fertility treatment coordination.

17 “(I) Such other information, referrals,
18 treatments, procedures, testing, medications,
19 laboratory services, technologies, and services
20 facilitating reproduction as determined appro-
21 priate by the Secretary of Defense.”.

22 (b) PROGRAM ON FERTILITY TREATMENT COORDI-
23 NATION.—Chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, is
24 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“§ 1110c. Program on fertility-related care coordina-**
2 **tion**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
4 establish a program on the coordination of fertility-related
5 care by the Secretary for purposes of ensuring patients
6 receive timely fertility-related care.

7 “(b) TRAINING AND SUPPORT.—In carrying out the
8 program established under subsection (a), the Secretary
9 shall provide to community health care providers training
10 and support with respect to the unique needs of members
11 of the armed forces and the dependents of such mem-
12 bers.”.

13 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1079(a) of
14 title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
15 end the following new paragraph:

16 “(21) Fertility-related care shall be provided in
17 accordance with section 1074p of this title.”.

18 (d) EXCLUSION FROM CONTRACTS FOR FORMER
19 MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS.—Section 1086(a)
20 of such title is amended by striking “eye examinations
21 and” and inserting “eye examinations, fertility-related
22 care pursuant to paragraph (21) of such section, and”.

23 (e) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this
24 section shall apply with respect to services provided on or
25 after October 1, 2027.

1 **SEC. 704. TRICARE COVERAGE FOR INCREASED SUPPLY**
2 **FOR CONTRACEPTION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not less than 180 days
4 after the date of the enactment of the Act, contraceptive
5 supplies of up to 365 days shall be covered for any eligible
6 covered beneficiary to obtain, including in a single fill or
7 refill, at the option of such beneficiary, the total days of
8 supply (not to exceed a 365-day supply) for a contracep-
9 tive on the uniform formulary provided through a military
10 treatment facility pharmacy, retail pharmacy described in
11 section 1074g(a)(2)(E)(ii) of such title, or through the na-
12 tional mail-order pharmacy program of the TRICARE
13 Program.

14 (b) OUTREACH.—Beginning not later than 90 days
15 after the implementation of coverage under subsection (a),
16 the Secretary shall conduct such outreach activities as are
17 necessary to inform health care providers and individuals
18 who are enrolled in the TRICARE program of such cov-
19 erage and the requirements to receive such coverage.

20 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) The term “covered Armed Force” means
22 the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space
23 Force.

24 (2) The term “eligible covered beneficiary”
25 means an eligible covered beneficiary as such term

1 is used in section 1074g of title 10, United States
2 Code who is—

3 (A) a member of a covered Armed Force
4 serving on active duty; or

5 (B) a dependent of a member described in
6 subparagraph (A).

7 (3) The terms “TRICARE Program” and
8 “TRICARE Prime” have the meaning given such
9 terms in section 1072 of title 10, United States
10 Code.

11 **SEC. 705. PILOT PROGRAM ON ACCESS TO OBSTETRICAL**
12 **AND GYNECOLOGICAL CARE UNDER TRICARE**
13 **PRIME PROGRAM.**

14 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—Beginning not later than 180
15 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
16 retary of Defense shall carry out a pilot program under
17 which—

18 (1) the referral requirement in section
19 1095f(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code, does not
20 apply with respect to obstetrical and gynecological
21 care for covered participants; and

22 (2) covered participants may elect to designate
23 an obstetrical or gynecological care provider under
24 the TRICARE program as an additional designated
25 primary care manager under such section.

1 (b) DURATION.—The Secretary shall carry out the
2 pilot program for a period of five years.

3 (c) REPORT.—Not later than four years after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall sub-
5 mit to the congressional defense committees a report on
6 the pilot program that includes the following:

7 (1) An assessment of any increases or decreases
8 to TRICARE Prime enrollment during the period in
9 which the Secretary carries out the pilot program.

10 (2) An assessment of any changes in the associ-
11 ated costs of providing obstetrical and gynecological
12 care under TRICARE Prime.

13 (3) Any other matters the Secretary determines
14 appropriate.

15 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) The term “congressional defense commit-
17 tees” has the meaning given that term in section
18 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code.

19 (2) The term “covered participant” means a fe-
20 male member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine
21 Corps, or Space Force or a female dependent of a
22 member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine
23 Corps, or Space Force, enrolled in TRICARE Prime
24 who elects to participate in the pilot program.

1 (3) The terms “TRICARE Prime” and
2 “TRICARE program” have the meaning given those
3 terms in section 1072 of title 10, United States
4 Code.

5 **SEC. 706. PILOT PROGRAM TO MAKE MIDWIFE SERVICES**
6 **AVAILABLE THROUGH TRICARE TO CERTAIN**
7 **INDIVIDUALS.**

8 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—Not later than one year after
9 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
10 Defense shall begin a five-year pilot program to provide
11 services from covered midwives to covered individuals
12 under the TRICARE program.

13 (b) AUTHORITY TO MAKE PERMANENT.—If the Sec-
14 retary determines, after the termination of the pilot pro-
15 gram that such pilot program was successful, the Sec-
16 retary may prescribe such regulations to establish a per-
17 manent program to make services from covered midwives
18 available to covered individuals as the Secretary deter-
19 mines appropriate.

20 (c) REPORTS.—

21 (1) IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.—Not later than
22 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
23 the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on
24 Armed Services of the House of Representatives and

1 the Senate a plan to implement the pilot program
2 under subsection (a).

3 (2) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than one year
4 after the date on which the pilot program begins and
5 annually thereafter until the date that is 1 year
6 after the termination of the pilot program, the Sec-
7 retary shall submit to the Committees on Armed
8 Services of the House of Representatives and the
9 Senate a report including:

10 (A) The total cost of the pilot program and
11 the cost per covered individual who received
12 care under the pilot program.

13 (B) The total number of covered individual
14 who received care under the pilot program.

15 (C) The race, ethnicity, age, sex, relation-
16 ship status, Armed Force, military occupation,
17 and rank, as applicable, of covered individual
18 who received care under the pilot program.

19 (D) An assessment of the effects of the
20 pilot program on quality of care, including—

21 (i) on maternal and fetal outcomes;

22 and

23 (ii) on the number of pre-term births,
24 low-weight births, and rates of caesarean

1 section, and such other data points as the
2 Secretary determines appropriate.

3 (E) An assessment of patient satisfaction
4 of covered individuals who received care
5 through the pilot program.

6 (F) An assessment of access to maternity
7 and labor and delivery care for covered individ-
8 uals, including average wait time for an initial
9 appointment and average travel time to the pro-
10 vider.

11 (G) An assessment of the effectiveness of
12 the pilot program.

13 (H) Recommendations for adjustments to
14 the pilot program.

15 (I) The estimated cost savings as a result
16 of improved maternal and fetal health outcomes
17 due to the pilot program.

18 (J) The Secretary of Defense's rec-
19 ommendations relating to changes to the pilot
20 program, an extension of the pilot program, and
21 whether the pilot program should be expanded
22 made permanent.

23 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) The terms “covered individual” means a
25 member serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Ma-

1 rine Corps, or Space Force, or a dependent of such
2 a member.

3 (2) The term “covered midwife” means a cer-
4 tified professional midwife or certified midwife who
5 meets—

6 (A) the international definition of a mid-
7 wife, and global standards for midwifery edu-
8 cation, established by the International Confed-
9 eration of Midwives, and

10 (B) any professional credentialing require-
11 ment required to practice midwifery under ap-
12 plicable State law.

13 (3) The term “TRICARE program” has the
14 meaning given such term in section 1072 of title 10,
15 United States Code.

16 **SEC. 707. PILOT PROGRAM TO TREAT PREGNANCY AS A**
17 **QUALIFYING EVENT FOR ENROLLMENT IN**
18 **TRICARE SELECT.**

19 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
20 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
21 Defense shall commence a five-year pilot program under
22 which—

23 (1) the Secretary shall treat pregnancy as a
24 qualifying event under section 1099(b)(1)(B) of title

1 10, United States Code, for enrollment in TRICARE
2 Select by an eligible beneficiary; and

3 (2) a member of the Army, Navy, Marine
4 Corps, Air Force, or Space Force on active duty
5 may enroll in TRICARE Select under paragraph (1)
6 for a period that ends not later than 180 days after
7 the end of pregnancy.

8 (b) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than one year
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
10 shall provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the
11 House of Representatives and the Senate a briefing on the
12 status of the pilot program under subsection (a).

13 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than one year after
14 the Secretary commences the pilot program under sub-
15 section (a), and annually thereafter for the next four
16 years, the Secretary shall provide to the Committees on
17 Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the
18 Senate a report on the pilot program. Each such report
19 shall include the number of covered enrollment changes,
20 disaggregated by—

21 (1) month, beginning with January 2026; and

22 (2) whether the eligible beneficiary made such
23 covered enrollment change—

24 (A) because the eligible beneficiary is a
25 member of the covered Armed Forces on active

1 duty who may enroll in TRICARE Select under
2 the pilot program;

3 (B) because the eligible beneficiary is a
4 member of the covered Armed Forces who sepa-
5 rated from active duty;

6 (C) because the eligible beneficiary is a
7 member of the covered Armed Forces who re-
8 turned to active duty;

9 (D) because the eligible beneficiary is a de-
10 pendent of a member of the covered Armed
11 Forces who separated from active duty;

12 (E) because the eligible beneficiary is a de-
13 pendent of a member of the covered Armed
14 Forces who returned to active duty; or

15 (F) based on the treatment, under the
16 pilot program, of pregnancy as a qualifying
17 event for enrollment in TRICARE Select.

18 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) The term “covered Armed Forces” means
20 the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and
21 Space Force.

22 (2) The term “covered enrollment change”
23 means a change to a previous election by an eligible
24 beneficiary under subsection (b)(1) of section 1099
25 of title 10, United States Code, to enroll in a health

1 care plan designated under subsection (c) of such
2 section.

3 (3) The term “eligible beneficiary” means an
4 individual—

5 (A) eligible to enroll in TRICARE Select
6 under section 1075(b) of title 10, United States
7 Code, by reason of being a member or former
8 member of the covered Armed Forces, or a de-
9 pendent of such a member or former member;
10 or

11 (B) a member of the covered Armed
12 Forces on active duty.

13 (4) The terms “TRICARE program” and
14 “TRICARE Select” have the meanings given such
15 terms in section 1072 of title 10, United States
16 Code.

17 **SEC. 708. PILOT PROGRAM TO ASSIST CERTAIN MEMBERS**
18 **OF THE ARMED FORCES AND DEPENDENTS**
19 **WITH ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL COV-**
20 **ERAGE RELATING TO CANCER.**

21 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than September 30,
22 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a pilot pro-
23 gram under which a covered individual may obtain supple-
24 mental insurance for noncovered expenses under a fixed

1 indemnity supplemental benefit plan described in sub-
2 section (b)(1).

3 (b) AGREEMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the pilot
5 program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
6 enter into an agreement with not more than two
7 companies to each offer one or more fixed indemnity
8 supplemental benefit plans that—

9 (A) meet the requirements for a supple-
10 mental insurance plan under section 199.2 of
11 title 32, Code of Federal Regulations, and the
12 exception in section 199.8(b)(4) of such title, as
13 in effect on the date of the enactment of this
14 Act;

15 (B) are provided under a separate policy,
16 certificate, or contract;

17 (C) provide no coordination with any other
18 health benefit plan; and

19 (D) are designed to help participants pay
20 noncovered expenses.

21 (2) DURATION.—An agreement entered into
22 under paragraph (1) shall be for a period of at least
23 three years.

1 (3) REQUIREMENTS.—In entering an agreement
2 under paragraph (1) with a company, the Sec-
3 retary—

4 (A) may not select the company unless the
5 company is licensed in each State;

6 (B) shall award the contract based on the
7 expertise of the company;

8 (C) shall negotiate the terms and condi-
9 tions of the fixed indemnity supplemental ben-
10 efit plan provided under the contract, including
11 with respect to the ability of the company to
12 communicate with individuals not enrolled in
13 the plan and whether such communication may
14 include information on other insurance prod-
15 ucts;

16 (D) shall negotiate the cost of coverage
17 with the company that will cover the partici-
18 pants who elect to enroll in such plan;

19 (E) shall provide a method for verification
20 of the eligibility of applicants and procedures
21 for determination of eligibility; and

22 (F) shall provide a method for payroll de-
23 duction of premiums.

24 (4) PROVISION OF INFORMATION.—The Sec-
25 retary shall provide information to covered individ-

1 uals regarding the pilot program under subsection
2 (a) by making available on the online portal of the
3 TRICARE program the following information:

4 (A) A notice of availability of a fixed in-
5 demnity supplemental benefit plan provided
6 under the pilot program.

7 (B) A description of how to enroll in such
8 plan.

9 (C) A description and explanation of the
10 benefits provided under such plan.

11 (D) A description of the costs to the indi-
12 vidual through premiums and remittances to a
13 company providing such plan.

14 (c) ELECTION TO ENROLL.—A covered individual
15 may elect to enroll in a fixed indemnity supplemental ben-
16 efit plan provided under the pilot program under sub-
17 section (a).

18 (d) LIMITATIONS ON AUTHORIZATION OF APPRO-
19 PRIATIONS.—None of the amounts authorized to be appro-
20 priated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal
21 year 2026 or any fiscal year thereafter to carry out the
22 pilot program may be used to subsidize the cost of a fixed
23 indemnity supplemental benefit plan provided under the
24 pilot program under subsection (a).

1 (e) TREATMENT OF COMPANIES.—For purposes of
2 the pilot program under subsection (a), companies selected
3 to carry out the activities in subsection (b) shall not be
4 considered contractors of the Federal Government.

5 (f) PREEMPTION.—The provisions of this section
6 shall supersede the laws of any State except with respect
7 to State laws relating to licensing of an insurance com-
8 pany or plan solvency of such a company.

9 (g) REPORT.—Not later than three years after the
10 date on which the pilot program under subsection (a) com-
11 mences, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on
12 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-
13 atives a report regarding such pilot program, including the
14 following:

15 (1) A description of the insurance products pro-
16 vided through a fixed indemnity supplemental ben-
17 efit plan provided under the pilot program under
18 subsection (a).

19 (2) The number of covered individuals who en-
20 rolled in such a plan.

21 (3) Feedback and examples of use cases by
22 such individuals.

23 (4) A determination by the Secretary with re-
24 spect to whether such pilot program should be made
25 permanent.

1 (h) SUNSET.—Unless the Secretary makes a deter-
2 mination under subsection (g)(4) to make the pilot pro-
3 gram under subsection (a) permanent, the pilot program
4 under subsection (a) shall terminate on the day that is
5 five years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

6 (i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) The term “covered individual” means the
8 following:

9 (A) A member of the Army, Navy, Marine
10 Corps, Air Force, or Space Force.

11 (B) A dependent (as defined in section
12 1072 of title 10, United States Code) of such
13 a member who is enrolled in the TRICARE
14 program.

15 (2) The term “noncovered expense” means,
16 with respect to a covered individual, any expenses
17 relating to the screening for and diagnosis and treat-
18 ment of cancer that are not otherwise covered by the
19 health care benefits the individuals receives under
20 chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code.

21 (3) The term “State” has the meaning given
22 such term in section 901 of title 32, United States
23 Code.

1 (4) The term “TRICARE program” has the
2 meaning given that term in section 1072 of title 10,
3 United States Code.

4 **SEC. 709. MEDICAL TESTING AND RELATED SERVICES FOR**
5 **FIREFIGHTERS OF DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
6 **FENSE.**

7 (a) PROVISION OF SERVICES.—During the annual
8 periodic health assessment of each firefighter of the De-
9 partment of Defense, or at such other intervals as may
10 be indicated in this subsection, the Secretary shall provide
11 to the firefighter (at no cost to the firefighter) appropriate
12 medical testing and related services to detect, document
13 the presence or absence of, and prevent, certain cancers.
14 Such services shall meet, at a minimum, the following cri-
15 teria:

16 (1) BREAST CANCER.—With respect to the
17 breast cancer screening, if the firefighter is a female
18 firefighter—

19 (A) such services shall include the provi-
20 sion of a mammogram to the firefighter—

21 (i) on at least a biannual basis if the
22 firefighter is 40 years old to 49 years old
23 (inclusive);

24 (ii) on at least an annual basis if the
25 firefighter is at least 50 years old; and

1 (iii) as clinically indicated (without re-
2 gard to age); and

3 (B) in connection with such provision, a li-
4 censed radiologist shall review the most recent
5 mammogram provided to the firefighter, as
6 compared to prior mammograms so provided,
7 and provide to the firefighter the results of such
8 review.

9 (2) COLON CANCER.—With respect to colon
10 cancer screening—

11 (A) if the firefighter is at least 40 years
12 old, and as otherwise clinically indicated, such
13 services shall include the communication to the
14 firefighter of the risks and benefits of stool-
15 based blood testing;

16 (B) if the firefighter is at least 45 years
17 old, and as clinically indicated (without regard
18 to age), such services shall include the provi-
19 sion, at regular intervals, of visual examinations
20 (such as a colonoscopy, CT colonoscopy, or
21 flexible sigmoidoscopy) or stool-based blood
22 testing; and

23 (C) in connection with such provision, a li-
24 censed physician shall review and provide to the

1 firefighter the results of such examination or
2 testing, as the case may be.

3 (3) PROSTATE CANCER.—With respect to pros-
4 tate cancer screening, if the firefighter is a male
5 firefighter, the communication to the firefighter of
6 the risks and benefits of prostate cancer screenings
7 and the provision to the firefighter of a prostate-spe-
8 cific antigen test—

9 (A) on an annual basis, if the firefighter is
10 at least 50 years old;

11 (B) on an annual basis, if the firefighter is
12 at least 40 years old and is a high-risk indi-
13 vidual; and

14 (C) as clinically indicated (without regard
15 to age).

16 (4) OTHER CANCERS.—Such services shall in-
17 clude routine screenings for any other cancer the
18 risk or occurrence of which the Director of the Cen-
19 ters for Disease Control and Prevention has identi-
20 fied as higher among firefighters than among the
21 general public, the provision of which shall be car-
22 ried out during the annual periodic health assess-
23 ment of the firefighter.

1 (b) OPTIONAL NATURE.—A firefighter of the Depart-
2 ment of Defense may opt out of the receipt of a medical
3 testing or related service provided under subsection (a).

4 (c) USE OF CONSENSUS TECHNICAL STANDARDS.—
5 In providing medical testing and related services under
6 subsection (a), the Secretary shall use consensus technical
7 standards in accordance with section 12(d) of the National
8 Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15
9 U.S.C. 272 note).

10 (d) DOCUMENTATION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—In providing medical testing
12 and related services under subsection (a), the Sec-
13 retary—

14 (A) shall document the acceptance rates of
15 such tests offered and the rates of such tests
16 performed;

17 (B) shall document tests results, to iden-
18 tify trends in the rates of cancer occurrences
19 among firefighters; and

20 (C) may collect and maintain additional in-
21 formation from the recipients of such tests and
22 other services, to allow for appropriate scientific
23 analysis.

24 (2) PRIVACY.—In analyzing any information of
25 an individual documented, collected, or maintained

1 under paragraph (1), in addition to complying with
2 other applicable privacy laws, the Secretary shall en-
3 sure the name, and any other personally identifiable
4 information, of the individual is removed from such
5 information prior to the analysis.

6 (3) SHARING WITH CENTERS FOR DISEASE
7 CONTROL AND PREVENTION.—The Secretary may
8 share data from any tests performed under sub-
9 section (a) with the Director of the Centers for Dis-
10 ease Control and Prevention, as appropriate, to in-
11 crease the knowledge and understanding of cancer
12 occurrences among firefighters.

13 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) The term “firefighter” has the meaning
15 given that term in section 707 of the National De-
16 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Pub-
17 lic Law 116–92; 133 Stat. 1441; 10 U.S.C. 1074m
18 note).

19 (2) The term “high-risk individual” means an
20 individual who—

21 (A) is African American;

22 (B) has at least one first-degree relative
23 who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer at
24 an early age; or

1 (C) is otherwise determined by the Sec-
2 retary to be high risk with respect to prostate
3 cancer.

4 **Subtitle B—Health Care**
5 **Administration**

6 **SEC. 721. MILITARY-CIVILIAN MEDICAL SURGE PROGRAM.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 1096 of title 10,
8 United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) in the section heading, by adding at the end
10 the following: “; **medical surge program**”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
12 section:

13 “(e) MEDICAL SURGE PROGRAM.—(1) The Secretary
14 shall carry out a program of record known as the Military-
15 Civilian Medical Surge Program to—

16 “(A) support locations that the Secretary se-
17 lects under paragraph (3); and

18 “(B) enhance the interoperability and medical
19 surge capability and capacity of the National Dis-
20 aster Medical System in response to a declaration or
21 other action described in subparagraphs (A) through
22 (E) of paragraph (4).

23 “(2)(A) The Secretary, acting through the National
24 Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health at the
25 Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (or

1 such successor center), shall oversee the operation, staff-
2 ing, and deployment of the Program.

3 “(B) In carrying out the Program, the Secretary
4 shall maintain requirements for staffing, specialized train-
5 ing, research, and education, regarding patient regulation,
6 movement, definitive care, and other matters the Sec-
7 retary determines critical to sustaining the health of mem-
8 bers of the armed forces.

9 “(3)(A) In carrying out the Program, the Secretary
10 shall establish partnerships at locations selected under
11 subparagraph (B) with public, private, and nonprofit
12 health care organizations, health care institutions, health
13 care entities, academic medical centers of institutions of
14 higher education, and hospitals that the Secretary deter-
15 mines—

16 “(i) are critical in mobilizing a civilian medical
17 response in support of a wartime contingency or
18 other catastrophic event in the United States; and

19 “(ii) have demonstrated technical proficiency in
20 critical national security domains, including high-
21 consequence infectious disease and special pathogen
22 preparedness, and matters relating to defense, con-
23 tainment, management, care, and transportation.

24 “(B) The Secretary shall select not fewer than eight
25 locations that are operationally relevant to the missions

1 of the Department of Defense under the National Disaster
2 Medical System and are aeromedical or other transport
3 hubs or logistics centers in the United States for partner-
4 ships under subparagraph (A). The Secretary may select
5 more than eight locations, including locations outside of
6 the continental United States, if the Secretary determines
7 such additional locations cover areas of strategic and oper-
8 ational relevance to the Defense Department.

9 “(4) The Secretary shall ensure that the partnerships
10 under paragraph (3)(A) allow for civilian medical per-
11 sonnel to quickly and effectively mobilize direct support
12 to military medical treatment facilities and provide sup-
13 port to other requirements of the military health system
14 pursuant to the following:

15 “(A) A declaration of a national emergency
16 under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C.
17 1621 et seq.).

18 “(B) A public health emergency declared under
19 section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42
20 U.S.C. 247d).

21 “(C) A declaration of war by Congress.

22 “(D) The President’s exercise of executive pow-
23 ers under the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C.
24 1541 et seq.).

1 “(E) Any other emergency or major disaster as
2 declared by the President.

3 “(5)(A) The Secretary of Defense shall carry out the
4 Program in collaboration with the Secretary of Veterans
5 Affairs, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the
6 Secretary of Transportation, and the Administrator of the
7 Federal Emergency Management Agency.

8 “(B) Each official specified in subparagraph (A) shall
9 prescribe regulations necessary to carry out the Program.

10 “(C) Not later than December 31, 2026, the officials
11 specified in subparagraph (A) shall jointly issue an inter-
12 agency operations plan for the Program.

13 “(D) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed
14 to authorize the Secretary of Defense to control, direct,
15 limit, or otherwise affect the authorities of the Secretary
16 of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Health and Human
17 Services, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Admin-
18 istrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency
19 with respect to medical preparedness and response, staff-
20 ing levels, or resource allocation.

21 “(6) Beginning July 1, 2026, and annually there-
22 after, the Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of
23 Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Health and Human
24 Services, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Admin-
25 istrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency,

1 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
2 a report on the status, readiness, and operational capabili-
3 ties of the Program. Each report shall include an assess-
4 ment of personnel readiness, resource availability, inter-
5 agency coordination efforts, and recommendations for con-
6 tinued improvements to the Program.

7 “(7) In this subsection:

8 “(A) The term ‘appropriate congressional com-
9 mittees’ means the following:

10 “(i) The Committee on Armed Services,
11 the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
12 structure, the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs,
13 and the Committee on Energy and Commerce
14 of the House of Representatives.

15 “(ii) The Committee on Armed Services,
16 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
17 Transportation, the Committee on Veterans’ Af-
18 fairs, the Committee on Homeland Security and
19 Governmental Affairs, and the Committee on
20 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the
21 Senate.

22 “(B) The term ‘institution of higher education’
23 means a four-year institution of higher education (as
24 defined in section 101(a) of the Higher Education
25 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a))).

1 “(C) The term ‘National Disaster Medical Sys-
2 tem’ means the system established under section
3 2812 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
4 300hh–11).

5 “(D) The term ‘Program’ means the Military-
6 Civilian Medical Surge Program established under
7 paragraph (1).”.

8 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of the
9 amounts authorized to be appropriated by section 1405,
10 as specified in the funding table in section 4501, there
11 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of De-
12 fense \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2026 to carry out sub-
13 section (e) of section 1097 of title 10, United States Code,
14 as added by subsection (a).

15 **SEC. 722. REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES RELAT-**
16 **ING TO SPECIALTY CARE FOR CERTAIN MEM-**
17 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND DEPEND-**
18 **ENTS.**

19 Section 1074i of title 10, United States Code, is
20 amended—

21 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “In any case”
22 and inserting “Except as provided by subsection (b),
23 in any case”; and

24 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) by striking the heading and inserting
2 “SPECIAL RULES FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS AND
3 DEPENDENTS.—”;

4 (B) by striking “The Secretary of De-
5 fense” and inserting “(1) The Secretary of De-
6 fense”; and

7 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1), as
8 designated by subparagraph (B) of this para-
9 graph, the following new paragraph:

10 “(2) With respect to members of the armed forces
11 on active duty and their dependents, the Secretary shall
12 administer subsection (a) by substituting ‘50 miles’ for
13 ‘100 miles’.”.

14 **SEC. 723. PAYMENT ADJUSTMENTS FOR OUTPATIENT SERV-**
15 **ICES FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN’S HOSPITALS.**

16 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Section 1079(i) of title 10,
17 United States Code, is amended—

18 (1) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
19 graph (5); and

20 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
21 lowing new paragraph (4):

22 “(4)(A) In addition to amounts paid under paragraph
23 (2), the Secretary shall pay an annual payment adjust-
24 ment to a children’s hospital for outpatient services if the
25 Secretary determines that, with respect to the year cov-

1 ered by the payment adjustment, the hospital meets one
2 or more of the following criteria:

3 “(i) 10 percent or more of the revenue of the
4 hospital comes from services provided to covered in-
5 dividuals under the TRICARE program.

6 “(ii) The hospital received not fewer than
7 10,000 visits by covered individuals that were paid
8 under paragraph (2).

9 “(iii) The hospital has been determined by the
10 Secretary to be essential for operations of the
11 TRICARE program.

12 “(B) The amount of the annual payment adjustment
13 paid to a children’s hospital under subparagraph (A) shall
14 be the amount that is 30 percent of payments made under
15 the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (or successor
16 system) to the children’s hospital under paragraph (2)
17 during the year covered by the annual payment adjust-
18 ment for outpatient services provided to covered individ-
19 uals.

20 “(C) In this paragraph:

21 “(i) The term ‘children’s hospital’ means a pro-
22 vider of services provided under a plan covered by
23 this section that is a children’s hospital.

1 “(ii) The term ‘covered individual’ means a
2 member of the armed forces serving on active duty
3 or a dependent of such a member.”.

4 (b) **METHODOLOGY AND REGULATIONS.**—The Sec-
5 retary of Defense shall—

6 (1) develop a payment methodology to deter-
7 mine the amounts required to be paid under para-
8 graph (4) of section 1079(i) of title 10, United
9 States Code, as added by subsection (a); and

10 (2) prescribe joint regulations to carry out such
11 payments that are separate from the regulations
12 concerning outpatient prospective payments pursu-
13 ant to paragraph (2) of such section.

14 **SEC. 724. VERIFICATION OF LICENSURE OF HEALTH-CARE**
15 **PROFESSIONALS OF THE MILITARY DEPART-**
16 **MENTS.**

17 Subsection (b) of section 1094 of title 10, United
18 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

19 “(b)(1) The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that
20 each individual who provides health care independently as
21 a health-care professional at a health care facility of the
22 Department of Defense meets the requirement of sub-
23 section (a).

24 “(2) In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary
25 shall establish a centralized credential system that allows

1 the commanding officer of a health care facility of the De-
2 partment to verify the licensure of a health-care profes-
3 sional, regardless of the location of the facility or the
4 armed force in which the health-care professional serves.
5 The Secretary shall ensure that not less than 90 percent
6 of such verifications are completed within seven days of
7 the date on which the commanding officer requests such
8 verification if the request does not relate to a health-care
9 professional with an adverse record.”.

10 **SEC. 725. EXPANSION OF HEALTH CARE LICENSE PORT-**
11 **ABILITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL**
12 **GUARD PERFORMING TRAINING OR DUTY.**

13 Section 1094(d)(3)(B) of title 10, United States
14 Code, is amended by striking “under section 502(f) of title
15 32 in response to an actual or potential disaster” and in-
16 serting “under title 32”.

17 **SEC. 726. LICENSURE REQUIREMENT FOR HEALTH-CARE**
18 **PROFESSIONALS OF PARTNER COUNTRIES.**

19 Section 1094(e) of title 10, United States Code, is
20 amended—

- 21 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “; and”
22 and inserting “, or the official agency of the govern-
23 ment of a partner country; and”; and
24 (2) by inserting at the end the following:

1 “(3) The term ‘partner country’ means any of
2 the following:

3 “(A) Australia.

4 “(B) Canada.

5 “(C) New Zealand.

6 “(D) United Kingdom.

7 “(E) Any other country designated as a
8 partner country by the Secretary of Defense for
9 the purposes of this section.”.

10 **SEC. 727. MODIFICATION OF LIMITATION ON REDUCTION**
11 **OF MILITARY MEDICAL MANNING END**
12 **STRENGTH.**

13 Section 741 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense
14 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–
15 263; 136 Stat. 2395; 10 U.S.C. 129c note) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “five-year pe-
17 riod” both places it appears and inserting “10-year
18 period”; and

19 (2) in subsection (c)—

20 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “Not
21 later than two years after the date of the enact-
22 ment of this Act,” and inserting “During each
23 of 2024 and 2029,”; and

24 (B) in paragraphs (3) and (4), by striking
25 “three years after the date of the enactment of

1 this Act,” both places it appears and inserting
2 “December 31, 2030,”.

3 **SEC. 728. PROHIBITION ON PAINFUL RESEARCH ON DOMES-**
4 **TIC CATS AND DOGS.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided by subsection
6 (b) or (c), the Secretary of Defense may not conduct, or
7 support the conduct of, painful research on a domestic cat
8 (*Felis catus*) or a domestic dog (*Canis familiaris*).

9 (b) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition in subsection (a)
10 shall not apply with respect to any physical exam, training
11 program, or study relating to service animals or military
12 animals.

13 (c) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive
14 the prohibition in subsection (a) on a case-by-case basis
15 if the Secretary—

16 (1) determines that the waiver is in the national
17 security interests of the United States; and

18 (2) not later than 30 days after the date on
19 which the Secretary makes the waiver, submits to
20 the congressional defense committees a detailed jus-
21 tification for the waiver, including—

22 (A) an identification of the Department of
23 Defense account from which funds would be ob-
24 ligated or expended to conduct, or support the

1 conduct of, the proposed research covered by
2 the waiver;

3 (B) an identification of the amount of such
4 funds;

5 (C) an identification of the intended pur-
6 pose of such funds;

7 (D) an identification of the recipient or
8 prospective recipient of such funds (including
9 any nongovernmental recipient, as applicable);

10 (E) an explanation for how the waiver is in
11 the national security interests of the United
12 States; and

13 (F) any other information the Secretary
14 determines appropriate.

15 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) The term “military animal” has the mean-
17 ing given the term in section 2583(i)(1) of title 10,
18 United States Code.

19 (2) The term “painful research” includes any
20 research, biomedical training, experimentation, or bi-
21 ological testing, classified in pain category D or E
22 by the Department of Agriculture.

23 (3) The term “service animal” has the meaning
24 given the term in section 37.3 of title 49, Code of
25 Federal Regulations, or such successor regulation.

1 **SEC. 729. PILOT PROGRAM TO TEST STANDALONE TECH-**
2 **NOLOGY TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCIES IN SUP-**
3 **PLY-CHAIN MANAGEMENT, MEDICAL READI-**
4 **NESS, AND MEDICAL PROCESSES.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after
6 the date of the enactment of the Act, the Secretary of De-
7 fense, acting through the Director of the Defense Health
8 Agency, shall carry out a pilot program to test and evalu-
9 ate existing standalone technologies to assess whether
10 such technologies accomplish the following:

11 (1) Improving efficiencies in medical supply-
12 chain management and in military medical readi-
13 ness.

14 (2) Streamlining medical processes.

15 (3) Improving recordation accuracy.

16 (4) Reducing rates of needlestick injury.

17 (5) Enhancing retention rates of military health
18 care providers.

19 (b) DURATION.—The Secretary shall carry out the
20 pilot program for a five-year period.

21 **SEC. 730. AVAILABILITY OF SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAM-**
22 **INER SERVICES AT MILITARY MEDICAL**
23 **TREATMENT FACILITIES.**

24 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than one year after
25 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
26 Defense shall ensure that each military medical treatment

1 facility maintains, at all times, the continuous availability
2 of at least one qualified sexual assault nurse examiner to
3 provide forensic medical examinations and related care to
4 sexual assault survivors.

5 (b) USE OF CONTRACTS TO MEET REQUIREMENT.—

6 The Secretary may satisfy the requirement in subsection
7 (a) with respect to a military medical treatment facility
8 if the Secretary enters into a contract or other agreement
9 with a private provider under which the provider ensures
10 the continuous availability of a qualified sexual assault
11 nurse examiner to provide services at that facility. In en-
12 tering into such a contract or other agreement, the Sec-
13 retary shall ensure the following:

14 (1) A qualified sexual assault nurse examiner is
15 on call 24 hours per day and will arrive at the facil-
16 ity not later than two hours after being called.

17 (2) The qualified sexual assault nurse exam-
18 iners are located—

19 (A) not more than 25 miles by road from
20 the facility; or

21 (B) within a 30-minute emergency re-
22 sponse travel time under normal conditions
23 from the facility.

24 (3) The qualified sexual assault nurse exam-
25 iners meet or exceed all credentialing, training, and

1 certification standards that the Secretary would oth-
2 erwise apply to a sexual assault nurse examiner em-
3 ployed directly by the Department of Defense.

4 (c) INFORMATION.—Not later than one year after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

6 (1) issue updated policy guidance of the De-
7 partment implementing the requirements of sub-
8 sections (a) and (b), including standard language for
9 contracts or other agreements under subsection (b);
10 and

11 (2) submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
12 ices of the House of Representatives and the Senate
13 a report detailing—

14 (A) the status of sexual assault nurse ex-
15 aminer staffing at each military medical treat-
16 ment facility;

17 (B) any contracts or other agreements en-
18 tered into under subsection (b), including the
19 names and locations of providers;

20 (C) the average response times for sexual
21 assault nurse examiners and any gaps in cov-
22 erage experienced during the one-year period
23 preceding the report; and

24 (D) plans to address any identified short-
25 falls in service availability.

1 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) The term “military medical treatment facil-
3 ity” has the meaning given that term in section
4 1073c of title 10, United States Code.

5 (2) The term “sexual assault nurse examiner”
6 means a registered nurse who has received special-
7 ized training and certification in the forensic exam-
8 ination of sexual assault survivors and the collection
9 of forensic evidence, in accordance with standards
10 established by the International Association of Fo-
11 rensic Nurses or an equivalent certifying body.

12 **SEC. 731. UNIFORM PROTOCOLS ON SCREENING FOR UN-**
13 **WANTED SEXUAL BEHAVIOR.**

14 (a) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the De-
16 fense Health Agency, in coordination with the Assistant
17 Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and the Under
18 Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, shall
19 develop comprehensive written guidance establishing uni-
20 form protocols for providing a screening for unwanted sex-
21 ual behavior to patients at military medical treatment fa-
22 cilities.

23 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
24 on which the Director issues the guidance under sub-

1 section (a), the Director shall submit to the congressional
2 defense committees a report containing the following:

3 (1) An assessment of the extent to which each
4 military medical treatment facility has implemented
5 the guidance.

6 (2) Aggregate, de-identified data on screening
7 rates, positive-screen rates, and referral follow-
8 through.

9 (3) Any planned revisions to the guidance.

10 (c) SCREENING FOR UNWANTED SEXUAL BEHAVIOR
11 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “screening for un-
12 wanted sexual behavior” means the use of standardized,
13 evidence-based questions or instruments to detect whether
14 an individual has been subject to any sexual contact or
15 interaction to which the individual did not or could not
16 freely consent, including harassment, coercion, assault, or
17 abuse.

18 **SEC. 732. ACCESS TO SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMI-**
19 **NATIONS FOR CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND**
20 **CONTRACTORS.**

21 Section 1725(b) of the National Defense Authoriza-
22 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law 113–66; 10
23 U.S.C. 1561 note) is amended—

24 (1) in paragraph (2)—

1 (A) by inserting “(or other individual cov-
2 ered under paragraph (3))” after “patient of
3 the facility”; and

4 (B) by inserting “(or other such individ-
5 ual’s need)” after “patient’s need”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(3) ACCESS TO SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC
8 EXAMINERS.—In addition to furnishing sexual as-
9 sault forensic examinations to patients of military
10 medical treatment facilities, the Secretary of De-
11 fense shall ensure that civilian employees and con-
12 tractors of the Department of Defense are furnished
13 sexual assault forensic examinations at military
14 medical treatment facilities (including such facilities
15 located outside the United States) following an alle-
16 gation of sexual assault, regardless of whether the
17 employee or contractor is otherwise eligible for
18 health care under chapter 55 of title 10, United
19 States Code.”.

20 **SEC. 733. MANDATORY TRAINING ON HEALTH EFFECTS OF**
21 **PERFLUOROALKYL OR POLYFLUOROALKYL**
22 **SUBSTANCES.**

23 The Secretary of Defense shall provide to each health
24 care provider of the Department of Defense mandatory

1 training regarding the potential health effects of
2 perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances.

3 **Subtitle C—Studies, Briefings,**
4 **Reports, and Other Matters**

5 **SEC. 741. MILITARY MEDICAL COOPERATION ARRANGE-**
6 **MENTS AMONG FIVE EYES COUNTRIES.**

7 Subchapter II of chapter 138 of title 10, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing new section:

10 **“§ 2350t. Military medical cooperation arrangements**
11 **among Five Eyes countries**

12 “(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Defense may
13 enter into a bilateral or multilateral memorandum of un-
14 derstanding or other formal agreement with one or more
15 governments of the Five Eyes countries to support mili-
16 tary medical cooperation or improve operational medical
17 interoperability.

18 “(b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

19 “(1) The term ‘Five Eyes countries’ means the
20 following:

21 “(A) Australia.

22 “(B) Canada.

23 “(C) New Zealand.

24 “(D) The United Kingdom.

1 “(2) The term ‘military medical cooperation’
2 means any of the following:

3 “(A) Information exchange.

4 “(B) Medical interoperability, including
5 credentialing of health care personnel.

6 “(C) Medical education, training, exercises,
7 and evaluation.

8 “(D) Medical research, development, trials,
9 and evaluation.

10 “(E) Biodefense, including with respect to
11 prevention, preparation, response, and inves-
12 tigation.

13 “(F) Medical logistics, including the rec-
14 ognition of MedCM, drugs and medical equip-
15 ment.

16 “(G) Patient movement.

17 “(H) Any other areas for cooperation des-
18 ignated by the Secretary of Defense.

19 “(3) The term ‘military medicine’ means any of
20 the following:

21 “(A) Combat casualty care including trau-
22 ma,

23 “(B) Military infectious disease.

24 “(C) Chemical, biological, radiological, and
25 nuclear medical support.

1 “(D) Deployed health care delivery.

2 “(E) Public health, health readiness, and
3 force health protection.

4 “(F) Mental health.

5 “(G) Humanitarian response.

6 “(H) Anomalous health incidents.

7 “(I) Mass casualty management.

8 “(J) Any other areas of military medicine
9 designated by the Secretary of Defense.”.

10 **SEC. 742. STRATEGY FOR TREATING TRAUMATIC BRAIN IN-**
11 **JURIES THROUGH DIGITAL HEALTH TECH-**
12 **NOLOGIES.**

13 Section 735 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense
14 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–
15 263; 10 U.S.C. 1071 note) is amended—

16 (1) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as
17 subsections (f) and (g), respectively; and

18 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
19 lowing new subsection:

20 “(e) DIGITAL HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES.—

21 “(1) WORKING GROUP.—As part of the Initia-
22 tive, the Secretary shall establish a working group to
23 develop a strategy for treating traumatic brain inju-
24 ries through digital health technologies.

1 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The working group shall
2 be composed of members of the Armed Forces, civil-
3 ian employees of the Department of Defense, and in-
4 dividuals not employed by the Federal Government,
5 who have expertise in traumatic brain injury clinical
6 care, biomedical informatics, engineering, or imple-
7 mentation science.

8 “(3) ELEMENTS.—The strategy developed
9 under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

10 “(A) Identification of capability gaps in
11 the treatment of traumatic brain injuries that
12 could be addressed through artificial intel-
13 ligence and digital health technologies.

14 “(B) An analysis of existing research, de-
15 velopment, and acquisition efforts leveraging ar-
16 tificial intelligence-based capabilities and digital
17 health technologies, including any applicable
18 commercial off-the-shelf solutions being used by
19 the Secretary to support the treatment of trau-
20 matic brain injuries.

21 “(C) Recommendations with respect to ad-
22 vances required to—

23 “(i) address gaps identified under
24 subparagraph (A); and

1 “(ii) significantly improve the treat-
2 ment of traumatic brain injuries using ar-
3 tificial intelligence and digital health tech-
4 nologies.

5 “(D) A recommended investment plan to
6 advance technology and knowledge readiness
7 levels to field digital health technologies to treat
8 traumatic brain injuries.

9 “(4) BRIEFING.—Not later than one year after
10 the date of the enactment of the National Defense
11 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, the Sec-
12 retary shall provide to the Committees on Armed
13 Services of the House of Representatives and the
14 Senate a briefing on the strategy developed under
15 paragraph (1).”.

16 **SEC. 743. REPORT ON TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES AMONG**
17 **CERTAIN PILOTS SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY.**

18 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
19 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
20 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
21 port that contains a study determining whether, and to
22 what extent, members of the Armed Forces serving on ac-
23 tive duty as pilots suffer from traumatic brain injury re-
24 sulting from the cumulative effects of high-speed maneu-

1 vers, catapult launches, and other repetitive actions poten-
2 tially harmful to brain health as a result of such service.

3 (b) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The report under sub-
4 section (a) shall include the following:

5 (1) The results of the study under subsection
6 (a).

7 (2) A summary of existing policies and proce-
8 dures of the Department of Defense, as of the date
9 of the report, for identifying, documenting, and
10 treating mild, moderate, and severe traumatic brain
11 injury among pilots.

12 (3) A strategy to better identify, document, and
13 treat mild, moderate, and severe traumatic brain in-
14 jury among pilots.

15 (4) Recommendations of the Secretary with re-
16 spect to potential regulatory and legislative actions
17 to address challenges in identifying, documenting,
18 and treating mild, moderate, and severe traumatic
19 brain injury among pilots.

20 **SEC. 744. STUDY ON PREVALENCE AND MORTALITY OF**
21 **CANCER AMONG MILITARY ROTARY-WING PI-**
22 **LOTS AND AVIATION SUPPORT PERSONNEL.**

23 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Director of the Defense
24 Health Agency, in coordination with the Directors of the
25 National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer In-

stitute, shall conduct a study among covered individuals in two phases as provided by this section.

(b) INITIAL PHASE OF STUDY.—

(1) GOAL OF INITIAL PHASE.—Under the initial phase of the study under subsection (a), the Director of the Defense Health Agency shall determine, for each cancer specified in paragraph (2), whether there is an increased prevalence of, or increased rate of mortality caused by, such cancer for covered individuals as compared to similarly aged individuals in the general population (or, in the case of the cancer specified in paragraph (2)(B), for female covered individuals as compared to similarly aged women in the general population).

(2) CANCERS SPECIFIED.—The cancers specified in this paragraph are the following:

- (A) Brain cancer.
- (B) Breast cancer.
- (C) Colon and rectal cancer.
- (D) Kidney cancer.
- (E) Lung cancer.
- (F) Melanoma.
- (G) Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.
- (H) Ovarian cancer.
- (I) Pancreatic cancer.

1 (J) Prostate cancer.

2 (K) Testicular cancer.

3 (L) Urinary bladder cancer.

4 (3) REPORT ON INITIAL PHASE.—Not later
5 than one year after the date of the enactment of this
6 Act, the Director of the Defense Health Agency shall
7 submit to the appropriate congressional committees
8 a report on the findings of the phase of the study
9 under this subsection.

10 (c) SECOND PHASE OF STUDY.—

11 (1) GOAL OF SECOND PHASE.—If, pursuant to
12 the phase of the study under subsection (b), the Di-
13 rector of the Defense Health Agency determines
14 there is an increased prevalence of, or increased
15 mortality rate caused by, any cancer specified in
16 subsection (b)(2) among covered individuals (or,
17 with respect to the cancer specified in subsection
18 (b)(2)(B), among female covered individuals), the
19 Director shall conduct a second phase of the study
20 to—

21 (A) identify any carcinogenic toxin or other
22 hazardous material associated with the oper-
23 ation of military rotary-wing aircraft, such as
24 fumes, fuels, or other liquids;

1 (B) identify any operating environment, in-
2 cluding frequencies or electromagnetic fields, in
3 which covered individuals may have received ex-
4 cess exposure to non-ionizing radiation in the
5 course of such operation, including non-ionizing
6 radiation associated with airborne, ground, or
7 shipboard radars; and

8 (C) identify potential exposures as a result
9 of military service by covered individuals to car-
10 cinogenic toxins or other hazardous materials
11 not associated with the operation of military ro-
12 tary-wing aircraft (such as exposure to burn
13 pits, toxins in contaminated water, or toxins
14 embedded in soils), including by determining—

15 (i) the locations of such service; and
16 (ii) any duties of covered individuals
17 unrelated to such operation and associated
18 with an increased prevalence of, or in-
19 creased mortality rate caused by, cancer.

20 (2) REPORT ON SECOND PHASE.—If the Direc-
21 tor of the Defense Health Agency conducts the
22 phase of the study under this subsection, not later
23 than one year after the date on which the Director
24 submits the report under subsection (b)(3), the Di-

1 rector shall submit to the appropriate congressional
2 committees a report on the findings of such phase.

3 (3) DATA FORMAT.—The Director of the De-
4 fense Health Agency shall format any data resulting
5 from the phase of the study under this subsection
6 consistent with the formatting of data under the
7 Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results pro-
8 gram, including by disaggregating such data by race,
9 gender, and age.

10 (d) SOURCES OF DATA.—In conducting the study
11 under this section, the Director of the Defense Health
12 Agency shall use data from—

13 (1) the database of the Surveillance, Epidemi-
14 ology, and End Results program;

15 (2) the study conducted under section 750 of
16 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
17 Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3716);
18 and

19 (3) any other study previously conducted by the
20 Secretary of a military department that the Director
21 determines relevant for purposes of this section.

22 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-
24 mittees” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Armed Services and
2 the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the
3 House of Representatives; and

4 (B) the Committee on Armed Services and
5 the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Sen-
6 ate.

7 (2) The term "covered Armed Force" means
8 the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space
9 Force.

10 (3) The term "covered individual" means any
11 individual who—

12 (A) served in a covered Armed Force on or
13 after February 28, 1961, as an aircrew member
14 of a rotary-wing aircraft (including as a pilot or
15 aviation support personnel), without regard to
16 the status, position, rank, or grade of the indi-
17 vidual within such crew; and

18 (B) receives health care benefits under
19 chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code.

20 (4) The term "Surveillance, Epidemiology, and
21 End Results program" means the program of the
22 National Cancer Institute referred to in section
23 399B(d)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (40
24 U.S.C. 280e(d)(1)), or any successor program.

1 **SEC. 745. STUDY ON EFFECTS OF SERVICE IN THE SPECIAL**
2 **OPERATIONS FORCES TO HEALTH OF MEM-**
3 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

4 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
6 shall conduct a five-year longitudinal study on the evalua-
7 tion and treatment of traumatic brain injuries and other
8 injuries to provide analyses, findings, and recommenda-
9 tions with respect to extending the health span of mem-
10 bers of special operations forces.

11 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study under subsection (a)
12 shall include the following:

13 (1) An evaluation of various exposure factors,
14 including environmental, injury, and disease, to iden-
15 tify and quantify the relationship of such exposure
16 to long-term health.

17 (2) An identification of sensitive and rapid bio-
18 markers related to injury and outcomes at the acute,
19 subacute, and chronic level that translate to prac-
20 tical injury mitigation.

21 (3) The characterizing and analysis of the fac-
22 tors associated with mitigating initial injury, enhanc-
23 ing force resilience, and optimizing long-term out-
24 comes.

1 (4) An identification of the critical pre-service
2 and post-service related issues that affect long-term
3 health span.

4 (5) An identification of the factors associated
5 with early aging at the patient facing and cellular
6 level to identify targets for potential therapeutics
7 and interventions.

8 (6) Any other elements as determined appro-
9 priate by the Secretary.

10 (c) PROGRESS REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days
11 after the date on which the Secretary commences the
12 study under subsection (a), and annually thereafter during
13 the duration of the study, the Secretary shall submit to
14 the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives and the Senate a progress report of activities
16 conducted under the study during the period covered by
17 the report.

18 (d) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
19 the date on which the Secretary completes the study under
20 subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Commit-
21 tees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives
22 and the Senate a report containing the findings of the
23 study and recommendations based on the study, including
24 information regarding—

1 (1) identification of health trajectories associ-
2 ated with a career serving as a member of the spe-
3 cial operations forces;

4 (2) modifiable and nonmodifiable factors, in-
5 cluding biomarkers, disease processes, and social de-
6 terminants of health, associated with life-span tra-
7 jectories and an increase in force readiness;

8 (3) any recommendations to alter health trajec-
9 tories and improve force resilience and long-term
10 health span in active and retired members of the
11 special operations forces; and

12 (4) processes to integrate factors that affect the
13 health of an individual before serving in the special
14 operations forces, including with respect to the expo-
15 sure history and health trajectory of the individual,
16 into simple scores that can be use to improve the
17 care of active and retired members of the special op-
18 erations forces.

19 (e) SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES DEFINED.—In
20 this section, the term “special operations forces” means
21 the forces described in section 167(j) of title 10, United
22 States Code.

1 **SEC. 746. PILOT PROGRAM ON USE OF FISH SKIN REGEN-**
2 **ERATION PRODUCTS IN TREATING BURN AND**
3 **BLAST INJURIES.**

4 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Defense may
5 carry out a pilot program to—

6 (1) evaluate the efficacy of fish skin regenera-
7 tion products in treating burn and blast injuries of
8 members of the Armed Forces; and

9 (2) with respect to such products, assess the
10 clinical outcomes, cost-effectiveness, and potential
11 benefits for long-term recovery and military readi-
12 ness.

13 (b) LOCATION.—If the Secretary carries out the pilot
14 program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall carry
15 out the pilot program at the Walter Reed National Mili-
16 tary Medical Center.

17 (c) DURATION.—If the Secretary carries out the pilot
18 program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall carry
19 out the pilot program for three years.

20 (d) REPORTS.—Not later than one year after the date
21 on which the Secretary commences the pilot program
22 under subsection (a), and annually thereafter during the
23 life of the pilot program, the Secretary shall submit to the
24 Committees on Armed Services of the House of Represent-
25 atives and the Senate a report on the pilot program.

1 **SEC. 747. PILOT PROGRAM ON REMOTE BLOOD PRESSURE**
2 **MONITORING FOR CERTAIN PREGNANT AND**
3 **POST-PARTUM TRICARE BENEFICIARIES.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
6 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary of Defense, acting through the Defense
8 Health Agency, shall establish a pilot program on
9 blood pressure monitoring for at-risk pregnant and
10 postpartum TRICARE beneficiaries in order to in-
11 crease the rate of early detection of hypertensive dis-
12 order related to pregnancy and postpartum.

13 (2) MODEL.—The Secretary may model the
14 pilot program on a pilot program for blood pressure
15 self-monitoring of the Healthy Start Program oper-
16 ated by the Health Resources and Services Adminis-
17 tration of the Department of Health and Human
18 Services.

19 (b) SITES.—The Secretary shall select sites for the
20 pilot program in accordance with the following:

21 (1) The pilot program shall operate at not
22 fewer than two military medical treatment facilities
23 of each of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air
24 Force, and Space Force.

25 (2) Sites shall be geographically diverse, includ-
26 ing locations in rural and urban areas.

1 (3) The Secretary shall give priority to a mili-
2 tary medical treatment facility that has a large num-
3 ber of obstetric patients or a history of maternal
4 health programs.

5 (c) PARTICIPANTS.—

6 (1) ELIGIBILITY.—An eligible participant for
7 the pilot program, is an individual—

8 (A) who is enrolled in TRICARE;

9 (B) who is pregnant or postpartum;

10 (C) who receives health care through a
11 military medical treatment facility selected
12 under subsection (b); and

13 (D) whom the Secretary determines is at
14 risk (based on evidence and current medical
15 standards and recommendations) of a hyper-
16 tensive disorder of pregnancy or negative health
17 outcomes as a result of a hypertensive disorder
18 of pregnancy.

19 (2) VOLUNTARY.—Participation in the pilot
20 program shall be voluntary.

21 (d) EQUIPMENT.—A participant in the pilot program
22 shall receive—

23 (1) a device approved by the Food and Drug
24 Administration for the digital monitoring of blood
25 pressure, validated by the Food and Drug Adminis-

1 tration for use during pregnancy, capable of remote
2 monitoring and data transmission, has adjustable or
3 alternative cuff sizes; and

4 (2) educational materials and instructions on
5 the use of such device from a health care provider
6 of the Department of Defense.

7 (e) PROVIDERS.—In carrying out the pilot program,
8 the Secretary shall use primary care and obstetric care
9 providers of eligible participants, to the extent practicable.

10 (f) MATERIALS.—The Secretary shall develop sup-
11 porting materials for health care providers who facilitate
12 the pilot program, including the following:

13 (1) Guidance on how to identify eligible partici-
14 pants for the pilot program.

15 (2) Evidence-based educational materials re-
16 garding maternal health best practices for eligible
17 participants.

18 (g) TERM.—The pilot program shall terminate five
19 years after the date on which the Secretary establishes
20 such pilot program.

21 (h) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the ter-
22 mination of the pilot program, the Secretary shall submit
23 to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of
24 Representatives and Senate a report on the pilot program,
25 and publish such report on the website of the Department

1 of Defense. The report shall include the following ele-
2 ments, disaggregated by the Armed Force, sex, age, race,
3 and ethnicity of participants:

4 (1) The number of participants in the pilot pro-
5 gram.

6 (2) The percentage of such participants who
7 used the monitors as prescribed.

8 (3) A summary of barriers or challenges partici-
9 pants experienced using the monitors and if they re-
10 sulted in underutilization.

11 (4) The percentage of participants who had
12 blood pressure readings of concern.

13 (5) The percentage of participants described in
14 paragraph (4) who received medical attention based
15 on such readings.

16 (6) A summary of provider and participant
17 feedback, including percentages of—

18 (A) providers that found the program in-
19 fluenced patient care; and

20 (B) participants who found the program
21 was helpful in managing their own care.

22 (7) Recommendations of the Secretary whether
23 the pilot program should be altered, expanded, or
24 made permanent.

1 **SEC. 748. PILOT PROGRAM TO HELP CERTAIN MEMBERS OF**
2 **THE ARMED FORCES STOP SMOKING.**

3 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
5 may carry out a one-year pilot program to furnish, to cov-
6 ered members, the alternatives to smoking specified in
7 subsection (b) in order—

8 (1) to help such covered members stop smoking;
9 and

10 (2) to improve the health of such covered mem-
11 bers.

12 (b) **ALTERNATIVES TO SMOKING.**—The alternatives
13 to smoking specified in this subsection are:

14 (1) Counseling.

15 (2) Nicotine gum.

16 (3) Nicotine patches.

17 (4) Electric nicotine delivery systems.

18 (c) **PARTICIPATION.**—If the Secretary carries out
19 such a pilot program, the pilot program shall operate—

20 (1) in not less than one covered Armed Force;
21 and

22 (2) at not less than one military installation at
23 which covered members serve in numbers that ex-
24 ceed the national average for each of the following:

25 (A) Smoking cigarettes or other combus-
26 tible tobacco products.

1 (B) Population of Black Americans.

2 (C) Population of Asian and Pacific Is-
3 lander Americans.

4 (D) Population of Hispanic Americans.

5 (E) Population of Appalachian Americans.

6 (d) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the ter-
7 mination of such a pilot program, the Secretary shall sub-
8 mit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate
9 and House of Representatives, a report regarding the re-
10 sults of the pilot program. Elements of such report shall
11 include the determination of the Secretary regarding—

12 (1) whether the pilot program helped covered
13 members stop smoking;

14 (2) the alternatives specified in subsection (b)
15 that are most effective in helping covered members
16 to stop smoking;

17 (3) gaps in health care services available to cov-
18 ered members who belong to the populations de-
19 scribed in subsection (c)(2); and

20 (4) the recommendation of the Secretary wheth-
21 er to expand, extend, or make permanent the pilot
22 program.

23 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) The term “covered Armed Force” means
2 the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space
3 Force.

4 (2) The term “covered member” means a mem-
5 ber of a covered Armed Force—

6 (A) serving on active duty; and

7 (B) who smokes at least one cigarette (or
8 other combustible tobacco product) per week.

9 **SEC. 749. PILOT PROGRAM ON SECURE, MOBILE PERSONAL**
10 **HEALTH RECORD FOR MEMBERS OF THE**
11 **ARMED FORCES PARTICIPATING IN THE**
12 **TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

13 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—Not later than 180 days after
14 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
15 Defense shall commence carrying out a pilot program
16 under which members of the Armed Forces who are serv-
17 ing on active duty and receiving benefits or services under
18 the Transition Assistance Program are able to use a cov-
19 ered health record platform to collect their medical records
20 before separating from active duty.

21 (b) SELECTION OF ARMED FORCES.—The Secretary
22 shall select not less than one Armed Force in which to
23 carry out the pilot program under subsection (a).

24 (c) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall seek to
2 enter into a contract using competitive procedures
3 with an appropriate entity, as determined by the
4 Secretary, for the provision of the covered health
5 record platform under the pilot program under sub-
6 section (a).

7 (2) NOTICE OF COMPETITION.—Not later than
8 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
9 the Secretary shall issue a request for proposals for
10 the contract described in paragraph (1). Such re-
11 quest shall be full and open to any contractor that
12 has an existing covered health record platform.

13 (3) SELECTION.—Not later than 120 days after
14 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
15 shall award a contract to an appropriate entity pur-
16 suant to the request for proposals under paragraph
17 (2) if at least one acceptable offer from such an en-
18 tity is submitted.

19 (d) DURATION OF PILOT PROGRAM.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry
21 out the pilot program under subsection (a) for a pe-
22 riod of not less than one year.

23 (2) TERMINATION OR EXTENSION OF PRO-
24 GRAM.—At the end of the one-year period specified
25 in paragraph (1), the Secretary may—

1 (A) terminate the pilot program under sub-
2 section (a);

3 (B) continue the pilot program;

4 (C) expand the pilot program; or

5 (D) implement the use of a covered health
6 record platform in the Transition Assistance
7 Program throughout the Armed Forces.

8 (e) PROHIBITION ON NEW APPROPRIATIONS.—No
9 additional funds are authorized to be appropriated to
10 carry out the requirements of this section. Such require-
11 ments shall be carried out using amounts otherwise au-
12 thorized to be appropriated for the Department of De-
13 fense.

14 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) The term “covered health record platform”
16 means a secure personal health record platform that
17 meets the following requirements:

18 (A) Has web-based and native mobile
19 phone app capabilities.

20 (B) Has the capability to store and share
21 records with the Department of Veterans Af-
22 fairs or any other designated care provider.

23 (C) Has the capability to store records in
24 the cloud.

1 (D) Does not have a requirement for inte-
2 gration to receive or share records.

3 (E) Has the capability to instantly share
4 data based on a combination of access key and
5 personal identifier.

6 (F) Has the capability to provide secure
7 data storage and records transfer upon separa-
8 tion of a member of the Armed Forces from ac-
9 tive duty.

10 (G) Does not require a business associate
11 agreement with any parties.

12 (H) Has secure data isolation with access
13 controls.

14 (I) Has, at a minimum, data security that
15 would require separate encryption for each doc-
16 ument, relying on AES256 or better algorithm
17 with keys encryption using RSA2048 or better
18 algorithm, or any successor similar algorithm.

19 (2) The term “Transition Assistance Program”
20 means the program of the Department of Defense
21 for preparation counseling, employment assistance,
22 and other transitional services provided under sec-
23 tions 1142 and 1144 of title 10, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 750. REPORT ON TRANSITIONING OF MAIL-ORDER**
2 **PHARMACY PROGRAM OF TRICARE PROGRAM**
3 **TO AN IN-HOUSE MAIL ORDER SERVICE.**

4 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
6 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
7 Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the
8 feasibility and advisability of transitioning the contractor-
9 operated mail-order pharmacy program of the TRICARE
10 program to a service provided directly by the Department
11 of Defense.

12 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report under subsection (a)
13 shall include an analysis of the following with respect to
14 the transition described in such subsection:

15 (1) Costs, including administrative costs, dis-
16 pensing fees, and administrative overhead.

17 (2) Structure and staffing.

18 (3) The effect on beneficiaries under the
19 TRICARE program, including regarding delivery
20 times and quality.

21 (4) The feasibility and advisability of combining
22 the mail-order pharmacy functions under the
23 TRICARE program with the mail-order pharmacy
24 functions of the Veterans Health Administration of
25 the Department of Veterans Affairs.

1 (c) TRICARE PROGRAM DEFINED.—In this section,
2 the term “TRICARE program” has the meaning given
3 that term in section 1072 of title 10, United States Code.

4 **SEC. 751. STRATEGIC PLAN TO ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH**
5 **OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

6 (a) PLAN.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordina-
7 tion with each Secretary of a military department and the
8 Director of the Defense Health Agency, shall develop a
9 strategic plan to address suicide by members of the Armed
10 Forces and the mental health services provided to mem-
11 bers.

12 (b) ELEMENTS.—The plan under subsection (a) shall
13 include the following:

14 (1) Developing and enforcing uniform protocols
15 with respect to—

16 (A) the regulations prescribed for the self-
17 initiated referral process under section 1090b(e)
18 of title 10, United States Code, for members of
19 the Armed Forces seeking mental health evalua-
20 tions;

21 (B) the provision of information, including
22 through workplace posters, flyers, and adver-
23 tisements, to ensure members are aware of such
24 referral process.

1 (2) Standardized mental health training for
2 members of the Armed Forces, including—

3 (A) specialized training for commanders,
4 senior enlisted leaders, and medical personnel
5 on identifying and addressing mental health
6 concerns;

7 (B) the development of a certification proc-
8 ess based on completion of training with docu-
9 mented proof of compliance;

10 (C) how to respond when a member initi-
11 ates the referral process under section 1090b(e)
12 of title 10, United States Code; and

13 (D) how to recognize signs indicating men-
14 tal health distress.

15 **TITLE VIII—ACQUISITION POL-**
16 **ICY, ACQUISITION MANAGE-**
17 **MENT, AND RELATED MAT-**
18 **TERS**

19 **Subtitle A—Acquisition Policy and**
20 **Management**

21 **SEC. 801. MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY FOR**
22 **COVERED WEAPON SYSTEMS.**

23 (a) AUTHORITY FOR MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT.—
24 Subject to section 3501 of title 10, United States Code,
25 the Secretary of the Defense shall enter into one or more

1 multiyear contracts for the procurement of a covered
2 weapon system if—

3 (1) a decision has been made to move such cov-
4 ered weapon system to full-rate production; and

5 (2) such covered weapon system is projected to
6 maintain full-rate production for a period of five or
7 more consecutive years after entering into such a
8 contract.

9 (b) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive
10 the requirements of subsection (a) if the Secretary deter-
11 mines that the projected threat environment in which the
12 covered weapon system is to be fielded has changed in a
13 manner such that the procurement of such system is no
14 longer necessary.

15 (c) APPLICABILITY.—This section and the require-
16 ments of this section shall apply with respect to a
17 multiyear contract for the procurement of a covered weap-
18 on system entered into on or after the date of the enact-
19 ment of this Act.

20 (d) COVERED WEAPON SYSTEM DEFINED.—In this
21 section, the term “covered weapon system” means a major
22 weapon system (as defined in section 3455 of title 10,
23 United States Code)—

24 (1) for which the budget justification docu-
25 ments submitted by the Secretary in accordance with

1 section 4205 of title 10, United States Code, state
2 that the planned procurement schedule, conducted at
3 the most effective production rate (as defined in
4 such section), will require 36 months or more to ob-
5 tain the total quantity of units to be procured until
6 procurement is complete; and

7 (2) that is estimated by the Secretary of De-
8 fense to require an eventual total expenditure for
9 procurement, including all planned increments or
10 spirals, of more than \$1,000,000,000 (based on fis-
11 cal year 2025 constant dollars).

12 **SEC. 802. ELIMINATION OF LATE COST AND PRICING DATA**
13 **SUBMISSION DEFENSE.**

14 Section 3706(c) of title 10, United States Code, is
15 amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (3) by striking “or” at the
17 end;

18 (2) in paragraph (4) by striking the period and
19 inserting “; or”; and

20 (3) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(5) updates to cost or pricing data submitted
22 by the prime contractor or subcontractor after the
23 date of agreement on the price of the contract (or
24 price of the modification) or, if applicable and if con-
25 sistent with subsection (a)(2), such other date

1 agreed upon between the parties, were based on data
2 that was more than 30 days old.”.

3 **SEC. 803. REPORTING OF PRICE INCREASES.**

4 Chapter 271 of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

6 **“§ 3709. Reporting of increases above specified prices**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An offeror shall be required to
8 submit to the relevant contracting officer a report, not
9 later than 30 days after the offeror becomes aware that
10 the price of a product or service under a covered contract
11 reaches or exceeds an amount equal to—

12 “(1) 25 percent more than the price specified in
13 the covered contract bid;

14 “(2) 25 percent more than the price the Gov-
15 ernment paid for such product or service during the
16 calendar year immediately preceding the date on
17 which the covered contract is entered into; or

18 “(3) 50 percent more than the price the Gov-
19 ernment paid for such product or service at any time
20 before the 5-year period preceding the date on which
21 the covered contract is entered into.

22 “(b) NONCOMPLIANCE.—With respect to an offeror
23 who fails to submit the report required under this section,
24 the Director of the Defense Contract Audit Agency or the
25 relevant service acquisition executive shall include in the

1 Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information
2 System (or any successor system) the following informa-
3 tion:

4 “(1) An identification of such offeror and the
5 specific product or service to which such report
6 should relate.

7 “(2) The National Stock Number of such prod-
8 uct or service and the order quantity, unit cost, total
9 cost, purchasing or reimbursing entity, and date of
10 the order for such product or service.

11 “(c) COVERED CONTRACT DEFINED.—In this sec-
12 tion, the term ‘covered contract’ means a contract award-
13 ed using procedures other than competitive procedures
14 under section 3204 of this title or pursuant to section
15 6.302 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.”.

16 **SEC. 804. ASSUMPTION OF UNINSURABLE RISK ON CER-**
17 **TAIN CONTRACTS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 281 of title 10, United
19 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
20 lowing new section:

21 **“§ 3864. Assumption of uninsurable risk on certain**
22 **contracts**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
24 ensure that a contractor is not required to assume the risk
25 of loss for work in process under a covered contract if,

1 due to classified nature of the performance of such con-
2 tractor under such covered contract—

3 “(1) such contractor is unable to obtain insur-
4 ance for such risk of loss from a commercial pro-
5 vider; or

6 “(2) a commercial provider is unable to process
7 a claim of such contractor for loss of work in process
8 under such covered contract.

9 “(b) LIMITATIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply
10 with respect to a loss of work in process under a covered
11 contract to the extent that such loss—

12 “(1) occurs outside the period of performance
13 for such work in process under such covered con-
14 tract; or

15 “(2) results from gross misconduct by the con-
16 tractor.

17 “(c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 120 days after
18 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
19 Defense shall revise the Defense Federal Acquisition Reg-
20 ulation Supplement to carry out this section.

21 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 “(1) The term ‘classified contract’ means a con-
23 tract the performance of which requires a contractor
24 performing under such contract, or an employee of

1 such contractor, to have access to classified informa-
2 tion.

3 “(2) The term ‘covered contract’ means a clas-
4 sified, fixed-price type contract for the acquisition of
5 a product entered into by the Department of De-
6 fense after the enactment of this Act.

7 “(3) The term ‘work in process’, with respect to
8 a contract, means a product to be delivered under
9 such contract—

10 “(A) that is at any stage of production or
11 manufacture; and

12 “(B) the delivery of which has not been ac-
13 cepted by the Government.”.

14 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 120 days after
15 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
16 Defense shall revise the Defense Federal Acquisition Reg-
17 ulation Supplement to carry out section 3864 of title 10,
18 United States Code, as added by subsection (a).

19 **SEC. 805. CHANGES TO REFERENCE DOCUMENTS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 361 of title 10, United
21 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
22 lowing new section:

23 **“§ 4604. Changes to reference documents**

24 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Each contract or other agree-
25 ment for the acquisition of any good or service entered

1 into by the Department of Defense shall include for each
2 external document referred to in such contract or other
3 agreement a notation that—

4 “(1) provides the version of such external docu-
5 ment that is applicable to such contract or other
6 agreement; and

7 “(2) indicates whether any changes have been
8 made to such external document after the issuance
9 of the solicitation pursuant to which such contract
10 or other agreement was entered into.

11 “(b) UNNOTATED DOCUMENTS.—If a contract or
12 other agreement described in subsection (a) does not in-
13 clude the notation required under such subsection for an
14 external document referred to in such contract or other
15 agreement, the version of the external document that shall
16 apply with respect to such contract or other agreement
17 is the version in effect at the time of the issuance of the
18 solicitation pursuant to which such contract or other
19 agreement was entered into.

20 “(c) EXTERNAL DOCUMENT DEFINED.—In this sec-
21 tion, the term ‘external document’, with respect to a con-
22 tract or other agreement, means a document to which such
23 contract or other agreement refers that—

24 “(1) is external to such contract or other agree-
25 ment; and

1 “(2) either—

2 “(A) contains or affects any material term
3 of such contract or other agreement; or

4 “(B) otherwise modifies the performance
5 required under such contract or other agree-
6 ment.”.

7 (b) **APPLICABILITY.**—The amendment made by sub-
8 section (a) shall apply only with respect to contracts and
9 other agreements entered into after the date of the enact-
10 ment of this Act.

11 **SEC. 806. MAJOR SYSTEM COST GROWTH OVERSIGHT.**

12 (a) **SHORTEN NUNN-McCURDY BREACH REPORT**
13 **TIMELINE.**—Section 4374 of title 10, United States Code,
14 is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “When a unit
16 cost report” and inserting “Not later than 30 days
17 after a unit cost report”;

18 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “When a unit
19 cost report” and inserting “Not later than 30 days
20 after a unit cost report”; and

21 (3) in subsection (c), by amending paragraph
22 (2) to read as follows:

23 “(2) **TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF NOTIFICATION**
24 **TO CONGRESS.**—In the case of a determination
25 based on a quarterly report submitted in accordance

1 with section 4372 of this title or a report submitted
2 in accordance with section 4373 of this title, the
3 Secretary shall submit the notification to Congress
4 within 30 days after the date on which the deter-
5 mination was made.”.

6 (b) END ITEM MAJOR SUBPROGRAM DESIGNA-
7 TION.—Section 4203(a)(1) of title 10, United States
8 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
9 subparagraph:

10 “(C) If the Secretary of Defense deter-
11 mines that a major defense acquisition program
12 requires the delivery of two or more end items
13 that are each estimated to require an eventual
14 total expenditure for research, development,
15 test, evaluation, operation, and support of more
16 than \$500,000,000, the Secretary shall des-
17 ignate each such end item as a major subpro-
18 gram for the purposes of acquisition reporting
19 under this subpart.”.

20 (c) OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT COST INCLUSION.—
21 Section 4214(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is
22 amended by inserting “for the life cycle of such major de-
23 fense acquisition program or designated major subpro-
24 gram” before the period at the end.

1 (d) CRITICAL COST GROWTH TERMINATION.—Sec-
2 tion 4376 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
4 following new paragraphs:

5 “(4) DELEGATION.—The Secretary may not
6 delegate the submission of a written certification
7 under paragraph (1).”; and

8 (2) in subsection (c)—

9 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at
10 the end;

11 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-
12 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

13 (C) by adding at the end the following new
14 paragraph:

15 “(4) consideration of termination plans that
16 maximize value, including—

17 “(A) immediate termination of the pro-
18 gram with no further action;

19 “(B) termination of the program after
20 completion of the end items in production and
21 for which funds have been obligated or ex-
22 pended under the program as of the date that
23 is the last day of the applicable 60-day period
24 described in subsection (b)(1) for the program;

1 “(C) termination of the program after
2 completion of the end items described in sub-
3 paragraph (B) for which the resale value ex-
4 ceeds the cost of completing such end items;
5 and

6 “(D) any other course of action to maxi-
7 mize the value to the Government of the funds
8 that have been obligated or expended under the
9 program as of the date that is the last day of
10 the applicable 60-day period described in sub-
11 section (b)(1) for the program.”.

12 **SEC. 807. CONTESTED LOGISTICS EXERCISE REQUIRE-**
13 **MENT.**

14 Section 842 of the National Defense Authorization
15 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C.
16 2341 note) is amended—

17 (1) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-
18 section (i); and

19 (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-
20 lowing new subsection:

21 “(h) **CONTESTED LOGISTICS EXERCISE REQUIRE-**
22 **MENT.—**

23 “(1) **IN GENERAL.—**The Secretary of Defense
24 shall direct the Secretaries of the Navy and the Air
25 Force to incorporate the requirements of the Pro-

1 gram into the execution of the Return of Forces to
2 the Pacific exercise of the Air Force and the Rim of
3 the Pacific exercise of the Navy.

4 “(2) EXECUTION.—In carrying out paragraph
5 (1) with respect to an exercise described in such
6 paragraph, the Secretary concerned shall, in con-
7 sultation with any covered nation participating in
8 such exercise, evaluate the following:

9 “(A) Operational scenarios that require
10 greater collaboration amongst national mili-
11 taries to support logistics requirements and
12 which shall leverage contracting processes and
13 operational contract support, acquisitions and
14 cross servicing agreements, and prepositioned
15 assets to assess how participating nations can
16 maximize deterrence value and readiness of
17 military forces.

18 “(B) Barriers that may prevent and oppor-
19 tunities to expand the joint sustainment of
20 weapons systems by nations that commonly op-
21 erate such weapon systems, including—

22 “(i) the use of agreements related to
23 maintenance and the sharing of parts; and

1 “(ii) how participating nations can ex-
2 pand tactical maintenance and supply
3 interoperability.

4 “(C) Conducting maintenance of weapons
5 systems in austere environments and the associ-
6 ated transportation requirements.

7 “(D) Existing policies, statutes, and tech-
8 nical requirements that prevent further integra-
9 tion of sustainment of weapon systems amongst
10 participating nations.

11 “(3) TERMINATION.—This subsection shall ter-
12 minate on the date described in subsection (g).”.

13 **Subtitle B—Amendments to Gen-**
14 **eral Contracting Authorities,**
15 **Procedures, and Limitations**

16 **SEC. 811. ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS RELATED TO**
17 **UNDEFINITIZED CONTRACTUAL ACTIONS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—

19 (1) ADDITIONAL ALLOWED PROFITS.—Section
20 3374(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amend-
21 ed—

22 (A) in the heading, by striking “CERTAIN
23 REDUCED”;

24 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at
25 the end;

1 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-
2 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

3 (D) by adding at the end the following new
4 paragraphs:

5 “(3) the increased cost risk of the contractor
6 with respect to any costs incurred prior to the award
7 of the undefinitized contractual action when such
8 costs—

9 “(A) would have been directly chargeable
10 to the contract if incurred after the award of
11 the contract; and

12 “(B) were incurred to meet an anticipated
13 contract delivery schedule or anticipated con-
14 tract price targets of the Government under an
15 acquisition strategy required under section
16 4211 of this title; and

17 “(4) the increased cost risk of the contractor
18 with respect to negotiations continuing for more
19 than 180 days beginning on the date on which the
20 contractor submitted the qualifying proposal to de-
21 finitize such undefinitized contractual action.”.

22 (2) CONTRACT FINANCING PROGRESS PAYMENT
23 INCREASE.—Section 3804 of title 10, United States
24 Code, is amended—

25 (A) by striking subsection (b);

1 (B) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
2 section (b); and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following new
4 subsection:

5 “(c) ADJUSTMENT TO THE RATE OF CONTRACT FI-
6 NANCING.—If an undefinitized contractual action has not
7 been definitized within 180 days after the contractor sub-
8 mitted a qualifying proposal to definitize such
9 undefinitized contractual action, the contracting officer
10 shall increase the rate of any applicable payments under
11 section 3801 of this title on such undefinitized contractual
12 action by 5 percent without requiring any additional con-
13 sideration from such contractor.”.

14 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 120 days after
15 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
16 Defense shall revise the Department of Defense Supple-
17 ment to the Federal Acquisition Regulation to carry out
18 sections 3374(a) and 3804 of title 10, United States Code,
19 as amended by subsection (a).

20 **SEC. 812. MODIFICATION TO AWARD AMOUNT FOR PRO-**
21 **GRAM TO ACCELERATE THE PROCUREMENT**
22 **AND FIELDING OF INNOVATIVE TECH-**
23 **NOLOGIES.**

24 Section 3604(c) of title 10, United States Code, is
25 amended—

1 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking
2 “MAXIMUM”; and

3 (2) by inserting “shall be greater than or equal
4 to \$10,000,000 and” before “shall not exceed”.

5 **SEC. 813. OTHER TRANSACTION AUTHORITY REPORTING.**

6 Section 4021 of title 10, United States Code, is
7 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
8 section:

9 “(j) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—With respect to
10 each use of the authority under this section, the Secretary
11 of Defense shall ensure that such use—

12 “(1) is reported in the same manner as other
13 similar expenditures of the Department of Defense;
14 and

15 “(2) is included in the searchable website estab-
16 lished under the Federal Funding Accountability
17 and Transparency Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–
18 282; 31 U.S.C. 6101 note).”.

19 **SEC. 814. AMENDMENT TO PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES**
20 **DATA ANALYSIS AND REQUIREMENTS VALI-**
21 **DATION.**

22 Section 4506 of title 10, United States Code, is
23 amended—

24 (1) by repealing subsection (e); and

25 (2) in subsection (f)—

1 (A) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2);
2 and
3 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and
4 (4) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively.

5 **SEC. 815. ACQUISITION THRESHOLDS FOR CERTAIN MATE-**
6 **RIALS.**

7 (a) STRATEGIC MATERIALS.—Section 4863 of title
8 10, United States Code, is amended by amending sub-
9 section (f) to read as follows:

10 “(f) EXCEPTION FOR SMALL PURCHASES.—(1) Sub-
11 section (a) does not apply to acquisitions in amounts not
12 greater than \$250,000.

13 “(2) A proposed acquisition of an item subject to sub-
14 section (a) in an amount greater than \$250,000 may not
15 be divided into several purchases or contracts for lesser
16 amounts in order to meet the exception under paragraph
17 (1).

18 “(3) On October 1 of each year that is evenly divisible
19 by five, the Secretary of Defense may adjust the dollar
20 threshold in this subsection based on changes in the Con-
21 sumer Price Index. Any such adjustment shall take effect
22 on the date on which the Secretary publishes notice of
23 such adjustment in the Federal Register.”.

24 (b) SENSITIVE MATERIALS FROM NON-ALLIED FOR-
25 EIGN NATIONS.—Section 4872 of title 10, United States

1 Code, as amended by section 816 of this Act, is further
2 amended by inserting after subsection (f) (as added by
3 such section) the following new subsection:

4 “(g) EXCEPTION FOR SMALL PURCHASES.—

5 “(1) Subsection (a)(1) does not apply to pro-
6 curements in amounts not greater than \$250,000.

7 “(2) A proposed procurement of a material or
8 item subject to subsection (a) in an amount greater
9 than \$250,000 may not be divided into several pur-
10 chases or contracts for lesser amounts in order to
11 meet the exception under paragraph (1).

12 “(3) On October 1 of each year that is evenly
13 divisible by five, the Secretary of Defense may ad-
14 just the dollar threshold in this subsection based on
15 changes in the Consumer Price Index. Any such ad-
16 justment shall take effect on the date on which the
17 Secretary publishes notice of such adjustment in the
18 Federal Register.”.

19 (c) PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS.—Section 4873 of
20 title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
21 end the following new subsection:

22 “(g) EXCEPTION FOR SMALL PURCHASES.—

23 “(1) Subsection (a)(1) does not apply to acqui-
24 sitions in amounts not greater than \$10,000.

1 “(2) A proposed acquisition of an item subject
2 to subsection (a)(1) in an amount greater than
3 \$10,000 may not be divided into several purchases
4 or contracts for lesser amounts in order to meet the
5 exception under paragraph (1).

6 “(3) On October 1 of each year that is evenly
7 divisible by five, the Secretary of Defense may ad-
8 just the dollar threshold in this subsection based on
9 changes in the Consumer Price Index. Any such ad-
10 justment shall take effect on the date on which the
11 Secretary publishes notice of such adjustment in the
12 Federal Register.”.

13 **SEC. 816. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS PROHIBITED FROM**
14 **NON-ALLIED FOREIGN NATIONS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4872 of title 10, United
16 States Code, is amended—

17 (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
18 section (h);

19 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
20 lowing new subsection:

21 “(f) COVERED MATERIAL DESIGNATION.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
23 shall submit to the congressional defense committees
24 a notice of a designation under subsection (h)(1)(F)
25 not later than 30 days prior to the date on which

1 such designation is published in the Federal Reg-
2 ister.

3 “(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The designation of a
4 mineral, material, substrate, metal, or alloy as a cov-
5 ered material under subsection (h)(1)(F)—

6 “(A) shall take effect on the date that is
7 one year after the date on which the Secretary
8 of Defense publishes a notice of such designa-
9 tion in the Federal Register and submits to the
10 congressional defense committees the notice re-
11 quired under paragraph (1) with respect to
12 such notice; and

13 “(B) shall apply only with respect to con-
14 tracts or other agreements entered into after
15 the date on which such designation takes effect
16 under subparagraph (A).”; and

17 (3) in subsection (h), as so redesignated—

18 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking
19 “and” at the end;

20 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking the
21 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

22 (C) by adding at the end the following new
23 subparagraph:

24 “(F) any other mineral, material, sub-
25 strate, metal, or alloy designated by the Sec-

1 retary of Defense pursuant to a determination
2 by the Secretary of Defense that such designa-
3 tion is in the interest of national security.”.

4 **SEC. 817. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR PILOT PROGRAM**
5 **FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY-EN-**
6 **HANCED CAPABILITIES WITH PARTNERSHIP**
7 **INTERMEDIARIES.**

8 Section 851(e) of the National Defense Authorization
9 Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (10 U.S.C. 4901 note) is amend-
10 ed by striking “September 30, 2025” and inserting “Sep-
11 tember 30, 2028”.

12 **SEC. 818. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE BID**
13 **PROTEST PROCESS ENHANCEMENT.**

14 (a) REVISE REGULATIONS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
17 retary of Defense shall revise the Defense Supple-
18 ment to the Federal Acquisition Regulation to estab-
19 lish procedures for a contracting officer of the De-
20 partment of Defense to file a claim against a con-
21 tractor that files a covered bid protest.

22 (2) CLAIMS PROCEDURES.—The procedures re-
23 quired by paragraph (1) shall ensure the following:

1 (A) A claim described in paragraph (1)
2 shall be filed in accordance with chapter 71 of
3 title 41, United States Code.

4 (B) Any remedy shall be limited to the
5 disgorgement of any profits and fees earned by
6 the incumbent contractor in the performance of
7 a covered contract during the disgorgement pe-
8 riod.

9 (3) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.—
10 Amounts received as result of a claim described in
11 paragraph (1) shall be credited to the fund or ac-
12 count that was used to cover the costs of the covered
13 contract, or, if the period of availability of obliga-
14 tions for the appropriation from which such costs
15 were paid has expired, to the appropriations of a
16 fund or account that is currently available to the
17 Secretary for the same purpose. Amounts so credited
18 shall be merged with amounts in such fund or ac-
19 count and shall be available for the same purposes,
20 and subject to the same conditions and limitations,
21 as amounts in such fund or account.

22 (4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

23 (A) The term “covered bid protest” means
24 a bid protest—

1 (i) that was filed with the Comptroller
2 General of the United States by an incum-
3 bent contractor;

4 (ii) that was dismissed by the Comp-
5 troller General based a lack of any reason-
6 able legal or factual basis; and

7 (iii) for which such dismissal was fi-
8 nally determined.

9 (B) The term “covered contract” means a
10 contract with the Department of Defense en-
11 tered into with the incumbent contractor for the
12 acquisition of goods or services by the Depart-
13 ment during the disgorgement period that are
14 the same or substantially similar to goods or
15 services to be acquired by the Department
16 under the contract previously awarded to the
17 incumbent contractor.

18 (C) The term “disgorgement period”
19 means the period of performance under a con-
20 tract that was awarded or extended because the
21 Department of Defense received notice of a pro-
22 test by the incumbent contractor and was pro-
23 hibited from awarding a new contract during
24 the pendency of such bid protest under section
25 3553(c) of title 31, United States Code.

1 (D) The term “finally determined”, with
2 respect to the dismissal of a bid protest, means
3 dismissal—

4 (i) was not appealed and is no longer
5 appealable because the time for taking an
6 appeal has expired; or

7 (ii) was appealed and the appeals
8 process for which is completed.

9 (E) The term “incumbent contractor”
10 means a contractor under a contract with the
11 Department of Defense for the acquisition of
12 goods or services by the Department that are
13 the same or substantially similar to goods or
14 services to be acquired by the Department
15 under a new or follow-on contract that is the
16 subject of a covered bid protest.

17 (b) CONTINUED PERFORMANCE TO FACILITATE NA-
18 TIONAL DEFENSE.—Section 3553 of title 31, United
19 States Code, is amended—

20 (1) by amending subsection (c)(3) to read as
21 follows:

22 “(3) For the purposes of the written finding under
23 paragraph (2)(A) with respect to a contract for a procure-
24 ment by a component of the Department of Defense, the
25 head of the procuring activity may make the finding under

1 such paragraph for such contract if such head of the pro-
2 curing activity determines that the performance of such
3 contract would facilitate the national defense.”; and

4 (2) in subsection (d)(3), by adding at the end
5 the following new subparagraph:

6 “(D) For the purposes of the determination under
7 paragraph (2)(B) with respect to a contract for a procure-
8 ment by a component of the Department of Defense, a
9 contracting officer may not determine that immediate per-
10 formance of such contract is not in the best interests of
11 the United States if the contracting officer determines
12 that performance of the contract would facilitate the na-
13 tional defense.”.

14 **SEC. 819. REPORT ON THE USE OF OTHER TRANSACTION**
15 **AUTHORITY.**

16 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
17 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit
18 to the congressional defense committees a report on the
19 use of follow-on production contracts or transactions
20 under section 4022 of title 10, United States Code, during
21 the period beginning on October 1, 2020, and ending on
22 October 1, 2025. Such report shall include—

23 (1) the number of transactions for a prototype
24 project awarded under the authority provided by

1 such section 4022 during the period covered by the
2 report;

3 (2) the number of transactions for a prototype
4 project for which an option for a follow-on produc-
5 tion contract or transaction was awarded during
6 such period;

7 (3) for each follow-on production contract or
8 transaction described in paragraph (2), a summary
9 of current status of such contract or transaction, in-
10 cluding overall performance of the contractor in exe-
11 cution of such contract or transaction and the total
12 value of the award;

13 (4) an assessment of any trends or lessons
14 learned that may be limit or prevent the use of fol-
15 low-on production contracts or transactions under
16 such section 4022; and

17 (5) any recommendations the Secretary may
18 have to improve the use of follow-on production con-
19 tracts or transactions under such section 4022 and
20 to increase the number of prototype projects that
21 successfully transition to production through such
22 use.

1 **SEC. 820. APPLICATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTATION AND**
2 **OVERSIGHT REQUIREMENTS TO CERTAIN**
3 **PROJECTS PERFORMED THROUGH OTHER**
4 **TRANSACTION AUTHORITY.**

5 With respect to each project performed through a
6 transaction (other than contracts, cooperative agreements,
7 and grants) entered into pursuant to section 4021 or 4022
8 of title 10, United States Code, that meets the definition
9 of a major defense acquisition program (as defined in sec-
10 tion 4201 of such title 10), the requirements of section
11 4204(e) of such title 10 shall apply to such project.

12 **Subtitle C—Provisions Relating to**
13 **Workforce Development**

14 **SEC. 831. IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC-PRIVATE TALENT EX-**
15 **CHANGE.**

16 Section 1599g(f) of title 10, United States Code, is
17 amended—

18 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through
19 (F) of paragraph (2) as clauses (i) through (vi), re-
20 spectively;

21 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
22 (5) as subparagraphs (A) through (E), respectively;

23 (3) by inserting “(1)” before “An employee”;

24 (4) in subparagraph (B)(ii), as so redesignated,
25 by striking “207,”;

1 (5) in subparagraph (D), as so redesignated, by
2 inserting “, unless specifically directed to perform
3 such work by written request of the Secretary” after
4 “inherently governmental in nature”; and

5 (6) by adding at the end the following new
6 paragraph:

7 “(2) An employee described under paragraph (1) that
8 is directed to perform work that is considered inherently
9 governmental in nature under subparagraph (D) of such
10 paragraph shall be deemed to be an employee of the De-
11 partment of Defense for purposes of section 207 of title
12 18, United States Code.”.

13 **SEC. 832. MODIFICATION TO ASSIGNMENT PERIOD FOR**
14 **CRITICAL ACQUISITION POSITIONS.**

15 Section 1734 of title 10, United States Code, is
16 amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a)—

18 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
19 “THREE-YEAR”;

20 (B) in paragraph (1)—

21 (i) by striking “paragraph (3)” and
22 inserting “paragraph (4)”; and

23 (ii) by inserting “(or with respect to a
24 program executive officer, six-year period)”
25 after “three-year period”;

1 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “A per-
2 son” inserting “Except as provided in para-
3 graph (3), a person”;

4 (D) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
5 paragraph (4); and

6 (E) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
7 following new paragraph:

8 “(3) An individual may not be assigned as a program
9 executive officer (as described in section 1732 of this title)
10 unless the individual executes a written agreement to re-
11 main on active duty (in the case of a member of the armed
12 forces) or to remain in Federal service (in the case of an
13 employee) in that position for a period of at least six years.
14 The service obligation contained in such a written agree-
15 ment shall remain in effect unless and until waived by the
16 Secretary concerned under subsection (b).”;

17 (2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
18 following new paragraph:

19 “(4) The Secretary of Defense shall require that—

20 “(A) a program executive officer be assigned in
21 that position for a period of at least six years; and

22 “(B) the Under Secretary of Defense for Per-
23 sonnel and Readiness and the Under Secretary of
24 Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment jointly en-
25 sure that the requirement in subparagraph (A) does

1 not negatively affect the consideration of an indi-
2 vidual for promotion or otherwise impede the ad-
3 vancement of an individual to a position of higher
4 responsibility.”;

5 (3) in subsection (d), by striking “subsection
6 (a)(2) or (b)(2)” and inserting “in subsection (a)(2),
7 (b)(2), or (b)(3)”;

8 (4) in subsection (e), by inserting “(except for
9 an individual assigned as a program executive offi-
10 cer)” after “serving in critical acquisition positions”.

11 **SEC. 833. DEVELOPMENT OF THE ADVANCED MANUFAC-**
12 **TURING WORKFORCE.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
15 shall establish in the Defense Industrial Resilience Con-
16 sortium established under section 1842 of this Act a work-
17 ing group to identify opportunities to address workforce
18 shortages in advanced manufacturing career fields in the
19 defense industrial base.

20 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The working group shall consist
21 of members of the Defense Industrial Resilience Consor-
22 tium with an interest in addressing workforce shortages
23 in advanced manufacturing career fields in the defense in-
24 dustrial base.

25 (c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The working group shall—

1 (1) identify estimated workforce shortages in
2 advanced manufacturing career fields in the defense
3 industrial base, including such workforce shortages
4 in the Department of Defense organic industrial
5 base;

6 (2) identify career fields in advanced manufac-
7 turing and the associated skills and abilities that are
8 required for such fields; and

9 (3) develop recommendations for—

10 (A) training, education, and career devel-
11 opment programs, including mid-career pro-
12 grams, apprenticeships, internships, and sum-
13 mer camps, to prepare individuals for careers in
14 advanced manufacturing;

15 (B) the establishment of public-private
16 partnerships to provide workforce development
17 activities, including identifying incentives for
18 such partnerships for success in recruiting,
19 training, and retaining individuals in careers in
20 advanced manufacturing; and

21 (C) any policy changes needed to further
22 the participation of individuals in the advanced
23 manufacturing workforce of the defense indus-
24 trial base.

1 (d) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
3 shall submit to Congress a report containing—

4 (1) any recommendations developed by the
5 working group under subsection (c)(3); and

6 (2) a recommendation whether to continue or
7 terminate the working group.

8 (e) ADVANCED MANUFACTURING DEFINED.—In this
9 section, the term “advanced manufacturing” means the
10 manufacturing of products or the application and use of
11 advanced technologies (including artificial intelligence, ro-
12 botics, automation, 3D printing, and cyber-physical sys-
13 tems).

14 **SEC. 834. COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION LEADERSHIP AP-**
15 **POINTMENTS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
17 ensure that the eligibility for an acquisition leadership po-
18 sition associated with a joint research and development ac-
19 tivity or a joint acquisition program is not limited by—

20 (1) the affiliation of an individual with a spe-
21 cific Armed Force; or

22 (2) whether an individual is a civilian employee
23 of the Department of Defense or a member of the
24 military.

1 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
2 tion shall be construed as impairing or otherwise affecting
3 the authority of any component, element, or activity of the
4 Department of Defense from considering the level of rep-
5 resentation of an Armed Force, Federal agency, or organi-
6 zation of the Department in an acquisition program when
7 determining whom to appoint to an acquisition leadership
8 position under such acquisition program.

9 (c) ACQUISITION LEADERSHIP POSITION DE-
10 FINED.—In this section, the term “acquisition leadership
11 position” means an acquisition position within the Depart-
12 ment of Defense, as designated pursuant to section
13 1721(a) of title 10, United States Code, that is under an
14 acquisition program of the Department and classified at
15 or above grade O-5 (or equivalent).

16 **SEC. 835. DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF MEMBERS**
17 **OF THE DEFENSE CIVILIAN TRAINING CORPS.**

18 (a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under
20 Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, in
21 collaboration with the Secretaries of the military depart-
22 ments, shall identify career and developmental programs
23 of the Department of Defense, including programs in
24 which the Department participates, that—

1 (1) serve as recruitment and placement tools
2 used to attract highly qualified individuals to and re-
3 tain such individuals in careers as Federal employees
4 in the civil service; and

5 (2) develop individuals into employees of the ac-
6 quisition workforce who have strong professional,
7 technical, managerial, and administrative com-
8 petencies that meet the current and future mission
9 needs of the acquisition system of the Department.

10 (b) MEMBER PLACEMENT.—

11 (1) EXISTING PROGRAMS.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary
13 may, to the extent practicable, appoint members
14 and Corps graduates to acquisition positions in
15 the Department of Defense under the programs
16 identified under subsection (a) to carry out the
17 purpose of the Defense Civilian Training Corps
18 described in section 2200g(b) of title 10, United
19 States Code.

20 (B) APPOINTMENTS.—The Under Sec-
21 retary shall make appointments under subpara-
22 graph (A) using the authorities of and in ac-
23 cordance with the requirements of the program
24 under which the Under Secretary is making
25 such appointment.

1 (2) NEW PROGRAM.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180
3 days after the date of the enactment of this
4 Act, the Under Secretary shall establish a new
5 program under which the Under Secretary may
6 appoint Corps graduates to acquisition positions
7 in the Department of Defense to carry out the
8 purpose of the Defense Civilian Training Corps
9 described in section 2200g(b) of title 10, United
10 States Code, to the extent that the Under Sec-
11 retary determines that the authority to make
12 appointments under paragraph (1) is insuffi-
13 cient to make the appointments necessary to
14 carry out such purposes.

15 (B) APPOINTMENT TERM.—An appoint-
16 ment under subparagraph (A) shall be a one-
17 year appointment to a position in the civil serv-
18 ice in a component of the Department of De-
19 fense participating in the program established
20 under such subparagraph, which may be re-
21 newed for one year not more than once.

22 (C) NONCOMPETITIVE APPOINTMENTS.—

23 (i) INITIAL APPOINTMENT.—The
24 Under Secretary may make appointments
25 under the program established under sub-

1 paragraph (A) to positions in the competi-
2 tive service without regard to sections
3 3309 through 3318, 3327, and 3330 of
4 title 5, United States.

5 (ii) SUBSEQUENT APPOINTMENT.—An
6 individual appointed to a position under
7 the program established under subpara-
8 graph (A) may be appointed to another po-
9 sition in the competitive service without re-
10 gard to sections 3309 through 3318, 3327,
11 and 3330 of title 5, United States, if—

12 (I) such individual has completed
13 the term of the appointment of such
14 individual under such program;

15 (II) such individual has not been
16 involuntarily separated from service in
17 the Federal Government for cause on
18 charges of misconduct or delinquency;

19 (III) such individual has not been
20 appointed to a position in the Federal
21 Government after completing the term
22 of the appointment of such individual
23 under such program; and

24 (IV) the date on which such indi-
25 vidual completed the term of the ap-

1 pointment of such individual under
2 such program is not more than one
3 year prior to the date of the appoint-
4 ment under this clause.

5 (3) SALARY.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary
7 shall pay the basic pay of individuals appointed
8 to positions under paragraph (1) or under the
9 program established under paragraph (2)(A)
10 from the Defense Acquisition Workforce Devel-
11 opment Account (section 1705 of title 10,
12 United States Code) during the period de-
13 scribed in subparagraph (B).

14 (B) PAYMENT PERIOD.—The period de-
15 scribed in this subparagraph is—

16 (i) with respect to an individual ap-
17 pointed to a position under paragraph (1),
18 the period beginning on the date such ap-
19 pointment starts and ending on the earlier
20 of the date that is one year after the date
21 on which such appointment started or the
22 date on which such individual ceases to
23 hold such position pursuant to such ap-
24 pointment; and

1 (ii) with respect to an individual ap-
2 pointed to a position under the program
3 established under paragraph (2)(A), the
4 period beginning on the date such appoint-
5 ment starts and ending on the earlier of
6 the date on which such appointment ends
7 or the date on which such individual ceases
8 to hold such position pursuant to such ap-
9 pointment.

10 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
12 shall submit to the congressional defense committees, the
13 Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the
14 House of Representatives, and the Committee on Home-
15 land Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a
16 report—

17 (1) describing the programs identified under
18 subsection (a);

19 (2) describing the program established under
20 subsection (b)(2)(A);

21 (3) with an estimate of the funding necessary
22 to fulfill the requirements of this section, for each
23 fiscal year through fiscal year 2030;

24 (4) providing recommendations for any changes
25 in policy or regulation necessary to enable the pro-

1 grams identified under subsection (a) and the pro-
2 gram that may be established under subsection
3 (b)(2)(A) to develop members and Corps graduates
4 into employees of the acquisition workforce who have
5 strong professional, technical, managerial, and ad-
6 ministrative competencies that meet the current and
7 future mission needs of the acquisition system of the
8 Department; and

9 (5) any other recommendations of the Secretary
10 for strengthening or improving the program estab-
11 lished under subsection (b)(2)(A).

12 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) The term “acquisition position” means a
14 position designated as an acquisition positions by the
15 Secretary of Defense pursuant to section 1721(a) of
16 title 10, United States Code.

17 (2) The terms “acquisition workforce” and
18 “military departments” have the meanings given
19 such terms, respectively, in section 101(a) of title
20 10, United States Code.

21 (3) The term “Corps graduate” means an indi-
22 vidual who successfully graduated from the Defense
23 Civilian Training Corps.

24 (4) The term “Defense Civilian Training
25 Corps” means the Defense Civilian Training Corps

1 program established under section 2200g of title 10,
2 United States Code.

3 (5) The term “member” means a student at an
4 accredited civilian educational institution who is en-
5 rolled in the Defense Civilian Training Corps.

6 (6) The term “Under Secretary” means the
7 Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
8 Sustainment.

9 **SEC. 836. REFORM OF CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE IN-**
10 **FORMATION REQUIREMENTS.**

11 (a) REVISION TO DFARS.—The Secretary of De-
12 fense shall revise part 242.15 of the Department of De-
13 fense Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regulation
14 to establish an objective, fact-based, and simplified system
15 for reporting contractor performance. The revised system
16 shall—

17 (1) focus exclusively on negative performance
18 events that are measurable to reduce subjectivity
19 and inconsistency in evaluations;

20 (2) create a level playing field for commercial
21 entities, subcontractors, and new entrants that do
22 not have extensive past performance records to com-
23 pete for Department of Defense contracts;

1 (3) reduce the administrative burden on con-
2 tracting officers by limiting reporting to significant
3 failures or poor performance;

4 (4) establish standardized templates for report-
5 ing negative performance events and calculating
6 composite scores; and

7 (5) ensure the Government can identify and
8 avoid contractors with a history of poor performance
9 or bad actions.

10 (b) REVISION OF CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE IN-
11 FORMATION REQUIREMENTS.—

12 (1) ELIMINATION OF SUBJECTIVE PERFORM-
13 ANCE RATINGS.—The Secretary of Defense shall re-
14 vise part 242.15 of the Department of Defense Sup-
15 plement to the Federal Acquisition Regulation and
16 related guidance, including the Contractor Perform-
17 ance Assessment Reporting System (or a successor
18 system) (in this section referred to as “CPARS”), to
19 eliminate subjective performance ratings for con-
20 tracts subject to such part.

21 (2) SCOPE OF REPORTING.—A contracting offi-
22 cer shall only include negative performance events
23 that have a material impact on contract performance
24 or Government interests in CPARS and shall ex-
25 clude positive or neutral performance assessments,

1 except as necessary to provide context for an in-
2 cluded negative performance event. A contracting of-
3 ficer shall report in CPARS negative performance
4 events within 30 days after verifying the event.

5 (3) CATEGORIZATION OF NEGATIVE PERFORM-
6 ANCE EVENTS.—A contracting officer shall cat-
7 egorize negative performance events reported under
8 paragraph (2) in one of the following areas:

9 (A) Failures related to innovation, tech-
10 nical development, or prototype delivery.

11 (B) Failures related to manufacturing,
12 quality control, or delivery of products.

13 (C) Failures related to maintenance, logis-
14 tics, or support services.

15 (D) Failures related to professional, ad-
16 ministrative, or operational services.

17 (E) Failures related to software, hardware,
18 cybersecurity, or information technology sys-
19 tems.

20 (4) PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS.—A con-
21 tracting officer is not required to conduct an annual
22 or periodic performance evaluation of a contractor
23 unless the contracting officer has verified a negative
24 performance event of such contractor.

1 (5) USE IN SOURCE SELECTION.—The Sec-
2 retary of Defense shall consider a negative perform-
3 ance event and the score associated with such event
4 (as calculated under subsection (f)) in source selec-
5 tion evaluations to assess contractor risk and re-
6 sponsibility. The absence of negative performance
7 events for an offeror, including an offer that is a
8 nontraditional defense contractor or a new entrant,
9 shall not be considered a deficiency in past perform-
10 ance evaluations. Such offerors shall be evaluated
11 based on technical capability, price, and other rel-
12 evant factors.

13 (c) SCORING MECHANISM FOR NEGATIVE PERFORM-
14 ANCE EVENTS.—

15 (1) CALCULATION.—The Secretary of Defense
16 shall establish a standardized scoring mechanism to
17 normalize negative performance events of a con-
18 tractor based on the number of transactions and the
19 dollar value of contracts performed by the con-
20 tractor.

21 (2) APPLICATION OF SCORES.—The Secretary
22 shall ensure that—

23 (A) a composite score for each contractor
24 is included in CPARS, along with any negative

1 performance events used in source selection to
2 assess past performance risk; and

3 (B) CPARS is programmed to automati-
4 cally calculate scores based on data entered by
5 contracting officers, including the number of
6 transactions and the dollar value of contracts
7 performed by the contractor.

8 (4) TRANSPARENCY.—The Secretary shall en-
9 sure that contractors—

10 (A) have access to composite scores and
11 the underlying data through CPARS; and

12 (B) may submit comments or rebuttals to
13 reported negative performance events or scores,
14 which shall be maintained in CPARS for con-
15 sideration in source selection.

16 (d) MANDATORY REPORTING.—A contracting officer
17 shall report the following negative performance events:

18 (1) Delivery of products failing to meet contract
19 requirements, as verified by Government inspection
20 reports, quality assurance records, or testing results.

21 (2) Failure to meet contract delivery schedules,
22 as documented in contract milestones, delivery or-
23 ders, or Government records.

24 (3) Incorrect or unauthorized markings on tech-
25 nical data or software, or improper assertions of re-

1 strictive rights, as verified by Government review or
2 legal findings.

3 (4) Submission of inaccurate, incomplete, or
4 misleading cost or pricing data, as identified through
5 audits by the Defense Contract Audit Agency or
6 other Government authorities.

7 (5) Failure to include mandatory contract
8 clauses in subcontracts, as verified by contract re-
9 views or audits.

10 (6) Submission of false claims, fraudulent in-
11 voices, or misrepresentations, as substantiated by in-
12 vestigations, legal findings, or Government records.

13 (7) Failure to comply with safety, environ-
14 mental, or other regulatory requirements, as docu-
15 mented by Government inspections or citations.

16 (8) Failure to meet cybersecurity requirements
17 or significant breaches caused by contractor neg-
18 ligence, as verified by Government records.

19 (9) Any other negative performance event, as
20 determined by the Secretary of Defense, that is
21 based on verifiable data or objective evaluations and
22 for which the Secretary publishes criteria in the De-
23 partment of Defense Supplement to the Federal Ac-
24 quisition Regulation.

25 (e) IMPLEMENTATION.—

1 (1) TRAINING AND GUIDANCE.—The Secretary
2 of Defense shall develop and provide training for
3 contracting officers on the following:

4 (A) Identifying, verifying, and reporting
5 negative performance events.

6 (B) The use of objective evidence and the
7 exclusion of subjective judgments in reporting
8 negative performance events.

9 (C) Entering data for creating a score in
10 CPARS.

11 (2) SYSTEM MODIFICATIONS.—Not later than
12 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
13 the Secretary of Defense shall modify CPARS to in-
14 clude the following functions:

15 (A) The categorization of negative per-
16 formance events.

17 (B) Elimination of fields for subjective rat-
18 ings.

19 (C) Automatically calculate composite
20 scores based on reported data.

21 (D) A mechanism for contractors to review
22 and respond to reported events and scores.

23 (3) TRANSITION PERIOD.—With respect to a
24 contract awarded before the effective date of the re-
25 vision to the Department of Defense Supplement to

1 the Federal Acquisition Regulation required by sub-
2 section (a), a contracting officer for such contract
3 may complete CPARS evaluations under the prior
4 system until the contract is closed or terminated.

5 (f) REPORT AND OVERSIGHT.—

6 (1) REPORT.—Not later than January 15,
7 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Com-
8 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and House
9 of Representatives a report on the implementation of
10 this section.

11 (2) GAO REVIEW.—Not later than three years
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
13 Comptroller General of the United States shall con-
14 duct a review of the revised CPARS that includes
15 the following:

16 (A) The effectiveness of CPARS to carry
17 out the requirements of this section.

18 (B) The accuracy and fairness of the scor-
19 ing mechanism developed under subsection (d).

20 (C) The effect of the modifications made by
21 this section on competition and participation of
22 nontraditional defense contractors in contracts
23 of the Department of Defense.

1 (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the require-
2 ments of this section shall take effect 180 days after the
3 date of the enactment of this Act.

4 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) The term “negative performance event”
6 means a verifiable instance of contractor failure or
7 poor performance as described in subsection (e).

8 (2) The term “nontraditional defense con-
9 tractor” has the meaning given in section 3014 of
10 title 10, United States Code.

11 (3) The term “verifiable data” means objective
12 evidence documented in contract records, inspection
13 reports, audits, correspondence, or other Govern-
14 ment records that substantiate a negative perform-
15 ance event.

16 **SEC. 837. RESTRUCTURING OF PERFORMANCE EVALUA-**
17 **TION METRICS FOR THE ACQUISITION WORK-**
18 **FORCE.**

19 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF ACQUISITION WORKFORCE
20 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS.—Not later than 180
21 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
22 retary of Defense shall implement mandatory key perform-
23 ance indicators (in this section referred to as “KPIs”) for
24 evaluating members of the acquisition workforce (as de-
25 fined in 10 USC 101). Such KPIs shall be used to assess

1 the degree of alignment between activities of such mem-
2 bers and strategic priorities of the Department of Defense,
3 including—

4 (1) use of commercial acquisition methods, in-
5 cluding the use of fixed-price contracts under terms
6 and conditions similar to those used for commercial
7 contracts;

8 (2) use of innovative acquisition authorities;

9 (3) demonstrated preference for commercial so-
10 lutions;

11 (4) integration of small business concerns (as
12 defined under section 3 of the Small Business Act
13 (15 U.S.C. 632)) and nontraditional defense con-
14 tractors (as defined in section 3014 of title 10,
15 United States Code) into the defense industrial base;

16 (5) demonstrated cost and schedule efficiencies;

17 (6) use of milestone-based, modular open sys-
18 tem approaches (as defined in section 4401 of title
19 10, United States Code, as amended by section 1833
20 of this Act) and capabilities-based pricing; and

21 (7) use of the authorities under chapter 253 of
22 title 10, United States Code, and similar tools aimed
23 at streamlining and improving the acquisition proc-
24 ess for the Department of Defense.

1 (b) INTEGRATION WITH PERSONNEL SYSTEMS AND
2 PROMOTION BOARDS.—The KPIs described in subsection
3 (a) shall be integrated into—

4 (1) annual performance appraisals for members
5 of the acquisition workforce;

6 (2) promotion, bonus, and assignment consider-
7 ation for acquisition positions; and

8 (3) requirements for certification, training, and
9 continuing education under chapter 87 of title 10,
10 United States Code.

11 (c) PUBLIC REPORTING AND OVERSIGHT.—Begin-
12 ning not later than 365 days after the date of the enact-
13 ment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense for Ac-
14 quisition and Sustainment shall submit to the congres-
15 sional defense committees a semiannual report on—

16 (1) progress in implementing KPIs required by
17 this section;

18 (2) compliance rates by each element of the De-
19 partment of Defense;

20 (3) any barriers to implementation; and

21 (4) recommendations for additional legislative
22 authorities to carry out the requirements of this sec-
23 tion.

24 (d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

1 (1) The term “commercial solutions” means
2 any method for procurement of a commercial prod-
3 uct or commercial service as described in part 12 of
4 the Federal Acquisition Regulation, subparts 212.2
5 and 212.70 of the Department of Defense Supple-
6 ment to the Federal Acquisition Regulation, or any
7 product, service, or other solution developed by a
8 private entity and funded by private investment that
9 meets the needs of the Department of Defense.

10 (2) The term “innovative acquisition authori-
11 ties” means—

12 (A) the authority under section 4021 and
13 4022 of title 10, United States Code;

14 (B) authority to use commercial solutions
15 opening contracts pursuant to section 3458 of
16 such title 10;

17 (C) application of policies of a rapid capa-
18 bilities office of a military department; or

19 (D) any other streamlined acquisition au-
20 thority.

21 (e) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
22 gress that fostering a risk-tolerant, innovation-forward
23 culture in the defense acquisition workforce is essential to
24 maintaining the United States technological and military
25 advantage. Accordingly, the Department of Defense shall

1 prioritize the cultivation of acquisition professionals who
2 can effectively leverage commercial technology, deliver dig-
3 ital capabilities at speed, and expand the industrial base
4 beyond traditional vendors.

5 **SEC. 838. ENSURING DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CON-**
6 **TRACTOR COMPLIANCE WITH DISABILITY**
7 **HIRING GOALS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—For each of fiscal years 2026
9 through 2029, the Secretary of Defense shall conduct an
10 audit of the compliance of the contractors of the Depart-
11 ment of Defense with the 7-percent utilization goal for em-
12 ployment of qualified individuals with disabilities by con-
13 tractors established by the Office of Federal Contract
14 Compliance Programs of the Department of Labor under
15 section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C.
16 793).

17 (b) REPORTS.—Not later than 5 months after the
18 end of a fiscal year for which the Secretary of Defense
19 was required to conduct an audit under subsection (a),
20 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees
21 on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and
22 the Senate a report on the findings of such audit.

1 **SEC. 839. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW OF MATTERS**
2 **RELATING TO INDIVIDUALS ASSIGNED TO A**
3 **CRITICAL ACQUISITION POSITION.**

4 (a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—The Comptroller General
5 of the United States shall—

6 (1) conduct a review of the education, training,
7 and career development programs offered by the
8 Secretary of Defense for members of the acquisition
9 workforce; and

10 (2) conduct an assessment of the efficacy of the
11 career development policies established by section
12 1734 of title 10, United States Code.

13 (b) MATTERS FOR REVIEW.—In conducting the re-
14 view required by this section, the Comptroller General
15 shall—

16 (1) review the compliance of the Secretary with
17 the requirements of section 1734 of title 10, United
18 States Code; and

19 (2) conduct an assessment of the efficacy of the
20 career development policies and minimum periods of
21 assignment established by such section 1734 in—

22 (A) improving the ability of the acquisition
23 workforce to expeditiously provide the Armed
24 Forces with the capabilities necessary to oper-
25 ate effectively, to address evolving threats, and
26 to maintain the military advantage of the

1 United States in the most cost-effective manner
2 practicable;

3 (B) enhancing the knowledge and experi-
4 ence of the acquisition workforce;

5 (C) enabling competitive career progression
6 of members of the acquisition workforce com-
7 pared to other members of the civilian and mili-
8 tary workforce of the Department of Defense
9 that are not subject to the minimum periods of
10 assignment established by such section 1734;
11 and

12 (D) the retention rates of members of the
13 acquisition workforce assigned to a critical ac-
14 quisition position, particularly key leadership
15 positions (as defined by the Under Secretary of
16 Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment), com-
17 pared with the retention rates for other mem-
18 bers of the civilian and military workforce of
19 the Department of Defense that are not subject
20 to the minimum periods of assignment estab-
21 lished by such section 1734; and

22 (3) conduct an assessment of any benefits, in-
23 cluding enhanced accountability in leadership and
24 decisionmaking by individuals in key leadership posi-

1 tions, of a minimum period of assignment of at least
2 four years to a critical acquisition position.

3 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than July 1,
4 2026, the Comptroller General shall submit to the con-
5 gressional defense committees recommendations on—

6 (1) improvements to education, training, and
7 career development programs offered by the Sec-
8 retary of Defense for members of the acquisition
9 workforce; and

10 (2) minimum periods of assignment for an indi-
11 vidual assigned as a program executive officer.

12 **SEC. 840. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW OF THE MAN-**
13 **AGEMENT, TRAINING, AND DEVELOPMENT OF**
14 **THE ACQUISITION WORKFORCE.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
16 United States shall conduct a review of the management,
17 training, and development of the acquisition workforce to
18 enable the acquisition workforce to expeditiously provide
19 the Armed Forces with the capabilities necessary to oper-
20 ate effectively, to address evolving threats, and to main-
21 tain the military advantage of the United States in the
22 most cost-effective manner practicable.

23 (b) REVIEW CONTENTS.—In conducting the review
24 required by subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall
25 evaluate the following:

1 (1) The current organization and staffing of the
2 acquisition workforce, including the total number of
3 positions in the acquisition workforce, a list of such
4 positions disaggregated by the skills and experience
5 required, and the number of such positions that are
6 vacant or are filled by an individual whose skills and
7 experience do not meet the required skills and expe-
8 rience for such position.

9 (2) The sufficiency of the processes and au-
10 thorities of the Department of Defense for recruiting
11 and retaining the acquisition workforce, and the use
12 of such authorities to maintain an acquisition work-
13 force that is optimized to meet mission require-
14 ments.

15 (3) Trends in acquisition workforce hiring and
16 retention over the preceding five years.

17 (4) The impediments to members of the acquisi-
18 tion workforce receiving training and education, in-
19 cluding any lack of funding, unavailability of re-
20 quired or desired training, and excessive workload
21 demands that preclude such members from being
22 able to attend such training.

23 (c) REPORT.—Not later than April 1, 2026, the
24 Comptroller General shall submit to the congressional de-
25 fense committees a report on the findings of the review

1 required by subsection (a), including any recommenda-
2 tions to improve the management, training, and develop-
3 ment of the acquisition workforce.

4 (d) ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEFINED.—In this
5 section, the term “acquisition workforce” has the meaning
6 given such term in section 101(a) of title 10, United
7 States Code.

8 **SEC. 841. REPORT ON STRENGTHENING THE DEFENSE AC-**
9 **QUISITION UNIVERSITY.**

10 (a) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—The Secretary of De-
11 fense, acting through the Director of the Acquisition Inno-
12 vation Research Center, shall conduct a comprehensive as-
13 sessment of the Defense Acquisition University (in this
14 section referred to as “DAU”) to strengthen the ability
15 of the DAU to train and develop members of the acquisi-
16 tion workforce to meet future needs of the Department
17 of Defense. The assessment shall include the following:

18 (1) An evaluation of the mission of the DAU
19 and the alignment of such mission with the objec-
20 tives of the defense acquisition system established
21 pursuant to section 3102 of title 10, United States
22 Code (as added by this Act).

23 (2) An evaluation of the effectiveness of train-
24 ing and development provided by DAU to members
25 of the acquisition workforce to enable such members

1 to effectively implement the objectives of the defense
2 acquisition system.

3 (b) ELEMENTS.—The assessment in paragraph (1)
4 shall evaluate the following:

5 (1) The organization and structure of DAU.

6 (2) The curriculum and educational offerings of
7 DAU.

8 (3) The composition of the staff and faculty of
9 DAU, including an assessment of the diversity of
10 skills, abilities, and professional backgrounds of such
11 staff and faculty.

12 (4) The sufficiency of resource and funding
13 mechanisms supporting DAU operations.

14 (5) The extent to which DAU uses external ex-
15 perts and academic institutions to inform and en-
16 hance its programs.

17 (c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The Director of the Acqui-
18 sition Innovation Research Center shall use the assess-
19 ment required under this section and the objectives of the
20 defense acquisition system to provide to the Secretary of
21 Defense recommendations to strengthen the ability of the
22 DAU to train and develop members of the acquisition
23 workforce to meet future needs of the Department of De-
24 fense.

1 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than one year
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
3 of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense com-
4 mittees a report containing—

5 (1) the findings of the assessment conducted
6 under subsection (a) and the recommendations pro-
7 vided under subsection (c);

8 (2) any actions necessary to ensure that DAU
9 fulfills its mission and provides training and develop-
10 ment to members of the acquisition workforce that
11 aligns with the objectives of the defense acquisition
12 system.

13 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) The term “Acquisition Innovation Research
15 Center” means the acquisition research organization
16 within a civilian college or university that is de-
17 scribed under section 4142(a) of title 10, United
18 States Code.

19 (2) The term “acquisition workforce” has the
20 meaning given in section 101 of title 10, United
21 States Code.

1 **Subtitle D—Provisions Relating to**
2 **Supply Chains and Domestic**
3 **Sourcing**

4 **SEC. 851. REPEAL OF EXCEPTION FOR SMALL PURCHASES**
5 **UNDER THE BERRY AMENDMENT.**

6 Section 4862 of title 10, United States Code, is
7 amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “subsections
9 (c) through (h)” and inserting “subsections (c)
10 through (g)”; and

11 (2) by amending subsection (h) to read as fol-
12 lows:

13 “(h) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.—The Secretary of De-
14 fense shall establish a committee to—

15 “(1) provide oversight of the implementation of
16 the requirements of this section; and

17 “(2) ensure compliance with the requirements
18 of this section.”.

19 **SEC. 852. SUPPLY CHAIN ILLUMINATION INCENTIVES.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 849 of the Servicemember
21 Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Au-
22 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118-
23 159; 10 U.S.C. 3241 note prec.) is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “to assess and
25 monitor” and all that follows and inserting the fol-

1 lowing: “to implement and use supply chain illu-
2 mination meeting the minimum qualifying criteria
3 determined by the Secretary under subsection (c).”;
4 and

5 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 sections:

7 “(c) SUPPLY CHAIN ILLUMINATION MINIMUM
8 QUALIFYING CRITERIA.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
10 shall establish minimum qualifying criteria for sup-
11 ply chain illumination for contractors of the Depart-
12 ment of Defense.

13 “(2) PUBLIC NOTICE.—Not later than April 1,
14 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall publish in the
15 Federal Register a notice of the minimum qualifying
16 criteria established under paragraph (1).

17 “(d) EXPEDITED ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES.—If a
18 contractor discloses to the relevant contracting officer that
19 a covered end item was or will be provided by such con-
20 tractor to the Department of Defense under a contract
21 or other agreement, such contracting officer may continue
22 to accept and pay for delivery of such covered end item
23 until a waiver authorized under each applicable covered
24 statute with respect to such covered end item is granted
25 or denied if—

1 “(1) such contractor has supply chain illumina-
2 tion that meets the minimum qualifying criteria es-
3 tablished by the Secretary of Defense under sub-
4 section (c); and

5 “(2) such contracting officer determines that
6 such covered end item—

7 “(A) other than a prohibition on acquisi-
8 tion under a covered statute applying to such
9 covered end item, satisfies the requirements of
10 the contract or other agreement; and

11 “(B) does not pose a risk to security or
12 safety.

13 “(e) CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY.—

14 “(1) IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTION.—A con-
15 tractor of the Department of Defense shall, upon
16 identifying a nonconforming item in a covered end
17 item that was or will be provided by such contractor
18 to the Department under a contract or other agree-
19 ment, immediately begin taking corrective action
20 with respect to the inclusion of such nonconforming
21 item in such covered end item in accordance with
22 such contract or other agreement and the relevant
23 procedures of the Department.

24 “(2) ALTERNATIVE SUPPLIERS.—The corrective
25 action described in paragraph (1) with respect to a

1 nonconforming item in a covered end item shall in-
2 clude the contractor using reasonably expedient
3 means to identify, and if necessary, qualify an alter-
4 native supplier to provide materials or goods to use
5 in place of such non-conforming item in such end
6 item.

7 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 “(1) The term ‘covered statute’ means—

9 “(A) section 4863 of this title;

10 “(B) section 4872 of this title;

11 “(C) section 805 of the National Defense
12 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public
13 Law 118-31; 10 U.S.C. 4651 note prec.); or

14 “(D) section 1211 of the National Defense
15 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public
16 Law 109-163; 10 U.S.C. 4651 note prec.).

17 “(2) The term ‘covered end item’ means an end
18 item the acquisition of which is prohibited under a
19 covered statute based on a nonconforming item that
20 is contained in or a component of such end item, ex-
21 cept that such term does not include an end item
22 that is a non-conforming item.

23 “(3) The term ‘end item’ has the meaning given
24 such term in section 4863(m) of this title.

1 “(4) The term ‘nonconforming item’ means a
2 material or good the inclusion of which in an end
3 item causes the acquisition of such end item to be
4 prohibited under a covered statute.

5 “(5) The term ‘supply chain illumination’
6 means policies, procedures, and tools, including ana-
7 lytical tools that leverage large data and machine
8 learning, enabling such contractor to assess and
9 monitor the entire supply chain of such contractor to
10 identify potential vulnerabilities and security and
11 noncompliance risks with respect to goods and serv-
12 ices provided to the Department of Defense.”.

13 (b) REPORTING.—Not later than one year after the
14 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter
15 until the date that is five years after the date of the enact-
16 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit
17 to the congressional defense committees a report describ-
18 ing each use of the authority under section 849(d) of the
19 Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National
20 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public
21 Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 3241 note prec.), as added by
22 subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 853. MODIFICATION TO ENHANCED DOMESTIC CON-**
2 **TENT REQUIREMENT FOR MAJOR DEFENSE**
3 **ACQUISITION PROGRAMS.**

4 Section 835(c) of the National Defense Authorization
5 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 “(c) MAJOR DEFENSE ACQUISITION PROGRAM.—In
8 this section, the term ‘major defense acquisition program’
9 has the meaning given in section 4201 of title 10, United
10 States Code, except that such term includes any program
11 that meets the meaning given in such section as in effect
12 on January 1, 2025.”.

13 **SEC. 854. STRATEGY TO ELIMINATE SOURCING OF OPTICAL**
14 **GLASS FROM CERTAIN NATIONS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
16 develop and implement a strategy to eliminate the reliance
17 of the Department of Defense on any covered nation to
18 acquire optical glass or optical systems by January 1,
19 2030.

20 (b) STRATEGY REQUIREMENTS.—The strategy re-
21 quired by subsection (a) shall—

22 (1) identify the current requirements of the De-
23 partment of Defense for optical glass and optical
24 systems and estimate the projected requirements of
25 the Department for optical glass and optical systems
26 through the year 2040;

1 (2) identify the sources of optical glass or opti-
2 cal systems used to meet the current requirements
3 of the Department described in paragraph (1), in-
4 cluding any sources of optical glass or optical glass
5 systems produced in a covered nation; and

6 (3) identify actions to be taken by the Secretary
7 of Defense to ensure the defense industrial base is
8 able to meet the needs of the Department for optical
9 glass and optical systems without any reliance on a
10 covered nation not later January 1, 2030.

11 (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 270 days
12 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
13 Defense shall begin implementing the strategy required by
14 subsection (a).

15 (d) BRIEFING AND REPORT.—

16 (1) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after
17 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
18 of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense
19 committees a briefing on the strategy required by
20 subsection (a), including an identification of any
21 changes to funding or policy required to eliminate
22 the reliance of the Department of Defense on any
23 covered to acquire optical glass or optical systems by
24 January 1, 2030.

1 (2) INTERIM REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION.—

2 Not later than March 15, 2027, the Secretary of De-
3 fense shall submit to the congressional defense com-
4 mittees a report on the progress of the implementa-
5 tion of the strategy required by subsection (a), in-
6 cluding an identification of any risk to the ability of
7 the Secretary to eliminate the reliance of the De-
8 partment of Defense on any covered nation to ac-
9 quire optical glass or optical systems by January 1,
10 2030.

11 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) The term “covered nation” means—

13 (A) the Democratic People’s Republic of
14 North Korea;

15 (B) the People’s Republic of China;

16 (C) the Russian Federation;

17 (D) the Republic of Belarus; and

18 (E) the Islamic Republic of Iran.

19 (2) The term “optical glass” means glass used
20 in optical lenses, prisms, or mirrors.

21 (3) The term “optical system” means an ar-
22 rangement of optical components, including optical
23 glass, that manipulates light to produce a specific
24 outcome.

1 **SEC. 855. VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION OF COMPLIANCE**
2 **WITH COVERED SOURCING REQUIREMENTS**
3 **FOR COVERED PRODUCTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall es-
5 tablish and maintain a publicly available online repository
6 of information provided by an offeror related to the con-
7 formance of a covered product with covered sourcing re-
8 quirements.

9 (b) REGISTRATION AND ATTESTATION PROCESS.—
10 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment
11 of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a proc-
12 ess under which an offeror may voluntarily submit to the
13 Secretary an attestation relating to the compliance of a
14 covered product with a covered sourcing requirement.
15 Such process shall—

16 (1) be accessible online;

17 (2) require an offeror to acknowledge liability
18 for making a false attestation in accordance with
19 section 3729 of title 31, United States Code; and

20 (3) enable an offeror to register a covered prod-
21 uct with the Secretary of Defense by providing—

22 (A) a unique product identifier sufficient
23 to distinguish the covered product to be reg-
24 istered from a similar covered product;

25 (B) a national stock number (if available),
26 a description of the covered product, or other

1 information related to the form, fit, or function
2 of the covered product; and

3 (C) an attestation, including relevant docu-
4 mentation, of the compliance of a covered prod-
5 uct with one or more covered sourcing require-
6 ments.

7 (c) PROOF OF REGISTRATION.—The Secretary shall
8 issue to an offeror that registers a covered product in ac-
9 cordance with the process established under subsection
10 (b)(3) a proof of registration associated with a the unique
11 product identifier of the covered product. The proof of reg-
12 istration may be used—

13 (1) by the offeror in sales and marketing mate-
14 rials associated with the registered covered product;
15 or

16 (2) by a prime contractor that uses such reg-
17 istered covered product as a part or component of
18 an end item.

19 (d) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—

20 (1) COMPLIANCE INFORMATION.—The Sec-
21 retary shall make available the information nec-
22 essary to enable offerors to assess the compliance of
23 a covered product with a covered sourcing require-
24 ment.

1 (2) RESOURCES.—The Secretary shall ensure
2 that an eligible entity has adequate resources to
3 train offerors about the requirements of this section
4 and to assist an offeror with the registration and at-
5 testation process established under subsection (b).

6 (e) ENCOURAGING REGISTRATION OF PRODUCTS.—
7 The Secretary shall establish policies and procedures to
8 encourage offerors to register covered products. These
9 policies and procedures shall ensure that—

10 (1) offerors are incentivized to disclose any non-
11 compliance with the requirements of this section;

12 (2) with respect to any disclosure made under
13 paragraph (1), that such offeror is provided with in-
14 formation and assistance to determine the actions
15 required to remedy such noncompliance in order to
16 meet the criteria to register the product concerned;
17 and

18 (3) an offeror making such a disclosure will re-
19 ceive a referral to the appropriate programs or of-
20 fices of the Department of Defense that are respon-
21 sible for strengthening the defense industrial base,
22 promoting domestic industry, and accelerating pri-
23 vate investment in supply chain technologies that are
24 critical for national security.

1 (f) USE OF SUPPLY CHAIN ILLUMINATION.—The
2 Secretary shall encourage an offeror to implement and use
3 supply chain illumination (as defined in section 849 of the
4 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025,
5 as amended by section 852 of this Act) to assist in meet-
6 ing the registration and attestation requirements estab-
7 lished under subsection (b).

8 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) The term “covered product” means—

10 (A) a good offered for purchase to the Sec-
11 retary of Defense; and

12 (B) subject to a covered sourcing require-
13 ment.

14 (2) The term “covered sourcing requirement”
15 means a requirement under any of the following:

16 (A) Section 4872 of title 10 United States
17 Code.

18 (B) Section 4863 of title 10, United States
19 Code.

20 (C) Section 4862 of title 10, United States
21 Code.

22 (D) Section 4864 of title 10, United States
23 Code.

24 (E) Chapter 83 of title 41, United States
25 Code.

1 (F) Section 846 of the National Defense
2 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (10
3 U.S.C. 4864 note).

4 (G) Section 1211 of the National Defense
5 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (10
6 U.S.C. 4651 note prec.).

7 (H) Section 225.7004-5 of the Department
8 of Defense Supplement to the Federal Acquisi-
9 tion Regulation (relating to restrictions on pro-
10 curement of welded shipboard anchor and moor-
11 ing chain).

12 (I) Section 225.7011 of the Department of
13 Defense Supplement to the Federal Acquisition
14 Regulation (relating to restrictions on procure-
15 ment of carbon, alloy, or armor steel plates).

16 (J) Section 225.7012 of the Department of
17 Defense Supplement to the Federal Acquisition
18 Regulation (relating to restrictions on procure-
19 ment of supercomputers).

20 (3) The term “eligible entity” means an eligible
21 entity carrying out activities pursuant to a procure-
22 ment technical assistance program funded under
23 chapter 388 of title 10, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 856. ACCELERATION OF QUALIFICATION OF COMPLI-**
2 **ANT SOURCES.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
6 retary of Defense shall establish in the Defense In-
7 dustrial Resilience Consortium established under
8 section 1842 a working group for the exchange of
9 information about compliant materials and to accel-
10 erate the qualification of such materials for use by
11 the Department of Defense and the integration of
12 such materials into the supply chains of contractors
13 of the Department of Defense.

14 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
16 subparagraph (B), the working group shall con-
17 sist of members of the Defense Industrial Resil-
18 ience Consortium with expertise or interest in—

19 (i) the qualification and acceptance of
20 materials, parts, components and end
21 items by the Department of Defense;

22 (ii) supply chain management; or

23 (iii) supply chain illumination.

24 (B) EXCLUSION.—The Secretary may ex-
25 clude from participation in such working group
26 any individual or entity that—

1 (i) is headquartered within, owned or
2 controlled by, or subject to the influence of
3 a covered nation;

4 (ii) is functioning as the agent of any
5 foreign State; or

6 (iii) is otherwise determined by the
7 Secretary to be a significant threat to the
8 national security interests of the United
9 States.

10 (3) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The working group
11 shall—

12 (A) establish processes for exchange of in-
13 formation about compliant materials among
14 consortium members, procurement agents of the
15 Department of Defense, and contractors of the
16 defense industrial base, while maintaining ap-
17 propriate safeguards of commercially propri-
18 etary information;

19 (B) develop processes and procedures to
20 streamline identification, testing, and qualifica-
21 tion of compliant sources and compliant mate-
22 rials;

23 (C) seek to reduce the unnecessary applica-
24 tion of requirements that specific to a single
25 Armed Force for identification, testing, and

1 qualification of compliant sources and compli-
2 ant material;

3 (D) provide a forum for the Army, Navy,
4 Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force and
5 other elements of the Department of Defense to
6 share technical and supply chain data related to
7 requirements for covered materials;

8 (E) identify compliant sources at each step
9 of the supply chain, to the extent that such sup-
10 ply chains are subject to subchapter III of
11 chapter 385 of title 10, United States Code;

12 (F) at least once a quarter, publish for the
13 members of the consortium and for the Under
14 Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
15 Sustainment, a list of compliant sources for
16 each critical material, including a general de-
17 scription of what step of the supply chain in
18 which each compliant source is participating, if
19 any;

20 (G) develop and recommend processes to
21 enable the Department of Defense to rapidly
22 identify, qualify, and integrate compliant mate-
23 rials into programs of the Department at scale;

24 (H) seek to reduce future requirements for
25 critical materials in defense systems by encour-

1 aging contractors of the Department of Defense
2 to design and develop systems that use commer-
3 cially available critical materials, when such
4 materials are capable of meeting mission needs;

5 (I) seek input from small and nontradi-
6 tional contractors and ensure the working
7 group considers the unique attributes of such
8 businesses in carrying out the responsibilities of
9 this subsection;

10 (J) develop and provide recommendations
11 to reduce impediments or disincentives for a
12 supplier of an end item to the Department of
13 Defense to revise a supply chain agreement or
14 other arrangement, to eliminate the reliance of
15 the supplier on noncompliant sources;

16 (K) any other matters assigned to the
17 working group by the Secretary; and

18 (L) provide the Secretary with timely rec-
19 ommendations developed pursuant to this sec-
20 tion.

21 (b) REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING NONCOMPLIANT
22 PARTS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
24 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
25 retary shall develop and implement guidance to en-

1 sure that critical materials from noncompliant
2 sources that are present in covered systems of the
3 Department of Defense are identified and replaced
4 as rapidly as practicable with compliant materials.

5 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The guidance required
6 by (1) shall—

7 (A) ensure that a supplier of an end item
8 is actively managing the supply chain, and shall
9 address impediments or disincentives for the
10 supplier to revise a supply chain agreement or
11 other arrangement to eliminate the supplier's
12 reliance on noncompliant sources;

13 (B) require the use of compliant sources
14 included on the list required by paragraph
15 (a)(3)(F), where appropriate;

16 (C) require use of commercial qualification
17 processes to the maximum extent practicable in
18 determining whether a new supplier is capable
19 of meeting defense requirements;

20 (D) minimize the number of qualification
21 events required, including minimizing the use of
22 real-world testing, when replacing components
23 or raw materials with functionally identical
24 commercial offerings;

1 (E) provide for waiver of defense-unique
2 qualification requirements, including oper-
3 ational test and evaluation processes, unless
4 compliance with such requirements is deter-
5 mined to be essential by the head of the con-
6 tracting activity; and

7 (F) prohibit additional testing of the end
8 item if a component or subcomponent has
9 shown to have substantially similar or identical
10 performance after replacement of a noncompli-
11 ant critical material with a compliant critical
12 material, except where the service acquisition
13 executive determines otherwise.

14 (3) SAFE HARBOR.—The Secretary of Defense
15 shall deem that any acquisition of a critical material,
16 by the Department, a contractor to the Department,
17 or a subcontractor at any tier, from a supplier of
18 critical materials that is included on the list required
19 by paragraph (a)(3)(F), is in compliance with the
20 requirements of subchapter III of chapter 385 of
21 this title, if—

22 (A) the supplier of a critical material was
23 on the most recent such list of compliant
24 sources for such critical material at the time

1 the acquisition contract or other agreement was
2 entered into;

3 (B) the supplier is included on such a list
4 not less frequently than once every two years
5 during the period beginning on the date on
6 which such contract or other agreement is en-
7 tered into and ending on the date on which
8 such contract or other agreement expires or ter-
9 minates; and

10 (C) it would have created an unreasonable
11 hardship, including an interruption of needed
12 supplies or significantly different cost, for the
13 acquiring entity to switch suppliers to a compli-
14 ant source during the time between the signing
15 of the contract or other agreement and the time
16 of delivery under such contract or other agree-
17 ment.

18 (4) RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The service
19 acquisition executive for each service or agency shall,
20 for each program under supervision of such service
21 acquisition executive, identify the individual respon-
22 sible for establishing the statement of work and
23 qualification requirements associated with the re-
24 placement of components or raw materials critical

1 materials from noncompliant sources in covered sys-
2 tems as required by this section.

3 (5) COMMERCIAL ITEMS.—The Secretary shall
4 ensure that the guidance required by this subsection
5 applies to commercial products and commercial off-
6 the-shelf items to the extent that the requirements
7 of chapter 385 of title 10, United States Code, apply
8 to commercial products and commercial off-the-shelf
9 items.

10 (c) ACCESS TO MATERIALS.—Notwithstanding sec-
11 tion 4872(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Depart-
12 ment of Defense is authorized to procure a covered mate-
13 rial stockpiled in an allied or partner nation if such cov-
14 ered material has been under uninterrupted control by an
15 entity in such allied or partner nation since 2000.

16 (d) FUNDING ESTIMATES.—Not later than five days
17 after the date on which the Secretary of Defense submits
18 to Congress the materials in support of the budget sub-
19 mitted by the President to Congress under section 1105
20 of title 31, United States Code, for a fiscal year, the
21 Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
22 Sustainment, in collaboration with the service acquisition
23 executives of the military departments, shall submit to the
24 congressional defense committees a comprehensive esti-
25 mate of the funds necessary to provide for the qualifica-

1 tion and integration of compliant sources into the covered
2 systems of each military department.

3 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The term “compliant country” means a
5 country that is not a covered nation.

6 (2) The term “compliant source” means an en-
7 tity engaged in the production, manufacture, or dis-
8 tribution of a critical material that is compliant with
9 the requirements of subchapter III of chapter 385 of
10 title 10, United States Code.

11 (3) The term “compliant material” means crit-
12 ical material that is sourced from a compliant
13 source.

14 (4) The term “covered nation” has the meaning
15 given such term in section 4872(h) of title 10,
16 United States Code (as redesignated by this Act).

17 (5) The term “covered system” means an end
18 item that is currently in production or has been de-
19 livered to the Department of Defense.

20 (6) The term “critical material” means a mate-
21 rial subject to sourcing restrictions under subchapter
22 III of chapter 385 of title 10, United States Code.

23 (7) The term “end item” has the meaning given
24 such term in section 4863 of title 10, United States
25 Code.

1 (8) The term “service acquisition executive”
2 has the meaning given such term in section 101(a)
3 of title 10, United States Code.

4 (9) The term “working group” means the work-
5 ing group established under subsection (a).

6 **SEC. 857. ENHANCED SECURITY STRATEGY FOR PRIVATE**
7 **FIFTH GENERATION INFORMATION AND COM-**
8 **MUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
11 shall require a contractor for a procurement related to
12 fifth-generation wireless technology for private networks
13 on military installations to provide the information de-
14 scribed in subsection (b) to promote enhanced wireless
15 network security requirements, including supply chain risk
16 management.

17 (b) INFORMATION DESCRIBED.—The information de-
18 scribed in this subsection is as follows:

19 (1) A hardware bill of materials for a procure-
20 ment described in subsection (a).

21 (2) A description of the implementation and
22 operational use of zero trust principles and capabili-
23 ties for such procurement.

24 (c) PRIORITIZATION.—With respect to a procurement
25 described in subsection (a), the Secretary shall prioritize

1 the use of private networks that employ Open-RAN ap-
2 proaches, including cloud-native capabilities.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The term “military installation” has the
5 meaning given in section 2801 of title 10, United
6 States Code.

7 (2) The term “Open-RAN” means section 9202
8 of title XCII of the National Defense Authorization
9 Act for Fiscal Year 2021.

10 **SEC. 858. PREFERENCE FOR DOMESTIC PROCUREMENT OF**
11 **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
14 shall revise the Department of Defense Supplement to the
15 Federal Acquisition Regulation—

16 (1) to require, to the maximum extent prac-
17 ticable and consistent with the interests of national
18 security, preference for procurement of professional
19 services from offerors that are United States compa-
20 nies; and

21 (2) to allow the Secretary discretion to waive
22 the requirements of paragraph (1) if the Secretary
23 determines that—

24 (A) compliance with such requirements
25 would result in the Department of Defense fail-

1 ing to meet an urgent operational requirement;
2 or

3 (B) no United States company or quali-
4 fying joint venture is capable of fulfilling the re-
5 quirements of the contract in a timely or cost-
6 effective manner.

7 (b) WAIVER REQUIREMENTS.—A waiver described in
8 subsection (a)(2) shall be issued in writing, shall include
9 a justification for such issuance, and shall be submitted
10 to the congressional defense committees not later than 30
11 days after such issuance.

12 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) The term “United States company” means
14 an entity that—

15 (A) is organized under the laws of a State,
16 territory, or possession of the United States or
17 the District of Columbia;

18 (B) has its principal place of business in
19 the United States; and

20 (C) is not directly or indirectly owned or
21 controlled by a foreign entity

22 (2) The term “professional services” includes
23 services in the fields of engineering, architecture, de-
24 sign, environmental consulting, financial consulting,
25 program management, legal advisory, and other ex-

1 pert services as defined in the Federal Acquisition
2 Regulation.

3 (3) The term “qualifying joint venture” means
4 a joint venture in which a United States company
5 holds an ownership interest greater than 50 percent.

6 **Subtitle E—Prohibitions and**
7 **Limitations on Procurement**

8 **SEC. 861. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO LONG-TERM CON-**
9 **CESSIONS AGREEMENTS WITH CERTAIN RE-**
10 **TAILERS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 363 of title 10, United
12 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
13 lowing new section:

14 **“§ 4664. Requirements relating to long-term conces-**
15 **sions agreements with certain retailers**

16 “(a) PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH CERTAIN
17 RETAILERS.—(1) The Secretary of Defense may not
18 renew, extend, or enter into a long-term concessions agree-
19 ment with a retailer that is controlled by a covered nation
20 to permit such retailer to operate or conduct business
21 through a physical location on a covered military installa-
22 tion.

23 “(2) The Secretary may waive the requirements of
24 paragraph (1) if the Secretary determines that—

1 “(A) the goods or services to be provided by the
2 retailer are vital for the welfare and morale of mem-
3 bers of the Armed Forces and no reasonable alter-
4 natives exist;

5 “(B) the Secretary has implemented adequate
6 measures to mitigate any potential national security
7 risks of the retailer; and

8 “(C) the retailer has received a determination
9 from the Committee on Foreign Investment in the
10 United States (in this section referred to as the
11 ‘Committee’) that there are no unresolved national
12 security concerns with respect to the retailer in con-
13 nection to a matter submitted to the Committee and
14 which the Committee concluded all action pursuant
15 to section 721 of the Defense Production Act of
16 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4565).

17 “(3) Not later than 30 days after each use of the
18 waiver authority under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall
19 submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House
20 of Representatives and Senate a report including a jus-
21 tification for the use of such authority and a description
22 of any risk mitigation strategies described in paragraph
23 (2)(B).

24 “(4) With respect to a retailer that has misrepre-
25 sented the ownership and control of such retailer for the

1 award of a long-term concessions agreement, the Secretary
2 of Defense may terminate such agreement.

3 “(5) Paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to a long-
4 term concessions agreement entered into on or after the
5 date of the enactment of this section.

6 “(b) COVERED RETAILERS.—(1) The Secretary of
7 Defense may not permit a covered retailer controlled by
8 a covered nation to operate or conduct business through
9 a physical location on a covered military installation, un-
10 less such covered retailer has received an approval deter-
11 mination under paragraph (4).

12 “(2) Not later than 30 days after the date of the en-
13 actment of this section, a covered retailer—

14 “(A) shall submit to the Committee a notice
15 that includes any direct or indirect relationships be-
16 tween the covered retailer (including any subsidiaries
17 or parent companies of such covered retailer) and
18 any covered nation; and

19 “(B) may not operate or conduct business
20 through a physical location on a covered military in-
21 stallation unless the Committee submits a deter-
22 mination approving such notice in accordance with
23 paragraph (3).

24 “(3) The Committee shall conduct an investigation
25 of the effects of a notice submitted under paragraph (2)

1 on the national security of the United States, including
2 an assessment of any direct or indirect relationships be-
3 tween the covered retailer (including any subsidiaries or
4 parent companies of such covered retailer) and any cov-
5 ered nation.

6 “(4) Not later than 180 days after completing an in-
7 vestigation under paragraph (3), the Committee shall sub-
8 mit to the Secretary of Defense a determination approving
9 or disapproving the notice submitted under paragraph (2).

10 “(5)(A) A covered retailer that receives an approval
11 under paragraph (4) shall submit annually to the Com-
12 mittee disclosures regarding any change in the ownership
13 structure that may affect whether or not the covered re-
14 tailer is controlled by a covered nation.

15 “(B) The Secretary of Defense shall immediately ter-
16 minate a long-term concession agreement with a covered
17 retailer if the Secretary determines such covered retailer
18 has failed to comply with the requirements of this sub-
19 section.

20 “(c) ASSESSMENT OF COVERED RETAILERS.—(1)
21 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment
22 of this section, the Secretary of Defense shall review each
23 long-term concessions agreement with a covered retailer
24 that permits the covered retailer to operate or conduct
25 business through a physical location on a covered military

1 installation to assess any direct or indirect relationships
2 between the retailer (including any subsidiaries or parent
3 companies of such covered retailer) and any covered na-
4 tion.

5 “(2) Not later than 30 days after making a deter-
6 mination that a covered retailer is controlled by a covered
7 nation based on an assessment described in subsection (a)
8 or a determination made under subsection (b), the Sec-
9 retary of Defense shall terminate any long-term conces-
10 sions agreement with the covered retailer.

11 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 “(1) The term ‘controlled by a covered nation’
13 means, with respect to a retailer—

14 “(A) that the retailer is organized under
15 the laws of a covered nation or any jurisdiction
16 within a covered nation;

17 “(B) that a covered nation owns 20 per-
18 cent or more of the shares of the retailer; or

19 “(C) that the retailer is subject to the di-
20 rect or control of a covered nation.

21 “(2) The term ‘covered military installation’
22 means a military installation (as defined in section
23 2801 of this title) located in the United States.

24 “(3) The term ‘covered nation’ has the meaning
25 given in section 4872 of this title.

1 “(4) The term ‘covered retailer’ means a re-
2 tailer that is performing a long-term concessions
3 agreement on or before the date of the enactment of
4 this Act.

5 “(5) The term ‘long-term concessions agree-
6 ment’ means a contract, subcontract (at any tier), or
7 other agreement, including a lease agreement or li-
8 censing agreement, to operate a business through a
9 physical location on a covered military installation
10 entered into by—

11 “(A) the Secretary of Defense or a Sec-
12 retary of a military department and a person,
13 including a nonappropriated fund instrumen-
14 tality; or

15 “(B) a person and a nonappropriated fund
16 instrumentality.

17 “(6) The term ‘retailer’ means—

18 “(A) a nonappropriated fund instrumen-
19 tality that operates or seeks to operate a busi-
20 ness through a physical location on a covered
21 military installation;

22 “(B) any other person that operates or
23 seeks to operate a business on a covered mili-
24 tary installation under a contract, subcontract

1 (at any tier), or other agreement, including a
2 lease agreement or licensing agreement, with—
3 “(i) a nonappropriated fund instru-
4 mentality;
5 “(ii) the Secretary of Defense; or
6 “(iii) a Secretary of a military depart-
7 ment.”.

8 (b) ASSESSMENT OF COVERED RETAILERS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
11 retary of Defense shall review each long-term con-
12 cessions agreement with a covered retailer that per-
13 mits the covered retailer to operate or conduct busi-
14 ness through a physical location on a covered mili-
15 tary installation to assess any direct or indirect rela-
16 tionships between the retailer (including any subsidi-
17 aries or parent companies of such covered retailer)
18 and any covered nation.

19 (2) TERMINATION.—Not later than one year
20 after making a determination that a covered retailer
21 is controlled by a covered nation based on an assess-
22 ment described in subsection (a), the Secretary of
23 Defense shall terminate any long-term concessions
24 agreement with the covered retailer.

1 (3) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms
2 “covered nation”, “covered retailer”, and “long-term
3 concessions agreement” have the meanings given, re-
4 spectively, in section 4664 of title 10, United States
5 Code, as added by this section.

6 **SEC. 862. PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH ENTITIES**
7 **WITH SEGREGATED FACILITIES.**

8 Chapter 363 of title 10, United States Code, as
9 amended by section 861 of this Act, is further amended
10 by adding at the end the following new section:

11 **“§ 4665. Prohibition on contracting with entities with**
12 **segregated facilities**

13 “Each contract, including a subcontract (at any tier)
14 under such a contract, entered into by the Secretary of
15 Defense on or after the date of the enactment of this sec-
16 tion shall include a provision requiring that each con-
17 tractor follow all Federal laws, including title II of the
18 Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000a et seq.), which
19 prohibit segregated facilities.”.

20 **SEC. 863. REQUIREMENT FOR CONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE**
21 **REASONABLE ACCESS TO REPAIR MATE-**
22 **RIALS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 363 of title 10, United
24 States Code, as amended by section 862 of this Act, is

1 further amended by adding at the end the following new
2 section:

3 **“§ 4666. Requirement for contractors to provide rea-**
4 **sonable access to repair materials**

5 “(a) REQUIREMENT.—An agency may not enter into
6 a contract for the procurement of reparable goods or re-
7 pair services in support of major weapon systems unless
8 the contractor agrees in writing to provide the Department
9 of Defense fair and reasonable access to all the repair ma-
10 terials, including parts, tools, and information, used by the
11 manufacturer or provider or their authorized repair pro-
12 viders to diagnose, analyze, maintain, or repair the good
13 or service.

14 “(b) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense, or the
15 head of the procuring agency in the case of a delegated
16 authority, may waive the requirements of this section with
17 respect to a particular contract or class of contracts upon
18 a written determination that application of those require-
19 ments would have a negative impact on cost, schedule, or
20 technical performance.

21 “(c) PROTECTION FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY,
22 PROPRIETARY, AND TRADE SECRET INFORMATION.—
23 Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit the
24 unauthorized disclosure or release of intellectual property,
25 commercially confidential information, or trade secrets.

1 The Secretary of Defense shall take all necessary steps
2 to protect such information from disclosure to the extent
3 otherwise protected by law.

4 “(d) FAIR AND REASONABLE ACCESS DEFINED.—In
5 this section, the term ‘fair and reasonable access’ means,
6 as applicable—

7 “(1) prices, terms, and conditions that allow the
8 Department of Defense the rights to provide the re-
9 pair materials to an authorized contractor consistent
10 with section 3771 of title 10, United States Code,
11 and the Government’s product support strategy;

12 “(2) provision at prices, terms, and conditions
13 that are equivalent to the most favorable prices,
14 terms, and conditions under which the manufacturer
15 or an authorized reseller or distributor offers the re-
16 pair material to an authorized repair provider, ac-
17 counting for any discount, rebate, convenient and
18 timely means of delivery, means of enabling fully re-
19 stored and updated functionality, rights of use, or
20 other incentive or preference the manufacturer or an
21 authorized reseller or distributor offers to an author-
22 ized repair provider;

23 “(3) if a manufacturer does not offer, directly
24 or through an authorized reseller or distributor, the
25 repair material to any authorized repair provider,

1 then provision of such repair material at prices,
2 terms, and conditions that are otherwise determined
3 by the United States Government to be fair and rea-
4 sonable in accordance with this title and subject to
5 the dispute resolution process outlined in chapter 71
6 of title 41, United States Code; and

7 “(4) if the United States Government did not
8 previously fund the development of the intellectual
9 property of the manufacturer or an authorized re-
10 seller or distributor, the Government would pay a
11 fair and reasonable licensing fee to obtain access.”.

12 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of
14 the United States shall submit to the congressional de-
15 fense committees a report on the implementation of this
16 section.

17 (c) LIMITATIONS.—Nothing in this section shall be
18 construed as altering the requirements in section 2464
19 and 2466 of title 10, United States Code.

20 **SEC. 864. PROHIBITION ON ACQUISITION OF ADVANCED**
21 **BATTERIES FROM CERTAIN FOREIGN**
22 **SOURCES.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 385 of
24 title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
25 end the following new section:

1 **“§ 4865. Prohibition on acquisition of advanced bat-**
2 **teries composed of materials from certain**
3 **foreign sources**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on January 1, 2027,
5 and except as provided by subsection (b), the Secretary
6 of Defense may acquire an advanced battery for use at
7 installations of the Department of Defense or in systems
8 of the Department, or obtain any equipment, system, or
9 service that uses covered battery equipment or services as
10 a substantial or essential component of any system or as
11 critical technology as part of any system, only if—

12 “(1) more than 95 percent of the electrode ac-
13 tive material in each battery cell comprising such ad-
14 vanced battery is composed of materials from
15 sources other than sources that are, or are in geo-
16 graphic areas that are, owned by, controlled by, or
17 subject to the jurisdiction of foreign entities of con-
18 cern;

19 “(2) such advanced battery is not a battery de-
20 scribed in section 154(a) of the National Defense
21 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law
22 118–31; 10 U.S.C. 4651 note prec.); and

23 “(3) each such battery cell is manufactured
24 without technology licensed from a foreign entity of
25 concern or any subsidiary, successor, or affiliate of

1 a foreign entity of concern under a licensing agree-
2 ment that—

3 “(A) limits the duration of the use of such
4 technology; or

5 “(B) requires—

6 “(i) any ownership of the manufac-
7 turer of such battery cell by a foreign enti-
8 ty of concern or any subsidiary, successor,
9 or affiliate of a foreign entity of concern;
10 or

11 “(ii) any partnership or technology
12 transfer between such manufacturer and a
13 foreign entity of concern or any subsidiary,
14 successor, or affiliate of a foreign entity of
15 concern.

16 “(b) EXCEPTIONS.—

17 “(1) WAIVER.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of a
19 military department may waive subsection (a)
20 with respect to an acquisition of an advanced
21 battery if the Secretary—

22 “(i) determines in writing that such
23 acquisition is necessary to the national se-
24 curity interest of the United States; and

1 “(ii) implements a strategy to elimi-
2 nate such necessity.

3 “(B) DELEGATION.—The Secretary of a
4 military department may delegate the written
5 determination required under subparagraph
6 (A)(i) only as follows:

7 “(i) To the head of a contracting ac-
8 tivity for the relevant component for a
9 waiver for a single acquisition program.

10 “(ii) To the senior acquisition execu-
11 tive of a military department for a waiver
12 for multiple programs within such military
13 department.

14 “(iii) To the Undersecretary of De-
15 fense for Acquisition and Sustainment for
16 a waiver for more than one military de-
17 partment.

18 “(C) CONTENTS.—The written determina-
19 tion required under subparagraph (A)(i) with
20 respect to a waiver for the acquisition of an ad-
21 vanced battery shall include—

22 “(i) the reason such waiver is re-
23 quired;

1 “(ii) a list of each weapon system or
2 end item for which such advanced battery
3 is being acquired under such waiver;

4 “(iii) the duration of such waiver; and

5 “(iv) a timeline for implementing the
6 strategy described in subparagraph (A)(ii).

7 “(2) PERSONAL ELECTRONICS.—Subsection (a)
8 does not apply with respect to the acquisition of an
9 advanced battery for use in personal electronics, in-
10 cluding cell phones and laptops, intended for office
11 or administrative purposes.

12 “(3) TESTING AND EVALUATION.—Subsection
13 (a) does not apply with respect to the acquisition of
14 an advanced battery for which testing and evaluation
15 under a program of record of the Department of De-
16 fense begins prior to January 1, 2027.

17 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 “(1) The terms ‘advanced battery’ and ‘foreign
19 entity of concern’ have the meanings given such
20 terms, respectively, under section 40207(a) of the
21 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (42 U.S.C.
22 18741(a)).

23 “(2) The term ‘battery cell’ means the smallest
24 individual component of a battery capable of con-
25 verting chemical energy into electrical energy.

1 “(3) The term ‘electrode active materials’
2 means cathode materials, anode materials, anode
3 foils, and other electrochemically active materials in-
4 cluding solvents, additives, and electrolyte salts that
5 contribute to the electrochemical processes necessary
6 for energy storage in a battery.”.

7 (b) APPLICABILITY.—Section 4865 of title 10, United
8 States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall apply only
9 with respect to contracts or other agreements entered into
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

11 **SEC. 865. PROHIBITION ON ACQUISITION OF MOLYBDENUM**
12 **FROM NON-ALLIED FOREIGN NATIONS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4872(h)(1) of title 10,
14 United States Code, as redesignated and amended by this
15 Act, is further amended—

16 (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at
17 the end;

18 (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period
19 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

20 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
21 paragraph:

22 “(F) molybdenum.”.

23 (b) EXISTING CONTRACT.—The amendments made
24 by subsection (a) shall apply only with respect to contracts

1 and other agreements entered into after the date of the
2 enactment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 866. REQUIREMENT TO BUY DISPOSABLE FOOD SERV-**
4 **ICE PRODUCTS FROM AMERICAN SOURCES;**
5 **EXCEPTIONS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 385 of
7 title 10, United States Code, as amended by section 864
8 of this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the
9 following new section:

10 **“§ 4866. Requirement to buy disposable food service**
11 **products from American sources; excep-**
12 **tions**

13 “(a) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense may
14 only procure disposable food service products that—

15 “(1) are American-made;

16 “(2) contain no added perfluoroalkyl substances
17 or polyfluoroalkyl substances; and

18 “(3) improve operational readiness (as defined
19 in section 4322 of this title).

20 “(b) WAIVER.—(1) The Secretary of Defense may
21 waive the requirement under subsection (a) if the Sec-
22 retary—

23 “(A) determines that the waiver is in the
24 best interest of the national security of the
25 United States; and

1 “(B) submits to the congressional defense
2 committees a written justification for issuing
3 such waiver.

4 “(2) The Secretary may not delegate the authority
5 to issue a waiver under this subsection to an official below
6 the level of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition
7 and Sustainment.

8 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 “(1) The term ‘American-made’ means, with re-
10 spect to a disposable food service product, that such
11 product is manufactured or produced in the United
12 States—

13 “(A) by an entity that is incorporated and
14 headquartered in the United States; and

15 “(B) substantially all from articles, mate-
16 rials, or supplies produced or manufactured in
17 the United States.

18 “(2) The term ‘disposable food service products’
19 means—

20 “(A) single-use products for serving or
21 transporting ready-to-consume food or bev-
22 erages; and

23 “(B) excludes—

24 “(i) plastic food wrappers or other
25 plastic packaging for food; and

1 “(ii) operational rations, including
2 meals ready-to-eat or unitized group ra-
3 tions.

4 “(3) The terms ‘perfluoroalkyl substance’ and
5 ‘polyfluoroalkyl substance’ have the meanings given,
6 respectively, in section 2714 of this title.”.

7 (b) MODIFICATION OF REGULATIONS.—Not later
8 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
9 the Secretary of Defense shall revise the Department of
10 Defense Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regula-
11 tion to implement the requirements of section 4866 of title
12 10, United States Code, as added by this section.

13 **SEC. 867. PROHIBITION ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
14 **CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN FOREIGN-OWNED**
15 **ONLINE TUTORING SERVICES.**

16 Section 854 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Im-
17 provement and National Defense Authorization Act for
18 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 4651
19 note prec.) is amended—

20 (1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting
21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”;

22 (2) by striking “the People’s Republic of
23 China” and inserting “a country of concern”; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
25 section:

1 “(b) COUNTRY OF CONCERN DEFINED.—In this sec-
2 tion, the term ‘country of concern’ means any of the fol-
3 lowing:

4 “(1) China.

5 “(2) Russia.

6 “(3) Iran.

7 “(4) North Korea.”.

8 **SEC. 868. MODIFICATIONS TO CERTAIN PROCUREMENTS**
9 **FROM CERTAIN CHINESE ENTITIES.**

10 (a) MODIFICATION OF PROHIBITION ON DEPART-
11 MENT OF DEFENSE PROCUREMENT RELATED TO ENTI-
12 TIES IDENTIFIED AS CHINESE MILITARY COMPANIES OP-
13 ERATING IN THE UNITED STATES.—

14 (1) PROHIBITION ON USE OF LOAN OR GRANT
15 FUNDS.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a)(1) of
17 section 805 of the National Defense Authoriza-
18 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law
19 118–31; 10 U.S.C. 4651 note prec.) is amend-
20 ed—

21 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “;
22 or” and inserting a semicolon;

23 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
24 the period at the end and inserting “; or”;
25 and

1 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing new subparagraph:

3 “(C) obligate or expend loan or grant
4 funds to procure or obtain goods and services
5 produced or developed by an entity described in
6 paragraph (2).”.

7 (B) APPLICABILITY.—The requirements of
8 subparagraph (C) of section 805(a)(1) of the
9 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
10 Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C.
11 4651 note prec.), as added by this paragraph,
12 shall apply with respect to loan or grant funds
13 obligated or expended on or after the date of
14 the enactment of this Act.

15 (2) EXPANSION OF ENTITIES COVERED.—Sub-
16 section (a)(2) of such section is amended—

17 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “;
18 or” and inserting a semicolon;

19 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
20 period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

21 (C) by adding at the end the following new
22 subparagraph:

23 “(C) any entity for which the Secretary
24 has submitted a certification to the congres-

1 sional defense committees for inclusion in this
2 paragraph for national security reasons.”.

3 (3) WAIVER REPORTING.—Subsection (c) of
4 such section is amended by adding at the end the
5 following new paragraph:

6 “(4) REPORTING.—The Secretary of Defense
7 shall submit to the congressional defense committees
8 an annual report on waivers granted under this sub-
9 section, including the justifications for such waiv-
10 ers.”.

11 (4) RULEMAKING.—Not later than one year
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
13 retary of Defense shall amend the Department of
14 Defense Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Reg-
15 ulation to implement the prohibitions in section 805
16 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
17 Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C. 4651
18 note prec.), as amended by this subsection.

19 (b) DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN BIOTECHNOLOGY EN-
20 TITIES AS CHINESE MILITARY COMPANIES.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
22 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
23 retary of Defense shall update the list maintained by
24 the Department of Defense in accordance with sec-
25 tion 1260H(b) of the National Defense Authoriza-

1 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283;
2 10 U.S.C. 113 note) to include biotechnology entities
3 (including any subsidiary, parent, affiliate, or suc-
4 cessor of such an entity) engaged in DNA and RNA
5 assembly, synthesis, and manufacturing.

6 (2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

7 (A) The term “DNA and RNA assembly,
8 synthesis, and manufacturing” means the
9 chemical or biological production of RNA and
10 DNA molecules through enzymatic methods or
11 chemical synthesis and involving the construc-
12 tion of longer sequences or entire genomes from
13 smaller DNA or RNA fragments, commonly
14 used in medical research, synthetic biology,
15 gene therapy, and vaccine development.

16 (B) The term “biotechnology entity” has
17 the meaning given in section 1312(b) of the
18 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
19 Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31).

20 (c) MODIFICATION OF PROHIBITION ON AVAIL-
21 ABILITY OF FUNDS FOR PROCUREMENT OF CERTAIN
22 BATTERIES.—Subsection (b) of section 154 of the Na-
23 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024
24 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C. note preceding section
25 44651) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through
2 (7) as paragraphs (3) through (8), respectively;

3 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(2) Amperex Technology Limited (also known
6 as ‘ATL’).”; and

7 (3) by amending paragraph (8) as redesignated
8 by striking “paragraphs (1) through (6)” and insert-
9 ing “paragraphs (1) through (7)”.

10 **SEC. 869. PROHIBITION ON THE PURCHASE OF PHOTO-**
11 **VOLTAIC MODULES FROM FOREIGN ENTITIES**
12 **OF CONCERN.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by subsection
14 (b), none of the funds made available by this Act may be
15 used to acquire a photovoltaic module or photovoltaic cells
16 manufactured by a foreign entity of concern (as defined
17 in section 9901 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry Na-
18 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (15
19 U.S.C. 4651).

20 (b) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive
21 subsection (a) with respect to an acquisition of a photo-
22 voltaic module or photovoltaic cell manufactured by for
23 foreign entity of concern if the Secretary—

24 (1) determines that a sufficient quantity and
25 satisfactory quality of such photovoltaic module or

1 photovoltaic cell, as applicable, manufactured by en-
2 tities other than foreign entities of concern is not
3 available as and when needed at United States mar-
4 ket prices;

5 (2) determines that the use of such photovoltaic
6 module or photovoltaic cell, as applicable, does not
7 pose any risk to national security; and

8 (3) submits to the appropriate congressional
9 committees a certification of the determinations
10 under paragraphs (1) and (2) not later than the
11 date that is 30 days prior to the date on which the
12 Secretary of Defense enters into a contract or other
13 agreement for such acquisition.

14 (c) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) shall apply only
15 with respect to contracts or other agreements for the ac-
16 quisition of photovoltaic modules or photovoltaic cells di-
17 rectly by the Department of Defense that do not involve
18 any third party financing arrangements, including energy
19 savings contracts and contracts or other agreements in-
20 volving privatized military housing.

21 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) The term “photovoltaic cell” means the
23 smallest semiconductor element of a photovoltaic
24 module that performs the immediate conversion of
25 light into electricity.

1 (2) The term “photovoltaic module” means an
2 end item (as such term is defined in section 4863
3 of title 10, United States Code) comprised of con-
4 nected and laminated photovoltaic cells in an envi-
5 ronmentally protected assembly that is suitable to
6 generate electricity when exposed to sunlight.

7 **SEC. 870. PROHIBITION ON COMPUTERS OR PRINTERS AC-**
8 **QUISITIONS INVOLVING ENTITIES OWNED OR**
9 **CONTROLLED BY CHINA.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may not
11 acquire any computer or printer if the manufacturer, bid-
12 der, or offeror is a covered Chinese entity.

13 (b) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply with
14 respect to contracts or other agreements entered into, re-
15 newed, or extended after the date of the enactment of this
16 Act.

17 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) The term “computer”—

19 (A) means an electronic, magnetic, optical,
20 electrochemical, or other high speed data proc-
21 essing device performing logical, arithmetic, or
22 storage functions, and includes any data stor-
23 age facility or communications facility directly
24 related to or operating in conjunction with such
25 device; and

1 (B) does not include an automated type-
2 writer or typesetter, a portable handheld calcu-
3 lator, or other similar device.

4 (2) The term “covered Chinese entity” means
5 an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consulta-
6 tion with the Director of the National Intelligence or
7 the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
8 determines to be an entity owned, controlled, di-
9 rected, or subcontracted by, affiliated with, or other-
10 wise connected to, the Government of the People’s
11 Republic of China.

12 (3) The term “manufacturer” means—

13 (A) the entity that transforms raw mate-
14 rials, miscellaneous parts, or components into
15 the end item;

16 (B) an entity that subcontracts with the
17 entity described in subparagraph (A) for pur-
18 poses of assisting the entity described in such
19 subparagraph in transforming raw materials,
20 miscellaneous parts, or components into the end
21 item;

22 (C) an entity that otherwise directs the en-
23 tity described in subparagraph (A) to transform
24 raw materials, miscellaneous parts, or compo-
25 nents into the end item; or

1 (D) any parent company, subsidiary, or af-
2 filiate of the entity described in subparagraph
3 (A).

4 (4) The term “printer”—

5 (A) means desktop printers, multifunction
6 printer copiers, and printer and fax combina-
7 tions taken out of service that may or may not
8 be designed to reside on a work surface;

9 (B) includes devices that use various print
10 technologies, including laser and LED (electro-
11 graphic), ink jet, dot matrix, thermal, and dig-
12 ital sublimation;

13 (C) includes multi-function or “all-in-one”
14 devices that perform different tasks, including
15 copying, scanning, faxing, and printing;

16 (D) includes floor-standing printers, print-
17 ers with an optional floor stand, or household
18 printers; and

19 (E) does not include point-of-sale receipt
20 printers, calculators with printing capabilities,
21 label makers, or non-standalone printers that
22 are embedded into products that are not de-
23 scribed in subparagraphs (A) through (D).

1 **Subtitle F—Industrial Base Matters**

2 **SEC. 871. MODIFICATION TO DEMONSTRATION AND PROTO-** 3 **TYPING PROGRAM TO ADVANCE INTER-** 4 **NATIONAL PRODUCT SUPPORT CAPABILITIES** 5 **IN A CONTESTED LOGISTICS ENVIRONMENT.**

6 Section 842 of the National Defense Authorization
7 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C.
8 2341 note) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b)(2)—

10 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
11 “and” at the end;

12 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as
13 subparagraph (C); and

14 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (A)
15 the following new subparagraph:

16 “(B) commercial advanced or additive
17 manufacturing facilities for rapid, distributed
18 production of parts closer to the point of use;
19 and”; and

20 (2) in subsection (g), by striking “on the date”
21 and all that follows and inserting “December 31,
22 2030.”.

1 **SEC. 872. MODIFICATION TO PROCUREMENT REQUIRE-**
2 **MENTS RELATING TO RARE EARTH ELE-**
3 **MENTS AND STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL MATE-**
4 **RIALS.**

5 (a) MODIFICATION REGARDING ADVANCED BAT-
6 TERIES IN DISCLOSURES CONCERNING RARE EARTH
7 ELEMENTS AND STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL MATERIALS
8 BY CONTRACTORS OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—Sec-
9 tion 857 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Au-
10 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–
11 263; 136 Stat. 2727; 10 U.S.C. 4811 note) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1)(A)—

14 (i) by striking “permanent magnet”
15 and inserting “permanent magnet, or an
16 advanced battery or advanced battery com-
17 ponent (as those terms are defined, respec-
18 tively, in section 40207(a) of the Infra-
19 structure Investment and Jobs Act (42
20 U.S.C. 18741(a))),”; and

21 (ii) by striking “of the magnet” and
22 inserting “of the magnet, the advanced
23 battery, or the advanced battery compo-
24 nent (as applicable)”; and

25 (B) by amending paragraph (2) to read as
26 follows:

1 “(2) ELEMENTS.—A disclosure under para-
2 graph (1) with respect to a system described in that
3 paragraph shall include—

4 “(A) if the system includes a permanent
5 magnet, an identification of the country or
6 countries in which—

7 “(i) any rare earth elements and stra-
8 tegic and critical materials used in the
9 magnet were mined;

10 “(ii) such elements and materials were
11 refined into oxides;

12 “(iii) such elements and materials
13 were made into metals and alloys; and

14 “(iv) the magnet was sintered or
15 bonded and magnetized; and

16 “(B) if the system includes an advanced
17 battery or an advanced battery component, an
18 identification of the country or countries in
19 which—

20 “(i) any strategic and critical mate-
21 rials that are covered minerals used in the
22 battery or component were refined, proc-
23 essed, or reprocessed;

24 “(ii) any strategic and critical mate-
25 rials that are covered minerals and that

1 were manufactured into the battery or
2 component; and

3 “(iii) the battery cell, module, and
4 pack of the battery or component were
5 manufactured and assembled.”; and

6 (2) by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-
7 lows:

8 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 “(1) The term ‘strategic and critical materials’
10 means materials designated as strategic and critical
11 under section 3(a) of the Strategic and Critical Ma-
12 terials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98b(a)).

13 “(2) The term ‘covered minerals’ means lith-
14 ium, nickel, cobalt, manganese, and graphite.”.

15 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Subsection (a) of
16 such section 857 is further amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “provides the
18 system” and inserting “provides the system as de-
19 scribed in paragraph (1)”; and

20 (2) in paragraph (4)(C), by striking “a senior
21 acquisition executive” and inserting “a service acqui-
22 sition executive”.

1 **SEC. 873. APPLICABILITY OF THE PROHIBITION ON AC-**
2 **QUIRING CERTAIN METAL PRODUCTS.**

3 Section 844(b) of the National Defense Authorization
4 Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) is amend-
5 ed—

6 (1) in the subsection heading, by inserting “;
7 APPLICABILITY” after “DATE”; and

8 (2) by inserting “, and shall apply with respect
9 to contracts entered into on or after,” after “take ef-
10 fect on”.

11 **SEC. 874. RECYCLING CRITICAL MINERAL.**

12 Section 848(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry
13 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
14 (Public Law 116-283; 10 U.S.C. 4811 note) is amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (1)—

16 (A) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
17 “under the guidance described in paragraph
18 (3)” after “recycled or reused minerals or met-
19 als”; and

20 (B) in subparagraph (C), by inserting
21 “under the guidance described in paragraph
22 (3)” after “recycled or reused minerals or met-
23 als”; and

24 (2) by adding at the end the following new
25 paragraph:

1 “(3) GUIDANCE.—The Under Secretary of De-
2 fense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall issue
3 guidance to use the lessons learned from the pro-
4 gram of the Defense Logistics Agency for recycling
5 optical-grade germanium used in weapons systems
6 and night vision equipment to expand and scale the
7 use of the authority of the Secretary of Defense
8 under the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling
9 Act (50 U.S.C. 98 et seq.) to recycle, reuse, or
10 otherwise recover materials determined to be stra-
11 tegic and critical materials under section 3(a) of the
12 Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50
13 U.S.C. 98b(a)).”.

14 **SEC. 875. ORGANIC SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM**
15 **MANUFACTURING CAPACITY.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
17 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
18 shall establish in the Defense Industrial Resilience Con-
19 sortium established under section 1842 a working group,
20 to be called the “SkyFoundry Working Group”, to develop
21 recommendations—

- 22 (1) for improving the domestic manufacturing
23 capacity for small unmanned aircraft systems; and
24 (2) to enable rapid development, testing, and
25 scalable manufacturing of small drones.

1 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The membership of the working
2 group shall include representatives from the Government,
3 including representatives from the Army Materiel Com-
4 mand and the United States Special Operations Com-
5 mand, industry, and academia with expertise in the manu-
6 facturing, engineering, or testing and evaluation of small
7 UAS manufacturing, including expertise in modular man-
8 ufacturing processes for small UAS, or commercial best
9 practices and business models for manufacturing small
10 UAS.

11 (c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The working group estab-
12 lished under subsection (a) shall—

13 (1) identify existing infrastructure of the De-
14 partment of Defense, including depots and military
15 installations, that may be modified to operate as an
16 innovation center and production facility for small
17 UAS manufacturing that is capable of mass pro-
18 ducing small UAS;

19 (2) assess how the infrastructure identified
20 under paragraph (1) could be operated using a hy-
21 brid business model, including—

22 (A) a Government Owned, Contractor Op-
23 erated model; and

24 (B) a Government Owned, Government
25 Operated model;

1 (3) identify additional authorities that could be
2 used to streamline and expedite the establishment of
3 an organic small UAS innovation and production fa-
4 cility, including rapid acquisition authorities that
5 could be used to accelerate contacting, production,
6 testing, and delivery of small UAS to the Depart-
7 ment of Defense;

8 (4) identify any changes to policy and proce-
9 dures of the Department that are required for the
10 Department to establish the innovation center and
11 production facility for sUAS manufacturing at an
12 existing depot or military installation;

13 (5) identify any funding required for the
14 sustainment, restoration, and modernization of fa-
15 cilities to establish an innovation center and produc-
16 tion facility for small UAS manufacturing; and

17 (6) develop and submit to the Secretary of De-
18 fense recommendations for—

19 (A) establishing an innovation center and
20 production facility for small UAS manufac-
21 turing;

22 (B) workforce training to enhance the
23 knowledge and experience of the workforce of
24 the Department of Defense in small UAS de-

1 sign, manufacturing, and testing best practices
2 and procedures; and

3 (C) expanding the concept of a innovation
4 center and production facility to expand the ac-
5 cess of the Department of Defense to required
6 products, including energetics and autonomous
7 systems.

8 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
10 shall submit to Congress—

11 (1) a summary of the recommendations sub-
12 mitted to the Secretary under subsection (c)(6);

13 (2) an explanation of the actions taken by the
14 Secretary to better enable the Department of De-
15 fense to rapidly develop, test, and manufacture small
16 UAS; and

17 (3) the recommendations of the Secretary to en-
18 able the Department to expand domestic manufac-
19 turing capacity for small unmanned aircraft systems
20 and to enable rapid development, testing, and scal-
21 able manufacturing of small drones, including any
22 recommendations for any additional relevant statu-
23 tory authorities.

24 (e) SUNSET.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The requirements under this
2 section shall expire on the date that is one year after
3 the date of this Act.

4 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Paragraph (1)
5 shall not be construed as terminating the authority
6 of the Secretary to continue the operating the work-
7 ing group established under subsection (a) after the
8 expiration date established under such paragraph.

9 (f) PRESERVATION OF AUTHORITY.—The establish-
10 ment or findings of the working group established under
11 subsection (a) shall not be construed as restricting, delay-
12 ing, or otherwise limiting the Secretary of the Army from
13 exercising any of the authorities of the Secretary referred
14 to in this section, including the performance of any action
15 under any authority of the Secretary that may be the sub-
16 ject of a review by or recommendation of such working
17 group.

18 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) The term “small unmanned aircraft sys-
20 tem” mean a small unmanned aircraft and associ-
21 ated elements (including communication links and
22 the components that control the unmanned aircraft)
23 that are required for the operator to operate safely
24 and efficiently in the national airspace system.

1 (2) The term “small unmanned aircraft” means
2 an unmanned aircraft weighing less than 55 pounds,
3 including the weight of anything attached to or car-
4 ried by the aircraft.

5 **SEC. 876. PROTECTING AI AND CLOUD COMPETITION IN DE-**
6 **FENSE CONTRACTS.**

7 (a) CLOUD, DATA INFRASTRUCTURE, AND FOUNDA-
8 TION MODEL PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS.—The Sec-
9 retary of Defense shall, when entering into a contract for
10 cloud computing, data infrastructure, and artificial intel-
11 ligence capabilities—

12 (1) promote security, resiliency, and competi-
13 tion in the procurement of such capabilities by re-
14 quiring the use of competitive procedures under sec-
15 tion 3012 of title 10, United States Code;

16 (2) ensure that the Government retains exclu-
17 sive access to and use of all Government-furnished
18 data;

19 (3) ensure that such competitive procedures—

20 (A) prioritize appropriate Government
21 roles in intellectual property, data rights, secu-
22 rity, interoperability, and auditability;

23 (B) incorporate modular open systems ap-
24 proaches (as defined in section 4401 of title 10,

1 United States Code (as amended by section
2 1833 of this Act)) and technical boundaries;

3 (C) use best practices in streamlined pro-
4 curement as set forth in the Federal Acquisition
5 Streamlining Act of 1994 (Public Law 103–
6 355) and section 808 of the National Defense
7 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public
8 Law 116– 283; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note);

9 (D) encourages participation by small busi-
10 ness concerns (as defined under section 3 of the
11 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632)) and non-
12 traditional defense contractors (as defined in
13 section 3014 of title 10, United States Code);

14 (E) uses all appropriate acquisition au-
15 thorities, including authorities under sections
16 4021 and 4022 of title 10, United States Code,
17 and commercial solutions opening contracts en-
18 tered into pursuant to section 3458 of title 10,
19 United States Code.

20 (b) DATA TRAINING AND USE PROTECTION.—The
21 Secretary of Defense, acting through the Director of the
22 Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office of the De-
23 partment of Defense, shall revise the Department of De-
24 fense Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regulation
25 to ensure that—

1 (1) Government-furnished data provided for the
2 development or operation of AI capabilities may not
3 be used by a covered provider to train or improve
4 commercial products without express written author-
5 ization from the Secretary of Defense;

6 (2) such Government-furnished data, when
7 stored on covered provider systems, is protected and
8 treated in accordance with covered data principles,
9 or, to the maximum extent practicable, under com-
10 mercial AI terms protective of Government interests;

11 (3) a service acquisition executive (as defined in
12 section 101 of title 10, United States Code) may
13 waive the requirements of this subsection only if—

14 (A) such waiver is determined to be nec-
15 essary for national security; and

16 (B) the Director is notified of the specific
17 waiver, the covered provider and a description
18 and the value of the contract to which the waiv-
19 er applies, the data subject to the waiver, and
20 the justification for such waiver.

21 (c) REPORT.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 15,
23 2027, and annually thereafter for four years, the
24 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in coordina-
25 tion with the Under Secretary of Defense for Acqui-

1 sition and Sustainment, shall submit to the congres-
2 sional defense committees a report on—

3 (A) competition and innovation among pro-
4 viders of AI technologies or cloud computing ca-
5 pabilities for the Department of Defense;

6 (B) barriers to the award of a contract
7 with the Department of Defense faced by pro-
8 viders of commercial AI technologies and
9 emerging technology companies; and

10 (C) legislative and administrative rec-
11 ommendations to enhance innovation, competi-
12 tion, and secure data practices in Department
13 of Defense AI and cloud acquisitions.

14 (2) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary of Defense
15 shall ensure that the report is made available to the
16 public by—

17 (A) posting a publicly releasable version of
18 the report on a website of the Department of
19 Defense; and

20 (B) upon request, transmitting the report
21 by other means, as long as such transmission is
22 at no cost to the Department.

23 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) The terms “artificial intelligence” and “AI”
25 have the meaning given the term “artificial intel-

1 ligence” in section 5002 of the National Artificial
2 Intelligence Initiative Act of 2020 (15 U.S.C. 9401).

3 (2) The term “cloud computing” has the mean-
4 ing given the term in Special Publication 800–145
5 of the National Institute of Standards and Tech-
6 nology, or any successor document.

7 (3) The term “cloud provider” means an entity
8 engaged in the provision, sale, or licensing of cloud
9 computing.

10 (4) The term “covered data principles”
11 means—

12 (A) “DoD data decrees” as described in
13 the memorandum of the Department of Defense
14 titled “Creating Data Advantage” issued May
15 5, 2021; and

16 (B) Creating Data Advantage (Open
17 DAGIR) principles, as defined by the Director
18 of the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence
19 Office

20 (5) The term “covered provider” means any
21 cloud provider, data infrastructure provider, or arti-
22 ficial provider that has entered into one or more
23 contracts with an aggregate total value of greater
24 than or equal to \$50,000,000 during the period of

1 five fiscal years preceding the fiscal year in which a
2 contract described in subsection (a) is entered into.

3 (6) The term “data infrastructure” means the
4 underlying computer, network, and software systems
5 that enable the collection, storage, processing, and
6 analysis of data, including the ability to record,
7 transmit, transform, categorize, integrate, and other-
8 wise process data generated by digital data systems.

9 **SEC. 877. BIOINDUSTRIAL COMMERCIALIZATION PROGRAM.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
12 may establish a program to support the expansion of the
13 domestic capacity for bioindustrial manufacturing of crit-
14 ical biomanufactured products at a commercial level
15 through awards to eligible entities for establishing, up-
16 grading, and retooling of eligible bioindustrial manufac-
17 turing facilities.

18 (b) AWARDS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—An entity seeking an award
20 under the program shall submit to the Secretary an
21 application at such time, in such manner, and con-
22 taining such information as the Secretary deter-
23 mines appropriate.

1 (2) COMPETITIVE AWARDS.—The Secretary
2 shall make each award under the program to an eli-
3 gible entity in a competitive manner.

4 (3) AWARD CRITERIA.—In selecting eligible en-
5 tities to receive awards under the program, the Sec-
6 retary shall consider the following criteria:

7 (A) The potential of the technology of such
8 eligible entity to improve domestic resilience
9 and protect critical supply chains for critical
10 biomanufactured products.

11 (B) How the technology of such eligible en-
12 tity could help meet the demand for the capa-
13 bilities required by the next generation of
14 warfighters.

15 (C) The ability of the eligible bioindustrial
16 manufacturing facility with respect to which
17 such eligible entity is seeking such award to be
18 repurposed and the range of products that such
19 eligible bioindustrial manufacturing facilities is
20 capable of producing.

21 (D) Whether the eligible bioindustrial man-
22 ufacturing facility with respect to which such
23 eligible entity is seeking such award supports
24 the goal of wide geographic distribution of bio-

1 industrial manufacturing facility across the
2 United States.

3 (E) Whether the eligible bioindustrial man-
4 ufacturing facility with respect to which such
5 eligible entity is seeking such award is located
6 in geographic proximity to sources of input ma-
7 terials for the production of critical biomanufac-
8 tured products or areas with established
9 biomanufacturing capabilities; and

10 (F) Such additional considerations that the
11 Secretary deems appropriate.

12 (4) USE OF AWARD FUNDS.—A recipient of an
13 award under the program may use funds received
14 under such award for the establishment, upgrading,
15 or retooling of one or more eligible bioindustrial
16 manufacturing facilities to produce critical biomanu-
17 factured products, including the development of
18 business or technical plans related to such establish-
19 ment, upgrading, or retooling.

20 (c) OVERSIGHT.—If the Secretary establishes the
21 program, the Secretary shall establish reporting require-
22 ments for recipients of awards under the program which
23 shall include requirements for period reports on the fol-
24 lowing:

1 (1) The progress of the recipient in estab-
2 lishing, upgrading, or retooling the eligible bioindus-
3 trial manufacturing facility with respect to which
4 such recipient received such award.

5 (2) The estimated timeline and funding require-
6 ments for the recipient to begin biomanufacturing at
7 the eligible bioindustrial manufacturing facility de-
8 scribed in paragraph (1).

9 (3) The products, including the critical bio-
10 manufactured products, that are or will be produced
11 at the eligible bioindustrial manufacturing facility
12 described in paragraph (1).

13 (4) The progress of the recipient in entering
14 into an agreement with the Department of Defense
15 or an element thereof to provide critical biomanufac-
16 tured products, that are or will be produced at the
17 eligible bioindustrial manufacturing facility described
18 in paragraph (1) once such eligible bioindustrial
19 manufacturing facility begins biomanufacturing.

20 (d) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

21 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 90 days
22 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
23 retary shall submit to the Committees on Armed
24 Services of the House of Representatives and Senate
25 a report on the plan of the Secretary for allocating

1 amounts appropriated to the Department of Defense
2 to fund the program.

3 (2) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than one
4 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and
5 annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to
6 the Committees on Armed Services of the House of
7 Representatives and Senate a report on the activities
8 under the program, including—

9 (A) a list of the awards made under the
10 program as of the date on which the report is
11 submitted, including, for each such award—

12 (i) the name of the entity that re-
13 ceived the award;

14 (ii) the location of the eligible bio-
15 industrial manufacturing facility with re-
16 spect to which such entity received the
17 award;

18 (iii) the amount of the award,
19 disaggregated by the initial amount of the
20 award and any additional amounts pro-
21 vided under the award;

22 (iv) an explanation of the criteria sup-
23 porting making the award to such entity,
24 including a description of any notable tech-

1 nologies of such entity relevant to the
2 award;

3 (v) if applicable, an explanation of the
4 rational for providing additional amounts
5 under the award; and

6 (vi) to the extent practicable, and ex-
7 planation of the effects of the award;

8 (B) an identification of amounts available
9 to the Department of Defense for making
10 awards under the program as of the date on
11 which the report is submitted and an expla-
12 nation of any plans for the use of such
13 amounts;

14 (C) an explanation of the communication
15 between the Secretary and eligible entities seek-
16 ing an award under the program regarding re-
17 quirements and timelines for such awards; and

18 (D) an explanation of how the establish-
19 ment, upgrading, or retooling of the eligible bio-
20 industrial manufacturing facility for which
21 awards were made under the program aligns
22 with priorities and needs of the Department of
23 Defense and national security.

24 (e) SUNSET.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by para-
2 graph (2), this section shall terminate on the date
3 that is 10 years after the date of the enactment of
4 this Act.

5 (2) EXTENSION.—The Secretary may change
6 the date on which this section terminates to a date
7 that is later than the date on which this section
8 would terminate under paragraph (1) if the Presi-
9 dent determines that the continuation of the pro-
10 gram is necessary to meet national economic and na-
11 tional security needs.

12 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) The term “biomanufacturing” means the
14 utilization of biological systems to develop new and
15 advance existing products, tools, and processes at
16 commercial scale.

17 (2) The term “critical biomanufactured prod-
18 uct” means a chemical, material, and other product
19 that is manufactured using biomanufacturing and is
20 relevant to the Department of Defense.

21 (3) The term “eligible bioindustrial manufac-
22 turing facility” means a bioindustrial manufacturing
23 facility that—

24 (A) is or, if not yet established, will be lo-
25 cated in the United States; and

1 (B) is or, pursuant to an award under the
2 program, will produce critical biomanufactured
3 products.

4 (4) The term “eligible entity” means an entity
5 that—

6 (A) is a private entity;

7 (B) applied for an award under the pro-
8 gram in accordance with subsection (b)(1); and

9 (C) meets such other criteria for eligibility
10 for an award under the program as determined
11 by the Secretary.

12 (5) The term “program” means the program
13 established under subsection (a).

14 (6) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
15 of Defense.

16 **SEC. 878. COMMON REPOSITORY FOR SUPPLIER INFORMA-**
17 **TION.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
19 date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary
20 of Defense for Industrial Base Policy shall establish a re-
21 pository of information commonly required for the initial
22 vetting by the Department of Defense of contractors ap-
23 plying to be qualified to supply products or services to the
24 Department.

1 (b) COORDINATED EFFORTS.—The Assistant Sec-
2 retary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy shall develop
3 the repository required under subsection (a) in conjunction
4 with or as part of other efforts of an Office of Small Busi-
5 ness Programs of the Department of Defense to provide
6 market research, supply chain resiliency, cybersecurity,
7 and secure cloud tools to entities furnishing procurement
8 technical assistance under chapter 388 of title 10, United
9 States Code, and small manufacturers.

10 (c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—The Assistant Sec-
11 retary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy may enter
12 into a public-private partnership or cooperative agreement
13 with one or more contractors of the Department of De-
14 fense in establishing the repository required by (a) if the
15 Assistant Secretary determines that such repository—

16 (1) would reduce duplicative efforts or reduce
17 the time spent by potential suppliers in providing
18 similar information to multiple prime contractors; or

19 (2) would streamline or reduce the cost of a
20 prime contractor qualifying a supplier for products
21 or services to be provided to the Department.

22 **SEC. 879. CIVIL RESERVE MANUFACTURING NETWORK.**

23 (a) WORKING GROUP.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
25 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary

1 of Defense shall establish in the Defense Industrial
2 Resilience Consortium established under section
3 1842 a working group to support the establishment
4 of the Civil Reserve Manufacturing Network to pre-
5 serve the military advantage and bolster the defense
6 of the United States and broaden the domestic in-
7 dustrial base.

8 (2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The working group es-
9 tablished under paragraph (1) shall—

10 (A) identify issues with respect to the
11 CRMN;

12 (B) develop recommendations for establish-
13 ment and operation of the CRMN, including
14 recommendations for—

15 (i) resolving the issues identified
16 under subparagraph (A); and

17 (ii) incentives to encourage participa-
18 tion in the CRMN;

19 (C) submit to the Secretary the issues
20 identified under subparagraph (A) and the rec-
21 ommendations developed under subparagraph
22 (B).

23 (3) COLLABORATION.—In carrying out the re-
24 sponsibilities of the working group established under
25 paragraph (1), the working group shall collaborate

1 with relevant entities, including government, indus-
2 try, and academia.

3 (b) INITIAL PLAN.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
5 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
6 retary shall submit to the congressional defense com-
7 mittees a plan for the establishment of the CRMN
8 program that includes—

9 (A) a plan to develop a CRMN comprised
10 of commercial advanced or adaptive manufac-
11 turing capabilities or facilities that can rapidly
12 transition from the production of commercial
13 products for commercial customers to the pro-
14 duction of products required by the Department
15 of Defense; and

16 (B) an identification of any statutory or
17 regulatory constraints on the establishment or
18 effectiveness of the CRMN and recommenda-
19 tions to streamline the establishment of the
20 CRMN, including any changes to existing au-
21 thorities related to the use of public-private
22 partnerships.

23 (2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing the plan
24 required under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall, to
25 the extent practicable, incorporate the recommenda-

1 tions of the working group established under sub-
2 section (a) submitted to the Secretary under para-
3 graph (2) of such subsection.

4 (c) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after
5 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
6 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
7 port on progress of the CRMN, including—

8 (1) an assessment of the benefits a factory-as-
9 a-service model with respect to accelerating the
10 timelines for the establishment of the CRMN, reduc-
11 ing the costs to the Government of operating the
12 CRMN, minimizing obsolescence of commercial ad-
13 vanced or adaptive manufacturing capabilities or fa-
14 cilities that are part of the CRMN, and enabling the
15 rapid scaling of the CRMN;

16 (2) an analysis of improvements in efficiency
17 and cost reduction the Department of Defense may
18 achieve without sacrificing performance, reliability,
19 qualify, or safety from the use of advanced or adapt-
20 ive manufacturing and application value engineering
21 techniques under part 48 of the Federal Acquisition
22 Regulation;

23 (3) an assessment of potential to improve sup-
24 ply chain resiliency through the acquisition by the

1 Government of advanced or adaptive manufacturing
2 hardware structures for use by system integrators;

3 (4) an identification of any statutory or regu-
4 latory constraints and recommendations to stream-
5 line the establishment of the CRMN, including any
6 amendments to exiting authorities for public-private
7 partnerships;

8 (5) an explanation of the progress on devel-
9 oping an incentive structure that would enable the
10 success of the CRMN by sufficiently addressing the
11 risk to commercial customers of CRMN participants
12 of loss of production if such participants are re-
13 quired to shift production to meet the needs of the
14 Department;

15 (6) a list of existing programs of the Depart-
16 ment that are delayed or have cost overruns result-
17 ing from a lack of components due to shortages of
18 required casting and forging capabilities of manufac-
19 turers, including—

20 (A) the name of the program or contract;

21 (B) the components that are delayed or
22 contributing to such cost overruns; and

23 (C) whether such components could be pro-
24 duced through alternative means, including ad-
25 vanced or adaptive manufacturing; and

1 (7) a strategy to transition existing production
2 approaches for the programs identified under para-
3 graph (6) to advanced or adaptive manufacturing.

4 (d) CIVIL RESERVE MANUFACTURING NETWORK
5 PROGRAM.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—After the submission of the
7 plan required under subsection (b)(1), the Secretary
8 shall establish the CRMN program under which—

9 (A) the Secretary shall establish the
10 CRMN; and

11 (B) advanced or adaptive manufacturers
12 participate in the CRMN.

13 (2) PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS.—Each par-
14 ticipant shall enter into an agreement with the Sec-
15 retary under which such participant shall, upon such
16 terms and conditions as agreed to by the Secretary
17 and the participant, rapidly transition the produc-
18 tion facilities of such participant to begin production
19 of products for the Department of Defense.

20 (3) SOLICITATION OF PROGRAM PARTICI-
21 PANTS.—Not later than one year after the date of
22 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall seek to
23 enter into agreements with one or more advanced or
24 adaptive manufacturers to participate in the CRMN
25 under the program.

1 (4) PARTICIPATION BENEFITS.—

2 (A) EXPEDITED QUALIFICATION.—The
3 Secretary shall establish expedited procedures
4 for qualifying participants to be eligible to sup-
5 ply products or services to the Department of
6 Defense.

7 (B) FUNDING.—Subject to the availability
8 of appropriations, the Secretary shall award
9 funding to participants for—

10 (i) expedited qualification and testing
11 of products manufactured by the partici-
12 pant for use by the Department of De-
13 fense; and

14 (ii) non-recurring engineering costs
15 associated with the conversion of specifica-
16 tions of a traditionally manufactured prod-
17 uct into an appropriate format for ad-
18 vanced or adaptive manufacturing.

19 (e) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than March 1, 2027, and
20 annually thereafter for five years, the Secretary of Defense
21 shall provide to the congressional defense committees a
22 briefing on the progress of the establishment of the CRMN
23 under the program.

24 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) The term “advanced or adaptive manufac-
2 turer” means a manufacturer that uses advanced or
3 adaptive manufacturing.

4 (2) The term “advanced or adaptive manufac-
5 turing” means manufacturing through the use of
6 interconnected, advanced technologies throughout
7 the design and manufacturing process that enables
8 modular, adaptable, and efficient manufacturing, in-
9 cluding software-controlled subtractive manufac-
10 turing, additive manufacturing, and powder bed fu-
11 sion manufacturing.

12 (3) The term “advanced or adaptive manufac-
13 turing hardware structure” means hardware used in
14 advanced or adaptive manufacturing for the posi-
15 tioning, mounting, or bracing of a product in the
16 manufacturing process.

17 (4) The term “CRMN” means a network of
18 manufacturers that have entered into an agreement
19 with the Secretary under which the manufacturer
20 agrees to rapidly transition the manufacturing facili-
21 ties of such manufacturers that produce commercial
22 products for purchasers other than the Department
23 of Defense to the production of products for the De-
24 partment of Defense.

1 (5) The term “factory-as-a-service” means a
2 business model and technological framework that
3 provides access to scalable and flexible manufac-
4 turing resources as service, enables rapid reconfig-
5 uration of production lines, and real-time collabora-
6 tion across geographically dispersed facilities.

7 (6) The term “participant” means an advanced
8 or adaptive manufacturer that is participating in the
9 CRMN under the program.

10 (7) The term “program” means the program
11 established under subsection (d)(1).

12 (8) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
13 of Defense.

14 (g) CONFIRMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3243 of
15 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

16 (1) by redesignating subsections (e), (f), and
17 (g) as subsections (f), (g), and (h), respectively; and

18 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
19 lowing new subsection:

20 “(e) ADVANCED OR ADAPTIVE MANUFACTURING
21 QUALIFICATIONS.—The head of the agency shall establish
22 a process to streamline qualification of sources who use
23 advanced manufacturing techniques, including those using
24 a digital adaptive production system. Once a source is
25 qualified, the head of the agency shall not require addi-

1 tional qualification for sources or products produced un-
2 less material changes have been made to the manufac-
3 turing process.”.

4 **Subtitle G—Small Business Matters**

5 **SEC. 881. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CONTRACTING GOALS** 6 **FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED** 7 **AND CONTROLLED BY VETERANS.**

8 Chapter 387 of title 10, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end the following new section:
10 **“§ 4903. Small business concerns owned and con-**
11 **trolled by veterans: contracting goals**

12 “(a) CONTRACTING GOALS.—In order to increase
13 contracting opportunities for small business concerns
14 owned and controlled by veterans, the Secretary shall es-
15 tablish a goal for each fiscal year for participation in De-
16 partment contracts (including subcontracts) by small busi-
17 ness concerns owned and controlled by veterans that is
18 not less than the Governmentwide goal for that fiscal year
19 for participation by small business concerns owned and
20 controlled by service-disabled veterans under section
21 15(g)(1) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(g)(1)).

22 “(b) SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS FOR CONTRACTS
23 ABOVE SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION THRESHOLD.—For pur-
24 poses of meeting the goals under subsection (a), a con-
25 tracting officer may award a contract to a small business

1 concern owned and controlled by veterans using proce-
2 dures other than competitive procedures if—

3 “(1) such concern is determined to be a respon-
4 sible source with respect to performance of such con-
5 tract;

6 “(2) the anticipated award price of the contract
7 (including options) will not exceed the amounts es-
8 tablished in section 36(c)(2) of the Small Business
9 Act (15 U.S.C. 657f(c)(2)); and

10 “(3) in the estimation of the contracting officer,
11 the contract award can be made at a fair and rea-
12 sonable price that offers best value to the United
13 States.

14 “(c) USE OF RESTRICTED COMPETITION.—Except as
15 provided in subsection (b), for purposes of meeting the
16 goals under subsection (a) and in accordance with this sec-
17 tion, a contracting officer may award contracts on the
18 basis of competition restricted to small business concerns
19 owned and controlled by veterans if the contracting officer
20 has a reasonable expectation that two or more small busi-
21 ness concerns owned and controlled by veterans will sub-
22 mit offers and that the award can be made at a fair and
23 reasonable price that offers best value to the United
24 States.

1 “(d) ELIGIBILITY OF SMALL BUSINESS CON-
2 CERNS.—A small business concern may be awarded a con-
3 tract under this section only if the small business concern
4 and the veteran owner of the small business concern are
5 listed in the database described in section 36(f)(1) of the
6 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657f(f)(1)).

7 “(e) SMALL BUSINESS ACT DEFINITIONS.—In this
8 section, the terms ‘small business concern’, ‘small business
9 concern owned and controlled by veterans’, and ‘small
10 business concern owned and controlled by service-disabled
11 veterans’ have the meanings given, respectively, under sec-
12 tion 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).”.

13 **SEC. 882. PERMANENT EXTENSION OF PHASE FLEXIBILITY**
14 **AND INCLUSION OF SMALL BUSINESS TECH-**
15 **NOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAM.**

16 Section 9(cc) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
17 638(cc)) is amended—

18 (1) by striking “During fiscal years 2012
19 through 2025, the” and inserting “The”; and

20 (2) by inserting “or STTR program” after
21 “SBIR program” each place it appears.

1 **SEC. 883. AUTHORITY TO MAKE ADDITIONAL SEQUENTIAL**
2 **PHASE II AWARDS UNDER THE SMALL BUSI-**
3 **NESS INNOVATION RESEARCH PROGRAM OR**
4 **SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER**
5 **PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of
7 section 9(ff) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
8 638(ff)(1)), during each of fiscal years 2026 through
9 2029, the Secretary of Defense may award one additional
10 sequential Phase II SBIR award or one additional sequen-
11 tial Phase II STTR award during each such fiscal year
12 to a small business concern that received an additional
13 Phase II award under such paragraph (1) for continued
14 work on the project for which the small business concern
15 received such award.

16 (b) LIMITATIONS.—In carrying out this section, the
17 Secretary of Defense—

18 (1) may use not more than 3 percent of the
19 funds allocated to the SBIR program or STTR pro-
20 gram of the Department, as applicable;

21 (2) shall minimize, to the maximum extent pos-
22 sible, the number of awards made using the author-
23 ity under this section; and

24 (3) shall notify the Administrator of the Small
25 Business Administration of the use of the authority
26 under this section before making an award under

1 this section that includes an explanation of why the
2 Secretary elected to use the authority under this
3 paragraph instead of seeking a Phase III award for
4 such project.

5 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms
6 “SBIR”, “STTR”, and “Phase II” have the meanings
7 given, respectively, in section 9 of the Small Business Act
8 (15 U.S.C. 638).

9 **SEC. 884. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**
10 **FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS FOR ANY**
11 **SIGNIFICANT CONTRACT TERMINATION.**

12 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
13 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall revise sec-
14 tion 249.7001 of the Department of Defense Supplement
15 to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (or any successor
16 regulation) to extend the congressional notification re-
17 quirements for any significant contract termination to in-
18 clude contracts awarded to a small business concern (as
19 defined under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15
20 U.S.C. 632)).

1 **Subtitle H—Other Matters**

2 **SEC. 891. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND URGENT INNO-**

3 **VATIVE TECHNOLOGIES AND CAPABILITIES**

4 **PILOT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Commander of the

6 United States Special Operations Command shall carry

7 out a pilot program to be known as the “USSOCOM Ur-

8 gent Innovative Technologies and Capabilities Pilot Pro-

9 gram” (in this section referred to as the “Program”) to

10 accelerate the research, development, testing, procure-

11 ment, and initial sustainment of innovative technologies

12 and equipment that enhance the operational capabilities

13 of Special Operations Forces to meet emerging mission re-

14 quirements.

15 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The Commander shall—

16 (1) establish procedures for component special

17 operations units to submit requests to the Com-

18 mander for the inclusion of innovative technologies

19 and equipment in the Program; and

20 (2) use authorities under section 167(e)(4) of

21 title 10, United States Code, to carry out the Pro-

22 gram.

23 (c) REPORT.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year

25 after the date of the enactment of this section, and

1 annually thereafter for the duration of the Program,
2 the Commander of the United States Special Oper-
3 ations Command shall submit to the congressional
4 defense committees a report on the implementation
5 and effectiveness of the Program.

6 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report shall include the
7 following:

8 (A) A summary of activities carried out
9 under the Program along with documentation
10 of planned expenditures.

11 (B) An assessment of the effect of innova-
12 tive technologies and equipment included in the
13 Program on the operational capabilities of the
14 United States Special Operations Command.

15 (C) Recommendations for the continuation,
16 expansion, or modification of the Program.

17 (D) A description of any challenges en-
18 countered and lessons learned.

19 (E) A description of any action using es-
20 tablished procedures for a reprogramming of
21 funds in an amount greater than the approved
22 amount for such reprogramming, as established
23 by Congress, to carry out the Program.

1 (d) SUNSET.—The authority to carry out the Pro-
2 gram under this section shall terminate on the date that
3 is five years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

4 **SEC. 892. INVENTORY OF TECHNICAL DATA RIGHTS FOR**
5 **WEAPON SYSTEM SUSTAINMENT.**

6 (a) INVENTORY REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, each service
8 acquisition executive shall initiate a process to establish
9 an inventory of the required covered data related to pro-
10 cured covered systems. Such inventory shall be made avail-
11 able for use by employees of the Department of Defense
12 or depot maintenance support contractors.

13 (b) REVIEW OF REQUIREMENTS.—In conducting the
14 inventory required by subsection (a), each service acquisi-
15 tion executive shall review requirements for covered data
16 identified during the design, development, and procure-
17 ment of a covered system including, as applicable—

18 (1) the planning for sustainment and the devel-
19 opment of a life cycle cost estimate for the covered
20 system required by paragraphs (4) and (6) of section
21 4251(b) of title 10, United States Code;

22 (2) the life-cycle sustainment planning required
23 by paragraph (10) of section 4252(b) of title 10,
24 United States Code;

1 (3) the estimate of requirements for core logis-
2 tics capabilities required by paragraph (11) of such
3 section 4252(b);

4 (4) the actions planned to acquire technical
5 data required by paragraph (13) of such section
6 4252(b);

7 (5) the assessment of the long-term technical
8 data needs required by subsection (a)(1)(A) of sec-
9 tion 3774 of title 10, United States Code;

10 (6) the acquisition strategy to provide for tech-
11 nical data rights required by subsection (a)(1)(B) of
12 such section 3774;

13 (7) the assessment and strategy related to in-
14 clusion of a priced contract option required by sub-
15 section (b)(2) of such section 3774;

16 (8) the assessment and strategy related to the
17 potential for changes in the sustainment plan over
18 the life cycle of the covered system required by sub-
19 section (b)(3) of such section 3774;

20 (9) the product support strategy developed by
21 the product support manager under section
22 4324(b)(1)(A) of title 10, United States Code, as in
23 effect on the day before the date of the enactment
24 of this Act;

1 (10) requirements related to rights in technical
2 data as described in section 3772 of title 10, United
3 States Code.

4 (11) requirements related to acquisition or li-
5 censing of intellectual property required by section
6 3791 of title 10, United States Code, as it pertains
7 to the covered system;

8 (12) the intellectual property management plan
9 for product support required by section
10 4324(b)(1)(G) of title 10, United States Code, as in
11 effect on the day before the date of the enactment
12 of this Act; and

13 (13) the identification of major maintenance
14 and overhaul requirements that will be required dur-
15 ing the life cycle of the covered system required by
16 section 4324(b)(1)(J) of title 10, United States
17 Code, as in effect on the day before the date of the
18 enactment of this Act.

19 (c) IDENTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT.—After com-
20 pleting the inventory required by subsection (a), the serv-
21 ice acquisition executive shall publish an assessment of
22 covered data related to procured covered systems. In con-
23 ducting this assessment, the service acquisition executive
24 shall, for each requirement identified in subsection (b)—

1 (1) confirm that the service acquisition execu-
2 tive has, or has access to, the covered data described
3 in the requirement;

4 (2) describe the physical or electronic storage
5 location of the covered data that is in the possession
6 of the service acquisition executive concerned, or the
7 method of access to the covered data, as applicable;
8 and

9 (3) describe the category of rights, including
10 customized commercial licenses or specially nego-
11 tiated licenses, associated with the covered data.

12 (d) IDENTIFICATION OF INSUFFICIENCY.—Based on
13 the review of requirements in subsection (b) and the as-
14 sessment required by subsection (c), the service acquisition
15 executive shall specifically identify any insufficiency in the
16 possession of, or access to, covered data that negatively
17 affects the ability of a Secretary of a military department
18 to effectively operate the procured covered system and
19 maintain it in a cost-effective manner.

20 (e) COST ESTIMATE.—For each procured covered
21 system, the service acquisition executive shall—

22 (1) work with any contractor for such procured
23 covered system to—

24 (A) determine the best approach to remedy
25 an insufficiency identified pursuant to sub-

1 section (d) in the most cost-effective manner
2 practicable; and

3 (B) develop a cost estimate associated such
4 remedy; and

5 (2) provide to the Secretary of Defense and
6 chiefs of the Armed Forces the cost estimate de-
7 scribed in paragraph (1)(B) and a recommended
8 plan of action, including the funding required to pro-
9 vide such remedy.

10 (f) QUARTERLY UPDATES TO CONGRESS.—Not later
11 than April 1, 2026, and every 90 days thereafter until the
12 inventory required by subsection (a) is complete, each
13 service acquisition executive shall provide to the congres-
14 sional defense committees a briefing on—

15 (1) progress made toward completing the inven-
16 tory;

17 (2) a summary of findings from the inventory;

18 (3) efforts to remedy an insufficiency in covered
19 data, including a summary of actions to fund such
20 remedy;

21 (4) a description of the method used in negoti-
22 ating with any relevant contractor to access covered
23 data, including use of customized commercial li-
24 censes or specially negotiated licenses, associated
25 with the covered data; and

1 (5) any lessons learned to plan for and acquire
2 covered data related to procured covered systems.

3 (g) ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE.—The cadre of intellec-
4 tual property experts established under section 1707 of
5 title 10, United States Code, shall provide advice, assist-
6 ance, and resources to a service acquisition executive in
7 conducting an inventory required by this section.

8 (i) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

9 (1) The term “service acquisition executive”
10 has the meaning given in section 101 of title 10,
11 United States Code.

12 (2) The term “covered system” means—

13 (A) a major defense acquisition program
14 as defined in section 4201 of title 10, United
15 States Code; or

16 (B) an acquisition program or project that
17 is carried out using the rapid prototyping or
18 rapid fielding acquisition pathway under section
19 3602 of such title that is estimated by the Sec-
20 retary of Defense to require an eventual total
21 expenditure described in section 4201(a)(2) of
22 such title.

23 (3) The term “covered data” means technical
24 data and computer software.

1 (4) The term “depot maintenance support con-
2 tractor” means a contractor performing a contract
3 under the direction and control of the Secretary of
4 Defense in support of depot-level maintenance and
5 repair (as defined in section 2460 of title 10, United
6 States Code).

7 (5) The term “procured covered system” means
8 a covered system for which the Secretary of Defense
9 has taken delivery of, has access to, or has nego-
10 tiated terms to enable guaranteed access or delivery
11 at a future date, for use by employees of the Depart-
12 ment of Defense or depot maintenance support con-
13 tractors.

14 **SEC. 893. ESTABLISHING BIOBASED PRODUCT MERIT GUID-**
15 **ANCE.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
17 date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary
18 of Defense for Research and Engineering, in coordination
19 with the Secretaries of the military departments, shall de-
20 velop and make public available guidance for private enti-
21 ties on how such entities can effectively prove that a
22 biobased product of such entity provides capabilities meet-
23 ing the requirements of the Department of Defense.

24 (b) ANALYSIS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of
2 the United States shall conduct an analysis of the
3 process of the Department of Defense for developing
4 requirements to determine if such processes inten-
5 tionally or unintentionally exclude biobased products.

6 (2) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller
8 General of the United States shall submit to the
9 congressional defense committees a report on the
10 findings of the analysis conducted under paragraph
11 (1) and, if Comptroller General determines through
12 such analysis that the processes described in such
13 paragraph exclude biobased products, containing rec-
14 ommendations of the Comptroller General to reduce
15 such exclusion.

16 (c) BIOBASED PRODUCT DEFINED.—In this section,
17 the term “biobased product” means a product manufac-
18 tured, produced, or developed through the application liv-
19 ing organisms to alter living or non-living materials.

20 **SEC. 894. COMPTROLLER GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF COM-**
21 **PETITIVE EFFECTS OF MERGERS AND ACQUI-**
22 **SITIONS OF DEFENSE CONTRACTORS.**

23 The Comptroller General of the United States shall
24 conduct an assessment and submit to the congressional
25 defense committees a report on the competitive effects of

1 mergers and acquisitions of defense contractors during the
2 ten-year period preceding the date of the enactment of this
3 Act that includes—

4 (1) the effectiveness of any remedy relating to
5 a merger or acquisition of defense contractors on de-
6 fense industry competition and defense industrial
7 base sustainability;

8 (2) the effectiveness of information sharing be-
9 tween the Attorney General, the Federal Trade
10 Commission, and the Secretary of Defense in the
11 merger and acquisition review process;

12 (3) an analysis of the processes used by the
13 Secretary of Defense for measuring the effect of
14 vertical integration of defense contractors on com-
15 petition, including data collection and the ability to
16 access information from defense contractors that are
17 parties to the merger or acquisition to assess anti-
18 competitive practices among defense contractors;
19 and

20 (4) implementation of previous recommenda-
21 tions of the Comptroller General, the Secretary of
22 Defense, or the Defense Science Board to enhance
23 competition among defense contractors.

1 **TITLE IX—DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
2 **FENSE ORGANIZATION AND**
3 **MANAGEMENT**

4 **Subtitle A—Office of the Secretary**
5 **of Defense and Related Matters**

6 **SEC. 901. PROHIBITION OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLU-**
7 **SION PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**
8 **DEFENSE.**

9 (a) REPEAL OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ON DI-
10 VERSITY AND INCLUSION.—Section 113 of title 10, United
11 States Code, is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (c)—

13 (A) by striking paragraph (2); and

14 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and
15 (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively;

16 (2) in subsection (g)(1)(B)—

17 (A) by striking clause (vii); and

18 (B) by redesignating clauses (viii), (ix),
19 and (x) as clauses (vii), (viii), and (ix), respec-
20 tively; and

21 (3) by striking subsections (l) and (m) and by
22 redesignating subsections (n) and (o) as subsections
23 (l) and (m), respectively.

24 (b) REPEAL OF CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICER.—Sec-
25 tion 147 of title 10, United States Code, is repealed.

1 (c) REPEAL OF PROGRAM ON DIVERSITY IN MILI-
2 TARY LEADERSHIP.—Section 656 of title 10, United
3 States Code, is repealed.

4 (d) PROHIBITED DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLU-
5 SION PRACTICES.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
7 graph (2), the Secretary of Defense may not—

8 (A) maintain an office relating to diversity,
9 equity, inclusion, or accessibility or any sub-
10 stantially similar office;

11 (B) maintain or employ a chief diversity
12 officer or a substantially similar officer;

13 (C) develop, implement, distribute, or pub-
14 lish—

15 (i) plans, strategic plans, reports, or
16 surveys relating to diversity, equity, inclu-
17 sion, and accessibility;

18 (ii) action plans, reports, or surveys
19 relating to equity or substantially similar
20 plans, reports, or surveys;

21 (D) develop, implement, or maintain an
22 employee resource group or an affinity group
23 based on race, color, ethnicity, religion, national
24 origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity;

1 (E) develop, implement, or maintain an
2 agency equity team or a substantially similar
3 team;

4 (F) develop, implement, distribute, publish,
5 establish, or purchase—

6 (i) a training course relating to—

7 (I) diversity;

8 (II) equity;

9 (III) inclusion;

10 (IV) a critical theory relating to
11 race, gender, or otherwise; or

12 (V) intersectionality; or

13 (ii) a training course substantiality
14 similar to a training course described in
15 clause (i);

16 (G) develop, implement, or maintain a di-
17 versity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility data
18 dashboard or a substantially similar data dash-
19 board; or

20 (H) maintain or employ a position relating
21 to diversity, equity, inclusion, or accessibility.

22 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
23 paragraph (1) shall be construed to prevent the Sec-
24 retary of Defense from maintaining or operating—

1 (A) Equal Employment Opportunity offices
2 as historically organized and operated within
3 the Department of Defense; or

4 (B) an office enforcing the Americans with
5 Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et
6 seq.) or similar programs or offices as histori-
7 cally organized and operated within the Depart-
8 ment of Defense.

9 **SEC. 902. MODIFICATION TO AUTHORITIES OF THE UNDER**
10 **SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR RESEARCH**
11 **AND ENGINEERING.**

12 Section 133a(b) of title 10, United States Code, is
13 amended—

14 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at the
15 end;

16 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at
17 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

18 (3) by adding at the end the following new
19 paragraphs:

20 “(4) having the authority to direct the Secre-
21 taries of the military departments and the heads of
22 other elements of the Department with regard to
23 matters for which the Under Secretary has responsi-
24 bility; and

1 “(5) conducting developmental prototyping, de-
2 signing and executing experiments of prototypes in
3 the field to demonstrate operational relevance to ad-
4 dress joint force capability gaps, and encouraging
5 and supporting the rapid transition of technology
6 from the research and development phase into oper-
7 ational use within the Department.”.

8 **SEC. 903. MODIFICATION TO AUTHORITIES OF THE DIREC-**
9 **TOR OF OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUA-**
10 **TION.**

11 Section 139 of title 10, United States Code, as
12 amended by section 1801 of this Act, is further amend-
13 ed—

14 (1) in subsection (b)—

15 (A) in paragraph (6), by striking “and” at
16 the end;

17 (B) in paragraph (7), by striking the pe-
18 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

19 (C) by adding at the end the following new
20 paragraph:

21 “(8) coordinate with operational test and eval-
22 uation organizations of the armed forces to review
23 their service-approved test and evaluation master
24 plans.”;

1 (2) in subsection (k), by inserting “, and shall
2 not be subject to any limitation that does not allow
3 for sufficient staffing to fulfill the duties and re-
4 sponsibilities assigned by this section” before the pe-
5 riod at the end; and

6 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
7 section:

8 “(1)(1) The Director may enter into contracts with
9 one or more federally funded research and development
10 centers pursuant to which personnel of such centers may
11 assist the Director with program oversight, including
12 through—

13 “(A) test planning, preparation and moni-
14 toring;

15 “(B) data collection;

16 “(C) data analysis;

17 “(D) drafting and reviewing test reports;

18 “(E) providing technical expertise and sup-
19 port to program offices; and

20 “(F) performing such other duties as the
21 Director determines appropriate.

22 “(2) The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the
23 Director has sufficient funding to enter into the contracts
24 for which authorization is provided under paragraph (1).”.

1 **SEC. 904. ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES FOR THE OFFICE OF**
2 **STRATEGIC CAPITAL.**

3 Section 149(e) of title 10, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (3)(A)(ii)(VI), by striking
6 “Secretary” and inserting “Director”;

7 (2) by amending clause (ii) of paragraph (5)(A)
8 to read as follows:

9 “(ii) The Department of Defense
10 Credit Program Account shall be credited
11 with amounts appropriated pursuant to the
12 authorization of appropriations and fees
13 and payments received under paragraph
14 (6).”;

15 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (6) through
16 (9) as paragraphs (7) through (10), respectively;
17 and

18 (4) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-
19 lowing new paragraph:

20 “(6)(A) The Director may charge and collect
21 fees and collect payments to reimburse costs in-
22 curred by the Office in connection with an applica-
23 tion for, or as a condition of an eligible entity receiv-
24 ing or restructuring, capital assistance under this
25 subsection. The Director may set the fees at a level
26 that the Director considers appropriate. Fees and

1 payments received under this paragraph shall be
2 credited to the Department of Defense Credit Pro-
3 gram Account to remain available until expended for
4 costs and expenditures as provided under clauses (ii)
5 through (iv) of paragraph (5)(B).

6 “(B)(i) Except as provided in clause (ii), no
7 fees or payments may be received pursuant to the
8 authority provided under subparagraph (A) as of the
9 date specified in paragraph (11).

10 “(ii) With respect to loan and loan guarantees
11 for which an obligation was incurred prior to the ex-
12 piration date in paragraph (11), the Director may
13 continue to charge and collect fees and cost reim-
14 bursements in connection with such loan and loan
15 guarantee assets until fully collected.”.

16 **SEC. 905. FURTHER MODIFICATIONS TO CAPITAL ASSIST-**
17 **ANCE PROGRAM OF THE OFFICE OF STRA-**
18 **TEGIC CAPITAL.**

19 Section 149 of title 10, United States Code, as
20 amended by section 904, is further amended—

21 (1) in subsection (d), by inserting “or equity in-
22 vestment” after “direct loan”;

23 (2) in subsection (e)—

24 (A) in paragraph (3)—

1 (i) in subparagraph (A)(ii)(I), by
2 amending item (bb) to read as follows:

3 “(bb) The Director may waive the re-
4 quirement under item (aa) with respect to
5 an investment if—

6 “(AA) the investment is deter-
7 mined by the Secretary of Defense,
8 acting through the Director, to be
9 vital to the national security of the
10 United States; or

11 “(BB) in the case of a convert-
12 ible debt instrument, the Director be-
13 lieves the total return on investment
14 of such convertible debt instrument
15 will exceed the total return on invest-
16 ment of a loan with an interest rate
17 at the yield on marketable securities
18 of a similar maturity to the maturity
19 of the loan on the date of execution of
20 the loan agreement.”; and

21 (ii) by adding at the end the following
22 new subparagraph:

23 “(D)(i) The Director may, as a minority inves-
24 tor, support an eligible investment selected pursuant
25 to subsection (d) with funds or use other mecha-

1 nisms for the purpose of purchasing, and may make
2 and fund commitments to purchase, invest in, make
3 pledges in respect of, or otherwise acquire, financial
4 interests (including equity and quasi-equity securi-
5 ties (such as warrants)) of the eligible entity receiv-
6 ing support for the eligible investment, including as
7 a limited partner or other investor in investment
8 funds, upon such terms and conditions as the Sec-
9 retary may determine.

10 “(ii) The Director may seek to sell and liq-
11 uidate any support for an eligible investment pro-
12 vided under subparagraph (A)(i) commensurate with
13 other similar investors in the eligible investment and
14 taking into consideration the national security inter-
15 ests of the United States.”;

16 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (7)
17 through (10) as paragraphs (8) through (11),
18 respectively;

19 (C) by inserting after paragraph (6) the
20 following new paragraph:

21 “(7)(A) There is established in the Treasury of
22 the United States a Department of Defense Equity
23 Program Account to hold equity instruments ob-
24 tained under this subsection.

1 “(B) In addition to equity instruments de-
2 scribed in subparagraph (A), the Equity Program
3 Account shall consist of amounts appropriated to
4 carry out this subsection.”; and

5 (D) by amending paragraph (10), as so re-
6 designated, to read as follows:

7 “(10) The Director shall notify the congres-
8 sional defense committees not later than 30 days
9 after any capital assistance is provided under this
10 subsection.”; and

11 (E) in paragraph (11), as so redesignated,
12 by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 paragraph:

14 “(C) The authority of the Director to
15 make equity investments under this subsection
16 shall expire on October 1, 2028. Any equity in-
17 vestments made under this subsection that are
18 outstanding as of such date shall continue to be
19 subject to the terms, conditions, and other re-
20 quirements of this subsection.”.

21 (3) in subsection (f), by amending paragraph
22 (1) to read as follows:

23 “(1) The term ‘capital assistance’ means a loan,
24 loan guarantee, convertible debt instrument, equity

1 security, quasi-equity security (such as a warrant),
2 or technical assistance.”.

3 **Subtitle B—Other Department of**
4 **Defense Organization and Man-**
5 **agement Matters**

6 **SEC. 911. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMANDANT OF THE COAST**
7 **GUARD ON THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.**

8 (a) MEMBERSHIP ON THE JOINT CHIEFS OF
9 STAFF.—Section 151(a) of title 10, United States Code,
10 is amended by adding at the end the following new para-
11 graph:

12 “(9) The Commandant of the Coast Guard.”.

13 (b) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN; GRADE AND
14 RANK.—Section 152 of such title is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (b)(1)(B) by striking “or the
16 Chief of Space Operations” and inserting “the Chief
17 of Space Operations, or the Commandant of the
18 Coast Guard”; and

19 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “Navy” and
20 inserting “Navy or Coast Guard”.

21 (c) VICE CHAIRMAN.—Section 154(f) of such title is
22 amended by striking “Navy” and inserting “Navy or
23 Coast Guard”.

24 (d) INCLUSION ON THE JOINT STAFF.—Section
25 155(a) of such title is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (2)—

2 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

3 (A), by striking “(other than the Coast
4 Guard)”;

5 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking
6 “and” at the end;

7 (C) in subparagraph (C), by striking the
8 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

9 (D) by adding at the end the following new
10 subparagraph:

11 “(D) the Coast Guard.”; and

12 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “Secretary of
13 the military department having jurisdiction over that
14 armed force” and inserting “Secretary concerned”.

15 (e) DUTIES AS MEMBER OF JOINT STAFF.—Section
16 302 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—

17 (1) by striking “The President may” and in-
18 serting the following:

19 “(a) The President may”; and

20 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
21 section:

22 “(b)(1) The Commandant of the Coast Guard shall
23 also perform the duties prescribed for the Commandant
24 as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under section
25 151 of title 10.

1 “(2) To the extent that such action does not impair
2 the independence of the Commandant in the performance
3 of the Commandant’s duties as a member of the Joint
4 Chiefs of Staff, the Commandant shall inform the Sec-
5 retary of the department in which the Coast Guard is op-
6 erating regarding military advice rendered by members of
7 the Joint Chiefs of Staff on matters affecting such depart-
8 ment.

9 “(3) Subject to the authority, direction, and control
10 of the Secretary of Defense, the Commandant shall keep
11 the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard
12 is operating fully informed of significant military oper-
13 ations affecting the duties and responsibilities of such Sec-
14 retary.”.

15 **SEC. 912. JOINT COUNTER-SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT**
16 **SYSTEMS OFFICE.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 8 of title
18 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
19 the following new section:

20 **“§ 199. Joint Counter-Small Unmanned Aircraft Sys-**
21 **tems Office**

22 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
23 Department of Defense a joint activity to be known as
24 the ‘Joint Counter-Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Of-
25 fice’ (referred to in this section as the ‘Office’).

1 “(b) DIRECTOR.—

2 “(1) There is a Director of the Office (referred
3 to in this section as the ‘Director’) who shall be ap-
4 pointed by the Secretary of Defense from among
5 personnel of the Department of Defense who are—

6 “(A) general or flag officers of the covered
7 armed forces; or

8 “(B) members of the Senior Executive
9 Service.

10 “(2) The Director shall report directly to Dep-
11 uty Secretary of Defense and shall serve as the prin-
12 cipal advisor to the Deputy Secretary and the Chair-
13 man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on counter-small
14 unmanned aircraft system matters.

15 “(c) ORGANIZATION.—The Office shall—

16 “(1) be designated as a jointly manned activity;
17 and

18 “(2) shall consist of such other subordinate or-
19 ganizational elements as the Director determines ap-
20 propriate, subject to the authority, direction, and
21 control of the Secretary of Defense.

22 “(d) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Office shall do the fol-
23 lowing:

24 “(1) Lead, advocate, coordinate, and focus all
25 Department of Defense actions in support of efforts

1 of the combatant commands and the covered armed
2 forces to defeat small unmanned aircraft systems
3 (referred to in this section as ‘sUAS’) as weapons of
4 strategic influence.

5 “(2) Integrate all counter-sUAS solutions
6 throughout the Department of Defense, seeking
7 interagency assistance as necessary.

8 “(3) Identify innovative near-term (executable
9 within a 5 year timeframe) counter-sUAS solutions.

10 “(4) Coordinate with other components of the
11 Department of Defense to carry out ongoing mid-
12 term (covering a 5-10 year timeframe) research and
13 development initiatives and long-term (covering a
14 timeframe exceeding 10 years) science and tech-
15 nology efforts that could help address the counter-
16 sUAS threat.

17 “(5) Coordinate efforts of the Department of
18 Defense to identify, assess, and disrupt adversarial
19 unmanned aircraft system supply chains and finan-
20 cial threat networks that support such supply
21 chains.

22 “(6) Coordinate with the United States North-
23 ern Command, or any successor entity serving as the
24 lead synchronizer for homeland counter small un-

1 manned aircraft systems, to develop and deploy
2 counter-sUAS capabilities for homeland defense.

3 “(7) Develop and share counter-sUAS training
4 tools, expertise, and tactics, techniques, and proce-
5 dures for components of the Department of Defense
6 that address needs of the joint force, deploying
7 forces, installation defense within and outside the
8 United States, and other relevant scenarios.

9 “(8) Coordinate efforts across the Department
10 of Defense to develop, test, evaluate, and procure
11 counter-sUAS kinetic and non-kinetic defeat capa-
12 bilities, including—

13 “(A) systems to sense, identify, track, and
14 defeat small unmanned aircraft systems, both
15 kinetically and non-kinetically;

16 “(B) command and control systems; and

17 “(C) such other capabilities the Director
18 determines appropriate.

19 “(9) Carry out the counter-sUAS validation and
20 acquisition responsibilities described in subsections
21 (e) and (f).

22 “(10) Develop and regularly update a counter-
23 sUAS strategic plan in accordance with subsection
24 (g).

1 “(11) Carry out such other activities relating to
2 counter-sUAS as the Secretary of Defense deter-
3 mines appropriate.

4 “(e) APPROVAL AND VALIDATION OF COUNTER-
5 sUAS SYSTEMS.—

6 “(1) The Office shall serve as the entity within
7 the Department of Defense with primary responsi-
8 bility for the validation and approval of counter-
9 sUAS systems for procurement and use by the De-
10 partment.

11 “(2) In coordination with other components of
12 the Department of Defense, the Director shall de-
13 velop, maintain, and regularly update a list of
14 counter-sUAS systems that are validated and ap-
15 proved for procurement and use by the Department
16 as described in paragraph (1). The Director shall
17 ensure that each counter-sUAS system on the list
18 has been vetted by the Office and has proven to be
19 effective for use by the Department in countering
20 sUAS.

21 “(3) Except as provided in paragraph (4), no
22 component of the Department of Defense may pro-
23 cure a counter-sUAS system unless such system—

24 “(A) has been validated and approved by
25 the Office under paragraph (1); and

1 “(B) is included on the list maintained
2 under paragraph (2).

3 “(4) The service acquisition executive of the
4 military department concerned (in the case of a pro-
5 curement by a military department) or the Under
6 Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
7 Sustainment (in the case of a procurement not
8 under the authority of a service acquisition execu-
9 tive) may waive the restriction under paragraph (3),
10 on a case-by-case basis, by submitting to the con-
11 gressional defense committees—

12 “(A) notice of the intent to issue such a
13 waiver; and

14 “(B) an explanation of the reasons for
15 issuing the waiver.

16 “(f) ACQUISITION OVERSIGHT DIVISION.—The Di-
17 rector shall establish and maintain an acquisition over-
18 sight division within the Office. The acquisition oversight
19 division shall—

20 “(1) include acquisition professionals from rel-
21 evant Program Executive Offices within each cov-
22 ered armed force;

23 “(2) support and facilitate efforts of the cov-
24 ered armed forces—

1 “(A) to budget and plan for the integration
2 and sustainment of counter-sUAS capabilities
3 that are approved and validated by the Office
4 under subsection (e); and

5 “(B) to efficiently and effectively transition
6 such capabilities into operational use; and

7 “(3) have such other duties and responsibilities
8 as the Director determines appropriate.

9 “(g) COUNTER-SUAS STRATEGIC PLAN.—

10 “(1) The Director shall coordinate with relevant
11 components of the Department of Defense, to de-
12 velop, publish, and regularly update a strategic plan
13 for the counter-sUAS activities of the Department,
14 which shall include—

15 “(A) measures to coordinate the various
16 counter-sUAS efforts of the Department to en-
17 sure cohesion among such efforts;

18 “(B) guidance for counter-sUAS related
19 investment and manpower decisions across the
20 Department, including necessary science and
21 technology investments; and

22 “(C) performance measures, goals, and
23 lines of effort required to achieve the strategic
24 objectives of the plan.

1 “(2) Not later than 120 days after the date on
2 which the Office commences operations, the Director
3 shall complete and submit to the congressional de-
4 fense committees the initial strategic plan developed
5 under paragraph (1).

6 “(3) Not less frequently than once every two
7 years after completion of the initial strategic plan
8 under paragraph (2), the Director shall—

9 “(A) update the plan; and

10 “(B) submit the updated plan to the con-
11 gressional defense committees.

12 “(4) Following completion of each version of
13 the strategic plan under this subsection, each com-
14 mander of a geographic combatant command shall
15 develop an implementation plan to guide the combat-
16 ant command overseen by that commander in
17 achieving the vision, mission, goals, and performance
18 measures of the strategic plan.

19 “(h) ANNUAL REPORTS.—On an annual basis, the
20 Director shall submit to the congressional defense commit-
21 tees a report that includes—

22 “(1) a summary of the activities of the Office
23 over the period covered by the report, including a de-
24 scription of—

1 “(A) the progress of the Office in carrying
2 out the requirements of this section; and

3 “(B) the metrics used to measure such
4 progress; and

5 “(2) a summary of the expenditures made by
6 the Office in the period covered by the report for
7 counter-sUAS related research, development, test,
8 and evaluation, procurement, and sustainment ac-
9 tivities.

10 “(i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 “(1) The term ‘counter-sUAS system’ means a
12 system or device capable of lawfully and safely dis-
13 abling, disrupting, or seizing control of a small un-
14 manned aircraft or small unmanned aircraft system.

15 “(2) The term ‘covered armed forces’ means the
16 Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space
17 Force.

18 “(3) The terms ‘small unmanned aircraft’, ‘un-
19 manned aircraft’, and ‘unmanned aircraft system’
20 have the meanings given those terms in section
21 44801 of title 49.”.

22 (b) STRATEGY AND FUNDING PLAN.—Not later than
23 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
24 Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional de-
25 fense committees a report that includes—

1 (1) a strategy to ensure the Joint Counter-Un-
2 manned Aircraft Systems Office has the funding and
3 other resources necessary to execute its responsibil-
4 ities, as required under section 199 of title 10,
5 United States Code (as added by subsection (a));
6 and

7 (2) a plan for funding the Office across the pe-
8 riod covered by the most recent future-years defense
9 program submitted to Congress under section 221 of
10 title 10, United States Code (as of the date of the
11 report).

12 **SEC. 913. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH REGIONAL OUTREACH**
13 **CENTERS FOR THE DEFENSE INNOVATION**
14 **UNIT.**

15 Section 4127 of title 10, United States Code, is
16 amended—

17 (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
18 section (g); and

19 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
20 lowing new subsection:

21 “(f) REGIONAL OUTREACH CENTERS.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director may establish
23 and maintain regional offices of the Unit at loca-
24 tions within and outside the United States for pur-
25 poses of conducting outreach to and streamlining

1 interactions between the Unit and the private sector,
2 academia, and other mission partners.

3 “(2) SELECTION CRITERIA AND OTHER GUID-
4 ANCE.—In the event the Director exercises the au-
5 thority to establish and maintain regional offices
6 under paragraph (1), the Director shall—

7 “(A) develop a strategy and criteria for the
8 selection of locations for such offices;

9 “(B) issue any rules, regulations, policies,
10 or guidance necessary for the operation of such
11 offices; and

12 “(C) make the information described in
13 subparagraphs (A) and (B) available on a pub-
14 licly accessible website of the Department of
15 Defense.”.

16 **SEC. 914. OVERSIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES AFRICA**
17 **COMMAND.**

18 (a) LIMITATION.—None of the funds authorized to
19 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available
20 for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Defense may
21 be obligated or expended to carry out an action described
22 in subsection (b) until a period of 90 days has elapsed
23 following the date on which the Secretary of Defense sub-
24 mits the certification and all other information required
25 under subsection (c) with respect to such action.

1 (b) ACTIONS DESCRIBED.—The actions described in
2 this subsection are the following:

3 (1) Modifying or combining the responsibilities
4 of the Commander of the United States Africa Com-
5 mand, as set forth in chapter 6 of title 10, United
6 States Code, with those of any other commander
7 designated under such authority.

8 (2) Appointing an officer in a grade below O-
9 10 to serve as the Commander of the United States
10 Africa Command.

11 (3) Reducing the total number of personnel as-
12 signed to the United States Africa Command by a
13 number that is greater than 15 percent of such total
14 number so assigned as of June 1, 2025.

15 (4) Divesting, consolidating, or otherwise re-
16 turning to a host country any sites included in the
17 real property inventory of the United States Africa
18 Command as of June 1, 2025.

19 (c) CERTIFICATION AND OTHER INFORMATION RE-
20 QUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the
21 congressional defense committees each of the following
22 with respect to any action described in subsection (b) that
23 is proposed to be taken by the Secretary:

24 (1) A certification that, in the determination of
25 the Secretary, the action is in the national security

1 interest of the United States and will be undertaken
2 only after appropriate consultations with African,
3 European, and other international partners on
4 shared security objectives in Africa and its sur-
5 rounding waters.

6 (2) An analysis of the impact of such action
7 on—

8 (A) the security of the United States;

9 (B) the threat of transnational terrorism
10 in or emanating from Africa, especially groups
11 with the capability or intent to attack the
12 United States homeland or United States citi-
13 zens, interests, or allies or partners;

14 (C) the opportunities available to the Peo-
15 ple's Republic of China to pursue their strategic
16 objectives on the African continent and sur-
17 rounding areas, including their pursuit of addi-
18 tional military ports and bases to threaten the
19 Atlantic Ocean and impact homeland defense;

20 (D) the military activities of the Russian
21 Federation and Russian-sponsored private mili-
22 tary companies on the African continent and in
23 surrounding areas;

24 (E) the ability of the Armed Forces to exe-
25 cute supporting operations for campaign plans

1 against adversaries deemed a priority in the
2 National Defense Strategy;

3 (F) the ability of the Armed Forces to exe-
4 cute contingency and other operational plans of
5 the Department of Defense, including in sup-
6 port of operations and crisis response and other
7 operations;

8 (G) the ability of the United States to
9 maintain access in Africa and its surrounding
10 waters, including to protect the freedom of
11 navigation;

12 (H) military training and major military
13 exercises, including on interoperability, security
14 cooperation, and joint activities with African al-
15 lies and partners;

16 (I) United States deterrence of potential
17 threats from the People's Republic of China;
18 and

19 (J) United States deterrence and defense
20 posture in the African theater and the home-
21 land.

22 (3) A detailed analysis of the costs for reloca-
23 tion of personnel, equipment, and associated infra-
24 structure.

1 (4) A description of consultations regarding
2 such action with each relevant ally or partner includ-
3 ing those on the African continent, in the Middle
4 East, and in Europe.

5 (5) Independent risk assessments prepared by
6 the Commander of the United States Africa Com-
7 mand, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff,
8 and any other combatant commander that may be
9 affected by such action, of—

10 (A) the impact of such action on the secu-
11 rity of the United States and the ability of the
12 Armed Forces to defend the homeland forward;

13 (B) the impact of such action on the abil-
14 ity of the Armed Forces to execute campaign
15 and contingency plans of the Department of
16 Defense, including in support of operations out-
17 side the area of responsibility of the United
18 States Africa Command; and

19 (C) the impact of such action on military
20 training and major military exercises, including
21 on interoperability and joint activities with re-
22 gional allies and partners.

23 (d) CONSULTATION.—In preparing the certification
24 and other information required under subsection (c), the
25 Secretary of Defense shall consult with the Commander

1 of the United States Africa Command and the commander
2 of any other geographic combatant command expected to
3 be affected by an action described in subsection (b).

4 (e) FORM.—

5 (1) CERTIFICATION.—The certification required
6 by subsection (c)(1) shall be submitted in unclassi-
7 fied form.

8 (2) OTHER INFORMATION.—The information
9 described in paragraphs (2) through (5) of sub-
10 section (c) may be submitted in classified form.

11 (3) SPECIAL RULE FOR INDEPENDENT RISK AS-
12 SESSMENTS.—Each independent risk assessment re-
13 quired by subsection (c)(5) shall be submitted in
14 unaltered format.

15 **SEC. 915. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
16 **THE ARMY PENDING SUBMITTAL OF PLAN ON**
17 **THE PROPOSED INTEGRATION OF THE JOINT**
18 **MUNITIONS COMMAND AND THE ARMY**
19 **SUSTAINMENT COMMAND.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to
21 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available
22 for fiscal year 2026 for the Army may be obligated or ex-
23 pended to restructure the Joint Munitions Command and
24 the Army Sustainment Command (referred to in this sec-
25 tion collectively as the “Commands”) until the Secretary

1 of the Army submits to the Committees on Armed Services
2 of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report
3 regarding the proposed plan of the Secretary to integrate
4 the Commands.

5 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
6 (a) shall include the following:

7 (1) A detailed comparison of the old organiza-
8 tional structures of the Commands compared with
9 the proposed new integration construct for such or-
10 ganizational structures, including any changes to re-
11 porting chains, leadership roles, and workforce.

12 (2) The planned timeline for implementation of
13 such integration.

14 (3) Any plans for changing the numbers, duty
15 locations, or responsibilities of personnel under the
16 Commands.

17 (4) A mission justification for the proposed in-
18 tegration.

19 (5) An assessment of the short-term and long-
20 term impacts of the proposed integration on the
21 readiness of the Army and the Department of De-
22 fense to conduct the missions of the Commands and
23 the plan of the Army for mitigating those impacts.

1 **SEC. 916. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY TO REDUCE IN RANK**
2 **THE BILLETS OF THE COMMANDING OFFI-**
3 **CERS OF CERTAIN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS**
4 **OF THE AIR FORCE.**

5 (a) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of the Air Force
6 may not reduce the rank of the billet of the commanding
7 officer of a military installation, described in subsection
8 (b), below O-7, until 90 days after such Secretary submits
9 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
10 House of Representatives a report described in subsection
11 (c).

12 (b) MILITARY INSTALLATION DESCRIBED.—A mili-
13 tary installation described in this subsection—

14 (1) is the home station of more than one wing
15 of the Air Force, regardless of component;

16 (2) is a training site for pilots of an armed
17 force of an ally or partner country; and

18 (3) contains a national test and training range.

19 (c) REPORT.—A report described in this subsection
20 shall include an explanation of how the Secretary decided
21 to make a reduction described in subsection (a), taking
22 into consideration—

23 (1) cost, workload, and workforce requirements;

24 and

25 (2) operational effect.

1 **SEC. 917. DETERMINATION OF LEAD ORGANIZATION RE-**
2 **SPONSIBLE FOR APPROVAL AND VALIDATION**
3 **OF CERTAIN UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS**
4 **AND COMPONENTS.**

5 (a) DETERMINATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
6 Defense shall determine—

7 (1) whether the Defense Innovation Unit should
8 continue to be the organization within the Depart-
9 ment of Defense with primary responsibility for the
10 execution of the Blue UAS Cleared List and the
11 Blue UAS Framework (collectively referred to in
12 this section as the “Blue UAS Initiatives”); or

13 (2) whether another organization within the De-
14 partment should assume primary responsibility for
15 executing the Blue UAS Initiatives.

16 (b) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—In making the
17 determination required under subsection (a), the Secretary
18 of Defense shall—

19 (1) conduct a thorough analysis of the Blue
20 UAS Initiatives as executed by the Defense Innova-
21 tion Unit at the time of the determination;

22 (2) assess whether the Unit, as of the time of
23 the determination, has adequate resources and capa-
24 bilities (including personnel, funding, and authori-
25 ties) to effectively scale and execute the Initiatives
26 across the Department of Defense; and

1 (3) identify one or more other organizations
2 within the Department of Defense that could more
3 effectively scale and execute the Initiatives across
4 the Department.

5 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
6 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
7 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
8 port that includes—

9 (1) the Secretary’s final determination under
10 subsection (a);

11 (2)(A) in the event the Secretary determines
12 that the Defense Innovation Unit should continue to
13 have primary responsibility for the Blue UAS Initia-
14 tives as described in subsection (a)(1), a strategy for
15 providing the Unit with any additional resources (in-
16 cluding funding, personnel, and authorities) needed
17 for the Unit to effectively execute and scale the Ini-
18 tiatives across the Department of Defense; or

19 (B) in the event the Secretary determines that
20 another organization within the Department should
21 assume primary responsibility administering and
22 executing the Initiatives as described in subsection
23 (a)(2), a plan with milestones for transferring the
24 Initiatives (including all associated funding, per-

1 sonnel, and authorities) from the Unit to such other
2 organization; and

3 (3) a strategy for decreasing unit costs for plat-
4 forms under the Initiatives, including—

5 (A) benchmarks to assess progress in re-
6 ducing the cost of secure unmanned aircraft
7 system end products; and

8 (B) a timeline for meeting such cost reduc-
9 tion goals.

10 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—Following the submittal of
11 the report required under subsection (c), the Secretary of
12 Defense shall commence implementation of the resourcing
13 strategy described in subsection (c)(2)(A) or the transfer
14 plan described in subsection (c)(2)(B) (as the case may
15 be).

16 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) The term “Blue UAS Cleared List” means
18 the initiative executed by the Defense Innovation
19 Unit (as of the date of the enactment of this Act)
20 pursuant to which the Unit maintains a list of ap-
21 proved small unmanned aircraft systems that—

22 (A) are validated as cyber-secure and safe
23 to fly; and

24 (B) comply with applicable requirements
25 of—

1 (i) section 848 of the National De-
2 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
3 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 4871
4 note);

5 (ii) section 817(b) of the James M.
6 Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act
7 for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–
8 263; 10 U.S.C. 4871 note); and

9 (iii) the American Security Drone Act
10 of 2023 (subtitle B of title XVIII of the
11 National Defense Authorization Act for
12 Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 41
13 U.S.C. note prec. 3901)).

14 (2) The term “Blue UAS Framework” means
15 the initiative executed by the Defense Innovation
16 Unit (as of the date of the enactment of this Act)
17 pursuant to which the Unit validates unmanned air-
18 craft system components, subcomponents, modules,
19 and software for use by the Department of Defense.

1 **SEC. 918. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ADVISORY SUB-**
2 **COMMITTEE TO REVIEW TECHNOLOGIES,**
3 **PROCESSES, AND INVESTMENT RELATED TO**
4 **COMBINED JOINT ALL-DOMAIN COMMAND**
5 **AND CONTROL.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense
7 may establish a subcommittee (referred to in this section
8 as the “Subcommittee”) under the board of advisors es-
9 tablished pursuant to section 233 of the William M. (Mac)
10 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
11 Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note)
12 to review technologies to achieve combined joint all-domain
13 command and control.

14 (b) MEMBERS.—The Subcommittee shall consist of a
15 subset of the members of the board of advisors described
16 in subsection (a).

17 (c) AREAS OF REVIEW.—The Subcommittee may re-
18 view:

19 (1) Processes for integrating joint effects chains
20 to support priority operational challenges.

21 (2) Data architectures, including potential roles
22 for artificial intelligence and machine learning tech-
23 nologies.

24 (3) Methods for achieving a platform-agnostic
25 joint common operating picture through data acces-
26 sibility, interoperability, and integration into com-

1 batant command workflows, to assist the incorpora-
2 tion of commercial communications technologies.

3 (4) Networking technologies, including potential
4 roles for artificial intelligence and machine learning.

5 (5) Enterprise and edge cloud technologies.

6 (6) Interoperability technologies, including soft-
7 ware programs like the System-of-Systems Tech-
8 nology Integration Tool Chain for Heterogeneous
9 Electronic Systems (commonly referred to as
10 “STITCHES”).

11 (7) Interoperability technologies to integrate ve-
12 hicles out of the Replicator project with relevant bat-
13 tle networks.

14 (8) Any other matters determined relevant by
15 the Secretary of Defense.

16 (d) TERMINATION.—The Subcommittee shall termi-
17 nate on December 31, 2029.

18 **TITLE X—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

19 **Subtitle A—Financial Matters**

20 **SEC. 1001. GENERAL TRANSFER AUTHORITY.**

21 (a) AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER AUTHORIZATIONS.—

22 (1) AUTHORITY.—Upon determination by the
23 Secretary of Defense that such action is necessary in
24 the national interest, the Secretary may transfer
25 amounts of authorizations made available to the De-

1 partment of Defense in this division for fiscal year
2 2026 between any such authorizations for that fiscal
3 year (or any subdivisions thereof). Amounts of au-
4 thorizations so transferred shall be merged with and
5 be available for the same purposes as the authoriza-
6 tion to which transferred.

7 (2) LIMITATION.—Except as provided in para-
8 graph (3), the total amount of authorizations that
9 the Secretary may transfer under the authority of
10 this section may not exceed \$6,000,000,000.

11 (3) EXCEPTION FOR TRANSFERS BETWEEN
12 MILITARY PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATIONS.—A trans-
13 fer of funds between military personnel authoriza-
14 tions under title IV shall not be counted toward the
15 dollar limitation in paragraph (2).

16 (b) LIMITATIONS.—The authority provided by sub-
17 section (a) to transfer authorizations—

18 (1) may only be used to provide authority for
19 items that have a higher priority than the items
20 from which authority is transferred; and

21 (2) may not be used to provide authority for an
22 item that has been denied authorization by Con-
23 gress.

24 (c) EFFECT ON AUTHORIZATION AMOUNTS.—A
25 transfer made from one account to another under the au-

1 thority of this section shall be deemed to increase the
2 amount authorized for the account to which the amount
3 is transferred by an amount equal to the amount trans-
4 ferred.

5 (d) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary shall
6 promptly notify Congress of each transfer made under
7 subsection (a).

8 **SEC. 1002. RESPONSIBILITIES OF UNDER SECRETARY OF**
9 **DEFENSE (COMPTROLLER).**

10 Section 135(c)(3)(B) of title 10, United States Code,
11 is amended by inserting “, and defense business systems
12 that affect the auditability of financial statements” after
13 “accounting”.

14 **SEC. 1003. ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF**
15 **DEFENSE FINANCIAL IMPROVEMENT AND**
16 **AUDIT REMEDIATION PLAN AND REPORT.**

17 (a) ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS FOR PLAN.—Subsection
18 (a)(2)(A) of section 240b of title 10, United States Code,
19 is amended—

20 (1) in clause (iv), by striking “and” at the end;
21 and

22 (2) by adding at the end the following new
23 clauses:

1 “(vi) meeting resource requirements,
2 including personnel, training, and informa-
3 tion technology infrastructure; and

4 “(vii) identifying long-range goals and
5 measurable objectives, including audit cycle
6 timelines, control testing frequency, and
7 independent third-party validation bench-
8 marks.”.

9 (b) ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS FOR REPORT.—Sub-
10 section (b)(1)(B) of such section is amended by adding
11 at the end the following new clauses:

12 “(ix) A description of progress made
13 with respect to audit-related system mod-
14 ernization efforts, including rationalization
15 of business systems.

16 “(x) The number and scope of auto-
17 mated processes implemented, including
18 reconciliation, inventory validation, and in-
19 ternal controls.”.

20 **SEC. 1004. CONSOLIDATION OF REPORTING REQUIRE-**
21 **MENTS RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
22 **FENSE FINANCIAL IMPROVEMENT AND**
23 **AUDIT REMEDIATION PLAN.**

24 (a) FINANCIAL IMPROVEMENT AND AUDIT REMEDI-
25 ATION PLAN.—Section 240b(b) of title 10, United States

1 Code, as amended by section 1003(b), is further amend-
2 ed—

3 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by adding at the end
4 the following new clause:

5 “(ix) A detailed estimate of the fund-
6 ing required for the next fiscal year to pro-
7 cure, obtain, or otherwise implement each
8 process, system, and technology identified
9 to address the corrective action plan or
10 plans of each department, agency, compo-
11 nent, or element of the Department of De-
12 fense, and the corrective action plan of the
13 Department as a whole, for purposes of
14 this chapter during such fiscal year.”;

15 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraph
16 (B) and inserting the following new subparagraph
17 (B):

18 “(B) The January 31 briefing under sub-
19 paragraph (A) shall include a ranking of all of
20 the military departments and Defense Agencies
21 in order of how advanced each is in achieving
22 auditable financial statements, as required by
23 law.”;

24 (3) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
25 graph (4);

1 (4) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
2 lowing new paragraph (3):

3 “(3) ANNUAL REPORT BY BOTTOM QUAR-
4 TILE.—Not later than June 30 of each year, the
5 head of each military department and Defense Agen-
6 cy that was ranked in the bottom quartile of the re-
7 port submitted under paragraph (2)(B) for that year
8 shall submit to the congressional defense committees
9 a report that includes the following information for
10 that military department or Defense Agency:

11 “(A) A description of the material weak-
12 nesses of the military department or Defense
13 Agency.

14 “(B) The underlying causes of such weak-
15 nesses.

16 “(C) A plan for remediating such weak-
17 nesses.

18 “(D) The total number of open audit no-
19 tices of findings and recommendations (in this
20 paragraph referred to as ‘NFRs’) for the most
21 recently concluded fiscal year and the preceding
22 two fiscal years, where applicable.

23 “(E) The number of repeat or reissued
24 NFRs from the most recently concluded fiscal
25 year.

1 “(F) The number of NFRs that were pre-
2 viously forecasted to be closed during the most
3 recently concluded fiscal year that remain open.

4 “(G) The number of closed NFRs during
5 the current fiscal year and prior fiscal years.

6 “(H) The number of material weaknesses
7 that were validated by external auditors as fully
8 resolved or downgraded during the current fis-
9 cal year relative to prior fiscal years.

10 “(I) A breakdown, by fiscal year, of which
11 open NFRs are forecasted to be closed.

12 “(J) Explanations for any unfavorable
13 trends in the information included under para-
14 graphs (1) through (9).”; and

15 (5) in paragraph (4), as redesignated by para-
16 graph (3) of this subsection, by striking “the critical
17 capabilities described in the Department of Defense
18 report titled ‘Financial Improvement and Audit
19 Readiness (FIAR) Plan Status Report’ and dated
20 May 2016” and inserting “the financial statement
21 audit priorities designated by the Secretary of De-
22 fense for the fiscal year in which the report is sub-
23 mitted”.”.

24 (b) ANNUAL REPORTS ON FUNDING FOR CORREC-
25 TIVE ACTION PLANS.—Section 1009 of the National De-

1 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law
2 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 240b note) is amended by striking sub-
3 section (c).

4 (c) ANNUAL REPORT ON AUDITABLE FINANCIAL
5 STATEMENTS.—Title 10, United States Code, is amended
6 by striking section 240h.

7 **SEC. 1005. CONCURRENT REPORTING DATE FOR ANNUAL**
8 **UPDATE TO DEFENSE BUSINESS SYSTEMS**
9 **AUDIT REMEDIATION PLAN AND DEPART-**
10 **MENT OF DEFENSE ANNUAL FINANCIAL**
11 **STATEMENTS.**

12 Section 240g(b) of title 10, United States Code, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 “(b) ANNUAL REPORT.—On the same date as the
15 date of the submission of the audited financial statements
16 of the Department of Defense required pursuant to section
17 240a of this title each year, the Secretary of Defense shall
18 submit to the congressional defense committees an up-
19 dated annual report on the Defense Business Systems
20 Audit Remediation Plan under subsection (a).”.

1 **SEC. 1006. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
2 **TRAVEL EXPENSES OF OFFICE OF SEC-**
3 **RETARY OF DEFENSE UNTIL COMPLETION OF**
4 **CERTAIN AUDIT REQUIREMENTS.**

5 (a) LIMITATION.—Of the funds authorized to be ap-
6 propriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fis-
7 cal year 2026 for operation and maintenance, defense-
8 wide, and available for the Office of the Secretary of De-
9 fense for travel expenses, not more than 75 percent may
10 be obligated or expended until the earlier of the following:

11 (1) The first date on which at least eleven cov-
12 ered reporting entities have received an unmodified
13 audit opinion with respect to the financial state-
14 ments of that entity undergoing audit for the pre-
15 ceding fiscal year.

16 (2) The date on which a Department of De-
17 fense-wide material weakness identified in the an-
18 nual report on the implementation of the Financial
19 Improvement and Audit Remediation Plan required
20 under section 240b of title 10, United States Code,
21 for fiscal year 2024, is closed or otherwise resolved
22 in a manner other than through consolidation.

23 (b) COVERED REPORTING ENTITY DEFINED.—In
24 this section, the term “covered reporting entity” has the
25 meaning given the term “government-wide reporting enti-
26 ty” in the document of the Federal Accounting Standards

1 Advisory Board titled “Statement of Federal Financial
2 Accounting Standards 47: Reporting Entity” and issued
3 December 30, 2014, or such successor document.

4 **SEC. 1007. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR AMOUNTS**
5 **MADE AVAILABLE PURSUANT TO TITLE II OF**
6 **PUBLIC LAW 119–21.**

7 (a) ANNUAL REPORTS.—At the time of the submittal
8 to Congress of the budget of the President for each of
9 fiscal years 2027 through 2029 pursuant to section
10 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, the Secretary of
11 Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
12 ices of the House of Representatives and the Senate the
13 following with respect to amounts made available by title
14 II of Public Law 119–21:

15 (1) Proposed allocations by account and by pro-
16 gram, project, or activity, with detailed justifica-
17 tions.

18 (2) P–1 and R–1 budget justification docu-
19 ments, which shall identify the allocation of funds by
20 program, project, and activity.

21 (3) Budget justification documents, to be
22 known as M–1 and O–1, which shall identify the al-
23 location of funds by budget activity, activity group,
24 and sub-activity group.

1 (b) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—The Secretary of De-
2 fense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services
3 of the House of Representatives and Senate quarterly re-
4 ports on the status of balances of projects and activities
5 funded using amounts described in subsection (a), includ-
6 ing all uncommitted, committed, and unobligated funds.

7 **Subtitle B—Naval Vessels**

8 **SEC. 1011. INCLUSION OF CERTAIN DESIGN INFORMATION** 9 **IN ANNUAL NAVAL VESSEL CONSTRUCTION** 10 **PLANS.**

11 Section 231(b) of title 10, United States Code, is
12 amended—

13 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (H)
14 through (J) as subparagraphs (I) through (K), re-
15 spectively; and

16 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (G) the fol-
17 lowing new subparagraph:

18 “(H) If 50 percent or more of the vessels in the
19 naval vessel force provided for under the naval vessel
20 construction plan are to be designed by one or more
21 foreign firms (as such term is defined in section
22 4852(d) of this title)—

23 “(i) an identification of each such foreign
24 firm; and

1 “(ii) a description of the benefit to the
2 United States Government of including in such
3 force the naval vessels so designed.”.

4 **SEC. 1012. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS IN THE NA-**
5 **TIONAL DEFENSE SEALIFT FUND TO PUR-**
6 **CHASE CERTAIN USED FOREIGN CON-**
7 **STRUCTED VESSELS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2218 of title 10, United
9 States Code, is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (f)—

11 (A) in paragraph (3)—

12 (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
13 “(other than an excluded vessel)” after
14 “any used vessel”;

15 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
16 “(other than an excluded vessel)” after “a
17 used vessel”;

18 (iii) by striking subparagraph (C) and
19 inserting the following new subparagraph
20 (C):

21 “(C) The Secretary may only use the authority under
22 this paragraph to purchase more than 10 foreign-con-
23 structed vessels if, for each such vessel so purchased after
24 the tenth vessel, the Secretary purchases two vessels under
25 paragraph (4).”.

1 (iv) in subsection (D), by striking
2 “subparagraph (A)” and inserting “this
3 paragraph”;

4 (v) by striking subparagraph (E) and
5 redesignating subparagraphs (F) and (G)
6 as subparagraphs (E) and (F), respec-
7 tively; and

8 (B) by adding at the end the following new
9 paragraph (4):

10 “(4) A vessel purchased under this paragraph is a
11 vessel—

12 “(A) purchased using funds in the National De-
13 fense Sealift Fund

14 “(B) constructed in a ship yard located in the
15 United States; and

16 “(C) the construction of which is managed by
17 a commercial vessel construction manager.”; and

18 (2) in subsection (k), by adding at the end the
19 following new paragraph:

20 “(6) The term ‘excluded vessel’ means a vessel
21 that was—

22 “(A) constructed or substantially modified
23 by an entity located in the People’s Republic of
24 China; or

1 “(B) constructed by a Chinese military
2 company, as such term is defined in section
3 1260H(d)(1) of the William M. (Mac) Thorn-
4 berry National Defense Authorization Act for
5 Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10
6 U.S.C. 113 note).”.

7 (b) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.—Section 2218 of title
8 10, United States Code, as amended by subsection (a),
9 is further amended—

10 (1) in subsection (c)(1)(D), by striking “section
11 11 of the Merchant Ship Sales Act of 1946 (50
12 U.S.C. 4405)” and inserting “section 57100 of title
13 46”;

14 (2) in subsection (f)(2), by striking “section
15 1424(b) of Public Law 101–510 (104 Stat. 1683)”
16 and inserting “section 1424(b) of the National De-
17 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1991 (Pub-
18 lic Law 101–510; 10 U.S.C. 8661 note)”;

19 (3) in subsection (k)—

20 (A) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “sec-
21 tion 1424 of Public Law 101–510 (104 Stat.
22 1683)” and inserting “section 1424 of the Na-
23 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
24 Year 1991 (Public Law 101–510; 10 U.S.C.
25 8661 note)”;

and

1 (B) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “sec-
2 tion 11 of the Merchant Ship Sales Act of 1946
3 (50 U.S.C. 4405)” and inserting “section
4 57100 of title 46”.

5 **SEC. 1013. REQUIREMENTS FOR AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE**
6 **SHIP FORCE STRUCTURE.**

7 Section 8062 of title 10, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (e)—

10 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at
11 the end;

12 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-
13 riod and inserting “; and”; and

14 (C) by adding at the end the following new
15 paragraph:

16 “(4) the Navy adjusts scheduled maintenance
17 and repair actions to maintain the minimum number
18 of available amphibious warfare ships to meet oper-
19 ational requirements.”; and

20 (2) by amending subsection (h) to read as fol-
21 lows:

22 “(h) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

23 “(1) The term ‘amphibious warfare ship’ means
24 a ship that is classified as an amphibious assault
25 ship (general purpose) (LHA), an amphibious as-

1 sault ship (multi-purpose) (LHD), an amphibious
2 transport dock (LPD), or a dock landing ship
3 (LSD).

4 “(2) The term ‘available’, with respect to an
5 amphibious warfare ship, means that the ship—

6 “(A) does not have a temporary critical
7 limiting restriction preventing the conduct of
8 training and operations;

9 “(B) is not in a maintenance phase;

10 “(C) is not conducting post-delivery test
11 and trials; and

12 “(D) is not preparing to decommission.”.

13 **SEC. 1014. DEFINITION OF SHORT-TERM WORK FOR PUR-**
14 **POSES OF NAVY CONSTRUCTION OF COMBAT-**
15 **ANT AND ESCORT VESSELS AND ASSIGNMENT**
16 **OF VESSEL PROJECTS.**

17 Section 8669a(c)(4) of title 10, United States Code,
18 is amended by striking “12 months” and inserting “18
19 months”.

20 **SEC. 1015. NAVY SENIOR TECHNICAL AUTHORITY.**

21 Section 8669b of title 10, United States Code, is
22 amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by amending subpara-
24 graph (B) to read as follows:

1 “(B) reports directly to the program execu-
2 tive officer.”; and

3 (2) in subsection (b)—

4 (A) by inserting “(1)” before “Each Sen-
5 ior”; and

6 (B) by adding at the end the following new
7 paragraph:

8 “(2) Each Senior Technical Authority shall also be
9 responsible for the determination that all design require-
10 ments for a vessel class are directly related to a key per-
11 formance parameter or key system attribute established
12 in the capability development document for the vessel
13 class. Any requirements that the Senior Technical Author-
14 ity determines are unnecessary to meet a key performance
15 parameter or key system attribute shall not be approved.”.

16 **SEC. 1016. ALTERNATIVE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY FOR**
17 **UNITED STATES NAVAL SHIPS.**

18 Chapter 863 of title 10, United States Code, is
19 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

20 **“§ 8698. Alternative contracting authority for United**
21 **States Naval Ships**

22 “(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of the Navy may
23 enter into an agreement with an appropriate vessel con-
24 struction manager, other than the Department of the
25 Navy, under which the vessel construction manager shall

1 enter into a contract for the construction of a vessel to
2 be designated as a United States Naval Ship and operated
3 by civilian or commercial mariners.

4 “(b) DESIGN STANDARDS AND CONSTRUCTION PRAC-
5 TICES.—To the maximum extent practicable, the Sec-
6 retary of the Navy shall ensure that a vessel constructed
7 pursuant to this section is constructed using commercial
8 design standards and commercial construction practices.”.

9 **SEC. 1017. INCLUSION OF NAVY AMPHIBIOUS SHIP MAINTENANCE AS A SEPARATE LINE ITEM IN OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The budget of the President submitted to Congress under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, for fiscal year 2027 and each subsequent fiscal year, shall display Navy amphibious ship maintenance as one or more separate line items under each subactivity within operation and maintenance, Navy.

18 (b) ALLOCATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2026 FUNDS.—
19 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act
20 or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for operation and maintenance, Navy for ship maintenance, the Secretary of the Navy shall ensure that such funds are
23 allocated to provide, on a per capita basis, an equal or
24 greater amount of funding for each amphibious warfare
25 ship that enters into maintenance availability during fiscal

1 year 2026 relative to the amount of funding provided for
2 each surface combatant ship.

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The term “amphibious warfare ship”—

5 (A) means a ship designed with organic ca-
6 pability to engage in all the doctrinal types of
7 amphibious operations across multiple domains
8 and having characteristics that enable long du-
9 ration, inter-theater, distributed maritime oper-
10 ations; and

11 (B) includes any—

12 (i) amphibious assault ship;

13 (ii) amphibious assault ship (multi-
14 purpose);

15 (iii) amphibious transport dock ; and

16 (iv) dock landing ship.

17 (2) The term “surface combatant ship”—

18 (A) means a surface ship that is designed
19 primarily to engage in attacks against airborne,
20 surface, subsurface, and shore targets; and

21 (B) includes any—

22 (i) guided missile cruiser;

23 (ii) guided missile destroyer;

24 (iii) guided missile frigate; and

25 (iv) littoral combat ship.

1 **SEC. 1018. METRICS FOR BASIC AND FUNCTIONAL DESIGN**
2 **FOR SHIP CONSTRUCTION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
5 Navy shall select a metric to measure the progression of
6 basic and functional design with respect to the construc-
7 tion of ships.

8 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 45 days after the selec-
9 tion of a metric under subsection (a), the Secretary of the
10 Navy shall submit to the congressional defense committees
11 a report on such metric that includes the justification for
12 the selection of the metric.

13 (c) BASIC AND FUNCTIONAL DESIGN.—In this sec-
14 tion, the term “basic and functional design” has the mean-
15 ing given such term in section 8669c(1) of title 10, United
16 States Code.

17 **SEC. 1019. AUTHORITY FOR SINGLE AWARD INDEFINITE DE-**
18 **LIVERY INDEFINITE QUANTITY CONTRACT**
19 **FOR DESTROYER MAINTENANCE.**

20 The Secretary of the Navy shall seek to enter into
21 a multi-year, single award indefinite delivery indefinite
22 quantity contract to provide for the maintenance of the
23 DDG–1000 class of destroyers.

24 **SEC. 1020. EVALUATION OF SITES FOR SHIPBUILDING AND**
25 **SHIP REPAIR.**

26 (a) EVALUATION OF SITES.—

1 (1) RESPONSIBILITY.—Not later than 60 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary of the Navy shall delegate to the Direct Re-
4 porting Program Manager of the Maritime Indus-
5 trial Base Program primary responsibility for defin-
6 ing the requirements for evaluating sites to meet the
7 capacity and needs of the Navy for shipbuilding and
8 repair.

9 (2) EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS.—Not later
10 than 180 days after the date on which the Secretary
11 delegates to the Program Manager under paragraph
12 (1), the Program Manager shall establish evaluation
13 requirements to be applied to sites being considered
14 as sites for private or public shipyards and other de-
15 fense-production capabilities. In establishing such re-
16 quirements, the Program Manager shall consider—

17 (A) the objective of accelerating United
18 States shipbuilding efforts in both naval and ci-
19 vilian fleets;

20 (B) how establishing or augmenting a site
21 at an evaluated site could help meet Navy ship-
22 building and ship repair requirements;

23 (C) whether a single site, smaller and more
24 dispersed sites, or both would be optimal for
25 augmenting shipbuilding and ship repair;

1 (D) whether the best approach to meeting
2 the timeline and capacity requirements for ship-
3 building and ship repair would be constructing
4 new sites, using existing infrastructure, or both;
5 and

6 (E) whether a site meets the criteria under
7 subsection (b).

8 (b) CRITERIA.—The criteria under this subsection
9 with respect to a site are that the site—

10 (1) has the amount of space necessary to meet
11 Navy requirements;

12 (2) has adequate transportation infrastructure,
13 such as road and rail access, or that such infrastruc-
14 ture can reasonably be provided at the site;

15 (3) has a readily available technical and manual
16 skilled workforce for naval and commercial ship
17 building, ship repair, and advanced manufacturing
18 activities;

19 (4) is geographically close to local institutions
20 that can facilitate workforce development, including
21 higher education and technical training and appren-
22 ticeships;

23 (5) has private partners that are interested and
24 able to undertake the development of a shipyard at
25 the site;

1 (6) possesses deep water construction and draft
2 capabilities, as required by the Navy, to construct or
3 repair vessels identified in Navy shipbuilding and
4 ship repair requirements;

5 (7) is in close proximity to existing Department
6 facilities and personnel; and

7 (8) such other criteria as the Program Manager
8 determines appropriate.

9 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
10 on which the Program Manager establishes the evaluation
11 requirements under subsection (b), the Program Manager
12 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
13 port that includes—

14 (1) a list of sites that meet the evaluation re-
15 quirements; or

16 (2) a certification that no site exists that meets
17 such requirements.

18 **SEC. 1021. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS TO RETIRE OR**
19 **DECOMMISSION NAVY OCEANOGRAPHIC RE-**
20 **SEARCH VESSELS.**

21 The Secretary of the Navy may not retire or decom-
22 mission an oceanographic research vessel, or otherwise re-
23 duce the number of such vessels maintained by the Navy
24 to fewer than six, before the date on which the Secretary
25 submits to the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-

1 ate and House of Representatives a plan to provide for
2 the maintenance and recapitalization of the oceanographic
3 research fleet.

4 **SEC. 1022. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING NAMING OF**
5 **VESSEL FOR BATTLE OF DAI DO.**

6 It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the
7 Navy should name an amphibious or expeditionary class
8 vessel for the Battle of Dai Do.

9 **Subtitle C—Counterterrorism**

10 **SEC. 1031. REVISIONS TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AU-**
11 **THORITY FOR JOINT TASK FORCES TO SUP-**
12 **PORT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OR**
13 **FEDERAL AGENCIES CONDUCTING COUNTER-**
14 **TERRORISM AND COUNTER TRANSNATIONAL**
15 **ORGANIZED CRIME ACTIVITIES.**

16 (a) CODIFICATION IN TITLE 10.—Chapter 15 of title
17 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
18 a new section consisting of—

19 (1) a heading as follows:

1 **“§ 285. Authority for joint task forces to support law**
2 **enforcement agencies or other Federal**
3 **agencies conducting counter-terrorism**
4 **and counter transnational organized**
5 **crime activities”; and**

6 (2) a text consisting of the text of section 1022
7 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
8 Year 2004 (Public Law 108–136; 10 U.S.C. 271
9 note).

10 (b) REVISIONS.—Section 285 of title 10, United
11 States Code, as added by subsection (a), is amended as
12 follows:

13 (1) Subsection (a) is amended by inserting “or
14 to another department or agency of the Federal
15 Government” after “law enforcement agencies” each
16 place it appears.

17 (2) Subsection (b) is amended by striking
18 “During fiscal years 2006 through 2024, funds” and
19 inserting “Funds”.

20 (3) Such section is further amended—

21 (A) in subsection (d)(2), by striking “this
22 subparagraph” and inserting “this paragraph”;
23 and

24 (B) in subsection (e)(1), by striking “title
25 10, United States Code” and inserting “this
26 title”.

1 (c) REPEAL OF CODIFIED PROVISION.—Section 1022
2 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
3 2004 (Public Law 108–136; 10 U.S.C. 271 note) is re-
4 pealed.

5 **SEC. 1032. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS**
6 **FOR TRANSFER OR RELEASE OF INDIVID-**
7 **UALS DETAINED AT UNITED STATES NAVAL**
8 **STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA, TO THE**
9 **UNITED STATES.**

10 Section 1033 of the John S. McCain National De-
11 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law
12 115–232; 132 Stat. 1953) is amended by striking “De-
13 cember 31, 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2026”.

14 **SEC. 1033. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS**
15 **TO CONSTRUCT OR MODIFY FACILITIES IN**
16 **THE UNITED STATES TO HOUSE DETAINEES**
17 **TRANSFERRED FROM UNITED STATES NAVAL**
18 **STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA.**

19 Section 1034(a) of the John S. McCain National De-
20 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law
21 115–232; 132 Stat. 1954) is amended by striking “De-
22 cember 31, 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2026”.

1 **SEC. 1034. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS**
2 **FOR TRANSFER OR RELEASE OF INDIVID-**
3 **UALS DETAINED AT UNITED STATES NAVAL**
4 **STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA, TO CER-**
5 **TAIN COUNTRIES.**

6 Section 1035 of the John S. McCain National De-
7 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law
8 115–232; 132 Stat. 1954) is amended by striking “De-
9 cember 31, 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2026”.

10 **SEC. 1035. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS**
11 **TO CLOSE OR RELINQUISH CONTROL OF**
12 **UNITED STATES NAVAL STATION, GUANTA-**
13 **NAMO BAY, CUBA.**

14 Section 1036 of the National Defense Authorization
15 Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 131 Stat.
16 1551) is amended by striking “fiscal years 2018 through
17 2025” and inserting “fiscal years 2018 through 2026”.

18 **Subtitle D—Miscellaneous**
19 **Authorities and Limitations**

20 **SEC. 1041. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE AS-**
21 **SISTANCE IN SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF**
22 **DEFENSE ACCOUNTING FOR MISSING UNITED**
23 **STATES GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL.**

24 Section 408 of title 10, United States Code, is
25 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “and procure
2 goods and services from” after “assistance to”; and

3 (2) in subsection (d)(1), by striking
4 “\$5,000,000” and inserting “\$15,000,000”.

5 **SEC. 1042. EXPEDITED ACCESS TO CERTAIN MILITARY IN-**
6 **STALLATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
7 **FENSE FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND**
8 **CERTAIN CONGRESSIONAL EMPLOYEES.**

9 Chapter 159 of title 10, United States Code, is
10 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

11 **“§ 2698. Expedited access to military installations for**
12 **Members of Congress and certain Con-**
13 **gressional employees**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
15 (b), the Secretary shall establish procedures to ensure
16 that—

17 “(1) a Member of Congress seeking access to a
18 covered installation is granted such access if such
19 Member presents a covered identification card; and

20 “(2) any Congressional employees accom-
21 panying a Member of Congress granted access under
22 paragraph (1) are granted the same access.

23 “(b) PROHIBITED PROCEDURES.—Under such proce-
24 dures, the Secretary may not require a Member of Con-
25 gress to schedule a grant of access to a covered installation

1 under subsection (a) prior to the arrival of such Member
2 and accompanying Congressional employees, if applicable,
3 at such covered installation.

4 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 “(1) The term ‘Congressional employee’ has the
6 meaning given such term in paragraph (5) of section
7 2107 of title 5.

8 “(2) The term ‘covered identification card’
9 means a valid identification badge issued by the ap-
10 propriate office of the House of Representatives or
11 the Senate, as the case may be, which identifies the
12 individual to which such identification badge was
13 issued as a current Member of Congress.

14 “(3) The term ‘covered installation’ means a
15 military installation located in the United States or
16 Guam at which the presentation of an issued De-
17 partment of Defense common access card is the sole
18 requirement for a member of the Armed Forces to
19 be granted access to such military installation.

20 “(4) The term ‘Member of Congress’ means—

21 “(A) a Senator; or

22 “(B) a Representative in, or Delegate or
23 Resident Commissioner to, Congress.”.

1 **SEC. 1043. AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO**
2 **ENTER INTO CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE CER-**
3 **TAIN ASSISTANCE TO SECURE THE SOUTH-**
4 **ERN LAND BORDER OF THE UNITED STATES.**

5 Section 1059(a) of the National Defense Authoriza-
6 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (10 U.S.C. 284 note; Public
7 Law 114–92) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “United
9 States Customs and Border Protection” and insert-
10 ing “U.S. Customs and Border Protection”;

11 (2) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-
12 graph (3); and

13 (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
14 lowing new paragraph:

15 “(2) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—In providing as-
16 sistance to U.S. Customs and Border Protection
17 under paragraph (1), the Secretary may enter into
18 a contract for the provision of any of the following
19 services:

20 “(A) Detection and monitoring.

21 “(B) Warehousing and logistical supply
22 chain.

23 “(C) Transportation.

24 “(C) Vehicle maintenance.

25 “(D) Training other than lead or primary
26 instructor.

1 “(E) Intelligence analysis.

2 “(F) Linguist.

3 “(G) Data entry.

4 “(H) Aviation.”.

5 **SEC. 1044. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS TO RELOCATE**
6 **OR OTHERWISE REMOVE THE MARITIME IN-**
7 **DUSTRIAL BASE PROGRAM.**

8 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated or
9 otherwise made available by this Act may be used to relo-
10 cate or otherwise remove the Maritime Industrial Base
11 Program from under the jurisdiction of the Assistant Sec-
12 retary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acqui-
13 sition.

14 **SEC. 1045. LIMITATION ON RETIREMENT OF GRAY EAGLE**
15 **UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.**

16 (a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsection
17 (b), the Secretary of the Army may not retire, divest, or
18 otherwise take any action that would—

19 (1) reduce the number, configuration, or capa-
20 bility of any MQ-1C Gray Eagle Extended Range
21 unmanned aircraft system that is in the Army inven-
22 tory as of the date of the enactment of this Act; or
23 (2) prevent the Army from maintaining such
24 systems in the current or improved configurations
25 and capabilities of such systems.

1 (b) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition under subsection
2 (a) shall not apply if the Chairman of the Joint Require-
3 ments Oversight Council submits to the appropriate con-
4 gressional committees a written certification that—

5 (1) a capability of equal or greater effectiveness
6 will be fielded and operational prior to, or concu-
7 rently with, the retirement of any MQ-1C Gray
8 Eagle unmanned aircraft system; and

9 (2) such retirement will not result in a reduc-
10 tion in the overall capacity available to the com-
11 manders of the combatant commands.

12 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
13 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
14 sional committees” means—

15 (1) the congressional defense committees (as
16 defined in section 101(a)(16) of title 10, United
17 States Code); and

18 (2) the congressional intelligence committees
19 (as defined in section 3 of the National Security Act
20 of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003)).

21 **SEC. 1046. OVERSIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES SOUTHERN**
22 **COMMAND.**

23 (a) LIMITATION.—None of the funds authorized to
24 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available
25 for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Defense may

1 be obligated or expended to carry out an action described
2 in subsection (b) until a period of 90 days has elapsed
3 following the date on which the Secretary of Defense sub-
4 mits the certification and analysis required under sub-
5 section (c) with respect to such action.

6 (b) ACTIONS DESCRIBED.—The actions described in
7 this subsection are the following:

8 (1) Modifying or combining the responsibilities
9 of the Commander of the United States Southern
10 Command, as set forth in chapter 6 of title 10,
11 United States Code, with those of any other com-
12 mander designated under such authority.

13 (2) Appointing an officer in a grade below O-
14 10 to serve as the Commander of the United States
15 Southern Command.

16 (c) CERTIFICATION AND ANALYSIS REQUIRED.—The
17 Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional de-
18 fense committees each of the following with respect to any
19 action described in subsection (b) that is proposed to be
20 taken by the Secretary:

21 (1) A certification that, in the determination of
22 the Secretary, the action is in the national security
23 interest of the United States and will be undertaken
24 only after appropriate consultations with Central
25 American, South American, and other international

1 partners on shared security objectives in the West-
2 ern Hemisphere and its surrounding waters.

3 (2) An analysis of the effect of such action on
4 the security of the United States.

5 (d) CONSULTATION.—In preparing the certification
6 and analysis required under subsection (c) with respect
7 to an action described in subsection (b), the Secretary of
8 Defense shall consult with the Commander of the United
9 States Southern Command and the commander of any
10 other geographic combatant command expected to be af-
11 fected by the action.

12 (e) FORM.—

13 (1) CERTIFICATION.—The certification required
14 by subsection (c)(1) shall be submitted in unclassi-
15 fied form.

16 (2) ANALYSIS.—The analysis described in sub-
17 section (c)(2) may be submitted in classified form.

18 **SEC. 1047. AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER T-37 AIRCRAFT TO**
19 **ARIZONA AVIATION HISTORICAL GROUP.**

20 (a) TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY T-37.—The Secretary
21 of the Air Force may convey, without consideration, to the
22 Arizona Aviation Historical Group, Phoenix, Arizona (in
23 this section referred to as the “foundation”), all right,
24 title, and interest of the United States in and to five re-
25 tired T-37B Trainer Aircraft. A conveyance under this

1 section shall be made by means of a conditional deed of
2 gift.

3 (b) CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER.—A conveyance au-
4 thorized under subsection (a) shall be subject to the fol-
5 lowing conditions:

6 (1) Prior to conveyance, all military specific or
7 unique equipment, as determined by the Secretary,
8 on the aircraft shall be removed.

9 (2) The Secretary is not required to—

10 (A) repair or alter the condition of the air-
11 craft before conveying ownership; or

12 (B) guarantee or ensure the airworthiness
13 of any conveyed aircraft.

14 (3) The Secretary shall determine which air-
15 craft to convey.

16 (c) CONDITION OF PROPERTY.—Any aircraft con-
17 veyed under this section shall be conveyed in “as is” condi-
18 tion. The Secretary shall make no representation or war-
19 ranty concerning the condition, fitness for any particular
20 purpose, or compliance with any laws or regulations of
21 such aircraft.

22 (d) REVERTER UPON BREACH OF CONDITIONS.—
23 The Secretary shall include in an instrument of convey-
24 ance for an aircraft conveyed under this section—

1 (1) a condition that the foundation does not
2 convey any ownership interest in, or transfer posses-
3 sion of, the aircraft to another party without the
4 prior approval of the Secretary;

5 (2) a condition that the foundation operate and
6 maintain the aircraft in compliance with all applica-
7 ble limitations and maintenance requirements im-
8 posed by the Administrator of the Federal Aviation
9 Administration; and

10 (3) a condition that if the Secretary determines
11 at any time that the foundation has violated a condi-
12 tion under paragraph (1) or (2), all right, title, and
13 interest in and to the aircraft, including any repair
14 or alteration of the aircraft, shall revert to the
15 United States, and the United States shall have the
16 right of immediate possession of the aircraft.

17 (e) CONVEYANCE AT NO COST TO THE UNITED
18 STATES.—Any conveyance of an aircraft authorized by
19 this section shall be made at no cost to the United States.
20 Any costs associated with such a conveyance, including the
21 costs of inspection or removal of equipment prior to con-
22 veyance, the cost of determining compliance with the re-
23 quirements of this section and any instrument of convey-
24 ance made pursuant to this section, and the costs of the
25 operation, sustainment, transportation, ground support

1 equipment, and disposal of any aircraft conveyed under
2 this section shall be borne by the foundation.

3 (f) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Sec-
4 retary may require such additional terms and conditions
5 in connection with a conveyance made under this section
6 as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the inter-
7 ests of the United States.

8 (g) CLARIFICATION OF LIABILITY.—Notwithstanding
9 any other provision of law, upon the conveyance of owner-
10 ship of the T-37B Trainers to the foundation under sub-
11 section (a), the United States shall not be liable for any
12 death, injury, loss, or damage that results from any use
13 of that aircraft by any person other than the United
14 States.

15 **SEC. 1048. AUTHORIZATION OF EASTERN REGIONAL RANGE**
16 **COMPLEX FOR MULTI-DOMAIN OPERATIONS**
17 **AND ROBOTIC AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS**
18 **TRAINING, TESTING, AND EXPERIMEN-**
19 **TATION.**

20 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of Defense, act-
21 ing through the Secretaries of the military departments,
22 may designate and develop an Eastern Regional Range
23 Complex to serve as a joint training, testing, and experi-
24 mentation hub for multi-domain operations and robotic
25 autonomous systems, including unmanned aircraft sys-

1 tems and counter-unmanned aircraft systems capabilities,
2 to address growing threats from potential adversaries.

3 (b) LOCATION.—The Eastern Regional Range Com-
4 plex shall encompass the territories of the States of Maine,
5 Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island,
6 Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Mary-
7 land, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, North Caro-
8 lina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Ken-
9 tucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Indiana, and
10 Alabama.

11 (c) ACTIVITIES.—The Eastern Regional Range Com-
12 plex shall be used—

13 (1) to conduct joint, multi-domain, non-kinetic
14 electromagnetic warfare, cyber and information oper-
15 ations training within live, virtual, and constructive
16 environments, leveraging common networks with ac-
17 cess to available spectrum;

18 (2) support integrated multi-domain operations
19 training involving air, land, sea, cyber, and space
20 components;

21 (3) conduct joint service and interagency
22 robotic autonomous system training, experimentation
23 and testing, including the development of tactics,
24 techniques and procedures for unmanned aircraft
25 systems and counter-unmanned aircraft systems;

1 (4) evaluate emerging technologies and proto-
2 types and tactics, techniques and procedures for the
3 operation, detection, defeat, and attribution of
4 robotic autonomous systems in contested cyber and
5 electromagnetic spectrum environments; and

6 (5) facilitate the integration of mature proto-
7 type experimentation and live-fire exercises for rapid
8 fielding of capabilities aligned with the Joint
9 Warfighting Concept.

10 (d) COORDINATION AND INTEGRATION.—The Sec-
11 retary of Defense shall ensure that activities conducted at
12 the Eastern Regional Range Complex are coordinated
13 with—

14 (1) the Joint Counter-small Unmanned Aircraft
15 Systems Office.

16 (2) the Joint Staff (J-7);

17 (3) the Office of the Under Secretary of De-
18 fense for Research and Engineering; and

19 (4) other entities with functions or missions rel-
20 evant to the activities carried out at the Complex,
21 which may include—

22 (A) relevant combatant commands and
23 service components:

24 (B) allies and partners of the United
25 States participating in multi-domain operations;

1 (C) the Defense Innovation Unit;
2 (D) State National Guard commands;
3 (E) the Office of Naval Research; and
4 (F) such other key stakeholders as the
5 Secretary determines appropriate.

6 (e) INFRASTRUCTURE AND OTHER RESOURCES.—

7 The Secretary of Defense may—

8 (1) carry out military construction, infrastruc-
9 ture improvements, and technology installation, as
10 necessary, to facilitate the activities described in
11 subsection (b), including through the provision of
12 range instrumentation, telemetry, cyber range inte-
13 gration, and electromagnetic spectrum operations
14 support; and

15 (2) consult with the Federal Communications
16 Commission and the National Telecommunications
17 and Information Administration to recommend spec-
18 trum access requirements in support of joint and
19 service training, testing, and experimentation within
20 the Eastern Regional Range Complex and the West-
21 ern Regional Range Complex, including access to ap-
22 propriate live environments capable of supporting
23 electromagnetic attack training, experimentation,
24 and testing.

1 **SEC. 1049. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
2 **INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT**
3 **ALLOW ANTISEMITIC DEMONSTRATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to
5 be appropriated or otherwise made available for fiscal year
6 2026 for the Department of Defense may be provided to
7 an institution of higher education if—

8 (1) an antisemitic demonstration has occurred
9 on the campus of the institution; and

10 (2) the administration of the institution has
11 failed to take action to mitigate and prevent further
12 antisemitic demonstrations.

13 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) The term “antisemitic demonstration”
15 means any public display of antisemitism.

16 (2) The term “antisemitism” means a certain
17 perception of Jews, which may be expressed as ha-
18 tred toward Jews, including rhetorical and physical
19 manifestations directed toward individuals or their
20 property, community institutions, or religious facili-
21 ties.

22 **SEC. 1050. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS PENDING CER-**
23 **TIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN**
24 **CONGRESSIONAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.**

25 (a) LIMITATION.—Of the amounts authorized to be
26 appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for

1 fiscal year 2026 for Operation and Maintenance, Defense-
2 wide, and available for the Office of the Under Secretary
3 of Defense for Policy for travel, not more than 90 percent
4 may be obligated or expended until the Secretary of De-
5 fense certifies to the congressional defense committees
6 that the Department of Defense is compliant with the re-
7 quirements of section 1067 of the National Defense Au-
8 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–
9 159; 10 U.S.C. 113 note).

10 (b) ELEMENTS OF CERTIFICATION.—A certification
11 under subsection (a) shall include each of the following:

12 (1) a written statement that a copy of each exe-
13 cute order required to be submitted to the congres-
14 sional defense committees under such section has
15 been transmitted to the congressional defense com-
16 mittees; and

17 (2) a description of the mechanism established
18 to facilitate the provision to the congressional de-
19 fense committees of all future briefings required
20 under such section, and the compliance with the dis-
21 closure and notice requirements under such section,
22 within the time frames required by such section.

1 **SEC. 1051. PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FUNDS FROM CAR-**
2 **RYING OUT A HIRING FREEZE, REDUCTION IN**
3 **FORCE, OR HIRING DELAY WITHOUT CAUSE**
4 **AT A PUBLIC SHIPYARD.**

5 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
6 this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026
7 for the Department of Defense may be used to—

8 (1) carry out a hiring freeze at a public ship-
9 yard;

10 (2) carry out a reduction in force at a public
11 shipyard; or

12 (3) delay without cause the filling of a vacant
13 Federal civilian employee position at a public ship-
14 yard.

15 **SEC. 1052. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR DEACTIVA-**
16 **TION OF EXPEDITIONARY COMBAT AVIATION**
17 **BRIGADES.**

18 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
19 this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026
20 for the Army may be obligated or expended to retire, de-
21 activate, schedule to deactivate, or proceed with any action
22 that would reduce the capabilities, resources, aircraft, or
23 personnel available, as of the date of the enactment of this
24 Act, for the Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigades be-
25 fore the earlier of the following dates:

(1) The date that is 90 days after the date on which the Secretary of the Army submits to the congressional defense committees a plan to offset any loss of mission associated with air mobility, aeromedical evacuation, reconnaissance, and logistical support provided, as of the date of the enactment of this Act, by the Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigades that includes reassignment options for potentially displaced soldiers at such brigades.

(2) The date that is 30 days after the date on which the Secretary of the Army submits to the congressional defense committees a plan for the recapitalization of the aircraft used by the Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigades that is specific with respect to each unit and geographical location of such brigades.

18 **Subtitle E—Reports**

19 SEC. 1061. MOBILITY CAPABILITY REQUIREMENTS STUDY.

Section 1068 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “one year after the date of the enactment of this Act” and inserting “December 23, 2025”; and

1 (2) in subsection (c)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1)—

3 (i) in the paragraph heading, by
4 striking “BRIEFING” and inserting “BRIEF-
5 INGS”; and

6 (ii) by inserting “and not later than
7 six months after the date of the enactment
8 of the National Defense Authorization Act
9 for Fiscal Year 2026” after “this Act”;
10 and

11 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “one
12 year after the date of the enactment of this
13 Act” and inserting “December 23, 2025”.

14 **SEC. 1062. EXTENSION OF BRIEFING REQUIREMENT RE-**
15 **GARDING CIVIL AUTHORITIES AT THE**
16 **SOUTHWEST BORDER.**

17 Section 1070 of the James M. Inhofe National De-
18 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law
19 117–263; 136 Stat. 2791), as amended by section 1063
20 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
21 2025 (Public Law 118–159), is further amended by strik-
22 ing “through December 31, 2025” and inserting “through
23 December 31, 2026”.

1 **SEC. 1063. PROHIBITION ON LOBBYING ACTIVITIES WITH**
2 **RESPECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
3 **BY CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE ARMED**
4 **FORCES AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE**
5 **DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING SEPARATION**
6 **FROM MILITARY SERVICE OR EMPLOYMENT**
7 **WITH THE DEPARTMENT.**

8 Section 1045 of the National Defense Authorization
9 Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 10 U.S.C.
10 note prec. 971) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “two-year”
12 and inserting “five-year”; and

13 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “one-year”
14 and inserting “three-year”.

15 **SEC. 1064. ANNUAL REPORT ON REQUESTS OF COMBATANT**
16 **COMMANDS FOR REMOTE SENSING DATA.**

17 (a) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than February 1,
18 2026, and annually thereafter for a five-year period, the
19 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in consultation with
20 the commanders of the combatant commands, shall submit
21 to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of
22 Representatives and the Senate a report on the requests
23 of the combatant commands for data and information de-
24 rived from remote sensing.

25 (b) MATTERS.—Each report under subsection (a)
26 shall include, with respect to the two-year period preceding

1 the date of the submission of that report and for each
2 combatant command, the following information:

3 (1) An identification of the number of requests
4 of that combatant command for data or information
5 derived from remote sensing made to personnel of
6 the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency during
7 such period, if any, including the number of any
8 such requests denied, accepted but not completely
9 fulfilled, and completely fulfilled, respectively.

10 (2) With respect to any such requests, an as-
11 sessment of whether the time to provide the data or
12 information requested was sufficient for the tactical
13 purpose for which the data or information was re-
14 quested.

15 (3) An identification of the number of any such
16 requests not completely fulfilled and the reason, if
17 any, given by personnel of the National Geospatial-
18 Intelligence Agency for such lack of fulfillment.

19 **SEC. 1065. NOTIFICATION OF WAIVERS UNDER DEPART-**
20 **MENT OF DEFENSE DIRECTIVE 3000.09.**

21 (a) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—Not later than 30
22 days after issuing any waiver under Department of De-
23 fense Directive 3000.09 (relating to autonomy in weapon
24 systems), or any successor directive, the Secretary of De-

1 fense shall submit to the congressional defense committees
2 written notification of such waiver.

3 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each notification submitted under
4 subsection (a) shall include the following:

5 (1) The rationale for the waiver.

6 (2) A description of the autonomous weapon
7 system or technology covered by the waiver.

8 (3) The anticipated duration of the waiver.

9 (c) FORM.—The notification required under sub-
10 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may
11 include a classified annex as necessary.

12 **SEC. 1066. ANNUAL REPORT ON GUAM CIVILIAN-MILITARY**
13 **PROJECTS.**

14 Not later than December 31 each year, the Com-
15 mander of Joint Region Marianas, in consultation with the
16 governor of Guam, shall submit to Congress a report on
17 specific projects in Guam that support military readiness
18 and public interests in Guam. Such report may include
19 projects carried out—

20 (1) pursuant to section 2391(d), section 2802,
21 section 2805, or section 2815 of title 10, United
22 States Code, or other authorities determined by the
23 Commander; or

24 (2) using amounts authorized to be appro-
25 priated for operation and maintenance, for Joint Re-

1 gion Marianas Operations and Maintenance funds or
2 authorities under which the Department of Defense
3 transfers funds to other Federal agencies.

4 **Subtitle F—Other Matters**

5 **SEC. 1071. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER OF** 6 **EXCELLENCE.**

7 Chapter 903 of title 10, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

9 **“SEC. 9026. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER OF** 10 **EXCELLENCE.**

11 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of the Air
12 Force shall operate a Technical Training Center of Excel-
13 lence. The head of the Center shall be the designee of the
14 Commander of the Airman Development Command.

15 “(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Center shall
16 be to—

17 “(1) facilitate collaboration among all Air Force
18 technical training installations;

19 “(2) serve as a premier training location for all
20 maintainers throughout the military departments;

21 “(3) publish a set of responsibilities aimed at
22 driving excellence, innovation, and leadership across
23 all technical training specialties;

24 “(4) advocate for innovative improvements in
25 curriculum, facilities, and media;

1 “(5) foster outreach with industry and aca-
2 demia;

3 “(6) identify and promulgate best practices,
4 standards, and benchmarks;

5 “(7) create a hub of excellence for the latest ad-
6 vancements in aviation technology and training
7 methodologies; and

8 “(8) carry out such other responsibilities as the
9 Secretary determines appropriate.

10 “(c) LOCATION.—The Secretary shall select a loca-
11 tion for the Center that is an Air Force installation that
12 provides technical training and maintenance proficiency.”.

13 **SEC. 1072. NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF**
14 **THE NAVY STUDY OF MARITIME INDUSTRIAL**
15 **BASE.**

16 Section 1092(a)(2) of the James M. Inhofe National
17 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public
18 Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 2807) is amended by adding at
19 the end the following new subparagraph:

20 “(C) STUDY ON MARITIME INDUSTRIAL
21 BASE.—The Commission shall conduct a study
22 on the condition of the United States maritime
23 industrial base, including the capacity of the
24 maritime industrial base to meet national de-

1 fense requirements and support naval recapital-
2 ization. This study shall include—

3 “(i) an evaluation of the strength and
4 capacity of United States shipyards, repair
5 facilities, and supporting infrastructure, in-
6 cluding the ability of such shipyards, facili-
7 ties, and infrastructure to meet current
8 and future Navy and sealift demands;

9 “(ii) an assessment of the skilled
10 workforce for shipbuilding and maritime
11 operations, including with respect to train-
12 ing and the sustainability of the labor
13 force;

14 “(iii) an examination of the effects of
15 domestic tax, regulatory, and permitting
16 policies on maritime industry investment
17 and innovation;

18 “(iv) an analysis of the effect of for-
19 eign subsidies and competition from State-
20 owned shipbuilding enterprises on the com-
21 petitiveness of the United States; and

22 “(v) recommendations for legislative
23 or administrative actions to—

24 “(I) strengthen the United States
25 maritime industrial base;

1 “(II) modernize and expand the
2 capacity of shipyards;

3 “(III) foster a reliable and skilled
4 maritime labor force; and

5 “(IV) ensure sufficient ship-
6 building capacity to support great
7 power competition and United States
8 sealift requirements.”.

9 **SEC. 1073. EXTENSION OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON**
10 **THE FUTURE OF THE NAVY.**

11 Section 1092(a)(4) of the James M. Inhofe National
12 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public
13 Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 2809), as amended by section
14 1083 of the Service Member Quality of Life Improvement
15 and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
16 2025 (Public Law 118–159), is further amended by strik-
17 ing “January 15, 2026” and inserting “January 15,
18 2027”.

19 **SEC. 1074. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE SERVICEWOMEN’S**
20 **COMMEMORATIVE PARTNERSHIP.**

21 Section 362(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry
22 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
23 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 7771 note prec.) is
24 amended—

1 (1) by striking “fiscal year 2021” and inserting
2 “fiscal year 2026”; and
3 (2) by striking “\$3,000,000” and inserting
4 “\$1,000,000”.

5 **SEC. 1075. FEDERAL AGENCY SUPPORT FOR AFGHANISTAN**
6 **WAR COMMISSION.**

7 Section 1094(f)(2) of the National Defense Author-
8 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81) is
9 amended by adding at the end the following new subpara-
10 graph:

11 “(D) SERVICES.—

12 “(i) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—

13 The Secretary of Defense may provide to
14 the Commission, on a nonreimbursable
15 basis, such administrative services, funds,
16 staff, facilities, and other support services
17 as are necessary for the performance of the
18 duties of the Commission under this sec-
19 tion.

20 “(ii) OTHER AGENCIES.—In addition
21 to any support provided under clause (i),
22 the head of any other Federal department
23 or agency may provide to the Commission
24 such services, funds, facilities, staff, and
25 other support as the head of such depart-

1 ment or agency determines advisable and
2 as may be authorized by law.”.

3 **SEC. 1076. PROVISION OF CONTRACT AUTHORITY TO AF-**
4 **GHANISTAN WAR COMMISSION.**

5 Subsection (f) of the Afghanistan War Commission
6 Act of 2021 (section 1094(f) of Public Law 117–81; 135
7 Stat. 1941) is amended by adding at the end the following
8 new paragraph:

9 “(6) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—To such extent
10 and in such amounts as are provided in appropria-
11 tion Acts, the Co-Chairpersons of the Commission
12 may enter into contracts to enable the Commission
13 to discharge its duties under this section.”.

14 **SEC. 1077. FRAMEWORK FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND**
15 **FOREIGN DISCLOSURE POLICIES.**

16 (a) FRAMEWORK DEVELOPMENT.—Not later than
17 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
18 Secretary of Defense shall produce a framework to revise
19 and update the technology transfer policies of the military
20 departments and the National Disclosure Policy.

21 (b) FRAMEWORK ELEMENTS.—The framework pro-
22 duced pursuant to subsection (a) shall include the fol-
23 lowing:

24 (1) A comprehensive assessment of policies re-
25 garding the transfer of emerging and advanced de-

1 fense items, including artificial intelligence, directed
2 energy, microwave systems, counter-unmanned aerial
3 systems, missile defense, machine learning, cyberse-
4 curity, quantum technologies, hypersonics, autono-
5 mous systems, and such other technologies as the
6 Secretary determines appropriate, to enable the
7 transfer of such defense items to allies and partners
8 of the United States.

9 (2) Guidelines for balancing national security
10 considerations with the need to share information
11 and technology with allies and partners of the
12 United States to enhance interoperability and bur-
13 den sharing.

14 (3) A process to gather, consider, and, as ap-
15 propriate, incorporate input from industry stake-
16 holders, in accordance with subsection (d), to inform
17 revisions to the technology transfer policies of the
18 military departments and the National Disclosure
19 Policy to enable the transfer of defense items to al-
20 lies and partners of the United States.

21 (4) Recommendations for updating the tech-
22 nology transfer policies of the military departments
23 and the National Disclosure Policy to accommodate
24 the use of emerging and advanced defense items in

1 multi-domain operations, joint military exercises,
2 and allied operational requirements.

3 (5) Mechanisms to enable the military depart-
4 ments to streamline the approval process for tech-
5 nology transfers.

6 (6) Mechanisms to enhance transparency to en-
7 sure the technology transfer policies of each of the
8 military departments are comparable with respect to
9 capability and country release tiers for emerging and
10 advanced defense items.

11 (7) A plan to consolidate technology security
12 and foreign disclosure approvals in accordance with
13 Executive Order 14268, titled “Reforming Foreign
14 Defense Sales to Improve Speed and Accountability”
15 and dated April 9, 2025.

16 (8) Metrics to evaluate the effectiveness of the
17 technology transfer policies of the military depart-
18 ments and the National Disclosure Policy to enable
19 the transfer of defense items to allies and partners
20 of the United States while ensuring security of
21 United States technology.

22 (9) An annual requirement to conduct an audit
23 of license applications that were denied during the
24 prior year on the basis of technology transfer poli-

1 cies of the military departments or the National Dis-
2 closure Policy.

3 (10) A process to implement revisions to the
4 technology transfer policies of the military depart-
5 ments and the National Disclosure Policy in accord-
6 ance with subsection (c).

7 (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than one year after
8 the date of the submission of the framework under sub-
9 section (a), and not less frequently than annually there-
10 after, the Secretary of Defense shall direct the Secretary
11 of each of the military departments to revise the tech-
12 nology transfer policy of that department and the Under
13 Secretary of Defense for Policy to revise the National Dis-
14 closure Policy, based on the elements of the framework
15 under subsection (b).

16 (d) STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT.—At least once
17 every six months, the Secretaries of the military depart-
18 ments and the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy shall
19 consult with such representatives from the defense indus-
20 try as the Secretaries and Under Secretary consider ap-
21 propriate, including representatives from nontraditional
22 defense contractors (as such term is defined by section
23 3014 of title 10, United States Code) in the course of car-
24 rying out subsections (a), (b), and (c).

25 (e) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

1 (1) SUBMISSION OF FRAMEWORK.—Not later
2 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of
3 this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to
4 the congressional defense committees a report con-
5 taining the framework produced under subsection
6 (a).

7 (2) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than one
8 year after the date of the submission of the frame-
9 work required under subsection (a), and not less fre-
10 quently than annually thereafter, the Secretary of
11 Defense shall submit to the congressional defense
12 committees a report that includes the following:

13 (A) A description of any actions taken to
14 improve the technology transfer policies of the
15 military departments and the National Disclo-
16 sure Policy in accordance with the implementa-
17 tion requirements under subsection (c).

18 (B) A description of any actions taken to
19 implement or incorporate industry recommenda-
20 tion into the technology transfer policies of the
21 military departments and the National Disclo-
22 sure Policy.

23 (C) A summary of any feedback from in-
24 dustry stakeholders with respect to current ap-
25 plications of the technology transfer policies of

1 the military departments and National Discl-
2 sure Policy, and a description of any actions
3 taken to address such feedback.

4 (D) The results of an audit of license ap-
5 plications that were denied during the preceding
6 12-month period on the basis of technology
7 transfer policies of the military departments or
8 the National Disclosure Policy, including suffi-
9 cient information to confirm that such denials
10 reflected the policy in effect at the time of de-
11 nial.

12 (E) Any recommendations of the Secretary
13 for legislation necessary to improve technology
14 transfer policies or the National Disclosure Pol-
15 icy.

16 (3) FORM.—Each report submitted under this
17 subsection shall be submitted in unclassified form,
18 but may include a classified annex.

19 **SEC. 1078. BUDGETING AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR**
20 **NORTHERN STRIKE EXERCISE.**

21 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of Defense
22 shall—

23 (1) ensure that the budget and funding for the
24 Northern Strike Exercise are sufficient to effectively

1 carry out the objectives of the Secretary with respect
2 to such exercise; and

3 (2) include, in the budget justification materials
4 submitted to Congress in support of the Department
5 of Defense budget for fiscal year 2027 and each sub-
6 sequent fiscal year (as submitted with the budget of
7 the President under section 1105(a) of title 31), a
8 dedicated budget line item for the implementation of
9 this section.

10 (b) NORTHERN STRIKE EXERCISE DEFINED.— In
11 this section, the term “Northern Strike Exercise” means
12 a military exercise sponsored by the National Guard Bu-
13 reau to build readiness and warfighting capabilities for the
14 joint force.

15 **SEC. 1079. PROCUREMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF SPORTS**
16 **FOODS AND DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS TO**
17 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES ASSIGNED**
18 **TO THE UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPER-**
19 **ATIONS COMMAND.**

20 (a) PROCUREMENT AND DISTRIBUTION.—The Com-
21 mander of the United States Special Operations Command
22 may authorize—

23 (1) the procurement of sports foods and dietary
24 supplements; and

1 (2) the distribution of such foods and supple-
2 ments to members of the Armed Forces assigned to
3 the United States Special Operations Command.

4 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commander of the
6 United States Special Operations Command shall—

7 (A) establish policies for the procurement
8 and distribution of sports foods and dietary
9 supplements under this section; and

10 (B) require that such procurement and dis-
11 tribution is in compliance with—

12 (i) Department of Defense Instruction
13 6130.06, titled “Use of Dietary Supple-
14 ments in the Department of Defense”; and

15 (ii) the prohibited dietary supplement
16 ingredients list of the Department.

17 (2) POLICIES.—The policies established under
18 paragraph (1) shall provide that—

19 (A) dietary supplements procured or dis-
20 tributed under this section are required to be
21 certified by a non-Department third-party certi-
22 fying organization that Operation Supplement
23 Safety of the Department has vetted for end-
24 product quality assurance;

1 (B) dietary supplements and sports foods
2 procured or distributed under this section are
3 required to be free of contaminants and ingredi-
4 ents and substances prohibited by the Depart-
5 ment (including any ingredients and substances
6 that are synonymous with such prohibited in-
7 gredients and substances);

8 (C) sports foods and dietary supplements
9 may only be distributed to members of the
10 Armed Forces—

11 (i) by a credentialed and privileged
12 registered (performance) dietitian or a
13 medical clinician with prescribing authority
14 who is assigned to or supporting the
15 United States Special Operations Com-
16 mand at the operational unit level; and

17 (ii) under the guidance and oversight
18 of a primary care sports medicine physi-
19 cian.

20 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The procurement and
21 distribution of sports foods and dietary supplements under
22 this section shall be construed to supplement and not sup-
23 plant—

24 (1) any morale, welfare, or recreation funds or
25 activities otherwise required or available; and

1 (2) any funding made available for, and services
2 provided by, any dining facility of the Department.

3 **SEC. 1080. PILOT PROGRAM ON ENHANCED USE OF AD-**
4 **VANCED SENSOR NETWORKS TO IMPROVE**
5 **AIR FORCE COUNTER-UNMANNED AIRCRAFT**
6 **SYSTEM CAPABILITIES FOR BASE DEFENSE.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Beginning not later than 180
8 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
9 retary of the Air Force, in coordination with the Adminis-
10 trator of the Federal Aviation Administration, shall carry
11 out a pilot program, to be known as the “Enhancing Co-
12 operation for Counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems Pro-
13 gram”, under which the Secretary shall incorporate the
14 use of civilian civil airspace sensor networks into Air Force
15 data processing systems to—

16 (1) improve base defense against small un-
17 manned aircraft systems (in this section referred to
18 as “sUAS”);

19 (2) inform the development of counter-un-
20 manned aircraft system capabilities that are suitable
21 for use inside the United States and in the National
22 Airspace System; and

23 (3) enhance cooperation with law enforcement,
24 State and local partners, and other Federal depart-
25 ments and agencies to counter domestic threats.

1 (b) LOCATIONS.—The Secretary, in coordination with
2 the Administrator, shall select at least two military instal-
3 lations located in the United States at which to conduct
4 the pilot program. In selecting such military installations,
5 the Secretary shall consider the potential for the Air Force
6 to—

7 (1) access advanced civilian airspace sensor net-
8 works;

9 (2) leverage public-private partnerships that en-
10 able multi-use of airspace awareness capabilities for
11 public safety, defense of critical infrastructure to in-
12 clude Department of Defense installations, and pro-
13 tection of civil aviation; and

14 (3) minimize the potential for negatively affect-
15 ing civil aircraft operations in the National Airspace
16 System.

17 (c) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the pilot pro-
18 gram are—

19 (1) to demonstrate the efficacy of shared situa-
20 tional awareness data from civilian sensor networks
21 to military installation defense systems;

22 (2) to provide the Air Force with access to air
23 space awareness data derived from civilian airspace
24 sensor networks to increase the ability of the Air

1 Force to defend bases from the threats posed by
2 sUAS;

3 (3) to determine any authority, capability, and
4 capacity barriers to enhancing cooperation between
5 the Air Force, civilian partners, and other Federal,
6 State, and local government entities to extend the
7 over-the-horizon identification of potential sUAS
8 threats beyond the current range of existing domes-
9 tic base defense systems; and

10 (4) to improve the data-sharing frameworks for
11 airspace data between the Air Force and various
12 stakeholders for the purpose of base defense.

13 (d) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—In carrying out the
14 pilot program, the Secretary of the Air Force may enter
15 into one or more contracts for the procurement of addi-
16 tional technologies capable of—

17 (1) leveraging commercial or Government off-
18 the-shelf detect-track-defeat systems;

19 (2) integrating and using civilian airspace
20 awareness data to serve as an early warning capa-
21 bility specifically to help identify and monitor non-
22 compliant sUAS; and

23 (3) informing appropriate communication mech-
24 anisms between military installations and local law
25 enforcement agencies to report and track non-com-

1 pliant air vehicles, deter incursions, and foster po-
2 tential prosecution.

3 (e) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 90 days after the
4 conclusion of all activities carried out under the pilot pro-
5 gram at an installation selected for such program, the Sec-
6 retary shall provide to the Committees on Armed Services
7 of the Senate and House of Representatives, the Com-
8 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
9 of Representatives, and the Committee on Commerce,
10 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a briefing that
11 includes a description of—

12 (1) the manner in which the program was con-
13 ducted at such installation; and

14 (2) any results achieved under the program at
15 such installation.

16 (f) TERMINATION.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The authority to carry out a
18 pilot program under this section shall terminate on
19 the date that is five years after the date of the en-
20 actment of this Act.

21 (2) EARLY TERMINATION OPTION.—The Sec-
22 retary of the Air Force may request the termination
23 of the pilot program before the date specified in
24 paragraph (1) if the Secretary—

1 (A) determines that administrative, legal,
2 performance, or other factors indicate the pro-
3 gram will not be successful; and

4 (B) submits to the Committees on Armed
5 Services of the Senate and House of Represent-
6 atives, the Committee on Transportation and
7 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives,
8 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
9 Transportation of the Senate notice in writing
10 of such determination.

11 **SEC. 1081. PILOT PROGRAM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS**
12 **FOR ACCELERATING PROTECTION OF CER-**
13 **TAIN FACILITIES AND ASSETS FROM UN-**
14 **MANNED AIRCRAFT.**

15 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
16 gress that—

17 (1) Congress granted the Department of De-
18 fense extensive counter-UAS authorities under sec-
19 tion 1697 of the National Defense Authorization Act
20 for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 130
21 Stat. 2639);

22 (2) the Department has not adequately re-
23 sponded to publicly reported drone incursions;

24 (3) the Department has consistently returned to
25 request from Congress additional counter-UAS au-

1 thorities, despite not fully using available counter-
2 UAS authorities and routinely failing to provide to
3 Congress with statutorily required briefings and in-
4 formation on the use and non-use of such available
5 authorities; and

6 (4) there is intense global demand for counter-
7 UAS systems in the inventory of the Department,
8 particularly from the Commander of the United
9 States Central Command and the Commander of the
10 United States Indo-Pacific Command, and the De-
11 partment will not be able to address domestic
12 counter-UAS requirements without substantial
13 changes in the policies and priorities of the Depart-
14 ment.

15 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than one year after
16 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
17 Defense shall—

18 (1) develop a plan to ensure that the training
19 of members of the armed forces and officers and ci-
20 vilian employees of the Department, and the
21 sustainment of equipment of the Department, is ade-
22 quate for purposes of the effective use of authorities
23 under section 130i of title 10, United States Code;
24 and

1 (2) ensure that for each covered facility or asset
2 at which the Secretary has determined counter-UAS
3 operations are necessary to mitigate the threat that
4 an unmanned aircraft system poses to the safety or
5 security of such covered facility or asset—

6 (A) any administrative action required for
7 the effective use of such authorities for the pro-
8 tection of the covered facility or asset not con-
9 tingent upon action by another Federal depart-
10 ment or agency has been completed, including
11 the establishment of appropriate policies for the
12 training of relevant personnel upon the deploy-
13 ment of new counter-UAS systems, annual
14 training, and training for newly assigned per-
15 sonnel;

16 (B) any such training required for the safe
17 or effective use of counter-UAS systems for
18 such protection has been completed; and

19 (C) planning to deploy and sustain systems
20 similar to those procured pursuant to the pilot
21 program under subsection (c) in a manner ap-
22 propriate for the covered facility or asset has
23 commenced.

24 (c) PILOT PROGRAM FOR DEPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN
25 COUNTER-UAS SYSTEMS.—

1 (1) PILOT PROGRAM.—The Secretary, in coordi-
2 nation with the Administrator as required by section
3 130i of title 10, United States Code, shall carry out
4 a pilot program for the deployment of covered
5 counter-UAS systems for the protection of certain
6 covered facilities or assets (in this subsection, re-
7 ferred to as the “pilot program”).

8 (2) ELEMENTS.—Under the pilot program, the
9 Secretary shall—

10 (A) not later than 180 days after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, select and procure
12 covered counter-UAS systems for deployment
13 for the protection of four covered facilities or
14 assets identified for purposes of the pilot pro-
15 gram; and

16 (B) not later than one year after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, ensure such cov-
18 ered counter-UAS systems are so deployed with
19 respect to each such identified covered facility
20 or asset.

21 (3) SITE-SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT.—The Sec-
22 retary and the Administrator shall jointly conduct a
23 site-specific suitability assessment for each covered
24 asset or facility identified for purposes of the pilot
25 program to ensure that the operation of a covered

1 counter-UAS system under the pilot program with
2 respect to the covered facility or asset will not result
3 in an adverse impact on aviation safety, including by
4 assessing safe engagement ranges and parameters
5 for target identification and deconfliction.

6 (d) ADDITIONAL COORDINATION REQUIRED.—The
7 Secretary shall carry out this section consistent with the
8 requirements of section 130i of title 10, United States
9 Code.

10 (e) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 60 days after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 60 days there-
12 after until the date on which each requirement under this
13 section is complete, the Secretary, in consultation with the
14 Administrator, shall provide to the congressional defense
15 committees and the Committee on Transportation and In-
16 frastructure of the House of Representatives a briefing on
17 the implementation of this section.

18 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) The term “Administrator” means the Ad-
20 ministrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

21 (2) The terms “counter-UAS system” and
22 “small unmanned aircraft” have the meanings given
23 those terms in section 44801 of title 49, United
24 States Code.

1 (3) The term “covered counter-UAS system”
2 means a counter-UAS system that—

3 (A) is capable of destroying or disabling a
4 small unmanned aircraft by means of high-pow-
5 ered microwave, laser, or other similar tech-
6 nology; and

7 (B) may be integrated with appropriate
8 sensing and command-and-control systems.

9 (4) The term “covered facility or asset” means
10 a facility or asset with respect to which there is au-
11 thority to carry out section 130i of title 10, United
12 States Code, for the protection of the facility or
13 asset.

14 (5) The term “unmanned aircraft” has the
15 meaning given such term in section 130i(j) of title
16 10, United States Code.

17 **SEC. 1082. COUNTER-UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM READI-**
18 **NESS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, acting
20 through the Director of the Joint Counter Small Un-
21 manned Aircraft Systems Office, shall coordinate with the
22 Secretaries of the military departments to identify dif-
23 ferences in the interpretation and application of section
24 130i of title 10, United States Code, among the military
25 departments, including differences with respect to—

1 (1) interpretations of the term “covered facility
2 or asset”;

3 (2) the application of modern best practices for
4 counter-unmanned aircraft system to each type of
5 covered facility or asset; and

6 (3) divergent, unrealistic, or unnecessarily lim-
7 ited legal interpretations of the term “covered facil-
8 ity or asset”.

9 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director
11 of the Joint Counter Small Unmanned Systems Office
12 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
13 port that includes a description of each of the following:

14 (1) Differences identified in the application of
15 section 130i of title 10, United States Code, among
16 the military departments.

17 (2) Any resources required to expedite and
18 modernize site evaluations, including electromagnetic
19 spectrum evaluations required for the deployment of
20 counter-unmanned aircraft system defenses and site
21 surveys described in section 1081 of this Act.

22 (3) Suggestions to improve the role of the
23 United States Northern Command as a synchro-
24 nizing body for homeland counter-unmanned aircraft
25 systems deployed at covered facilities or assets.

(4) The plan of the Director to remedy, without change to underlying law, the differences in legal interpretations identified pursuant to subsection (a)(3).

(5) The strategy of the Director for retrofitting and modernizing military installations and depots for testing counter-unmanned aircraft systems and an identification of any policy, legal, or regulatory challenges to carrying out such strategy.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “covered facility or asset” and “unmanned aircraft system” have the meaning given such terms in section 130i of title 10, United States Code.

14 SEC. 1083. PILOT PROGRAM ON DIGITAL FORCE PROTEC-
15 TION FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Commander of the United States Special Operations Command may carry out a pilot program, to be known as the “Digital Force Protection Pilot Program”, to identify existing vulnerabilities in digital force protection, provide targeted ubiquitous technical surveillance mitigation training, and help identify commercially available secure communication and obfuscation technologies to protect personnel and support overall mission effectiveness.

1 (b) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of a pilot program
2 carried out under subsection (a) are—

3 (1) to increase understanding of existing digital
4 signature and ubiquitous technical surveillance risk
5 for selected Special Operations Forces units and the
6 associated threats to personnel and mission effective-
7 ness that come from digital exposure and adversary
8 tracking;

9 (2) to strengthen digital force protection for the
10 purposes of operational security and strategic decep-
11 tion efforts across all domains of warfare; and

12 (3) to demonstrate digital force protection as a
13 critical enabler of multi-domain operations and the
14 need to ensure Special Operations Forces can oper-
15 ate seamlessly across land, air, sea, space, and
16 cyberspace without adversarial digital exploitation
17 undermining mission success.

18 (c) RECOMMENDATION OF UNITS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—If the Commander carries
20 out a pilot program under subsection (a), the Com-
21 mander shall recommend not fewer than two Special
22 Operations Forces units to carry out the pilot pro-
23 gram, which may include a command and unit ele-
24 ment.

1 (2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In recommending units
2 to participate in the pilot program under paragraph
3 (1), the Commander shall take into consideration—

4 (A) the need to include multiple categories
5 of personnel, including operational support
6 staff, enablers, and contractors to ensure a
7 complete assessment;

8 (B) the readiness status of the units, with
9 an emphasis on providing training to those
10 units most likely to deploy to areas with high
11 likelihood of adversary digital surveillance; and

12 (C) the need for a sufficient sample size,
13 which is approximately a battalion.

14 (d) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—If the Commander car-
15 ries out a pilot program under this section, the Com-
16 mander may enter into a contract for the provision of serv-
17 ices to facilitate the pilot program. If the Commander uses
18 such authority to enter into a contract for training or as-
19 sessment, such training and assessment shall be capable
20 of—

21 (1) conducting multiple realistic ubiquitous
22 technical surveillance training scenarios that are
23 consistent with observed adversarial tactics, tech-
24 niques, and procedures with exploiting commercially

1 available data against Special Operations Forces
2 units;

3 (2) training key personnel across leadership,
4 operational, and support elements on the threats
5 posed by the commercial data economy and specific
6 skills development to manage digital signatures and
7 mitigate ubiquitous technical surveillance risks;

8 (3) providing advanced training for personnel
9 responsible for highly sensitive activities and mis-
10 sions;

11 (4) evaluating through red cell exercises pilot
12 program participant progress and to ensuring units
13 are prepared for mission-critical operations in ubiq-
14 uitous technical surveillance-intensive environments;

15 (5) employing commercial technology solutions
16 previously deployed in a mission environment and
17 interoperable with legacy Department of Defense
18 systems, networks, and protocols, including deploy-
19 ment of on-demand global obfuscated networks and
20 identity intelligence and management;

21 (6) assessing ubiquitous technical surveillance
22 and digital force protection holistically across var-
23 ious threat vectors including electronic, travel, finan-
24 cial, online, and physical or visual.

1 (e) BRIEFINGS.—If the Commander carries out a
2 pilot program under this section, not later than 90 days
3 after concluding activities under the pilot program, the
4 Commander and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for
5 Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict shall pro-
6 vide to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate
7 and the House of Representatives a briefing that in-
8 cludes—

9 (1) a thorough analysis identifying current ca-
10 pabilities and a description of gaps, deficiencies, or
11 other vulnerabilities, identified by the pilot program;

12 (2) specific recommendations for short-term (1–
13 2 years) and long-term (3–5 years) initiatives to en-
14 hance digital force protection across special oper-
15 ations components;

16 (3) an assessment of how enhanced digital force
17 protection measures increase the difficulty, time, and
18 resources required for adversaries to conduct digital
19 surveillance, force tracking, and operational com-
20 promise of Special Operations Forces; and

21 (4) a comprehensive list of any additional au-
22 thorities, appropriations, or other resources nec-
23 essary to implement the recommended digital force
24 protection tools and practices identified pursuant to
25 the pilot program.

1 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) The term “digital force protection” means
3 the policies, tools, and practices used to protect mili-
4 tary personnel, operations, and critical assets from
5 adversarial exploitation of the commercial digital
6 surveillance economy, associated commercial data,
7 and digital footprints.

8 (2) The term “commercial digital surveillance
9 economy” means the ecosystem of companies and
10 technologies involved in collecting, analyzing, and
11 selling data generated by the interactions of individ-
12 uals with digital services and devices.

13 (3) The term “digital footprint” means the data
14 traces left by individuals through the use of digital
15 devices and services that can be exploited to uncover
16 personal information, movement patterns, and other
17 sensitive details.

18 (g) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out a
19 pilot program under this section shall terminate on the
20 date that is one year after the date of the enactment of
21 this Act.

22 **SEC. 1084. PILOT PROGRAM FOR BLOCKCHAIN-ENABLED**
23 **INVENTORY MANAGEMENT.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense

1 may establish a pilot program under which the Depart-
2 ment of Defense shall use commercially available distrib-
3 uted ledger technology to seek to improve inventory man-
4 agement within the Department of Defense.

5 (b) OBJECTIVES.—Under the pilot program estab-
6 lished under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

7 (1) assess the feasibility and effectiveness of
8 using distributed ledger technology in improving in-
9 ventory management;

10 (2) assess the cost savings resulting from the
11 use of distributed ledger technology in inventory
12 management;

13 (3) assess whether the use of distributed ledger
14 technology in inventory management improves the
15 traceability of inventory;

16 (4) assess whether the use of distributed ledger
17 technology in inventory management reduces the
18 risk of waste, fraud, and abuse; and

19 (5) identify and mitigate potential challenges
20 and risks associated with the integration of distrib-
21 uted ledger technology for inventory management,
22 including cybersecurity concerns.

23 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
24 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
25 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the

1 House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the
2 activities performed under the pilot program established
3 under subsection (a).

4 (d) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out a
5 pilot program under subsection (a) shall terminate on Jan-
6 uary 1, 2029.

7 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) The term “distributed ledger” means a
9 ledger that—

10 (A) is shared across a set of distributed
11 nodes, which are devices or processes, that par-
12 ticipate in a network and store a complete or
13 partial replica of the ledger;

14 (B) is synchronized between the nodes; and

15 (C) has data appended to it by following a
16 specified consensus mechanism.

17 (2) The term “distributed ledger technology”
18 means technology that enables the operation and use
19 of distributed ledgers.

20 **SEC. 1085. ACCELERATION OF ACCREDITATION AND AC-**
21 **CESS TO SENSITIVE COMPARTMENTED IN-**
22 **FORMATION FACILITIES FOR INDUSTRY.**

23 (a) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after
24 enactment of this act, the Secretary of Defense, in con-
25 sultation with other appropriate departments and agencies

1 of the Federal Government, shall submit to the congres-
2 sional defense committees a plan to accelerate the accredi-
3 tation, construction, and operational use of commercial
4 sensitive compartmented information facilities accessible
5 to private-sector entities in support of national security
6 innovation, manufacturing, and mission-critical classified
7 activities.

8 (b) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by subsection (a)
9 shall include the following:

10 (1) Recommendation of policies to authorize the
11 parallel processing of construction security plans,
12 construction, and information technology deployment
13 to reduce accreditation and approval timelines.

14 (2) An assessment of the feasibility of adopting
15 architecture and construction templates to allow for
16 shortening or eliminating portions of the construc-
17 tion security plan review and approval process.

18 (3) An evaluation of current policies regarding
19 the use of mobile Secret Internet Protocol Router
20 Network and Joint Worldwide Intelligence Commu-
21 nications System systems within accredited con-
22 tractor sensitive compartmented information facili-
23 ties, including a review of Chairman of the Joint
24 Chiefs of Staff Instruction 6211.02D.

1 (4) An assessment of the feasibility of dele-
2 gating the authority to review construction security
3 plans and associated 30, 60, and 90 percent tech-
4 nical drawings to appropriately trained sponsor-ap-
5 proved personnel within the Armed Forces, subject
6 to applicable security standards and oversight.

7 (5) A proposal to designate shared commercial
8 classified facilities as valid places to work for all
9 types of classified work authorized by the Depart-
10 ment of Defense.

11 (6) A proposal to develop and establish a se-
12 cure, centralized, digital platform for the manage-
13 ment of sensitive compartmented information facility
14 lifecycle processes, including—

15 (A) submission and tracking of construc-
16 tion security plans, requests for information,
17 fixed facility checklists, and co-use authoriza-
18 tions; and

19 (B) utilization of artificial intelligence and
20 machine-learning tools for construction security
21 plan validation, interagency compliance, and
22 document version control.

23 (7) A list of any additional authorities, appro-
24 priations, or other resources necessary to implement
25 the plan required by this section.

1 **SEC. 1086. STANDARDIZATION OF DATA ANALYSIS AND VIS-**
2 **UALIZATION ACROSS THE DEPARTMENT OF**
3 **DEFENSE.**

4 (a) STANDARDIZATION OF DATA ANALYSIS AND VIS-
5 UALIZATION REQUIRED.—Not later than 365 days after
6 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
7 Defense shall ensure that each of the military departments
8 adopts a set of standard data analysis and data visualiza-
9 tion for the collection, management, analysis, visualiza-
10 tion, and reporting of data related to harmful behaviors.
11 Such required data analysis and visualization standards
12 shall be designed to—

13 (1) enable commanders at all levels of command
14 to receive timely, actionable data with consistent
15 metrics, data visualization, and presentation for-
16 mats;

17 (2) support location, identify patterns over
18 time, and track changes or trends in harmful behav-
19 ior; and

20 (3) if the Secretary establishes a working group
21 under subsection (b), comply with other standards
22 and best practices identified by the working group.

23 (b) WORKING GROUP ON DATA SYSTEMS AND VIS-
24 UALIZATION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
2 may establish a working group composed of rep-
3 resentatives from each military department.

4 (2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—If the Secretary estab-
5 lishes a working group under this subsection, the
6 working group shall—

7 (A) review existing harmful behavior data
8 management systems, methods of data collec-
9 tion, management, analysis, reporting, and
10 forms of data visualization used across the mili-
11 tary departments;

12 (B) identify and share best practices for
13 data collection, management, analysis, visualiza-
14 tion, and reporting to improve consistency, ef-
15 fectiveness, and usability across the Depart-
16 ment of Defense; and

17 (C) assess which data elements are not
18 currently captured in existing harmful behavior
19 data management systems of record and would
20 benefit from inclusion.

21 (3) TIMEFRAME FOR ESTABLISHMENT.—If the
22 Secretary establishes a working group under this
23 subsection, the Secretary shall establish the working
24 group by not later than 180 days after the date of
25 the enactment of this Act.

1 (c) PROMOTION OF ON-SITE INSTALLATION EVALUA-
2 TION RESILIENCE INDEX SUMMARY APPLICATION.—The
3 Secretary may promote the on-site installation evaluation
4 resilience index summary application for wider use by the
5 military departments, in addition to the systems to ad-
6 dress harmful behavior in use by the military departments
7 as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

8 (d) BRIEFING AND REPORT.—Not later than 365
9 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
10 retary of Defense shall provide a briefing and submit a
11 report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate
12 and the House of Representatives on—

13 (1) the status of the implementation of the
14 standard features required under subsection (a);

15 (2) if the Secretary establishes a working group
16 under subsection (b), the findings and recommenda-
17 tions of the working group; and

18 (3) the status of implementing the promotion of
19 the on-site installation evaluation resilience index
20 summary application under subsection (c).

21 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) The term “data collection” means the capa-
23 bility to gather user-generated data through system
24 interfaces, with designated required and optional

1 fields, that is saved to the system's dataset through
2 structured workflows.

3 (2) The term "data visualization" means the
4 manner in which information is presented within a
5 data management system, including the graphical
6 representation of data to improve clarity, com-
7 prehension, analysis, and decision-making by users.

8 **SEC. 1087. PROCESS FOR COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGA-**
9 **TIONS OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICE PRO-**
10 **VIDERS AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICERS.**

11 (a) COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS.—

12 (1) PROCESS FOR SUBMITTING COMPLAINTS.—

13 The Commander of the Military Surface Deployment
14 and Distribution Command shall develop a process
15 through which a transportation service provider may
16 submit a complaint to the Commander regarding
17 possible violations of the Military Freight Traffic
18 Unified Rules Publication or the Defense Transpor-
19 tation Regulations by Department of Defense trans-
20 portation officers and transportation service pro-
21 viders regarding any military shipments that are re-
22 quired to be processed by the Global Freight Man-
23 agement System.

1 (2) ELEMENTS.—The complaint process re-
2 quired under paragraph (1) shall include each of the
3 following:

4 (A) An identification of the information
5 the complainant should provide as part of a
6 complaint to assist the Commander in reviewing
7 and investigating the complaint, including ref-
8 erences to the rules that were allegedly violated.

9 (B) A timeline for the adjudication of the
10 complaint and rendering of an initial finding by
11 an individual designated by the Commander.

12 (C) A process for any party to appeal the
13 initial finding if the party believes the initial
14 finding is incorrect, a timeline for the review of
15 the appeal, and a timeline for the Commander
16 to render a final decision.

17 (D) Such other elements as the Com-
18 mander determines appropriate.

19 (3) CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS.—If, pur-
20 suant to a complaint submitted through the com-
21 plaint process under this section, a transportation
22 officer or transportation service provider is found to
23 have violated the Military Freight Traffic Unified
24 Rules Publication or the Defense Transportation
25 Regulations, the Commander shall impose a penalty

1 in accordance with the Military Freight Traffic Uni-
2 fied Rules Publication and the Defense Transpor-
3 tation Regulations and, if applicable, work with the
4 transportation officer or transportation service pro-
5 vider to take corrective action.

6 (4) TRANSPORTATION OFFICER ACTIONS.—

7 (A) NOTIFICATION PROCESS.— The Com-
8 mander shall establish a timely process through
9 which a transportation service provider may no-
10 tify the Military Surface Deployment and Dis-
11 tribution Command of any action a transpor-
12 tation officer imposes against a transportation
13 service provider, such as a letter of non-use, if
14 the transportation service provider believes that
15 such action was improper, excessive, or not in
16 accordance with the Military Freight Traffic
17 Unified Rules Publication or Defense Transpor-
18 tation Regulations.

19 (B) AUTHORITY TO OVERRIDE.— The
20 Commander may override any action taken by
21 a transportation officer against a transportation
22 service provider if the Commander believes such
23 action was improper, excessive, or not in ac-
24 cordance with the Military Freight Traffic Uni-
25 fied Rules Publication or Defense Transpor-

1 tation Regulations. The authority under this
2 subparagraph includes revoking a letter of non-
3 use, reducing the duration of a letter of non-
4 use, and removing any service failure from the
5 record of the transportation service provider.

6 (b) GLOBAL FREIGHT MANAGEMENT TRAINING.—
7 The Commander of the Military Surface Deployment and
8 Distribution Command shall provide recurring training to
9 all transportation officers and transportation service pro-
10 viders that use the Global Freight Management System
11 to process and award Department of Defense shipments.
12 Such training shall include—

13 (1) detailed instruction on the Military Freight
14 Traffic Unified Rules Publication and Defense
15 Transportation Regulations;

16 (2) best practices for processing and awarding
17 shipments in the Global Freight Management sys-
18 tem;

19 (3) the importance of awarding shipments
20 transparently and in accordance with Department of
21 Defense policies; and

22 (4) such other information as the Commander
23 determines appropriate.

24 (c) FREIGHT CARRIER REGISTRATION PROGRAM.—

1 (1) UPDATE.—The Commander of the Military
2 Surface Deployment and Distribution Command
3 shall update the freight carrier registration program
4 to ensure that users of the program, including De-
5 partment of Defense personnel and transportation
6 service providers, are able to easily determine if a
7 standard carrier alpha code belongs to a motor car-
8 rier or broker.

9 (2) ANNUAL AUDIT REQUIREMENT.—Not less
10 frequently than annually, the Commander shall con-
11 duct an audit of the freight carrier registration pro-
12 gram to ensure that all approved transportation
13 service providers have active and appropriate oper-
14 ating authority from the Department of Transpor-
15 tation.

16 **TITLE XI—CIVILIAN PERSONNEL**
17 **Subtitle A—General Provisions**

18 **SEC. 1101. LIVING QUARTER ALLOWANCE FOR DEPART-**
19 **MENT OF DEFENSE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES**
20 **WITH PERMANENT DUTY STATION IN GUAM.**

21 Section 1102 of the National Defense Authorization
22 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) is amend-
23 ed—

24 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**DE-**
25 **PARTMENT OF THE NAVY CIVILIAN EMPLOY-**

1 **EES ASSIGNED TO PERMANENT DUTY IN GUAM**
2 **FOR PERFORMING WORK, OR SUPPORTING**
3 **WORK BEING PERFORMED, ABOARD OR DOCK-**
4 **SIDE, OF U.S. NAVAL VESSELS”** and inserting
5 **“CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT**
6 **OF DEFENSE STATIONED IN GUAM”;**

7 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “Secretary of
8 the Navy” and inserting “Secretary of Defense”;
9 and

10 (3) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
11 following:

12 “(b) COVERED EMPLOYEE DEFINED.—In this sec-
13 tion, the term ‘covered employee’ means any civilian em-
14 ployee of the Department of Defense whose permanent
15 duty station is located in Guam.”.

16 **SEC. 1102. APPOINTMENT OF RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE**
17 **ARMED FORCES TO COMPETITIVE SERVICE**
18 **AND EXCEPTED SERVICE POSITIONS IN THE**
19 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3326 of title 5, United
21 States Code, is amended—

22 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**cer-**
23 **tain**” before “**positions**”; and

24 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
2 by striking “the civil service” and inserting
3 “the competitive service or the excepted serv-
4 ice”; and

5 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “for the
6 purpose” and all that follows through “Manage-
7 ment”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
9 at the beginning of subchapter I of chapter 33 of such
10 title is amended in the item relating to section 3326 by
11 inserting “certain” before “positions”.

12 **SEC. 1103. PAY FOR CREWS OF VESSELS.**

13 Section 5348 of title 5, United States Code, is
14 amended—

15 (1) in subsection (a), by adding before the pe-
16 riod at the end the following: “, not to exceed the
17 rate of pay for the Vice President under section 104
18 of title 3”; and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(c) The limitation on pay under section 5307 shall
21 not apply to an employee whose pay is fixed under sub-
22 section (a).”.

1 **SEC. 1104. EXCEPTION TO LIMITATION ON RATE OF BASIC**
2 **PAY FOR CREWS OF VESSELS.**

3 Section 5373 of title 5, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(c) Subsection (a) shall not apply to the authority
6 of the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of a military
7 department to fix the annual rate of basic pay of officers
8 and crews of vessels as is consistent with the public inter-
9 est and in accordance with the prevailing rates and prac-
10 tices in the commercial maritime industry, except that the
11 annual rate of basic pay of such an employee may not be
12 fixed at a rate greater than the annual rate of the salary
13 of the Vice President under section 104 of title 3.”.

14 **SEC. 1105. ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO WAIVE**
15 **ANNUAL LIMITATION ON PREMIUM PAY AND**
16 **AGGREGATE LIMITATION ON PAY FOR FED-**
17 **ERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES WORKING OVER-**
18 **SEAS.**

19 Subsection (a) of section 1101 of the Duncan Hunter
20 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009
21 (Public Law 110-417; 122 Stat. 4615), as most recently
22 amended by section 1104 of the Servicemember Quality
23 of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization
24 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118-159; 138 Stat.
25 2087), is further amended by striking “through 2025”
26 and inserting “through 2026”.

1 **SEC. 1106. ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY AUTHOR-**
2 **ITY TO GRANT ALLOWANCES, BENEFITS, AND**
3 **GRATUITIES TO CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ON OF-**
4 **FICIAL DUTY IN A COMBAT ZONE.**

5 Paragraph (2) of section 1603(a) of the Emergency
6 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global
7 War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006 (Public
8 Law 109–234; 120 Stat. 443), as added by section 1102
9 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization
10 Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat.
11 4616) and as most recently amended by section 1105 of
12 the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and Na-
13 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025
14 (Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 2088), is further amend-
15 ed by striking “2026” and inserting “2027”.

16 **SEC. 1107. DEFENSE WORKFORCE INTEGRATION.**

17 (a) INTEGRATION OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HIR-
18 ING PROCESSES.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
21 retary of Defense, in coordination with the Secre-
22 taries concerned shall establish a pathway for medi-
23 cally disqualified entry-level service members to
24 enter civilian positions for which they are qualified
25 in the Department of Defense or any of its compo-
26 nents.

1 (2) AIR FORCE DRIVE PROGRAM.—The Air
2 Force’s Develop, Redistribute, Improve, Vault, Ex-
3 pose (DRIVE) program shall be considered suffi-
4 cient to meet the requirements of paragraph (1) and
5 may, but need not, serve as a baseline from which
6 the other military departments design their pro-
7 grams.

8 (3) ENTRY-LEVEL SERVICE MEMBER DE-
9 FINED.—In this subsection, the term “entry-level
10 service member” means a regular or reserve member
11 of the Armed Forces who is currently attending or
12 has military orders to attend within 90 days—

13 (A) basic training;

14 (B) a technical school of the Armed
15 Forces;

16 (C) a service academy;

17 (D) the Reserve Officer Training Corps
18 (ROTC);

19 (E) an officer accession program, including
20 officer candidate school, officer training school,
21 officer development school, or equivalent pro-
22 gram.

23 (b) PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON CAREER OPPOR-
24 TUNITIES IN THE DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE TO PER-
25 SONS INELIGIBLE FOR MILITARY SERVICE.—Chapter 50

1 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at
2 the end the following new section:

3 **“§ 996. Provision of information on career opportuni-**
4 **ties in the defense industrial base to per-**
5 **sons medically disqualified for military**
6 **service**

7 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense
8 shall establish and implement a program to provide indi-
9 viduals who are not medically qualified for military service
10 with information on employment opportunities in the de-
11 fense industrial base or other employment opportunities
12 in support of the national interests of the United States.

13 “(b) PROGRAM.—The program established under
14 subsection (a) shall inform and refer persons described in
15 subsection (a) to employment, apprenticeship, and train-
16 ing opportunities in—

17 “(1) the defense industrial base, including the
18 maritime and shipbuilding industries;

19 “(2) cybersecurity or intelligence support roles;

20 “(3) research and development in defense tech-
21 nologies;

22 “(4) national emergency and disaster prepared-
23 ness; or

1 “(5) any other non-military opportunity the
2 Secretary considers in the national interests of the
3 United States.

4 “(c) COLLABORATION.—The Secretary of Defense
5 shall consult with entities in the defense industrial base,
6 other Federal agencies, and academic institutions to carry
7 out this section.”.

8 (c) PROVISION TO NAVY PERSONNEL OF INFORMA-
9 TION ON CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AT MILITARY SEALIFT
10 COMMAND.—The Secretary of the Navy shall provide in-
11 formation about career opportunities at Military Sealift
12 Command and workforce training programs for ship-
13 builders to all Navy personnel as part of the Transition
14 Assistance Program process.

15 (d) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
16 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
17 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
18 Senate and the House of Representatives a report describ-
19 ing implementation of the requirements under subsections
20 (a) and (c) of this section and section 996 of title 10,
21 United States Code, as added by subsection (b) of this
22 section.

1 **SEC. 1108. MODIFICATIONS TO TOTAL FORCE MANAGE-**
2 **MENT REQUIREMENTS.**

3 (a) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 30 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Office of the Sec-
5 retary of Defense shall, in consultation with each Sec-
6 retary of a military department, provide guidance to each
7 such Secretary on the analysis required under subsection
8 (b) of section 129a of title 10, United States Code. Such
9 guidance shall include defining the seven required ele-
10 ments of the analysis under such subsection, on either a
11 Department-wide or component level.

12 (b) ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS ON REDUCTIONS.—
13 Such section 129a is amended in subsection (b) by insert-
14 ing after “full-time equivalent levels” the following: “, or
15 conduct any reductions or realignments that occur outside
16 the normal programming process (including ad hoc, imme-
17 diate, or unprogrammed changes) of 50 employees or more
18 implemented before or after the submission of the annual
19 budget request,”.

20 (c) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—Such section
21 129a is amended by adding at the end the following:

22 “(h) REPORT TO CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COM-
23 MITTEES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the en-
24 actment of this subsection and annually thereafter, the
25 Secretary of Defense shall submit a report to the congres-

1 sional defense committees containing the analysis con-
2 ducted pursuant to subsection (b).”.

3 (d) RIF NOTIFICATION.—Section 1597(d) of title 10,
4 United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in the subsection heading, by inserting “OR
6 SIGNIFICANT” after “INVOLUNTARY”;

7 (2) by striking “or furlough of” and inserting
8 “furlough, or significant reduction of over 50”; and

9 (3) by adding after the period at the end the
10 following: “The Secretary shall notify the congres-
11 sional defense committees and each Member of Con-
12 gress representing the area in which reductions are
13 ordered. Such notification shall include billet, activ-
14 ity name, number of employees at the location, num-
15 ber of employees involuntarily separated by billet,
16 reason for the personnel action, actions to mitigate
17 reductions, and savings and costs.”.

18 (e) BRIEFING.—Not later than 60 days after the date
19 of the enactment of this Act, the Office of the Secretary
20 of Defense shall provide the congressional defense commit-
21 tees with a briefing on the following:

22 (1) The implementation of subsection (a) of this
23 section.

24 (2) Efforts to update DOD Directive 1100.4
25 and DOD Instruction 1100.22 to address the anal-

1 ysis required under subsection (b) of such section
2 129a, as amended by this section.

3 **SEC. 1109. EXEMPTION FROM CIVILIAN HIRING FREEZE**
4 **FOR DELAYED DOD APPOINTMENTS DUE TO**
5 **ACTIVE DUTY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The hiring freeze implemented by
7 the Presidential Memorandum issued on January 20,
8 2025, titled “Hiring Freeze”, or any extension of such
9 Memorandum or freeze, shall not apply to any individual
10 who received a final job offer before January 20, 2025,
11 with respect to a position within the Department of De-
12 fense but did not occupy such position solely as a result
13 of such individual performing active service (as that term
14 is defined in section 101 of title 10, United States Code)
15 as a member of the Armed Forces.

16 (b) APPLICATION.—This section shall not be con-
17 strued to confer any right or benefit to any individual, or
18 require the Department of Defense to hire any individual
19 if the applicable position no longer exists, unless otherwise
20 required by law.

21 **SEC. 1110. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS TO LIMIT COL-**
22 **LECTIVE BARGAINING.**

23 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
24 this Act or otherwise made available for the Department
25 of Defense for fiscal year 2026 may be used to implement

1 Executive Order 14251, issued on March 27, 2025, relat-
2 ing to Exclusions from Federal labor management rela-
3 tions programs, or any following policy or guidance.

4 **SEC. 1111. PERSONNEL ACTIONS AGAINST DOD SES CA-**
5 **REER APPOINTEES.**

6 (a) AUTHORITY.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The head of any element of
8 the Department of Defense may, as provided in this
9 section, reprimand or suspend, involuntarily reas-
10 sign, demote, or remove a career appointee at the
11 element if the head determines that the documented
12 misconduct or performance of the career appointee
13 warrants such action.

14 (2) REMOVAL FROM CIVIL SERVICE.—If a head
15 removes an individual under paragraph (1), the head
16 may remove the individual from the civil service.

17 (b) RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—An individual who is the
19 subject of an action under subsection (a)—

20 (A) is entitled to advance notice of the ac-
21 tion and a file containing all evidence in sup-
22 port of the proposed action;

23 (B) may be represented by an attorney or
24 other representative of the covered individual's
25 choice; and

1 (C) may grieve the action in accordance
2 with an independent grievance process that the
3 Secretaries of the military departments shall es-
4 tablish for purposes of this subsection.

5 (2) TIME PERIODS.—

6 (A) AGGREGATE PERIOD.—The aggregate
7 period for notice, response, and decision on an
8 action under subsection (a) may not exceed 15
9 business days.

10 (B) RESPONSE PERIOD.—The period for
11 the response of a covered individual to a notice
12 under paragraph (1)(A) of an action under sub-
13 section (a) shall be 7 business days.

14 (C) DECISION PERIOD.—A decision under
15 this paragraph on an action under subsection
16 (a) shall be issued not later than 15 business
17 days after notice of the action is provided to the
18 individual under paragraph (1)(A). The decision
19 shall be in writing, and shall include the specific
20 reasons therefor.

21 (D) GRIEVANCE PROCESS PERIOD.—The
22 Secretaries shall ensure that the grievance proc-
23 ess established under paragraph (1)(C) takes
24 fewer than 21 days.

1 (E) WAIVER.—The applicable Secretary
2 may waive the requirements of subparagraphs
3 (A) through (D) if the Secretary for good cause
4 determines such waiver is in the interests of
5 due process.

6 (3) FINALITY OF DECISIONS.—A decision under
7 paragraph (2) that is not grieved, and a grievance
8 decision under such subparagraph, shall be final and
9 conclusive, except as provided in paragraph (4).

10 (4) MSPB APPEAL.—An individual may appeal
11 a final decision under paragraph (3) to the Merit
12 Systems Protection Board. The Board shall, within
13 120 days of the filing of the appeal, decide the ap-
14 pealable action in accordance with the Board's ap-
15 pellate procedures under section 7701 of title 5,
16 United States Code, and this section.

17 (5) RELATION TO OTHER PROVISIONS OF
18 LAW.—Section 3592(b)(1) of title 5, United States
19 Code, and the procedures under section 7543(b) of
20 such title shall apply to an action under paragraph
21 (1) unless otherwise provided by this section.

22 (c) SUNSET.—This section and the authority under
23 this section shall terminate on September 30, 2030.

24 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

1 (1) the term “career appointee” has the mean-
2 ing given that term in section 3132(a) of title 5,
3 United States Code.

4 (2) the term “civil service” has the meaning
5 given that term in section 2101 of such title 5; and

6 (3) the term “misconduct” includes neglect of
7 duty, malfeasance, or failure to accept a directed re-
8 assignment or to accompany a position in a transfer
9 of function.

10 **Subtitle B—Defense Hiring** 11 **Modernization Act of 2025**

12 **SEC. 1121. SHORT TITLE.**

13 This subtitle may be cited as the “Defense Hiring
14 Modernization Act of 2025”.

15 **SEC. 1122. AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 5, UNITED STATES** 16 **CODE.**

17 (a) MODERNIZING COMPETITIVE HIRING AUTHORI-
18 TIES FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—Section 3301 of
19 title 5, United States Code, is amended—

20 (1) by striking “The President” and inserting
21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The President”; and

22 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
23 section:

24 “(b) DOD PROCEDURES.—The President may au-
25 thorize the Department of Defense to determine the quali-

1 fication, examination, and assessment procedures for posi-
2 tions in the competitive service based primarily on job-re-
3 lated competencies and skills, including the use of struc-
4 tured interviews, technical evaluations, or skills-based as-
5 sessments, and alternative assessments.”.

6 (b) MODERNIZING PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRE-
7 MENTS.—Section 3327 of title 5, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(c) The Office of Personnel Management may au-
10 thorize the Department of Defense to use flexible outreach
11 methods, including curated prospect sourcing, provided
12 that all hiring opportunities remain publicly accessible and
13 merit-based.”.

14 (c) ELIMINATION OF TIME-IN-GRADE RESTRIC-
15 TIONS.—Section 3361 of title 5, United States Code, is
16 amended—

17 (1) by striking “An individual” and inserting

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An individual”; and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(b) DOD PROMOTIONS.—Promotions in the com-
21 petitive service within the Department of Defense may be
22 made based on demonstrated skills and qualifications
23 without regard to minimum time-in-grade requirements,
24 subject to agency policies and applicable merit system
25 principles.”.

1 (d) SHARED TALENT POOLS AND STRUCTURED AS-
2 SESSMENTS.—Subchapter I of chapter 33 of title 5,
3 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
4 following (and conforming the table of sections at the be-
5 ginning of such subchapter accordingly):

6 **“§ 3330g. DOD use of shared talent pools and struc-**
7 **tured assessments**

8 “(a) SHARED TALENT POOLS.—The Department of
9 Defense may share certificates of eligibles and curated
10 prospect pools within the Department. Certificates issued
11 under this authority shall remain valid for not less than
12 one year from the date of issuance, subject to agency-spe-
13 cific qualification checks.

14 “(b) STRUCTURED ASSESSMENTS.—The Department
15 of Defense shall use validated structured interviews, tech-
16 nical evaluations, or other skills-based assessments as part
17 of the hiring process for competitive service positions at
18 the Department, in accordance with regulations prescribed
19 by the Office of Personnel Management.”.

20 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
21 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
22 shall submit a report to the congressional defense commit-
23 tees on the impact of this subtitle and the amendments
24 made by this subtitle on hiring at the Department of De-
25 fense. Such report shall include an analysis on the impact

1 on the length of the hiring process, the quality of appli-
2 cants, the useability of the system for applicants and the
3 Department, the total number of individuals appointed
4 through alternative job postings, the total number of indi-
5 viduals appointed from a shared applicant pool, and any
6 identified challenges to hiring.

7 **TITLE XII—MATTERS RELATING**
8 **TO FOREIGN NATIONS**
9 **Subtitle A—Assistance and**
10 **Training**

11 **SEC. 1201. AUTHORITY TO BUILD CAPACITY FOR SPACE DO-**
12 **MAIN AWARENESS.**

13 Section 333(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
14 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
15 graph:

16 “(10) Space domain awareness.”.

17 **SEC. 1202. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO BUILD CAPAC-**
18 **ITY OF FOREIGN SECURITY FORCES.**

19 Subsection (g)(2) of section 333 of title 10, United
20 States Code, is amended by striking “made” after
21 “Amounts”.

1 **SEC. 1203. MODIFICATIONS TO IRREGULAR WARFARE CEN-**
2 **TER AND REGIONAL DEFENSE FELLOWSHIP**
3 **PROGRAM.**

4 Section 345 of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended as follows:

6 (1) In the matter preceding subparagraph (A)
7 of subsection (a)(1), by striking “may” and insert-
8 ing “shall”.

9 (2) In subsection (c)(4)(B), by striking “The
10 Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agen-
11 cy” and inserting “The Commander of United
12 States Special Operations Command, reporting di-
13 rectly to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Spe-
14 cial Operations and Low Intensity Conflict,”.

15 **SEC. 1204. MODIFICATION OF PUBLIC REPORTING OF CHI-**
16 **NESE MILITARY COMPANIES OPERATING IN**
17 **THE UNITED STATES.**

18 Section 1260H(g)(2)(B)(i)(I) of the William M.
19 (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
20 Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 113
21 note) is amended by adding at the end before “; or” the
22 following: “operating inside or outside of China”.

1 **SEC. 1205. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUA-**
2 **TION OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES TO FUR-**
3 **THER THE WARFIGHTING CAPABILITIES OF**
4 **THE UNITED STATES AND CERTAIN PARTNER**
5 **COUNTRIES.**

6 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
7 United States to support and encourage further defense
8 collaboration with Israel in areas of emerging technologies
9 capable of enabling the warfighting capabilities of both the
10 United States and Israel to meet emerging defense chal-
11 lenges, including in the areas of artificial intelligence, cy-
12 bersecurity, robotics, quantum, and automation.

13 (b) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense, upon re-
14 quest by the Ministry of Defense of a covered partner
15 country and in consultation with the Secretary of State,
16 the Secretary of Commerce, and the Director of National
17 Intelligence, is authorized to carry out, jointly with the
18 covered partner country, research, development, test, and
19 evaluation of emerging technologies to further the warfare
20 capabilities of the United States and the covered partner
21 country to meet emerging defense challenges, including in
22 the areas of artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, robotics,
23 quantum, and automation.

24 (c) PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION.—Any
25 activity carried out pursuant to the authority of subsection
26 (b) shall be conducted in a manner that robustly protects

1 sensitive information and the national security interests
2 of the United States and the covered partner country.

3 (d) APPLICABILITY OF EXPORT CONTROL RESTRIC-
4 TIONS.—Any activity authorized under subsection (b), in-
5 cluding fundamental research, open source, and stand-
6 ards-related activities, for the development, production, or
7 use of goods, technology, software, knowledge, or source
8 code shall be subject to—

9 (1) the Export Administration Regulations
10 under subchapter C of title 15, Code of Federal
11 Regulations; and

12 (2) all other laws applicable to the control of
13 arms exports.

14 (e) REPORT.—None of the activities described in sub-
15 section (b) may be carried out with respect to a covered
16 partner country until the date on which the Secretary of
17 Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the
18 Secretary of Commerce, and the Director of National In-
19 telligence submits to the appropriate congressional com-
20 mittees a report with respect to that partner country that
21 includes the following:

22 (1) A memorandum of agreement between the
23 United States and the covered partner country re-
24 garding sharing of costs and security safeguards for

1 the activities described in subsection (b), and any
2 supporting documents.

3 (2) A certification that such memorandum of
4 agreement—

5 (A) requires sharing of costs of the activi-
6 ties and security safeguards described in sub-
7 section (b), including in-kind support, between
8 the United States and the covered partner
9 country;

10 (B) establishes the rights of the United
11 States to any intellectual property developed
12 under the memorandum of agreement;

13 (C) requires the United States Government
14 to receive semiannual reports on expenditure of
15 funds, if any, by the government of the covered
16 partner country, including—

17 (i) a description of what the funds
18 have been used for;

19 (ii) a description of when funds were
20 expended;

21 (iii) an identification of entities that
22 expended the funds; and

23 (iv) the export control regimes in
24 place in the covered partner country to
25 protect sensitive technology, including re-

1 lated intellectual property and innovation
2 efforts; and

3 (D) includes robust safeguards against the
4 ability of the People's Republic of China or
5 other foreign adversaries of the United States
6 from, directly or indirectly, accessing, acquiring,
7 or benefitting from any potential innovation,
8 technology, research, product, or application
9 funded, produced, or utilized by the partner-
10 ship.

11 (f) LEAD AGENCY.—Not earlier than the date on
12 which the Secretary of Defense submits the first report
13 pursuant to subsection (e), the Secretary shall designate
14 the Irregular Warfare Technology Support Directorate of
15 the Department of Defense as the lead agency of the De-
16 partment in carrying out this section.

17 (g) SEMIANNUAL REPORTS.—The Secretary of De-
18 fense shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
19 mittees on a semiannual basis a report that contains a
20 copy of the most recent semiannual report provided by the
21 government of each covered partner country to the De-
22 partment of Defense pursuant to subsection (e)(2)(C).

23 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

24 (1) the term “appropriate congressional com-
25 mittees” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the
2 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Perma-
3 nent Select Committee on Intelligence of the
4 House of Representatives; and

5 (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the
6 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Select
7 Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

8 (2) the term “covered partner country” means
9 a country that, as of June 1, 2025, has signed a bi-
10 lateral agreement with the United States that is
11 managed by the Irregular Warfare Technology Sup-
12 port Directorate of the Department of Defense.

13 **SEC. 1206. CYBERSECURITY INTEGRATION.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in co-
15 ordination with the Secretary of State, shall cooperate
16 with the Government of Panama to seek to integrate cy-
17 bersecurity into current and future joint training exer-
18 cises.

19 (b) PURPOSE.—The cybersecurity integration in sub-
20 section (a) should—

21 (1) incorporate elements of the Cyber Coopera-
22 tion Arrangement;

23 (2) provide technical assistance and training,
24 and enhance joint cooperation to improve mitigation,
25 deterrence, and detection of cyberattacks and cyber

1 vulnerabilities on critical infrastructure in and
2 around the Panama Canal; and

3 (3) incorporate cybersecurity activities into cur-
4 rent and potential joint exercises conducted between
5 the United States Government and the Government
6 of Panama to improve the security of the Panama
7 Canal.

8 (c) ACTIVITIES.—Activities to further the purpose de-
9 scribed in subsection (b) may include—

10 (1) information sharing with the Panama Canal
11 Authority and the Government of Panama regarding
12 cybersecurity threats and incidents;

13 (2) technical assistance to the Panama Canal
14 Authority and the Government of Panama on detec-
15 tion and mitigation of cyberattacks in order to im-
16 prove response activities, including advising national
17 computer security incident response teams;

18 (3) conducting joint cybersecurity training exer-
19 cises and other information sharing activities relat-
20 ing to cybersecurity with the Government of Pan-
21 ama, including by—

22 (A) supporting participation by the Gov-
23 ernment of Panama in existing cybersecurity
24 training facilitated or managed by the Depart-

1 ment of Defense and approved by the Secretary
2 of Defense;

3 (B) incorporating cyber elements into ex-
4 isting joint training exercises, such as
5 PANAMAX; and

6 (C) conducting an annual table-top cyber-
7 security exercise; and

8 (4) conducting activities as the Secretary con-
9 siders appropriate, consistent with the purposes de-
10 scribed in subsection (b) for the cybersecurity inte-
11 gration described in subsection (a).

12 (d) REPORT AND BRIEFING.—Not later than one
13 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annu-
14 ally thereafter, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination
15 with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the appro-
16 priate congressional committees a report and briefing
17 on—

18 (1) implementation of this section and any chal-
19 lenges related to implementation; and

20 (2) any cyber threats, such as ransomware at-
21 tacks, on critical infrastructure in and around the
22 Panama Canal, along with actions taken to address
23 and mitigate these threats.

24 (e) PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION.—Any
25 activity carried out under this section shall be conducted

1 in a manner that appropriately protects sensitive informa-
2 tion and the national security interests of the United
3 States.

4 **Subtitle B—Matters Relating to** 5 **Israel**

6 **SEC. 1211. WAR RESERVE STOCKPILE AUTHORITY FOR** 7 **ISRAEL.**

8 Section 12001(d) of the Department of Defense Ap-
9 propriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108–287; 118 Stat.
10 1011) is amended by striking “January 1, 2027” and in-
11 serting “January 1, 2029”.

12 **SEC. 1212. MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF UNITED** 13 **STATES-ISRAEL ANTI-TUNNEL COOPERATION.**

14 Section 1279(f) of the National Defense Authoriza-
15 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (22 U.S.C. 8606 note) is
16 amended by striking “December 31, 2026” and inserting
17 “December 31, 2028”.

18 **SEC. 1213. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF UNITED** 19 **STATES-ISRAEL COOPERATION TO COUNTER** 20 **UNMANNED SYSTEMS IN ALL WARFIGHTING** 21 **DOMAINS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1278 of the National De-
23 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (22 U.S.C.
24 8606 note) is amended—

1 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**UN-**
2 **MANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS**” and inserting “**UN-**
3 **MANNED SYSTEMS IN ALL WARFIGHTING DO-**
4 **MAINS**”;

5 (2) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) in the subsection heading to read as
7 follows: “UNITED STATES-ISRAEL PROGRAM ON
8 COUNTERING UNMANNED SYSTEMS.—”;

9 (B) in paragraph (1)—

10 (i) by striking “to establish capabili-
11 ties” and inserting “to accelerate develop-
12 ment of advanced technologies”; and

13 (ii) by striking “unmanned aerial sys-
14 tems” and inserting “unmanned systems in
15 all warfighting domains”;

16 (C) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
17 paragraph (3);

18 (D) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
19 following:

20 “(2) **ACTIVITIES.**—The activities required by
21 this subsection may include the following:

22 “(A) Collaborative research initiatives in-
23 volving government, private sector, and aca-
24 demic institutions in the United States and
25 Israel.

1 “(B) Joint training exercises and informa-
2 tion-sharing mechanisms to maximize the shar-
3 ing of technical expertise, data, and tactics re-
4 lated to emerging unmanned systems and re-
5 lated threats.

6 “(C) Development of joint technical re-
7 quirements.

8 “(D) Collaborative development and eval-
9 uation of novel systems with defense industry
10 partners.

11 “(E) Coordination with acquisition pro-
12 gram offices of the United States and Israel
13 military service departments, components, and
14 commands to expedite deployment of relevant
15 systems and enhance military readiness.”; and

16 (E) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated),
17 by striking “activities described in paragraph
18 (1)” and inserting “activities described in this
19 subsection”;
20 (3) in subsection (b)—

21 (A) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “aer-
22 ial”; and

23 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking
24 “\$55,000,000” and inserting “\$70,000,000”;

1 (4) in subsection (c), by striking “an appro-
2 priate research and development entity of a military
3 department” and inserting “the Irregular Warfare
4 Technology Support Directorate”;

5 (5) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as
6 subsections (f) and (g), respectively;

7 (6) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(e) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary of Defense
10 shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress
11 on an annual basis a report that shall include for the pre-
12 ceding year a description of activities conducted under the
13 program including—

14 “(1) an assessment of progress made by the
15 United States and Israel in addressing unmanned
16 systems threats and requirements;

17 “(2) an assessment of the program’s collabora-
18 tion with other United States Government programs
19 and defense contractors;

20 “(3) an update on efforts to transition capabili-
21 ties to acquisition program managers for fielding by
22 United States or Israeli military services, compo-
23 nents, and commands; and

24 “(4) recommendations for future program ac-
25 tivities and funding.”; and

1 (7) in subsection (g) (as so redesignated), by
2 striking “December 31, 2026” and inserting “De-
3 cember 31, 2028”.

4 (b) TRANSITION PROVISION.—The Secretary of De-
5 fense shall continue to carry out the activities authorized
6 by section 1278 of the National Defense Authorization Act
7 for Fiscal Year 2020, as such section was in effect on the
8 day before the date of the enactment of this Act, until
9 such time as the Secretary submits to the appropriate
10 committees of Congress the report required by subsection
11 (a)(2) of such section for purposes of carrying of the ac-
12 tivities required by such section, as amended by subsection
13 (a) of this section.

14 **Subtitle C—Matters Relating to the**
15 **Near and Middle East**

16 **SEC. 1231. REPEAL OF WAR-RELATED REPORTING RE-**
17 **QUIREMENTS FOR CONCLUDED OPERATIONS.**

18 Section 1221 of the National Defense Authorization
19 Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (10 U.S.C. 113 note) is repealed.

20 **SEC. 1232. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR REIMBURSE-**
21 **MENT OF CERTAIN COALITION NATIONS FOR**
22 **SUPPORT PROVIDED TO UNITED STATES**
23 **MILITARY OPERATIONS.**

24 (a) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.—Subsection (a) of
25 section 1233 of the National Defense Authorization Act

1 for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181; 122 Stat.
2 393) is amended in the matter preceding paragraph (1)
3 by striking “beginning on October 1, 2024, and ending
4 on December 31, 2025” and inserting “beginning on Octo-
5 ber 1, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2026,”.

6 (b) EXTENSION OF LIMITATION ON AMOUNT.—Sub-
7 section (d)(1) of such section is amended by striking “be-
8 ginning on October 1, 2024, and ending on December 31,
9 2025” and inserting “beginning on October 1, 2025, and
10 ending on December 31, 2026,”.

11 **SEC. 1233. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY**
12 **TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO VETTED SYRIAN**
13 **GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS.**

14 Section 1209 of the Carl Levin and Howard P.
15 “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for
16 Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 128 Stat. 3541)
17 is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “December
19 31, 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2026”;

20 (2) in subsection (e)(1)—

21 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
22 (A), by striking “elements of the Syrian opposi-
23 tion and other”; and

24 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “Shia
25 militias aligned with or supporting the Govern-

1 ment of Syria” and inserting “Shia militias pre-
2 viously aligned with or supporting the Assad
3 government”; and

4 (3) in subsection (l)(3)(E)), by striking “De-
5 cember 31, 2025” and inserting “the date specified
6 in the matter preceding paragraph (1) of subsection
7 (a)”.

8 **SEC. 1234. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY**
9 **TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO COUNTER THE**
10 **ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA.**

11 Section 1236 of the Carl Levin and Howard P.
12 “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for
13 Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 128 Stat. 3559)
14 is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “December
16 31, 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2026”;

17 (2) by striking subsection (g);

18 (3) by redesignating subsections (h) through (o)
19 as subsections (g) through (n), respectively;

20 (4) in paragraph (1)(C)(i) of subsection (i) (as
21 so redesignated), by striking “subsection (l)(2)” and
22 inserting “subsection (k)(2)”;

23 (5) in paragraph (2) of subsection (k) (as so re-
24 designated)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking
2 “subsection (j)(1)(C)” and inserting “sub-
3 section (i)(1)(C)”; and

4 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “sub-
5 section (k)” and inserting “subsection (j)”; and

6 (6) in paragraph (6) of subsection (n) (as so re-
7 designated), by striking “December 31, 2025” and
8 inserting “December 31, 2026”.

9 **SEC. 1235. COUNTER-TERRORISM SUPPORT.**

10 (a) **AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE SUPPORT.**—Subsection
11 (a)(1) of section 1226 of the National Defense Authoriza-
12 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92; 22
13 U.S.C. 2151 note) is amended—

14 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “with
15 Syria” and inserting “with any other country”; and

16 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “with
17 Libya” and inserting “with any other country”.

18 (a) **SUPPORT TO GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON.**—Sub-
19 section (c)(2) of such section is amended by adding at the
20 end the following: “Such support may be used only to pro-
21 mote the ability of the armed forces of Lebanon to counter
22 the threat posed by Lebanese Hezbollah, Hamas, ISIS,
23 and any other terrorist organization that threaten the se-
24 curity of Lebanon and its neighbors.”.

(b) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.—Subsection (h) of such section is amended by striking “December 31, 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2026”.

SEC. 1236. PROHIBITION ON FUNDING TO BADR ORGANIZATION.

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available to the Secretary of Defense for fiscal year 2026 may be made available to the Badr Organization.

Subtitle D—Reports and Strategies

SEC. 1241. MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF ANNUAL REPORT ON MILITARY AND SECURITY DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVING THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.

Section 1234 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3936) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include the following:

“(1) The goals, factors, and trends shaping Russia’s security strategy and military strategy, including military spending and investment priorities.

“(2) Developments in the military doctrine, operational concepts, joint command and organiza-

1 tional structures, and significant military operations
2 and deployments of the Russian Armed Forces.

3 “(3) An assessment of the force structure, read-
4 iness, and capabilities of the Russian Armed Forces.

5 “(4) An assessment of the military strategy, ob-
6 jectives, and force posture of the Russian Armed
7 Forces deployed in the Arctic and the North Atlantic
8 region.

9 “(5) An assessment of the military strategy, ob-
10 jectives, and force posture of the Russian Armed
11 Forces as they relate to the North Atlantic Treaty
12 Organization (NATO), including the force posture of
13 Russian Armed Forces deployed adjacent to NATO’s
14 borders, including in Kaliningrad.

15 “(6) An assessment of the military strategy, ob-
16 jectives, and force posture of the Russian Armed
17 Forces deployed in Ukraine or adjacent to Ukraine’s
18 borders.

19 “(7) An assessment of the military strategy, ob-
20 jectives, and force posture of the Russian Armed
21 Forces in the Baltic and Black Seas.

22 “(8) An assessment of the reconstitution efforts
23 of the Russian Armed Forces, including its ability to
24 restore losses from the war in Ukraine and to ex-
25 pand its force beyond 2022 levels.

1 “(9) An assessment of the impact of United
2 States and international sanctions on the Russian
3 military’s reconstitution efforts, including an assess-
4 ment of the impact of removing sanctions on the
5 Russian military’s reconstitution efforts.

6 “(10) An assessment of what the Russian
7 Armed Forces has learned from the war in Ukraine
8 and how it has applied those lessons.

9 “(11) An assessment of the military strategy,
10 objectives, and force posture of Russia that affect
11 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

12 “(12) An assessment of the military strategy,
13 objectives, and force posture of Russia that affect
14 countries in the Indo-Pacific, with a specific empha-
15 sis on how such strategy, objectives, and force pos-
16 ture affect the People’s Republic of China.

17 “(13) An assessment of the military strategy,
18 objectives, and force posture of Russia that affect
19 countries in the Middle East.

20 “(14) An assessment of the military strategy,
21 objectives, and force posture of Russia that affect
22 countries in Africa.

23 “(15) A description of Russia’s overseas mili-
24 tary basing, military logistics capabilities, and infra-
25 structure to project power.

1 “(16) A summary of all significant Russian co-
2 operation with foreign forces, including major train-
3 ing and exercises, foreign deployments, and basing
4 agreements—specifying for each Russian foreign de-
5 ployment the number of force deployed, the types of
6 capabilities deployed, the length of the deployment,
7 and any agreement enabling or governing the de-
8 ployment.

9 “(17) An assessment of relations between the
10 Russian Federation and Iran, the People’s Republic
11 of China, and North Korea, with respect to security
12 and military matters.

13 “(18) An assessment of the proliferation activi-
14 ties of Russia and Russian entities, including activi-
15 ties relating to the supply of materials, technologies,
16 or expertise relating to nuclear weapons or other
17 weapons of mass destruction or missile systems to
18 other states or non-state actors.

19 “(19) An assessment of Russia’s nuclear pro-
20 gram and capabilities, including

21 “(A) its nuclear strategy and associated
22 doctrines;

23 “(B) the size and state of its stockpile and
24 projections of its future arsenals;

1 “(C) its civil and military production ca-
2 pacities; and

3 “(D) the modernization and force structure
4 of its strategic forces.

5 “(20) A description of Russia’s current missile
6 defense strategy and capabilities, including efforts to
7 develop missile defense capabilities.

8 “(21) A description of Russia’s anti-access and
9 area denial capabilities.

10 “(22) A description of Russia’s command, con-
11 trol, communications, computers, intelligence, sur-
12 veillance, and reconnaissance modernization program
13 and capabilities and the applications for such pro-
14 gram and capabilities for precision-guided weapons.

15 “(23) An assessment of Russia’s space and
16 counterspace programs and capabilities.

17 “(24) An assessment of Russia’s cyberwarfare
18 and electronic warfare capabilities (including details
19 on the number of malicious cyber incidents origi-
20 nating from Russia against Department of Defense
21 infrastructure).

22 “(25) An assessment of any influence oper-
23 ations or campaigns by the Russian Federation tar-
24 geting the United States, any military alliances and

1 partnerships of which the United States is a mem-
2 ber, or treaty allies of the United States, including:

3 “(A) the objectives of such operations;

4 “(B) the tactics, techniques, and proce-
5 dures used; and

6 “(C) the impact of such operations on the
7 United States, military alliances or partnerships
8 of which the United States is a member, or
9 treaty allies of the United States;

10 “(D) detail regarding any campaign that
11 specifically targeted U.S. Department of De-
12 fense personnel; and

13 “(E) the metrics used to judge the impact
14 of such operations.

15 “(26) An assessment of how Russian private
16 military companies are being utilized to advance the
17 security interests of the Russian Federation;

18 “(27) An assessment of the threat perception of
19 the Russian Federation by U.S. allies and partners
20 in the Indo-Pacific.

21 “(28) Other military and security developments
22 involving Russia that the Secretary of Defense con-
23 sider relevant to United States national security.”;
24 and

1 (2) in subsection (g), by striking “January 31,
2 2026” and inserting “January 31, 2030”.

3 **SEC. 1242. REPORT ON UNITED STATES DETERRENCE AND**
4 **DEFENSE POSTURE IN THE EUROPEAN RE-**
5 **GION.**

6 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—At the same time as the
8 submission of the budget of the President (sub-
9 mitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title
10 31, United States Code) for each of fiscal years
11 2027 and 2028, the Commander of the United
12 States European Command shall submit to the con-
13 gressional defense committees a report containing
14 the independent assessment of the Commander with
15 respect to the activities and resources required, for
16 the first fiscal year beginning after the date of sub-
17 mission of the report and the four following fiscal
18 years, to achieve the following objectives:

19 (A) The implementation of the National
20 Defense Strategy with respect to the European
21 region.

22 (B) The maintenance of the comparative
23 military advantage of the United States and
24 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
25 with respect to the Russian Federation.

1 (C) The reduction of the risk of executing
2 contingency plans of the Department of De-
3 fense, including contingency plans conducted by
4 United States Central Command and United
5 States Africa Command.

6 (D) The maintenance of the capability and
7 capacity to defense the homeland forward.

8 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report
9 required by paragraph (1) shall include the fol-
10 lowing:

11 (A) With respect to the achievement of the
12 objectives described in paragraph (1), a descrip-
13 tion of the intended force structure and posture
14 of assigned and allocated forces in each NATO
15 member country.

16 (B) An assessment of the capability re-
17 quirements to achieve such objectives.

18 (C) An assessment of logistics require-
19 ments, including personnel, equipment, supplies,
20 storage, and maintenance needs to achieve such
21 objectives.

22 (D) An identification of required infra-
23 structure and military construction investments
24 to achieve such objectives.

1 (E) An assessment of security cooperation
2 authorities, activities, or resources required to
3 achieve such objectives.

4 (F)(i) A plan to fully resource United
5 States force posture and capabilities, includ-
6 ing—

7 (I) a detailed assessment of the re-
8 sources necessary to address the elements
9 described in subparagraphs (A) through
10 (E), including specific cost estimates for
11 recommended investments or projects—

12 (aa) to maintain a posture and
13 presence of the United States Armed
14 Forces that meet the objectives of
15 paragraph (1);

16 (bb) to maintain the logistics and
17 maintenance capabilities and the pre-
18 positioning of equipment, munitions,
19 fuel, and materiel that meet the objec-
20 tives of paragraph (1);

21 (cc) to carry out a program of
22 exercises, training, experimentation,
23 and innovation for the joint force that
24 meet the objectives of paragraph (1);

1 (dd) to maintain the infrastruc-
2 ture to ensure the responsiveness and
3 resiliency of the United States Armed
4 Forces within NATO in order to meet
5 the objectives of paragraph (1);

6 (ee) to build the defense and se-
7 curity capabilities, capacity, and co-
8 operation of allies and partners that
9 meet the objectives of paragraph (1);
10 and

11 (ff) to modernize the capabilities
12 available to United States European
13 Command to meet the objectives of
14 paragraph (1); and

15 (II) a detailed timeline to achieve the
16 intended force structure and posture de-
17 scribed in clause (i).

18 (ii) The specific cost estimates required by
19 clause (i)(I) shall, to the maximum extent prac-
20 ticable, include the following:

21 (I) With respect to procurement ac-
22 counts—

23 (aa) amounts displayed by ac-
24 count, budget activity, line number,
25 line item, and line item title; and

1 (bb) a description of the require-
2 ments for each such amount.

3 (II) With respect to research, develop-
4 ment, test, and evaluation accounts—

5 (aa) amounts displayed by ac-
6 count, budget activity, line number,
7 program element, and program ele-
8 ment title; and

9 (bb) a description of the require-
10 ments for each such amount.

11 (III) With respect to operation and
12 maintenance accounts—

13 (aa) amounts displayed by ac-
14 count title, budget activity title, line
15 number, and subactivity group title;
16 and

17 (bb) a description of the specific
18 manner in which each such amount
19 would be used.

20 (IV) With respect to military per-
21 sonnel accounts—

22 (aa) amounts displayed by ac-
23 count, budget activity, budget sub-
24 activity, and budget subactivity title;
25 and

1 (bb) a description of the require-
2 ments for each such amount.

3 (V) With respect to each project
4 under military construction accounts (in-
5 cluding unspecified minor military con-
6 struction and amounts for planning and
7 design), the country, location, project title,
8 and project amount for each fiscal year.

9 (VI) With respect to any expenditure
10 or proposed appropriation not described in
11 subclauses (I) through (V), a level of detail
12 equivalent to or greater than the level of
13 detail provided in the future-years defense
14 program submitted pursuant to section
15 221(a) of title 10, United States Code.

16 (iii) A budget display, prepared with the
17 assistance of the Under Secretary of Defense
18 (Comptroller), that compares the independent
19 assessment of the Commander of the United
20 States European Command with the amounts
21 contained in the budget display for the applica-
22 ble fiscal year.

23 (3) FORM.—The report required by paragraph
24 (1) may be submitted in classified form, but shall in-
25 clude an unclassified summary.

1 (b) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 15 days
2 after the submission of the budget of the President (sub-
3 mitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title 31,
4 United States Code) for each of fiscal years 2027 and
5 2028, the Secretary of Defense (acting through the Under
6 Secretary of Defense for Policy, the Under Secretary of
7 Defense (Comptroller), and the Director of Cost Assess-
8 ment and Program Evaluation) and the Chairman of the
9 Joint Chiefs of Staff shall provide to the congressional de-
10 fense committees a joint briefing, and any written com-
11 ments the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the
12 Joint Chiefs of Staff consider necessary, with respect to
13 their assessments of the report submitted under sub-
14 section (a), including their assessments of the feasibility
15 and advisability of the plan required by subsection
16 (a)(2)(F).

1 **TITLE XIII—OTHER MATTERS**
2 **RELATING TO FOREIGN NA-**
3 **TIONS**

4 **Subtitle A—Matters Relating to**
5 **Europe**

6 **SEC. 1301. ALLIED CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNITED STATES**
7 **FORCE POSTURE ON NATO'S EASTERN**
8 **FLANK.**

9 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
10 gress that—

11 (1) the United States remains steadfast in its
12 ironclad commitment to the North Atlantic Treaty
13 Organization (NATO) as the foundation of trans-
14 atlantic security and to upholding its obligations
15 under the North Atlantic Treaty, including its com-
16 mitment to collective defense under Article 5 of the
17 Treaty;

18 (2) at this time, United States forces stationed
19 in and deployed to NATO's eastern flank remain
20 critical to conventional deterrence and defense on
21 the European continent; and

22 (3) NATO allies should strengthen the alliance
23 by contributing further to the costs associated with
24 the alliance's force posture on NATO's eastern
25 flank, including United States forces stationed in

1 and deployed to other allied countries, not solely
2 within their own national borders, using the authori-
3 ties of section 2350j of title 10, United States Code,
4 as amended by subsection (b).

5 (b) AMENDMENTS.—Section 2350j of title 10, United
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b), by inserting “another
8 country or” before “a regional organization”;

9 (2) in subsection (c)—

10 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
11 by inserting before the colon at the end the fol-
12 lowing: “, to be allocated as the country or re-
13 gional organization making the contribution
14 may specify”;

15 (B) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end
16 before the period the following: “in the host na-
17 tion or another country”;

18 (C) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end
19 before the period the following: “in the host na-
20 tion or another country”;

21 (D) in paragraph (3), by adding at the end
22 before the period the following: “in the host na-
23 tion or another country”; and

24 (E) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(4) Sustainment of United States armed
2 forces in a deployed, rotational, or permanent
3 change of station status in a NATO country.”;

4 (3) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
5 section (g);

6 (4) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(f) LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF CONTRIBU-
9 TIONS FOR COSTS OF MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
10 PROJECTS.—The authority to provide for the payment of
11 military construction projects of the Department of De-
12 fense under subsection (c)(2) may be exercised only with
13 respect to contributions accepted under subsection (a) on
14 or after the date of the enactment of this subsection.”;
15 and

16 (5) in paragraph (2) of subsection (g) (as so
17 amended), by amending subparagraph (E) to read
18 as follows:

19 “(E) The amount of such burden sharing
20 contributions expended, by eligible category, in-
21 cluding compensation for—

22 “(i) local national employees;

23 “(ii) military construction projects;

24 “(iii) supplies and services of the De-
25 partment of Defense; and

1 “(iv) sustainment of United States
2 armed forces in a deployed, rotational, or
3 permanent change of station status in a
4 NATO country.”.

5 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term
6 “sustainment of United States armed forces”—

7 (1) means the provision of the reasonable and
8 proper costs of United States armed forces in a de-
9 ployed, rotational, or permanent change of station
10 status in a NATO country, for fuel, transportation,
11 force protection including cyber protection, training
12 ammunition, utilities, medical and maintenance serv-
13 ices, including that which is required to keep infra-
14 structure, pre-positioned stocks, and equipment in
15 good working order; and

16 (2) does not include pay, allowances, and other
17 normal benefits to which the United States forces
18 are entitled.

19 **SEC. 1302. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF UKRAINE SE-**
20 **CURITY ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1250 of the National De-
22 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
23 114–92; 129 Stat. 1068) is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the
25 following:

1 “(7) PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION.—None of
2 the amounts authorized to be appropriated by sub-
3 section (f) for a fiscal year may be obligated or ex-
4 pended for that fiscal year until the date on which
5 the President submits to the congressional defense
6 committees, the Committee on Foreign Relations of
7 the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs
8 of the House of Representatives a written deter-
9 mination that doing so is in the national interest of
10 the United States.”;

11 (2) in subsection (f), by adding at the end the
12 following:

13 “(11) For fiscal year 2026, \$300,000,000.

14 “(12) For fiscal year 2027, \$300,000,000.”;

15 and

16 (3) in subsection (h), by striking “December
17 31, 2026” and inserting “December 31, 2028”.

18 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
19 section (a)(1) shall apply beginning with amounts author-
20 ized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for
21 fiscal year 2026.

1 **SEC. 1303. EXTENSION OF REPORT RELATING TO ALLIED**
2 **AND PARTNER SUPPORT TO UKRAINE.**

3 Section 1243 of the National Defense Authorization
4 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat.
5 460) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at
8 the end;

9 (B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
10 paragraph (3); and

11 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
12 following:

13 “(2) all allied contributions to Jumpstart For-
14 eign Military Sales cases or any similar initiatives;
15 and”; and

16 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “January 1,
17 2025” and inserting “January 1, 2027”.

18 **SEC. 1304. OVERSIGHT OF UNITED STATES FORCE POS-**
19 **TURE IN EUROPE.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Until the date that is 90 days
21 after the date on which the Commander of the United
22 States European Command and the Secretary of Defense,
23 in consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal
24 departments and agencies, have each independently sub-
25 mitted to the appropriate congressional committees the
26 certifications and assessments described in subsection (b),

1 none of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
2 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
3 the Department of Defense may be used—

4 (1) to take any action to reduce the total num-
5 ber of members of the Armed Forces assigned, de-
6 ployed, or allocated to the United States European
7 Command and present in the European theater to a
8 number less than 76,000; or

9 (2) to divest, consolidate, or otherwise return to
10 a host country any sites included in the real prop-
11 erty inventory of the United States European Com-
12 mand as of June 1, 2025.

13 (b) CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS DE-
14 SCRIBED.—The certifications and assessments described
15 in this subsection shall include the following:

16 (1) A certification that such a reduction, divest-
17 ment, consolidation, or return of forces from Europe
18 is in the national security interests of the United
19 States, including a justification explaining the anal-
20 ysis behind such certification.

21 (2) A certification that the Secretary has con-
22 sulted appropriately with North Atlantic Treaty Or-
23 ganization (referred to in this section as “NATO”)
24 allies and partners regarding such a reduction, di-
25 vestment, consolidation, or return.

1 (3) An assessment of the threat the Russian
2 Federation poses to NATO in the near-, medium-,
3 and long-term.

4 (4) A description of the requirements being
5 prioritized that necessitate such a reduction, divest-
6 ment, consolidation, or return.

7 (5) An analysis of the impact of such a reduc-
8 tion, divestment, consolidation, or return on the se-
9 curity of the United States, as well as the deterrence
10 and defense posture of NATO.

11 (6) An analysis of the impact of such a reduc-
12 tion, divestment, consolidation, or return on the abil-
13 ity of the Armed Forces to support or execute the
14 contingency plans of the Department of Defense, in-
15 cluding operations—

16 (A) conducted by the United States Euro-
17 pean Command, within the area of responsi-
18 bility of the European Command; or

19 (B) by the United States Central Com-
20 mand and the United States Africa Command,
21 leveraging agreements with countries in the
22 area of responsibility of the European Com-
23 mand regarding access, basing, or overflight.

24 (7) An analysis of the impact of such a reduc-
25 tion, divestment, consolidation, or return on the abil-

1 ity of the Armed Forces to defend the homeland for-
2 ward.

3 (8) An analysis of the impact of such a reduc-
4 tion, divestment, consolidation, or return on military
5 training and major military exercises, including on
6 interoperability with NATO allies and partners.

7 (9) A description of consultations with NATO,
8 as well as NATO allies and partners, regarding such
9 a reduction, divestment, consolidation, or return.

10 (10) A plan for how the United States will co-
11 ordinate with NATO to ensure that NATO can as-
12 sume the capabilities and responsibilities of the
13 members of the United States Armed Forces with-
14 drawn as a result of such a reduction, divestment,
15 consolidation, or return.

16 (11) An assessment of the impact of such a re-
17 duction, divestment, consolidation, or return on
18 transatlantic cooperation to deter the People's Re-
19 public of China.

20 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
21 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
22 sional committees” means—

23 (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
24 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

1 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
2 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives.

4 (d) SUNSET.—The limitation in subsection (a) shall
5 terminate on September 30, 2026.

6 **Subtitle B—Matters Relating to the**
7 **Indo-Pacific Region**

8 **SEC. 1311. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF PACIFIC DE-**
9 **TERRENCE INITIATIVE.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section 1251 of
11 the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Au-
12 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C. 113 note)
13 is amended—

14 (1) by striking “the National Defense Author-
15 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2025” and inserting “the
16 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
17 2026”; and

18 (2) by striking “fiscal year 2025” and inserting
19 “fiscal year 2026”.

20 (b) REPORT.—Subsection (d)(1)(A) of such section
21 is amended by striking “fiscal years 2026 and 2027” and
22 inserting “fiscal years 2027 and 2028”.

23 (c) PLAN REQUIRED.—Subsection (e) of such section
24 is amended by striking “fiscal years 2026 and 2027” and
25 inserting “fiscal years 2027 and 2028”.

1 **SEC. 1312. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER**
2 **FUNDS FOR BIEN HOA DIOXIN CLEANUP.**

3 Section 1253(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry
4 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
5 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3955) is amended by
6 striking “fiscal year 2025” and inserting “fiscal year
7 2026”.

8 **SEC. 1313. TAIWAN SECURITY COOPERATION INITIATIVE.**

9 Subsection (d) of section 1323 of the National De-
10 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law
11 118-159) is amended—

12 (1) by striking “Of the amounts” and inserting
13 the following:

14 “(1) Of the amounts”; and

15 (2) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(2) Of the amounts authorized to be appro-
17 priated for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of
18 Defense, not more than \$1,000,000,000 may be
19 made available for the purposes of subsection (a).”.

20 **SEC. 1314. EXTENSION OF DETERRENCE PILOT PROGRAM.**

21 Section 1314(c) of the National Defense Authoriza-
22 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10
23 U.S.C. 311 note) is amended by striking “December 31,
24 2027” and inserting “December 31, 2030”.

1 **SEC. 1315. STRATEGY TO STRENGTHEN MULTILATERAL DE-**
2 **TERRENCE IN THE INDO-PACIFIC.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
4 implement a strategy to strengthen multilateral deterrence
5 against regional aggression in the Indo-Pacific region by
6 expanding multilateral coordination with United States al-
7 lies and partners in the region, with particular emphasis
8 on Japan, the Philippines, and Australia, including
9 through enhancing multilateral access and basing agree-
10 ments, command and control structures, intelligence-shar-
11 ing, and exercises and operations.

12 (b) STRATEGY REQUIREMENTS.—The strategy re-
13 quired by subsection (a) shall describe current activities
14 and identify future actions to be taken over the next 5
15 years by the Department of Defense to—

16 (1) leverage reciprocal access agreements be-
17 tween the United States and its Indo-Pacific allies
18 and partners, particularly Japan, the Philippines,
19 and Australia, to expand regional access for these
20 and other allied and partner militaries, including for
21 purposes of enhancing interoperability at locations
22 across the Indo-Pacific region, prepositioning muni-
23 tions stockpiles, and jointly supporting and
24 leveraging shared facilities, operational access, and
25 infrastructure;

1 (2) improve command and control structures
2 enabling enhanced multilateral coordination with
3 Indo-Pacific allies and partners, including through
4 the Combined Coordination Center in the Phil-
5 ippines, the joint force headquarters of the United
6 States in Japan, and a potential combined coordina-
7 tion structure in Australia;

8 (3) expand intelligence-sharing and maritime
9 domain awareness among the United States and
10 Indo-Pacific allies and partners, including through
11 the Bilateral Intelligence Analysis Cell in Japan and
12 the Combined Coordination Center in the Phil-
13 ippines; and

14 (4) expand the scope and scale of multilateral
15 military exercises and operations in the region, par-
16 ticularly among the United States, Japan, Australia,
17 and the Philippines, including more frequent com-
18 bined maritime operations through the Taiwan
19 Strait and in the South China Sea.

20 (c) SUBMISSION; INTERIM REPORT.—

21 (1) SUBMISSION OF STRATEGY.—Not later than
22 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
23 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the con-
24 gressional defense committees the strategy required
25 by subsection (a), including an identification of any

1 changes to funding or policy required to strengthen
2 multilateral deterrence among the United States and
3 allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific against re-
4 gional aggression.

5 (2) INTERIM REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION.—

6 Not later than March 15, 2027, the Secretary of De-
7 fense shall submit to the congressional defense com-
8 mittees a report on the progress of the implementa-
9 tion of the strategy required by subsection (a), in-
10 cluding any resource or authority gaps identified in
11 the Department’s ability to execute the strategy.

12 **SEC. 1316. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON DEFENSE ALLIANCE**
13 **AND PARTNERSHIP WITH SOUTH KOREA.**

14 It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of De-
15 fense should continue efforts that strengthen United
16 States defense alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pa-
17 cific region so as to further the comparative advantage of
18 the United States in strategic competition with the Peo-
19 ple’s Republic of China, including by—

20 (1) reinforcing the United States alliance with
21 South Korea;

22 (2) maintaining the presence of approximately
23 28,500 members of the United States Armed Forces
24 deployed to South Korea;

- 1 (3) enhancing mutual defense base cooperation;
2 and
3 (4) affirming the United States extended deter-
4 rence commitment using the full range of United
5 States defense capabilities, consistent with the Mu-
6 tual Defense Treaty Between the United States and
7 the Republic of Korea, signed at Washington, Octo-
8 ber 1, 1953, in support of the shared objective of a
9 peaceful and stable Korean Peninsula.

10 **TITLE XIV—OTHER**
11 **AUTHORIZATIONS**
12 **Subtitle A—Military Programs**

13 **SEC. 1401. WORKING CAPITAL FUNDS.**

14 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
15 fiscal year 2026 for the use of the Armed Forces and other
16 activities and agencies of the Department of Defense for
17 providing capital for working capital and revolving funds,
18 as specified in the funding table in section 4501.

19 **SEC. 1402. CHEMICAL AGENTS AND MUNITIONS DESTRUC-**
20 **TION, DEFENSE.**

21 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Funds
22 are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the Depart-
23 ment of Defense for fiscal year 2026 for expenses, not oth-
24 erwise provided for, for Chemical Agents and Munitions

1 Destruction, Defense, as specified in the funding table in
2 section 4501.

3 (b) USE.—Amounts authorized to be appropriated
4 under subsection (a) are authorized for the destruction of
5 lethal chemical agents and munitions in accordance with
6 section 1412 of the Department of Defense Authorization
7 Act, 1986 (50 U.S.C. 1521).

8 **SEC. 1403. DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER-DRUG AC-**
9 **TIVITIES, DEFENSE-WIDE.**

10 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
11 the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2026 for ex-
12 penses, not otherwise provided for, for Drug Interdiction
13 and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense-wide, as specified in
14 the funding table in section 4501.

15 **SEC. 1404. DEFENSE INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

16 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
17 the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2026 for ex-
18 penses, not otherwise provided for, for the Office of the
19 Inspector General of the Department of Defense, as speci-
20 fied in the funding table in section 4501.

21 **SEC. 1405. DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM.**

22 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
23 fiscal year 2026 for the Defense Health Program for use
24 of the Armed Forces and other activities and agencies of
25 the Department of Defense for providing for the health

1 of eligible beneficiaries, as specified in the funding table
2 in section 4501.

3 **Subtitle B—Other Matters**

4 **SEC. 1411. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITIES FOR FUNDING AND** 5 **MANAGEMENT OF JOINT DEPARTMENT OF** 6 **DEFENSE-DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-** 7 **FAIRS MEDICAL FACILITY DEMONSTRATION** 8 **FUND FOR CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL** 9 **HEALTH CARE CENTER, ILLINOIS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1704(e) of the National
11 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public
12 Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2573), as most recently amended
13 by section 1421(a) of the National Defense Authorization
14 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat.
15 2129), is amended by striking “September 30, 2026” and
16 inserting “September 30, 2027”.

17 (b) AUTHORITY FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—Of the
18 funds authorized to be appropriated for section 1405 and
19 available for the Defense Health Program for operation
20 and maintenance, \$162,500,000 may be transferred by the
21 Secretary of Defense to the Joint Department of Defense–
22 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Dem-
23 onstration Fund established by subsection (a)(1) of sec-
24 tion 1704 of the National Defense Authorization Act for
25 Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571).

1 For purposes of subsection (a)(2) of such section 1704,
2 any funds so transferred shall be treated as amounts au-
3 thorized and appropriated specifically for the purpose of
4 such a transfer.

5 (c) USE OF TRANSFERRED FUNDS.—For the pur-
6 poses of subsection (b) of such section 1704, facility oper-
7 ations for which funds transferred under subsection (a)
8 may be used are operations of the Captain James A.
9 Lovell Federal Health Care Center, consisting of the
10 North Chicago Veterans Affairs Medical Center, the Navy
11 Ambulatory Care Center, and supporting facilities des-
12 ignated as a combined Federal medical facility under an
13 operational agreement covered by section 706 of the Dun-
14 can Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
15 Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500).

16 **SEC. 1412. AMENDMENT TO NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCK-**
17 **PILE SHORTFALL BRIEFINGS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 14(f)(2) of the Strategic
19 and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98h-
20 5(f)(2)) is amended—

21 (1) by amending subparagraph (A) to read as
22 follows:

23 “(A) a list of the materials described in such
24 paragraph and, for each such material—

25 “(i) a description of the material;

1 “(ii) the priority of the material; and

2 “(iii) the objective to be achieved if fund-
3 ing is provided, in whole or in part, for the ac-
4 quisition of the material to remedy the shortfall
5 of such material in the stockpile;”.

6 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at
7 the end;

8 (3) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period
9 at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

10 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 paragraphs:

12 “(D) verification that the National Defense
13 Stockpile Manager manages and evaluates the stock-
14 pile using the most complete and accurate data pro-
15 vided by the military departments (as defined under
16 section 101(a) of title 10, United States Code);

17 “(E) the amounts appropriated by Congress to
18 the stockpile for both the current fiscal year and the
19 previous fiscal year;

20 “(F) a description of any progress or mitigation
21 plans based on recommendations to address such
22 shortfall that were made in reports submitted under
23 subsection (a) prior to such briefing;

24 “(G) a description of the risks resulting from
25 the inability of the armed services to provide com-

1 prehensive data for all strategic and critical mate-
2 rials;

3 “(H) the cost to remedy all such shortfalls; and

4 “(I) the cost to remedy such shortfalls for such
5 materials that are a priority.”.

6 (b) IMPLEMENTATION BRIEFING.—Not later than
7 February 1, 2026, the Secretary of Defense and the Direc-
8 tor of the Defense Logistics Agency shall jointly provide
9 to congressional defense committees a briefing on the
10 progress of implementing the recommendations in the re-
11 port of the Government Accountability Office titled “Na-
12 tional Defense Stockpile: Actions Needed to Improve
13 DOD’s Efforts to Prepare for Emergencies” and dated
14 September 10, 2024 (GAO-24-106959), including—

15 (1) the specific actions taken to implement such
16 recommendations;

17 (2) an explanation of any obstacles to imple-
18 menting such recommendations;

19 (3) a description of any planned actions to im-
20 plement such recommendations; and

21 (4) for each such recommendation not fully im-
22 plemented as of the date of such briefing, an esti-
23 mate of the date on which such recommendation will
24 be fully implemented.

1 **SEC. 1413. BEGINNING BALANCES OF THE DEFENSE LOGIS-**
2 **TICS AGENCY WORKING CAPITAL FUND FOR**
3 **AUDIT PURPOSES.**

4 For purposes of an audit conducted under chapter
5 9A of title 10, United States Code, of the Defense Logis-
6 tics Agency Working Capital Fund established pursuant
7 to section 2208 of title 10, United States Code, Working
8 Capital Funds—

9 (1) the Fund Balance with Treasury opening
10 balance for October 1, 2024, for United States
11 Standard General Ledger Account 101000 is
12 \$3,483,483,641.67, as recorded in official account-
13 ing records;

14 (2) the Unexpended Appropriations—Cumulative
15 opening balance for October 1, 2024, for United
16 States Standard General Ledger Account 310000 is
17 \$883,887,145.71, as recorded in official accounting
18 records;

19 (3) the Cumulative Results of Operations open-
20 ing balance for October 1, 2024, for United States
21 Standard General Ledger Account 331000 is
22 \$27,271,547,121.85, as recorded in official account-
23 ing records;

24 (4) the Contract Authority Carried Forward
25 opening balance for October 1, 2024, for United
26 States Standard General Ledger Account 413900 is

1 \$13,130,151,985.39, as recorded in official account-
2 ing records;

3 (5) the Total Actual Resources–Collected open-
4 ing balance for October 1, 2024, for United States
5 Standard General Ledger Account 420100 is
6 \$3,578,944,883.86, as recorded in official account-
7 ing records; and

8 (6) the Unapportioned–Unexpired Authority
9 opening balance for October 1, 2024, for United
10 States Standard General Ledger Account 445000 is
11 \$507,354,134.72, as recorded in official accounting
12 records.

13 **SEC. 1414. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**
14 **ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME.**

15 There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for fis-
16 cal year 2026 from the Armed Forces Retirement Home
17 Trust Fund the sum of \$77,000,000 for the operation of
18 the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

1 **TITLE XV—CYBERSPACE-**
2 **RELATED MATTERS**
3 **Subtitle A—Cyber Operations**

4 **SEC. 1501. ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE AUTHORIZATION TO**
5 **OPERATE PROCESSES.**

6 Section 1522 of the National Defense Authorization
7 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118-159; 10 U.S.C.
8 2223 note) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b)(2)—

10 (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking
11 “and” at the end;

12 (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking the
13 period at the end and inserting a semicolon;
14 and

15 (C) by adding at the end the following new
16 subparagraphs:

17 “(E) defines Department of Defense-wide,
18 mandatory timelines for activities performed by
19 authorizing officials with respect to an Author-
20 ization to Operate for cloud-hosted platforms,
21 services, and applications; and

22 “(F) establishes processes and policies, de-
23 veloped in coordination with the Chief Informa-
24 tion Officers of the military departments, for

1 the boards established in subsections (c) and
2 (d).”;

3 (2) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
4 subsections (e) and (g), respectively;

5 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
6 lowing new subsections:

7 “(c) ESTABLISHMENT OF AUTHORITY-TO-OPERATE
8 EXPEDITED APPEALS BOARD FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 DEFENSE.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
11 after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
12 fense shall establish a board, to be known as the
13 ‘Authority-to-Operate Expedited Appeals Board’.

14 “(2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The board established
16 under paragraph (1) shall decide whether to
17 grant each Authorization to Operate for which
18 a relevant stakeholder in the Authorization to
19 Operate submission process submits a request
20 in accordance with subparagraph (B) not later
21 than 90 days after the date on which such rel-
22 evant stakeholder submits such request.

23 “(B) SUBMISSION.—A relevant stakeholder
24 in the Authorization to Operate submission
25 process seeking a decision from the board es-

1 tablished under paragraph (1) with respect to
2 an Authorization to Operate may submit a re-
3 quest for such decision to such board if—

4 “(i) a request for such Authorization
5 to Operate was appropriately submitted to
6 the authorizing official for such Authoriza-
7 tion to Operate not less than 180 days
8 prior to the submission to the board; and

9 “(ii) as of the date of such submis-
10 sion, such authorizing official has not
11 made a final decision with respect to such
12 Authorization to Operate.

13 “(C) AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL AUTHOR-
14 ITY.—Upon the submission of a request for an
15 Authorization to Operate in accordance with
16 subparagraph (B), the authorizing official for
17 an Authorization to Operate shall cease to have
18 authority to grant or deny such Authorization
19 to Operate.

20 “(3) SUBMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION.—The
21 Secretary of Defense shall ensure that each relevant
22 stakeholder in the Authorization to Operate submis-
23 sion process may submit to the board established
24 under paragraph (1) a request for a decision under
25 paragraph (2).

1 “(4) BOARD REQUIREMENTS.—

2 “(A) MEMBERSHIP.—The board estab-
3 lished under paragraph (1) shall be composed
4 of the following members:

5 “(i) The Chief Information Officer of
6 the Department of Defense.

7 “(ii) The Commander of the United
8 States Cyber Command.

9 “(iii) The Director of the Defense In-
10 formation Systems Agency.

11 “(iv) Any other official determined ap-
12 propriate by the chair of such board.

13 “(B) CHAIR.—The chair of the board es-
14 tablished under paragraph (1) shall be the
15 Chief Information Officer of the Department of
16 Defense.

17 “(C) FREQUENCY.—The board established
18 under paragraph (1) shall meet not less than
19 frequently than quarterly.

20 “(5) EXISTING FORUM.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of De-
22 fense may designate a body in the Department
23 of Defense to carry the responsibilities de-
24 scribed in paragraph (2) if—

1 “(i) the body so designated is in exist-
2 ence as of the date of the enactment of
3 this subsection: and

4 “(ii) the responsibilities of such body
5 relate to managing risks for information
6 technologies.

7 “(B) EFFECTS.—If the Secretary of De-
8 fense designates a body under subparagraph
9 (A)—

10 “(i) paragraph (1) shall not apply
11 with respect to the Secretary; and

12 “(ii) such body shall be deemed to be
13 a board established in such military de-
14 partment under paragraph (1) for the pur-
15 poses of paragraphs (2) and (3).

16 “(C) DISSOLUTION.—If the body des-
17 ignated by the Secretary of Defense under this
18 paragraph ceases to exist or becomes perma-
19 nently unable to carry out the responsibilities
20 described in paragraph (2), the Secretary may
21 designate another body in the Department of
22 Defense to carry out such responsibilities or es-
23 tablish a board in accordance with paragraph
24 (1), except that the Secretary shall establish
25 such board not later than 180 days after the

1 date on which the body designated by the Sec-
2 retary under this paragraph ceases to exist or
3 becomes permanently unable to carry out such
4 responsibilities.

5 “(d) ESTABLISHMENT OF AUTHORITY-TO-OPERATE
6 EXPEDITED APPEALS BOARD FOR THE MILITARY DE-
7 PARTMENTS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
9 after enactment of this Act, each Secretary of a mili-
10 tary department shall establish in such military de-
11 partment a board.

12 “(2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each board estab-
14 lished in a military department under para-
15 graph (1) shall decide whether to grant each
16 Authorization to Operate for which a relevant
17 stakeholder in the Authorization to Operate
18 submission process submits a request in accord-
19 ance with subparagraph (B) not later than 90
20 days after the date on which such relevant
21 stakeholder submits such request.

22 “(B) SUBMISSION.—A relevant stakeholder
23 in the Authorization to Operate submission
24 process seeking a decision from a board estab-
25 lished in a military department under para-

1 graph (1) with respect to an Authorization to
2 Operate may submit a request for such decision
3 to such board if—

4 “(i) a request for such Authorization
5 to Operate was appropriately submitted to
6 the authorizing official for such Authoriza-
7 tion to Operate not less than 180 days
8 prior to the submission to the board;

9 “(ii) the Authorization to Operate is
10 for an information system of such military
11 department; and

12 “(iii) as of the date of such submis-
13 sion, the authorizing official for such Au-
14 thorization to Operate has not made a
15 final decision with respect such Authoriza-
16 tion to Operate.

17 “(C) AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL AUTHOR-
18 ITY.—Upon the submission of a request for an
19 Authorization to Operate in accordance with
20 subparagraph (B), the authorizing official for
21 an Authorization to Operate shall cease to have
22 authority to grant or deny such Authorization
23 to Operate.

24 “(3) SUBMISSION CAPABILITY.—The Secretary
25 concerned for a military department shall ensure

1 that each relevant stakeholder in the Authorization
2 to Operate submission process may submit to the
3 board established in such military department under
4 paragraph (1) a request for a decision under para-
5 graph (2).

6 “(4) BOARD REQUIREMENTS.—

7 “(A) MEMBERSHIP.—A board established
8 in a military department under paragraph (1)
9 shall be composed of the following members:

10 “(i) The Chief Information Officer of
11 such military department.

12 “(ii) The service acquisition executive
13 of such military department.

14 “(iii) The commanders of the relevant
15 service cyber components.

16 “(iv) Any other official determined ap-
17 propriate by the chair of such board.

18 “(B) CHAIR.—The chair of a board estab-
19 lished in a military department under para-
20 graph (1) shall be the Chief Information Officer
21 of such military department.

22 “(C) FREQUENCY.—Each board estab-
23 lished under paragraph (1) shall meet not less
24 than frequently than quarterly.

25 “(5) EXISTING FORUM.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of a
2 military department may designate a body in
3 such military department to carry the respon-
4 sibilities of described in paragraph (2) if—

5 “(i) the body so designated is in exist-
6 ence as of the date of the enactment of
7 this subsection: and

8 “(ii) the responsibilities of such body
9 relate to managing risks for information
10 technologies.

11 “(B) EFFECTS.—If the Secretary of a
12 military department designates a body under
13 subparagraph (A)—

14 “(i) paragraph (1) shall not apply
15 with respect to such Secretary; and

16 “(ii) such body shall be deemed to be
17 a board established in such military de-
18 partment under paragraph (1) for the pur-
19 poses of paragraphs (2) and (3).

20 “(C) DISSOLUTION.—If the body des-
21 ignated by the Secretary of a military depart-
22 ment under this paragraph ceases to exist or
23 becomes permanently unable to carry out the
24 responsibilities described in paragraph (2), the
25 Secretary may designate another body in such

1 military department to carry out such respon-
2 sibilities or establish a board in accordance with
3 paragraph (1), except that the Secretary shall
4 establish such board not later than 180 days
5 after the date on which the body designated by
6 the Secretary under this paragraph ceases to
7 exist or becomes permanently unable to carry
8 out such responsibilities.”; and

9 (4) by inserting after subsection (e), as so re-
10 designated, the following new subsection:

11 “(f) BIENNIAL REPORT.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than six months
13 after the date of the enactment of this subsection,
14 and every six months thereafter under October 1,
15 2031, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the
16 congressional defense committees a report on activi-
17 ties under this section in the six-month period end-
18 ing on the date of the submission of such report.

19 “(2) CONTENTS.—Each report required under
20 paragraph (1) shall include, for the period covered
21 by such report—

22 “(A) the number of new Authorizations to
23 Operate;

24 “(B) the number of Authorizations to Op-
25 erate evaluated;

1 “(C) the number of requests for Authoriza-
2 tions to Operate that were denied;

3 “(D) the number of requests for Author-
4 izations to Operate submitted to the board es-
5 tablished under subsection (c);

6 “(E) the number of requests for Author-
7 izations to Operate resolved by the board estab-
8 lished under subsection (c);

9 “(F) the number of requests for Authoriza-
10 tions to Operate submitted to a board estab-
11 lished under subsection (d);

12 “(G) the number of requests for Author-
13 izations to Operate resolved by a board estab-
14 lished under subsection (d);

15 “(H) the average length of time required
16 for a capability to receive an Authorization to
17 Operate in accordance with the organization’s
18 implementation of the risk management frame-
19 work publish by the National Institution of
20 Standards and Technology in NIST Special
21 Publication 800-37, or any amendatory or su-
22 perseding document thereto;

23 “(I) the number of Authorizations to Oper-
24 ate issued pursuant to the policy required by
25 subsection (b);

1 “(J) the number of requested reciprocal
2 Authorizations to Operate denied due to insuffi-
3 ciency of supporting evidence; and

4 “(K) a narrative summary identifying defi-
5 ciencies in Bodies of Evidence packages that
6 prevented an authorizing official from adopting
7 the security analysis and artifacts, as appro-
8 priate, of a cloud-hosted platform, service, or
9 application that has already been authorized by
10 another authorizing official in the Department
11 of Defense in accordance with the policy re-
12 quired by subsection (b).”.

13 **SEC. 1502. CODIFICATION OF THE NATIONAL CENTERS OF**
14 **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN CYBERSECURITY.**

15 (a) MANAGEMENT OF THE NATIONAL CENTERS OF
16 ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN CYBER.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of Cyber Aca-
18 demic Engagement Office shall manage the National
19 Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber program.

20 (2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In managing the Pro-
21 gram, the Director shall—

22 (A) consult with the Director of the Na-
23 tional Security Agency, the Director of the Cy-
24 bersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
25 of the Department of Homeland Security, the

1 Director of the National Institute of Standards
2 and Technology, the Director of the Federal
3 Bureau of Investigation, and the Director of the
4 National Science Foundation, to ensure that
5 the cyber education programs and educational
6 resource development efforts and programs of
7 the Federal Government do not compete or con-
8 flict with each other;

9 (B) consult with the heads of other appro-
10 priate Federal agencies and representatives of
11 appropriate private sector entities, academic in-
12 stitutions, and other organizations as deter-
13 mined necessary by the Director to make the
14 designations under subsection (b); and

15 (C) manage instructional and participatory
16 opportunities available through the efforts, pro-
17 grams, initiatives, and investments from pri-
18 mary through postsecondary levels accounted
19 for in the report required under section 1649 of
20 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-
21 cal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 133 Stat.
22 1758).

23 (b) DESIGNATIONS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—In addition the responsibil-
25 ities under subsection (a)(2), in carrying out the

1 Program, the Director shall designate academic in-
2 stitutions as National Centers of Academic Excel-
3 lence in one or more of cyber defense, cyber oper-
4 ations, and cyber research.

5 (2) CRITERIA.—The Director shall make the
6 designations under paragraph (1) based on the fol-
7 lowing:

8 (A) Academic requirements and best prac-
9 tices identified by the Director in consultation
10 with Departments and Agencies enabling the
11 development of educational programs reflecting
12 the full range of cyber work roles specified in
13 the Defense Cyber Workforce Framework, the
14 National Initiative on Cyber Education Work-
15 force Framework for Cyber published by the
16 National Institute of Standards and Technology
17 in NIST Special Publication 800–181, Revision
18 5, or any successor framework.

19 (B) Institutional criteria and requirements
20 emphasizing the following:

21 (i) Outreach to the surrounding com-
22 munity of an eligible academic institution.

23 (ii) Leadership in contributing to the
24 development of a national cyber workforce,

1 including cultivating educational institution
2 faculty and research leaders.

3 (iii) Leadership in the development of
4 educational and performance expectations
5 for cyber professionals, including through
6 curriculum and degree offerings to prepare
7 future cyber professionals of all knowledge
8 and skill levels.

9 (iv) Demonstrated commitment to im-
10 plementing cyber best practices within the
11 eligible academic institution across aca-
12 demic disciplines.

13 (v) Demonstrated commitment to seek
14 solutions to challenges in addressing Fed-
15 eral, State, local, territorial, and Tribal
16 level Cyber education needs.

17 (vi) Regional accreditation from one
18 of the six regional accrediting agencies rec-
19 ognized by the Federal Department of
20 Education providing external review to as-
21 sure quality and ongoing improvement.

22 (C) Increasing collaboration within the
23 cyber education community to support develop-
24 ment and sharing of educational materials and
25 curriculum.

1 (D) Increasing collaboration with private
2 sector entities and government employers at the
3 Federal, State, local, territorial, and Tribal lev-
4 els to further define workforce requirements
5 and assist in defining academic requirements to
6 prepare students for the field of cyber.

7 (c) METRICS AND REPORTING.—

8 (1) METRICS.—The Director shall—

9 (A) collaborate with the individuals de-
10 scribed in subsection (a)(2)(A) to identify
11 metrics and annual data reporting requirements
12 necessary to assess the degree to which the Pro-
13 gram is meeting the objectives of the Program;
14 and

15 (B) ensure adequate data and best prac-
16 tices are made available to the individuals de-
17 scribed in subsection (a)(2)(A) to measure the
18 efficacy of the Program and the benefits pro-
19 vided to individuals participating in the Pro-
20 gram and to the Department compared to costs
21 of the Program paid by academic institutions
22 participating in the Program and sponsors of
23 the Program.

24 (2) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than one year
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-

1 nually thereafter, the Director shall submit to Con-
2 gress a report on the benefits provided to individuals
3 participating in the Program and to the Department
4 compared to costs of the Program paid by academic
5 institutions participating in the program and spon-
6 sors of the Program.

7 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) The term “academic institution” means an
9 eligible and current United States community col-
10 lege, college, academy, institute, or university in the
11 United States for designation under the Program.

12 (2) The term “Cyber Academic Engagement
13 Office” means the office established under section
14 2192c(a) of title 10, United States Code.

15 (3) The term “Director” means the Director of
16 the Cyber Academic Engagement Office.

17 (4) The term “Program” means the National
18 Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber program.

19 **SEC. 1503. ASSESSMENT OF CYBER OPERATIONAL SUPPORT**
20 **TO GEOGRAPHIC COMBATANT COMMANDS.**

21 (a) REPORTS.—Not later than one year after the date
22 of the enactment of this Act, each commander of a unified
23 combatant command, other than the Commander of the
24 United States Cyber Command, shall submit to the con-
25 gressional defense committees a report assessing the suffi-

1 ciency of support provided by the Commander of United
2 States Cyber Command in carrying out the mission of
3 such unified combatant command.

4 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each report submitted by a com-
5 mander of a unified combatant command under subsection
6 (a) shall include an evaluation of—

7 (1) the ability of the United States Cyber Com-
8 mand and the service cyber components to provide
9 to such combatant command capabilities that align
10 with the operational requirements of such com-
11 mander, including capabilities to support such com-
12 mander acting with respect to targets on the joint
13 integrated prioritized target list of such commander;
14 and

15 (2) such other matters as determined appro-
16 priate by such commander.

17 **SEC. 1504. LIMITATION ON THE DIVESTMENT, CONSOLIDA-**
18 **TION, AND CURTAILMENT OF CERTAIN ELEC-**
19 **TRONIC WARFARE TEST AND EVALUATION**
20 **ACTIVITIES.**

21 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of the Army shall
22 not take any action to divest, consolidate, or curtail any
23 electronic warfare test and evaluation activities that were
24 part of an Army element of the Major Range and Test
25 Facility Base on or before the date of the enactment of

1 this Act until the Secretary submits to the congressional
2 defense committees the report described in subsection (b).

3 (b) REPORT.—The report described in this subsection
4 is a report on a decision of the Secretary to divest, consoli-
5 date, or curtail an electronic warfare test or evaluation
6 activity described in subsection (a) that contains the fol-
7 lowing:

8 (1) A description of the analytic basis used by
9 the Secretary for making the decision, including
10 matters relating to any cost, workload, and work-
11 force requirements, as well as any analysis relating
12 to operational impact on users of the activities.

13 (2) The findings from an independent review by
14 the Director of the Office of Cost Assessment and
15 Program Evaluation of all analyses described in
16 paragraph (1).

17 (3) A certification by the Director of the Test
18 Resource Management Center that the analyses de-
19 scribed in paragraph (1) and the decision of the Sec-
20 retary meet the requirement of the Department of
21 Defense, as required by section 4173(c)(1)(B) of
22 title 10, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 1505. INCENTIVIZATION PLAN FOR CRITICAL SKILLS**
2 **FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES TO**
3 **CARRY OUT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
4 **CYBER OPERATIONS.**

5 (a) PLAN REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense, in
6 consultation with the Commander of the United States
7 Cyber Command, shall develop and implement a plan to
8 incentivize critical skills and proficiencies for covered
9 members of the Armed Forces required to carry out De-
10 partment of Defense cyber operations.

11 (b) ELEMENTS.—The plan required under subsection
12 (a) shall include the following:

13 (1) An identification of critical skills and pro-
14 ficiencies required by covered members of the Armed
15 Forces to carry out Department of Defense cyber
16 operations.

17 (2) A process for reassessment of critical skills
18 and identification of lessons learned with respect to
19 such operations.

20 (3) An identification of skill sets related to such
21 operations that should require periodic recertifi-
22 cation.

23 (4) Estimated personnel levels required for each
24 skill set and proficiency related to such operations.

1 (5) A process for identifying personnel levels
2 and skills of covered members of the Armed Forces
3 that may be useful for such operations.

4 (6) A process for providing continuation or cer-
5 tification pay for each skill set needed for such oper-
6 ations.

7 (7) An anticipated budget for incentives to be
8 used with—

9 (A) the level of cyber operations personnel
10 as of the date of the enactment of this Act; and

11 (B) a level of cyber operations personnel
12 that the Secretary considers to be full capacity.

13 (c) REPORT.—Not later than March 1, 2026, the
14 Secretary of the Defense shall submit to the congressional
15 defense committees a report containing the plan required
16 under subsection (a).

17 (d) COVERED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES
18 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered members
19 of the Armed Forces” means members of the Army, Navy,
20 Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

21 **SEC. 1506. EVALUATION OF JOINT TASK FORCE-CYBER FOR**
22 **THE INDO-PACIFIC AREA OF RESPONSI-**
23 **BILITY.**

24 (a) EVALUATION.—Not later than July 1, 2026, the
25 Secretary of Defense, acting through the Assistant Sec-

1 retary of Defense for Cyber Policy, in collaboration with
2 the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Com-
3 mander of United States Cyber Command, and the Com-
4 mander of United States Indo-Pacific Command, shall
5 conduct a comprehensive evaluation and provide rec-
6 ommendations on establishing a Joint Task Force-Cyber
7 for the Indo-Pacific Command area of responsibility.

8 (b) EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS.—The evaluation
9 required under subsection (a) shall include the following:

10 (1) An assessment of cyber force employment
11 requirements and capabilities for the Indo-Pacific
12 Command area of responsibility.

13 (2) An assessment of the operational require-
14 ments for Joint Task Force-Cyber elements in each
15 geographic combatant command area of operations.

16 (3) An analysis of the optimal command and
17 control structures for the elements of Joint Task
18 Force-Cyber, including—

19 (A) the designation of Joint Task Force
20 Establishing Authority described in Joint Publi-
21 cation 3-33 of the Joint Task Force Head-
22 quarters (January 31, 2018);

23 (B) the alignment of operational control
24 and tactical control authorities over subordinate
25 forces assigned to Joint Task Force-Cyber; and

1 (C) concurrent Joint Task Force Estab-
2 lishing Authority management structures be-
3 tween United States Cyber Command and the
4 United States Indo-Pacific Command.

5 (4) An assessment of force structure require-
6 ments, including—

7 (A) the subordinate forces to be assigned
8 to each planned element of Joint Task Force-
9 Cyber, including—

10 (i) Joint Forces Headquarters Cyber
11 of the Navy;

12 (ii) Joint Task Force Ares;

13 (iii) Task Force Two of the Cyber Na-
14 tional Mission Force; and

15 (iv) Forward Information Warfare
16 Command Pacific of the Navy;

17 (B) the personnel and resources required
18 to carry out the mission of Joint Task Force-
19 Cyber; and

20 (C) sources of personnel required to meet
21 such personnel requirements.

22 (5) An evaluation of the integration and
23 sustainment of cyber capabilities and effects.

24 (6) An identification of supporting infrastruc-
25 ture requirements for the Indo-Pacific Command to

1 conduct cyber activities in support of the military
2 objects of the Indo-Pacific Command.

3 (7) A description of potential missions and lines
4 of effort for elements of Joint Task Force-Cyber.

5 (8) Such other matters as the Assistant Sec-
6 retary of Defense for Cyber Policy and the Vice
7 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff determine ap-
8 propriate.

9 (c) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR JOINT TASK
10 FORCE-CYBER.—The evaluation required under sub-
11 section (a) shall include a comprehensive implementation
12 plan for establishing Joint Task Force-Cyber for the
13 United States Indo-Pacific Command area of responsi-
14 bility that is based, as determined appropriate, on the
15 findings of such evaluation.

16 (d) REPORT.—Not later than July 1, 2026, the As-
17 sistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy, the Vice
18 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Com-
19 mander of United States Cyber Command shall jointly
20 submit to the Secretary of Defense and the congressional
21 defense committees a report containing—

22 (1) the results of the evaluation required under
23 subsection (a);

24 (2) the implementation plan required under
25 subsection (c);

1 (3) the views from each of the geographic com-
2 batant commands regarding the findings of such
3 evaluation and such implementation plan; and

4 (4) recommendations for legislative or adminis-
5 trative actions required to implement such imple-
6 mentation plan.

7 **Subtitle B—Cybersecurity**

8 **SEC. 1511. ANNUAL REPORT ON WEAPON SYSTEMS DATA** 9 **ACCESSIBILITY AND SECURITY.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 30, 2026,
11 and annually thereafter until September 30, 2030, the
12 Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary
13 of the Army, Secretary of the Navy, and Secretary of the
14 Air Force, shall submit to the congressional defense com-
15 mittees a report analyzing the weapons platforms of the
16 Department of Defense that lack onboard, real-time cyber-
17 security capabilities.

18 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each annual report submitted
19 under subsection (a) shall include, for each weapons plat-
20 form analyzed in such report, the following:

21 (1) An explanation of why onboard, real-time
22 cybersecurity capabilities have not yet been inte-
23 grated into such weapons platform.

24 (2) An estimate of the cost to implement on-
25 board, real-time cybersecurity capabilities into such

1 weapons platform to enable monitoring and detection
2 of cyber intrusions.

3 (3) A timeline, correlated with the cost estimate
4 required under paragraph (2), to implement on-
5 board, real-time cybersecurity capabilities across the
6 entire inventory of the Department of Defense of
7 such weapons platform.

8 (c) ONBOARD, REAL-TIME CYBERSECURITY CAPA-
9 BILITIES DEFINED.—In this section, “onboard, real-time
10 cybersecurity capabilities” means technologies integrated
11 into a weapons platform that mitigate cyber risks to oper-
12 ation, including serial bus monitoring capabilities or
13 runtime application self-protection capabilities.

14 **SEC. 1512. INCORPORATION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**
15 **CONSIDERATIONS INTO ANNUAL CYBERSE-**
16 **CURITY TRAINING.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
18 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
19 fense, acting through the Chief Information Officer of the
20 Department of Defense, shall revise the mandatory annual
21 training on cybersecurity for members of the Armed
22 Forces and civilian employees of the Department of De-
23 fense to include content related to the unique cybersecu-
24 rity challenges posed by the use of artificial intelligence.

1 (b) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 90 days after the
2 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 90 days there-
3 after until the training described in subsection (a) has
4 been revised as required by such subsection, the Chief In-
5 formation Officer of the Department of Defense shall pro-
6 vide to the Committees on Armed Services of the House
7 of Representatives and Senate a briefing on the progress
8 of such revision.

9 **SEC. 1513. UPDATE TO CYBER SECURITY REQUIREMENTS**
10 **FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONTRACTS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
12 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy
13 shall implement regulations requiring that each covered
14 telecommunications contract includes updated cyber secu-
15 rity requirements for Department wireless telecommuni-
16 cation devices to protect against domestic and inter-
17 national cybersecurity attacks, including SS7 signaling at-
18 tacks, diameter signaling attacks, SIM hacking, and simu-
19 lated cellular sites.

20 (b) ELEMENTS.—The cyber security requirements re-
21 quired to be included in covered telecommunication con-
22 tracts under subsection (a) shall include the following:

23 (1) Disabling the use of 2G and 3G tele-
24 communication networks by Department wireless
25 telecommunication devices, and security

1 vulnerabilities in inbound and outbound Signaling
2 System 7 traffic from foreign countries and opera-
3 tors of foreign telecommunications networks.

4 (2) Providing protection against all categories
5 of Diameter protocol exploitation, including Category
6 0 non-application information, Category 1 applica-
7 tion ID and command codes, Category 2 application-
8 specific values, and Category 3 location and time.

9 (3) Enabling and facilitating rotation of tradi-
10 tionally persistent alphanumeric identifiers used to
11 authentic users, including the international mobile
12 subscriber identity for users, including the inter-
13 national mobile subscriber identity.

14 (4) Real-time monitoring and blocking of sus-
15 picious connections and requests that pose a high
16 risk to cybersecurity, including any connection or re-
17 quest that would force a Department wireless tele-
18 communication device to use a 3G telecommuni-
19 cation network, improperly filtered signaling traffic,
20 and connections or requests that do not match the
21 location of the subscriber, as well as real-time alert-
22 ing when a user of Department wireless tele-
23 communication device is targeted by a high-risk con-
24 nection or request.

1 (5) Encrypting data and call sessions,
2 encrypting call data records in storage, and storing
3 call data records not longer than 60 days.

4 (6) Apply modern cryptographic protections to
5 prevent the ability to transfer phone numbers be-
6 tween devices and disabling user requests to transfer
7 phone numbers between devices.

8 (7) Hosting the software infrastructure for the
9 mobile network in a commercial cloud computing en-
10 vironment and making publicly available quarterly
11 cybersecurity audits conducted by independent audi-
12 tors on behalf of the Department of Defense.

13 (c) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 180 days after
14 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
15 Navy shall certify to the congressional defense committees
16 that the Secretary of the Navy has implemented the regu-
17 lations required by subsection (a).

18 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) The term “covered telecommunications con-
20 tract” means a contract—

21 (A) that is entered into under the multiple
22 award contract (as defined in section 3302(a)
23 of title 41, United States Code) described in the
24 memorandum of the Department of Defense en-
25 titled “DoD UNCLASSIFIED Wireless Mobile

1 Services and Devices Spiral 4” and dated May
2 23, 2024; or

3 (B) under which the Navy acquires wire-
4 less telecommunication services or devices.

5 (2) The term “Department wireless tele-
6 communication device” means a wireless tele-
7 communication device—

8 (A) acquired under a covered telecommuni-
9 cations contract; or

10 (B) that is using wireless telecommuni-
11 cation services under a covered telecommuni-
12 cations contract.

13 **SEC. 1514. FEDERAL CONTRACTOR VULNERABILITY DIS-**
14 **CLOSURE POLICY.**

15 (a) RECOMMENDATIONS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Di-
18 rector of the Office of Management and Budget, in
19 consultation with the Director of the Cybersecurity
20 and Infrastructure Security Agency, the National
21 Cyber Director, the Director of the National Insti-
22 tute of Standards and Technology, and any other
23 appropriate head of an Executive department,
24 shall—

1 (A) review the Federal Acquisition Regula-
2 tion contract requirements and language for
3 contractor vulnerability disclosure programs;
4 and

5 (B) recommend updates to such require-
6 ments and language to the Federal Acquisition
7 Regulation Council.

8 (2) CONTENTS.—The recommendations re-
9 quired by paragraph (1) shall include updates to
10 such requirements designed to ensure that covered
11 contractors implement a vulnerability disclosure pol-
12 icy consistent with NIST guidelines for contractors
13 as required under section 5 of the IoT Cybersecurity
14 Improvement Act of 2020 (15 U.S.C. 278g–3c; Pub-
15 lic Law 116–207).

16 (b) PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than
17 180 days after the date on which the recommended con-
18 tract language developed pursuant to subsection (a) is re-
19 ceived, the Federal Acquisition Regulation Council shall
20 review the recommended contract language and update the
21 FAR as necessary to incorporate requirements for covered
22 contractors to receive information about a potential secu-
23 rity vulnerability relating to an information system owned
24 or controlled by a contractor, in performance of the con-
25 tract.

1 (c) ELEMENTS.—The update to the FAR pursuant
2 to subsection (b) shall—

3 (1) to the maximum extent practicable, align
4 with the security vulnerability disclosure process and
5 coordinated disclosure requirements relating to Fed-
6 eral information systems under sections 5 and 6 of
7 the IoT Cybersecurity Improvement Act of 2020
8 (Public Law 116–207; 15 U.S.C. 278g–3c and
9 278g–3d); and

10 (2) to the maximum extent practicable, be
11 aligned with industry best practices and Standards
12 29147 and 30111 of the International Standards
13 Organization (or any successor standard) or any
14 other appropriate, relevant, and widely used stand-
15 ard.

16 (d) WAIVER.—The head of an agency may waive the
17 security vulnerability disclosure policy requirement under
18 subsection (b) if—

19 (1) the agency Chief Information Officer deter-
20 mines that the waiver is necessary in the interest of
21 national security or research purposes; and

22 (2) if, not later than 30 days after granting a
23 waiver, such head submits a notification and jus-
24 tification (including information about the duration
25 of the waiver) to the Committee on Oversight and

1 Government Reform of the House of Representatives
2 and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
3 ernmental Affairs of the Senate.

4 (e) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SUPPLEMENT TO
5 THE FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION.—

6 (1) REVIEW.—Not later than 180 days after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
8 of Defense shall review the Department of Defense
9 Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regulation
10 contract requirements and language for contractor
11 vulnerability disclosure programs and develop up-
12 dates to such requirements designed to ensure that
13 covered contractors implement a vulnerability disclo-
14 sure policy consistent with NIST guidelines for con-
15 tractors as required under section 5 of the IoT Cy-
16 bersecurity Improvement Act of 2020 (15 U.S.C.
17 278g–3c; Public Law 116–207).

18 (2) REVISIONS.—Not later than 180 days after
19 the date on which the review required under sub-
20 section (a) is completed, the Secretary shall revise
21 the DFARS as necessary to incorporate require-
22 ments for covered contractors to receive information
23 about a potential security vulnerability relating to an
24 information system owned or controlled by a con-
25 tractor, in performance of the contract.

1 (3) ELEMENTS.—The Secretary shall ensure
2 that the revision to the DFARS described in this
3 subsection is carried out in accordance with the re-
4 quirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection
5 (c).

6 (4) WAIVER.—The Chief Information Officer of
7 the Department of Defense, in consultation with the
8 National Manager for National Security Systems,
9 may waive the security vulnerability disclosure policy
10 requirements under paragraph (2) if the Chief Infor-
11 mation Officer—

12 (A) determines that the waiver is necessary
13 in the interest of national security or research
14 purposes; and

15 (B) not later than 30 days after granting
16 a waiver, submits a notification and justifica-
17 tion (including information about the duration
18 of the waiver) to the Committees on Armed
19 Services of the House of Representatives and
20 the Senate.

21 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) The term “agency” has the meaning given
23 the term in section 3502 of title 44, United States
24 Code.

1 (2) The term “covered contractor” means a
2 contractor (as defined in section 7101 of title 41,
3 United States Code)—

4 (A) whose contract is in an amount the
5 same as or greater than the simplified acquisi-
6 tion threshold; or

7 (B) that uses, operates, manages, or main-
8 tains a Federal information system (as defined
9 by section 11331 of title 40, United States
10 Code) on behalf of an agency.

11 (3) The term “DFARS” means the Department
12 of Defense Supplement to the Federal Acquisition
13 Regulation.

14 (4) The term “Executive department” has the
15 meaning given that term in section 101 of title 5,
16 United States Code.

17 (5) The term “FAR” means the Federal Acqui-
18 sition Regulation.

19 (6) The term “NIST” means the National In-
20 stitute of Standards and Technology.

21 (7) The term “OMB” means the Office of Man-
22 agement and Budget.

23 (8) The term “security vulnerability” has the
24 meaning given that term in section 2200 of the
25 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 650).

1 (9) The term “simplified acquisition threshold”
2 has the meaning given that term in section 134 of
3 title 41, United States Code.

4 **Subtitle C—Information**
5 **Technology and Data Management**

6 **SEC. 1521. BIOLOGICAL DATA FOR ARTIFICIAL INTEL-**
7 **LIGENCE.**

8 (a) AI ACCESSIBILITY TO QUALIFIED BIOLOGICAL
9 DATA RESOURCES.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
11 after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
12 fense shall develop and implement requirements that
13 ensure qualified biological data resources created by
14 research entirely funded by the Department of De-
15 fense are collected and stored in a manner that fa-
16 cilitates the use of such qualified biological data re-
17 sources for advanced computational methods, includ-
18 ing artificial intelligence.

19 (2) RULES OF REQUIREMENTS.—The require-
20 ments implemented under subsection (a) shall in-
21 clude the following:

22 (A) A definition of the term “qualified bio-
23 logical data resource” for the purposes of such
24 requirements, which shall be based on one or
25 more of the following criteria:

1 (i) The type of biological data gen-
2 erated.

3 (ii) The size of collection of such bio-
4 logical data.

5 (iii) The amount of Federal funds
6 awarded to the research that created such
7 qualified biological data resource.

8 (iv) The level of sensitivity of the bio-
9 logical data generated.

10 (v) Any other factor determined ap-
11 propriate by the Secretary of Defense.

12 (B) Guidance on the metrics and metadata
13 included under such requirements to indicate
14 data quality, including usability, interoper-
15 ability, and completeness.

16 (C) Requirements for tiered levels of cyber-
17 security safeguards and access controls for the
18 storage of biological data.

19 (D) Exceptions to such requirements, in-
20 cluding for biological data that may implicate
21 national security.

22 (E) Requirements for the protection of the
23 privacy of individuals.

24 (b) CONSULTATION.—In developing and imple-
25 menting the requirement under subsection (a), the Sec-

1 retary shall consult with the Secretaries of the Armed
2 Forces, the heads of the research laboratories of each of
3 the Armed Services, and private sector and academia re-
4 cipients of funding for research from the Department of
5 Defense to ensure that such requirements are not overly
6 burdensome.

7 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
8 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the
9 Secretary shall submit to Congress a report describing the
10 progress made in developing and implementing the re-
11 quirements under subsection (a), including—

12 (1) the quantity of the biological data generated
13 and stored in accordance with such requirement and
14 accessible through application programming inter-
15 faces;

16 (2) user engagement with biological data in ac-
17 cordance with such requirements.

18 **SEC. 1522. PROCUREMENT OF BEST-IN-CLASS CYBER DATA**
19 **PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.**

20 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
21 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, acting through
22 the Chief Information Officer, shall provide a briefing to
23 the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
24 House of Representatives on plans to establish an open
25 and competitive process pursuant to section 1521 of the

1 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022
2 (Public Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 2224 note) to provide
3 best-in-class cybersecurity solutions (including endpoint,
4 identity, and threat hunting solutions) and the benefits as-
5 sociated with the use of multiple different cybersecurity
6 providers to support operational resilience of Department
7 of Defense information networks.

8 **Subtitle D—Artificial Intelligence**

9 **SEC. 1531. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE** 10 **LEARNING SECURITY IN THE DEPARTMENT** 11 **OF DEFENSE.**

12 (a) CYBERSECURITY POLICY FOR ARTIFICIAL INTEL-
13 LIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING USE.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
15 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
16 retary of Defense shall develop and implement a De-
17 partment-wide policy for the cybersecurity and gov-
18 ernance of artificial intelligence and machine learn-
19 ing, as well as the models for artificial intelligence
20 and machine learning used in national defense appli-
21 cations.

22 (2) POLICY ELEMENTS.—The policy required
23 under paragraph (1) shall address the following:

24 (A) Protection against security threats spe-
25 cific to artificial intelligence and machine learn-

1 ing, including model serialization attacks, model
2 tampering, data leakage, adversarial prompt in-
3 jection, model extraction, model jailbreaks, and
4 supply chain attacks.

5 (B) Use of cybersecurity measures
6 throughout the life cycle of systems using artifi-
7 cial intelligence or machine learning.

8 (C) Adoption of industry-recognized frame-
9 works to guide the development and implemen-
10 tation of artificial intelligence and machine
11 learning security best practices.

12 (D) Standards for governance, testing, au-
13 diting, and monitoring of systems using artifi-
14 cial intelligence and machine learning to ensure
15 the integrity and resilience of such systems.

16 (E) Training requirements for the work-
17 force of the Department of Defense to ensure
18 personnel are prepared to identify and mitigate
19 vulnerabilities that are specific to artificial in-
20 telligence and machine learning.

21 (3) REVIEW AND REPORT.—

22 (A) REVIEW.—The Secretary of Defense
23 shall conduct a comprehensive review to identify
24 and assess the effectiveness of the artificial in-
25 telligence and machine learning cybersecurity

1 and governance practices of the Department of
2 Defense.

3 (B) REPORT.—

4 (i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than Au-
5 gust 31, 2026, the Secretary of Defense
6 shall submit to the Committees on Armed
7 Services of the House of Representatives
8 and the Senate a report on the findings of
9 the review conducted under subparagraph
10 (A).

11 (ii) CONTENTS.—The report required
12 under clause (i) shall include—

13 (I) an assessment of the current
14 security practices for artificial intel-
15 ligence and machine learning across
16 the Department of Defense;

17 (II) an assessment of the cyber-
18 security risks posed by the use of au-
19 thorized and unauthorized artificial
20 intelligence software, including models
21 developed by companies headquartered
22 in or operating from foreign countries
23 of concern, by the Department;

24 (III) an identification of gaps in
25 the existing security measures of the

1 Department related to threats specific
2 to the use of artificial intelligence and
3 machine learning;

4 (IV) an analysis of the potential
5 of security management, access, and
6 runtime capabilities for artificial intel-
7 ligence in the commercial sector for
8 use by the Department to defend sys-
9 tem using artificial intelligence from
10 threats, minimize data exposure re-
11 sulting from the use of such systems,
12 and maintain the trustworthiness of
13 applications of the Department that
14 use artificial intelligence;

15 (V) an evaluation of the align-
16 ment of the policies of the Depart-
17 ment with industry frameworks;

18 (VI) recommend actions to en-
19 hance the security, integrity, and gov-
20 ernance of artificial intelligence and
21 machine learning models used by the
22 Department; and

23 (VII) an identification of any ad-
24 ditional authorities, resources, or leg-
25 islative actions required for the De-

1 partment to effectively implement ar-
2 tificial intelligence and machine learn-
3 ing model security policy required by
4 paragraph (1).

5 (b) BILL OF MATERIALS FOR ARTIFICIAL INTEL-
6 LIGENCE.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any policy, regulation, guid-
8 ance, or requirement issued by the Department of
9 Defense relating to the use, submission, or mainte-
10 nance of a software bill of materials shall also apply
11 to an artificial intelligence software bill of materials,
12 to the extent practicable, for all artificial intelligence
13 systems, models, and software used, developed, or
14 procured by the Department.

15 (2) IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT.—Not
16 later than 180 days after the date of enactment of
17 this Act, the Secretary of Defense, acting through
18 the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer
19 of the Department of Defense and Chief Information
20 Officer of the Department of Defense, shall revise
21 the regulations, guidance, and policies of the De-
22 partment of Defense to comply with paragraph (1),
23 including guidance and standards for artificial intel-
24 ligence software bill of materials, in accordance with
25 the best practices for software bill of materials.

1 (3) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the
2 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
3 the Department of Defense shall submit to the Com-
4 mittees on Armed Services of the House of Rep-
5 resentatives and the Senate a report on—

6 (A) the status of the implementation of re-
7 quirements for artificial intelligence software
8 bill of materials under this subsection, including
9 challenges, recommendations, and potential leg-
10 islative or regulatory modifications needed to
11 enhance the effectiveness of such implementa-
12 tion;

13 (B) the feasibility and necessity to update
14 Department of Defense Instruction 5000.87,
15 Operation of the Software Acquisition Pathway
16 (October 2, 2020) and the software acquisition
17 pathway established under section 3603 of title
18 10, United States Code, with requirements for
19 artificial intelligence software bill of materials
20 and more detailed software bill of materials in
21 the procurement of software, hardware, artifi-
22 cial intelligence technologies, and cryptographic
23 technologies; and

24 (C) the estimated costs for the implemen-
25 tation of the policies for artificial intelligence

1 software bill of materials and more detailed
2 software bill of materials required under this
3 subsection and described in subparagraph (B),
4 including for any new systems or investments
5 required to support greater implementation and
6 adoption by the Department of Defense of arti-
7 ficial intelligence.

8 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) The terms “artificial intelligence” and “ma-
10 chine learning” have the meanings given such terms,
11 respectively, in section 5001 of the National Artifi-
12 cial Intelligence Initiative Act of 2020 (15 U.S.C.
13 9401).

14 (2) The term “artificial intelligence software
15 bill of materials” means the records kept in the nor-
16 mal course of business that identify each component,
17 library, and dependency comprising an artificial in-
18 telligence software application.

19 (3) The term “software bill of materials” means
20 the records kept in the normal course of business
21 that identify each component, library, and depend-
22 ency comprising a software application.

1 **SEC. 1532. PILOT PROGRAM FOR DATA-ENABLED FLEET**
2 **MAINTENANCE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary concerned
5 for a covered armed force, in consultation with the Chief
6 Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer of the Depart-
7 ment of Defense, shall establish in such covered armed
8 force a pilot program under which the covered armed force
9 shall use commercially available artificial intelligence tech-
10 nologies to improve the maintenance of ground vehicles
11 performed by such covered armed force.

12 (b) OBJECTIVES.—Under the pilot program estab-
13 lished under subsection (a), the Secretary concerned
14 shall—

15 (1) assess the feasibility and effectiveness of ar-
16 tificial intelligence-driven approaches in improving
17 maintenance regimes for ground vehicles;

18 (2) assess the cost savings resulting from the
19 use of artificial intelligence technology for the main-
20 tenance of ground vehicles; and

21 (3) identify and mitigate potential challenges
22 and risks associated with the integration of artificial
23 intelligence technology for modernized maintenance
24 of ground vehicles, including cybersecurity concerns.

25 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
26 of the enactment of this Act, each Secretary concerned

1 for a covered armed force shall submit to Committees on
2 Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the
3 Senate a report on the activities performed under the pilot
4 program established under subsection (a) in such covered
5 armed force.

6 (d) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out a
7 pilot program under subsection (a) shall terminate on Jan-
8 uary 1, 2029.

9 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) The term “covered armed force” means the
11 Army, Navy, or Air Force.

12 (2) The term “Secretary concerned” has the
13 meaning given such term in section 101(a) of title
14 10, United States Code.

15 **SEC. 1533. GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR**
16 **NATIONAL DEFENSE.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-
18 propriations, the Secretary of Defense shall carry out not
19 less than two and not more than 12 generative artificial
20 intelligence efforts to enhance the national security of the
21 United States and the capabilities of the Department of
22 Defense and to accelerate the adoption to generative artifi-
23 cial intelligence capabilities at the Department of Defense.

24 (b) DESIGNATION OF RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZA-
25 TION.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-

1 actment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall des-
2 ignate an organization in the Department of Defense
3 which shall be responsible for managing and coordinating
4 the efforts under subsection (a).

5 (c) SCOPE.—In managing the efforts under sub-
6 section (a), the head of the organization designated under
7 subsection (b), in coordination with the Chairman of the
8 Joint Chiefs of Staff and the commanders of the combat-
9 ant commands, shall evaluate how generative artificial in-
10 telligence can enhance the efficiency and improve the mis-
11 sion effectiveness of the Department of Defense with re-
12 spect to the following:

13 (1) Damage assessment from battlefield im-
14 agery and video.

15 (2) Human and machine teaming interfaces.

16 (3) Cybersecurity.

17 (4) Mission analysis.

18 (5) Order of battle.

19 (6) Mission planning.

20 (7) Intelligence collection and analysis.

21 (8) Any other areas the Chairman of the Joint
22 Chiefs of Staff or the commanders of the combatant
23 commands determine appropriate in addressing ex-
24 isting or anticipated mission requirements of the De-
25 partment of Defense.

1 **Subtitle E—Reports and Other**
2 **Matters**

3 **SEC. 1541. MODIFICATION TO CERTIFICATION REQUIRE-**
4 **MENT REGARDING CONTRACTING FOR MILI-**
5 **TARY RECRUITING.**

6 Section 1555 of the National Defense Authorization
7 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat.
8 581; 10 U.S.C. 503 note) is amended by striking sub-
9 section (c).

10 **SEC. 1542. OCCUPATIONAL RESILIENCY OF THE CYBER MIS-**
11 **SION FORCE.**

12 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Beginning not later than one
13 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under
14 Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and the
15 Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, in coordination
16 with the Principal Cyber Advisors of the military depart-
17 ments and the Commander of the United States Cyber
18 Command, shall jointly carry out an initiative to under-
19 stand and address occupational resiliency challenges at the
20 duty locations of the Cyber Mission Force by ensuring
21 that—

22 (1) behavioral health professionals are assigned
23 to the operating locations of United States Cyber
24 Command and the Cyber Mission Force; and

1 (2) each such professional holds the security
2 clearance necessary to provide treatment to the
3 members of the Armed Forces assigned at such duty
4 locations.

5 (b) QUARTERLY BRIEFINGS.—On a quarterly basis
6 during the one-year period beginning on the date on which
7 the initiative under subsection (a) commences, the Under
8 Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and the
9 Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy shall
10 jointly provide to the Committees on Armed Services of
11 the Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing
12 on the following:

13 (1) The status of carrying out such initiative.

14 (2) Validation of the security clearances held by
15 behavioral health professionals assigned under such
16 subsection.

17 (3) An analysis of clinical acuity being treated
18 by such professionals.

19 (4) Identified challenges to carrying out such
20 initiative.

21 (5) Efforts to improve the awareness by mem-
22 bers of the Armed Forces assigned to the Cyber Mis-
23 sion Force with respect to the availability of appro-
24 priately cleared behavioral health professionals who
25 can treat such members.

1 (6) Any other information the Under Secretary
2 or the Assistant Secretary determines appropriate.

3 (c) OCCUPATIONAL RESILIENCY CHALLENGES DE-
4 FINED.—In this section, the term “occupational resiliency
5 challenges” means behavioral health challenges relating to
6 an occupation and work-related stress.

7 **SEC. 1543. ASSESSMENT OF CYBER-PHYISCAL RANGES AS**
8 **POTENTIAL NATIONAL CYBER RANGE COM-**
9 **PLEXES.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary
12 of Defense for Research and Engineering shall submit to
13 the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Rep-
14 resentatives and the Senate a report assessing the benefits
15 and costs of designating the cyber-physical ranges of the
16 Department of Defense as National Cyber Range com-
17 plexes or providing the treatment of such cyber-physical
18 ranges in a manner that is similar to the treatment of
19 a National Cyber Range complex, including—

20 (1) an assessment of whether to so designate
21 one or more such cyber-physical ranges or to so
22 treat such cyber-physical ranges; and

23 (2) a plan for making such designations and a
24 plan for so treating such cyber-physical ranges, each
25 of which shall include—

1 (A) the designation of an entity within the
2 Office of the Under Secretary that is best
3 placed to assume responsibility for the over-
4 sight, operation, and sustainment of such cyber-
5 physical ranges;

6 (B) the annual funding requirements for
7 entity designated under subparagraph (A) to
8 operate, sustain, and, if necessary, modernize
9 such cyber-physical ranges; and

10 (C) an estimated timeline for transitioning
11 the management of such cyber-physical ranges
12 to the entity designated under subparagraph
13 (A).

14 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) The term “cyber-physical range” means a
16 range that simulates a real-world environment across
17 physical, logical and cyber-persona layers that can
18 be used for research, development, testing, training
19 and evaluation through the competition continuum.

20 (2) The term “National Cyber Range complex”
21 means an integrated cyber range capability operated
22 by the Department of Defense Test Resource Man-
23 agement Center.

1 **SEC. 1544. REPORT ON REPLACEMENT OF TIME DIVISION**
2 **MULTIPLEXING LINES AT ARMORIES OF THE**
3 **AIR NATIONAL GUARD AND THE ARMY NA-**
4 **TIONAL GUARD.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
7 Air Force and the Secretary of the Army shall jointly sub-
8 mit to the Committee on Armed Services of the House
9 of Representatives a report detailing the costs and
10 timelines for replacing Time Division Multiplexing lines
11 with modern communication technologies in armories of
12 the Air National Guard and the Army National Guard.

13 (b) CONTENTS.—The report required under sub-
14 section (a) shall include—

15 (1) an identification of the Time Division Multi-
16 plexing lines technologies to be replaced and the re-
17 placement modern communication technologies, in-
18 cluding the current deployment of such technologies
19 across the Department of Defense;

20 (2) an explanation of the costs associated with
21 replacing Time Division Multiplexing lines tech-
22 nologies identified under paragraph (1), including
23 any changes to sustainment costs, and the sources
24 of funding to pay for such costs;

1 (3) an assessment of the operational effects as-
2 sociated with the replacement described in sub-
3 section (a); and

4 (4) the current timelines and resources allo-
5 cated for such replacement.

6 **TITLE XVI—SPACE ACTIVITIES,**
7 **STRATEGIC PROGRAMS, AND**
8 **INTELLIGENCE MATTERS**
9 **Subtitle A—Space Activities**

10 **SEC. 1601. ACQUISITION CAREER PATH IN THE SPACE**
11 **FORCE.**

12 (a) ASSIGNMENT AFTER INITIAL OFFICER TRAIN-
13 ING.—Chapter 908 of title 10, United States Code, is
14 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

15 **“§ 9088. Duty assignments after officer training**
16 **course**

17 “(a) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of the Air Force
18 shall ensure that not less than 40 percent of the members
19 of the Space Force in each class of members that complete
20 an initial Space Force officer training course are assigned
21 to—

22 “(1) an integrated mission delta;

23 “(2) the National Reconnaissance Office; or

24 “(3) an office or command within the Space
25 Force that provides opportunities for both acquisi-

1 tion and operational experience during an initial
2 duty assignment after completion of such course.

3 “(b) REPORT.—Not later than 15 days after a class
4 of members of the Space Force completes an initial Space
5 Force officer training course, the Secretary of the Air
6 Force shall submit to the congressional defense commit-
7 tees—

8 “(1) a certification indicating that the Sec-
9 retary has complied with subsection (a); and

10 “(2) a description of the first duty assignment
11 for each person that was a member of such class.”.

12 (b) INTEGRATED MISSION DELTA COMMAND RE-
13 QUIREMENT.—Such chapter 908 is further amended by
14 adding at the end the following new section:

15 **“§ 9089. Integrated Mission Deltas: command require-**
16 **ment**

17 “The Secretary of the Air Force shall ensure that the
18 commander or deputy commander of each integrated mis-
19 sion delta of the Space Force is a member of the armed
20 forces serving in a military occupational specialty that is
21 primarily responsible for acquisition matters.”.

22 (c) PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR ASSURED
23 ACCESS.—Such chapter 908 is further amended by adding
24 at the end the following new section:

1 **“§ 9090. Program Executive Officer for Assured Ac-**
2 **cess to Space**

3 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—(1) There is a Program Ex-
4 ecutive Officer for Assured Access to Space within the
5 Space Force, appointed by the President, by and with the
6 advice and consent of the Senate, from the general officers
7 of the Space Force. The Program Executive Officer serves
8 at the pleasure of the President.

9 “(2) The Program Executive Officer for Assured Ac-
10 cess to Space shall be appointed for a term of four years.

11 “(b) GRADE.—The Program Executive Officer for
12 Assured Access to Space, while so serving, shall have the
13 grade of brigadier general, major general, lieutenant gen-
14 eral, or general.

15 “(c) ADDITIONAL DUTIES.—The Program Executive
16 Officer for Assured Access to Space, while serving as the
17 Program Executive Officer, shall also serve as the Com-
18 mander of Space Launch Delta 45.”.

19 (d) TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.—Chapter 951 of title
20 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
21 the following new section:

22 **“§ 9421. Space Force officer training course require-**
23 **ments**

24 “The Secretary of the Air Force shall ensure that the
25 initial Space Force officer training course for officers of

1 the Space Force provides approximately equal training in
2 operations, intelligence, cyber, and acquisition matters.”.

3 (e) PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 20233 of title 10,
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (A) in the heading, by striking “**designa-**
7 **tion as joint qualified officer re-**
8 **quired**” and inserting “**requirements**”;

9 (B) in subsection (a)—

10 (i) by striking “unless the officer has
11 been” and inserting the following: “unless
12 the officer has—

13 “(1) been”;

14 (ii) in paragraph (1), as designated by
15 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, by
16 striking the period and inserting a semi-
17 colon; and

18 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
19 lowing new paragraphs:

20 “(2) completed a duty assignment with a com-
21 mand or other organization that is primarily respon-
22 sible for acquisition matters, as determined by the
23 Secretary of the Air Force; and

24 “(3) completed a duty assignment with a com-
25 mand or other organization that is primarily respon-

1 sible for operations, as determined by the Secretary
2 of the Air Force.”; and

3 (C) in subsection (b) in the matter pre-
4 ceding paragraph (1), by striking “subsection
5 (a)” and inserting “subsection (a)(1)”.

6 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
7 by paragraph (1) shall take effect on January 1,
8 2029, and apply to all appointments to the grade of
9 brigadier general on or after that date.

10 (f) REPORTS.—Part I of subtitle F of title 10, United
11 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
12 lowing new chapter:

13 **“CHAPTER 2015—REPORTS**

“Sec.

“20701. Promotion rates.

“20702. Modifications to career fields and codes.

14 **“§ 20701. Promotion rates**

15 “Not later than December 31 of each year, the Sec-
16 retary of the Air Force shall submit to the congressional
17 defense committees a report on the promotion rates of
18 members of the Space Force for the preceding fiscal year.
19 Such report shall include—

20 “(1) the number of and percentage of members
21 of the Space Force in each grade selected for pro-
22 motion;

1 “(2) the number of and percentage of members
2 of the Space Force in each career field selected for
3 promotion; and

4 “(3) the number of members of the Space
5 Force who were selected for promotion to the grade
6 of brigadier general, major general, lieutenant gen-
7 eral, or general, disaggregated by career field.

8 **“§ 20702. Modifications to career fields and codes**

9 “Not later than 60 days before the date on which
10 a change is made to the career fields or mission occupa-
11 tional specialty codes for the Space Force, the Secretary
12 of the Air Force shall submit to the congressional defense
13 committees a report that includes—

14 “(1) a description of the changes intended to be
15 made to such career fields or mission occupational
16 specialty codes; and

17 “(2) the plan of the Secretary to maintain the
18 Space Force competencies and comply with require-
19 ments in law with respect to Space Force career
20 fields and duty assignments.”.

21 **SEC. 1602. ADVANCE PAYMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL SAT-**
22 **ELLITE COMMUNICATION SERVICES.**

23 Section 3805 of title 10, United States Code, is
24 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “The head”
2 and inserting “Except as provided by subsection (e),
3 the head”;

4 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “Advance”
5 and inserting “Except as provided by subsection (e),
6 advance”; and

7 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
8 section:

9 “(e) SPECIAL RULES FOR COMMERCIAL SATELLITE
10 COMMUNICATION SERVICES.—(1) The head of the agency
11 may satisfy the adequate security requirements of sub-
12 section (b) with respect to advance payments for commer-
13 cial satellite communication services by making a written
14 determination of—

15 “(A) the creditworthiness of the provider of
16 such services; and

17 “(B) the ability of the provider to remain a
18 going concern during the period of the advanced
19 payment.

20 “(2) With respect to advance payments for commer-
21 cial satellite communication services, subsection (c) shall
22 be administered by substituting ‘100 percent’ for ‘15 per-
23 cent’.”.

1 **SEC. 1603. NOISE MITIGATION REGARDING SPACE**
2 **LAUNCHES.**

3 Section 2276a(c)(1) of title 10, United States Code,
4 is amended by inserting “, including such activities relat-
5 ing to studying and mitigating the noise caused by
6 launches at launch sites of the Space Force” after “vehi-
7 cle”.

8 **SEC. 1604. TACTICAL SURVEILLANCE, RECONNAISSANCE**
9 **AND TRACKING PROGRAM.**

10 (a) REQUIREMENTS OF COMBATANT COM-
11 MANDERS.—The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
12 shall establish requirements pursuant to section 181 of
13 title 10, United States Code, with respect to the tactical
14 surveillance, reconnaissance and tracking program pro-
15 viding capabilities to meet the requirements of the com-
16 manders of the combatant commands.

17 (b) PROGRAM OF RECORD.—The Secretary of the Air
18 Force shall establish the tactical surveillance, reconnais-
19 sance and tracking program as a program of record.

20 (c) TACTICAL SURVEILLANCE, RECONNAISSANCE
21 AND TRACKING PROGRAM DEFINED.—In this section, the
22 term “tactical surveillance, reconnaissance and tracking
23 program” means the pilot program carried out by the
24 Space Force to use commercial data and analytics to pro-
25 vide surveillance, reconnaissance and tracking information
26 to the combatant commands.

1 **SEC. 1605. REPORTS ON SPACEPORT OF THE FUTURE INI-**
2 **TIATIVE.**

3 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
4 ment of this Act, and not later than March 1 of each of
5 2027 through 2031, the Secretary of the Air Force, in
6 coordination with the Chief of Space Operations and the
7 Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition
8 and Integration, shall submit to the congressional defense
9 committees a report on the Spaceport of the Future initia-
10 tive of the Space Force. Each such report shall include
11 the following:

12 (1) A list of each project being carried out
13 under such initiative (including projects at State
14 space launch facilities), including—

15 (A) the status of the project;

16 (B) the estimated completion date of the
17 project; and

18 (C) the total cost to complete the project.

19 (2) An assessment of additional funding re-
20 quired to implement such initiative beyond the funds
21 estimated in the most recent future-years defense
22 program under section 221 of title 10, United States
23 Code.

24 (3) An assessment of including mission develop-
25 ment zones under such initiative to promote re-
26 search, development, innovation, and fielding of

1 space and other advanced technologies adjacent to
2 Federal and State launch ranges.

3 (4) A summary of feedback from launch service
4 providers, other spaceport tenants, and operators of
5 non-Federal ranges to understand how such initia-
6 tive can meet the needs of such providers, tenants,
7 and operators, and any adjustments made in re-
8 sponse to that feedback.

9 **SEC. 1606. USE OF MIDDLE TIER ACQUISITION PROGRAM**
10 **FOR PROLIFERATED WARFIGHTER SPACE AR-**
11 **CHITECTURE OF SPACE DEVELOPMENT**
12 **AGENCY.**

13 Section 1608(a) of the National Defense Authoriza-
14 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10
15 U.S.C. 2271 note) is amended by adding at the end the
16 following new paragraphs:

17 “(4) Tranche 4.

18 “(5) Tranche 5.

19 “(6) Tranche 6.”.

20 **Subtitle B—Defense Intelligence**
21 **and Intelligence-Related Activities**

22 **SEC. 1611. CLANDESTINE ACTIVITIES VENDOR DATABASE.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 21 of title
24 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
25 the following new section:

1 **“§ 430e. Clandestine activities vendor database**

2 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE.—The
3 Secretary of Defense shall establish, maintain, and con-
4 tinuously update a secure, centralized database containing
5 a list of all commercial vendors that perform work for the
6 Department of Defense in support of a clandestine activ-
7 ity.

8 “(b) SCOPE.—The database required by subsection
9 (a) shall include information on all commercial vendors,
10 including all subcontractors, that have performed, are per-
11 forming, or have agreed to perform work described in such
12 subsection.

13 “(c) EXCLUSION OF VENDORS.—Notwithstanding
14 subsections (a) and (b), if the Secretary of Defense deter-
15 mines that a commercial vendor should not be included
16 in the database required by subsection (a) due to oper-
17 ational, counterintelligence, or other national security con-
18 cerns, the Secretary—

19 “(1) may exclude the commercial vendor from
20 the database required by subsection (a); and

21 “(2) not later than 7 days after making a de-
22 termination that the commercial vendor should not
23 be included in such database, shall submit to the
24 congressional defense committees, the Select Com-
25 mittee on Intelligence of the Senate, and the Perma-
26 nent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House

1 of Representatives notice of the determination that
2 includes—

3 “(A) the type or category of vendor ex-
4 cluded;

5 “(B) a synopsis of the contract and the
6 scope of work involved; and

7 “(C) the rationale for exclusion from the
8 database.

9 “(d) DECONFLICTION.—The Secretary of Defense
10 shall ensure the database required by subsection (a) is
11 used to—

12 “(1) deconflict clandestine activities of the De-
13 partment of Defense that involve the use of commer-
14 cial vendors; and

15 “(2) assess operational risk and counterintel-
16 ligence exposure attributable to the use of commer-
17 cial vendors in support of clandestine activities of
18 the Department of Defense.

19 “(e) CLANDESTINE ACTIVITY DEFINED.—In this sec-
20 tion, the term ‘clandestine activity’ means any activity
21 where it is intended that the role of the United States
22 Government will not be apparent or acknowledged pub-
23 licly.”.

24 (b) IMPLEMENTATION DEADLINE AND REPORTS.—

1 (1) IMPLEMENTATION DEADLINE AND CERTIFI-
2 CATION.—Not later than one year after the date of
3 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
4 shall—

5 (A) implement the requirements of section
6 430e of title 10, United States Code, as added
7 by subsection (a) of this section; and

8 (B) submit to the congressional defense
9 committees, the Select Committee on Intel-
10 ligence of the Senate, and the Permanent Select
11 Committee on Intelligence of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives a certification that such require-
13 ments have been implemented.

14 (2) SUBMISSION OF PLAN.—Not later than 90
15 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
16 Secretary of Defense shall—

17 (A) submit to the committees described in
18 paragraph (1)(B) a report containing the plan
19 to implement the requirements of such section
20 430e; and

21 (B) provide to such committees a briefing
22 with respect to such plan.

23 (3) PROGRESS REPORT.—Not later than 270
24 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
25 Secretary of Defense shall provide to the committees

1 described in paragraph (1)(B) a briefing describing
2 the progress of the Secretary towards implementing
3 the requirements of such section 430e.

4 **SEC. 1612. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY OF ARMY COUN-**
5 **TERINTELLIGENCE AGENTS TO EXECUTE**
6 **WARRANTS AND MAKE ARRESTS.**

7 Section 7377(b)(2) of title 10, United States Code,
8 is amended by striking “during the four-year period begin-
9 ning on the date of the enactment of the National Defense
10 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025,”.

11 **SEC. 1613. MODIFICATIONS TO AND CODIFICATION OF THE**
12 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INSIDER THREAT**
13 **PROGRAM.**

14 (a) CODIFICATION OF EXISTING PROGRAM.—

15 (1) TRANSFER TO TITLE 10.—Chapter 131 of
16 title 10, United States Code, is amended by insert-
17 ing after section 2224a a new section 2225 con-
18 sisting of—

19 (A) a heading as follows:

20 **“§ 2225. Insider threat detection”; and**

21 (B) a text consisting of the text of sub-
22 sections (a) and (b) of section 922 of the Na-
23 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
24 Year 2012 (Public Law 112-81; 10 U.S.C.
25 2224 note).

1 (2) REPEAL OF EXISTING PROVISION.—Section
2 922 of the National Defense Authorization Act for
3 Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112-81; 10 U.S.C.
4 2224 note) is repealed.

5 (b) MODIFICATIONS.—Section 2225 of title 10,
6 United States Code, as added by subsection (a) of this
7 section, is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (b)—

9 (A) in the heading, by striking “ELE-
10 MENTS” and inserting “REQUIRED ELE-
11 MENTS”; and

12 (B) in paragraph (1)—

13 (i) by striking subparagraphs (C),
14 (D), (E), and (F);

15 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs
16 (A) and (B) as subparagraphs (B) and
17 (C), respectively;

18 (iii) by inserting before subparagraph
19 (B) (as so redesignated) the following new
20 subparagraph:

21 “(A) user activity monitoring in accord-
22 ance with the Committee on National Security
23 Systems Directive 504, issued February 4,
24 2014, or any successor directive;”.

1 (iv) in subparagraph (C), as redesign-
2 nated by clause (ii) of this subparagraph,
3 by striking the semicolon and inserting “;
4 and”; and

5 (v) by redesignating subparagraph (G)
6 as subparagraph (D); and

7 (2) by adding at the end of the following new
8 subsections:

9 “(c) ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.—The Secretary may
10 include additional elements in the program established
11 under subsection (a), including—

12 “(1) solutions and capabilities to prevent the
13 unauthorized export of information from a network
14 or to render such information unusable in the event
15 of the unauthorized export of such information;

16 “(2) using a roles-based access certification sys-
17 tem;

18 “(3) cross-domain solutions adhering to the
19 Raise the Bar strategy of the Cross Domain Strat-
20 egy and Management Office of the National Security
21 Agency or any successor strategy;

22 “(4) analytic solutions to detect anomalous user
23 activity and triage user activity monitoring alerts to
24 elevate the highest risk events for immediate review;

1 “(5) case management solutions to minimize
2 disclosure risk, orchestrate effective response, and
3 ensure appropriate governance; and

4 “(6) full-motion video screen recording and
5 deep context.

6 “(d) APPLICABILITY.—The program established
7 under subsection (a) shall apply to networks and enclaves
8 used by—

9 “(1) civilian personnel of the Department of
10 Defense;

11 “(2) privileged users;

12 “(3) members of the armed forces; and

13 “(4) contractors to the Department of Defense
14 that have access to classified, controlled unclassified,
15 or personally identifiable information in furtherance
16 of work on behalf of the Department.”.

17 (c) OPERATING CAPABILITY.—The Secretary of De-
18 fense shall ensure the program established under 2225 of
19 title 10, United States Code, as added and amended by
20 subsections (a) and (b) of this section—

21 (1) achieves initial operating capability not later
22 than October 1, 2027; and

23 (2) achieves full operating capability not later
24 than October 1, 2028.

25 (d) REPORTS.—

1 (1) PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—Before the
2 Secretary implements section 2225 of title 10,
3 United States Code, as added and amended by sub-
4 sections (a) and (b) of this section, the Secretary
5 shall submit to the congressional defense commit-
6 tees—

7 (A) a written notification that describes
8 the personnel of the Department affected by the
9 implementation;

10 (B) a plan to implement such section;

11 (C) an identification of the resources re-
12 quired to implement such section;

13 (D) an identification of any legal or tech-
14 nical concerns that may need to be addressed
15 prior to implementation; and

16 (E) and any other issues related to such
17 implementation that the Secretary considers ap-
18 propriate.

19 (2) INITIAL OPERATING CAPABILITY.—Not later
20 than December 1, 2027, the Secretary shall submit
21 to the congressional defense committees a report on
22 the implementation of section 2225 of title 10,
23 United States Code, including the resources required
24 and planned expenditures to achieve full operating
25 capability not later than October 1, 2028.

1 **SEC. 1614. FACILITY CLEARANCE ACCELERATION FOR**
2 **MEMBERS OF DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL CON-**
3 **SORTIUMS.**

4 (a) ACCELERATION OF FACILITY CLEARANCE.—The
5 Secretary of Defense shall ensure that each entity that
6 is a member of the consortium established by section 1842
7 of this Act or a member of the Defense Industrial Base
8 Consortium with which the Department of Defense has en-
9 tered an other transaction authority agreement —

10 (1) is sponsored for a facility clearance;

11 (2) is provided access to classified work areas
12 and networks where the member can perform classi-
13 fied work; and

14 (3) not less than quarterly, is invited in person
15 to meetings with relevant Department of Defense
16 personnel to discuss classified information.

17 (b) PLAN.—Not later than 90 days after the date of
18 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall
19 submit a report to the congressional defense committees
20 detailing a plan to increase the number of facility clear-
21 ances provided to members described in subsection (a).
22 Such plan shall include—

23 (1) an assessment of any existing related efforts
24 to increase facility clearance access and how such ef-
25 forts might be accelerated and elevated in priority;

1 (2) target metrics for increased facility clear-
2 ances in association with membership in a consor-
3 tium described in subsection (a);

4 (3) an identification of any additional funding
5 or authorities required to support increased facility
6 clearance processing; and

7 (4) any other matters the Secretary of Defense
8 considers relevant.

9 **SEC. 1615. REQUIREMENT TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL SE-**
10 **CURITY CLEARANCES FOR CERTAIN CON-**
11 **TRACTORS.**

12 (a) DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.—
13 Any entity that enters into a covered contract or agree-
14 ment with a component of the Department of Defense may
15 designate additional covered persons who may submit an
16 application for a security clearance in accordance with this
17 section.

18 (b) INVESTIGATION AND ADJUDICATION.—The ap-
19 propriate authorized investigative agency and authorized
20 adjudicative agency shall, upon receiving an application by
21 an additional covered person designated under paragraph
22 (1)—

23 (1) conduct an investigation of the background
24 of an additional covered person for purposes of de-

1 termining the eligibility of such additional covered
2 person for access to classified information; and

3 (2) make a determination as to whether such
4 additional covered person is eligible for access to
5 classified information.

6 (c) FINAL DETERMINATION.—If an entity that enters
7 into a covered contract or agreement determines an initial
8 covered person is unable to perform the work intended to
9 be performed by that person under such covered contract
10 or agreement person, an additional covered person may
11 perform such work in lieu of the initial covered person if—

12 (1) the person received a favorable determina-
13 tion under subsection (b) with respect to eligibility
14 for access to classified information;

15 (2) the person has a demonstrated need-to-
16 know under Executive Order 12968, provided that
17 demonstrating such need-to-know shall not require
18 an investigation or adjudication with respect to eligi-
19 bility for access to classified information in addition
20 to the investigation and adjudication required under
21 subsection (b); and

22 (3) the person signs appropriate agreements
23 with respect to non-disclosure of classified informa-
24 tion.

25 (d) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF PERSONNEL.—

1 (1) MAXIMUM PER CONTRACT.—The number of
2 additional covered persons designated by an entity
3 under subsection (a) for each covered contract or
4 agreement may not exceed the greater of—

5 (A)(i) during the 5-year period that begins
6 on the date of the enactment of this Act, 5 per-
7 cent of the number of security clearances re-
8 quired to be held by covered persons to perform
9 work under the covered contract or agreement;
10 and

11 (ii) after the 5-year period that begins on
12 the date of the enactment of this Act, 10 per-
13 cent of the number of security clearances re-
14 quired to be held by covered persons to perform
15 work under the covered contract or agreement;
16 and

17 (B) 1 person.

18 (2) MAXIMUM PER ENTITY.—The number of
19 additional covered persons designated by an entity
20 under subsection (a) may not exceed the greater
21 of—

22 (A) 10 percent of the total number of secu-
23 rity clearances required to be held by covered
24 persons to perform work under all covered con-
25 tracts or agreements of the entity; and

1 (B) 1 person.

2 (e) COSTS.—

3 (1) AUTHORITY TO CHARGE AND COLLECT.—

4 The Secretary of Defense may charge fees or collect
5 amounts to cover the costs associated with inves-
6 tigating, adjudicating, and maintaining a security
7 clearance for which an application is submitted
8 under subsection (a).

9 (2) RETENTION OF AMOUNTS.—Notwith-
10 standing section 3302(b) of title 31, United States
11 Code—

12 (A) the Secretary of Defense may retain
13 amounts received under paragraph (1); and

14 (B) any amount so retained shall be depos-
15 ited into an account to be determined by the
16 Secretary of Defense and shall be made avail-
17 able without further appropriation until ex-
18 pended for the purpose of investigating, adjudi-
19 cating, or maintaining security clearances.

20 (3) PROHIBITION ON BEARING COSTS.—The
21 Secretary of Defense may not bear any cost associ-
22 ated with investigating, adjudicating, or maintaining
23 a security clearance the application for which is sub-
24 mitted pursuant to subsection (a).

1 (4) UNALLOWABLE COST.—Any fees charged or
2 amounts collected under this subsection to cover the
3 costs associated with investigating, adjudicating, and
4 maintaining a security clearance for which an appli-
5 cation is submitted under subsection (a) may not be
6 considered an allowable cost under a covered con-
7 tract or agreement.

8 (f) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply with re-
9 spect to contracts and other agreements entered into on
10 or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

11 (g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
12 tion shall be construed to require the Secretary of Defense
13 to grant any person access to classified information unless
14 a favorable determination of eligibility to access such clas-
15 sified information is made with respect to such person.

16 (h) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS.—This section
17 shall apply subject to Executive Order 12968, Executive
18 Order 10865, and any successor executive orders, but not-
19 withstanding any other provision of law.

20 (i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) ADDITIONAL COVERED PERSON.—The term
22 “additional covered person” means a covered person
23 designated by a private-sector entity as an alter-
24 native covered person who is intended to be available
25 to conduct work under a covered contract or agree-

1 ment that requires a security clearance if an initial
2 covered person becomes unavailable to complete such
3 work.

4 (2) AUTHORIZED ADJUDICATIVE AGENCY; AU-
5 THORIZED INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY.—The terms
6 “authorized adjudicative agency” and “authorized
7 investigative agency” have the meaning given the
8 terms in section 3001(a) of the Intelligence Reform
9 and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (50 U.S.C.
10 3341(a)).

11 (3) COVERED CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT.—The
12 term “covered contract or agreement” means a con-
13 tract or other agreement between a private-sector
14 entity and a component of the Department of De-
15 fense the performance of which requires a specified
16 number of covered persons to hold a security clear-
17 ance.

18 (4) COVERED PERSON.—The term “covered
19 person” means a contractor to or employee of a pri-
20 vate-sector entity.

21 (5) INITIAL COVERED PERSON.—The term “ini-
22 tial covered person” means a covered person des-
23 ignated by a private-sector entity as responsible for
24 conducting work under a covered contract or agree-
25 ment that requires a security clearance.

1 **Subtitle C—Nuclear Forces**

2 **SEC. 1621. ESTABLISHMENT OF AIR FORCE GLOBAL STRIKE**

3 **COMMAND.**

4 Chapter 907 of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

6 **“§ 9068. Global Strike Command**

7 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is in the Air Force a
8 major command, which shall be known as Global Strike
9 Command.

10 “(b) COMMANDER.—(1) The Commander of Global
11 Strike Command shall hold the grade of general while
12 serving in that position, without vacating that officer’s
13 permanent grade. The commander shall be appointed to
14 that grade by the President, by and with the advice and
15 consent of the Senate, for service in that position.

16 “(2) The commander shall serve as the single ac-
17 countable officer responsible to the Secretary of the Air
18 Force and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force for carrying
19 out all aspects of the nuclear and long-range strike mis-
20 sions of the Air Force, including such aspects described
21 in subsection (c).

22 “(c) FUNCTIONS.—The Commander of Global Strike
23 Command shall be responsible for carrying out all ele-
24 ments and activities of the nuclear and long-range strike
25 missions of the Air Force. Such elements include nuclear

1 weapons, nuclear weapon delivery systems, long-range
2 strike bomber aircraft, and the nuclear command, control,
3 and communication system. Such activities include the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(1) Providing combat-ready nuclear and long-
6 range conventional strike forces in support of Presi-
7 dential and combatant commander directives.

8 “(2) Administrating, organizing, training, and
9 equipping assigned and gained forces.

10 “(3) Assessing the readiness of assigned and
11 gained forces and submitting to the Secretary and
12 the Chief of Staff periodic reports with respect to
13 such assessments.

14 “(4) Leading development in the Air Force of—

15 “(A) military requirements with respect to
16 nuclear and long-range strike missions;

17 “(B) budget proposals necessary to carry
18 out the missions of the Global Strike Command;

19 “(C) long-range investment plans and pri-
20 orities to sustain, modernize, and recapitalize
21 assigned forces; and

22 “(D) strategy, employment concepts, tac-
23 tics, techniques, and procedures with respect to
24 nuclear deterrence and conventional long-range
25 strike operations.

1 “(5) Advising the Secretary, as necessary, on
2 the adequacy of resources of the Department of the
3 Air Force dedicated to support and execute nuclear
4 missions.

5 “(6) Such other functions as the Secretary de-
6 termines necessary or appropriate for the execution
7 of nuclear deterrence and long-range strike mis-
8 sions.”.

9 **SEC. 1622. MATTERS RELATING TO THE NUCLEAR-ARMED,**
10 **SEA-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILE.**

11 Section 1640(a) of the National Defense Authoriza-
12 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 137
13 Stat. 595), as amended by section 1627 of the Service-
14 member Quality of Life Improvement and National De-
15 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law
16 118–159; 138 Stat. 2174), is amended—

17 (1) by striking paragraph (2);

18 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “paragraph
19 (3)” and inserting “paragraph (2)”; and

20 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through
21 (5) as paragraphs (2) through (4), respectively.

1 **SEC. 1623. PROHIBITION ON REDUCTION OF INTERCONTI-**
2 **NENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES OF THE UNITED**
3 **STATES.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsection
5 (b), none of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
6 this Act for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of De-
7 fense may be obligated or expended for the following, and
8 the Department may not otherwise take any action to do
9 the following:

10 (1) Reduce, or prepare to reduce, the respon-
11 siveness or alert level of the intercontinental ballistic
12 missiles of the United States.

13 (2) Reduce, or prepare to reduce, the quantity
14 of deployed intercontinental ballistic missiles of the
15 United States to a number less than 400.

16 (b) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition in subsection (a)
17 shall not apply to any of the following activities:

18 (1) The maintenance or sustainment of inter-
19 continental ballistic missiles.

20 (2) Ensuring the safety, security, or reliability
21 of intercontinental ballistic missiles.

22 (3) Facilitating the transition from the LGM–
23 30G Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile
24 to the LGM–35A Sentinel intercontinental ballistic
25 missile.

1 **SEC. 1624. STRATEGY TO SUSTAIN MINUTEMAN III INTER-**
2 **CONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE AND MAXI-**
3 **MIZE END-OF-LIFE MARGIN.**

4 (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Concurrent with the first
6 submission to Congress of a budget pursuant to sec-
7 tion 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, and with each
9 budget submitted to Congress pursuant to such sec-
10 tion until the Under Secretary of Defense for Acqui-
11 sition and Sustainment determines the LGM-35A
12 Sentinel intercontinental ballistic missile reaches full
13 operational capacity, the Secretary of the Air Force,
14 in consultation with the Under Secretary, shall sub-
15 mit to the congressional defense committees a strat-
16 egy, with respect to the LGM-30G Minuteman III
17 intercontinental ballistic missiles, associated ground
18 systems, and other supporting systems to address
19 aging components and maximize the end-of-life mar-
20 gin.

21 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each strategy required by
22 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

23 (A) A comprehensive identification of all
24 significant age-related and supportability chal-
25 lenges for the LGM-30G Minuteman III inter-

1 continental ballistic missiles that includes a de-
2 scription of—

3 (i) efforts of the Secretary to address
4 each such challenge; and

5 (ii) activities the Secretary intends to
6 carry out to address each such challenge.

7 (B) A description of effects on the system
8 performance of Minuteman III missiles that re-
9 sult from aging components, including such ef-
10 fects with respect to shortfalls in capability.

11 (C) A summary of test activities conducted
12 with Minuteman III missiles during the cal-
13 ender year that precedes the date of the sub-
14 mission of the strategy, including a description
15 of any observations of anomalous performance
16 during such test activities.

17 (D) A discussion of opportunities to in-
18 crease the end-of-life margin or overall perform-
19 ance of Minuteman III missiles.

20 (E) A statement of the total inventory of
21 such Minuteman III missiles available to the
22 United States, including spares.

23 (F) A forecast with respect to the asset at-
24 trition that includes an identification of key
25 drivers of such asset attrition.

1 (G) An identification, as specific budget
2 line items, of all funding with respect to the
3 LGM-30G Minuteman III intercontinental bal-
4 listic missiles, associated ground systems, and
5 other and supporting systems included in the
6 budget of the Department of Defense for the
7 fiscal year during which the strategy is sub-
8 mitted.

9 (H) An estimate of the amount of such
10 funding the Secretary determines is necessary
11 across the period covered by the most recent fu-
12 ture-years defense program submitted to Con-
13 gress under section 221 of title 10, United
14 States Code, to ensure the continued effective
15 operation of the the LGM-30G Minuteman III
16 intercontinental ballistic missile, associated
17 ground systems, and other and supporting sys-
18 tems until the LGM-35A Sentinel interconti-
19 nental ballistic missile reaches full operational
20 capacity.

21 (b) INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF STRATEGY.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary shall
23 review each strategy required under subsection (a)
24 to assess whether the strategy is sufficient to ensure
25 the continued effective operation of the LGM-30G

1 Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile sys-
2 tem until the LGM-35A Sentinel intercontinental
3 ballistic missile reaches full operational capacity.

4 (2) REPORTS.—During the period the require-
5 ment under subsection (a) is effective, the Under
6 Secretary shall, not later than 45 days after any
7 date on which a budget is submitted to Congress
8 pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United
9 States Code, submit to the congressional defense
10 committees a report that includes—

11 (A) the findings of the assessment required
12 under paragraph (1);

13 (B) a discussion of any unfunded priorities
14 and risk reduction opportunities with respect to
15 the LGM-30G Minuteman III intercontinental
16 ballistic missile, associated ground systems, and
17 other supporting systems; and

18 (C) any other matters as the Under Sec-
19 retary determines appropriate.

20 **SEC. 1625. REPORT ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DE-**
21 **FENSE FOR NUCLEAR DETERRENCE, CHEM-**
22 **ICAL, AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE POLICY**
23 **AND PROGRAMS.**

24 Not later than 60 days after the date of the enact-
25 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit

1 to the congressional defense committees a report on the
2 continued implementation of the amendments made by
3 section 1621 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Na-
4 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025
5 (Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 2170) that includes—

6 (1) a proposal to consolidate administrative and
7 resource support functions for personnel assigned to
8 the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for
9 Nuclear Deterrence, Chemical, and Biological De-
10 fense Policy and Programs to a single office in the
11 Department of Defense;

12 (2) a plan to clarify the relationships between—

13 (A) the Assistant Secretary of Defense for
14 Nuclear Deterrence, Chemical, and Biological
15 Defense Policy and Programs;

16 (B) the Under Secretary of Defense for
17 Acquisition and Sustainment; and

18 (C) the Under Secretary of Defense for
19 Policy;

20 (3) a proposal for an organizational framework
21 through which the Assistant Secretary will perform
22 the portfolio management duties required under sec-
23 tion 499c of title 10, United States Code;

24 (4) a description of resource requirements for
25 the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for

1 Nuclear Deterrence, Chemical, and Biological De-
2 fense Policy and Programs; and

3 (5) such other matters as the Secretary deter-
4 mines appropriate.

5 **SEC. 1626. IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF**
6 **DEFENSE INDEMNIFICATION PROCEDURES**
7 **TO ENABLE PROCUREMENT OF COMMERCIAL**
8 **ADVANCED NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGIES.**

9 (a) REVIEW.—The review of a request submitted to
10 a Department of Defense contracting officer by a con-
11 tractor pursuant to Public Law 85–804 (50 U.S.C. 1431
12 et. seq) for indemnification against nuclear and unusually
13 hazardous risks, including those involving the procurement
14 of commercial nuclear technology, shall include, to the
15 maximum extent practicable, input from the Defense Con-
16 tract Management Agency, including reviews of insurance
17 markets and coverage availability from the Contractor In-
18 surance/Pension Review group.

19 (b) DEADLINE.—The Secretary of Defense shall en-
20 sure that the review of any indemnification request de-
21 scribed in subsection (a) shall be completed with a final
22 decision on approval or denial, including an executed
23 memorandum of decision, within the 90-day period begin-
24 ning on the date on which the contractor submits the in-
25 demnification request.

1 **SEC. 1627. REVIEW OF THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND**
2 **SAFETY CONDITIONS OF OPERATIONAL FA-**
3 **CILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LGM-30G**
4 **MINUTEMAN III INTERCONTINENTAL BAL-**
5 **LISTIC MISSILE SYSTEM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary of De-
7 fense for Health Affairs, in consultation with the Assistant
8 Secretary of Defense for Nuclear Deterrence, Chemical
9 and Biological Defense Policy and Programs, shall seek
10 to enter into an agreement with the Executive Officer of
11 the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Med-
12 icine for a review of the occupational health and safety
13 conditions of covered operational facilities.

14 (b) ELEMENTS.—The review required by subsection
15 (a) shall include the following:

16 (1) An independent review of the methodology
17 and findings of the Missile Community Cancer
18 Study conducted by the Air Force Medical Service
19 and Air Force Global Strike Command.

20 (2) An independent assessment of occupational
21 hazards, covered toxic substances, and operational
22 activities associated with the LGM-30G Minuteman
23 III intercontinental ballistic missile system that ac-
24 counts for—

25 (A) enclosed space dynamics;

26 (B) ventilation inefficiencies; and

1 (C) limited fresh air exchange rates.

2 (3) An independent case-controlled retrospective
3 study of cancer incidence rates among—

4 (A) Minuteman III missile launch officers
5 and support personnel; compared to

6 (B) a group of members of the Air Force
7 with—

8 (i) a substantially similar demo-
9 graphic makeup to the group of launch of-
10 ficers and support personnel included in
11 the study;

12 (ii) responsibilities that are not associ-
13 ated with the Minuteman III system; and

14 (iii) a low potential for occupational
15 exposure to covered toxic substances, as
16 determined by Air Force Specialty Code
17 and occupational duties.

18 (4) A comparative evaluation of the suitability
19 and effectiveness of historic versus current year en-
20 vironmental surveillance policies, procedures and
21 technologies of the Department of the Air Force for
22 covered operational facilities used to detect exposure
23 to covered toxic substances and occupational haz-
24 ards, including—

25 (A) air quality;

1 (B) groundwater and drinking water con-
2 tamination;

3 (C) ventilation systems and particulate
4 matter accumulation; and

5 (D) residual contamination associated with
6 confined operational environments.

7 (5) An evaluation of the suitability and effec-
8 tiveness of policies, procedures, and technologies of
9 the Department of the Air Force to prevent occupa-
10 tional hazards, and reduce exposure to covered toxic
11 substances, associated with the Minuteman III sys-
12 tem including—

13 (A) personal protective equipment;

14 (B) engineering controls;

15 (C) environmental surveillance; and

16 (D) other policies, procedures and tech-
17 nologies deemed relevant.

18 (6) An evaluation of the suitability and effec-
19 tiveness of policies, procedures, and technologies of
20 the Department of the Air Force and the Depart-
21 ment of Defense for reporting and periodic medical
22 screening, testing, and evaluations for potential ex-
23 posure to occupational hazards and covered toxic
24 substances for personnel associated with the Minute-
25 man III system.

1 (7) Recommendations of the Executive Officer
2 with respect to—

3 (A) Department of Defense actions to en-
4 sure that occupational health and safety condi-
5 tions of covered operational facilities—

6 (i) meet current occupational safety
7 and national security requirements in ef-
8 fect as of the date of the enactment of this
9 Act; and

10 (ii) are applied to the LGM-35A Sen-
11 tinel intercontinental ballistic missile sys-
12 tem; and

13 (B) potential modifications to—

14 (i) the current design and operation of
15 the LGM-30G Minuteman III interconti-
16 nental ballistic missile system; and

17 (ii) the future design and operation of
18 the Sentinel system.

19 (c) INFORMATION AND CLEARANCES.—The Secretary
20 of Defense shall ensure that personnel of the National
21 Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine super-
22 vising the implementation of the agreement required by
23 subsection (a), or conducting the review required by such
24 subsection, are granted, in a timely manner, access to the

1 information and security clearances necessary to carry out
2 such review.

3 (d) REPORT REQUIRED.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Ex-
6 ecutive Officer of the National Academy of Sciences,
7 Engineering, and Medicine shall submit to the con-
8 gressional defense committees a report that includes
9 the findings of the review required by subsection (a).

10 (2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph
11 (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may
12 include a classified annex.

13 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) The term “covered operational facilities”
15 mean physical structures and work environments as-
16 sociated with the LGM–30G Minuteman III inter-
17 continental ballistic missile system, including—

18 (A) launch control facilities;

19 (B) launch facilities;

20 (C) missile alert facilities; and

21 (D) other associated facilities.

22 (2) The term “covered toxic substances” means
23 contaminants and other risk factors that pose a sig-
24 nificant health risk to an individual when inhaled,

1 ingested, absorbed by, or in close proximity to, the
2 individual, including—

3 (A) Asbestos.

4 (B) Radiation.

5 (C) Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBS).

6 (D) Combustion byproducts associated
7 with burning classified materials, accelerants,
8 and industrial solvents.

9 (E) Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs),
10 including VOCs from cleaning and maintenance
11 chemicals.

12 (F) Radon and naturally occurring radio-
13 active materials in subterranean facilities.

14 (G) Hydrogen cyanide, hydrazine, ethylene
15 glycol, and sodium chromate.

16 (H) Pesticides and herbicides from facility
17 perimeters and surrounding agricultural runoff.

18 (I) Noise.

19 (J) Other chemical compounds or elements
20 associated with the LGM-30G Minuteman III
21 intercontinental ballistic missile system or cov-
22 ered operational facilities.

Subtitle D—Missile Defense Programs

SEC. 1641. MODIFICATION TO NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE POLICY TO REFLECT GOLDEN DOME FOR AMERICA POLICY.

Section 5501 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking the text and inserting the following:

“It is the policy of the United States—

“(1) to provide for the common defense of the United States and its citizens by deploying and maintaining a next-generation missile defense shield; and

“(2) to deter, and defend the citizens and critical infrastructure of the United States against, any foreign aerial attack on the homeland.”.

SEC. 1642. GOLDEN DOME FOR AMERICA.

(a) PLAN.—

(1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a plan for the development and deployment of a next-generation air and missile defense architecture pursuant to Executive Order 14186 (90 Fed. Reg. 8767), or such successor order.

1 (2) ELEMENTS.—The plan under paragraph (1)
2 shall include the following:

3 (A) An updated assessment of air and mis-
4 sile threats to the United States.

5 (B) A description of the system architec-
6 ture of the next-generation air and missile de-
7 fense architecture, including—

8 (i) the identification of each capa-
9 bility, program, and project considered to
10 be part of such architecture;

11 (ii) a preliminary description of, cost
12 estimate for, and schedule to achieve—

13 (I) initial operational capability;

14 and

15 (II) full operational capability;

16 (iii) a description of relevant concepts
17 of operations;

18 (iv) a plan with respect to integrating
19 and maximizing interoperability of capa-
20 bilities included in such architecture;

21 (v) a description of ground segment
22 requirements to support the development
23 and deployment of space-based capabilities
24 included in such architecture; and

1 (vi) an identification of requirements
2 with respect to the electromagnetic spec-
3 trum for the development and deployment
4 of capabilities included in such architec-
5 ture.

6 (C) An organizational construct defining
7 roles and responsibilities for each participating
8 element of the Department of Defense.

9 (D) An assessment of on-orbit testing and
10 training requirements necessary for developing
11 capabilities and ensuring long-term warfighting
12 readiness of such architecture.

13 (E) A strategy for ensuring supply chain
14 security and resilience.

15 (F) Identification of any additional legal
16 authorities necessary to carry out or expedite
17 the development and deployment of such archi-
18 tecture.

19 (G) Any other matters the Secretary con-
20 siders relevant.

21 (3) UPDATES.—Concurrent with the submission
22 of the budget of the President to Congress pursuant
23 to section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code,
24 for each of fiscal years 2028 through 2030, the Sec-

1 retary shall submit to the congressional defense com-
2 mittees—

3 (A) an update to the plan under paragraph
4 (1); and

5 (B) a consolidated budget exhibit identi-
6 fying funding requested for the systems archi-
7 tecture described in the plan, including specific
8 appropriation and line numbers, where appro-
9 priate.

10 (b) THEATER MISSILE DEFENSE POSTURE.—Not
11 later than one year after the date of the enactment of this
12 Act, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional de-
13 fense committees a report—

14 (1) assessing the theater missile defense posture
15 of the United States, including changes in the mis-
16 sile threat environment with respect to allies and
17 partners of the United States and forward-deployed
18 forces of the United States; and

19 (2) making recommendations, as appropriate,
20 to—

21 (A) increase bilateral and multilateral co-
22 operation on missile defense technology develop-
23 ment, capabilities, and operations;

24 (B) improve theater missile defenses of the
25 forward-deployed forces of the United States

1 and the territories, forces, and populations of
2 allies of the United States; and

3 (C) increase and accelerate the provision of
4 missile defense capabilities of the United States
5 to allies and partners of the United States.

6 **SEC. 1643. PROHIBITION PRIVATIZED OR SUBSCRIPTION-**
7 **BASED MISSILE DEFENSE INTERCEPT CAPA-**
8 **BILITIES.**

9 Subchapter II of chapter 551 of title 10, United
10 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing new section:

12 **“§ 5516. Prohibition on privatized or subscription-**
13 **based missile defense intercept capabili-**
14 **ties**

15 “(a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense may
16 only develop, deploy, test, or operate a missile defense sys-
17 tem with kinetic missile defense capabilities if—

18 “(1) the missile defense system is owned and
19 operated by the armed forces; and

20 “(2) such capabilities do not use a subscription-
21 based service, a pay-for-service model, or a recur-
22 ring-fee model to engage or intercept a target.

23 “(b) INHERENTLY GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTION.—
24 The decision to engage in kinetic missile defense activities,
25 including targeting, launch authorization, and engagement

1 of airborne or spaceborne threats, is an inherently govern-
2 mental function that only officers or employees of the Fed-
3 eral Government or members of the Army, Navy, Air
4 Force, Marine Corps, or Space Force may perform.

5 “(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
6 tion shall be construed to prohibit the Secretary of De-
7 fense from—

8 “(1) entering into contracts with private enti-
9 ties for the research, development, manufacture,
10 maintenance, or testing of missile defense systems;

11 “(2) entering into or carrying out co-production
12 or co-development arrangements, or other coopera-
13 tive agreements, with allies and partners of the
14 United States with respect to missile defense capa-
15 bilities; or

16 “(3) procuring commercial services for remote
17 sensing, telemetry, threat tracking, data analysis,
18 data transport, or early warning, if such services do
19 not directly involve the execution or command of ki-
20 netic missile defense activities.

21 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section:

22 “(1) The term ‘kinetic missile defense activities’
23 means any action intended to physically intercept,
24 neutralize, or destroy a missile, projectile, aircraft,

1 or other airborne threat, including those using ki-
2 netic interceptors or directed energy.

3 “(2) The term ‘kinetic missile defense capabili-
4 ties’ means any system or platform that is designed
5 to be able to carry out kinetic missile defense activi-
6 ties.

7 “(3) The term ‘subscription-based service’
8 means any arrangement in which a private entity
9 provides ongoing or recurring operational access to
10 missile defense capabilities in exchange for periodic
11 payment.”.

12 **Subtitle E—Other Matters**

13 **SEC. 1651. COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION FUNDS.**

14 (a) FUNDING ALLOCATION.—Of the \$282,830,000
15 authorized to be appropriated to the Department of De-
16 fense for fiscal year 2026 in section 301 and made avail-
17 able by the funding table in division D for the Department
18 of Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction Program estab-
19 lished under section 1321 of the Department of Defense
20 Cooperative Threat Reduction Act (50 U.S.C. 3711), the
21 following amounts may be obligated for the purposes spec-
22 ified:

23 (1) For delivery system threat reduction,
24 \$6,332,000.

1 (2) For chemical security and elimination,
2 \$18,645,000.

3 (3) For global nuclear security, \$30,621,000.

4 (4) For biological threat reduction,
5 \$160,402,000.

6 (5) For proliferation prevention, \$36,923,000.

7 (6) For activities designated as Other Assess-
8 ments/Administration Costs, \$29,907,000.

9 (b) SPECIFICATION OF COOPERATIVE THREAT RE-
10 DUCTION FUNDS.—Funds appropriated pursuant to the
11 authorization of appropriations in section 301 and made
12 available by the funding table in division D for the Depart-
13 ment of Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction Program
14 shall be available for obligation for fiscal years 2026,
15 2027, and 2028.

1 **TITLE XVII—OTHER DEFENSE**
2 **MATTERS**

3 **Subtitle A—Miscellaneous**
4 **Authorities and Limitations**

5 **SEC. 1701. COPYRIGHT TO A LITERARY WORK PRODUCED**
6 **BY A CIVILIAN FACULTY MEMBER OF THE**
7 **UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF**
8 **HEALTH SCIENCES IN THE COURSE OF SUCH**
9 **EMPLOYMENT: FREE USE BY THE FEDERAL**
10 **GOVERNMENT.**

11 (a) USE BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.—Section 105
12 of title 17, United States Code, is amended, in subsection
13 (d)(2)—

14 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (L) through
15 (N) as subparagraphs (M) through (O), respectively;
16 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (K) the fol-
17 lowing new subparagraph (L):

18 “(L) Uniformed Services University of the
19 Health Sciences.”.

20 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such section is
21 further amended, in subsection (c)—

22 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “subpara-
23 graphs (A) through (K) of subsection (d)(2) and
24 subparagraph (L)” and inserting “subparagraphs

1 (A) through (L) of subsection (d)(2) and subpara-
2 graph (M)’’;

3 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking ‘‘subsection
4 (d)(2)(L)’’ and inserting ‘‘subsection (d)(2)(M)’’;

5 (3) in paragraph (3), by striking ‘‘subsection
6 (d)(2)(M)’’ and inserting ‘‘subsection (d)(2)(N)’’;

7 and

8 (4) in paragraph (4), by striking ‘‘subsection
9 (d)(2)(N)’’ and inserting ‘‘subsection (d)(2)(O)’’.

10 **SEC. 1702. COMBATING ILLICIT TOBACCO PRODUCTS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 120
12 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, no ex-
13 change or commissary operated by or for a military resale
14 entity shall offer for sale any ENDS product or oral nico-
15 tine product unless the manufacturer of such product exe-
16 cutes and delivers to the appropriate officer for each mili-
17 tary resale entity a certification form for each ENDS
18 product or oral nicotine product offered for retail sale at
19 an exchange or commissary that attests under penalty of
20 perjury the following:

21 (1) The manufacturer has received a marketing
22 granted order for such product under section 910 of
23 the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21
24 U.S.C. 387j).

1 (2) The manufacturer submitted a timely filed
2 premarket tobacco product application for such
3 product, and the application either remains under
4 review by the Secretary or has received a denial
5 order that has been and remains stayed by the Sec-
6 retary or court order, rescinded by the Secretary, or
7 vacated by a court.

8 (b) FAILURE TO SUBMIT CERTIFICATION.—A manu-
9 facturer shall submit the certification forms required in
10 subsection (a) on an annual basis. Failure to submit such
11 forms to a military resale entity as required under the pre-
12 ceding sentence shall result in the removal of the relevant
13 ENDS product or oral nicotine product from sale at such
14 military resale entity.

15 (c) CERTIFICATION CONTENTS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—A certification form required
17 under subsection (a) shall separately list each brand
18 name, product name, category (such as e-liquid,
19 power unit, device, e-liquid cartridge, e-liquid pod, or
20 disposable), and flavor for each product that is sold
21 offered for sale by the manufacturer submitting such
22 form.

23 (2) OTHER ITEMS.—A manufacturer shall,
24 when submitting a certification under subsection (a),
25 include in that submission—

1 (A) a copy of the publicly available mar-
2 keting granted order under section 910 of the
3 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21
4 U.S.C. 387j), as redacted by the Secretary and
5 made available on the agency website;

6 (B) a copy of the acceptance letter issued
7 under such section for a timely filed premarket
8 tobacco product application; or

9 (C) a document issued by Secretary or by
10 a court confirming that the premarket tobacco
11 product application has received a denial order
12 that has been and remains stayed by the Sec-
13 retary or court order, rescinded by the Sec-
14 retary, or vacated by a court.

15 (d) DEVELOPMENT OF FORMS AND PUBLICATION.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
17 the date of the enactment of this Act, each military
18 resale entity shall—

19 (A) develop and make public the certifi-
20 cation form such resale entity will require a
21 manufacturer to submit to meet the requirement
22 under subsection (a); and

23 (B) provide instructions on how such cer-
24 tification form shall be submitted to the rel-
25 evant military resale entity.

1 (2) SUBMISSION IN CASE OF FAILURE TO PUB-
2 LISH FORM.—If a military resale entity fails to pre-
3 pare and make public such certification form, a
4 manufacturer may submit information necessary to
5 prove compliance with the requirements of this sec-
6 tion.

7 (e) CHANGES TO CERTIFICATION FORM.—A manu-
8 facturer that submits a certification form under subsection
9 (a) shall notify each relevant military resale entity to
10 which such certification was submitted not later than 30
11 days after making any material change to the certification
12 form, including—

13 (1) the issuance or denial of a marketing au-
14 thorization or other order by the Secretary pursuant
15 to section 910 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
16 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 387j); or

17 (2) any other order or action by the Secretary
18 or any court that affects the ability of the ENDS
19 product or oral nicotine product to be introduced or
20 delivered into interstate commerce for commercial
21 distribution in the United States.

22 (f) DIRECTORY.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—No later than 180 days after
24 the enactment of this Act, each military resale entity
25 shall maintain and make publicly available on its of-

1 ficial website a directory that lists all ENDS product
2 and oral nicotine product manufacturers and all
3 product brand names, categories (such as e-liquid, e-
4 liquid cartridge, e-liquid pod, or disposable), product
5 names, and flavors for which certification forms
6 have been submitted and approved by the relevant
7 military resale entity.

8 (2) UPDATES.—Each military resale entity
9 shall—

10 (A) update the directory under paragraph

11 (1) at least monthly to ensure accuracy; and

12 (B) establish a process to provide each ex-
13 change or commissary notice of the initial publi-
14 cation of the directory and changes made to the
15 directory in the prior month.

16 (3) EXCLUSIONS AND REMOVALS.—An ENDS
17 product or oral nicotine product shall not be in-
18 cluded or retained in a directory of a military resale
19 entity if the relevant military resale entity deter-
20 mines that any of the following apply:

21 (A) The manufacturer failed to provide a
22 complete and accurate certification as required
23 by this section.

1 (B) The manufacturer submitted a certifi-
2 cation that does not comply with the require-
3 ments of this section.

4 (C) The information provided by the man-
5 ufacturer in its certification contains false in-
6 formation, material misrepresentations, or
7 omissions.

8 (4) NOTICE REQUIRED.—In the case of a re-
9 moval of a product from a directory under para-
10 graph (3), the relevant military resale entity shall
11 provide to the manufacturer involved notice and at
12 least 30 days to cure deficiencies before removing
13 the manufacturer or its products from the directory.

14 (5) EFFECT OF REMOVAL.—The ENDS prod-
15 uct or oral nicotine product of a manufacturer iden-
16 tified in a notice of removal under paragraph (3)
17 are, beginning on the date that is 30 days after such
18 removal, subject to seizure, forfeiture, and destruc-
19 tion, and may not be purchased or sold for retail
20 sale at any exchange or commissary operated by or
21 for a military resale entity.

22 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) The term “ENDS product”—

24 (A) means any non-combustible product
25 that employs a heating element, power source,

1 electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical,
2 or mechanical means, regardless of shape or
3 size, to produce vapor from nicotine in a solu-
4 tion;

5 (B) includes a consumable nicotine liquid
6 solution suitable for use in such product, wheth-
7 er sold with the product or separately; and

8 (C) does not include any product regulated
9 as a drug or device under chapter V of the Fed-
10 eral Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.
11 351 et seq.).

12 (2) The term “military resale entities” means—

13 (A) the Defense Commissary Agency;

14 (B) the Army and Air Force Exchange
15 Service;

16 (C) the Navy Exchange Service Command;
17 and

18 (D) the Marine Corps Exchange.

19 (3) The term “oral nicotine product” means—

20 (A) means any non-combustible product
21 that contains nicotine that is intended to be
22 placed in the oral cavity;

23 (B) does not include—

24 (i) any ENDS product;

1 (ii) smokeless tobacco (as defined in
2 section 900 of the Federal Food, Drug,
3 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 387)); or

4 (iii) any product regulated as a drug
5 or device under chapter V of the Federal
6 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.
7 351 et seq.).

8 (4) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
9 of Health and Human Services, acting through the
10 Commissioner of Food and Drugs.

11 (5) The term “timely filed premarket tobacco
12 product application” means an application that was
13 submitted under section 910 of the Federal Food,
14 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 387j) on or be-
15 fore September 9, 2020, and accepted for filing with
16 respect to an ENDS product or oral nicotine prod-
17 uct containing nicotine marketed in the United
18 States as of August 8, 2016.

19 **Subtitle B—Other Matters**

20 **SEC. 1721. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

21 (a) TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE.—Title 10,
22 United States Code, is amended as follows:

23 (1) In the subtitle analysis for subtitle A, by
24 striking the item relating to chapter 243 and insert-
25 ing the following:

“243. Other Matters Relating to Awarding of Contracts ... 3301”.

(2) In the tables of chapters at the beginning of part I of such subtitle, by striking the item relating to chapter 25 and inserting the following:

“25. Electromagnetic Warfare 500”.

(3) In section 132a—

(A) in the section heading, by striking **“improvement officer”** and inserting **“Improvement Officer”**; and

(B) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2008” and inserting “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008”.

(4) In section 139a, by striking “section 2334” each place it appears and inserting “section 3221”.

(5) In section 183a(h)(3), by striking the semicolon and inserting a comma.

(6) In chapter 9, by redesignating the second section 222e (relating to unfunded priorities of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering: annual report) as section 222f.

(7) In section 525(a)(4)(C), by striking the period after “21”.

(8) In chapter 40, by redesignating section 711 (relating to parental leave for members of certain reserve components of the armed forces) as section

1 710a (and conforming the table of contents with re-
2 spect to the section number and heading).

3 (9) In subsection (a)(2) of such section 710a,
4 as so redesignated—

5 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “sub-
6 paragraph (A)” each place it appears and in-
7 serting “paragraph (1)”; and

8 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

9 (i) by striking “subparagraph (A)”
10 both places it appears and inserting “para-
11 graph (1)”; and

12 (ii) by striking “clause (i)” and in-
13 serting “subparagraph (A)”; and

14 (iii) by striking the semicolon that ap-
15 pears after the period.

16 (10) In section 1143(e)(1), by striking “(A)”
17 and inserting “(A)”.

18 (11) In section 1558(c)(1), by striking the
19 comma after “Space Force”.

20 (12) In section 1749—

21 (A) in subsection (b)(4), by striking “em-
22 phasizes—” and inserting “emphasize—”; and

23 (B) in subsection (c)—

1 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph

2 (1), by inserting “shall” after “program”;

3 and

4 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

5 (I) by striking “has” and insert-

6 ing “have”; and

7 (II) by striking “can” and insert-

8 ing “the ability to”.

9 (13) In section 2107(k), by striking the sub-
10 section heading.

11 (14) In section 2818(a), by striking “contact”
12 and inserting “contract”.

13 (15) In section 2819(e), by inserting “the” be-
14 fore “congressional defense committees”.

15 (16) In the tables of chapters at the beginning
16 of part V of such subtitle, by striking the item relat-
17 ing to chapter 326 and inserting the following:

“327. Weapon Systems Development and Related Matters 4401”.

18 (17) In the tables of chapters at the beginning
19 of part V of such subtitle, by striking the item relat-
20 ing to chapter 383 and inserting the following:

**“383. Development, Application, and Support of Dual-
Use Technologies 4831”.**

21 (18) In section 3072(c), by amending the sub-
22 section heading to read as follows:

1 “(c) ACQUISITION PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES TO
2 BE CONSIDERED.—”.

3 (19) In section 3603(a), by striking “Such a
4 pathway shall include the following:”.

5 (20) In section 4127(d)(9), by striking
6 “pursing” and inserting “pursuing”.

7 (21) In section 4022(e)(1), by striking “Under-
8 secretary of Defense” each place it appears and in-
9 serting “Under Secretary of Defense”.

10 (22) In chapter 303, by redesignating the sec-
11 ond section 4128 (relating to the Joint Federated
12 Assurance Center) as section 4129.

13 (23) In section 4663(a), by inserting “if such
14 entity” before “is a party”.

15 (24) In section 4816(b)(6), by inserting “)”
16 after “title”.

17 (25) In section 4872(e)(1), by striking “the
18 Secretary of Defense of the Secretary or the Sec-
19 retary of the military department concerned” and in-
20 serting “the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary
21 of the military department concerned”.

22 (26) In section 5502, in the section heading, by
23 striking “**defense agency**” and inserting “**De-**
24 **fense Agency**”.

1 (27) In section 5513, in the section heading, by
2 striking “**missile defense agency**” and insert-
3 ing “**Missile Defense Agency**”.

4 (28) In section 5531(b) is amended—

5 (A) by striking “paragraph (1)” both
6 places it appears and inserting “subsection
7 (a)”;

8 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “sub-
9 paragraph (B)” and inserting “paragraph (2)”;
10 and

11 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “sub-
12 paragraph (A)” and inserting “paragraph (1)”.

13 (29) In section 7361(a)(2), by striking “Viet-
14 nam Era” and inserting “Vietnam era”.

15 (30) In section 82218, in each of subsections
16 (c)(1)(D) and (k)(3)(B), by striking “section 11 of
17 the Merchant Ship Sales Act of 1946 (50 U.S.C.
18 4405)” and inserting “section 57100 of title 46”.

19 (31) In section 9062a, in the section heading,
20 by striking the period that appears after “**struc-**
21 **ture**”.

22 (32) In section 9361(a)(2), by striking “Viet-
23 nam Era” and inserting “Vietnam era”.

24 (33) In section 9531, in the section heading, by
25 striking the period that appears after “**Reserve**”.

1 (34) In section 10216(f), by striking the period
2 that appears after “62”.

3 (35) In the tables of chapters at the beginning
4 of part III of subtitle E, by striking the item relat-
5 ing to chapter 1413 and inserting the following:

**“1413. Alternative Promotion Authority for Officers in
 Designated Competitive Categories15101”.**

6 (36) In section 14504(b), by striking “the the
7 Secretary” and inserting “the Secretary”.

8 (b) COORDINATION WITH OTHER AMENDMENTS
9 MADE BY THIS ACT.—For purposes of applying amend-
10 ments made by provisions of this Act other than this sec-
11 tion, the amendments made by this section shall be treated
12 as having been enacted immediately before any such
13 amendments by other provisions of this Act.

14 **SEC. 1722. TRANSFER OR POSSESSION OF DEFENSE ITEMS**
15 **FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE PURPOSES.**

16 (a) TRANSFER AND POSSESSION EXCEPTIONS.—Sec-
17 tion 922(o)(2) of title 18, United States Code, is amend-
18 ed—

19 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or by”
20 and inserting “, by, or under the authority of”;

21 (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at
22 the end;

23 (3) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period
24 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

1 (4) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-
2 lowing new subparagraph:

3 “(C) a transfer to, or possession by, a li-
4 censed manufacturer or licensed importer (if,
5 with respect to a transfer, such transfer has
6 been approved by the Attorney General in ac-
7 cordance with law) for purposes of—

8 “(i) joint production of a weapon, or
9 integration or incorporation into another
10 article or device;

11 “(ii) calibration, testing, or research
12 and development;

13 “(iii) permanent or temporary export,
14 or temporary import, otherwise in accord-
15 ance with law; or

16 “(iv) training of Department of De-
17 fense personnel and Federal, State, local,
18 or friendly foreign government military
19 and law enforcement personnel.”.

20 (b) IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS.—Section 925(d)
21 of such title is amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (3)—

23 (A) by inserting “except as provided in
24 paragraph (5),” before “is of”; and

25 (B) by striking “or” at the end;

1 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at
2 the end and inserting “; or”; and

3 (3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
4 lowing new paragraph:

5 “(5) is being imported or brought in by a li-
6 censed manufacturer or licensed importer in con-
7 formity with, and solely for a purpose described in
8 subparagraphs (A) or (C) of section 922(o)(2).”.

9 (c) REPORT.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
11 after the effective date of this section, the Secretary
12 of Defense shall—

13 (A) conduct a survey of defense contrac-
14 tors who have used or intend to use a covered
15 exception; and

16 (B) submit to the Committees on Armed
17 Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
18 resentatives a report describing the results of
19 such survey.

20 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report submitted under
21 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

22 (A) The number of contractors that used a
23 covered exception during the period covered by
24 the report.

1 (B) Any issues identified by the Depart-
2 ment of Defense or such contractors with the
3 implementation of such covered exception.

4 (C) Any recommendations for changes to
5 statutes or regulations to implement covered ex-
6 ceptions.

7 (3) COVERED EXCEPTION DEFINED.—In this
8 subsection, the term “covered exception” means an
9 exception provided under—

10 (A) subparagraph (C) of section 922(o)(2)
11 of title 18, United States Code, as added by
12 this section; or

13 (B) paragraph (5) of section 922(d) of
14 such title, as added by this section.

15 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-
16 ments made by this section shall take effect 30 days after
17 the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 **SEC. 1723. EVALUATION OF RISKS POSED BY COMMUNICA-**
19 **TIONS EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES PRO-**
20 **DUCED BY FOREIGN ADVERSARY ENTITIES.**

21 Section 1709 of the National Defense Authorization
22 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 47 U.S.C.
23 1601 note) is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (a), in the subsection heading,
25 by striking “TO COVERED LIST” and inserting

1 “PRODUCED BY DJI TECHNOLOGIES OR AUTEL RO-
2 BOTICS”;

3 (2) by redesignating subsections (b), (c), and
4 (d) as subsections (c), (d), and (e), respectively;

5 (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
6 lowing new subsection:

7 “(b) EVALUATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYS-
8 TEMS COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES PRO-
9 DUCED BY FOREIGN ADVERSARY ENTITIES.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
11 after the date of the enactment of the National De-
12 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, an ap-
13 propriate national security agency shall determine if
14 any of the following communications equipment or
15 services, including software, pose an unacceptable
16 risk to the national security of the United States or
17 the security and safety of United States persons:

18 “(A) Unmanned aircraft systems that are
19 designed, developed, manufactured, or supplied
20 by any person owned by, controlled by, or sub-
21 ject to the jurisdiction or direction of a foreign
22 adversary.

23 “(B) Unmanned aircraft systems with inte-
24 grated software provided by any person owned

1 by, controlled by, or subject to the jurisdiction
2 or direction of a foreign adversary.

3 “(C) Equipment that uses spectrum in the
4 5030–5091 MHz band, governed by part 88 of
5 title 47, Code of Federal Regulations (or suc-
6 cessor regulations), that is designed, developed,
7 manufactured, or supplied by any person owned
8 by, controlled by, or subject to the jurisdiction
9 or direction of a foreign adversary.

10 “(2) ADDITION TO THE COVERED LIST.—If the
11 appropriate national security agency does not make
12 a determination as required by paragraph (1) by the
13 date that is one year after the date of the enactment
14 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
15 Year 2026, the Commission shall add all equipment
16 and services listed in paragraph (1) to the covered
17 list.”;

18 (4) in subsection (c), as redesignated by para-
19 graph (2), by inserting “or (b)(1)” after “subsection
20 (a)(1)” each place it appears;

21 (5) in subsection (d), as so redesignated, by
22 adding at the end the following:

23 “(6) The term ‘unmanned aircraft system’ has
24 the meaning given that term in section 44801 of
25 title 49, United States Code.

1 “(7) The term ‘foreign adversary’—

2 “(A) means a foreign adversary (as such
3 term is defined in section 8(c) of the Secure
4 and Trusted Communications Networks Act of
5 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1607(c))); and

6 “(B) includes any person owned by, con-
7 trolled by, or subject to the jurisdiction or di-
8 rection of a foreign adversary.

9 “(8) The term ‘person owned by, controlled by,
10 or subject to the jurisdiction or direction of a foreign
11 adversary’ has the meaning given such term in sec-
12 tion 791.301 of title 15, Code of Federal Regula-
13 tions, or any such successor regulation.”; and

14 (6) in subsection (e), as so redesignated, by
15 striking “subsection (b)(1)(A)” and inserting “sub-
16 section (c)(1)(A)”.

1 **TITLE XVIII—STREAMLINING**
2 **PROCUREMENT FOR EFFEC-**
3 **TIVE EXECUTION AND DELIV-**
4 **ERY**

5 **Subtitle A—Alignment of the**
6 **Defense Acquisition System**

7 **SEC. 1801. ALIGNMENT OF THE DEFENSE ACQUISITION SYS-**
8 **TEM WITH THE NEEDS OF MEMBERS OF THE**
9 **ARMED FORCES.**

10 (a) OBJECTIVES OF DEFENSE ACQUISITION SYS-
11 TEM.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3102 of title 10,
13 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:
14 **“§ 3102. Objectives of the defense acquisition system**

15 **“(a) IN GENERAL.—**The Secretary of Defense shall
16 ensure that the defense acquisition system exists to expe-
17 ditiously provide the armed forces with the capabilities
18 necessary to operate effectively, to address evolving
19 threats, and to maintain the military advantage of the
20 United States in the most cost-effective manner prac-
21 ticable.

22 **“(b) GUIDANCE.—**The Secretary of Defense shall
23 issue guidance to carry out subsection (a) that requires
24 the following:

1 “(1) All activities of the defense acquisition sys-
2 tem contribute to the expeditious delivery of capa-
3 bilities to enhance the operational readiness of the
4 armed forces and enable the missions of the Depart-
5 ment of Defense.

6 “(2) The defense acquisition system maximizes
7 the effective use of resources by delivering capabili-
8 ties that offer the best value for the investment
9 made in each capability.

10 “(3) The defense acquisition system encourages
11 and supports the integration of innovative solutions
12 to enhance military effectiveness and responsiveness
13 to emerging threats.

14 “(4) The defense acquisition system encourages
15 an iterative approach to designing and testing tech-
16 nical solutions to enable early identification of solu-
17 tions that do not deliver desired results.

18 “(5) The defense acquisition system supports a
19 leadership and organizational structure that encour-
20 ages risk-taking, collaboration, and learning through
21 failure.

22 “(6) The training and development of members
23 of the acquisition workforce ensures that such mem-
24 bers have the skills to effectively manage acquisition
25 activities in accordance with this section.”.

1 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

2 (A) UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR
3 ACQUISITION AND SUSTAINMENT.—Section
4 133b(b) of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “de-
7 livering and sustaining timely, cost-effec-
8 tive capabilities for the armed forces (and
9 the Department)” and inserting “expedi-
10 tiously providing the armed forces with the
11 capabilities necessary to operate effectively,
12 to address evolving threats, and to main-
13 tain the military advantage of the United
14 States in the most cost-effective manner
15 practicable”; and

16 (ii) in paragraph (9)(A), by striking
17 “defense acquisition programs” and insert-
18 ing “the defense acquisition system, in ac-
19 cordance with the objectives established by
20 section 3102 of this title”.

21 (B) DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONAL TEST
22 AND EVALUATION.—Section 139 of title 10,
23 United States Code, is amended—

1 (i) in subsection (b), by redesignating
2 paragraphs (1) through (6) as paragraphs
3 (2) through (7), respectively; and

4 (ii) by inserting before paragraph (2),
5 as so redesignated, the following new para-
6 graph:

7 “(1) ensure that all operational test and evalua-
8 tion activities are aligned with, and are conducted in
9 a manner that supports, the objectives of the defense
10 acquisition system established by section 3102 of
11 this title;”.

12 (C) DIRECTOR OF COST ASSESSMENT AND
13 PROGRAM EVALUATION.—Section 139a(d) of
14 title 10, United States Code, is amended by in-
15 serting “shall carry out the requirements of this
16 section in accordance with the objectives estab-
17 lished by section 3102 of this title and” before
18 “shall serve”.

19 (b) CIVILIAN MANAGEMENT OF THE DEFENSE AC-
20 QUISTION SYSTEM.—Section 3103 of title 10, United
21 States Code, is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “to ensure the
23 successful and efficient operation of the defense ac-
24 quisition system” and inserting “in accordance with

1 the objectives of the defense acquisition system es-
2 tablished pursuant to section 3102 of this title”; and

3 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “to ensure the
4 successful and efficient operation of such elements of
5 the defense acquisition system.” and inserting the
6 following: “in accordance with the objectives of the
7 defense acquisition system established pursuant to
8 section 3102 of this title. In carrying out this sub-
9 section, each service acquisition executive shall per-
10 form the following:

11 “(1) Implement strategies to effectively and ef-
12 ficiently respond to changes in capability require-
13 ments.

14 “(2) Use data-driven decisionmaking to manage
15 trade-offs among life-cycle costs, delivery schedules,
16 performance objectives, technical feasibility, and pro-
17 curement quantity objectives to ensure acquisition
18 and sustainment programs deliver the best value for
19 the investment made in the program.

20 “(3) Use iterative development cycles and dis-
21 continue or terminate the development of capabili-
22 ties—

23 “(A) that no longer align with approved
24 capability requirements or priorities; or

1 “(B) are experiencing significant cost
2 growth, performance deficiencies, or delays in
3 schedule.

4 “(4) Provide to the Joint Requirements Council
5 timely updates on changes to the acquisition pro-
6 grams under the service acquisition executive, in-
7 cluding any material changes to the capability re-
8 quirements, the quantity to be procured, or the de-
9 livery schedule, to enable the Joint Requirements
10 Council to identify and prioritize gaps in joint mili-
11 tary capabilities resulting from such changes in ac-
12 cordance with section 181(b) of this title.

13 “(5) Ensure the period of assignment of an in-
14 dividual serving in a critical acquisition position (as
15 defined in section 1731 of this title) is of sufficient
16 duration to ensure the development and use of ac-
17 quired expertise, institutional capacity, account-
18 ability in decisionmaking, and stability in the over-
19 sight and management of acquisition activities.

20 “(6) Ensure that contracting officers are appro-
21 priately trained and assigned to support effective
22 contract management.”.

23 (c) ACQUISITION-RELATED FUNCTIONS OF CHIEFS
24 OF THE ARMED FORCES.—

1 (1) PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN ACQUISITION-
2 RELATED FUNCTIONS.—Section 3104(a) of title 10,
3 United States Code, is amended—

4 (A) by inserting “, in accordance with the
5 objectives established pursuant to section
6 3102,” after “Secretary of the military depart-
7 ment concerned”; and

8 (B) by amending paragraphs (1) through
9 (7) to read as follows:

10 “(1) The development of capability requirement
11 statements for equipping the armed force concerned
12 that—

13 “(A) describe the operational problem to
14 provide necessary context for the capability re-
15 quirement; and

16 “(B) describe the solution sought in a non-
17 prescriptive manner to allow agile and innova-
18 tive capability development to address the oper-
19 ational problem;

20 “(2) The implementation of strategies to effec-
21 tively and efficiently inform recommendations re-
22 garding changes in capability requirements described
23 in paragraph (1).

24 “(3) The recommendation of trade-offs among
25 life-cycle costs, delivery schedules, performance ob-

1 jectives, technical feasibility, and procurement quan-
2 tity objectives to ensure acquisition programs deliver
3 best value for the investment made.

4 “(4) In consultation with the Joint Require-
5 ments Council, the establishment and prioritization
6 of requirements to expeditiously provide the armed
7 forces with the capabilities needed to operate effec-
8 tively, to address evolving threats, and to maintain
9 the military advantage of the United States.

10 “(5) The use of data-driven decisionmaking to
11 prioritize resource allocation to meet operational
12 readiness requirements (as defined in section 4322
13 of this title) and the materiel readiness objectives es-
14 tablished by the Secretary of the military depart-
15 ment concerned under section 118(c) of this title.

16 “(6) Support for an environment that enables
17 the adoption and integration of innovative solutions
18 and technologies to enhance military effectiveness
19 and responsiveness.

20 “(7) Any recommendation for the termination
21 of the development of capabilities—

22 “(A) that no longer align with approved
23 capability requirements or priorities;

24 “(B) for which costs have significantly in-
25 creased; or

1 “(C) for which schedule delays have been
2 significant.

3 “(8) Support for the development of career
4 paths in acquisition for military personnel (as re-
5 quired by section 1722a of this title) to ensure such
6 personnel have the necessary skills, knowledge, and
7 experience to fulfill the objectives established pursu-
8 ant to section 3102 of this title.”.

9 (2) ADHERENCE TO REQUIREMENTS IN MAJOR
10 DEFENSE ACQUISITION PROGRAMS.—Section
11 3104(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amend-
12 ed—

13 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “program
14 capability document supporting a Milestone B
15 or subsequent decision” and inserting “require-
16 ments documents”; and

17 (B) in paragraph (2)—

18 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
19 “prior to entry into the Materiel Solution
20 Analysis Phase under Department of De-
21 fense Instruction 5000.02”; and

22 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
23 “cost, schedule, technical feasibility, and
24 performance trade-offs” and inserting
25 “life-cycle cost, delivery schedule, perform-

1 ance objective, technical feasibility, and
2 procurement quantity trade-offs”.

3 (3) DEFINITIONS.—Section 3104(d) of title 10,
4 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:
5 “(d) REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENT DEFINED.—In this
6 section, the term ‘requirements document’ means a docu-
7 ment that establishes the need for a materiel approach to
8 resolve a capability requirement or a joint capability re-
9 quirement (as such terms are defined in section 181 of
10 this title).”.

11 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 30 days after
12 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
13 Defense shall revise Department of Defense Directive
14 5000.01 and any other relevant instructions, policies, or
15 guidance to carry out the requirements of this section and
16 the amendments made by this section.

17 (e) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

18 (1) Section 3101 of title 10, United States
19 Code, is amended to read as follows:

20 **“§ 3101. Definitions**

21 “In this chapter:

22 “(1) The term ‘best value’ means, with respect
23 to an acquisition, the optimal combination of cost,
24 quality, technical capability or solution quality, and
25 delivery schedule.

1 “(2) The term ‘capability requirement’ has the
2 meaning provided in section 181 of this title.

3 “(3) The term ‘cost-effective’ means, with re-
4 spect to an acquisition, the capacity to deliver better
5 results for the same or lower cost compared to alter-
6 natives.”.

7 (2) Section 3001(c) of title 10, United States
8 Code, is amended by striking “this section” and in-
9 serting “this part”.

10 **SEC. 1802. PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER RESPONSIBIL-**
11 **ITIES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 87 of
13 title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after
14 section 1731 the following new section:

15 **“§ 1732. Program executive officer**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A program executive officer is
17 the senior official responsible for the oversight of the
18 plans, budgets, and execution of the programs assigned
19 to the portfolio of such senior official, including life-cycle
20 management.

21 “(b) OBJECTIVES.—In carrying the activities de-
22 scribed in subsection (a), the program executive officer
23 shall seek to achieve the following objectives:

24 “(1) Expeditiously provide the armed forces
25 with the capabilities needed to operate effectively,

1 address evolving threats, and maintain the military
2 advantage of the United States in the most cost-ef-
3 fective manner practicable.

4 “(2) Maximize the effective use of resources by
5 delivering capabilities that offer the best value for
6 the investment made in each capability.

7 “(3) Enable the integration of innovative solu-
8 tions and technologies to enhance military effective-
9 ness and responsiveness to emerging threats.

10 “(c) SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For the programs assigned
12 to the portfolio of a program executive officer, such
13 program executive officer shall be responsible for the
14 following:

15 “(A) Provide expeditious delivery of the ca-
16 pabilities necessary to effectively respond to na-
17 tional security challenges by overseeing the pro-
18 curement, development, and sustainment of de-
19 fense acquisition programs assigned to the pro-
20 gram executive officer.

21 “(B) Ensure the cost-effective allocation of
22 resources by delivering operational capabilities.

23 “(C) Adjust requirements, other than re-
24 quirements that are established as key perform-
25 ance parameters, to maximize the agility and

1 speed in program execution in accordance with
2 the objectives described in subsection (b).

3 “(D) Use iterative development cycles and
4 discontinue or terminate the development of ca-
5 pabilities—

6 “(i) that no longer align with ap-
7 proved capability requirements (as defined
8 in section 181 of this title) or priorities; or

9 “(ii) that are experiencing significant
10 cost growth, performance deficiencies, or
11 delays in schedule.

12 “(E) Evaluate and implement trade-offs
13 among life-cycle costs, delivery schedules, per-
14 formance objectives, technical feasibility, and
15 procurement quantity objectives to ensure ac-
16 quisition and sustainment programs deliver best
17 value in meeting capability requirements (as de-
18 fined in section 181 of this title).

19 “(F) Use data-driven decisionmaking to
20 prioritize resource allocation to meet oper-
21 ational readiness requirements and materiel
22 readiness objectives established by the Secretary
23 concerned under section 118(c) of this title.

24 “(G) Collaborate with the Mission Engi-
25 neering and Integration Activity established

1 under section 1813 of the of the National De-
2 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 to
3 conduct cross-service technical and operational
4 activities to integrate emerging technologies,
5 prototypes, and operational concepts, as appro-
6 priate.

7 “(H) Provide support to the Requirements,
8 Acquisition, and Programming Integration Di-
9 rectorate with respect to the performance of the
10 responsibilities of the Directorate under section
11 186 of this title and serve as a member of the
12 Directorate in accordance with such section.

13 “(2) MILESTONE DECISION AUTHORITY DU-
14 TIES.—A program executive officer shall be the mile-
15 stone decision authority for a program when directed
16 by the service acquisition executive of the military
17 department that is managing the program or if des-
18 ignated by the Secretary of Defense.

19 “(d) FUNCTIONAL SUPPORT.—The Secretary con-
20 cerned with respect to a program executive officer shall
21 ensure that each such program executive officer is as-
22 signed dedicated personnel and other resources required
23 to successfully perform the assigned duties and respon-
24 sibilities of such program executive officer. Personnel shall
25 be under the exclusive authority and control of such offi-

1 cer. Personnel and resources shall not be provided through
2 matrixed, collateral duty, or dual-reporting arrangements,
3 except as specifically authorized by the Secretary in writ-
4 ing. Personnel and resources required include—

5 “(1) contracting and contract management;

6 “(2) estimating costs;

7 “(3) financial management;

8 “(4) life-cycle management and product sup-
9 port;

10 “(5) program management;

11 “(6) engineering and technical management;

12 and

13 “(7) developmental testing and evaluation.”.

14 (b) AMENDMENT TO DEFINITIONS.—Section
15 1737(a)(4) of title 10, United States Code, is amended
16 to read as follows:

17 “(4) The term ‘program executive officer’
18 means an individual described in section 1732(a) of
19 this title.”.

20 **SEC. 1803. PRODUCT SUPPORT MANAGER RESPONSIBIL-**
21 **ITIES AND REQUIREMENTS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 87 of
23 title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after
24 section 1732, as added by section 1802, the following new
25 section:

1 **“§ 1733. Product support manager**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A product support manager is
3 the individual responsible for managing support functions
4 required to field and maintain the readiness and oper-
5 ational capability of a covered system in support of the
6 life-cycle management responsibilities of the program
7 manager for such covered system.

8 “(b) OBJECTIVES.—In carrying the activities de-
9 scribed in subsection (a), the product support manager
10 shall seek to achieve the objectives of the defense acqui-
11 sition system established pursuant to section 3102 of this
12 title.

13 “(c) SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES.—A product sup-
14 port manager shall be responsible for the following:

15 “(1) Provide product support and subject mat-
16 ter expertise with respect to a covered system to the
17 program manager for the covered system to assist
18 with the development, resourcing, implementation,
19 and execution of the product support strategy devel-
20 oped by the product support manager under section
21 4322 of this title for the covered system.

22 “(2) Collaborate with the chief engineer and
23 systems engineers for the covered system—

24 “(A) to develop the life-cycle sustainment
25 plan and any product support plans for the cov-
26 ered system; and

1 “(B) to analyze the operating and support
2 costs of the covered system to ensure the cost-
3 effective operation, management, and avail-
4 ability of the covered system.

5 “(3) Conduct early risk identification, mitiga-
6 tion, and product support analyses that inform best
7 value solutions in life-cycle planning and manage-
8 ment.

9 “(4) Provide input on systems engineering re-
10 quirements, design, budgeting, maintenance plan-
11 ning, and acquisition strategies for covered systems.

12 “(5) Support the program manager in evalu-
13 ating trade-offs among life-cycle costs, delivery
14 schedules, performance objectives, technical feasi-
15 bility, and procurement quantity objectives to ensure
16 each covered system delivers the greatest value for
17 the investment made in the covered system.

18 “(6) Use data-driven decisionmaking, predictive
19 analysis, and appropriate modeling tools related to
20 reliability and maintainability of the covered system
21 to prioritize resource allocation to meet operational
22 readiness requirements and materiel readiness objec-
23 tives (established under section 118(c) of this title).

1 “(7) Support each Secretary of a military de-
2 partment in performance of a core logistics analysis
3 pursuant to section 2464 of this title.

4 “(d) COVERED SYSTEM DEFINED.—In this section,
5 the term ‘covered system’ has the meaning given in section
6 4322 of this title.”.

7 (b) EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE RE-
8 QUIREMENTS FOR PRODUCT SUPPORT MANAGERS.—Sec-
9 tion 1735 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

10 (1) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), and
11 (e) as subsections (d), (e), and (f), respectively; and

12 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
13 lowing new subsection:

14 “(c) PRODUCT SUPPORT MANAGER.—Before being
15 assigned to a position as product support manager, a per-
16 son—

17 “(1) shall have completed all life-cycle logistics
18 certification and training requirements prescribed by
19 the Secretary of Defense;

20 “(2) shall have executed a written agreement as
21 required in section 1734(b)(2) of this title; and

22 “(3) in the case of—

23 “(A) a product support manager of a
24 major defense acquisition program, shall have
25 at least eight years of experience in life-cycle lo-

1 logistics, at least two years of which were per-
2 formed in a systems program office or similar
3 organization; and

4 “(B) a product support manager of a sig-
5 nificant nonmajor defense acquisition program,
6 shall have at least six years of experience in
7 life-cycle logistics.”.

8 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section
9 1731(a)(1)(B) title 10, United States Code, is amended
10 by adding at the end the following new clause:

11 “(iv) Product support manager.”.

12 **SEC. 1804. AMENDMENTS TO LIFE-CYCLE MANAGEMENT**
13 **AND PRODUCT SUPPORT.**

14 (a) REORGANIZATION OF LIFE-CYCLE AND
15 SUSTAINMENT CHAPTER.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 323 of title 10,
17 United States Code, is amended—

18 (A) by repealing sections 4321, 4323, and
19 4324;

20 (B) by redesignating section 4328 as sec-
21 tion 4321 and transferring such section so as to
22 appear after the table of sections at the begin-
23 ning of such chapter;

1 (C) by redesignating section 4325 as sec-
2 tion 4323 and transferring such section so as to
3 appear after section 4321;

4 (D) in section 4323, as so redesignated, by
5 striking “section 4324 of this title” and insert-
6 ing “section 4322 of this title”; and

7 (E) by amending the table of sections at
8 the beginning of such chapter to read as fol-
9 lows:

“4321. Weapon system design: sustainment factors.

“4322. Life-cycle management and product support.

“4323. Major weapon systems: assessment, management, and control of oper-
ating and support costs.”.

10 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

11 (A) Section 3041(a) of title 10, United
12 States Code, is amended by striking “sections
13 4292(e) and 4321” and inserting “section
14 4292(e)”.

15 (B) Section 3221(b)(2) of title 10, United
16 States Code, is amended by striking “4321,
17 4323, and 4328 of this title” and inserting
18 “and 4321 of this title,”.

19 (C) Section 4211(c)(2)(D) of title 10,
20 United States Code, is amended by striking
21 “section 4324 of this title” and inserting “sec-
22 tion 4322 of this title”.

1 (D) Section 4252(b)(14) of title 10, United
2 States Code, is amended by striking “section
3 4324(b) of this title” and inserting “section
4 4322 of this title”.

5 (b) LIFE-CYCLE MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCT SUP-
6 PORT.—Chapter 323 of title 10, United States Code, as
7 amended by subsection (a), is further amended by insert-
8 ing after section 4321 the following new section:

9 **“§ 4322. Life-cycle management and product support**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
11 ensure that each covered system is supported by a life-
12 cycle sustainment plan—

13 “(1) that is approved by the senior acquisition
14 executive responsible for such covered system; and

15 “(2) that meets applicable operational readiness
16 requirements and materiel readiness objectives (es-
17 tablished under section 118(c) of this title) in the
18 most cost-effective manner practicable.

19 “(b) PRODUCT SUPPORT MANAGER.—The Secretary
20 of Defense shall designate a product support manager (as
21 defined in section 1733 of this title) to serve under the
22 supervision of a program manager for each covered sys-
23 tem.

24 “(c) LIFE-CYCLE SUSTAINMENT PLAN.—(1) A prod-
25 uct support manager shall develop, update, and implement

1 a life-cycle sustainment plan for each covered system for
2 which the product support manager is responsible. Such
3 plan shall include the following:

4 “(A) A comprehensive product support strategy
5 to best achieve operational readiness requirements
6 and materiel readiness objectives throughout the
7 planned life cycle of such system.

8 “(B) A life-cycle cost estimate for the covered
9 system that—

10 “(i) is based on the planned product sup-
11 port strategy described in subparagraph (A);
12 and

13 “(ii) if the covered system is a major de-
14 fense acquisition program or major subpro-
15 gram, is developed in accordance with the re-
16 quirements to support a Milestone A approval
17 (as defined in section 4251(e) of this title),
18 Milestone B approval, or Milestone C approval
19 (as such terms are defined in section 4172(e) of
20 this title).

21 “(C) Recommended engineering and design con-
22 siderations that support cost-effective sustainment of
23 the covered system and best value solutions in life
24 cycle planning and management.

1 “(D) An intellectual property management plan
2 for product support developed in accordance with
3 section 3774 of this title.

4 “(E) A strategy to maximize use of public and
5 private sector capabilities to establish Government-
6 private partnerships—

7 “(i) with appropriate incentives for each
8 partner to contribute to the achievement of
9 operational readiness requirements and materiel
10 readiness objectives in the most cost-effective
11 manner practicable; and

12 “(ii) that considers the roles of each part-
13 ner as the covered system transitions from ac-
14 quisition, development, production, fielding,
15 sustainment, and disposal.

16 “(F) A plan to transition the covered system
17 from production to initial fielding that addresses
18 specific products or services required for successful
19 initial fielding of the covered system, including—

20 “(i) a description of the necessary tooling
21 or other unique support equipment, require-
22 ments for initial spare parts and components,
23 technical handbooks and maintenance manuals,
24 maintenance training, and facilities;

1 “(ii) an identification of the funding re-
2 quired to provide such products and services for
3 any initial fielding location of the covered sys-
4 tem;

5 “(iii) an identification of any procurement
6 line, program element, or subactivity group in
7 the budget of the Secretary concerned associ-
8 ated with such products or services;

9 “(iv) the timeline for delivery of such prod-
10 ucts and services; and

11 “(v) an assessment of any reduction in
12 operational readiness requirements and materiel
13 readiness objectives if such products and serv-
14 ices are not provided in accordance with clause
15 (iv).

16 “(2) In developing each life-cycle sustainment plan
17 required by this section, the product support manager
18 shall consider the following:

19 “(A) Affordability constraints and key cost fac-
20 tors that could affect operating and support costs
21 during the life cycle of the covered system.

22 “(B) Sustainment risks or challenges to sus-
23 taining the covered system in operational environ-
24 ments, included contested logistics environments (as
25 defined in section 2926 of this title).

1 “(C) Compliance with—

2 “(i) requirements to maintain a core logis-
3 tics capability under section 2464 of this title;
4 and

5 “(ii) limitations on the performance of
6 depot-level maintenance of materiel under sec-
7 tion 2466 of this title.

8 “(D) A defense industrial base strategy to
9 maintain a robust, resilient, and innovative defense
10 industrial base to support requirements throughout
11 the life cycle of the covered system.

12 “(d) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT AND ACTIVE MAN-
13 AGEMENT.—In carrying out the duties of this section and
14 section 1733 of this title, the product support manager
15 shall—

16 “(1) continuously assess and actively manage
17 performance of each covered system for which the
18 product support manager is responsible against the
19 life-cycle sustainment plan for such covered system;
20 and

21 “(2) as appropriate, integrate commercial best
22 practices, use commercial standards, and use ad-
23 vanced technologies to enhance the product support
24 of each covered system.

1 “(e) RECOMMENDATIONS.—(1) The product support
2 manager shall recommend changes to the product support
3 strategy required under subsection (c)(1)(A) of a covered
4 system to the program manager responsible for such cov-
5 ered system to meet the requirements of subsection (a).

6 “(2) The program manager shall provide to the senior
7 acquisition executive responsible for a covered system any
8 recommendations for such covered system made under
9 paragraph (1) that the program manager did not imple-
10 ment along with the rationale for not implementing such
11 recommendations.

12 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 “(1) The term ‘covered system’ means—

14 “(A) a major defense acquisition program
15 as defined in section 4201 of this title;

16 “(B) a major subprogram as described in
17 section 4203 of this title; or

18 “(C) an acquisition program or project
19 that is carried out using the rapid fielding or
20 rapid prototyping acquisition pathway under
21 section 3602 of this title that is estimated by
22 the Secretary of Defense to require an eventual
23 total expenditure described in section
24 4201(a)(2) of this title.

1 “(2) The term ‘operational readiness’ means
2 the capability of a unit of the armed forces, vessel,
3 weapon system, or equipment to perform the mis-
4 sions or functions for which it is organized or de-
5 signed.

6 “(3) The term ‘product support’ means the set
7 of support functions, as determined by the product
8 support manager, required to field and maintain the
9 readiness and operational capability of a covered sys-
10 tem, or a subsystem or component of a covered sys-
11 tem.”.

12 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO MATERIEL
13 READINESS METRICS AND OBJECTIVES FOR MAJOR
14 WEAPON SYSTEMS.—Section 118 of title 10, United
15 States Code, is amended—

16 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**mate-**
17 **riel readiness**” before “**objectives**”;

18 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “shall ad-
19 dress” and inserting “shall establish procedures and
20 a computation methodology to determine”;

21 (3) in subsection (c)—

22 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “the
23 metrics required” and all that follows through
24 the period at the end and inserting “materiel

1 readiness objectives for each major weapon sys-
2 tem.”; and

3 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “the
4 metrics required by subsection (b)” and insert-
5 ing “such readiness objectives”;

6 (4) in subsection (d)(2), by striking “readiness
7 goals or objectives” and inserting “materiel readi-
8 ness objectives”;

9 (5) in subsection (e), in the matter preceding
10 paragraph (1), by inserting a comma after “des-
11 ignated mission”; and

12 (6) in subsection (f)—

13 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (3), (4),
14 and (5) as paragraphs (4), (5), and (6), respec-
15 tively; and

16 (B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
17 following new paragraph:

18 “(3) The term ‘materiel readiness objective’
19 means the minimum required availability of each
20 major weapon system that is necessary to fulfill the
21 requirements of the strategic framework and guid-
22 ance referred to in subsection (a).”.

1 **SEC. 1805. MODIFICATIONS RELATING TO LIFE-CYCLE AND**
2 **SUSTAINMENT PROVISIONS.**

3 (a) MODIFICATION TO LIFE-CYCLE MANAGEMENT
4 AND PRODUCT SUPPORT.—Subsection (c)(1)(F) of section
5 4322 of title 10, United States Code, as amended by sec-
6 tion 1804 of this Act, is further amended—

7 (1) by striking “A plan” and inserting “After
8 consideration of the views received by the milestone
9 decision authority from appropriate materiel, logis-
10 tics, or fleet representatives, a plan”;

11 (2) by redesignating clauses (iii) through (v) as
12 clauses (iv) through (vi), respectively;

13 (3) by inserting after clause (ii) the following
14 new clause:

15 “(iii) an assessment as to the required
16 number of training simulators, including
17 the initial operational capability and over-
18 all fielding of such simulators;” and

19 (4) in clause (vi) (as so redesignated), by strik-
20 ing “in accordance with clause (iv)” and inserting in
21 “accordance with clause (v)”.

22 (b) ELEMENTS.—Subsection (b) of section 4323 of
23 title 10, United States Code, as redesignated by section
24 1804 of this Act, is amended—

25 (1) by striking paragraphs (9) and (10);

1 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through
2 (8) as paragraphs (5) through (9), respectively;

3 (3) in paragraph (1), by inserting “in accord-
4 ance with the requirements of section 118 of this
5 title and” before “in conjunction”;

6 (4) in paragraph (3), by striking “, to deter-
7 mine” and all that follows through the semicolon at
8 the end and inserting “and make necessary adjust-
9 ments to the life-cycle sustainment plan required by
10 section 4322 of this title to ensure such major weap-
11 on system meets applicable operational readiness re-
12 quirements and materiel readiness objectives (estab-
13 lished in accordance with section 118(c) of this title)
14 in the most cost-effective manner practicable;”;

15 (5) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
16 lowing new paragraph:

17 “(4) require the military departments to, not
18 later than August 1 of each calendar year, conduct
19 an annual assessment of the actual performance of
20 each major weapon system against the operational
21 readiness requirements and materiel readiness objec-
22 tives and use such assessment to—

23 “(A) identify any factors contributing to a
24 major weapon system failing to meet such re-
25 quirements and objectives;

1 “(B) develop and implement a corrective
2 action plan to address identified shortfalls in
3 meeting such requirements and objectives in an
4 expeditious manner; and

5 “(C) inform the submission of materials to
6 Congress required by section 118(c)(2) of this
7 title and the development of the future years
8 defense program described in section 221 of
9 this title;”;

10 (6) in paragraph (9) (as so redesignated), by
11 inserting “and” after the semicolon at the end; and

12 (7) by inserting after paragraph (9) (as so re-
13 designated) the following new paragraph:

14 “(10) prior to the Milestone B approval (or
15 equivalent approval) for a major weapon system, re-
16 quire the military departments to prepare a life cycle
17 intellectual property management plan for product
18 support sufficient to comply with the requirements
19 of section 2464 of this title, including requirements
20 for technical data, software, and modular open sys-
21 tem approaches (as defined in section 4401 of this
22 title).”.

23 (c) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Such section 4323
24 is further amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
2 section (e); and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
4 lowing new subsection:

5 “(d) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
6 December 31, 2026, and annually thereafter, each Sec-
7 retary of a military department shall submit to the con-
8 gressional defense committees a report that includes the
9 following:

10 “(1) Findings from a review of the effectiveness
11 of the life-cycle sustainment plan for a major weap-
12 on system, as adjusted pursuant to subsection
13 (b)(3).

14 “(2) Findings from the assessments required by
15 subsection (b)(4).

16 “(3) A description of any corrective action plan
17 required by subsection (b)(4)(B), and an update on
18 progress made in implementing such a plan.

19 “(4) A description of how such assessments in-
20 formed the submission of materials to Congress re-
21 quired by section 118(c)(2) of this title and the de-
22 velopment of the future years defense program de-
23 scribed in section 221 of this title.

24 “(5) A summary of actions taken by the Sec-
25 retary to ensure that each major weapon system of

1 the military department under the jurisdiction of the
2 Secretary meet the applicable operational readiness
3 requirements and materiel readiness objectives (es-
4 tablished under section 118(c) of this title) in the
5 most cost-effective manner practicable.

6 “(6) For a major weapon system that has not
7 met established materiel readiness objectives for ma-
8 teriel availability or operational availability (as such
9 terms are defined, respectively, in section 118 of this
10 title) for three consecutive years, such report shall
11 include a mitigation plan to address supply, mainte-
12 nance, or other issues contributing to failure to meet
13 such objectives.”.

14 **SEC. 1806. MAJOR CAPABILITY ACTIVITY AREAS AND PATH-**
15 **FINDER PROGRAMS.**

16 (a) TRANSITION PLAN REQUIRED.—

17 (1) SUBMISSION OF PLAN.—Not later than one
18 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
19 Secretary of Defense, in coordination with each Sec-
20 retary of a military department, shall submit to the
21 congressional defense committees a comprehensive
22 plan for reorganizing the structure of the relevant
23 defense budget materials to be primarily organized
24 around major capability activity areas (“MCAAs”).

1 (2) ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN.—The plan re-
2 quired under paragraph (1) shall be developed to
3 more effectively facilitate the development, fielding,
4 operation, sustainment, and modernization of capa-
5 bilities or activities of the Department of Defense in
6 accordance with the objectives established pursuant
7 to section 3102 of title 10, United States Code, as
8 added by section 1801 of this Act. Such plan shall
9 include the following:

10 (A) A description of each proposed MCAA,
11 including how the specific capability of the De-
12 partment of Defense that is the subject of each
13 MCAA aligns with and supports joint military
14 capabilities.

15 (B) A proposed schedule, including bench-
16 marks, for phased implementation of the plan
17 to organize the programs of each military de-
18 partment and Defense Agency in a manner pri-
19 marily organized around MCAAs.

20 (C) A description of any modifications to
21 reporting, budget justification, or data systems
22 required for defense budget materials to be pri-
23 marily organized around MCAAs, including
24 modifications necessary to maintain trans-

1 parency and enable effective oversight by the
2 congressional defense committees.

3 (D) Recommendations for statutory or reg-
4 ulatory changes needed to facilitate the reorga-
5 nization of defense budget materials to be pri-
6 marily organized around MCAAs.

7 (E) A strategy for maintaining clarity and
8 detail for defense budget materials primarily or-
9 ganized around MCAAs to—

10 (i) preserve accountability for the de-
11 livery of a capability of the Department of
12 Defense that is the subject of the MCAA;
13 and

14 (ii) enable effective oversight by the
15 congressional defense committees.

16 (F) A description of the process for desig-
17 nating a Pathfinder under subsection (b).

18 (3) ORGANIZATION BY MCAAS.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—In designating the pro-
20 posed MCAAs required by subsection (a)(2)(A),
21 the Secretary shall—

22 (i) organize each proposed MCAA in a
23 capability-oriented structure that reflects
24 the unique and specific aspects of the sub-
25 ject capability of the MCAA;

1 (ii) assign relevant development, pro-
2 curement, operations, and sustainment ac-
3 tivities of the Department to the proposed
4 MCAA as appropriate; and

5 (iii) ensure each proposed MCAA is
6 organized in a manner that—

7 (I) will improve the ability to
8 measure and manage the overall per-
9 formance in the delivery of the subject
10 capability of the proposed MCAA; and

11 (II) connects funding for activi-
12 ties assigned to the proposed MCAA
13 to the delivery of subject capability.

14 (B) FLEXIBILITY.—The Secretary of De-
15 fense shall ensure each military department and
16 Defense Agency has flexibility, according to
17 their specific mission requirements, in the orga-
18 nization of proposed MCAAs.

19 (b) DESIGNATION OF PATHFINDER MCAAS.—

20 (1) DESIGNATION.—Not later than 90 days
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
22 retary of Defense shall—

23 (A) designate at least two program execu-
24 tive offices of the Department of Defense to be
25 known as “Pathfinders”;

1 (B) identify the program executive officer
2 (as described in section 1732 of title 10, United
3 States Code, as added by section 1802 of this
4 Act) with the responsibility of administering
5 each such Pathfinder;

6 (C) ensure each such program executive of-
7 ficer organizes the programs assigned to such
8 offices into a MCAA in accordance with the re-
9 quirements of subsection (a)(3); and

10 (D) submit to the congressional defense
11 committees a notification of each designation
12 made under subparagraph (A), including the
13 total amount authorized to be appropriated for
14 each Pathfinder for fiscal year 2026 and a de-
15 scription of the MCAA associated with each
16 Pathfinder.

17 (2) ADDITIONAL OR ALTERNATIVE MATE-
18 RIALS.—To inform the development of the plan re-
19 quired by subsection (a), each program executive of-
20 ficer for a Pathfinder shall prepare alternative or
21 additional defense budget materials or develop alter-
22 native oversight mechanisms for the capability of the
23 Department of Defense that is the subject of the
24 Pathfinder.

1 (3) MODIFIED TRANSFER AUTHORITY FOR
2 PATHFINDERS.—

3 (A) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of De-
4 fense, acting through a Secretary of a military
5 department or the head of a Defense Agency,
6 may transfer amounts authorized for programs,
7 projects, or activities that are included in a
8 Pathfinder under the jurisdiction of such Sec-
9 retary or head among such programs, projects,
10 or activities.

11 (B) LIMITATIONS.—A transfer made under
12 this paragraph—

13 (i) shall directly support delivery of
14 the capability of the Department of De-
15 fense that is the subject of the Pathfinder;

16 (ii) may not be used to initiate a new
17 start program (as described in section
18 3601 of title 10, United States Code);

19 (iii) may not be used to terminate a
20 program or activity of the Department that
21 was in operation on or before the date of
22 the designation of the Pathfinder; and

23 (iv) may not exceed 40 percent of the
24 total amount for a Pathfinder specified
25 under paragraph (1)(D).

1 (4) ADDITIONAL PATHFINDERS.—The Sec-
2 retary of Defense may designate additional MCAAs
3 as Pathfinders under the authority of this subsection
4 if the Secretary notifies the congressional defense
5 committees not later than 15 days prior to each
6 such designation.

7 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 540 days
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
10 nually thereafter until December 31, 2029, the Sec-
11 retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional
12 defense committees a report on the progress of the
13 Secretary of Defense in—

14 (A) implementing the plan to reorganize
15 the structure of the defense budget materials to
16 be primarily organized around major capability
17 activity areas; and

18 (B) assessing the effectiveness of the use
19 of a capability-oriented structure in subsection
20 (a)(3) and Pathfinders in subsection (b) to—

21 (i) improve the ability to measure and
22 manage the overall performance in the de-
23 livery of the subject capability of the pro-
24 posed MCAA or Pathfinder;

1 (ii) inform and improve budget plan-
2 ning for future activities assigned to the
3 proposed MCAA or Pathfinder for the de-
4 livery of subject capability; and

5 (iii) achieve the objectives of the de-
6 fense acquisition system established pursu-
7 ant to section 3102 of title 10, United
8 States Code (as added by section 1801 of
9 this Act).

10 (2) CONTENTS.—The report required under
11 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

12 (A) An evaluation of how the use of
13 MCAAs in preparing defense budget materials
14 has affected the use and allocation of resources
15 and the alignment of such materials with the
16 objectives of the defense acquisition system.

17 (B) The extent to which MCAAs and use
18 of the transfer authority under subsection
19 (b)(3) for Pathfinders affect the speed of ad-
20 dressing emerging threats and adopting new
21 technologies.

22 (C) An analysis of any costs or benefits of
23 using MCAAs.

24 (D) Recommendations, including statutory
25 or regulatory modifications, for—

- 1 (i) expanding the use of Pathfinders;
2 and
3 (ii) continuing the transition to using
4 MCAAs to prepare defense budget mate-
5 rials.

6 (d) GUIDANCE AND DIRECTIVES.—The Secretary of
7 Defense shall issue such rules or guidance as necessary
8 to carry out this section, and shall ensure such rules and
9 guidance align with recommendations for improved agility
10 and transparency provided by the Commission on Plan-
11 ning, Programming, Budgeting and Execution Reform
12 (established under section 1004 of the National Defense
13 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–
14 81)).

15 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) The term “defense budget materials”, with
17 respect to a fiscal year, means the materials sub-
18 mitted to Congress by the Secretary of Defense in
19 support of the budget for that fiscal year.

20 (2) The term “major capability activity area”
21 or “MCAA” means a compilation of activities that
22 relate to the delivery of a capability of the Depart-
23 ment of Defense, as determined by the Secretary of
24 Defense, for purposes of display in the defense budg-
25 et materials.

1 (3) The term “joint military capabilities” has
2 the meaning given in section 181 of title 10, United
3 States Code.

4 **Subtitle B—Requirements Process** 5 **Reform**

6 **SEC. 1811. JOINT REQUIREMENTS COUNCIL.**

7 (a) AMENDMENT TO NAME AND MISSION OF JOINT
8 REQUIREMENTS OVERSIGHT COUNCIL.—Section 181 of
9 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

10 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**Over-**
11 **sight**”;

12 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “Joint Re-
13 quirements Oversight Council in the Department of
14 Defense.” and inserting the following: “Joint Re-
15 quirements Council (in this section referred to as the
16 ‘Council’) in the Department of Defense. The Coun-
17 cil shall—

18 “(1) assist the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of
19 Staff in carrying out the functions described in sec-
20 tion 153 of this title; and

21 “(2) provide recommendations for addressing
22 joint operational problems to the Requirements, Ac-
23 quisition, and Programming Integration Directorate
24 established under section 186 of this title (in this
25 section referred to as ‘RAPID’).”; and

1 (3) by striking “Joint Requirements Oversight
2 Council” each place it appears and inserting “Joint
3 Requirements Council”.

4 (b) DUTIES.—Subsection (b) of such section 181 is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 “(b) DUTIES.—The Council shall support the objec-
7 tives established pursuant to section 3102 of this title by
8 performing the following duties:

9 “(1) Continuously evaluating global trends, ad-
10 versary capabilities, and emerging threats to inform
11 awareness and understanding of joint operational
12 problems.

13 “(2) In coordination with commanders of com-
14 batant commands, compiling, refining, and
15 prioritizing joint operational problems.

16 “(3) Identifying and prioritizing gaps in joint
17 military capabilities to address joint operational
18 problems.

19 “(4) Identifying advances in technology and in-
20 novative concepts of operation that could improve
21 the ability of the joint force to address evolving
22 threats and maintain the military advantage of the
23 United States.

24 “(5) Developing a joint capability requirement
25 statement that—

1 “(A) describes the joint operational prob-
2 lem to provide necessary context for the joint
3 capability requirement; and

4 “(B) describes the solution sought in a
5 nonprescriptive manner to allow agile and inno-
6 vative development of joint capability require-
7 ments to address the joint operational problem.

8 “(6) Making the following recommendations to
9 RAPID:

10 “(A) With respect to a quick action re-
11 quirement, actions to fulfill such quick action
12 requirement, not later than 30 days after re-
13 ceipt or identification of such quick action re-
14 quirement.

15 “(B) Actions to fulfill each joint capability
16 requirement necessary to address joint oper-
17 ational problems, not later than 60 days after
18 receipt or identification of such a joint oper-
19 ational problem.

20 “(C) Modifications to joint force design
21 suitable for addressing joint operational prob-
22 lems or effectively integrating advancements in
23 technology and new concepts of operation.

24 “(D) Ways to improve operational effec-
25 tiveness, increase operational flexibility, or im-

1 prove interoperability and coordination between
2 and among joint military capabilities and the
3 military capabilities of allies or partners.

4 “(7) Providing notification to Deputy Secretary
5 of Defense—

6 “(A) upon receipt or identification of a
7 quick action requirement; and

8 “(B) upon submission of any recommenda-
9 tion to RAPID.”.

10 (c) COMPOSITION.—Subsection (c) of such section
11 181 is amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (1)(A)—

13 (A) by inserting “and RAPID” before “for
14 making recommendations”; and

15 (B) by striking “joint performance require-
16 ments” and inserting “joint capability require-
17 ments”; and

18 (2) in paragraph (3), by inserting “and
19 RAPID” after “Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of
20 Staff”.

21 (d) ADVISORS.—Subsection (d) of such section 181
22 is amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (2)—

24 (A) by inserting “strongly” before “con-
25 sider”; and

1 (B) by striking “its mission under para-
2 graphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b)” and in-
3 serting “the duties described in subsection (b)”;
4 and
5 (2) in paragraph (3)—

6 (A) by striking “seek, and strongly con-
7 sider,” and inserting “seek and consider”;

8 (B) by striking “, in their roles as cus-
9 tomers of the acquisition system,”; and

10 (C) by striking “under subsection (b)(2)
11 and joint performance requirements pursuant to
12 subsection (b)(3)”.

13 (e) RESPONSIBILITY FOR CAPABILITY REQUIRE-
14 MENTS.—Subsection (e) of such section 181 is amended
15 to read as follows:

16 “(e) RESPONSIBILITY FOR CAPABILITY REQUIRE-
17 MENTS.—The Chief of Staff of an armed force is respon-
18 sible for the capability requirements for that armed
19 force.”.

20 (f) ANALYTIC AND ENGINEERING SUPPORT.—Sub-
21 section (f) of such section 181 is amended—

22 (1) in the subsection heading, by inserting
23 “AND ENGINEERING” after “ANALYTIC”;

24 (2) by inserting “and the Mission Engineering
25 and Integration Activity established under section

1 1813 of the National Defense Authorization Act for
2 Fiscal Year 2026” after “the Office of Cost Assess-
3 ment and Program Evaluation”; and

4 (3) by striking “in operations research, systems
5 analysis, and cost estimation to the Joint Require-
6 ments Oversight Council”.

7 (g) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION TO CONGRES-
8 SIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES.—Subsection (g) of such
9 section 181 is amended—

10 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking
11 “OVERSIGHT”; and

12 (2) by striking “oversight information” and in-
13 serting “information”.

14 (h) DEFINITIONS.—Subsection (h) of such section
15 181 is amended to read as follows:

16 “(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 “(1) The term ‘capability requirement’ means a
18 requirement for a capability that is critical or essen-
19 tial to address an operational problem.

20 “(2) The term ‘joint capability requirement’
21 means a capability requirement, including a capa-
22 bility requirement related to a requirement for joint
23 force interoperability, that is critical or essential to
24 address a specific joint operational problem.

1 “(3) The term ‘joint military capabilities’
2 means the collective capabilities across the joint
3 force, including both joint and force-specific capabili-
4 ties, that are available to conduct military oper-
5 ations.

6 “(4) The term ‘joint operational problem’
7 means a joint challenge faced by a combatant com-
8 mand in achieving an assigned military objective and
9 may include limitations in capabilities, resources, or
10 the ability to effectively and efficiently coordinate
11 across the joint force, with another combatant com-
12 mand, among joint military capabilities, or with the
13 military capabilities of allies or partners.

14 “(5) The term ‘operational problem’ means a
15 challenge or barrier in an operational environment
16 that needs to be overcome to achieve a specific mili-
17 tary objective.

18 “(6) The term ‘quick action requirement’ has
19 the meaning given in Department of Defense Direc-
20 tive 5000.71 titled ‘Rapid Fulfillment of Combatant
21 Commander Urgent Operational Needs’ (August 24,
22 2012).”.

23 (i) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 30 days after
24 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Chairman of
25 the Joint Chiefs shall revise policies for the Joint Strategic

1 Planning System (established under the Chairman of the
2 Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction 3100.01F), the Manual
3 for the Operation of the Joint Capabilities Integration and
4 Development System (issued October 30, 2021) and any
5 other relevant instructions, policies, or guidance to carry
6 out the requirements of this section and the amendments
7 made by this section.

8 (j) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

9 (1) TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE.—Title 10,
10 United States Code, is amended—

11 (A) in section 139a, by striking “Joint Re-
12 quirements Oversight Council” each place it ap-
13 pears and inserting “Joint Requirements Coun-
14 cil”;

15 (B) in section 153(a)(5)(F), by striking
16 “section 181 of this title” and inserting “sec-
17 tions 181 and 186 of this title”;

18 (C) in section 179(c)(9)—

19 (i) by striking “Joint Requirements
20 Oversight Council” and inserting “Joint
21 Requirements Council”; and

22 (ii) by striking “section 181(h)” and
23 inserting “section 181”;

24 (D) in section 2926(f)(5)(C), by striking
25 “describing” and all that follows through “de-

1 tails regarding” and inserting “describing de-
2 tails regarding”;

3 (E) in section 3067(b)(1), by striking
4 “Joint Requirements Oversight Council” and
5 inserting “Joint Requirements Council”;

6 (F) in section 3136(e)(1)(A)(ii), by strik-
7 ing “approved by the Joint Requirements Over-
8 sight Council and” and inserting “recommended
9 for approval by the Requirements, Acquisition,
10 and Programming Integration Directorate (es-
11 tablished under section 186 of this title)”;

12 (G) in section 4202(a)(2)(A), by striking
13 “joint military requirement” and all that fol-
14 lows through the period at the end and insert-
15 ing the following: “joint capability requirement,
16 as determined by the Requirements, Acquisi-
17 tion, and Programming Integration Directorate
18 (established under section 186 of this title)”;

19 (H) by amending section 4251(e)(1) to
20 read as follows:

21 “(1) The term ‘requirements document’ has the
22 meaning given in section 3104(d) of this title.”;

23 (I) in section 4252(b)(9), by striking
24 “Joint Requirements Oversight Council” and
25 inserting “Joint Requirements Council”;

1 (J) in section 4376—

2 (i) in subsection (a), by striking “,
3 after consultation with the Joint Require-
4 ments Oversight Council regarding pro-
5 gram requirements,”;

6 (ii) in subsection (b)(2)(B), by strik-
7 ing “joint military requirement (as defined
8 in section 181(g)(1) of this title) at less
9 cost” and inserting “joint capability re-
10 quirement at less cost”; and

11 (iii) in subsection (c)(3), by striking
12 “joint military requirements” and inserting
13 “joint capability requirements”; and

14 (K) in section 5514(b)(2)(C)(ii), by strik-
15 ing “Joint Requirements Oversight Council”
16 and inserting “Joint Requirements Council”.

17 (2) OTHER LAWS.—

18 (A) Section 902(d) of the National Defense
19 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10
20 U.S.C. 139a note) is amended—

21 (i) by striking “, performance require-
22 ments, and joint performance require-
23 ments” and inserting “or performance re-
24 quirements”; and

1 (ii) by striking “Joint Requirements
2 Oversight Council to validate such require-
3 ments” and inserting “Joint Requirements
4 Council”.

5 (B) Section 1684(d)(4)(A)(i) of the Na-
6 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
7 Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 2271 note) is amended
8 by striking “either approved by, or in develop-
9 ment for, the Joint Requirements Oversight
10 Council” and inserting “in development for con-
11 sideration or under consideration by the Joint
12 Requirements Council”.

13 (C) Section 1686(b)(1) of the National De-
14 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024
15 (10 U.S.C. 2224 note) is amended by striking
16 “through the Joint Requirements Oversight
17 Council” and inserting “in consultation with
18 the Requirements, Acquisition, and Program-
19 ming Integration Directorate (established under
20 section 186 of title 10, United States Code)”.

21 (D) Section 1510(b)(2) of the National
22 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023
23 (10 U.S.C. 113 note) is amended by striking
24 “Joint Requirements Oversight Council” and
25 inserting “Joint Requirements Council”.

1 (E) Section 915(a)(1) of the National De-
2 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023
3 (10 U.S.C. 132 note) is amended by striking
4 “Joint Requirements Oversight Council” and
5 inserting “Joint Requirements Council”.

6 (F) Section 938(a)(1) of the National De-
7 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014
8 (10 U.S.C. 4571 note prec.) is amended by
9 striking “Joint Requirements Oversight Coun-
10 cil” and inserting “Joint Requirements Coun-
11 cil”.

12 (3) REPEALS.—The following provisions of law
13 are repealed:

14 (A) Section 942 of the National Defense
15 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (10
16 U.S.C. 181 note).

17 (B) Section 916 of the Floyd D. Spence
18 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
19 Year 2001 (10 U.S.C. 181 note).

20 (C) Section 105(b) of the Weapon Systems
21 Acquisition Reform Act of 2009 (10 U.S.C. 181
22 note).

23 (D) Section 201 of the Weapon Systems
24 Acquisition Reform Act of 2009 (10 U.S.C.
25 3102 note).

1 **SEC. 1812. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REQUIREMENTS, AC-**
2 **QUISITION, AND PROGRAMMING INTEGRA-**
3 **TION DIRECTORATE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 7 of title 10, United
5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 185 the
6 following new section:

7 **“§ 186. Requirements, Acquisition, and Programming**
8 **Integration Directorate**

9 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is within the Depart-
10 ment of Defense a Requirements, Acquisition, and Pro-
11 gramming Integration Directorate (in this section referred
12 to as ‘RAPID’).

13 “(b) PURPOSES.—RAPID shall—

14 “(1) serve as the principal forum within the De-
15 partment of Defense to inform, coordinate, and
16 evaluate solutions to joint operational problems;

17 “(2) provide senior oversight, coordination, and
18 budget and capability harmonization with respect to
19 such matters; and

20 “(3) act as an advisory body to the Secretary
21 of Defense and the Deputy Secretary of Defense
22 with respect to such matters.

23 “(c) ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP.—RAPID
24 shall consist of the following members:

25 “(1) The Chairman of the Joint Requirements
26 Council and the Director of Cost Assessment and

1 Program Evaluation, who shall serve as co-directors
2 of RAPID.

3 “(2) One member designated by each com-
4 mander of a combatant command.

5 “(3) One member designated by the Chairman
6 of the Joint Requirements Council.

7 “(4) One member designated by the Director of
8 Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation.

9 “(5) One member designated by each service
10 acquisition executive of a military department.

11 “(6) One member designated by the principal
12 staff assistant for the Mission Engineering and Inte-
13 gration Activity (established under section 1813 of
14 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
15 Year 2026).

16 “(7) One member designated by the executive
17 director of the Joint Rapid Acquisition Cell (as de-
18 scribed in the Department of Defense Directive
19 5000.71 titled ‘Rapid Fulfillment of Combatant
20 Commander Urgent Operational Needs’ (August 24,
21 2012).

22 “(8) One member designated by each portfolio
23 executive officer or a similar member of the acquisi-
24 tion workforce responsible for the execution of a rec-
25 ommendation under consideration by RAPID.

1 “(d) RESPONSIBILITIES.—(1) RAPID shall—

2 “(A) promptly convene relevant members to as-
3 sess a proposed joint capability requirement to ad-
4 dress a joint operational problem by considering,
5 with respect to such proposed joint capability re-
6 quirement—

7 “(i) associated resource requirements;

8 “(ii) mission engineering and interoper-
9 ability considerations for integration into joint
10 architectures; and

11 “(iii) factors related to acquisition and
12 sustainment; and

13 “(B) provide prioritized recommendations for
14 solutions to such joint operational problem to the
15 Secretary of Defense and Deputy Secretary of De-
16 fense.

17 “(2) In carrying out paragraph (1), RAPID shall—

18 “(A) use data-driven decisionmaking to
19 prioritize resource allocation;

20 “(B) maximize the effective use of resources by
21 enabling timely delivery of solutions to address a
22 joint operational problem in a manner that provides
23 the greatest value for the investment made;

1 “(C) enable the adoption and integration of so-
2 lutions to enhance military effectiveness and respon-
3 siveness to emerging threats; and

4 “(D) in addition to any other considerations re-
5 quired under this subsection, consider—

6 “(i) joint capability requirement state-
7 ments or other relevant justification materials
8 provided by the Joint Requirements Council;

9 “(ii) any analysis and recommendations
10 provided by the Mission Engineering and Inte-
11 gration Activity or the Director of Cost Assess-
12 ment and Program Evaluation relating to re-
13 source requirements described in paragraph
14 (1)(A)(i);

15 “(iii) recommendations from relevant serv-
16 ice acquisition executives or program executive
17 officers related to planning and execution of the
18 proposed joint capability requirement, including
19 budget planning and management, acquisition
20 approach, program management, and life-cycle
21 management for a proposed joint capability re-
22 quirement; and

23 “(iv) the need to incorporate measure for
24 technology protection in certain covered systems
25 to enable the use or sale of proposed technology

1 solutions to joint operational problems with al-
2 lies and partner countries in a manner that pro-
3 tects national security interest while promoting
4 international collaboration.

5 “(e) RECOMMENDATION.—(1) Not later than 30 days
6 after the date of receipt of a recommendation with respect
7 to a joint capability requirement for a joint operational
8 problem, from the Joint Requirements Council in accord-
9 ance with section 181 of this title, RAPID shall submit
10 to the Deputy Secretary of Defense a recommendation for
11 a solution to the joint operational problem that includes
12 the following:

13 “(A) A description of the resources needed to
14 implement the solution and, as appropriate, re-
15 sources needed to support the acquisition and
16 sustainment of such solution of over the anticipated
17 life cycle of the solution.

18 “(B) Any recommended actions necessary to en-
19 able integration of the solution into the joint force
20 or to revise joint concepts of operation to best re-
21 solve the joint operational problem.

22 “(C) With respect to a solution for which access
23 may be shared with an ally or partner country, rec-
24 ommended considerations—

1 “(i) to be incorporated during the design
2 and development phase of the solution; and

3 “(ii) to facilitate future production and lo-
4 gistics support for the solution to the ally or
5 partner country.

6 “(D) Any necessary changes to policy or guid-
7 ance to enable effective acquisition, fielding, and em-
8 ployment of a solution that is a joint military capa-
9 bility.

10 “(E) Any other recommended actions to expedi-
11 tiously provide the armed forces with the capabilities
12 necessary to operate effectively, to address evolving
13 threats, and to maintain the military advantage of
14 the United States in the most cost-effective manner
15 practicable.

16 “(2) The co-chairs of RAPID may request an addi-
17 tional amount of time, not to exceed 30 days, to provide
18 a recommendation related to a joint capability require-
19 ment that is not a quick action requirement to the Deputy
20 Secretary of Defense under this subsection.

21 “(f) DETERMINATION.—(1) Not later than 30 days
22 after receipt of a recommendation under subsection (e),
23 the Deputy Secretary of Defense shall issue a memo-
24 randum that approves, approves with modification, or re-
25 jects such a recommendation.

1 “(2) The Deputy Secretary of Defense shall include
2 along with a memorandum that approves or approves with
3 modification a recommendation described in paragraph (1)
4 specific direction and guidance to the applicable element
5 of the Department of Defense to which such recommenda-
6 tion applies.

7 “(3) The Deputy Secretary of Defense shall include
8 along with a memorandum that rejects a recommendation
9 described in paragraph (1) a specific direction—

10 “(A) for alternative action to be taken by the
11 applicable element of the Department of Defense to
12 which such recommendation applies to address the
13 relevant joint operational problem; or

14 “(B) to RAPID for further action to address
15 the relevant joint operational problem.

16 “(g) NOTIFICATION.—If the Deputy Secretary of De-
17 fense fails to issue a memorandum as required by sub-
18 section (f) within 90 days after the date on which the
19 Joint Requirements Council provides a recommendation to
20 address a joint operational problem to the RAPID, the
21 Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional de-
22 fense committees a notification of such failure.

23 “(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 “(1) The terms ‘joint capability requirement’,
25 ‘joint military capability’, ‘joint operational problem’,

1 and ‘quick action requirement’ have the meanings
2 given, respectively, in section 181 of this title.

3 “(2) The term ‘relevant member’ means a mem-
4 ber of RAPID (or a designee) that has a primary in-
5 terest in, or responsibility for, a proposed joint capa-
6 bility requirement or quick action requirement under
7 assessment by RAPID.”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO DIRECTOR OF
9 COST ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION.—Sec-
10 tion 139a(d) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

11 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through
12 (9) as paragraphs (5) through (10), respectively;
13 and

14 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
15 lowing new paragraph:

16 “(4) Analysis and advice for resource discus-
17 sions relating to joint capability requirements under
18 consideration by the Requirements, Acquisition, and
19 Programming Integration Directorate pursuant to
20 section 186 of this title.”.

21 **SEC. 1813. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MISSION ENGINEER-**
22 **ING AND INTEGRATION ACTIVITY.**

23 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 120 days after
24 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
25 Defense shall establish within the Department of Defense

1 a Mission Engineering and Integration Activity (in this
2 section referred to as “MEIA”).

3 (b) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall
4 designate a principal staff assistant from within the Office
5 of the Secretary of Defense whose office shall serve as the
6 office of primary responsibility for MEIA.

7 (c) DUTIES.—The principal staff assistant des-
8 ignated under subsection (b) shall have the following du-
9 ties:

10 (1) Lead cross-service activities to develop,
11 identify, analyze, and validate integrated technology
12 solutions to address joint operational problems.

13 (2) Coordinate with the appropriate program
14 executive officers to align and implement such activi-
15 ties.

16 (3) Proactively seek and consider feedback of
17 the primary users and operators of proposed tech-
18 nology solutions to address joint operational prob-
19 lems throughout the implementation of such activi-
20 ties.

21 (4) Upon request, perform analysis for, experi-
22 ment with, and prototype technology to integrate
23 such technology into joint architectures, to use such
24 technology, to inform operational concepts, and to
25 provide analysis or recommendations regarding the

1 use of such technology to the Requirements, Acquisi-
2 tion, and Programming Integration Directorate, es-
3 tablished by section 186 of title 10, United States
4 Code, as added by this Act (in this section referred
5 to as “RAPID”).

6 (5) Coordinate with commanders of the combat-
7 ant commands to understand the priorities of com-
8 manders and support the fielding of integrated tech-
9 nology solutions to address joint operational prob-
10 lems.

11 (6) Upon request, assist a program executive
12 officer in carrying out the responsibilities established
13 under section 1732 of title 10, United States Code,
14 as added by section 1802 of this Act, by providing
15 analysis, recommendations, and engineering assist-
16 ance in the integration of technology solutions re-
17 lated to the capabilities for which the program exec-
18 utive officer is responsible.

19 (7) Use existing authorities (including authori-
20 ties provided in section 4022 of title 10, United
21 States Code) to carry out this section.

22 (d) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—

23 (1) PLAN.—Not later than 90 days after the
24 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of

1 Defense shall submit to the congressional defense
2 committees an implementation plan for MEIA.

3 (2) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by para-
4 graph (1) shall include a description of the following:

5 (A) The organizational structure and re-
6 source requirements associated with the estab-
7 lishment and operation of MEIA.

8 (B) How MEIA will support and inform
9 the RAPID in carrying out the requirements of
10 section 186 of title 10, United States Code.

11 (C) Each budget line item or program ele-
12 ment that will be associated with the activities
13 of MEIA.

14 (D) Coordination between MEIA and rel-
15 evant elements of the Department of Defense
16 that are established to identify and support the
17 development of, experimentation with, and inte-
18 gration of technology solutions to address joint
19 operational problems for the Department, in-
20 cluding—

21 (i) the Defense Innovation Unit estab-
22 lished under section 4217 of the title 10,
23 United States Code;

1 (ii) the Defense Research and Devel-
2 opment Rapid Innovation Program estab-
3 lished under section 4061 of such title;

4 (iii) a entity of the Department of De-
5 fense that is a member of the Defense In-
6 novation Community of Entities estab-
7 lished by the Director of the Defense Inno-
8 vation Unit;

9 (iv) the Strategic Capabilities Office;
10 and

11 (v) recipients of awards under the
12 Small Business Innovation Research Pro-
13 gram or the Small Business Technology
14 Transfer Program (as defined in section 9
15 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
16 638)).

17 (E) How MEIA will coordinate with and
18 assist—

19 (i) the commanders of combatant
20 commands in fielding integrated technology
21 solutions to address joint operational prob-
22 lems under subsection (c)(5); and

23 (ii) the program executive officers and
24 each Secretary of a military department in

1 the integration of technology to enhance
2 military effectiveness and responsiveness.

3 (F) Any recommendations for changes to
4 statute or policy for successful implementation
5 of this section.

6 (e) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than five years after the
7 date of the establishment of MEIA, the Secretary of De-
8 fense shall submit to the congressional defense committees
9 an assessment of whether MEIA should be modified, made
10 permanent, or terminated based on its effectiveness in car-
11 rying out the requirements of this section.

12 (f) JOINT OPERATIONAL PROBLEM DEFINED.—In
13 this section, the term “joint operational problem” has the
14 meaning given in section 181 of title 10, United States
15 Code.

16 **Subtitle C—Streamlining** 17 **Acquisition Processes**

18 **SEC. 1821. ADJUSTMENTS TO CERTAIN ACQUISITION** 19 **THRESHOLDS.**

20 (a) MAJOR PROGRAM.—

21 (1) TITLE 10.—Section 3041 of title 10, United
22 States Code, is amended—

23 (A) in subsection (c)(1)—

24 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking

25 “\$115,000,000 (based on fiscal year 1990

1 constant dollars)” and inserting
2 “\$275,000,000 (based on fiscal year 2024
3 constant dollars)”;

4 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
5 “\$540,000,000 (based on fiscal year 1990
6 constant dollars)” and inserting
7 “\$1,300,000,000 (based on fiscal year
8 2024 constant dollars)”;

9 (B) in subsection (d)(1), by striking
10 “\$750,000 (based on fiscal year 1980 constant
11 dollars)” and inserting “\$2,000,000 (based on
12 fiscal year 2024 constant dollars)”.

13 (2) TITLE 41.—Section 109 of title 41, United
14 States Code, is amended—

15 (A) in subsection (b)(1)—

16 (i) by striking “\$75,000,000 (based
17 on fiscal year 1980 constant dollars)” and
18 inserting “\$275,000,000 (based on fiscal
19 year 2024 constant dollars)”;

20 (ii) by striking “\$300,000,000 (based
21 on fiscal year 1980 constant dollars)” and
22 inserting “\$1,300,000,000 (based on fiscal
23 year 2024 constant dollars)”;

24 (B) in subsection (b)(2), by striking
25 “\$750,000 (based on fiscal year 1980 constant

1 dollars)” and inserting “\$2,000,000 (based on
2 fiscal year 2024 dollars)”.

3 (b) USE OF PROCEDURES OTHER THAN COMPETI-
4 TIVE PROCEDURES.—Section 3204(e)(1) of title 10,
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking “\$10,000,000” each place it ap-
7 pears and inserting “\$100,000,000”;

8 (2) by striking “\$75,000,000” each place it ap-
9 pears and inserting “\$500,000,000”; and

10 (3) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking
11 “\$500,000” and inserting “\$10,000,000”.

12 (c) SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURES FOR SMALL PUR-
13 CHASES.—

14 (1) TITLE 10.—Section 3205(a)(2) of title 10,
15 United States Code, is amended by striking
16 “\$5,000,000” and inserting “\$10,000,000”.

17 (2) TITLE 41.—Section 1901(a)(2) of title 41,
18 United States Code, is amended by striking
19 “\$5,000,000” and inserting “\$10,000,000”.

20 (d) SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION THRESHOLD.—

21 (1) TITLE 10.—Section 3571(a) of title 10,
22 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
23 end the following new paragraph:

24 “(c) For purposes of acquisitions by agencies named
25 in section 3063 of this title, in the case of any contract

1 to be awarded and performed, or purchase to be made,
2 in support of a contingency operation or a humanitarian
3 or peacekeeping operation, the simplified acquisition
4 threshold means an amount equal to two times the amount
5 specified for that term in subsection (a).”.

6 (2) TITLE 41.—Section 134 of title 41, United
7 States Code, is amended by striking “\$250,000”
8 and inserting “\$500,000”.

9 (e) MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD.—

10 (1) TITLE 10.—Section 3573 of title 10, United
11 States Code, is amended by striking “\$10,000” and
12 inserting “\$25,000”.

13 (2) TITLE 41.—Section 1902(a)(1) of title 41,
14 United States Code, is amended by striking
15 “\$10,000” and inserting “\$25,000”.

16 (f) MODIFICATIONS TO SUBMISSIONS OF COST OR
17 PRICING DATA.—

18 (1) TITLE 10.—Section 3702(a) of title 10,
19 United States Code, is amended—

20 (A) in paragraph (1)—

21 (i) by striking “2018” each place it
22 appears and inserting “2026”;

23 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
24 “\$2,000,000” and inserting
25 “\$10,000,000”; and

1 (iii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
2 “\$750,000” and inserting “\$2,000,000”;

3 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking
4 “\$2,000,000” and inserting “\$10,000,000”;
5 and

6 (C) in subparagraph (3)(A), by striking
7 “chapter and the price of the subcontract is ex-
8 pected to exceed \$2,000,000” and inserting the
9 following: “chapter and—

10 “(i) in the case of a prime contract
11 entered into after June 30, 2026, the price
12 of the subcontract is expected to exceed
13 \$10,000,000; or

14 “(ii) in the case of a prime contract
15 entered into on or before June 30, 2026,
16 the price of the subcontract is expected to
17 exceed \$2,000,000.”.

18 (2) TITLE 41.—Section 3502(a) of title 41,
19 United States Code, is amended—

20 (A) in paragraph (1)—

21 (i) by striking “2018” each place it
22 appears and inserting “2026”;

23 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
24 “\$2,000,000” and inserting
25 “\$10,000,000”; and

1 (iii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
2 “\$750,000” and inserting “\$2,000,000”;
3 (B) in paragraph (2)—

4 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
5 “\$2,000,000” and inserting
6 “\$10,000,000”;

7 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
8 “\$750,000” and inserting “\$2,000,000”;
9 and

10 (iii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
11 “\$750,000” and inserting “\$2,000,000”;
12 and

13 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “chapter
14 and—” and all that follows and inserting the
15 following: “chapter and—

16 “(i) in the case of a prime contract
17 entered into after June 30, 2026, the price
18 of the subcontract is expected to exceed
19 \$10,000,000; or

20 “(ii) in the case of a prime contract
21 entered into on or before June 30, 2026,
22 the price of the subcontract is expected to
23 exceed \$2,000,000.”.

1 (g) MAJOR DEFENSE ACQUISITION PROGRAMS;
2 DEFINITIONS; EXCEPTIONS.—Section 4201(a)(2) of title
3 10, United States Code, is amended—

4 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking
5 “\$300,000,000 (based on fiscal year 1990 constant
6 dollars)” and inserting “\$1,000,000,000 (based on
7 fiscal year 2024 constant dollars)”; and

8 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking
9 “\$1,800,000,000 (based on fiscal year 1990 con-
10 stant dollars)” and inserting “\$4,500,000,000
11 (based on fiscal year 2024 constant dollars)”.

12 **SEC. 1822. CLARIFICATION OF CONDITIONS FOR PAYMENTS**
13 **FOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMER-**
14 **CIAL SERVICES.**

15 (a) TITLE 10.—Section 3805 of title 10, United
16 States Code, is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (d)—

18 (A) by striking “The conditions” and in-
19 serting “(1) The conditions”; and

20 (B) by adding at the end the following new
21 paragraph:

22 “(2) For the purposes of section 3803 of this title,
23 a payment for covered services acquired through a com-
24 mercially utilized acquisition strategy shall not be consid-

1 ered an advance payment made under section 3801 of this
2 title.”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 section:

5 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 “(1) The term ‘commercially utilized acquisition
7 strategy’ means an acquisition of a service by the
8 Government under terms and conditions that—

9 “(A) are similar to the terms and condi-
10 tions under which such service is available to
11 the public; and

12 “(B) provide such service as a consump-
13 tion-based solution or under a technology sub-
14 scription model or other model based on pre-
15 determined pricing for access to such service.

16 “(2) The term ‘covered service’ means a com-
17 mercial service that includes access to or use of any
18 combination of hardware, equipment, software,
19 labor, or services, including access to commercial
20 satellite data and associated services, that is inte-
21 grated to provide a capability.”.

22 (b) TITLE 31.—Section 3324(d) of title 31, United
23 States Code, is amended—

24 (1) in paragraph (1)(C), by striking “; and”
25 and inserting a semicolon;

1 (2) in paragraph (2)—

2 (A) by inserting “or commercially available
3 content” after “publication”; and

4 (B) by striking the period at the end and
5 inserting “; and”; and

6 (3) by adding at the end the following new
7 paragraph:

8 “(3) charges for information and communica-
9 tions technology subscriptions, reservations, or ten-
10 ancy, including cloud environments, for which the
11 procuring agency defines appropriate access and se-
12 curity standards.”.

13 **SEC. 1823. ALTERNATIVE CAPABILITY-BASED PRICING.**

14 Chapter 287 of title 10, United States Code, is
15 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

16 **“§ 3906. Alternative capability-based pricing**

17 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by subsection
18 (b), the head of an agency may use alternative capability-
19 based analysis for the acquisition of a commercial solution
20 to determine whether the price for a commercial solution
21 is fair and reasonable based on the value to the Govern-
22 ment as determined under such analysis.

23 “(b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) does not apply
24 with respect to the acquisition of a commercial solution
25 under a subcontract.

1 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 “(1) The term ‘alternative capability-based
3 analysis’ means an analysis of the value to the Gov-
4 ernment of a commercial solution that determines
5 such value based on one or more of the following cri-
6 teria:

7 “(A) The suitability of the commercial so-
8 lution for the particular purpose for which the
9 Government would acquire such commercial so-
10 lution.

11 “(B) The benefits obtained by the Govern-
12 ment as a result of improvements in capability,
13 effectiveness, efficiency, process, or speed to de-
14 livery provided by such commercial solution.

15 “(C) The estimated total cost avoidance re-
16 sulting from the acquisition and use of such
17 commercial solution, including the cost avoid-
18 ance resulting from reductions to operations,
19 sustainment, or risks to mission by replacing
20 fielded capabilities with such commercial solu-
21 tion.

22 “(D) Input from the intended end users of
23 such commercial solution on the potential value
24 of the improvements to capabilities or processes
25 provided by such commercial solution.

1 “(2) The term ‘commercial solution’ means a
2 product or service, including an integrated combina-
3 tion of products, services, or products and services—

4 “(A) that is sold, leased, or licensed in the
5 commercial marketplace, or offered for sale,
6 lease, or license in the commercial marketplace;
7 and

8 “(B) the provider of which contempora-
9 neously offers such solution or a solution that
10 is similar to such solution to the general public
11 or public entities, including State and local gov-
12 ernments and foreign governments, under terms
13 and conditions that are similar to the terms and
14 conditions under which such solution is offered
15 to the Federal Government.”.

16 **SEC. 1824. MATTERS RELATED TO COST ACCOUNTING**
17 **STANDARDS.**

18 (a) REDUCTION OF CAS COMPLIANCE.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
20 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
21 of Defense, in consultation with Cost Accounting
22 Standards Board established under section 1501 of
23 title 41, United States Code, shall—

24 (A) identify actions necessary to streamline
25 requirements for compliance with the cost ac-

1 counting standards established under section
2 1502 of title 41, United States Code (in this
3 section referred to as “CAS”), in the perform-
4 ance of a contract with the Department of De-
5 fense; and

6 (B) reduce or eliminate such requirements
7 under the circumstances described in paragraph
8 (2) for contracts entered into after the date
9 that is 180 days after the date of the enact-
10 ment of this Act.

11 (2) CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED.—The cir-
12 cumstances described in this paragraph are as fol-
13 lows:

14 (A) With respect to an action to eliminate
15 compliance with CAS, if reliance on a similar
16 requirement under generally accepted account-
17 ing principles (in this section referred to as
18 “GAAP”) would achieve, to the maximum ex-
19 tent possible, the use of commercial accounting
20 standards and systems with respect to such
21 elimination without bias or prejudice to parties
22 to a contract.

23 (B) If other existing requirements in guid-
24 ance or regulation will sufficiently protect the

1 interests of the Secretary of Defense in the
2 oversight of cost contracts.

3 (C) If such requirement is no longer nec-
4 essary or appropriate.

5 (b) CHANGES TO APPLICABILITY OF FULL CAS COV-
6 ERAGE.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Ad-
9 ministrator for Federal Procurement Policy shall re-
10 vise the rules and procedures prescribed pursuant to
11 subsections (a) and (b) of section 1502 of title 41,
12 United States Code, to the extent necessary to in-
13 crease the thresholds established in section
14 9903.201-2 of title 48, Code of Federal Regulation,
15 from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

16 (2) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—Not later
17 than 120 days after the date of the enactment of
18 this Act, the Secretary shall update the Department
19 of Defense Supplement to the Federal Acquisition
20 Regulation to require full compliance with CAS only
21 for an entity or subsidiary of an entity that—

22 (A) received a single contract award under
23 CAS with a value equal to or greater than
24 \$100,000,000; or

1 (B) received contracts during the cost ac-
2 counting period that ended preceding the date
3 of the report with an aggregate value equal to
4 or greater than \$100,000,000.

5 (c) AMENDMENTS TO COST ACCOUNTING STAND-
6 ARDS BOARD.—

7 (1) ORGANIZATION.—Subsection (a) of section
8 1501 of title 41, United States Code, is amended by
9 striking “Office of Federal Procurement Policy” and
10 inserting “Office of Management and Budget”.

11 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—Subsection (b) of such sec-
12 tion 1501 is amended—

13 (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as
14 follows:

15 “(1) MEMBERS, CHAIRMAN, AND APPOINT-
16 MENT.—The Board shall consist of 5 voting mem-
17 bers and 2 nonvoting members.

18 “(A) VOTING MEMBERS.—One voting
19 member is the Administrator of Federal Pro-
20 curement Policy, who serves as Chairman. The
21 other 4 members, all of whom shall have experi-
22 ence in Federal Government contract cost ac-
23 counting, are as follows:

24 “(i) 2 representatives of the Federal
25 Government, each of whom has substantial

1 experience in administering and managing
2 covered contracts—

3 “(I) one of whom is a representa-
4 tive of the Department of Defense ap-
5 pointed by the Secretary of Defense;
6 and

7 “(II) one of whom is an officer or
8 employee of the General Services Ad-
9 ministration appointed by the Admin-
10 istrator of General Services.

11 “(ii) 2 individuals from the private
12 sector, each of whom is appointed by the
13 Director of the Office of Management and
14 Budget—

15 “(I) one of whom is a senior em-
16 ployee or retired senior employee of a
17 Government contractor with substan-
18 tial experience in the private sector in-
19 volving administration and manage-
20 ment of covered contracts; and

21 “(II) one member of the account-
22 ing profession, with substantial expe-
23 rience as an accountant.

1 “(B) NONVOTING MEMBERS.—The 2 non-
2 voting members of the Board shall be appointed
3 as follows:

4 “(i) 1 individual who is a senior em-
5 ployee of the Government Accountability
6 Office with substantial experience in con-
7 tracting and national security acquisitions,
8 appointed by the Comptroller General of
9 the United States.

10 “(ii) 1 individual from academia, a
11 nonprofit organization, or a private entity
12 with substantial experience in establishing
13 financial accounting and reporting stand-
14 ards in compliance with Generally Accept-
15 ed Accounting Principles, appointed by the
16 Director of the Office of Management and
17 Budget.”;

18 (B) in paragraph (2)—

19 (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
20 “, which may be extended for an additional
21 4-year period by the individual who ap-
22 pointed such member under paragraph
23 (1)” after “4 years”; and

1 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
2 “paragraph (1)(A)” and inserting “para-
3 graph (1)(A)(i)”; and

4 (C) by adding at the end the following new
5 paragraph:

6 “(4) INELIGIBILITY.—Beginning on January 1,
7 2028, an individual who is a member of an audit en-
8 tity of an executive agency (excluding an audit entity
9 of the Government Accountability Office) is not eli-
10 gible to serve as a member of the Board.”.

11 (3) DUTIES.—Subsection (c) of such section
12 1501 is amended—

13 (A) in paragraph (2)—

14 (i) by striking “within one year” and
15 all that follows through “conform such
16 standards” and inserting the following:
17 “not later than 180 days after the date of
18 enactment of this paragraph, and bienni-
19 ally thereafter, review any cost accounting
20 standards established under section 1502
21 of this title and eliminate or conform such
22 standards”; and

23 (ii) by striking “and” at the end;

24 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “dis-
25 putes.” and inserting the following: “disputes,

1 and take necessary action to clarify or improve
2 such standards if misinterpretation or lack of
3 clarity in a standard was a primary component
4 of such dispute; and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(4) ensure that any action taken pursuant to
7 paragraph (3) is not taken solely for the purpose of
8 tailoring such standard to favor a party in the dis-
9 pute.”.

10 (4) REPORT.—Subsection (e) of such section
11 1501 is amended—

12 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at
13 the end;

14 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-
15 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

16 (C) by adding at the end the following new
17 paragraph:

18 “(3) a summary of rulemaking activities related
19 to any changes to such standards and any associated
20 timelines for such activities.”.

21 (5) SENIOR STAFF.—Subsection (f)(1)(B) of
22 such section 1501 is amended—

23 (A) by striking “may appoint” and insert-
24 ing “shall appoint”; and

1 (B) by striking “two” and inserting “not
2 less than four”.

3 (6) COVERED CONTRACT DEFINED.—Such sec-
4 tion 1501 is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing new subsection:

6 “(j) COVERED CONTRACT DEFINED.—In this section,
7 the term ‘covered contract’ means a contract that is sub-
8 ject to the cost accounting standards issued pursuant to
9 section 1502 of title 41, United States Code,”.

10 (7) DEADLINE.—Not later than 90 days after
11 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director
12 of the Office of Management and Budget, the Sec-
13 retary of Defense, the Administrator of General
14 Services, and the Comptroller General of the United
15 States shall implement the amendments made by
16 this subsection, including making the appointments
17 under section 1501(b) of title 41, United States
18 Code, as amended by this subsection.

19 (d) AMENDMENT TO MANDATORY USE OF COST AC-
20 COUNTING STANDARDS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1502(b)(1) of title
22 41, United States Code, is amended—

23 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking
24 “amount set forth in section 3702(a)(1)(A) of

1 title 10 as the amount is” and inserting
2 “\$10,000,000, as”; and

3 (B) in subparagraph (C)—

4 (i) in clause (ii), by inserting “or” at
5 the end;

6 (ii) in clause (iii), by striking “; or”
7 and inserting a period; and

8 (iii) by striking clause (iv).

9 (2) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Ad-
11 ministrator for Federal Procurement Policy shall
12 issue such regulations as are necessary to implement
13 the amendments made by this subsection.

14 **SEC. 1825. REVIEW OF COMMERCIAL BUYING PRACTICES.**

15 (a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
17 after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
18 fense shall carry out a comprehensive review of the
19 approach of the Department of Defense to acquiring
20 commercial products and commercial services and
21 the implementation of the requirements of the Fed-
22 eral Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (Public
23 Law 103-355) by the Department.

24 (2) REVIEW REQUIREMENTS.—The review re-
25 quired by paragraph (1) shall include an assessment

1 of each of the following as they relate to the ap-
2 proach of the Department of Defense to acquiring
3 commercial products and commercial services:

4 (A) The policies, procedures, guidance, and
5 instructions of the Department of Defense.

6 (B) The extent to which contracts entered
7 into by the Department of Defense for the ac-
8 quisition of commercial products or commercial
9 services include requirements or other provi-
10 sions that should not apply to the acquisition of
11 a commercial product or commercial service and
12 the extent to which such requirements or other
13 provisions are included in subcontracts under
14 such contracts.

15 (C) Training curricula, educational mate-
16 rials, and associated activities of the Depart-
17 ment of Defense related to acquiring commer-
18 cial products and commercial services, including
19 such curricula, materials, and activities that
20 pertain to the determination of a product or
21 service as a commercial product or commercial
22 service and the congressional intent that the
23 definitions of the terms “commercial product”
24 and “commercial service” should be applied
25 broadly.

1 (D) Audit and oversight policies and prac-
2 tices of the Department of Defense.

3 (E) Incentives that discourage the acquisi-
4 tion workforce from acquiring commercial prod-
5 ucts or commercial services.

6 (F) The process by which the Department
7 of Defense develops and issues regulations re-
8 lated to the acquisition of commercial products
9 or commercial services, including delays in rule-
10 making and the resulting delays in the imple-
11 mentation of policies intended to improve or
12 streamline the acquisition of commercial prod-
13 ucts or commercial services.

14 (G) Requirements in solicitations or con-
15 tracts of the Department of Defense requiring
16 the use of military specifications or standards
17 when applicable commercial specifications or
18 standards were available that could have meet
19 the needs of the Department served by such
20 military specifications or standards.

21 (H) The process by which the Department
22 of Defense evaluates past performance, includ-
23 ing performance under Federal, State, and local
24 government and private contracts (as described
25 in section 15.305(a)(2)(ii) of the Federal Acqui-

1 sition Regulation), in the acquisition of com-
2 mercial products or commercial services.

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the en-
4 actment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit
5 to the congressional defense committees a report that—

6 (1) describes the findings of the review required
7 by subsection (a)(1);

8 (2) describes the corrective actions taken by the
9 Secretary to address the issues identified pursuant
10 to such review, including any findings of noncompli-
11 ance by the Department of Defense with the require-
12 ments of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act
13 of 1994 (Public Law 103–355) or any other statu-
14 tory or regulatory requirements related to advancing
15 and enabling the procurement of commercial prod-
16 ucts and commercial services; and

17 (3) includes any recommendations of the Sec-
18 retary on actions that Congress may take to better
19 enable to the Department of Defense to take advan-
20 tage of the benefits of acquiring commercial prod-
21 ucts and commercial services.

22 (c) CLARIFYING AMENDMENTS.—

23 (1) TREATMENT OF MAJOR WEAPON SYS-
24 TEMS.—Section 3455 of title 10, United States
25 Code, is amended—

1 (A) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “may”
2 and inserting “shall”;

3 (B) by amending subsection (d) to read as
4 follows:

5 “(d) **APPLICABILITY OF TRUTHFUL COST OR PRIC-**
6 **ING DATA REQUIREMENTS.**—A product treated as a com-
7 mercial product or purchased under procedures estab-
8 lished for the procurement of commercial products under
9 subsection (a) shall be treated as a commercial product
10 for the purposes of chapter 271 of this title.”; and

11 (C) in subsection (e), by striking “Deputy
12 Secretary of Defense” and inserting “Under
13 Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
14 Sustainment”.

15 (2) **COST OR PRICING DATA EXCEPTIONS.**—Sec-
16 tion 3703(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is
17 amended by amending subparagraph (A) to read as
18 follows:

19 “(A) adequate price competition; or”.

20 **Subtitle D—Matters Relating to**
21 **Commercial Innovation**

22 **SEC. 1831. AMENDMENT TO OTHER TRANSACTION AUTHOR-**
23 **ITY.**

24 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 4022 of title 10, United
25 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(2)—

2 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
3 “agency that” and all that follows through “the
4 use” and inserting “agency that the use”;

5 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

6 (i) in clause (i), by striking “writing
7 that” and all that follows through “the
8 use” and inserting “writing that the use”;
9 and

10 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking “and” at
11 the end;

12 (C) in subparagraph (C)—

13 (i) by striking “subsection (f)” each
14 place it appears and inserting “subsection
15 (e)”;

16 (ii) in clause (i)(I), by striking “the
17 requirements of subsection (d)” and all
18 that follows through “and the” and insert-
19 ing “the”; and

20 (iii) in clause (ii), by striking the pe-
21 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

22 (D) by adding at the end the following new
23 subparagraph:

24 “(D) may not be exercised for contracts
25 exceeding the production of 500 units of a man-

1 ufactured or developed product. Contracts ex-
2 ceeding this production threshold may not be
3 categorized as a “prototype” or contracted as
4 such.”;

5 (2) by striking subsection (d);

6 (3) by redesignating subsections (e) through (i)
7 as subsections (d) through (h), respectively; and

8 (4) in subsection (f), as so redesignated, by
9 striking “subsection (f)” and inserting “subsection
10 (e)”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

12 (1) NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947.—Section
13 102A(n)(6)(C) of the National Security Act of 1947
14 (50 U.S.C. 3024(n)(6)(C)) is amended—

15 (A) by repealing clauses (v) and (vi); and

16 (B) in clause (vii)—

17 (i) in the matter preceding subclause
18 (I), by striking “4022(f)(2)” and inserting
19 “4022(e)(2)”; and

20 (ii) in subclause (V)(cc), by striking
21 “4022(f)(5)” and inserting “4022(e)(5)”.

22 (2) HOMELAND SECURITY ACT OF 2002.—Sec-
23 tion 831(d) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
24 (6 U.S.C. 391(d)) is amended by striking “4022(e)”
25 and inserting “4022(d)”.

1 (3) JOHN S. MCCAIN NATIONAL DEFENSE AU-
2 THORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019.—Section
3 873(c)(1) of the John S. McCain National Defense
4 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law
5 115–232; 10 U.S.C. 4021 note) is amended—

6 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “sub-
7 section (f)” and inserting “subsection (e)”; and

8 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking “or
9 (f)” and inserting “or (e)”.

10 (4) JAMES M. INHOFE NATIONAL DEFENSE AU-
11 THORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.—Section
12 322(h)(2) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense
13 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law
14 117–263; 10 U.S.C. 2911 note) is amended by strik-
15 ing “subsection (f)” and inserting “subsection (e)”.

16 **SEC. 1832. DATA-AS-A-SERVICE SOLUTIONS FOR WEAPON**
17 **SYSTEM CONTRACTS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 323 of title 10, United
19 States Code, as amended by section 1804 of this Act, is
20 further amended by adding at the end the following new
21 section:

22 **“§ 4324. Data-as-a-service solutions for weapon sys-**
23 **tem contracts**

24 “(a) NEGOTIATIONS FOR DATA-AS-A-SERVICE.—Be-
25 fore entering into a contract for the procurement of a

1 weapon system (or component thereof), the Secretary of
2 Defense shall ensure, to the maximum extent practicable,
3 that the negotiations for such contract include negotia-
4 tions for data-as-a-service solutions to facilitate access to
5 the information described in subsection (b) as necessary
6 for—

7 “(1) the performance of depot-level mainte-
8 nance and repair workload by employees of the De-
9 partment of Defense in accordance with section
10 2466 of this title; or

11 “(2) the maintenance of a core logistics capa-
12 bility in accordance with section 2464 of this title.

13 “(b) COVERED INFORMATION.—The information de-
14 scribed in subsection (a) is technical data or computer
15 software that relates to the weapon system (or component
16 thereof) to be procured that is—

17 “(1) detailed manufacturing or process data re-
18 lating to how contractors or subcontractors design,
19 develop, produce, test, certify, diagnose, maintain,
20 repair, or otherwise support such weapon system (or
21 component thereof);

22 “(2) digital networks or digital models that con-
23 tain data described in paragraph (1), or virtual rep-
24 licas of such data;

1 “(3) design details, algorithms, processes, flow
2 charts, formulas, and related information that de-
3 scribe the design, organization, or structure of com-
4 puter software; or

5 “(4) necessary for operation, maintenance, in-
6 stallation, or training with respect to such weapon
7 system (or component thereof).

8 “(c) METHODS AND SCHEDULE FOR ACCESS.—(1)
9 With respect to a data-as-a-service solution described in
10 subsection (a), access to the information described in sub-
11 section (b) may be made available through one or more
12 methods, including electronically, in-person, or machine-
13 to-machine encryption, as appropriate based on the type,
14 sensitivity, or authorized use of such information.

15 “(2) The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the
16 terms of a contract for a data-as-a-service solution de-
17 scribed in subsection (a) clearly state the requirements,
18 conditions, and schedule for providing access to the infor-
19 mation described in subsection (b).

20 “(d) APPLICABILITY TO COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS.—
21 (1) With respect to a contract for a commercial product
22 that is a data-as-a-service solution described in subsection
23 (a), the offeror for such commercial product shall ensure
24 that the pricing and terms and conditions of access to in-
25 formation described in subsection (b) for such commercial

1 product is commensurate with commercial practices for
2 similar access.

3 “(2) The Secretary of Defense may not require an
4 offeror for a commercial product that is a data-as-a-serv-
5 ice solution described in subsection (a) to provide access
6 to information described in subsection (b) in a manner
7 that is different from what such offeror customarily pro-
8 vides to a buyer of such commercial product, unless the
9 offeror has agreed to provide such access pursuant to a
10 specifically negotiated agreement with the Secretary.

11 “(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
12 tion shall be construed as modifying any rights, obliga-
13 tions, or limitations of the Government, contractor, or sub-
14 contractor with respect to rights in technical data under
15 subchapter I of chapter 275 of this title.

16 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 “(1) The term ‘access’, with respect to informa-
18 tion described in subsection (b), means the avail-
19 ability of such information as a service rather than
20 as specifically delivered in the performance of a con-
21 tract for the procurement of a weapon system (or
22 component thereof).

23 “(2) The term ‘data-as-a-service’ means a
24 model under which the Secretary is provided access
25 to the most up-to-date information described in sub-

1 section (b) that relates to a weapon system (or com-
2 ponent thereof) to be procured by the Secretary, in-
3 cluding any associated license agreements for such
4 information.

5 “(3) The term ‘technical data’ has the meaning
6 given in section 3013 of this title.”.

7 (b) GUIDANCE REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
9 of Defense shall issue guidance to carry out the require-
10 ments of section 4324 of title 10, United States Code, as
11 added by this section.

12 (c) APPLICABILITY.—Section 4324 of title 10, United
13 States Code, as added by this section, shall apply with re-
14 spect to a contract for the procurement of a weapon sys-
15 tem (or component thereof) entered into on or after the
16 date of the enactment of this Act.

17 **SEC. 1833. REQUIREMENTS FOR MODULAR OPEN SYSTEM**
18 **APPROACH AND MODIFICATIONS TO RIGHTS**
19 **IN TECHNICAL DATA.**

20 (a) REQUIREMENTS FOR MODULAR OPEN SYSTEM
21 APPROACH.—Section 4401 of title 10, United States
22 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 4401. Requirement for modular open system ap-**
2 **proach**

3 “(a) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall
4 ensure that a covered system to be procured is designed
5 and developed, to the maximum extent practicable, with
6 a modular open system approach.

7 “(b) ASSESSMENT TO INFORM STRATEGY.—Before
8 designing or developing a covered system, the Secretary
9 of Defense shall conduct an assessment to identify the
10 open systems objectives to be achieved by the design and
11 development of the covered system. Such assessment shall
12 identify and document how such approach would—

13 “(1) support the objectives of the defense acqui-
14 sition system established pursuant to section 3102 of
15 this title;

16 “(2) align with the preference for the acquisi-
17 tion of commercial products in section 3453 of this
18 title to retain, to the maximum extent practicable,
19 the commercial viability of subsystems and compo-
20 nents of the covered system;

21 “(3) reduce the complexity and increase the
22 speed by which new technology can be integrated
23 into a covered system to enhance military effective-
24 ness and responsiveness to emerging threats;

1 “(4) enable the use of iterative development cy-
2 cles and discontinue or terminate the development of
3 capabilities—

4 “(A) that no longer align with approved
5 capability requirements (as defined in section
6 181 of this title) or priorities; or

7 “(B) that are experiencing significant cost
8 growth, performance deficiencies, or delays in
9 schedule;

10 “(5) promote a robust and responsive defense
11 industrial base, and foster competition amongst
12 offerors of subsystems and components of the cov-
13 ered system through the life cycle of the covered sys-
14 tem, especially at the module level;

15 “(6) reduce schedule delays and development
16 timelines;

17 “(7) increase and enable interoperability of a
18 covered system with the joint force as changes to
19 force design evolve; and

20 “(8) enable effective life-cycle management and
21 product support of a covered system—

22 “(A) in accordance with the requirements
23 of section 4322 of this title; and

24 “(B) to ensure that the covered system will
25 meet applicable operational readiness require-

1 ments (as defined in such section 4322) and
2 materiel readiness objectives (established under
3 section 118(c) of this title) in the most cost-ef-
4 fective manner practicable.

5 “(c) ARCHITECTURE REQUIREMENTS.—(1) In devel-
6 oping an architecture for the procurement of a covered
7 system using a modular open system approach, the Sec-
8 retary shall ensure that the architecture—

9 “(A) adequately designates and defines mod-
10 ules, module interfaces, key interfaces, and openness
11 characteristics of the covered system necessary to
12 achieve the open systems objectives described in sub-
13 section (b);

14 “(B) to the extent practicable, is based on—

15 “(i) widely accepted, consensus-based
16 standards that are available at no cost or under
17 fair and reasonable license terms; or

18 “(ii) if such standards are not available or
19 suitable, incremental standards that define rela-
20 tionships between module interfaces and key
21 interfaces; and

22 “(C) is designed and developed to accelerate the
23 procurement and integration of commercial products
24 as modules, module interfaces, and key interfaces.

1 “(2) The Secretary shall consider input from private
2 entities as early as possible to inform decisions regarding
3 the level in the architecture at which a modular open sys-
4 tem approach will be implemented for a covered system.

5 “(3) The architecture described in this subsection
6 shall be included in any draft and final solicitations for
7 procurement of a covered system.

8 “(d) OPENNESS CHARACTERISTICS.—Consistent with
9 the requirements of subchapter I of chapter 275 of this
10 title, the Secretary shall include in the solicitation for the
11 covered system a description of the desired openness char-
12 acteristics of the covered system necessary to achieve the
13 open systems objectives described in subsection (b), in-
14 cluding the following:

15 “(1) The open systems objectives identified as
16 result of the assessment required by subsection (b).

17 “(2) A description of the application of speci-
18 fications or standards for module interfaces to
19 achieve such objectives.

20 “(3) A description of the minimum technical
21 data package elements necessary to achieve such ob-
22 jectives.

23 “(4) The desired license rights in module inter-
24 faces or key interfaces based on such objectives, in-
25 cluding desired license rights to enable the replace-

1 ment of a module or module interface with an alter-
2 native or new module or module interface.

3 “(e) APPLICABILITY TO COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS.—

4 In applying the requirements of this section to a covered
5 system that includes a commercial product, the Secretary
6 of Defense shall—

7 “(1) implement modular open system ap-
8 proaches in accordance with such approaches used in
9 the ordinary course of business for such commercial
10 product on the commercial marketplace;

11 “(2) for a commercial product that is commer-
12 cial technical data or commercial software, procure
13 such commercial product under license terms similar
14 to such terms that are customarily provided to the
15 public, unless the Secretary has specifically nego-
16 tiated different license terms;

17 “(3) when applicable, obtain the delivery of
18 commercial software development kits with license
19 rights necessary to support the desired openness
20 characteristics for the covered system; and

21 “(4) to the maximum extent practical, conduct
22 negotiations for desired license rights in accordance
23 with the preference for specially negotiated licenses
24 in section 3774(c) of this title.

25 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) The term ‘covered system’ means a system
2 that is not a commercial product and that is ac-
3 quired or developed under—

4 “(A) an acquisition program of the De-
5 partment of Defense; or

6 “(B) a research and development program
7 of the Department to address a capability re-
8 quirement or joint capability requirement (as
9 defined in section 181 of this title).

10 “(2) The term ‘incremental standard’ means a
11 specification for a module interface or key interface
12 that includes—

13 “(A) software-defined syntax and prop-
14 erties that specifically govern how values are
15 validly passed and received between subsystems
16 and components in machine-readable format;

17 “(B) a machine-readable definition of the
18 relationship between the module interface or
19 key interface and existing common standards or
20 interfaces available in Department databases;
21 and

22 “(C) documentation with functional de-
23 scriptions of software-defined interfaces, con-
24 veying semantic meaning of elements of the
25 module interface or key interface.

1 “(3) The term ‘key interface’ means a shared
2 boundary between any system, subsystem of a cov-
3 ered system, or set of modules, defined by various
4 physical, logical, functional characteristics, such as
5 electrical, mechanical, fluidic, optical, radio fre-
6 quency, data, networking, or software.

7 “(4) The term ‘modular open system approach’
8 means the application of a strategy that leverages an
9 architecture that enables modules to be incremen-
10 tally added, removed, or replaced throughout the life
11 cycle of the covered system to achieve a set of objec-
12 tives.

13 “(5) The term ‘module’ means a self-contained
14 functional hardware or software unit—

15 “(A) that can be developed, tested, and de-
16 ployed independently of a module interface or
17 key interface; and

18 “(B) that can simultaneously interact with
19 another self-contained functional hardware or
20 software unit described in subparagraph (A)
21 through a module interface or key interface.

22 “(6) The term ‘module interface’ means a
23 shared boundary between modules, defined by phys-
24 ical, logical, and functional characteristics, such as

1 electrical, mechanical, fluidic, optical, radio fre-
2 quency, data, networking, or software.

3 “(7) The term ‘software development kit’ means
4 a collection of software tools and programs such as
5 libraries, application programming interfaces, inte-
6 grated development environments, testing tools, or
7 documentation used to create applications that are
8 appropriate for a specific software platform.”.

9 (b) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
11 shall issue guidance to carry out the requirements of sec-
12 tion 4401 of title 10, United States Code, as amended by
13 this section.

14 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The requirements of section
15 4401 of title 10, United States Code, as amended by this
16 section, shall apply with respect to a contract entered into
17 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 (d) MODIFICATION TO RIGHTS IN TECHNICAL
19 DATA.—

20 (1) RIGHTS IN TECHNICAL DATA.—Section
21 3771 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

22 (A) in subsection (a)—

23 (i) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “
24 or copyrights” and inserting “, copyrights,
25 trade secrets,”; and

1 (ii) by adding at the end the following
2 new paragraph:

3 “(3) ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN RIGHTS.—
4 Regulations prescribed under paragraph (1) may not
5 affect or limit any right described in paragraph
6 (2)(A) or the ability of a contractor or subcontractor
7 to enforce such a right against a third party that
8 has not otherwise obtained a license for such a right
9 from the United States or from the contractor or
10 subcontractor.”; and

11 (B) in subsection (b)—

12 (i) in paragraph (2), by striking
13 “paragraphs (3), (4), and (7),” and insert-
14 ing “paragraphs (3) and (4),”;

15 (ii) by amending paragraph (3) to
16 read as follows:

17 “(3) INAPPLICABILITY OF PARAGRAPH (2).—
18 Unless otherwise negotiated, paragraph (2) does not
19 apply to technical data that—

20 “(A) constitutes a correction or change to
21 data furnished by the United States; or

22 “(B) is otherwise publicly available or has
23 been released or disclosed by the contractor or
24 subcontractor without restriction on further re-
25 lease or disclosure.”;

1 (iii) by amending paragraph (4) to
2 read as follows:

3 “(4) EXCEPTIONS TO PARAGRAPH (2).—(A)
4 Notwithstanding paragraph (2), unless otherwise ne-
5 gotiated, the United States shall have government
6 purpose rights, in perpetuity, in technical data
7 that—

8 “(i) relates to form, fit, or function of an
9 item or process; or

10 “(ii) is necessary for operation, mainte-
11 nance, installation, or training (other than de-
12 tailed manufacturing or process data) of an
13 item or process.

14 “(B) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), the
15 United States may release or disclose technical data
16 to persons outside the Government, or permit the
17 use of technical data by such persons, if such re-
18 lease, disclosure, or use—

19 “(i) is necessary for emergency repair and
20 overhaul;

21 “(ii) is a release or disclosure of technical
22 data (other than detailed manufacturing or
23 process data) to, or use of such data by, a for-
24 eign government, where such release or disclo-
25 sure is in the interest of the United States and

1 is required for evaluation or informational pur-
2 poses;

3 “(iii) is made subject to a prohibition that
4 the person to whom the data are released or
5 disclosed may not further release, disclose, or
6 use such data; and

7 “(iv) the contractor or subcontractor as-
8 serting the restriction is notified of such re-
9 lease, disclosure, or use.”;

10 (iv) in paragraph (6)—

11 (I) in the paragraph heading, by
12 striking “INTERFACES” and inserting
13 “MODULE INTERFACES OF AN ITEM”;

14 (II) by inserting “, in per-
15 petuity,” after “government purpose
16 rights”; and

17 (III) by striking “an interface be-
18 tween an item or process and other
19 items or processes” and inserting “a
20 module interface of an item”; and

21 (v) in paragraph (7)—

22 (I) in the paragraph heading, by
23 striking “MODULAR SYSTEM INTER-
24 FACES” and inserting “KEY INTER-
25 FACES OF AN ITEM”;

1 (II) in subparagraph (A)—

2 (aa) by striking “paragraphs
3 (2) and (5)” and inserting “para-
4 graph (5) and except as other-
5 wise provided by subsection (e) of
6 section 4401 of this title,”;

7 (bb) by inserting “, in per-
8 petuity,” after “government pur-
9 pose rights”; and

10 (cc) by striking “modular
11 system interface” and inserting
12 “key interface of an item”;

13 (III) in subparagraph (B), by
14 striking “modular system interface”
15 and inserting “a key interface”; and

16 (IV) in subparagraph (C), by
17 striking “modular system interface”
18 and inserting “key interface of an
19 item”.

20 (2) DEFINITIONS.—Section 3775(b) of title 10,

21 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

22 “(b) ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS.—In this subchapter,
23 the terms ‘key interface’, ‘modular open system approach’,
24 ‘module interface’ have the meanings given, respectively,
25 in section 4401 of this title.”.

1 (e) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

2 (1) Section 3791(c)(1) of title 10, United
3 States Code, is amended—

4 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “sec-
5 tion 4401(b) of this title” and inserting “sec-
6 tion 4401 of this title”; and

7 (B) in subparagraph (D)(iv), by striking
8 “modular system interfaces (as defined in sec-
9 tion 4401(b) of this title)” and inserting “mod-
10 ule interfaces (as defined in section 4401(f) of
11 this title)”.

12 (2) Section 4402 of title 10, United States
13 Code, is repealed.

14 (3) Section 4403 of title 10, United States
15 Code, is repealed.

16 (4) Section 4425 of title 10, United States
17 Code, is amended to read as follows:

18 **“§ 4425. Definitions**

19 “In this subchapter:

20 “(1) The term ‘major system platform’ means
21 the highest level structure of a major weapon system
22 that is not physically mounted or installed onto a
23 higher level structure and on which a major system
24 component can be physically mounted or installed.

25 “(2) The term ‘weapon system component’—

1 “(A) means a high level subsystem or as-
2 sembly, including hardware, software, or an in-
3 tegrated assembly of both, that can be mounted
4 or installed on a major system platform through
5 a key system interface (as defined in section
6 4401(f) of this title); and

7 “(B) includes a subsystem or assembly
8 that is likely to have additional capability re-
9 quirements, is likely to change because of evol-
10 ving technology or threat, is needed for inter-
11 operability, facilitates incremental deployment
12 of capabilities, or is expected to be replaced by
13 another subsystem or assembly described in
14 subparagraph (A).”.

15 (5) Section 804 of the National Defense Au-
16 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C.
17 4401 note) is repealed.

18 **SEC. 1834. BRIDGING OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES AND SUP-**
19 **PORT FOR TRANSITION PROGRAM.**

20 (a) BRIDGING OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES AND SUP-
21 PORT FOR TRANSITION PROGRAM.—

22 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—In meeting the respon-
23 sibilities of the Defense Innovation Unit under sec-
24 tion 4127(d) of title 10, United States Code, the Di-
25 rector of the Defense Innovation Unit shall establish

1 a program (to be known as the “Bridging Oper-
2 ational Objectives and Support for Transition pro-
3 gram”) to accelerate the adoption or integration of
4 commercial technologies into programs of record of
5 the Department of Defense.

6 (2) PROGRAM EXECUTION.—Not later than 90
7 days after the date of the enactment of this sub-
8 section, the Director shall issue guidance on the
9 BOOST program, including guidance to do the fol-
10 lowing:

11 (A) Enable a customer seeking a tech-
12 nology solution for a challenge or requirement
13 in a program of record of the Department of
14 Defense to request assistance under the
15 BOOST program with identifying and adopting
16 or integrating such a solution into such pro-
17 gram.

18 (B) Establish requirements for the Defense
19 Innovation Unit to—

20 (i) conduct a review of commercial
21 technologies pursuant to a request de-
22 scribed in subparagraph (A) with respect
23 to a challenge or requirement of a program
24 of record of the Department to identify

1 commercial technology that may address
2 such challenge or requirement;

3 (ii) provide to the customer that made
4 such request the findings of such review,
5 including any commercial technologies so
6 identified; and

7 (iii) at the request of such customer
8 after providing such findings to such cus-
9 tomer, conduct development, experimen-
10 tation, or integration activities in coordina-
11 tion with such customer to support or en-
12 able the adoption or integration of any
13 commercial technology so identified into
14 such program of record.

15 (C) Establish criteria for terminating as-
16 sistance under the BOOST program for a cus-
17 tomer or with respect to a commercial tech-
18 nology.

19 (3) SUPPORT TO OTHER PROGRAMS.—The Di-
20 rector shall ensure the BOOST program works with
21 and in support of—

22 (A) the program established under section
23 4061(a) of title 10, United States Code;

24 (B) other organizations of the Department
25 of Defense responsible for accelerating the

1 adoption and integration of technology in sys-
2 tems or programs of the Department;

3 (C) the Small Business Innovation Re-
4 search Program;

5 (D) the Small Business Technology Trans-
6 fer Program; and

7 (E) the Joint Rapid Acquisition Cell (as
8 described in the Department of Defense Direc-
9 tive 5000.71 titled “Rapid Fulfillment of Com-
10 batant Commander Urgent Operational Needs”
11 (August 24, 2012)).

12 (4) FUNDING.—Subject to the availability of
13 appropriations, amounts authorized to be appro-
14 priated the Defense Innovation Unit for research,
15 development, test, and evaluation for a fiscal year
16 may be used for such fiscal year to carry out the
17 BOOST program.

18 (5) SUNSET.—The authorities and require-
19 ments under this subsection shall expire on Decem-
20 ber 31, 2030.

21 (b) REPORTING.—Not later than two years after the
22 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
23 fense, in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense
24 for Acquisition and Sustainment and the Director, submit
25 to the congressional defense committees a report on the

1 effectiveness of the BOOST program in accelerating the
2 adoption or integration of commercial technologies into
3 programs of record of the Department of Defense, includ-
4 ing—

5 (1) a summary description of customers and
6 technologies adopted or integrated into such pro-
7 grams of record based on assistance provided under
8 the BOOST program;

9 (2) recommendations of the Secretary to im-
10 prove the BOOST program; and

11 (3) a recommendation whether to continue or
12 terminate the BOOST program.

13 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) The term “BOOST program” means the
15 program established under subsection (a)(1).

16 (2) The term “customer” means a program
17 manager or program executive officer of the Depart-
18 ment of Defense that has primary responsibility for
19 fielding the system or systems acquired.

20 (3) The term “Director” means the Director of
21 the Defense Innovation Unit.

22 (4) The term “program executive officer” has
23 the meaning given such term in section 1737(a) of
24 title 10, United States Code.

1 (5) The terms “Small Business Innovation Re-
2 search Program” and “Small Business Technology
3 Transfer Program” have the meanings given such
4 terms, respectively, in section 9(e) of the Small
5 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(e)).

6 **SEC. 1835. TRANSITION TO ADVANCED MANUFACTURING**
7 **FOR CERTAIN CRITICAL ITEMS.**

8 (a) **PLAN REQUIRED.**—Not later than 120 days after
9 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Program Execu-
10 tive Officer for each major weapon system shall, in coordi-
11 nation with each covered contractor and such contractor’s
12 first-tier subcontractors—

13 (1) conduct an assessment of critical items that
14 could be produced via advanced manufacturing proc-
15 esses within the period of 24 months following the
16 date of the enactment of this Act for the purposes
17 of—

18 (A) reducing fabrication time and costs;

19 and

20 (B) increasing the ability to scale produc-
21 tion rapidly;

22 (2) identify any development, engineering or
23 testing (whether conducted by the original equip-
24 ment manufacturer, contractor, or Federal Govern-

1 ment) required to transition production of critical
2 items to advanced manufacturing;

3 (3) estimate any non-recurring costs to com-
4 plete such transition and recommend whether such
5 costs are properly borne by the contractor involved
6 or the Federal Government; and

7 (4) submit a plan to the Under Secretary of
8 Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to transi-
9 tion production of such critical items to advanced
10 manufacturing to the maximum extent practicable.

11 (b) USE OF EXISTING AUTHORITIES.—The Under
12 Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment
13 shall use every available authority to waive or accelerate
14 the development, engineering, or testing requirements
15 identified in subsection (a)(2).

16 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of De-
18 fense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall submit the
19 plans required by subsection (a) to—

20 (1) the Defense Industrial Resilience Consor-
21 tium established under section 1842 of this Act; and

22 (2) the congressional defense committees.

23 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—Following receipt of the
24 plans under subsection (c)(1), the Defense Industrial Re-
25 silience Consortium shall commence implementation and

1 competitive solicitation of advanced manufacturing solu-
2 tions of the critical items identified under subsection
3 (a)(1), with the goal of maximizing the transition of such
4 items to production via advanced manufacturing by not
5 later than 24 months after the date of enactment of this
6 Act.

7 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) The term “covered contractor” means a
9 contractor manufacturing or integrating hardware
10 for a major weapon system.

11 (2) The term “critical items” means compo-
12 nents, subassemblies, and assemblies that are among
13 the top 10 drivers of current or future degraded
14 mission capability for a major weapon system, as de-
15 termined by the Under Secretary of Defense for Ac-
16 quisition and Sustainment.

17 (3) The term “advanced manufacturing” shall
18 have the meaning given that term by the Under Sec-
19 retary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment
20 for purposes of this section. Such definition shall, at
21 a minium—

22 (A) encompass manufacturing technologies
23 that integrate interconnected digital tech-
24 nologies such as robotics, artificial intelligence,
25 and the Internet of Things, across the entire

1 value stream to create highly efficient, flexible,
2 and data-driven production systems, leading to
3 improved quality, lower costs, and faster inno-
4 vation; and

5 (B) include software-controlled subtractive
6 manufacturing, additive manufacturing, powder
7 bed fusion manufacturing, and other similar
8 manufacturing technologies.

9 **Subtitle E—Modifications to**
10 **Strengthen the Industrial Base**

11 **SEC. 1841. AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCUREMENT TECH-**
12 **NICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

13 Chapter 388 of title 10, United States Code, is
14 amended—

15 (1) by amending section 4951(2)(B) to read as
16 follows:

17 “(B) a tribe, reservation, economic enter-
18 prise, or organization, as such terms are de-
19 fined, respectively, in section 3 of the Indian
20 Financing Act of 1974 (Public Law 93–262; 25
21 U.S.C. 1452).”;

22 (2) in section 4952—

23 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and
24 (2) as paragraphs (2) and (3);

1 (B) by inserting before paragraph (2), as
2 so redesignated, the following new paragraph:

3 “(1) to support the growth and resiliency of the
4 industrial base by accelerating innovation, fostering
5 ingenuity of business entities, and establishing resil-
6 ient supply chains;”;

7 (C) in paragraph (2), as so redesignated,
8 by striking “and” at the end;

9 (D) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated,
10 by striking the period at the end and inserting
11 “; and”; and

12 (E) by inserting after paragraph (3) the
13 following new paragraph:

14 “(4) to mitigate costs of entry for business enti-
15 ties that improve the technology capabilities of the
16 Department of Defense.”;

17 (3) in section 4954, by adding at the end the
18 following new subsection:

19 “(g) PILOT PROGRAM.—The Under Secretary of De-
20 fense for Acquisition and Sustainment may carry out a
21 pilot program to award funding for national program staff
22 to an eligible entity that has entered into a cooperative
23 agreement under this section. Funding received under
24 such pilot program shall not be subject to the require-
25 ments of subsection (b) or (e). National program staff

1 funded under such pilot program shall provide subject
2 matter expertise for technical assistance, including for ac-
3 tivities authorized under section 4958.”;

4 (4) in section 4955—

5 (A) in paragraph (4) by striking
6 “\$1,000,000” and inserting “\$1,500,000”; and

7 (B) by adding at the end the following new
8 subsection:

9 “(e) FUNDING FROM OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

10 The Secretary shall accept and use funds from other Fed-
11 eral agencies and departments for execution and adminis-
12 tration of the program authorized by this chapter.”; and

13 (5) in section 4961—

14 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at
15 the end;

16 (B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking the
17 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

18 (C) by adding at the end the following new
19 paragraph:

20 “(3) an amount determined appropriate by the
21 Secretary to establish one or more centers of excel-
22 lence to provide to individuals or eligible entities
23 that provide procurement technical assistance pursu-
24 ant to this chapter training necessary to fulfill the

1 purpose of the program under section 4952 of this
2 title.”.

3 **SEC. 1842. DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL RESILIENCE CONSOR-**
4 **TIUM.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after
6 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
7 Defense shall establish a consortium (to be known as the
8 “Defense Industrial Resilience Consortium”) to address
9 challenges to and limitations of the industrial base to en-
10 sure that the Armed Forces are equipped with the capa-
11 bilities necessary to effectively respond to national security
12 challenges.

13 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—Membership in the consortium
14 established under subsection (a) shall be open to relevant
15 entities and individuals from the Government, industry,
16 and academia with an interest in advanced manufacturing
17 or production technologies, fostering domestic industrial
18 innovation, or enabling rapid, scalable solutions to sustain
19 and enhance the availability of essential defense compo-
20 nents.

21 (c) PURPOSE.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The consortium established
23 under subsection (a) shall provide a forum for the
24 Government, industry, and academia to collaborate
25 on identifying and addressing challenges to and limi-

1 tations of the industrial base in meeting the needs
2 of the Department of Defense.

3 (2) AREAS OF FOCUS.—In identifying and ad-
4 dressing challenges to and limitations of the indus-
5 trial base, the consortium established under sub-
6 section (a) shall focus on—

7 (A) eliminating impediments to a resilient
8 and robust industrial base, including—

9 (i) policies and procedures that are
10 impeding businesses of all types and sizes
11 from working with the Department of De-
12 fense;

13 (ii) areas where the Department could
14 improve implementation of the Federal Ac-
15 quisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (Public
16 Law 103–355), including limiting the ap-
17 plication of requirements specific to the
18 Government in the procurement of com-
19 mercial products and commercial services,
20 and maximizing the use of commercial
21 standards rather than military specifica-
22 tions and standards; and

23 (iii) impediments to transitioning re-
24 search, development, testing, and evalua-
25 tion programs funded by military depart-

1 ments and the Department to relevant ac-
2 quisition programs of record;

3 (B) identifying and addressing supply
4 chain fragility, including—

5 (i) preventing or mitigating parts ob-
6 solescence, and addressing the
7 vulnerabilities from reliance on single
8 sources for any material, product, or serv-
9 ice while reducing the dependencies on
10 nonallied nations;

11 (ii) developing long-term industrial
12 base strategies and solutions to ensure the
13 availability of mission-critical parts for sys-
14 tems of the Department throughout the
15 life cycle of such systems; and

16 (iii) bolstering supply chain diversity
17 and developing shared awareness of supply
18 chain challenges, risks, and opportunities
19 between Government and industry;

20 (C) expanding domestic manufacturing and
21 industrial capacity, including—

22 (i) enabling rapid engagement be-
23 tween Government, academia, and industry
24 to develop, test, and scale solutions that
25 can revitalize domestic manufacturing ca-

1 pabilities, reduce reliance on single sources
2 of supply, and strengthen the defense in-
3 dustrial base;

4 (ii) identifying financial incentives and
5 business models to enable and support a
6 civil reserve manufacturing network that
7 could be activated to meet the needs of the
8 Department of Defense;

9 (iii) supporting and informing efforts
10 to enhance government-owned, govern-
11 ment-operated arsenals and depots with
12 advanced manufacturing and other produc-
13 tion capabilities to enable rapid response
14 across the spectrum of operational environ-
15 ments;

16 (iv) enabling and enhancing public-
17 private partnerships between the organic
18 industrial base, commercial manufacturing,
19 and other industrial entities; and

20 (v) anticipate and close gaps in manu-
21 facturing capabilities for defense systems
22 by fostering the adoption of additive manu-
23 facturing, automation, AI-driven produc-
24 tion, and other emerging capabilities to

1 modernize the industrial base and associ-
2 ated supply chains;

3 (D) accessing and implementing commer-
4 cial approaches to enabling modern manufac-
5 turing capabilities, including—

6 (i) adoption of commercial approaches
7 to information technology, software, the
8 cloud, data management, and artificial in-
9 telligence to support and enable modern
10 manufacturing capabilities; and

11 (ii) identifying financial incentives and
12 business models to encourage private-sec-
13 tor investment and expand access to ad-
14 vanced, high-quality advanced manufac-
15 turing, that uses software to digitize man-
16 ufacturing to the greatest extent possible;
17 and

18 (E) development and training of the work-
19 force, including—

20 (i) leveraging industry best practices
21 training and development of critical skills
22 in advanced manufacturing, including skills
23 required to manufacture unique compo-
24 nents and products for systems of the De-

1 partment of Defense and to enable capa-
2 bilities of the Department;

3 (ii) identifying or developing opportu-
4 nities for public-private talent exchanges
5 and skills development in areas such as ad-
6 vanced manufacturing, supply chain man-
7 agement, and supply chain risk manage-
8 ment; and

9 (iii) identify or develop curriculum
10 and experiential learning to support and
11 enable advanced manufacturing, produc-
12 tion technologies, or industrial innovation.

13 (d) CONSORTIUM WORK PRODUCTS AND REC-
14 COMMENDATIONS.—Relevant work products and rec-
15 ommendations developed through consortium activities
16 shall be considered by the Secretary of Defense in devel-
17 oping policy and allocating resources to ensure that the
18 Armed Forces are equipped with the capabilities necessary
19 to effectively respond to national security challenges.

20 (e) USE OF OTHER TRANSACTION AUTHORITIES.—
21 The consortium established under subsection (a) shall sup-
22 port the use of other transactions authorities under sec-
23 tions 4021 and 4022 of title 10, United States Code, and
24 other appropriate acquisition authorities, to rapidly proto-
25 type and field advanced manufacturing solutions and to

1 address the other challenges to and limitations of the in-
2 dustrial base.

3 **SEC. 1843. QUALIFICATION, ACCEPTANCE, AND SUPPLY**
4 **CHAIN MANAGEMENT OF PRODUCTS MANU-**
5 **FACTURED USING ADVANCED MANUFAC-**
6 **TURING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
9 shall establish in the Defense Industrial Resilience Con-
10 sortium established under section 1842 a working group
11 to develop recommendations for improving the policies and
12 procedures of the Department of Defense for the qualifica-
13 tion, acceptance, and management of the supply chains
14 of products manufactured using advanced manufacturing.

15 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The membership of the working
16 group shall include representatives from government, in-
17 dustry, and academia with expertise in advanced manufac-
18 turing, engineering, the procedures of the Department of
19 Defense for qualifying and accepting products, supply
20 chain management, or commercial best practices and busi-
21 ness models for advanced manufacturing.

22 (c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The working group shall—
23 (1) review the policies and procedures of the
24 Department of Defense to identify policies and pro-
25 cedures for the qualification, acceptance, and man-

1 agement of the supply chains of products that are
2 insufficient for or not applicable to products manu-
3 factured using advanced manufacturing;

4 (2) identify any changes to the policies and pro-
5 cedures of the Department required for the Depart-
6 ment to benefit fully from access to and use of prod-
7 ucts manufactured using advanced manufacturing;
8 and

9 (3) develop recommendations for—

10 (A) technical guidance with respect to the
11 qualification, acceptance, and management of
12 the supply chains of products manufactured
13 using advanced manufacturing;

14 (B) policies and procedures for the quali-
15 fication, acceptance, and management of the
16 supply chains of such products;

17 (C) changes to any other policies and pro-
18 cedures of the Department identified under
19 paragraph (2); and

20 (D) training to enhance the knowledge and
21 experience of the workforce of the Department
22 of Defense with advanced manufacturing, in-
23 cluding the benefits, limitations, and commer-
24 cial best practices and business models for de-

1 signing, developing, and using products manu-
2 factured using advanced manufacturing.

3 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
4 of enactment, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to
5 Congress—

6 (1) a report on the recommendations developed
7 by the working group under subsection (c)(3) and
8 the actions taken by the Secretary to better enable
9 to the Department of Defense to access and use
10 products manufactured using advanced manufac-
11 turing; and

12 (2) a recommendation whether to continue or
13 terminate the working group.

14 (e) WORKING GROUP DEFINED.—In this section, the
15 term “working group” means the working group estab-
16 lished under subsection (a).

17 **SEC. 1844. REPORT ON SURGE CAPACITY IN THE DEFENSE**
18 **INDUSTRIAL BASE.**

19 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than March 1,
20 2026, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial
21 Base Policy and the Director of Defense Pricing, Con-
22 tracting, and Acquisition Policy shall jointly submit to the
23 congressional defense committees a report on efforts to
24 identify and address regulations or policies that discour-

1 age or prevent contractors of the Department of Defense
2 from maintaining or investing in surge capacity.

3 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required subsection (a)
4 shall include the following:

5 (1) A discussion of any efforts by United States
6 DOGE Service (commonly referred to as the “De-
7 partment of Government Efficiency” or “DOGE”),
8 acting in coordination with the Office of the Sec-
9 retary of Defense, to review and address the barriers
10 described in subsection (a)(1).

11 (2) An identification of policies that incentivize
12 contractors to reduce or eliminate surge capacity, in-
13 cluding section 31.205-17 of the Federal Acquisition
14 Regulation (relating to idle facilities and idle capac-
15 ity costs).

16 (3) Any steps taken by the Secretary of De-
17 fense to address regulatory barriers disincentivizing
18 surge capacity within the defense industrial base as
19 part of the implementation of Executive Order
20 14265 titled “Modernizing Defense Acquisitions and
21 Spurring Innovation in the Defense Industrial Base”
22 (90 Fed. Reg. 15621; April 15, 2025).

23 (c) SURGE CAPACITY DEFINED.—In this section, the
24 term “surge capacity” mean the ability of contractors in
25 the defense industrial base to rapidly increase production

1 capacity to meet increased demand for defense articles and
2 defense services (as such terms are defined, respectively,
3 in section 301 of title 10, United States Code).

4 **DIVISION B—MILITARY CON-**
5 **STRUCTION AUTHORIZA-**
6 **TIONS**

7 **SEC. 2001. SHORT TITLE.**

8 This division may be cited as the “Military Construc-
9 tion Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026”.

10 **SEC. 2002. EXPIRATION OF AUTHORIZATIONS AND**
11 **AMOUNTS REQUIRED TO BE SPECIFIED BY**
12 **LAW.**

13 (a) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORIZATIONS AFTER THREE
14 YEARS.—Except as provided in subsection (b), all author-
15 izations contained in titles XXI through XXVII for mili-
16 tary construction projects, land acquisition, family housing
17 projects and facilities, and contributions to the North At-
18 lantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program
19 (and authorizations of appropriations therefor) shall ex-
20 pire on the later of—

21 (1) October 1, 2028; or

22 (2) the date of the enactment of an Act author-
23 izing funds for military construction for fiscal year
24 2029.

(b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to authorizations for military construction projects, land acquisition, family housing projects and facilities, and contributions to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program (and authorizations of appropriations therefor), for which appropriated funds have been obligated before the later of—

(1) October 1, 2028; or

(2) the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for fiscal year 2029 for military construction projects, land acquisition, family housing projects and facilities, or contributions to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program.

SEC. 2003. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Titles XXI through XXVII shall take effect on the later of—

(1) October 1, 2025; or

(2) the date of the enactment of this Act.

**TITLE XXI—ARMY MILITARY
CONSTRUCTION**

**SEC. 2101. AUTHORIZED ARMY CONSTRUCTION AND LAND
ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

(a) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-

1 tions in section 2103(a) and available for military con-
2 struction projects inside the United States as specified in
3 the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the
4 Army may acquire real property and carry out military
5 construction projects for the installations or locations in-
6 side the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in
7 the following table:

Army: Inside the United States

State	Installation or Location	Amount
Alabama	Anniston Army Depot	\$115,000,000
Alaska	Fort Wainwright	\$208,000,000
Florida	Eglin Air Force Base	\$91,000,000
	Naval Air Station Key West	\$457,000,000
Georgia	Fort Gillem	\$166,000,000
Guam	Joint Region Marianas	\$440,000,000
Indiana	Crane Army Ammunition Plant	\$161,000,000
Kansas	Fort Riley	\$13,200,000
Kentucky	Fort Campbell	\$112,000,000
New York	Fort Hamilton	\$31,000,000
	Watervliet Arsenal	\$29,000,000
North Carolina	Fort Bragg	\$19,000,000
Pennsylvania	Letterkenny Army Depot	\$91,500,000
	Tobyhanna Army Depot	\$68,000,000
South Carolina	Fort Jackson	\$51,000,000
Washington	Joint Base Lewis-McChord	\$196,000,000

8 (b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts
9 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
10 tions in section 2103(a) and available for military con-
11 struction projects outside the United States as specified
12 in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the
13 Army may acquire real property and carry out military
14 construction projects for the installations or locations out-
15 side the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in
16 the following table:

Army: Outside the United States

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Germany	U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz ...	\$62,000,000
	U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach	\$92,000,000

1 (c) REPEAL OF PRIOR AUTHORIZATION.—The au-
2 thorization table in section 2101(a) of the Military Con-
3 struction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (division
4 B of Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 2217) is amended—

5 (1) by striking the item relating to “Florida” in
6 the “State” column;

7 (2) by striking the item relating to “Naval Air
8 Station Key West” in the “Installation” column; and

9 (3) by striking the item relating to
10 “\$90,000,000” in the “Amount” column.

11 **SEC. 2102. FAMILY HOUSING.**

12 (a) CONSTRUCTION AND ACQUISITION.—Using
13 amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of ap-
14 propriations in section 2103(a) and available for military
15 family housing functions as specified in the funding table
16 in section 4601, the Secretary of the Army may construct
17 or acquire family housing units (including land acquisition
18 and supporting facilities) at the installations or locations,
19 in the number of units, and in the amounts set forth in
20 the following table:

Army: Family Housing

Country	Installation	Amount
Belgium	Chièvres Air Base	\$145,042,000

Army: Family Housing—Continued

Country	Installation	Amount
Germany	U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria	\$50,692,000

(b) **PLANNING AND DESIGN.**—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2103(a) and available for military family housing functions as specified in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Army may carry out architectural and engineering services and construction design activities with respect to the construction or improvement of family housing units in an amount not to exceed \$32,824,000.

SEC. 2103. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, ARMY.

(a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years beginning after September 30, 2025, for military construction, land acquisition, and military family housing functions of the Department of the Army as specified in the funding table in section 4601.

(b) **LIMITATION ON TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.**—Notwithstanding the cost variations authorized by section 2853 of title 10, United States Code, and any other cost variation authorized by law, the total cost of all projects carried out under sections 2101 and 2102 of this Act may not exceed the total amount authorized to be appropriated under subsection (a), as specified in the funding table in section 4601.

1 **SEC. 2104. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT FIS-**
2 **CAL YEAR 2021 PROJECT AT FORT GILLEM,**
3 **GEORGIA.**

4 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
5 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
6 Year 2021 (division B of Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat.
7 4294), the authorization set forth in the table in sub-
8 section (b) , as provided in section 2101(a) of that Act
9 (134 Stat. 4295) and most recently extended by section
10 2107 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for
11 Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159; 138
12 Stat. 2216), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026,
13 or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds
14 for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever
15 is later.

16 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
17 is as follows:

Army: Extension of 2021 Project Authorization

State	Installation or Location	Project	Original Au- thorized Amount
Georgia	Fort Gillem	Forensic Laboratory	\$71,000,000

18 **SEC. 2105. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**
19 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2022 PROJECTS.**

20 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
21 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
22 Year 2022 (division B of Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat.

1 2161), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-
2 section (b), as provided in section 2101 of that Act (135
3 Stat. 2163) and extended by section 2108 of the Military
4 Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (di-
5 vision B of Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 2216), shall
6 remain in effect until October 1, 2026, or the date of the
7 enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military con-
8 struction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

9 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
10 is as follows:

Army: Extension of 2022 Project Authorizations

State/ Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Au- thorized Amount
Georgia	Fort Stewart	Barracks	\$105,000,000
Germany	Smith Barracks	Live Fire Exercise Shoothouse	\$16,000,000
Hawaii	West Loch Naval Mag- azine Annex.	Ammunition Storage	\$51,000,000
Texas	Fort Bliss	Defense Access Roads	\$20,000,000

11 **SEC. 2106. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**
12 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECTS.**

13 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
14 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
15 Year 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat.
16 2970), the authorization set forth in the table in sub-
17 section (b), as provided in section 2101 of that Act (136
18 Stat. 2971), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026,
19 or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds

1 for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever
2 is later.

3 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
4 is as follows:

Army: Extension of 2023 Project Authorizations

State/ Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Au- thorized Amount
Alabama	Redstone Arsenal	Physics Lab	\$44,000,000
Hawaii	Fort Shafter	Water System Up- grade	\$33,000,000
	Schofield Barracks	Company Operations Facility	\$159,000,000
	Tripler Army Medical Center.	Water System Up- grade	\$38,000,000
Germany	East Camp Grafenwoehr.	EDI: Battalion Trng Cplx1 (Brks/Veh Maint).	\$104,000,000
		EDI: Battalion Trng Cplx2 (OPS/Veh Maint).	\$64,000,000
Japan	Kadena Air Force Base	Vehicle Maintenance Shop	\$80,000,000

5 **SEC. 2107. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT**
6 **FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROJECT AT SMITH BAR-**
7 **RACKS, GERMANY.**

8 In the case of the authorization contained in the table
9 in section 2101(b) of the Military Construction Authoriza-
10 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of Public Law
11 118–159; 138 Stat. 2213) for Hohenfels Training Area,
12 for construction of a barracks as specified in the funding
13 table in section 4601 of such Act, the Secretary of the
14 Army may construct a barracks at Smith Barracks, Ger-
15 many.

1 **TITLE XXII—NAVY MILITARY**

2 **CONSTRUCTION**

3 **SEC. 2201. AUTHORIZED NAVY CONSTRUCTION AND LAND**

4 **ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

5 (a) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts
6 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
7 tions in section 2203(a) and available for military con-
8 struction projects inside the United States as specified in
9 the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the
10 Navy may acquire real property and carry out military
11 construction projects for the installations or locations in-
12 side the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in
13 the following table:

Navy: Inside the United States

State	Installation or Location	Amount
California	Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton	\$127,220,000
	Naval Air Station Lemoore	\$399,610,000
	Naval Base Coronado	\$103,000,000
	Naval Base San Diego	\$86,820,000
	Naval Support Activity Monterey	\$430,000,000
Connecticut	Naval Submarine Base New London	\$30,000,000
Florida	Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island	\$94,100,000
	Naval Air Station Jacksonville	\$374,900,000
Guam	Andersen Air Force Base	\$70,070,000
	Naval Base Guam	\$105,950,000
	Naval Base Guam North Finegayan Tele- communications Site.	\$61,010,000
Hawaii	Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands	\$235,730,000
	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	\$83,000,000
Maine	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	\$1,042,000,000
Maryland	National Maritime Intelligence Center	\$114,000,000
Nevada	Naval Air Station Fallon	\$47,000,000
South Carolina	Charleston Air Force Base	\$357,900,000
Virginia	Marine Corps Base Quantico	\$63,560,000
	Naval Station Norfolk	\$1,582,490,000
Washington	Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor	\$245,700,000
Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	\$129,620,000

14 (b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts
15 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-

1 tions in section 2203(a) and available for military con-
2 struction projects outside the United States as specified
3 in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the
4 Navy may acquire real property and carry out military
5 construction projects for the installations or locations out-
6 side the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in
7 the following table:

Navy: Outside the United States

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Japan	Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. But- ler.	\$58,000,000

8 **SEC. 2202. FAMILY HOUSING.**

9 (a) IMPROVEMENTS TO MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING
10 UNITS.—Subject to section 2825 of title 10, United States
11 Code, and using amounts appropriated pursuant to the
12 authorization of appropriations in section 2203(a) and
13 available for military family housing functions as specified
14 in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the
15 Navy may improve existing military family housing units
16 in an amount not to exceed \$68,230,000.

17 (b) PLANNING AND DESIGN.—Using amounts appro-
18 priated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in
19 section 2203(a) and available for military family housing
20 functions as specified in the funding table in section 4601,
21 the Secretary of the Navy may carry out architectural and
22 engineering services and construction design activities

1 with respect to the construction or improvement of family
2 housing units in an amount not to exceed \$6,605,000.

3 **SEC. 2203. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, NAVY.**

4 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds
5 are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years
6 beginning after September 30, 2025, for military con-
7 struction, land acquisition, and military family housing
8 functions of the Department of the Navy, as specified in
9 the funding table in section 4601.

10 (b) LIMITATION ON TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION
11 PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding the cost variations author-
12 ized by section 2853 of title 10, United States Code, and
13 any other cost variation authorized by law, the total cost
14 of all projects carried out under sections 2201 and 2202
15 of this Act may not exceed the total amount authorized
16 to be appropriated under subsection (a), as specified in
17 the funding table in section 4601.

18 **SEC. 2204. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT FIS-**
19 **CAL YEAR 2022 PROJECT AT MARINE CORPS**
20 **AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, NORTH CARO-**
21 **LINA.**

22 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
23 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
24 Year 2022 (division B of Public Law 117–81), the author-
25 ization set forth in the table in subsection (b), as author-

1 ized pursuant to section 2201 of such Act, shall remain
2 in effect until October 1, 2026, or the date of the enact-
3 ment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction
4 for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

5 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
6 is as follows:

**Navy and Marine Corps: Extension of 2022 Project
Authorization**

State/ Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Au- thorized Amount
North Carolina	Marine Corps Air Sta- tion Cherry Point	Flightline Utilities Modernization Ph 2	\$113,520,000

7 **SEC. 2205. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**
8 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2022 PROJECTS.**

9 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
10 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
11 Year 2022 (division B of Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat.
12 2161), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-
13 section (b), as provided in sections 2201 and 2202 of that
14 Act (135 Stat. 2166, 2167) and extended by section 2207
15 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
16 Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat.
17 2221), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026, or the
18 date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for mili-
19 tary construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

(b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a) is as follows:

Navy: Extension of 2022 Project Authorizations

State/Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
California	Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.	CLB MEU Complex	\$83,900,000
District of Columbia.	Marine Barracks Washington.	Family Housing Improvements.	\$10,415,000
Florida	Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island.	Lighterage and Small Craft Facility.	\$69,400,000
Hawaii	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe.	Electrical Distribution Modernization.	\$64,500,000
South Carolina	Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort.	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar.	\$122,600,000

SEC. 2206. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECTS.

(a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 2970), the authorizations set forth in the table in subsection (b), as provided in section 2201 of that Act (136 Stat. 2975), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026, or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

(b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a) is as follows:

Navy: Extension of 2022 Project Authorizations

State/Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Florida	Naval Air Station Jacksonville.	Engine Test Cells Modifications.	\$100,570,000
Hawaii	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.	Missile Magazines	\$142,783,000
Nevada	Naval Air Station Fallon.	F-35C Aircraft Maintenance Hangar.	\$111,566,000
North Carolina	Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point.	CH-53K Gearbox Repair and Test Facility.	\$44,830,000
South Carolina	Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island.	Recruit Barracks	\$81,890,000
Spain	Naval Station Rota.	Recruit Barracks	\$85,040,000
		EDI: Missile Magazines	\$92,323,000

1 **TITLE XXIII—AIR FORCE**
2 **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**
3 **SEC. 2301. AUTHORIZED AIR FORCE CONSTRUCTION AND**
4 **LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

5 (a) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts
6 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
7 tions in section 2303(a) and available for military con-
8 struction projects inside the United States as specified in
9 the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the
10 Air Force may acquire real property and carry out mili-
11 tary construction projects for the installations or locations
12 inside the United States, and in the amounts, set forth
13 in the following table:

Air Force: Inside the United States

State	Installation or Location	Amount
Arizona	Davis-Monthan Air Force Base	\$174,000,000
California	Travis Air Force Base	\$60,000,000
Florida	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	\$49,800,000
	Eglin Air Force Base	\$166,000,000
	MacDill Air Force Base	\$74,000,000
Georgia	Robins Air Force Base	\$28,000,000

Air Force: Inside the United States—Continued

State	Installation or Location	Amount
Louisiana	Barksdale Air Force Base	\$116,000,000
Massachusetts	Hanscom Air Force Base	\$55,000,000
Missouri	Whiteman Air Force Base	\$127,600,000
New Mexico	Cannon Air Force Base	\$90,000,000
	Kirtland Air Force Base	\$83,000,000
North Carolina	Seymour Johnson Air Force Base	\$41,000,000
Oklahoma	Tinker Air Force Base	\$389,000,000
South Dakota	Ellsworth Air Force Base	\$378,000,000
Texas	Dyess Air Force Base	\$90,800,000
	Goodfellow Air Force Base	\$112,000,000
Utah	Hill Air Force Base	\$250,000,000

(b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2303(a) and available for military construction projects outside the United States as specified in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Air Force may acquire real property and carry out military construction projects for the installations or locations outside the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

Air Force: Outside the United States

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Diego Garcia	Naval Support Facility Diego Garcia	\$29,000,000
Germany	Ramstein Air Base	\$44,000,000
Greenland	Pituffik Space Base	\$32,000,000
Norway	Royal Norwegian Air Force Base Rygge	\$72,000,000
United Kingdom	Royal Air Force Lakenheath	\$253,000,000
	Royal Air Force Feltwell	\$20,000,000

SEC. 2302. FAMILY HOUSING.

(a) IMPROVEMENTS TO MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING UNITS.—Subject to section 2825 of title 10, United States Code, and using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2303(a) and

1 available for military family housing functions as specified
2 in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the
3 Air Force may improve existing military family housing
4 units in an amount not to exceed \$237,655,000.

5 (b) PLANNING AND DESIGN.—Using amounts appro-
6 priated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in
7 section 2303(a) and available for military family housing
8 functions as specified in the funding table in section 4601,
9 the Secretary of the Air Force may carry out architectural
10 and engineering services and construction design activities
11 with respect to the construction or improvement of family
12 housing units in an amount not to exceed \$36,575,000.

13 **SEC. 2303. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, AIR**
14 **FORCE.**

15 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds
16 are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years
17 beginning after September 30, 2025, for military con-
18 struction, land acquisition, and military family housing
19 functions of the Department of the Air Force, as specified
20 in the funding table in section 4601.

21 (b) LIMITATION ON TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION
22 PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding the cost variations author-
23 ized by section 2853 of title 10, United States Code, and
24 any other cost variation authorized by law, the total cost
25 of all projects carried out under sections 2301 and 2302

1 of this Act may not exceed the total amount authorized
2 to be appropriated under subsection (a), as specified in
3 the funding table in section 4601.

4 **SEC. 2304. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT FIS-**
5 **CAL YEAR 2017 PROJECT AT SPANGDAHLEM**
6 **AIR BASE, GERMANY.**

7 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
8 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
9 Year 2017 (division B of Public Law 114–328; 130 Stat.
10 2688), the authorization set forth in the table in sub-
11 section (b), as provided in section 2902 of that Act (130
12 Stat. 2743) and most recently extended by section 2304
13 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
14 Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat.
15 2224), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026, or the
16 date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for mili-
17 tary construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

18 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
19 is as follows:

Air Force: Extension of 2017 Project Authorization

Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Germany	Spangdahlem Air Base	ERI: F/A–22 Low Observable/Composite Repair Fac	\$12,000,000

1 SEC. 2305. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-
2 TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2019 PROJECTS.

3 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
 4 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
 5 Year 2019 (division B of Public Law 115–232; 132 Stat.
 6 2240), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-
 7 section (b), as provided in section 2903 of that Act (132
 8 Stat. 2287) and most recently extended by section 2306
 9 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
 10 Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat.
 11 2225), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026, or the
 12 date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for mili-
 13 tary construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.
 14 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
 15 is as follows:

Air Force: Extension of 2019 Project Authorizations

Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
United Kingdom	Royal Air Force Fairford	EDI: Construct DABS-FEV Storage	\$87,000,000
		EDI: Munitions Holding Area	\$19,000,000

16 SEC. 2306. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-
17 TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2020 PROJECTS.

18 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
 19 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
 20 Year 2020 (division B of Public Law 116–92; 133 Stat.

1 1862), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-
 2 section (b), as provided in sections 2301(a) and 2912(a)
 3 of that Act (133 Stat. 1867, 1913), and extended by sec-
 4 tion 2307 of the Military Construction Authorization Act
 5 for Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159;
 6 138 Stat. 2226), shall remain in effect until October 1,
 7 2026, or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing
 8 funds for military construction for fiscal year 2027, which-
 9 ever is later.

10 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
 11 is as follows:

Air Force: Extension of 2020 Project Authorizations

State	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Florida	Tyndall Air Force Base	Deployment Center/ Flight Line Din- ing/AAFES	\$43,000,000
Georgia	Moody Air Force Base	41 RQS HH–60W Apron	\$12,500,000

12 **SEC. 2307. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**
 13 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2022 PROJECTS.**

14 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
 15 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
 16 Year 2022 (division B of Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat.
 17 2161), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-
 18 section (b), as provided in section 2301 of that Act (135
 19 Stat. 2168) and extended by section 2309 of the Military
 20 Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (di-

1 vision B of Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 2227), shall
2 remain in effect until October 1, 2026, or the date of the
3 enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military con-
4 struction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

5 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
6 is as follows:

Air Force: Extension of 2022 Project Authorizations

State/ Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Massachusetts	Hanscom Air Force Base	NC3 Acquisitions Management Fa- cility	\$66,000,000
United King- dom	Royal Air Force Lakenheath	F–35A Child Delv- opment Center	\$24,000,000
		F–35A Munition In- spection Facility ..	\$31,000,000
		F–35A Weapons Load Training Facility	\$49,000,000

7 **SEC. 2308. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**
8 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECTS.**

9 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
10 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
11 Year 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat.
12 2970), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-
13 section (b), as provided in section 2301 of that Act (136
14 Stat. 2978), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026,
15 or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds
16 for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever
17 is later.

(b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a) is as follows:

Air Force: Extension of 2023 Project Authorizations

State/ Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Florida	Patrick Space Force Base	Consolidated Com- munications Cen- ter	\$97,000,000
Norway	Rygge Air Station	EDI: Base Perim- eter Security Fence	\$8,200,000
Oklahoma	Tinker Air Force Base	Facility And Land Acquisition (MROTC)	\$30,000,000
Texas	Joint Base San Anto- nio-Randolph	Child Development Center	\$29,000,000

**SEC. 2309. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT
FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROJECT AT F.E. WARREN
AIR FORCE BASE, WYOMING.**

In the case of the authorization contained in the table in section 2301(a) of the Military Construction Authoriza-
tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of Public Law
118–159; 138 Stat. 2222) for F.E. Warren Air Force
Base, Wyoming, for the Ground Based Strategic Deter-
rent Utility Corridor, the Secretary of the Air Force may
construct 3,219 kilometers of telephone duct facility.

1 **TITLE XXIV—DEFENSE AGEN-**
2 **CIES MILITARY CONSTRUC-**
3 **TION**

4 **SEC. 2401. AUTHORIZED DEFENSE AGENCIES CONSTRUC-**
5 **TION AND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

6 (a) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts
7 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
8 tions in section 2403(a) and available for military con-
9 struction projects inside the United States as specified in
10 the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of De-
11 fense may acquire real property and carry out military
12 construction projects for the installations or locations in-
13 side the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in
14 the following table:

Defense Agencies: Inside the United States

State	Installation or Location	Amount
Alabama	Anniston Army Depot	\$32,000,000
California	Travis Air Force Base	\$49,980,000
Georgia	Fort Benning	\$127,375,000
Maryland	Fort Meade	\$26,600,000
North Carolina	Fort Bragg	\$254,700,000
Pennsylvania	Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune	\$255,000,000
	DLA Distribution Center Susquehanna	\$90,000,000
	Harrisburg Air National Guard Base	\$13,400,000
	Raven Rock Mountain Complex	\$34,000,000
Puerto Rico	Punta Borinquen	\$155,000,000
Texas	NSA Texas	\$500,000,000
Washington	Fairchild Air Force Base	\$85,000,000
	Manchester Tank Farm	\$71,000,000

15 (b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts
16 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
17 tions in section 2403(a) and available for military con-
18 struction projects outside the United States as specified

1 in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of De-
2 fense may acquire real property and carry out military
3 construction projects for the installations or locations out-
4 side the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in
5 the following table:

Defense Agencies: Outside the United States

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Germany	U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz	\$16,700,000
United Kingdom	Royal Air Force Lakenheath	\$397,500,000
	Royal Air Force Mildenhall	\$45,000,000

6 **SEC. 2402. AUTHORIZED ENERGY RESILIENCE AND CON-**
7 **SERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM**
8 **PROJECTS.**

9 (a) **INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.**—Using amounts
10 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
11 tions in section 2403(a) and available for energy conserva-
12 tion projects as specified in the funding table in section
13 4601, the Secretary of Defense may carry out energy con-
14 servation projects under chapter 173 of title 10, United
15 States Code, for the installations or locations inside the
16 United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the fol-
17 lowing table:

ERCIP Projects: Inside the United States

State	Installation or Location	Amount
California	Armed Forces Reserve Center, Mountain View	\$20,600,000
	Travis Air Force Base	\$25,120,000
Florida	Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island	\$30,500,000
Guam	Naval Base Guam	\$63,010,000
Massachusetts	Cape Cod Space Force Station	\$124,000,000
New Mexico	White Sands Missile Range	\$38,500,000
North Carolina	Fort Bragg	\$80,000,000
Texas	Fort Hood	\$54,300,000
Utah	Camp Williams	\$28,500,000

(b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2403(a) and available for energy conservation projects as specified in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of Defense may carry out energy conservation projects under chapter 173 of title 10, United States Code, for the installations or locations outside the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

ERCIP Projects: Outside the United States

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Germany	United States Army Garrison Ansbach (Storek Barracks).	\$73,000,000
Japan	Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni	\$146,800,000

SEC. 2403. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, DEFENSE AGENCIES.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years beginning after September 30, 2025, for military construction, land acquisition, and military family housing functions of the Department of Defense (other than the military departments), as specified in the funding table in section 4601.

(b) LIMITATION ON TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding the cost variations authorized by section 2853 of title 10, United States Code, and any other cost variation authorized by law, the total cost

1 of all projects carried out under sections 2401 and 2402
2 of this Act may not exceed the total amount authorized
3 to be appropriated under subsection (a), as specified in
4 the funding table in section 4601.

5 **SEC. 2404. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT FIS-**
6 **CAL YEAR 2019 PROJECT AT IWAKUNI, JAPAN.**

7 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
8 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
9 Year 2019 (division B of Public Law 115–232; 132 Stat.
10 2240), the authorization set forth in the table in sub-
11 section (b), as provided in section 2401(b) of that Act
12 (132 Stat. 2249) and most recently extended by section
13 2405 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for
14 Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118-159; 138
15 Stat. 2232), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026,
16 or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds
17 for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever
18 is later.

19 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
20 is as follows:

Defense Agencies: Extension of 2019 Project Authorization

Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Japan	Iwakuni	Fuel Pier	\$33,200,000

1 SEC. 2405. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-
2 TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2022 PROJECTS.

3 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
 4 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
 5 Year 2022 (division B of Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat.
 6 2161), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-
 7 section (b), as provided in sections 2401 and 2402 of that
 8 Act (135 Stat. 2173, 2174), shall remain in effect until
 9 October 1, 2026, or the date of the enactment of an Act
 10 authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year
 11 2027, whichever is later.

12 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
 13 is as follows:

**Defense Agencies and ERCIP Projects: Extension of 2022
Project Authorizations**

State	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Alabama	Fort Novosel	10 MW RICE Generator Plant and Microgrid Controls	\$24,000,000
Georgia	Fort Benning	4.8 MW Generation and Microgrid	\$17,593,000
	Fort Stewart	10 MW Generation Plant, with Microgrid Controls	\$22,000,000
New York	Fort Drum	Wellfield Field Expansion Project	\$27,000,000
North Carolina	Fort Bragg	Emergency Water System	\$7,705,000
Ohio	Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport	Base-Wide Microgrid With Natural Gas Generator, Photovoltaic and Battery Storage	\$4,700,000
Tennessee	Memphis International Airport	PV Arrays and Battery Storage	\$4,780,000

1 SEC. 2406. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-
2 TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECTS.

3 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
 4 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
 5 Year 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat.
 6 2970), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-
 7 section (b), as provided in sections 2401(a) and 2402(a)
 8 of that Act (136 Stat. 2982, 2983), shall remain in effect
 9 until October 1, 2026, or the date of the enactment of
 10 an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fis-
 11 cal year 2027, whichever is later.

12 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
 13 is as follows:

**Defense Agencies and ERCIP Projects: Extension of 2023
Project Authorizations**

State/Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Alabama	Redstone Arsenal	MSIC Advanced Analysis Facility Phase 2 (INC)	\$151,000,000
California	Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center	Microgrid and Backup Power	\$25,560,000
Florida	Naval Air Station Jacksonville	Facility Energy Operations Center Renovation	\$2,400,000
Georgia	Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield	Power Generation and Microgrid	\$25,400,000
Hawaii	Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay	SCADA Modernization	\$11,200,000
	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	Primary Electrical Distribution	\$25,000,000
Kansas	Fort Riley	Power Generation and Microgrid	\$25,780,000
Texas	Fort Cavazos	Power Generation and Microgrid	\$31,500,000

**Defense Agencies and ERCIP Projects: Extension of 2023
Project Authorizations—Continued**

State/Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Virginia	U.S. Army Reserve Center, Conroe	Power Generation and Microgrid	\$9,600,000
	Dam Neck	SOF Operations Building Addition	\$26,600,000

1 SEC. 2407. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT
2 FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROJECT AT REDSTONE
3 ARSENAL, ALABAMA.

4 In the case of the authorization contained in the table
5 in section 2401 of the Military Construction Authorization
6 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (division B of Public Law 118–
7 31; 137 Stat. 726) for Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, for
8 construction of a ground test facility infrastructure project
9 at that location, the Missile Defense Agency may renovate
10 additional square footage and convert administrative space
11 to classified space.

12 SEC. 2408. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT
13 FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROJECT AT LAKE CITY
14 ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT, MISSOURI.

15 (a) MODIFICATIONS OF PROJECT AUTHORITY.—In
16 the case of the authorization contained in the table in sec-
17 tion 2402(a) of the Military Construction Authorization
18 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (division B of Public Law 118–
19 31; 137 Stat. 727) for Lake City Army Ammunition
20 Plant, Missouri, for construction of a microgrid and

1 backup power, the Secretary of Defense may construct a
2 microgrid and backup power, including the installation of
3 liquid propane gas tanks and associated piping, founda-
4 tions, pumps, saddles, propane vaporizers and controls.

5 (b) MODIFICATION OF PROJECT AMOUNTS.—

6 (1) PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.—The authoriza-
7 tion table in section 2402(a) of the Military Con-
8 struction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024
9 (division B of Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat. 727)
10 is amended in the item relating to Lake City Army
11 Ammunition Plant, Missouri, by striking the dollar
12 amount and inserting “\$86,500,000”.

13 (2) FUNDING AUTHORIZATION.—The funding
14 table in section 4601 of the National Defense Au-
15 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law
16 118–31; 137 Stat. 901) is amended in the items re-
17 lating to Lake City Army Ammunition Plant, Mis-
18 souri, by striking the dollar amount and inserting
19 “\$86,500”.

20 **SEC. 2409. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT**
21 **FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROJECT AT JOINT BASE**
22 **ANDREWS, MARYLAND.**

23 In the case of the authorization contained in the table
24 in section 2402 of the Military Construction Authorization
25 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–

1 159; 138 Stat. 2229) for Joint Base Andrews, Maryland,
2 for construction of a microgrid with electric vehicle charg-
3 ing infrastructure, the Secretary of the Air Force may
4 construct a new power generation and microgrid facility.

5 **SEC. 2410. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT**
6 **FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROJECT AT JOINT BASE**
7 **MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY.**

8 In the case of the authorization contained in the table
9 in section 2402 of the Military Construction Authorization
10 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–
11 159; 138 Stat. 2229) for Joint Base McGuire-Dix-
12 Lakehurst, New Jersey, for construction of a microgrid
13 with electric vehicle charging infrastructure, the Secretary
14 of the Air Force may construct a new power generation
15 and microgrid facility.

16 **TITLE XXV—INTERNATIONAL**
17 **PROGRAMS**
18 **Subtitle A—North Atlantic Treaty**
19 **Organization Security Invest-**
20 **ment Program**

21 **SEC. 2501. AUTHORIZED NATO CONSTRUCTION AND LAND**
22 **ACQUISITION PROJECTS; AUTHORIZATION OF**
23 **APPROPRIATIONS.**

24 (a) CONTRIBUTIONS.—Using amounts appropriated
25 pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in sub-

1 section (b) and available for the North Atlantic Treaty Or-
2 ganization Security Investment Program, the Secretary of
3 Defense may make contributions under section 2806 of
4 title 10, United States Code, for the share of the United
5 States of the cost of projects carried out under such pro-
6 gram in an amount not to exceed the sum of—

7 (1) the amount authorized to be appropriated
8 for such purpose in subsection (b); and

9 (2) the amount collected from the North Atlan-
10 tic Treaty Organization as a result of construction
11 previously financed by the United States.

12 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
13 authorized to be appropriated amounts specified in the
14 funding table in section 4601 for the North Atlantic Trea-
15 ty Organization Security Investment Program for fiscal
16 years beginning after September 30, 2025, for the con-
17 tributions of the Secretary of Defense described in sub-
18 section (a).

19 **Subtitle B—Host Country In-Kind** 20 **Contributions**

21 **SEC. 2511. REPUBLIC OF KOREA FUNDED CONSTRUCTION** 22 **PROJECTS.**

23 Pursuant to agreement with the Republic of Korea
24 for required in-kind contributions, the Secretary of De-
25 fense may accept military construction projects for the in-

- 1 stallations or locations in the Republic of Korea, and in
 2 the amounts, set forth in the following table:

Republic of Korea Funded Construction Projects

Component	Installation or Location	Project	Amount
Army	Camp Humphreys	Access Control Point	\$24,000,000
Army	Camp Humphreys	Runway	\$180,000,000
Navy	Pohang Air Base	Replace Concrete Apron	\$22,000,000
Navy	Yeecheon Air Base	Replace Magazine Muni- tions Supply Area.	\$59,000,000
Air Force	Gimhae Air Base	Repair Contingency Hos- pital.	\$86,000,000
Air Force	Gwangju Air Base.	Hydrant Fuel System	\$57,000,000
Air Force	Osan Air Base	Aircraft Corrosion Control Facility Part 3.	\$25,000,000

3 **SEC. 2512. REPUBLIC OF POLAND FUNDED CONSTRUCTION**
 4 **PROJECTS.**

- 5 Pursuant to agreement with the Republic of Poland
 6 for required in-kind contributions, the Secretary of De-
 7 fense may accept military construction projects for the in-
 8 stallations or locations in the Republic of Poland, and in
 9 the amounts, set forth in the following table:

Republic of Poland Funded Construction Projects

Component	Installation or Location	Project	Amount
Army	Drawsko Pomorskie Training Area (DPTA).	Information Systems Facil- ity.	\$6,200,000
Army	Powdiz	Barracks and Dining Fa- cility—Phase 2.	\$199,000,000
Army	Powdiz	Rotary Wing Aircraft Maintenance Hangar.	\$91,000,000
Air Force	Lask	Communication Infrastruc- ture.	\$18,000,000
Air Force	Wroclaw	Combined Aerial Port Fa- cilities.	\$111,000,000
Air Force	Wroclaw	Contingency Beddown Area.	\$13,000,000
Air Force	Wroclaw	Hot Cargo Pad/Munition Handling/Holding Area.	\$44,000,000
Air Force	Wroclaw	Railhead and Rail Exten- sion.	\$22,000,000

1 **TITLE XXVI—GUARD AND**
2 **RESERVE FORCES FACILITIES**

3 **SEC. 2601. AUTHORIZED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD CON-**
4 **STRUCTION AND LAND ACQUISITION**
5 **PROJECTS.**

6 Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the author-
7 ization of appropriations in section 2606 and available for
8 the National Guard and Reserve as specified in the fund-
9 ing table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Army may
10 acquire real property and carry out military construction
11 projects for the Army National Guard locations inside the
12 United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the fol-
13 lowing table:

Army National Guard: Inside the United States

State	Location	Amount
Guam	National Guard Readiness Center Barrigada.	\$55,000,000
Iowa	Waterloo Readiness Center	\$13,800,000
New Hampshire	Plymouth West	\$26,000,000
North Carolina	Salisbury Readiness Complex	\$69,000,000
South Dakota	Watertown Complex	\$28,000,000

14 **SEC. 2602. AUTHORIZED ARMY RESERVE CONSTRUCTION**
15 **AND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

16 Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the author-
17 ization of appropriations in section 2606 and available for
18 the National Guard and Reserve as specified in the fund-
19 ing table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Army may
20 acquire real property and carry out military construction
21 projects for the Army Reserve locations inside the United

1 States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following
2 table:

Army Reserve

State	Location	Amount
Kentucky	Fort Knox	\$138,000,000
Pennsylvania	New Castle	\$30,000,000

3 **SEC. 2603. AUTHORIZED NAVY RESERVE AND MARINE**
4 **CORPS RESERVE CONSTRUCTION AND LAND**
5 **ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

6 Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the author-
7 ization of appropriations in section 2606 and available for
8 the National Guard and Reserve as specified in the fund-
9 ing table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Navy may
10 acquire real property and carry out military construction
11 project for the Navy Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve
12 location inside the United States, and in the amount, set
13 forth in the following table:

Navy Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve

State	Location	Amount
Texas	Naval Air Station Fort Worth	\$106,870,000

14 **SEC. 2604. AUTHORIZED AIR NATIONAL GUARD CONSTRUC-**
15 **TION AND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

16 Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the author-
17 ization of appropriations in section 2606 and available for
18 the National Guard and Reserve as specified in the fund-
19 ing table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Air Force
20 may acquire real property and carry out military construc-

tion projects for the Air National Guard locations inside the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

Air National Guard

State	Location	Amount
Alaska	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	\$46,000,000
Georgia	Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport.	\$27,000,000
Massachusetts	Otis Air National Guard Base	\$31,000,000
Mississippi	Key Field Air National Guard Base	\$19,000,000
New Jersey	Atlantic City Air National Guard Base	\$61,000,000
Oregon	Portland International Airport	\$16,500,000

SEC. 2605. AUTHORIZED AIR FORCE RESERVE CONSTRUCTION AND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.

Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2606 and available for the National Guard and Reserve as specified in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Air Force may acquire real property and carry out military construction projects for the Air Force Reserve locations inside the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

Air Force Reserve

State	Location	Amount
Texas	Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland	\$18,000,000

SEC. 2606. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE.

Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years beginning after September 30, 2025, for the costs of acquisition, architectural and engineering services,

1 and construction of facilities for the Guard and Reserve
2 Forces, and for contributions therefor, under chapter
3 1803 of title 10, United States Code (including the cost
4 of acquisition of land for those facilities), as specified in
5 the funding table in section 4601.

6 **SEC. 2607. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**
7 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECTS.**

8 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
9 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
10 Year 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat.
11 2970), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-
12 section (b), as provided in sections 2601, 2602, 2603 and
13 2604 of that Act (136 Stat. 2986, 2987), shall remain
14 in effect until October 1, 2026, or the date of the enact-
15 ment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction
16 for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

17 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
18 is as follows:

**National Guard and Reserve: Extension of 2023 Project
Authorizations**

State	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Alaska	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar	\$63,000,000
Arizona	Morris Air National Guard Base	Base Entry Complex	\$12,000,000
	Tucson International Airport	Land Acquisition	\$11,700,000
Arkansas	Camp Robinson ..	Automated Multipurpose Machine Gun Range	\$9,500,000

**National Guard and Reserve: Extension of 2023 Project
Authorizations—Continued**

State	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Florida	Gainesville	National Guard Readiness Center	\$21,000,000
	Perrine	Army Reserve Center/AMSA	\$46,000,000
Hawaii	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay	C-40 Aircraft Maintenance Hangar	\$116,964,000
Indiana	Fort Wayne International Airport	Munitions Maintenance and Storage Complex	\$16,500,000
Ohio	Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base	Small Arms Range	\$8,000,000
Puerto Rico	Camp Santiago Joint Maneuver Training Center	Engineering/Housing Maintenance Shops (DPW)	\$14,500,000
West Virginia	McLaughlin Air National Guard Base	C-130J Apron Expansion	\$10,000,000

1 SEC. 2608. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT
2 FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECT AT TUCSON
3 INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ARIZONA.

4 In the case of the authorization contained in the table
5 in section 2604 of the Military Construction Authorization
6 Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–
7 263; 136 Stat. 2987) for Tucson International Airport,
8 Arizona, the Secretary of the Air Force may acquire a par-
9 cel of real property consisting of approximately 10 acres
10 of land located in the northwest quarter of section 18,
11 township 15 south, range 14 east, Gila and Salt River Me-
12 ridian, City of Tucson, Pima County, Arizona.

1 **SEC. 2609. AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT FISCAL YEAR 2026**
2 **PROJECT AT ARMY RESERVE CENTER CON-**
3 **ROE, TEXAS.**

4 (a) PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of
5 the Army may carry out a military construction project
6 to construct a rotary-wing landing pad and taxiway at
7 Army Reserve Center, Conroe, Texas, in an amount not
8 to exceed \$12,000,000.

9 (b) USE OF UNOBLIGATED PRIOR-YEAR FUNDS.—To
10 carry out the project described in subsection (a), the Sec-
11 retary of the Army may use unobligated funds—

12 (1) that have been appropriated for a fiscal
13 year that precedes fiscal year 2026; and

14 (2) that remain available under the heading
15 “Military Construction, Army Reserve”.

16 **TITLE XXVII—BASE REALIGN-**
17 **MENT AND CLOSURE ACTIVI-**
18 **TIES**

19 **SEC. 2701. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**
20 **BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACTIVI-**
21 **TIES FUNDED THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF**
22 **DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT.**

23 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
24 fiscal years beginning after September 30, 2025, for base
25 realignment and closure activities, including real property
26 acquisition and military construction projects, as author-

1 ized by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act
2 of 1990 (part A of title XXIX of Public Law 101–510;
3 10 U.S.C. 2687 note) and funded through the Department
4 of Defense Base Closure Account established by section
5 2906 of such Act (as amended by section 2711 of the Mili-
6 tary Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013
7 (division B of Public Law 112–239; 126 Stat. 2140)), as
8 specified in the funding table in section 4601.

9 **TITLE XXVIII—MILITARY CON-**
10 **STRUCTION GENERAL PROVI-**
11 **SIONS**

12 **Subtitle A—Military Construction**
13 **Programs**

14 **SEC. 2801. FACILITY CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR: TRANS-**
15 **ACTIONS OTHER THAN CONTRACTS AND**
16 **GRANTS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 169 of
18 title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after
19 section 2808 the following new section:

20 **“§ 2808a. Facility construction or repair: transactions**
21 **other than contracts and grants**

22 “(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense and
23 each Secretary of a military department may enter into
24 transactions (other than contracts, cooperative agree-
25 ments, or grants) to carry out repair and construction

1 projects for facilities, including the planning, design, engi-
2 neering, prototyping, piloting, and execution of such repair
3 and construction projects.

4 “(b) USE OF AMOUNTS.—The Secretary of Defense
5 or a Secretary of a military department (as applicable)
6 may carry out projects under subsection (a) using
7 amounts available to the Secretary of Defense or the Sec-
8 retary of a military department (as applicable) for military
9 construction, operation and maintenance, or research, de-
10 velopment, test, and evaluation, notwithstanding chapters
11 221 and 223 of this title.

12 “(c) FOLLOW-ON TRANSACTIONS.—A transaction en-
13 tered into under this section for a project may provide for
14 the award of a follow-on production contract or trans-
15 action to the participants in the transaction without fur-
16 ther competition, if—

17 “(1) competitive procedures were used for the
18 selection of parties for participation in the original
19 transaction; and

20 “(2) the participants in the original transaction
21 successfully completed—

22 “(A) a complete and useable facility; or

23 “(B) a complete and useable improvement
24 to a facility.

1 “(d) REPORT.—Not later than March 1, 2027, and
2 annually thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit
3 to the congressional defense committees a report summa-
4 rizing the use of the authority under this section during
5 the fiscal year preceding the date of the report, including
6 number of transactions and the costs, types of projects,
7 and outcomes of each such transaction.”.

8 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
9 section shall apply with respect to transactions entered
10 into on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

11 **SEC. 2802. SUPERVISION OF MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**
12 **PROJECTS.**

13 Section 2851(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
14 amended by striking “the Secretary of the Army” and all
15 that follows through “approves” and inserting “a military
16 department or Government agency (as approved by the
17 Secretary of Defense)”.

18 **SEC. 2803. IMPROVEMENTS TO WATER MANAGEMENT AND**
19 **SECURITY ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 169 of
21 title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after
22 section 2866 the following new section:

1 **“§ 2866a. Risk-based approach to installation water**
2 **management and security at military in-**
3 **stallations**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) The Secretary concerned
5 shall adopt a risk-based approach to water management
6 and security for each military installation under the juris-
7 diction of the Secretary.

8 “(2) The Secretary concerned shall begin implemen-
9 tation of paragraph (1) by prioritizing those military in-
10 stallations under the jurisdiction of the Secretary that the
11 Secretary determines—

12 “(A) are experiencing the greatest risks to
13 water management and water security; and

14 “(B) face the most severe existing or potential
15 adverse impacts to mission assurance as a result of
16 such risks.

17 “(3) Determinations under paragraph (2) shall be
18 made on the basis of the water management and security
19 assessments made by the Secretary concerned under sub-
20 section (b).

21 “(b) WATER MANAGEMENT AND WATER SECURITY
22 ASSESSMENTS.—(1) The Secretaries concerned, acting
23 jointly, shall develop a methodology to assess risks to
24 water management and water security and mission assur-
25 ance.

26 “(2) Such methodology shall include the following:

1 “(A) An evaluation of all water sources avail-
2 able to a military installation, disaggregated by—

3 “(i) raw water (total available water vol-
4 ume);

5 “(ii) treated potable water; and

6 “(iii) treated nonpotable water.

7 “(B) An assessment of relevant supply connec-
8 tions for a military installation, including number,
9 type, water flow rate, seasonal variability, and the
10 extent of competition for the water sources.

11 “(C) A calculation of the total water require-
12 ment of the military installation that—

13 “(i) includes an identification of the water
14 usage by tenant commands that reside on the
15 military installation; and

16 “(ii) describes the water uses that com-
17 prise such total water requirement,
18 disaggregated by—

19 “(I) drinking water uses; and

20 “(II) nonpotable water uses, including
21 industrial and agricultural uses, such as
22 cooling, irrigation groundskeeping, and
23 wash water.

24 “(D) An evaluation of the age, condition, and
25 jurisdictional control of water infrastructure serving

1 the military installation, including an estimate of the
2 percentage of water lost to such water infrastructure
3 that is in poor or failing condition.

4 “(E) An evaluation of the military installation’s
5 water security risks that could negatively impact
6 mission assurance, including—

7 “(i) the location of the military installation
8 in a drought-prone region;

9 “(ii) decreasing water levels or sources;

10 “(iii) effects of new defense water uses on
11 the total water requirement of the military in-
12 stallation;

13 “(iv) increases to the demand for water in
14 areas outside the jurisdiction of the military in-
15 stallation that—

16 “(I) result from nondefense or defense
17 adjacent requirements; and

18 “(II) could affect—

19 “(aa) the supply of water avail-
20 able for use by the military installa-
21 tion;

22 “(bb) the quality of such water;
23 and

1 “(cc) legal issues of the military
2 installation, such as water rights dis-
3 putes.

4 “(F) An evaluation of the capacity of the mili-
5 tary installation’s water supply to withstand or
6 quickly recover from water resource constraints, and
7 the overall health of the aquifer basin of which the
8 water supply is a part, including the robustness of
9 the resource, redundancy, and ability to recover from
10 disruption.

11 “(G) An evaluation of existing water metering
12 and consumption at the military installation, consid-
13 ered at a minimum—

14 “(i) by type of installation activity, such as
15 training, maintenance, medical, housing, and
16 grounds maintenance and landscaping; and

17 “(ii) by fluctuations in consumption, in-
18 cluding peak consumption by quarter.

19 “(H) The appropriate frequency for reassess-
20 ment of the installations at highest water security
21 risk.

22 “(3) The Secretaries concerned, acting jointly, shall
23 update the methodology under paragraph (1) not less fre-
24 quently than once every ten years.

1 “(c) REASSESSMENT OF WATER INSECURE MILI-
2 TARY INSTALLATIONS.—Each Secretary concerned shall
3 update its assessments of the most at-risk installations not
4 less frequently than the frequency established under sub-
5 section (b)(2)(H).

6 “(d) MITIGATION OF WATER SECURITY RISK AT
7 MOST AT-RISK INSTALLATIONS.—(1) Each Secretary of
8 a military department shall—

9 “(A) identify the three military installations
10 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary that are most
11 at-risk for water insecurity; and

12 “(B) develop, for each military installation so
13 identified, a plan of action and milestones to ad-
14 dress—

15 “(i) risks to water security; and

16 “(ii) threats to mission assurance.

17 “(2) Each such plan of action shall include the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(A) The nature of each risk to the military in-
20 stallation’s capacity and mission assurance.

21 “(B) The factors contributing to the high de-
22 gree of risk, disaggregated by risks located—

23 “(i) inside the jurisdiction of the military
24 installation; and

25 “(ii) outside such jurisdiction.

1 “(C) A plan for implementing installation-level
2 metering to ensure more accurate assessments of de-
3 mand for water at the military installation.

4 “(D) An assessment of—

5 “(i) the effects of planned future missions
6 and new tenants on the demand for water at
7 the military installation; and

8 “(ii) the corresponding requirements for
9 water infrastructure serving the military instal-
10 lation to ensure adequate water supply for mis-
11 sion assurance.

12 “(E) A list of infrastructure projects to miti-
13 gate loss of available water supply to leakage, in-
14 cluding new construction, recapitalization, required
15 maintenance, and modernization of existing infra-
16 structure.

17 “(F) A cost-benefit analysis of using ‘no dig’
18 technologies, including cure-in-place pipe lining, to
19 mitigate infrastructure degradation that leads to
20 water loss.

21 “(e) EVALUATION OF INSTALLATIONS FOR NON-
22 POTABLE WATER REUSE.—(1) Each Secretary concerned
23 shall evaluate each military installation under the
24 jurisdiction of the Secretary identified pursuant to sub-
25 section (d)(A), to determine the potential for the military

1 installation to mitigate risks to water security through the
2 reuse of nonpotable for nondrinking water uses.

3 “(2) Such evaluation shall include the following:

4 “(A) An evaluation of alternative water sources
5 to offset use of freshwater, including water recycling
6 and harvested rainwater for use as nonpotable
7 water.

8 “(B) An assessment of the feasibility of incor-
9 porating, when practicable, water-efficient tech-
10 nologies and systems to minimize water consumption
11 and wastewater discharge in buildings located on the
12 military installation scheduled for renovation.

13 “(C) An evaluation of the practicality of imple-
14 menting water reuse systems and other water-saving
15 infrastructure into new construction in water-con-
16 strained areas, as determined pursuant to the appli-
17 cable water management and security assessment
18 under subsection (b).

19 “(f) COST EFFECTIVE LANDSCAPING MANAGEMENT
20 PRACTICES.—(1) The Secretary concerned shall, to the
21 maximum extent practicable, implement, at each military
22 installation under the jurisdiction of the Secretary, land-
23 scaping management practices that mitigate risks to water
24 security and enhance mission assurance by enabling great-

1 er quantities of water availability for operational, training,
2 and maintenance requirements.

3 “(2) For military installations located in arid or semi-
4 arid regions, such landscaping management practices shall
5 include practices that avoid the cost of irrigation.

6 “(3) For military installations located in nonarid re-
7 gions, such landscaping management practices shall in-
8 clude the use of plants common to the region in which
9 the installation is located and native grasses and plants
10 that decrease water consumption requirements.

11 “(g) BRIEFINGS REQUIRED.—(1) Not later than 180
12 days after the date of the enactment of the Military Con-
13 struction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, the Sec-
14 retaries concerned shall provide to the Committees of the
15 Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the
16 Senate a briefing that includes—

17 “(A) an identification, in ranked order, of the
18 military installations under the jurisdiction of the
19 Secretary concerned that have the most significant
20 risk to water security; and

21 “(B) a description of the schedule for devel-
22 oping the plan of action required by subsection (d).

23 “(2) Not later than one year after the date of the
24 enactment of the Military Construction Authorization Act
25 for Fiscal Year 2026, and annually thereafter not later

1 than the date of President’s budget for a fiscal year under
2 section 1105 of title 31, the Secretaries concerned shall
3 provide to the Committees of the Armed Services of the
4 House of Representatives and the Senate a briefing that
5 includes, with respect to the period covered by the brief-
6 ing—

7 “(A) an update on the progress of the Secretary
8 concerned toward completing the water security as-
9 sessment required by subsection (b);

10 “(B) up-to-date cost estimates for projects to
11 mitigate loss of available water supply to leakage
12 identified pursuant to subsection (d)(1)(E); and

13 “(C) a description of—

14 “(i) any agreement between a Secretary
15 concerned and the head of a non-Department of
16 Defense entity with respect to property under
17 the jurisdiction of the Secretary concerned that
18 may affect—

19 “(I) the supply of water available to a
20 military installation under the jurisdiction
21 of the Secretary concerned; or

22 “(II) the demand for water of such a
23 military installation; and

24 “(ii) any change to—

1 “(I) the water supply of a military in-
2 stallation under the jurisdiction of the Sec-
3 retary concerned; or

4 “(II) the demand for water of such a
5 military installation.

6 “(h) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
7 tion shall be construed to require the repetition or replace-
8 ment of any prior water assessment or evaluation con-
9 ducted before the date of the enactment of the Military
10 Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, so
11 long as such assessment remains accurate and reflects
12 current mission requirements.”.

13 (b) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 2827 of the Wil-
14 liam M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authoriza-
15 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10
16 U.S.C. 2866 note) is repealed.

17 **SEC. 2804. AUTHORITY TO USE PROGRESSIVE DESIGN-**
18 **BUILD PROCEDURES FOR MILITARY CON-**
19 **STRUCTION PROJECTS.**

20 Section 3241(f) of title 10, United States Code, is
21 amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “The Sec-
23 retary” and inserting “Subject to paragraph (4),
24 each Secretary”;

1 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “Any military
2 construction contract” and inserting “Any construc-
3 tion contract for a military construction project”;

4 (3) by amending paragraphs (3) and (4) to
5 read as follows:

6 “(3) Not later than March 1, 2027, and annually
7 thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the
8 congressional defense committees a report on the use of
9 the authority under this subsection that includes the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(A) A description of the military construction
12 project for which such authority was used, including
13 project title, location, scope, and rationale for select-
14 ing such project.

15 “(B) The date of award of a contract for such
16 military construction project, the initial estimated
17 contract value, and the current projected total cost
18 of such project.

19 “(C) A comparison of projected schedule for
20 completion of such project with the actual schedule,
21 including dates for completing the design of such
22 project and commencing construction.

23 “(D) Any realized or anticipated cost savings or
24 efficiencies, including those related to time, re-
25 sources, or design innovation, attributable to the use

1 of the use of the authority under this subsection for
2 a military construction project.

3 “(E) An assessment of risk management bene-
4 fits, including changes in scope, design flexibility, or
5 coordination improvements between contractor and
6 the Secretary of a military department with jurisdic-
7 tion over the military construction project for which
8 such authority was used.

9 “(F) Any challenges encountered, and mitiga-
10 tion efforts made, in the use such authority for the
11 military construction project.

12 “(4) Each Secretary of a military department may
13 exercise the authority under this subsection using amounts
14 appropriated for such purpose on or after the date of the
15 enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for
16 Fiscal Year 2026.”.

17 **SEC. 2805. PILOT PROGRAM ON USE OF ADDITIVE CON-**
18 **STRUCTION TECHNOLOGIES AT ARMY IN-**
19 **STALLATIONS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 90 days
21 after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army,
22 acting through a designee thereof, shall carry out a pilot
23 program on the use of additive construction technologies
24 for military construction projects on covered installations.

1 (b) SELECTION OF INSTALLATIONS.—The Secretary
2 shall—

3 (1) select one or more covered installations at
4 which to carry out the pilot program under sub-
5 section (a); and

6 (2) take such steps as may be necessary to min-
7 imize any disruption from such pilot program on the
8 operations of any covered installation so selected.

9 (c) ELEMENTS.—In carrying out the pilot program
10 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

11 (1) generate a standardized design of one or
12 more military housing products compatible with ad-
13 ditive construction methods;

14 (2) using such additive construction methods,
15 build the military housing product or products, as
16 the case may be, pursuant to the respective design
17 generated under paragraph (1)—

18 (A) at each covered installation selected
19 under subsection (b); and

20 (B) in sufficient quantities, as determined
21 by the Secretary, to demonstrate the advan-
22 tages and disadvantages of additive construc-
23 tion if adopted across all military installations;
24 and

1 (3) prescribe data collection requirements for
2 the activities under paragraphs (1) and (2), includ-
3 ing with respect to design and building schedule,
4 cost information, and effect on quality of life, and
5 collect data pursuant to such requirements.

6 (d) REPORTS.—

7 (1) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than 18
8 months after the date of the enactment of this Act,
9 the Secretary shall submit to the congressional de-
10 fense committees a report on the implementation of
11 the pilot program under subsection (a), including—

12 (A) a summary of any impediments to
13 such implementation identified by the Sec-
14 retary, including any statutory or resource limi-
15 tations;

16 (B) a summary of the recommendations of
17 the Secretary to address any impediment so
18 identified; and

19 (C) any other recommendation of the Sec-
20 retary for improving the pilot program, includ-
21 ing whether to extend or make the pilot pro-
22 gram permanent, and a strategic sequencing
23 plan for any extension or permanent adoption
24 so recommended.

1 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the termination of the pilot program under
3 subsection (e), the Secretary shall submit to the con-
4 gressional defense committees a report on the results
5 of the pilot program, taking into account data col-
6 lected pursuant to subsection (c)(3).

7 (e) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out the
8 pilot program under subsection (a) shall terminate on the
9 date that is three years after the date of the enactment
10 of this Act.

11 (f) COVERED INSTALLATION DEFINED.—In this sec-
12 tion, the term “covered installation” means any installa-
13 tion under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Army,
14 without regard to whether the covered installation is lo-
15 cated in or outside of the continental United States.

16 **SEC. 2806. CONSIDERATION OF MODULAR CONSTRUCTION**
17 **METHODS FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**
18 **PROJECTS WITH PROTECTIVE DESIGN ELE-**
19 **MENTS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—In determining the requirements
21 for a proposed military construction project with protec-
22 tive design elements, the Secretary of Defense shall con-
23 sider the use of modular construction methods along with
24 other construction methods to determine the most effective

1 method for such military construction project to meet mis-
2 sion needs.

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
5 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
6 House of Representatives and Senate a report on the use
7 of modular construction methods as described in sub-
8 section (a). Such report shall include the following:

9 (1) A summary of current Department of De-
10 fense policy and guidance governing the use of mod-
11 ular construction for military construction projects
12 with protective design elements.

13 (2) An assessment of the cost effectiveness,
14 construction timelines, performance characteristics,
15 and life-cycle costs of modular construction methods
16 compared to other construction methods for military
17 construction projects.

18 (3) Identification of the types of military con-
19 struction projects for which modular construction
20 methods are the most appropriate or advantageous,
21 and any limitations or constraints on the use of such
22 methods.

23 (4) Any recommendations to promote appro-
24 priate consideration of modular construction meth-

1 ods for military construction projects where such
2 methods offer cost, schedule, or operational benefits.

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The term “modular construction” means a
5 construction process in which components of a mili-
6 tary construction project are prefabricated off-site
7 under controlled conditions and then transported to
8 the site of such project for assembly.

9 (2) The term “protective design elements”
10 means, with respect to a military construction
11 project, that such project requires use of materials
12 that have been blast hardened or ballistic hardened.

13 **SEC. 2807. MULTIYEAR CONTRACTING AUTHORITY FOR**
14 **CERTAIN MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**
15 **PROJECTS.**

16 (a) AUTHORITY FOR MULTIYEAR CONTRACTING.—
17 Subject to section 3501 of title 10, United States Code,
18 and the requirements of this section, each Secretary of a
19 military department may enter into one or more multiyear
20 contracts during fiscal year 2026, for any purchase relat-
21 ing to a military construction projects for covered military
22 unaccompanied housing (as defined in section 2856 of title
23 10, United States Code) or a military child development
24 center (as defined in section 1800 of such title).

1 (b) CONDITIONS FOR OUT-YEAR CONTRACT PAY-
2 MENTS.—A contract entered into under subsection (a)
3 shall provide that any obligation of the United States to
4 make a payment under the contract for a fiscal year after
5 fiscal year 2026 is subject to the availability of appropria-
6 tions or funds for that purpose for such later fiscal year.

7 (c) ADVANCE PURCHASES.—A Secretary of a military
8 department may enter into one or more contracts, begin-
9 ning in fiscal year 2026, for an advance purchase associ-
10 ated with military construction projects for which author-
11 ization to enter into a multiyear contracting contract is
12 provided under subsection (a), which may include the pur-
13 chase of economic order quantities of materials or compo-
14 nents for such covered military unaccompanied housing or
15 military child development centers when cost savings are
16 achievable.

17 (d) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—

18 (1) COST SAVINGS CERTIFICATION.—A Sec-
19 retary desiring to award a multiyear contract under
20 this section shall—

21 (A) shall submit to the congressional de-
22 fense committees a certification that the
23 multiyear contract will result in cost savings of
24 at least 10 percent compared to a similar one-
25 year contract; and

1 (B) may not award such multiyear con-
2 tract until the end of the 14-day period begin-
3 ning on the date of submission of the certifi-
4 cation described in subparagraph (A).

5 (2) LIMITATIONS.—Multiyear contracting au-
6 thority under this section may only be used for mili-
7 tary construction projects or covered military unac-
8 companied housing or military child development
9 centers that—

10 (A) are included in the future-years de-
11 fense program submitted for fiscal year 2026
12 under section 221 of title 10, United States
13 Code; and

14 (B) use standardized and repeatable de-
15 signs.

16 **SEC. 2808. GUIDANCE FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**
17 **PROJECTS FOR INNOVATION, RESEARCH, DE-**
18 **VELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION.**

19 (a) GUIDANCE REQUIRED.—Not later than 120 days
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
21 of Defense shall issue written guidance on the implementa-
22 tion of section 2810 of title 10, United States Code.

23 (b) CONTENTS.—The guidance required by this sec-
24 tion shall include, at minimum, the following:

1 (1) Procedures and criteria for the development
2 and submission of project proposals pursuant to sub-
3 section (b) of section 2810 of title 10, United States
4 Code.

5 (2) Definitions for roles and responsibilities for
6 Department of Defense employees with respect to re-
7 view, approval, and execution of projects carried out
8 under the authority of such section 2810.

9 (3) Clarification on the use of the authority to
10 carry out projects under such section 2810 may be
11 coordinated with the use of authorities for such
12 projects under sections 2803, 2805, and 4123 of
13 title 10, United States Code.

14 (4) A process for internal review and validation
15 of projects proposed to be carried out using the au-
16 thority under section 2810 of title 10, United States
17 Code, which shall include—

18 (A) assessments of how such proposed
19 projects could be integrated across military de-
20 partments;

21 (B) comprehensive time-phased milestone
22 plans for such proposed projects with clearly
23 defined dependencies; and

24 (C) explicit documentation of budget pro-
25 gramming action decisions of the Secretary of

1 the military department with jurisdiction over
2 such project.

3 **Subtitle B—Military Housing**
4 **Reforms**

5 **SEC. 2811. IMPROVEMENTS TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
6 **HOUSING REQUIREMENTS AND MARKET**
7 **ANALYSIS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2837(d) of title 10,
9 United States Code, is amended by inserting “, Depart-
10 ment of Defense civilian employee, and Department of De-
11 fense contractor employee” before “population”.

12 (b) CONSIDERATION AUTHORIZED.—Section 2872 of
13 such title is amended—

14 (1) by striking “In addition to” and inserting
15 “(a) In addition to”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
17 section:

18 “(b) In the case of family housing units, the Sec-
19 retary concerned may consider the need for housing for
20 Department of Defense civilian employees and Depart-
21 ment of Defense contractor employees when exercising any
22 authority or combination of authorities under this chap-
23 ter.”.

24 (c) INDEPENDENT MARKET ANALYSIS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense,
2 acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for
3 Acquisition and Sustainment and in coordination
4 with the Secretaries of the military departments,
5 shall seek to enter into an agreement with an inde-
6 pendent entity to conduct an evaluation by not later
7 than September 30, 2026, of the suitability of land
8 owned by the Department of Defense in the State of
9 Hawaii for residential housing development for mem-
10 bers of the Armed Services and the families of such
11 members.

12 (2) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
13 30 days after the date on which the evaluation under
14 paragraph (1) is completed, the Secretary of De-
15 fense shall submit to the Committees on Armed
16 Services of the House of Representatives and the
17 Senate a report that includes the results of such
18 evaluation.

19 **SEC. 2812. USE OF IMITATIVE SUBSTITUTE BUILDING MA-**
20 **TERIALS FOR PRESERVATION OF CERTAIN**
21 **UNITS OF MILITARY HOUSING UNDER JURIS-**
22 **DICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

23 Subchapter II of chapter 169 of title 10, United
24 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
25 lowing new section:

1 **“§ 2840. Use of imitative substitute building materials**
2 **for covered housing units**

3 “(a) **AUTHORITY.**—Notwithstanding any provision of
4 division A of subtitle III of title 54, United States Code,
5 that requires review from or consultation with the head
6 of any other Federal agency, the Secretary concerned
7 may—

8 “(1) authorize the use of imitative substitute
9 building materials to maintain, repair, renovate, re-
10 habilitate, or otherwise alter covered housing units
11 located on a military installation under the jurisdic-
12 tion of the Secretary; and

13 “(2) defer the application of historic preserva-
14 tion requirements under chapter 3061 of such title
15 on a covered housing unit until such covered housing
16 unit is 100 years old, regardless of whether such
17 covered housing unit is included on, or eligible for
18 inclusion on, the National Register.

19 “(b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

20 “(1) The term ‘covered housing unit’ means a
21 Government-owned or privatized unit of family hous-
22 ing or military unaccompanied housing that—

23 “(A) was constructed after 1962; and

24 “(B) is under the jurisdiction of the De-
25 partment of Defense

1 “(2) The term ‘imitative substitute building
2 materials’ means modern, industry-standard, nat-
3 ural, composite, and synthetic materials that—

4 “(A) simulate the appearance of building
5 materials original to a covered housing unit;
6 and

7 “(B) are more cost effective than such
8 building materials.

9 “(3) The term ‘National Register’ means the
10 National Register of Historic Places maintained
11 under chapter 3021 of title 54, United States
12 Code.”.

13 **SEC. 2813. MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS**
14 **WITH RESPECT TO CLOSURE OF MAINTENANCE**
15 **WORK ORDERS FOR PRIVATIZED**
16 **MILITARY HOUSING.**

17 Section 2891(f) of title 10, United States Code, is
18 amended—

19 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
20 (3) as subparagraphs (A) through (C), respectively;

21 (2) by inserting “(1)” before “A landlord pro-
22 viding”;

23 (3) by striking subparagraph (C) of paragraph
24 (1) (as so redesignated) and inserting the following:

1 “(C) except as provided in paragraph (2), by al-
2 lowing the work order or maintenance ticket to be
3 closed only after the landlord makes not fewer than
4 three documented attempts to notify the resident of
5 work completion through means that include—

6 “(i) the resident Internet portal for the
7 housing unit;

8 “(ii) text messaging;

9 “(iii) email; and

10 “(iv) telephone.”; and

11 (4) by adding at the end the following new
12 paragraph:

13 “(2) If a resident does not respond to a landlord after
14 three attempts of the landlord to notify the resident of
15 work completion pursuant to paragraph (1)(C), the land-
16 lord may close the work order or maintenance ticket only
17 if—

18 “(A) the landlord submits to the head of the
19 applicable housing management office notice that
20 the landlord intends to close the work order or main-
21 tenance ticket; and

22 “(B) the head of the applicable housing man-
23 agement office does not object, in writing, to the clo-
24 sure.”.

1 **SEC. 2814. INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL LANDLORD FINAN-**
2 **CIAL INFORMATION IN CERTAIN ANNUAL RE-**
3 **PORT ON PRIVATIZED MILITARY HOUSING.**

4 Section 2891c(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code,
5 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 paragraphs:

7 “(G) Information with respect to each insur-
8 ance policy maintained by the landlord for such
9 housing units, including the—

10 “(i) scope of coverage;

11 “(ii) deductible;

12 “(iii) policy limit; and

13 “(iv) total premium amount.

14 “(H) The total amount of remedial payments
15 made by the landlord to tenants of such housing
16 units pursuant to a final decision under the dispute
17 resolution process under section 2894 of this title.

18 “(I) For each such remedial payment, a sum-
19 mary of the nature of the dispute underlying the
20 final decision that required the remedial payment.”.

21 **SEC. 2815. CONTINUATION OF CERTAIN REPORTING RE-**
22 **QUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO PRIVATIZED**
23 **MILITARY HOUSING.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1080(a) of the National
25 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public
26 Law 114–92; 10 U.S.C. 111 note) does not apply to the

1 reports required to be submitted to Congress under sub-
2 section (b) and subsection (c) of section 2884 of title 10,
3 United States Code.

4 (b) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 1061(c) of the
5 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017
6 (Public Law 114–328; 10 U.S.C. 111 note) is amended
7 by striking paragraph (52).

8 **SEC. 2816. PILOT PROGRAM FOR EMERGING MOLD REMEDI-**
9 **ATION TECHNOLOGIES.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
12 shall carry out a pilot program to assess and implement
13 emerging mold monitoring and remediation technologies
14 in military family housing.

15 (b) SELECTION OF LOCATIONS.—The Secretary shall
16 select not fewer than three and not more than five military
17 installations at which to carry out the pilot program estab-
18 lished under subsection (a). The Secretary shall prioritize
19 selection of military installations in regions with elevated
20 climate-related risk factors for mold growth, such as per-
21 sistent humidity, frequent rainfall, or outdated HVAC in-
22 frastructure.

23 (c) ELEMENTS.—In carrying out the pilot program
24 established under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

1 (1) install moisture detection systems with ad-
2 vanced capabilities, including sensor-based humidity
3 or spore monitoring technologies capable of gener-
4 ating early warnings for environmental risk condi-
5 tions;

6 (2) implement noninvasive or technology-en-
7 abled mold remediation tools, such as antimicrobial
8 coatings, dry fogging systems, or UV-based steriliza-
9 tion units;

10 (3) define infrastructure requirements, includ-
11 ing upgrades to HVAC systems or building mate-
12 rials, necessary to support sustained mold prevention
13 using the selected mold detection systems;

14 (4) train relevant personnel on the deployment,
15 maintenance, and data interpretation of selected
16 mold detection systems;

17 (5) designate an individual at each military in-
18 stallation selected under subsection (b) to oversee
19 the implementation of the pilot program; and

20 (6) develop a strategic implementation and eval-
21 uation plan to assess performance of the selected
22 mold detection systems and inform future decisions
23 relating to such systems.

24 (d) REPORT AND BRIEFINGS.—

1 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
2 the termination date in subsection (e), the Secretary
3 of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense
4 committees a report on the results of the pilot pro-
5 gram, including recommendations for broader imple-
6 mentation and an assessment of costs and benefits.

7 (2) BRIEFINGS.—Upon completion of the imple-
8 mentation plan required under subsection (c)(6), the
9 Secretary shall provide to the congressional defense
10 committees a briefing on the plan and any prelimi-
11 nary findings.

12 (e) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out the
13 pilot program under this section shall terminate on the
14 date that is five years after the date of the enactment of
15 this Act.

16 (f) MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING DEFINED.—In this
17 section, the term “military family housing” means housing
18 provided under subchapter II of chapter 169 of title 10,
19 United States Code.

20 **SEC. 2817. STANDARDIZATION OF MOLD REMEDIATION**
21 **GUIDELINES ACROSS MILITARY DEPART-**
22 **MENTS.**

23 (a) REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH COMMON GUIDE-
24 LINES.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-
25 actment of this Act, the Secretaries of the military depart-

1 ments shall jointly develop and implement uniform guide-
2 lines for the remediation of mold in military housing, fa-
3 cilities, and other real property under jurisdiction of each
4 such Secretary.

5 (b) CONSISTENCY WITH ESTABLISHED STAND-
6 ARDS.—The guidelines required under subsection (a) shall
7 be consistent with—

8 (1) applicable municipal and State health and
9 environmental standards; and

10 (2) third-party industry standards, including
11 the standard of the Institute of Inspection Cleaning
12 and Restoration Certification titled “S520 Standard
13 for Professional Mold Remediation”, or any suc-
14 cessor standard.

15 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The guidelines required under
16 subsection (a) shall apply—

17 (1) to contracts or task orders for mold remedi-
18 ation entered into on or after the date of the
19 issuance of such guidelines; and

20 (2) to mold remediation procedures conducted
21 on or after such date of issuance.

22 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after date of
23 the issuance of the guidelines under subsection (a), the
24 Secretaries of the military departments shall jointly sub-
25 mit to the congressional defense committees a report that

1 includes the guidelines and describes plans for implemen-
2 tation of the guidelines and monitoring compliance with
3 the guidelines.

4 **SEC. 2818. INSPECTIONS BY QUALIFIED HOME INSPECTOR**
5 **OF PRIVATIZED MILITARY HOUSING.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF INDEPENDENT INSPECTION
7 PROTOCOL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of
8 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall
9 establish a standardized inspection and audit program for
10 privatized military housing that provides for such inspec-
11 tions and audits to be conducted by an independent quali-
12 fied home inspector.

13 (b) INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS.—Under the pro-
14 gram established by subsection (a), a qualified home in-
15 spector shall annually inspect a statistically representative
16 sample of privatized military housing units at each mili-
17 tary installation with privatized military housing. Such in-
18 spection shall include, at a minimum—

19 (1) an evaluation of HVAC systems, plumbing,
20 electrical systems, and structural integrity of the
21 privatized military housing units; and

22 (2) an inspection for signs of water intrusion,
23 visible and nonvisible mold, microbial contamination,
24 and other indoor air quality concerns.

1 (c) INSPECTION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later
2 than February 1, 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall
3 submit to the congressional defense committees a plan to
4 implement the program established under subsection (a),
5 including—

6 (1) contracting procedures for qualified home
7 inspectors;

8 (2) inspection methodologies;

9 (3) protocols for reporting, remediation, and
10 follow-up actions; and

11 (4) integration with existing oversight and com-
12 pliance frameworks for privatized military housing.

13 (d) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than
14 March 1, 2026, and annually thereafter until March 1,
15 2031, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the con-
16 gressional defense committees a report on the results of
17 inspections conducted under this section during the pre-
18 ceding calendar year. The report shall include—

19 (1) findings and deficiencies identified;

20 (2) remediation timelines and actions taken;

21 and

22 (3) recommendations for improving housing
23 conditions and oversight.

24 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) The term “privatized military housing” has
2 the meaning given in section 3001(a)(2) of the Na-
3 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
4 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 2821 note).

5 (2) The term “qualified home inspector” means
6 an individual who—

7 (A) possesses housing inspection creden-
8 tials required by the State in which the inspec-
9 tion is performed; and

10 (B) is not an employee of, or in a fiduciary
11 relationship with—

12 (i) the Federal Government; or

13 (ii) any entity that owns or manages
14 privatized military housing.

15 **SEC. 2819. PLAN TO IMPROVE ACCURACY, INTEGRATION,**
16 **AND INTEROPERABILITY OF DEPARTMENT**
17 **OF DEFENSE DATA WITH RESPECT TO REAL**
18 **PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, MILITARY UN-**
19 **ACCOMPANIED HOUSING.**

20 (a) PLAN REQUIRED.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
22 shall develop and implement a plan to—

23 (A) improve the accuracy, integration, and
24 interoperability of data across system of a mili-
25 tary department to track and maintain data

1 with respect to real property, infrastructure, or
2 military unaccompanied housing under the ju-
3 risdiction of a Secretary concerned; and

4 (B) enhance, across each military depart-
5 ment, the tracking, management, and reporting
6 of data with respect to—

7 (i) the condition of military unaccom-
8 panied housing; and

9 (ii) the occupancy rates of military
10 unaccompanied housing.

11 (2) ELEMENTS.—Such plan shall include the
12 following:

13 (A) A requirement for each Secretary of a
14 military department to update, on an annual
15 basis, the system of the appropriate military de-
16 partment—

17 (i) for real property planning to in-
18 clude—

19 (I) an accurate statement of defi-
20 cits in the occupancy of military unac-
21 companied housing under the jurisdic-
22 tion of the Secretary;

23 (II) a summary that aligns such
24 deficits with unit stationing decisions
25 of the Secretary; and

1 (III) a description of the effects
2 of relevant changes in force structure;
3 and

4 (ii) to track and maintain data with
5 respect to military unaccompanied housing
6 to include—

7 (I) real-time occupancy data and
8 room assignment records with respect
9 to military unaccompanied housing
10 under the jurisdiction of the Sec-
11 retary; and

12 (II) a standardized automated
13 process to track completion times of
14 maintenance requests work orders
15 with respect to such military unac-
16 companied housing.

17 (B) Standards to ensure, with respect to
18 any system of a military department to assess
19 the condition of infrastructure under the juris-
20 diction of a Secretary of a military department,
21 that—

22 (i) data maintained by any such sys-
23 tem is synchronized; and

24 (ii) any such system integrates pre-
25 dictive maintenance tools to—

1 (I) forecast infrastructure dete-
2 rioration; and

3 (II) prioritize repairs.

4 (C) Enhanced data validation protocols
5 across all housing records of the Department of
6 Defense to—

7 (i) eliminate discrepancies in such
8 housing records; and

9 (ii) ensure accuracy of reports that in-
10 clude data from such housing records.

11 (D) A requirement for each Secretary of a
12 military department to audit, on a periodic
13 basis, data with respect to real property, infra-
14 structure, and military unaccompanied housing
15 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary.

16 (E) Specific milestones to achieve full data
17 synchronization across each system of a mili-
18 tary department to track and maintain data
19 with respect to military unaccompanied hous-
20 ing.

21 (F) Requirements, for each system de-
22 scribed in subparagraph (E), with respect to
23 system integration, user training, and compli-
24 ance monitoring.

1 (G) A Department of Defense-wide
2 verification framework to ensure accurate bar-
3 racks occupancy reporting, which shall in-
4 clude—

5 (i) required physical inspections;

6 (ii) automated reconciliation of unit
7 personnel records with housing assign-
8 ments; and

9 (iii) mechanisms to prevent ghost oc-
10 cupancy.

11 (H) A Department of Defense-wide strat-
12 egy for real-time data analytics to—

13 (i) optimize investments in military
14 unaccompanied housing;

15 (ii) improve facility lifecycle manage-
16 ment; and

17 (iii) enable predictive maintenance
18 planning;

19 (I) A Department of Defense-wide govern-
20 ance policy for data with respect to military un-
21 accompanied housing, that includes—

22 (i) enforceable protocols for data
23 entry, frequency of updates, access con-
24 trols, cybersecurity protections; and

1 (ii) standardized reporting require-
2 ments.

3 (J) A requirement for each Secretary of a
4 military department to implement a standard-
5 ized system for members of the Armed Forces,
6 including commanders of military installations
7 to—

8 (i) report discrepancies in data main-
9 tained by the Secretary with respect to
10 military unaccompanied housing; and

11 (ii) submit to the Secretary concerned
12 requests for improvements to the system of
13 the appropriate military department to
14 track and maintain data with respect to
15 military unaccompanied housing.

16 (b) DEADLINE.—The Secretary of Defense shall sub-
17 mit to the Committee on Armed Services of the House
18 of Representatives the plan required by subsection (a) by
19 not later than September 30, 2026.

20 **Subtitle C—Real Property and**
21 **Facilities Administration**

22 **SEC. 2821. MODIFICATION TO ASSISTANCE FOR PUBLIC IN-**
23 **FRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND SERVICES.**

24 Section 2391(b)(5)(B)(iv) of title 10, United States
25 Code, is amended—

1 (1) by inserting “(including health care, hous-
2 ing, and defense critical infrastructure projects and
3 services)” after “projects and services”; and

4 (2) by striking “the defense industrial base and
5 the defense industrial base workers, if the Secretary
6 determines such support will improve operations of
7 the Department of Defense” and inserting “the de-
8 fense industrial base, defense industrial base work-
9 ers, and military installations”.

10 **SEC. 2822. MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENT WITH RE-**
11 **SPECT TO MINIMUM CAPITAL INVESTMENT**
12 **FOR FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORA-**
13 **TION, AND MODERNIZATION FOR MILITARY**
14 **DEPARTMENTS.**

15 Section 2680 of title 10, United States Code, is
16 amended—

17 (1) in subsection (b)—

18 (A) in the heading, by inserting “; TREAT-
19 MENT OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS” after “EXCLU-
20 SION”;

21 (B) by inserting “(1)” before “In making”;
22 and

23 (C) by adding at the end the following new
24 paragraph:

1 “(2) During the period the requirement under sub-
2 section (a) is effective, each Secretary of a military depart-
3 ment may treat amounts appropriated for military con-
4 struction used for the recapitalization of existing facilities
5 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary during a given fis-
6 cal year as part of the total amount required to be invested
7 under subsection (a)(2) in the budget of the military de-
8 partment for facilities sustainment, restoration, and mod-
9 ernization, except that such military construction funds
10 may not comprise more than 20 percent of such total
11 amount for such fiscal year.”; and

12 (2) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the
13 following:

14 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 “(1) The term ‘covered facility’ means a facility
16 (as defined in section 2801 of this title), except that
17 such term does not include—

18 “(A) a facility identified as closed, dis-
19 posed of, or scheduled for divestment from the
20 inventory of the Department of Defense;

21 “(B) a facility in which the Department
22 does not have a total ownership interest, includ-
23 ing—

24 “(i) a facility leased by the Depart-
25 ment;

1 “(ii) a facility in which the Depart-
2 ment has a lesser property interest under
3 a governing legal instrument; and

4 “(iii) housing constructed or acquired
5 under subchapter IV of chapter 169 of this
6 title; or

7 “(C) a facility for which the Department
8 uses—

9 “(i) nonappropriated funds; or

10 “(ii) amounts appropriated or other-
11 wise made available for military family
12 housing.

13 “(2) The term ‘plant replacement value’ means,
14 with respect to a covered facility, the cost to replace
15 the covered facility using amounts appropriated for
16 facilities sustainment, restoration, and moderniza-
17 tion from the following accounts:

18 “(A) Operation and maintenance.

19 “(B) Military construction.

20 “(C) Research, development, test, and eval-
21 uation.

22 “(D) Working capital funds.”.

1 **SEC. 2823. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT DE-**
2 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE PILOT PROGRAM**
3 **FOR USE OF COST SAVINGS REALIZED.**

4 Section 2679(e)(4) of title 10, United States Code,
5 is amended by striking “September 30, 2025” and insert-
6 ing “September 30, 2030”.

7 **SEC. 2824. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INTERGOVERN-**
8 **MENTAL SUPPORT AGREEMENTS FOR ORD-**
9 **NANCE DISPOSAL.**

10 Section 2679(f)(1) of title 10, United States Code,
11 is amended by adding at the end the following new sen-
12 tence: “The term does include ordnance disposal.”.

13 **SEC. 2825. AUTHORITIES AVAILABLE FOR ENERGY RESIL-**
14 **IENCE AND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT**
15 **PROGRAM PROJECTS ON PRIVATIZED UTIL-**
16 **ITY SYSTEMS.**

17 Section 2688 of title 10, United States Code, is
18 amended—

19 (1) by striking “of a military department” each
20 place it appears and inserting “concerned”;

21 (2) in subsection (h), by adding at the end the
22 following new sentence: “The Secretary concerned
23 may make such a contribution pursuant to any pro-
24 curement authority available to such Secretary, in-
25 cluding the authority to modify an existing services
26 contract with the entity to which the utility system,

1 or a military construction contract if such contribu-
2 tion is in an amount equal to the total cost of the
3 project.”; and

4 (3) in subsection (k)—

5 (A) by striking “to carry out a military
6 construction project”; and

7 (B) by adding at the end the following new
8 paragraph:

9 “(3) The Secretary of Defense or the Secretary con-
10 cerned may enter into a contract under paragraph (1) pur-
11 suant to any procurement authority available to the Sec-
12 retary, including the authority to modify an existing serv-
13 ices contract with the conveyee of the utility system, or
14 a military construction contract, if the total proposed cost
15 of such contract or modification is included in the mate-
16 rials submitted to Congress by the Secretary of Defense
17 in support of the budget for that fiscal year.”.

18 **SEC. 2826. REPEAL OF CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS RE-**
19 **LATED TO ANTITERRORISM AND FORCE PRO-**
20 **TECTION OR URBAN-TRAINING OPERATIONS.**

21 (a) REPEAL.—Section 2859 of title 10, United States
22 Code, is repealed.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2864 of
24 such title is amended—

25 (1) by striking subsection (e); and

1 (2) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
2 section (e).

3 **SEC. 2827. REPEAL OF PILOT PROGRAM AUTHORIZING**
4 **OVERHEAD COST REIMBURSEMENTS FROM**
5 **MAJOR RANGE AND TEST FACILITY BASE**
6 **USERS AT CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF THE**
7 **AIR FORCE INSTALLATIONS.**

8 Section 2862 of the National Defense Authorization
9 Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C.
10 9771 note prec) is repealed.

11 **SEC. 2828. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROCEDURES WITH**
12 **RESPECT TO PLANNING COORDINATION FOR**
13 **GRID RESILIENCY ON MILITARY INSTALLA-**
14 **TIONS.**

15 Section 2920(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
16 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
17 graphs:

18 “(5) The Secretary shall establish internal processes
19 to support coordination with external regulatory and plan-
20 ning entities involved in grid reliability, transmission in-
21 frastructure, and long-term energy planning, in order to
22 assess and mitigate risks to defense-critical installations,
23 advance the energy security objectives of the Department,
24 and comply with statutory mandates under this section.

25 “(6) Coordination under paragraph (5)—

1 “(A) shall include identification of mission-crit-
2 ical loads and infrastructure dependencies and load
3 profiles at or near military installations; and

4 “(B) may include consultation with relevant
5 Federal and non-Federal entities.”.

6 **SEC. 2829. MASTER PLANS FOR SERVICE ACADEMIES.**

7 (a) PLANS REQUIRED.—Each Secretary of a military
8 department shall develop a master plan for each Service
9 Academy under the jurisdiction of the Secretary to com-
10 prehensively address infrastructure requirements of such
11 Service Academy. Each master plan shall include the fol-
12 lowing:

13 (1) Consideration of the requirements of sub-
14 paragraphs (A) through (D) of section 2864(a)(2) of
15 title 10, United States Code.

16 (2) For the Service Academy that is the subject
17 of a master plan—

18 (A) a list of infrastructure located at the
19 Service Academy that is in poor or failing con-
20 dition on or before the date described in sub-
21 section (c);

22 (B) a plan for replacing, recapitalizing, or
23 renovating such infrastructure not later than
24 five years after such date; and

1 (C) a list of infrastructure located at the
2 Service Academy that—

3 (i) is listed on the National Register
4 of Historic Places (maintained under chap-
5 ter 3021 of title 54, United States Code)
6 on or before the date described in sub-
7 section (b); or

8 (ii) will be eligible inclusion on the
9 National Register of Historic Places not
10 later than five years after the date of the
11 enactment of this Act.

12 (3) An assessment of risks posed by disruptions
13 in energy availability, risks posed by extreme weath-
14 er (as defined in section 101 of title 10 United
15 States Code), cybersecurity risks, and risks related
16 to availability of clean water applicable to the Serv-
17 ice Academy that is the subject of a master plan.

18 (b) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT.—Each master plan
19 required under subsection (a) shall propose a method to
20 address the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (3) of
21 such subsection not later than five years after the date
22 described in subsection (c).

23 (c) DEADLINE.—Each master plan required under
24 subsection (a) shall be completed no later than September
25 30, 2027.

1 (d) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the
2 date of the enactment of this Act, each Secretary of a mili-
3 tary department shall provide to the Committees on
4 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-
5 atives a briefing on the timeline for the completion of the
6 master plans required under subsection (a).

7 (e) SUBMISSION OF PLAN.—Not later than 30 days
8 after the date on which a Secretary of a military depart-
9 ment completes a master plan required under subsection
10 (a) or December 1, 2027, whichever is earlier, the Sec-
11 retary shall provide to the Committees on Armed Services
12 of the Senate and the House of Representatives a copy
13 of the master plan.

14 (f) SERVICE ACADEMY DEFINED.—In this section,
15 the term “Service Academy” has the meaning given in sec-
16 tion 347 of title 10, United States Code.

17 **SEC. 2830. REVIEW OF UNIFIED FACILITIES CRITERIA AP-**
18 **PLICABLE TO MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**
19 **PROJECTS; REPORT.**

20 (a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
22 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
23 retary of Defense, in coordination with the Assistant
24 Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and
25 Environment, shall conduct a comprehensive review

1 of all Unified Facilities Criteria applicable to mili-
2 tary construction projects that the Secretary deter-
3 mines—

4 (A) contribute to the extent to which mili-
5 tary construction projects incur greater costs
6 than substantially similar commercial construc-
7 tion projects;

8 (B) are outdated, redundant, or unneces-
9 sarily burdensome; or

10 (C) could be consolidated or eliminated to
11 improve the efficiency of military construction
12 projects.

13 (2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In conducting such re-
14 view, the Secretary of Defense shall—

15 (A) consider the unique operational re-
16 quirements and security considerations of the
17 Department of Defense; and

18 (B) ensure any revisions to the Unified
19 Facilities Criteria the Secretary recommends
20 pursuant to such review would maintain the
21 mission readiness and force protection stand-
22 ards of the Department.

23 (b) ELEMENTS.—Pursuant to such review, the Sec-
24 retary shall—

1 (1) identify criteria in the Unified Facilities
2 Criteria that the Secretary determines—

3 (A) contribute disproportionately to cost
4 premiums for military construction projects,
5 particularly such standards that are not com-
6 monly required in substantially similar commer-
7 cial construction projects; or

8 (B) neither reflect relevant industry stand-
9 ards as of the date of the enactment of this Act
10 nor Department of Defense-specific needs that
11 are not addressed in relevant State codes;

12 (2) analyze whether such criteria are mandated
13 by law, regulation, or internal policy, and the origin
14 of such criteria;

15 (3) evaluate whether—

16 (A) such criteria could be modified or
17 eliminated without compromising safety and
18 mission readiness; and

19 (B) standards for substantially similar
20 commercial construction projects could be sub-
21 stituted for such criteria to improve cost-effec-
22 tiveness and efficiency of military construction
23 projects.

24 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after the date
25 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense

1 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
2 port on the findings of the review required under sub-
3 section (a) that includes the following:

4 (1) A list of criteria in the Unified Facilities
5 Criteria the Secretary—

6 (A) determines contributes to the extent to
7 which military construction projects incur
8 greater costs than substantially similar com-
9 mercial construction projects; and

10 (B) recommends for revision, replacement,
11 or rescission pursuant to such review.

12 (2) For each such criteria, an explanation of
13 the reasons for the recommendation of the Sec-
14 retary.

15 (3) An explanation of the anticipated cost sav-
16 ings and performance implications the Secretary es-
17 timates would result from each recommended revi-
18 sion, replacement, or rescission.

19 (4) A plan and timeline for implementation of
20 each recommended revision, replacement, or rescission.

21 (5) Policy or legislative recommendations the
22 Secretary determines are necessary to support such
23 implementations.

24 (6) An explanation of how the Secretary will en-
25 sure that critical defense-specific standards will be

1 preserved during any revisions, replacements, or
2 revisions implemented pursuant to the review.

3 (d) **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT DEFINED.**—

4 In this section, the term “military construction project”
5 has the meaning given such term in section 2801 of title
6 10, United States Code.

7 **SEC. 2831. ANNUAL REPORT ON COST PREMIUM FOR CON-**
8 **STRUCTION OF CERTAIN FACILITIES.**

9 (a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than March 1,
10 2026, and annually thereafter for five years, the Secretary
11 of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense com-
12 mittees a report that includes a detailed quantitative and
13 qualitative assessment of the cost premium for construc-
14 tion of facilities selected under subsection (b).

15 (b) **SELECTION OF FACILITIES.**—The Secretary shall
16 select not more than five facilities to include in the report
17 required under subsection (a), which may include the fol-
18 lowing:

19 (1) A unit of covered military unaccompanied
20 housing (as defined in section 2856 of title 10,
21 United States Code).

22 (2) A military child development center (as de-
23 fined in section 1800 of such title).

24 (3) An administrative facility located on a mili-
25 tary installation.

1 (4) Military family housing.

2 (5) Military aircraft hangars and runways.

3 (6) Physical fitness centers located on military
4 installations.

5 (c) CONTENTS.—Each report required under sub-
6 section (a) shall include the following:

7 (1) The cost premium, expressed as a percent-
8 age, for the facilities selected under subsection (b).

9 (2) A detailed assessment of the factors contrib-
10 uting to cost premium, including—

11 (A) compliance with the Unified Facilities
12 Criteria/DoD Building Code (UFC 1–200–01)
13 and any other design requirements specific to
14 military construction projects;

15 (B) compliance with UFC 4–010–01 titled
16 “DoD Minimum Antiterrorism Standards for
17 Buildings”;

18 (C) prevailing wage and labor require-
19 ments;

20 (D) Federal procurement requirements
21 contained in the Federal Acquisition Regulation
22 and the Department of Defense Supplement to
23 the Federal Acquisition Regulation;

24 (E) security requirements relating to ac-
25 cess to military installations; and

1 (F) requirements relating to sustainability
2 and energy efficiency.

3 (d) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Each report required
4 under subsection (a) shall include recommendations for
5 the following:

6 (1) Proposed statutory, regulatory, or policy re-
7 forms to reduce the cost premium for military con-
8 struction without compromising mission needs.

9 (2) Best practices from the private sector and
10 State or local government construction projects that
11 could improve cost efficiency for military construc-
12 tion projects.

13 (3) Alternative construction methodologies and
14 procurement strategies that could mitigate the cost
15 premium for military construction.

16 (e) COST PREMIUM FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
17 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “cost premium”,
18 with respect to a facility, means the difference between—

19 (1) the cost to construct a new facility carried
20 out by the Secretary of Defense; and

21 (2) the estimated cost to construct a similar fa-
22 cility carried out by a private entity, as adjusted for
23 size, geographic location, and function of such facil-
24 ity.

1 **SEC. 2832. HISTORICAL MARKER COMMEMORATING EF-**
2 **FFECTS OF RADIATION EXPOSURE AT**
3 **HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE AND WHITE**
4 **SANDS MISSILE RANGE.**

5 (a) HISTORICAL MARKERS REQUIRED.—

6 (1) HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE.—The Sec-
7 retary of the Air Force shall place a historical mark-
8 er as described in subsection (b) in a publicly acces-
9 sible location at the Holloman Air Force Base.

10 (2) WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE.—The Sec-
11 retary of the Army shall place a historical marker as
12 described in subsection (b) in a publicly accessible
13 location at the White Sands Missile Range.

14 (b) REQUIRED INFORMATION.—A historical marker
15 described in subsection (a) shall commemorate the effects
16 of radiation exposure on communities in New Mexico as
17 a result of the Manhattan Project and the nuclear test
18 conducted at the Trinity Site. Such historical marker shall
19 include, at a minimum, the following:

20 (1) An unclassified description of the history of
21 the Manhattan Project and its purpose, including a
22 description of the nuclear test conducted at the
23 Trinity Site.

24 (2) A description of how the classified nature of
25 the Manhattan Project and the nuclear test con-
26 ducted at the Trinity Site led to the unknowing ex-

1 posure of individuals in communities located down-
2 wind from such testing to radiological byproducts
3 and associated consequences of such byproducts.

4 (c) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than one year
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
6 of the Air Force and Secretary of the Army shall jointly
7 provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the
8 House of Representatives and Senate a briefing on the im-
9 plementation of the requirements of this section.

10 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) The term “Manhattan Project” means the
12 Federal military program to develop an atomic bomb
13 ending on December 31, 1946.

14 (2) The term “Trinity Site” means the location
15 in the Jornada del Muerto desert near Alamogordo,
16 New Mexico, where a nuclear weapon was detonated
17 on July 16, 1945.

18 **SEC. 2833. NAME OF DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY MILITARY**

19 **INSTALLATION, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA.**

20 The military installation under the jurisdiction of the
21 Department of the Army located in Augusta, Georgia,
22 shall after the date of the enactment of this Act be known
23 and designated as “Fort Shugart Gordon”. Any reference
24 to such military installation in any law, regulation, map,

1 document, record, or other paper of the United States
2 shall be considered a reference to Fort Shugart Gordon.

3 **SEC. 2834. NAME OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY MILI-**
4 **TARY INSTALLATION LOCATED IN MUSCOGEE**
5 **COUNTY AND CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY,**
6 **GEORGIA.**

7 The military installation under the jurisdiction of the
8 Department of the Army located in Muscogee County and
9 Chattahoochee County, Georgia, shall on and after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act be known and designated
11 as “Fort Moore”, in commemoration of Lieutenant Gen-
12 eral Harold G. Moore, Jr., United States Army, and Mrs.
13 Julia Compton Moore. Any reference to such military in-
14 stallation in any law, regulation, map, document, record,
15 or other paper of the United States shall be considered
16 a reference to Fort Moore.

17 **Subtitle D—Land Conveyances**

18 **SEC. 2841. EXTENSION OF SUNSET FOR LAND CONVEYANCE,**
19 **SHARPE ARMY DEPOT, LATHROP, CALI-**
20 **FORNIA.**

21 Section 2833(g) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry
22 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
23 (Public Law 116–283) is amended by striking “five years”
24 and inserting “10 years”.

1 **SEC. 2842. LAND CONVEYANCE, FORMER CURTIS BAY**
2 **DEPOT, MARYLAND.**

3 (a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of Gen-
5 eral Services, in consultation with the Director of
6 the Defense Logistics Agency may convey to the
7 Maryland Economic Development Corporation (in
8 this section, referred to as “MEDCO”), all right,
9 title, and interest of the United States in and to a
10 parcel of real property, including improvements
11 thereon, consisting of approximately 435.00 acres at
12 710 Ordnance Road, the former Curtis Bay Depot
13 for the purpose of economic development.

14 (2) CONSULTATION WITH COAST GUARD.—In
15 carrying out the conveyance under this subsection,
16 the Administrator shall consult with the Secretary of
17 Homeland Security with respect to matters con-
18 cerning the equities of the Coast Guard in areas in
19 proximity to such parcel of real property.

20 (b) CONSIDERATION REQUIRED.—As consideration
21 for the conveyance under subsection (a), MEDCO shall
22 provide an amount that is equivalent to the fair market
23 value to the Federal Buildings Fund for the right, title,
24 and interest conveyed under such subsection, based on an
25 appraisal approved by the Administrator. The consider-
26 ation under this subsection may be provided by cash pay-

1 ment, in-kind regulatory closure, or a combination thereof,
2 at such time as the Administrator may require.

3 (c) PAYMENT OF COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—

4 (1) PAYMENT REQUIRED.—The Administrator
5 may require MEDCO to cover all costs (except costs
6 for environmental remediation of the property) to be
7 incurred by the Administrator, or to reimburse the
8 Administrator for costs incurred by the Adminis-
9 trator, to carry out the conveyance under this sec-
10 tion, including survey costs, costs for environmental
11 documentation, and any other administrative costs
12 related to the conveyance. If amounts are collected
13 from MEDCO in advance of the Administrator in-
14 ccurring the actual costs, and the amount collected
15 exceeds the costs actually incurred by the Adminis-
16 trator to carry out the conveyance, the Adminis-
17 trator shall refund the excess amount to MEDCO.

18 (2) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.—
19 Amounts received under paragraph (1) as reim-
20 bursement for costs incurred by the Administrator
21 to carry out the conveyance under subsection (a)
22 shall remain available until expended.

23 (d) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact acreage
24 and legal description of the property to be conveyed under

1 subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory
2 to the Administrator.

3 (e) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The
4 conveyance under this section shall be subject to the fol-
5 lowing:

6 (1) The Administrator may require such addi-
7 tional terms and conditions in connection with the
8 conveyance under subsection (a) as the Adminis-
9 trator considers appropriate to protect the interests
10 of the United States.

11 (2) MEDCO shall execute a purchase and sale
12 agreement within one year of enactment of this leg-
13 islation.

14 (3) The conveyance will be on an “as-is, where-
15 is” basis via quitclaim deed subject to an access
16 easement to the U. S. Army Reserve Facility along
17 the shoreline of Curtis Bay.

18 (4) The conveyance will be in compliance with
19 the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Com-
20 pensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980 (42
21 U.S.C. 9620(h)).

22 (5) To the maximum extent possible, the Fed-
23 eral Government shall incorporate land use controls
24 to satisfy CERCLA requirements for the purpose of

1 expediting disposition and subsequent redevelop-
2 ment.

3 **Subtitle E—Modifications to Un-**
4 **specified Minor Military Con-**
5 **struction**

6 **SEC. 2851. DEADLINE FOR CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION**
7 **OF DECISIONS TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN UN-**
8 **SPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**
9 **PROJECTS.**

10 Section 2805(b)(2) of title 10, United States Code,
11 is amended—

12 (1) by striking “shall notify” and inserting
13 “shall submit, in an electronic medium pursuant to
14 section 480 of this title, to”;

15 (2) by inserting “a notification” after “appro-
16 priate committees of Congress”; and

17 (3) by striking “, of the justification” and all
18 that follows through “of this title.” and inserting
19 “by not later than 90 days after the date on which
20 the Secretary concerned obligates funds for the
21 project. Such notification shall include, with respect
22 to the project, a description, a justification, and an
23 estimation of the total cost to the United States.”.

1 **SEC. 2852. MODIFICATION TO UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILI-**
2 **TARY CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY FOR LAB-**
3 **ORATORY REVITALIZATION PROJECTS.**

4 Section 2805 of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (2) of subsection (b), by strik-
7 ing “\$4,000,000” and inserting “\$6,000,000”;

8 (2) in subsection (d)—

9 (A) by striking “\$9,000,000” each place it
10 appears and inserting “\$20,000,000”;

11 (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “and
12 that costs more than the amount specified in
13 subsection (b)(2)” after “to which this sub-
14 section applies”;

15 (C) by redesignating paragraph (4) as
16 paragraph (6); and

17 (D) by inserting after paragraph (3) the
18 following new paragraphs:

19 “(4)(A) The Secretary concerned shall review, on an
20 annual basis, the thresholds for funding specified in this
21 section to determine whether such thresholds should be in-
22 creased.

23 “(B) In making a determination under subparagraph
24 (A), the Secretary of concerned shall consider the UFC
25 3-701-01 DoD Facilities Pricing Guide.

1 “(5) If the Secretary concerned makes a decision to
2 increase a threshold for funding specified in this section,
3 the Secretary concerned shall notify the appropriate com-
4 mittees of Congress of such decision and the facts con-
5 cerning the increase to such threshold. Such increase may
6 take effect only after the end of the 14-day period begin-
7 ning on the date the notification is received by such appro-
8 priate committees of Congress in an electronic medium
9 pursuant to section 480 of this title.”; and

10 (3) by striking subsection (f) and inserting the
11 following:

12 “(f) ADJUSTMENT OF DOLLAR LIMITATIONS FOR LO-
13 CATION.—During the period beginning on the date of the
14 enactment of the Military Construction Act for Fiscal
15 Year 2026 and ending on September 30, 2028, the Sec-
16 retary concerned shall adjust the dollar limitations speci-
17 fied in this section applicable to an unspecified minor mili-
18 tary construction project to reflect the area construction
19 cost index for military construction projects published by
20 the Department of Defense during the prior fiscal year
21 for the location of the project, except that no limitation
22 specified in this section may exceed \$30,000,000 as the
23 result of any adjustment made under this subsection.”.

1 **SEC. 2853. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR INDO-PA-**
2 **CIFIC POSTURE UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILI-**
3 **TARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.**

4 Section 2810(a) of the National Defense Authoriza-
5 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 2805 note) is
6 amended by striking “\$30,000,000” and inserting
7 “\$50,000,000”.

8 **SEC. 2854. AMENDMENTS TO DEFENSE LABORATORY MOD-**
9 **ERNIZATION PROGRAM.**

10 Section 2805(g)(5) of title 10, United States Code,
11 is amended by striking “\$150,000,000” and inserting
12 “\$300,000,000”.

13 **SEC. 2855. TRANSFER OF DEFENSE LABORATORY MOD-**
14 **ERNIZATION PROGRAM AUTHORITY TO PRO-**
15 **VISION OF LAW WITH RESPECT TO MILITARY**
16 **CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FOR RESEARCH,**
17 **TEST, DEVELOPMENT, AND EVALUATION.**

18 Subsection (g) of section 2805 of title 10, United
19 States Code (as amended by section 2854), is—

20 (1) transferred to the end of section 2810 of
21 such title; and

22 (2) redesignated as subsection (f) of such sec-
23 tion.

1 **SEC. 2856. AUTHORITY OF A SECRETARY CONCERNED TO**
2 **CARRY OUT CERTAIN UNSPECIFIED MINOR**
3 **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.**

4 Section 2815(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) by inserting “, including unspecified minor
7 military construction projects not otherwise author-
8 ized by law,” after “military construction projects”;
9 and

10 (2) by striking “in accordance with” and all
11 that follows through the end of the subsection and
12 inserting the following: “in accordance with—

13 “(1) section 2802 of this title (except as pro-
14 vided in subsection (e)); or

15 “(2) section 2805 of this title.”.

16 **Subtitle F—Limitations and Other**
17 **Matters**

18 **SEC. 2861. MODIFICATION TO DEFINITION OF MILITARY IN-**
19 **STALLATION RESILIENCE.**

20 Section 101(f)(8) of title 10, United States Code, is
21 amended—

22 (1) by striking “or from” before “anticipated or
23 unanticipated changes in environmental conditions”;
24 and

1 (2) by inserting “, energy or water disruptions,
2 or human-induced hazards with respect to the envi-
3 ronment” before “, that do”.

4 **SEC. 2862. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO FUNDS FOR CON-**
5 **STRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF COM-**
6 **MISSARY STORE FACILITIES.**

7 Section 2685 of title 10, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
10 tion shall be construed to prohibit the Secretary of De-
11 fense from using proceeds from commissary store sales or
12 appropriated funds to acquire, lease, construct, convert,
13 expand, improve, repair, maintain, or equip the physical
14 infrastructure of commissary stores and central product
15 processing facilities of the defense commissary system.

16 “(g) ANNUAL REPORT ON UNFUNDED COMMISSARY
17 PRIORITIES.—(1) Annually and not later than ten days
18 after the date on which the budget of the President for
19 a fiscal year is submitted to Congress pursuant to section
20 1105 of title 31, United States Code, the Director of the
21 Defense Commissary Agency shall submit to the Secretary
22 of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and
23 the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
24 House of Representatives a report on unfunded priorities

1 of the Department of Defense related to commissary facili-
2 ties.

3 “(2) Each report under paragraph (1) shall include,
4 for each unfunded priority covered by such report, the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(A) A summary description of such priority,
7 including the objectives to be achieved if such pri-
8 ority were to be funded in whole or in part.

9 “(B) The additional amount of funds rec-
10 ommended in connection with the objectives identi-
11 fied under subparagraph (A).

12 “(C) Account information with respect to such
13 priority.

14 “(3) The Director of the Defense Commissary Agency
15 shall ensure that the unfunded priorities covered by a re-
16 port under paragraph (1) are listed in the order of ur-
17 gency, as determined by the Director.

18 “(4) In this subsection, the term ‘unfunded priority’,
19 with respect to a fiscal year, means an activity related to
20 commissary facilities that—

21 “(A) is not funded in the budget of the Presi-
22 dent for that fiscal year;

23 “(B) is necessary to address commissary facili-
24 ties safety, capacity, usability, and reliability needs;
25 and

1 “(C) would have been recommended for funding
2 through such budget if additional resources had been
3 available.”.

4 **SEC. 2863. EXPANSION OF EXCEPTIONS TO RESTRICTION**
5 **ON DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUC-**
6 **TURE IN CONNECTION WITH REALIGNMENT**
7 **OF MARINE CORPS FORCES IN ASIA PACIFIC**
8 **REGION.**

9 Section 2844(b)(2) of the National Defense Author-
10 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 is amended by inserting
11 “, including operations and maintenance for the curation
12 of archeological and cultural artifacts.” after “artifacts”.

13 **SEC. 2864. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO**
14 **MANAGEMENT OF LAND AND CULTURAL RE-**
15 **SOURCES LOCATED ON MILITARY INSTALLA-**
16 **TIONS.**

17 (a) LAND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS.—Section
18 103A of the Sikes Act (Public Law 86–797; 16 U.S.C.
19 670c–1) is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (a)—

21 (A) in the heading, by striking “OF SEC-
22 RETARY OF MILITARY DEPARTMENT” and in-
23 serting “TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE
24 AGREEMENTS”; and

1 (B) by striking “of a military department”
2 and inserting “of a military department, or the
3 Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to
4 the Coast Guard when the Coast Guard is not
5 operating as a service in the Navy,”;

6 (2) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, or the
8 Department of Homeland Security with respect
9 to the Coast Guard when the Coast Guard is
10 not operating as a service in the Navy,” after
11 “Department of Defense”; and

12 (B) in paragraph (3)—

13 (i) by inserting “or the Secretary of
14 Homeland Security” after “Secretary of
15 Defense”; and

16 (ii) by striking “congressional defense
17 committees” and inserting “appropriate
18 congressional committees”; and

19 (3) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
21 DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘appropriate congres-
22 sional committees’ means—

23 “(1) the Committees on Armed Services of the
24 House of Representatives and the Senate;

1 “(2) the Committee on Transportation and In-
2 frastructure of the House of Representatives;

3 “(3) the Committee on Natural Resources of
4 the House of Representatives; and

5 “(4) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
6 Transportation of the Senate.”.

7 (b) AGREEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO CULTURAL RE-
8 SOURCES.—Section 2684(a) of title 10, United States
9 Code, is amended by striking “Secretary of a military de-
10 partment” and inserting “Secretary concerned”.

11 (c) AGREEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO ENCROACH-
12 MENT.—Section 2684a of title 10, United States Code, is
13 amended—

14 (1) in subsection (a)—

15 (A) by striking “Secretary of a military de-
16 partment” and inserting “Secretary con-
17 cerned”; and

18 (B) by striking the comma after “National
19 Guard installation”;

20 (2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “con-
21 cerned”;

22 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “Secretary of
23 a military department” and inserting “Secretary
24 concerned”;

25 (4) in subsection (e)(4)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (D)(i)—

2 (i) by inserting “and, with respect to
3 matters concerning the Coast Guard, to
4 the Committee on Transportation and In-
5 frastructure of the House of Representa-
6 tives and the Committee on Commerce,
7 Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
8 ate” after “House of Representatives”;
9 and

10 (ii) in subclause (I), by inserting
11 “concerned” after “Secretary”; and

12 (B) in subparagraph (E)(i), by inserting “,
13 the Department of Homeland Security,” after
14 “Department of Defense”;

15 (5) in subsection (h)—

16 (A) in paragraph (1)—

17 (i) by striking “of the military depart-
18 ments” and inserting “concerned”; and

19 (ii) by inserting “and, with respect to
20 the Coast Guard, to the Committee on
21 Transportation and Infrastructure of the
22 House of Representatives and the Com-
23 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
24 portation of the Senate” after “House of
25 Representatives”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (2)(F), by inserting “or
2 the Secretary of Homeland Security with re-
3 spect to matters concerning the Coast Guard
4 when the Coast Guard is not operating as a
5 service in the Navy” after “Secretary of De-
6 fense”;

7 (6) in subsection (j), by inserting “Coast
8 Guard,” after “Space Force,” each place it appears;
9 and

10 (7) in subsection (k)—

11 (A) by striking paragraph (1); and

12 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and
13 (3) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively.

14 **SEC. 2865. LIMITATION ON THE USE OF FUNDS FOR IMPE-**
15 **MENTING CERTAIN ENERGY EFFICIENCY**
16 **BUILDING CODES.**

17 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
18 this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026
19 for the Department of Defense may be obligated or ex-
20 pended to implement section 305(a)(3)(D) of the Energy
21 Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C.
22 6834(a)(3)(D)), or any rules or regulations issued under
23 such section, on property owned or leased by the Secretary
24 of Defense or property used for purposes of national de-
25 fense, unless the Secretary of Defense determines that

1 such implementation would enhance military readiness,
2 operational effectiveness, mitigate contested logistics risk,
3 or increase mission assurance.

4 **SEC. 2866. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR CON-**
5 **TRAVENTION OR REVERSAL OF IMPLEMEN-**
6 **TATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMIS-**
7 **SION ON THE NAMING OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF**
8 **THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

9 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated or
10 otherwise made available by this Act may be used to con-
11 travene or reverse the implementation of the recommenda-
12 tions of the commission on the naming of items of the
13 Department of Defense that commemorate the Confed-
14 erate States of America or any person who served volun-
15 tarily with the Confederate States of America established
16 pursuant to section 370 of the William M. (Mac) Thorn-
17 berry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
18 2021 (10 U.S.C. 113 note).

19 **SEC. 2867. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS TO REDUCE CA-**
20 **PABILITIES OR STAFFING OF DEPARTMENT**
21 **OF DEFENSE MILITARY TREATMENT FACILI-**
22 **TIES LOCATED INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to
24 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available
25 for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Defense may

1 be used to reduce the mission capabilities or staffing at
2 a military treatment facility under the jurisdiction of the
3 Department of Defense located inside the United States
4 until the date on which the Secretary submits to the Com-
5 mittees on Armed Services of the House of Representa-
6 tives and the Senate and the Comptroller General of the
7 United States a cost-benefit analysis that includes, with
8 respect to the military treatment facility—

9 (1) an identification of the average daily patient
10 load;

11 (2) an estimate of the savings to the United
12 States that would arise from a reduction in mission
13 capabilities or staffing;

14 (3) an estimate of the cost to the United States
15 to—

16 (A) transfer the functions of the military
17 treatment facility—

18 (i) to a medical facility under the ju-
19 risdiction of the Department of Veterans
20 Affairs; or

21 (ii) private health care facilities to
22 furnish health care to eligible beneficiaries
23 using TRICARE; and

24 (B) maintain infrastructure used by the
25 military treatment facility as of the date of the

1 enactment of this Act that the Secretary in-
2 tends to—

3 (i) close;

4 (ii) convert to an outpatient health
5 care facility; or

6 (iii) use for a non-medical purpose;

7 (4) an estimate of the increase to transpor-
8 tation costs with respect to medical care for individ-
9 uals who receive at the medical treatment facility
10 that would arise from a reduction in mission capa-
11 bilities or staffing;

12 (5) a list of non-Department of Defense medical
13 facilities located within 20 miles of the medical
14 treatment facilities that provide medical care that is
15 substantially similar to the medical care provided by
16 the medical treatment facility;

17 (6) a plan for the disposition of medical equip-
18 ment and other Department-owned assets pursuant
19 to a reduction in mission capabilities or staffing; and

20 (7) an assessment of the effects of such a re-
21 duction on military readiness.

22 (b) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—Not later
23 than 30 days after any date on which the Secretary sub-
24 mits a cost-benefit analysis under subsection (a), the
25 Comptroller General shall submit to the Committees on

1 Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the
2 Senate an independent assessment of the cost-benefit
3 analysis.

4 **SEC. 2868. NOTICE RELATING TO CONTRACTS OR OTHER**
5 **AGREEMENTS TO ESTABLISH AN ENDURING**
6 **LOCATION IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY.**

7 (a) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—Not later than 30
8 days after the date on which the Secretary of Defense,
9 a Secretary of a military department, or a combatant com-
10 mander enters into a contract or other agreement to estab-
11 lish an enduring location (as described in section 2687a
12 of title 10, United States Code) in a foreign country for
13 purposes of supporting members of the Armed Forces in
14 such foreign country, the Secretary of Defense shall sub-
15 mit to appropriate congressional defense committees a no-
16 tification of such action.

17 (b) CONTENTS.—The notification described in sub-
18 section (a) shall include, with respect to the foreign coun-
19 try to which such contract or other agreement relates, a
20 determination of whether a unit of a foreign security force
21 of such foreign country has committed a gross violation
22 of human rights (as described in section 362 of title 10,
23 United States Code).

1 **SEC. 2869. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR**
2 **COORDINATION OF DEFENSE SITES WITHIN**
3 **AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY OF JOINT REGION**
4 **MARIANAS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Commander of Joint
7 Region Marianas shall designate an official to be respon-
8 sible for, in coordination with appropriate officials of the
9 military departments (as defined in section 101 of title
10 10, United States Code) and the United States Indo-Pa-
11 cific Command—

12 (1) coordinating Department of Defense-wide
13 efforts with respect to the management of defense
14 sites within the Joint Region Marianas area of re-
15 sponsibility;

16 (2) ensuring the continuity of such efforts at
17 such defense sites, including necessary infrastructure
18 investments; and

19 (3) ensuring clear and consistent communica-
20 tion to such Federal, State, and local officials with
21 respect to the needs and priorities of the Depart-
22 ment of Defense for such defense sites.

23 (b) SELECTION.—In making the designation under
24 subsection (a), the Commander of Joint Region Marianas
25 may appoint an individual with a significant background
26 and expertise in—

1 (1) relevant legal and technical aspects related
2 to land use or real estate issues; and

3 (2) working with officials at all levels of govern-
4 ment.

5 (c) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days after the
6 date on which the Commander of Joint Region Marianas
7 designates an individual pursuant to subsection (a), the
8 Commander shall submit to the Committees on Armed
9 Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate
10 and appropriate officials of the defense sites within the
11 Joint Region Marianas area of responsibility a notification
12 that includes the name and contact information of such
13 individual.

14 (d) DEFENSE SITE DEFINED.—In this section, the
15 term “defense site” has the meaning given such term in
16 section 2710 of title 10, United States Code.

1 **DIVISION C—DEPARTMENT OF**
2 **ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY**
3 **AUTHORIZATIONS AND**
4 **OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS**
5 **TITLE XXXI—DEPARTMENT OF**
6 **ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY**
7 **PROGRAMS**
8 **Subtitle A—National Security**
9 **Programs and Authorizations**

10 **SEC. 3101. NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRA-**
11 **TION.**

12 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated to
13 the Department of Energy for fiscal year 2026 for the
14 activities of the National Nuclear Security Administration
15 in carrying out programs as specified in the funding table
16 in section 4701.

17 **SEC. 3102. DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP.**

18 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated to
19 the Department of Energy for fiscal year 2026 for defense
20 environmental cleanup activities in carrying out programs
21 as specified in the funding table in section 4701.

22 **SEC. 3103. OTHER DEFENSE ACTIVITIES.**

23 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated to
24 the Department of Energy for fiscal year 2026 for other

1 defense activities in carrying out programs as specified in
2 the funding table in section 4701.

3 **SEC. 3104. NUCLEAR ENERGY.**

4 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated to
5 the Department of Energy for fiscal year 2026 for nuclear
6 energy as specified in the funding table in section 4701.

7 **Subtitle B—Program**
8 **Authorizations**

9 **SEC. 3111. PLUTONIUM PIT PRODUCTION CAPACITY.**

10 Section 4219 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50
11 U.S.C. 2538a) is amended—

12 (1) by redesignating subsections (f), (g), and
13 (h) as subsections (g), (i), and (h), respectively;

14 (2) by moving subsection (i), as so redesign-
15 nated, so as to appear after subsection (h), as so re-
16 designated;

17 (3) in subsection (i), as so redesignated, by
18 striking “this subsection” and inserting “this sec-
19 tion”; and

20 (4) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
21 lowing new subsection (f):

22 “(f) CAPACITY.—In carrying out subsection (a), the
23 Secretary of Energy shall—

24 “(1) ensure that Los Alamos National Labora-
25 tory, Los Alamos, New Mexico, has the ability to re-

1 liably produce not less than 30 war reserve pluto-
2 nium pits annually; and

3 “(2) ensure that the Savannah River Plutonium
4 Processing Facility at the Savannah River Site,
5 Aiken, South Carolina, has the ability to reliably
6 produce not less than 50 war reserve plutonium pits
7 annually.”.

8 **SEC. 3112. STOCKPILE RESPONSIVENESS AND RAPID CAPA-**
9 **BILITIES PROGRAMS OF THE NATIONAL NU-**
10 **CLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title XLII of the
12 Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2521 et seq.) is
13 amended—

14 (1) in section 4220(c)—

15 (A) in paragraph (3)—

16 (i) by striking “Periodically” and in-
17 serting “Continually”; and

18 (ii) by inserting “integrated system
19 demonstrations,” after “flight testing,”;
20 and

21 (B) in paragraph (4)—

22 (i) by striking “Shorten” and insert-
23 ing “Develop technologies for transition to
24 a nuclear stockpile life extension program

1 or new nuclear weapon program project
2 that have the potential to reduce”; and

3 (ii) by striking “and timelines to mini-
4 mize” and all that follows through the end
5 of the paragraph and inserting “cost and
6 schedule”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end of the following new
8 section:

9 **“SEC. 4225. RAPID CAPABILITIES PROGRAM.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy, acting
11 through the Administrator and in coordination with the
12 Secretary of Defense, shall carry out a program (to be
13 known as the ‘rapid capabilities program’) to develop new
14 nuclear weapons or modified nuclear weapons that meet
15 military requirements.

16 “(b) OBJECTIVES.—The program under subsection
17 (a) shall have the following objectives:

18 “(1) Identify and assess potential design con-
19 cepts for rapid development feasibility.

20 “(2) Carry out projects with the goal of achiev-
21 ing first production unit within 5 years of project
22 initiation.

23 “(3) Utilize non-traditional approaches, system-
24 specific requirements, and tailored risk-acceptance

1 processes to favorably balance cost, schedule, and
2 capability.

3 “(4) Maximize reuse of existing components,
4 non-serial manufacturing, and limited production
5 quantities.

6 “(5) Minimize distribution to other major nu-
7 clear weapons stockpile modernization programs.

8 “(6) Develop institutional expertise within the
9 nuclear security enterprise for rapid execution of all
10 phases for the joint nuclear weapons life cycle proc-
11 ess.

12 “(c) PROGRAM BUDGET.—In accordance with the re-
13 quirements under section 4209, for each budget submitted
14 by the President to Congress under section 1105 of title
15 31, United States Code, the amounts requested for the
16 program under this section shall be clearly identified in
17 the budget justification materials submitted to Congress
18 in support of that budget.

19 “(d) JOINT NUCLEAR WEAPONS LIFE CYCLE PROC-
20 ESS DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘joint nuclear
21 weapons life cycle process’ means the process developed
22 and maintained by the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-
23 retary of Energy for the development, production, mainte-
24 nance, and retirement of nuclear weapons.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
2 for such Act is amended by inserting after the item relat-
3 ing to section 4224 the following new item:

“Sec. 4225. Rapid capabilities program.”.

4 **Subtitle C—Reports and Other**
5 **Matters**

6 **SEC. 3121. MODIFICATION TO REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**
7 **WITH RESPECT TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS**
8 **STOCKPILE STEWARDSHIP, MANAGEMENT,**
9 **AND RESPONSIVENESS PLAN.**

10 Section 4203 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50
11 U.S.C. 2523) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) by striking paragraph (1);

14 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and
15 (3) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively, and
16 adjusting the margins accordingly; and

17 (C) in paragraph (1), as so redesignated—

18 (i) by striking “subsection (d)” and
19 inserting “subsection (c)”;

20 (ii) by striking “March 15 of each
21 odd-numbered year” and inserting “45
22 days after each date on which a budget for
23 an odd-numbered fiscal year is submitted
24 to Congress”; and

1 (iii) in paragraph (2), as so redesign-
2 nated, by striking “summaries and re-
3 ports” and inserting “report”;
4 (2) by striking subsection (c);
5 (3) by redesignating subsections (d) through (f)
6 as subsections (c) through (e), respectively; and
7 (4) in subsections (c) and (d), as so redesign-
8 nated, by striking “subsection (b)(2)” each place it
9 appears and inserting “subsection (b)(1)”.

10 **SEC. 3122. ASSESSMENT OF THE NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECU-**
11 **RITY ADMINISTRATION SPENT FUEL HAN-**
12 **DLING RECAPITALIZATION PROJECT.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Deputy Administrator for
14 Naval Reactors of the National Nuclear Security Adminis-
15 tration shall carry out an independent assessment of the
16 Spent Fuel Handling Recapitalization Project.

17 (b) ELEMENTS.—The assessment required under
18 subsection (a) shall include, with respect to such project—

19 (1) a root cause analysis to determine the un-
20 derlying causes of the cost overruns, schedule delays
21 and performance shortcomings;

22 (2) an analysis of—

23 (A) the quality assurance program of such
24 project; and

1 (B) the corrective action processes and ap-
2 plication of standards for nuclear quality assur-
3 ance under such quality assurance program;
4 and

5 (3) any other matter the Deputy Administrator
6 determines appropriate.

7 (c) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30
8 days after the date on which the Deputy Administrator
9 completes the assessment required under subsection (a),
10 the Deputy Administrators shall submit to the congres-
11 sional defense committees and the Comptroller General of
12 the United States a report that includes the findings of
13 such assessments.

14 **SEC. 3123. LIMITATION RELATING TO RECLASSIFICATION**
15 **OF HIGH-LEVEL WASTE.**

16 (a) LIMITATION.—Except as provided by subsection
17 (b), none of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
18 this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026
19 for the Department of Energy may be obligated or ex-
20 pended by the Secretary of Energy to apply the interpreta-
21 tion of high-level radioactive waste described in the notice
22 published by the Secretary titled “Supplemental Notice
23 Concerning U.S. Department of Energy Interpretation of
24 High-Level Radioactive Waste” (84 Fed. Reg. 26835), or

1 successor notice, with respect to such waste located in the
2 State of Washington.

3 (b) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the limita-
4 tion under subsection (a) relating to the reclassification
5 of high-level radioactive waste if—

6 (1) the Secretary submits to the appropriate
7 congressional committees a notice of the waiver that
8 includes—

9 (A) a justification for such reclassification;

10 (B) documentation from both the Environ-
11 mental Protection Agency and the Department
12 of Ecology of the State of Washington that in-
13 dicates that such Agency and Department, re-
14 spectively, concur with such reclassification, as
15 required by the Hanford Federal Facility
16 Agreement and Consent Order, signed on Janu-
17 ary 10, 2025; and

18 (2) a period of 60 days has elapsed following
19 the submission of such notice.

20 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
21 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
22 sional committees” means the following:

23 (1) The Committees on Armed Services of the
24 House of Representatives and the Senate.

1 (2) The Subcommittees on Energy and Water
2 Development of the Committees on Appropriations
3 of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

4 **SEC. 3124. NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT WITH RESPECT**
5 **TO NUCLEAR POWER IN GUAM.**

6 (a) NOTIFICATION.—Except as provided in sub-
7 section (b), the Secretary of Defense shall, not later than
8 180 days before any date on which the Secretary carries
9 out the placement of a nuclear reactor in Guam, submit
10 to Congress and the Governor of Guam a notification of
11 such placement.

12 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to
13 a nuclear reactor aboard a naval vessel.

14 (c) NUCLEAR REACTOR DEFINED.—In this section,
15 the term “nuclear reactor” has the meaning given the
16 term “advanced nuclear reactor” in section 951 of the En-
17 ergy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16271).

18 **TITLE XXXII—DEFENSE NU-**
19 **CLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY**
20 **BOARD**

21 **SEC. 3201. AUTHORIZATION.**

22 There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal
23 year 2026, \$45,000,000 for the operation of the Defense
24 Nuclear Facilities Safety Board under chapter 21 of the
25 Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2286 et seq.).

**TITLE XXXIV—NAVAL
PETROLEUM RESERVES**

SEC. 3401. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) AMOUNT.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Energy \$13,000,000 for fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of carrying out activities under chapter 869 of title 10, United States Code, relating to the naval petroleum reserves.

(b) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.—Funds appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in subsection (a) shall remain available until expended.

**TITLE XXXV—MARITIME
ADMINISTRATION
Subtitle A—Maritime
Administration**

SEC. 3501. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR MARITIME ADMINISTRATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Transportation for fiscal year 2026, for programs associated with maintaining the United States Merchant Marine, the following amounts:

(1) For expenses necessary to support the United States Merchant Marine Academy, \$201,500,000, of which—

1 (A) \$101,500,000 shall be for Academy
2 operations;

3 (B) \$50,000,000 shall be for facilities
4 maintenance and repair and equipment; and

5 (C) \$50,000,000 shall be for the develop-
6 ment of a design-build plan for the phased re-
7 habilitation, modernization, and construction of
8 facilities and infrastructure at the United
9 States Merchant Marine Academy in accord-
10 ance with the Campus Modernization Plan re-
11 quired by section 51329 of title 46, United
12 States Code, as added by section 3531.

13 (2) For expenses necessary to support the State
14 maritime academies, \$58,800,000, of which—

15 (A) \$4,800,000 shall be for the Student
16 Incentive Payment Program;

17 (B) \$13,000,000 shall be for direct pay-
18 ments for State maritime academies;

19 (C) \$12,000,000 shall be for training ship
20 fuel assistance;

21 (D) \$4,000,000 shall be for offsetting the
22 costs of training ship sharing; and

23 (E) \$25,000,000 shall be for maintenance
24 and repair of State maritime academy training
25 vessels.

1 (3) For expenses necessary to support the Na-
2 tional Security Multi-Mission Vessel program, in-
3 cluding funds for construction and necessary ex-
4 penses to construct shoreside infrastructure to sup-
5 port such vessels, \$75,000,000.

6 (4) For expenses necessary to support Maritime
7 Administration operations and programs,
8 \$105,500,000, of which—

9 (A) \$15,000,000 shall be for the maritime
10 environmental and technical assistance program
11 under section 50307 of title 46, United States
12 Code;

13 (B) \$15,000,000 shall be for the United
14 States marine highway program, including to
15 make grants authorized under section 55601 of
16 title 46, United States Code;

17 (C) \$2,000,000 shall be for the Office of
18 Environment and Compliance, including to as-
19 sist in the environmental review of grant and
20 permit programs administered by the Maritime
21 Administration; and

22 (D) \$73,500,000 shall be for headquarters
23 operations expenses.

1 (5) For expenses necessary for the disposal of
2 obsolete vessels in the National Defense Reserve
3 Fleet of the Maritime Administration, \$6,000,000.

4 (6) For expenses necessary to maintain and
5 preserve a United States flag merchant marine to
6 serve the national security needs of the United
7 States under chapter 531 of title 46, United States
8 Code, \$390,000,000.

9 (7) For expenses necessary to maintain and
10 preserve a United States flag merchant marine to
11 serve the national security needs of the United
12 States under chapter 534 of title 46, United States
13 Code, \$122,400,000.

14 (8) For expenses necessary for the loan guar-
15 antee program authorized under chapter 537 of title
16 46, United States Code, \$33,700,000, of which—

17 (A) \$30,000,000 may be used for the cost
18 (as such term is defined in section 502(5) of
19 the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2
20 U.S.C. 661a(5)) of loan guarantees under the
21 program; and

22 (B) \$3,700,000 may be used for adminis-
23 trative expenses relating to loan guarantee com-
24 mitments under the program.

1 (9) For expenses necessary to provide assist-
2 ance to small shipyards and for maritime training
3 programs authorized under section 54101 of title 46,
4 United States Code, \$105,000,000.

5 (10) For expenses necessary to implement the
6 port infrastructure development program, as author-
7 ized under section 54301 of title 46, United States
8 Code, subject to the limitation under subsection (b),
9 \$550,000,000, to remain available until expended.

10 (b) LIMITATION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—No funds may be obligated
12 or expended for the port infrastructure development
13 program pursuant to subsection (a)(9) to make a
14 grant to be used for the purchase of fully automated
15 cargo handling equipment that is remotely operated
16 or remotely monitored with or without the exercise
17 of human intervention or control, if the Secretary of
18 Transportation determines such equipment would re-
19 sult in a net loss of jobs within a port or port ter-
20 minal.

21 (2) REPORT.—If the Secretary makes a deter-
22 mination pursuant to paragraph (1), not later than
23 three days after the date on which such determina-
24 tion is made, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-
25 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of

1 the Senate and the Committee on Transportation
2 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
3 a report that includes the data and analysis used by
4 the Secretary in making such determination.

5 **Subtitle B—Maritime** 6 **Infrastructure**

7 **SEC. 3511. CLARIFICATION REGARDING USE OF PORT IN-** 8 **FRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM** 9 **FUNDS TO REPLACE CHINESE PORT CRANE** 10 **HARDWARE OR SOFTWARE.**

11 Section 54301(a)(3)(A)(ii)(III) of title 46, United
12 States Code, is amended—

13 (1) by striking “including projects to improve
14 port resilience;” and inserting “including—”; and

15 (2) by adding at the end the following new
16 items:

17 “(aa) projects to improve
18 port resilience; and

19 “(bb) projects to upgrade or
20 replace port cranes or parts of
21 port cranes (including hardware
22 and software) that—

23 “(AA) were installed or
24 provided by the People’s Re-
25 public of China or any de-

1 partment, ministry, center,
2 agency, or instrumentality of
3 the Government of the Peo-
4 ple’s Republic of China; or
5 “(BB) are maintained,
6 controlled, or sponsored by
7 the People’s Republic of
8 China or any department,
9 ministry, center, agency, or
10 instrumentality of the Gov-
11 ernment of the People’s Re-
12 public of China;”.

13 **SEC. 3512. CLARIFICATION OF CERTAIN AUTHORITIES RE-**
14 **LATING TO DEEPWATER PORTS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5(a) of the Deepwater
16 Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1504(a)) is amended by
17 striking the first sentence and inserting “Notwithstanding
18 section 888(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
19 U.S.C. 468(b)), the Secretary shall have the authority to
20 issue regulations to carry out the purposes and provisions
21 of this Act, in accordance with the provisions of section
22 553 of title 5, United States Code, without regard to sub-
23 section (a) thereof.”.

1 (b) NEPA COMPLIANCE.—Section 5 of the Deep-
2 water Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1504) is amended by
3 striking subsection (f) and inserting the following:

4 “(f) NEPA COMPLIANCE.—

5 “(1) DEFINITION OF LEAD AGENCY.—In this
6 subsection, the term ‘lead agency’ has the meaning
7 given the term in section 111 of the National Envi-
8 ronmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4336e).

9 “(2) LEAD AGENCY.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For all applications,
11 the Department of Transportation shall be the
12 Federal lead agency for purposes of the Na-
13 tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42
14 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

15 “(B) EFFECT OF COMPLIANCE.—Compli-
16 ance with the National Environmental Policy
17 Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) in accord-
18 ance with subparagraph (A) shall fulfill the re-
19 quirement of the Federal lead agency in car-
20 rying out the responsibilities under the National
21 Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
22 4321 et seq.) pursuant to this Act.”.

23 (c) REGULATIONS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the

1 Commandant of the Coast Guard shall transfer the
2 authorities provided to the Coast Guard in part 148
3 of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect
4 on the date of the enactment of this Act), except as
5 provided in paragraph (2), to the Secretary of
6 Transportation.

7 (2) RETENTION OF AUTHORITY.—The Com-
8 mandant shall retain responsibility for authorities
9 pertaining to design, construction, equipment, and
10 operation of deepwater ports and navigational safe-
11 ty.

12 (3) UPDATES TO AUTHORITY.—As soon as
13 practicable after the date of enactment of this Act,
14 the Secretary of Transportation shall issue such reg-
15 ulations as are necessary to reflect the updates to
16 authorities prescribed by this subsection.

17 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
18 tion, or the amendments made by this section, may be con-
19 strued to limit the authorities of other governmental agen-
20 cies previously delegated authorities of the Deepwater
21 Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) or any other
22 law.

23 (e) APPLICATIONS.—Nothing in this section, or the
24 amendments made by this section, shall apply to any ap-

1 plication submitted before the date of the enactment of
2 this Act.

3 **SEC. 3513. ELIGIBILITY OF SHORE POWER PROJECTS**
4 **UNDER PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOP-**
5 **MENT PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—In making port infrastructure de-
7 velopment grants under section 54301 of title 46, United
8 States Code, for fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Trans-
9 portation shall treat a project described in subsection (b)
10 as—

11 (1) having met the requirements of paragraph
12 (1) and (6)(A)(i) of section 54301(a) of such title;
13 and

14 (2) being an eligible project under section
15 54301(a)(3) of such title.

16 (b) PROJECT DESCRIBED.—A project described in
17 this subsection is a project to provide shore power at a
18 port that services both of the following:

19 (1) Passenger vessels described in section
20 3507(k) of title 46, United States Code.

21 (2) Vessels that move goods or freight.

Subtitle C—Reports

SEC. 3521. REPORT ON USE OF COMMERCIAL CONTRACTING AGENT FOR CREWING AND OPERATION OF MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND VESSELS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 1, 2026, the Secretary of the Navy, in consultation with the Administrator of the Maritime Administration, shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the use of a commercial contracting agent for the crewing and operation of military sealift command vessels.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall contain each of the following:

(1) An assessment of whether the crewing and operation of military sealift command vessels through the use of a commercial contracting agent would mitigate the shortage of civilian mariners and increase availability of military sealift command vessels.

(2) Any examples of operations within the Military Sealift Command being carried out through a contract, as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

(3) An identification of potential cost savings associated with the crewing and operation of military

1 sealift command vessels through the use of a com-
2 mercial contracting agent.

3 (4) An identification of specific military sealift
4 command vessels or missions that may be suitable
5 for crewing or operation through the use of a com-
6 mercial contracting agent.

7 **Subtitle D—Other Matters**

8 **SEC. 3531. UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY** 9 **CAMPUS MODERNIZATION PLAN.**

10 (a) CAMPUS MODERNIZATION PLAN.—Chapter 513
11 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at
12 the end the following new section:

13 **“§ 51329. Campus modernization plan**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out a
15 comprehensive Campus modernization plan for the United
16 States Merchant Marine Academy. Such plan shall provide
17 for each of the following:

18 “(1) The construction of new facilities or the
19 significant renovation of existing facilities to pro-
20 vide—

21 “(A) standards of training, certification,
22 and watchkeeping applications laboratories;

23 “(B) a safety of life at sea training pool;

24 “(C) engineering power plant laboratories;

1 “(D) athletic facilities that meet the needs
2 of both male and female midshipmen;

3 “(E) enhanced waterfront facilities, includ-
4 ing a new pier;

5 “(F) a visitor welcome center and main
6 campus security office building;

7 “(G) housing facilities for senior staff and
8 faculty; and

9 “(H) sufficient parking facilities for fac-
10 ulty, staff, and campus visitors.

11 “(2) Upgrades to all classrooms and labora-
12 tories with modern information technology infra-
13 structure.

14 “(2) A campus-wide upgrade and retrofit of—

15 “(A) the electric distribution power grid;

16 “(B) the sanitary sewer system piping;

17 “(C) the storm drainage system; and

18 “(D) the drinking water system, including
19 development of a separate and redundant fire
20 suppression system.

21 “(3) Renovations of campus facilities to ensure
22 that all campus facilities—

23 “(A) are structurally sound;

24 “(B) have reliable heating and air condi-
25 tioning systems;

1 “(C) have functioning plumbing and elec-
2 trical systems;

3 “(D) are protected from the elements, in-
4 cluding through roof replacements and window
5 repairs or replacements, as needed;

6 “(E) are accessible in accordance with the
7 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42
8 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.); and

9 “(F) have working fire alarm and fire sup-
10 pression systems.

11 “(b) USE OF FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION AGENT.—
12 Consistent with the requirements of section 3515(d)(3) of
13 the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act
14 for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263), the Adminis-
15 trator shall seek to enter into an agreement with a Federal
16 construction agent to carry out the campus modernization
17 plan.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
19 for chapter 513 of title 46, United States Code, is amend-
20 ed by adding at the end the following new item:

“51329. Campus modernization plan.”.

21 (c) DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—The Sec-
22 retary of Transportation shall develop and begin to imple-
23 ment the campus modernization plan required under sec-
24 tion 51329 of title 46, United States Code, by not later
25 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 3532. CARGOES PROCURED, FURNISHED, OR FI-**
2 **NANCED BY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.**

3 Section 55305 of title 46, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “When the
6 United States Government” and inserting “Except
7 as provided in subsection (c), when the United
8 States Government”;

9 (2) by redesignating subsections (c) through (f)
10 as subsections (d) through (g), respectively; and

11 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(c) EXCEPTION.—When the Department of Trans-
14 portation procures, contracts for, or otherwise obtains for
15 its own account, or provides financing in any way with
16 Federal funds or advances funds or credits, for the fur-
17 nishing or obtaining of the equipment, materials, or com-
18 modities, the Secretary of Transportation or recipient of
19 such financing shall take steps necessary and practicable
20 to ensure that 100 percent of the gross tonnage of the
21 equipment, materials, or commodities (computed sepa-
22 rately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers)
23 which may be transported on ocean vessels is transported
24 on privately-owned commercial vessels of the United
25 States, as provided under subsection (b), to the extent
26 such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for

1 commercial vessels of the United States, in a manner that
2 will ensure a fair and reasonable participation of commer-
3 cial vessels of the United States in those cargoes by geo-
4 graphic areas.”.

5 **SEC. 3533. TREATMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA**
6 **MARITIME ACADEMY AS A STATE MARITIME**
7 **ACADEMY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the require-
9 ments of section 51506 of title 46, United States Code,
10 and except as provided in subsection (b), during the two-
11 year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this
12 Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall treat the Uni-
13 versity of Louisiana State Maritime Academy in the same
14 manner as a State maritime academy under chapter 515
15 of title 46, United States Code.

16 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply after
17 the date on which the University of Louisiana is fully rec-
18 ognized as a State maritime academy under chapter 515
19 of title 46, United States Code.

20 **SEC. 3534. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF MISSILE IN-**
21 **STRUMENTATION RANGE SAFETY VESSELS.**

22 (a) VESSEL CONSTRUCTION.—

23 (1) COMPLETION OF DESIGN.—Subject to the
24 availability of appropriations, the Secretary of
25 Transportation, in consultation with the Director of

1 the Missile Defense Agency, shall complete the de-
2 sign of missile instrumentation range safety vessels
3 for the National Defense Reserve Fleet to allow for
4 the construction of such vessels to begin in fiscal
5 year 2027.

6 (2) AGREEMENT WITH VESSEL CONSTRUCTION
7 MANAGER.—Notwithstanding section 8679 of title
8 10, United States Code, and subject to the avail-
9 ability of appropriations, the Secretary of the Trans-
10 portation, in consultation with the Director of the
11 Missile Defense Agency, shall seek to enter into an
12 agreement with an appropriate vessel construction
13 manager under which the vessel construction man-
14 ager shall enter into a contract for the construction
15 of not more than two such vessels in accordance
16 with this section.

17 (3) DESIGN STANDARDS AND CONSTRUCTION
18 PRACTICES.—Subject to paragraph (2), a vessel con-
19 structed pursuant to this section shall be con-
20 structed using commercial design standards and
21 commercial construction practices that are consistent
22 with the best interests of the Federal Government.

23 (b) CONSULTATION WITH OTHER FEDERAL ENTI-
24 TIES.—The Secretary of Transportation shall consult and
25 coordinate with the Director of the Missile Defense Agen-

1 cy and may consult with the heads of other appropriate
2 Federal agencies regarding the vessel referred to in sub-
3 section (a) and activities associated with such vessel.

4 (c) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR USED VES-
5 SELS.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated
6 by this Act or otherwise made available to carry out this
7 section may be used for the procurement of any used ves-
8 sel.

9 (d) MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY TRANSFER AUTHOR-
10 ITY.—The Director of the Missile Defense Agency may
11 transfer amounts authorized to be appropriated for the
12 Missile Defense Agency for research, development, test,
13 and evaluation to the Secretary of Transportation, to be
14 used for the purposes authorized by this section. Any
15 amount transferred pursuant to this subsection shall re-
16 tain its original period of availability.

17 **DIVISION D—FUNDING TABLES**

18 **SEC. 4001. AUTHORIZATION OF AMOUNTS IN FUNDING TA-** 19 **BLES.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Whenever a funding table in this
21 division specifies a dollar amount authorized for a project,
22 program, or activity, the obligation and expenditure of the
23 specified dollar amount for the project, program, or activ-
24 ity is hereby authorized, subject to the availability of ap-
25 propriations.

1 (b) MERIT-BASED DECISIONS.—A decision to com-
2 mit, obligate, or expend funds with or to a specific entity
3 on the basis of a dollar amount authorized pursuant to
4 subsection (a) shall—

5 (1) be based on merit-based selection proce-
6 dures in accordance with the requirements of sec-
7 tions 2304(k) and 2374 of title 10, United States
8 Code, or on competitive procedures; and

9 (2) comply with other applicable provisions of
10 law.

11 (c) RELATIONSHIP TO TRANSFER AND PROGRAM-
12 MING AUTHORITY.—An amount specified in the funding
13 tables in this division may be transferred or repro-
14 grammed under a transfer or reprogramming authority
15 provided by another provision of this Act or by other law.
16 The transfer or reprogramming of an amount specified in
17 such funding tables shall not count against a ceiling on
18 such transfers or reprogrammings under section 1001 of
19 this Act or any other provision of law, unless such transfer
20 or reprogramming would move funds between appropria-
21 tion accounts.

22 (d) APPLICABILITY TO CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—This
23 section applies to any classified annex that accompanies
24 this Act.

(e) ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS.—No oral or written communication concerning any amount specified in the funding tables in this division shall supersede the requirements of this section.

TITLE XLI—PROCUREMENT

SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT.

SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, ARMY			
FIXED WING			
006	HADES PLATFORM, PAYLOADS/PED, AND INTEGRATION	26,850	26,850
ROTARY			
009	AH-64 APACHE BLOCK IIIA REMAN	1,669	91,669
	3 additional aircraft		[90,000]
013	UH-60 BLACKHAWK M MODEL (MYP)	732,060	732,060
017	CH-47 HELICOPTER	618,798	618,798
018	CH-47 HELICOPTER AP	61,421	61,421
MODIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT			
027	AH-64 MODS	125,236	125,236
028	SCALABLE CONTROL INTERFACE (SCI)	1,257	1,257
029	CH-47 CARGO HELICOPTER MODS (MYP)	17,709	17,709
034	UTILITY HELICOPTER MODS	33,659	33,659
036	NETWORK AND MISSION PLAN	40,472	40,472
037	COMMS, NAV SURVEILLANCE	11,566	11,566
039	AVIATION ASSURED PNT	49,475	49,475
040	GATM ROLLUP	4,651	4,651
GROUND SUPPORT AVIONICS			
045	AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY EQUIPMENT	129,167	129,167
047	CMWS	38,419	38,419
048	COMMON INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES (CIRCUM)	225,647	215,647
	Program decrease		[-10,000]
OTHER SUPPORT			
050	COMMON GROUND EQUIPMENT	29,489	29,489
052	AIRCREW INTEGRATED SYSTEMS	14,986	14,986
053	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL	24,213	24,213
054	LAUNCHER, 2.75 ROCKET	1,611	1,611
AGILE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT			
057	SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS	726,034	744,034
	FPV/PBAS Systems		[18,000]
058	FUTURE UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (UAS) FAMILY	118,459	118,459
059	GRAY EAGLE MODIFICATIONS	12,351	12,351
TOTAL AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, ARMY		3,045,199	3,143,199
MISSILE PROCUREMENT, ARMY			
SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE SYSTEM			
002	LOWER TIER AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE (AMD) SEN	637,473	637,473
004	M-SHORAD—PROCUREMENT	679,114	679,114
006	MSE MISSILE	945,905	945,905
009	PRECISION STRIKE MISSILE (PRSM)	160,846	160,846
011	INDIRECT FIRE PROTECTION CAPABILITY INC 2-I	830,579	820,579
	Program decrease		[-10,000]
012	MID-RANGE CAPABILITY (MRC)	82,407	82,407
AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILE SYSTEM			
015	JOINT AIR-TO-GROUND MSLS (JAGM)	84,667	84,667
017	LONG-RANGE HYPERSONIC WEAPON	353,415	353,415
ANTI-TANK/ASSAULT MISSILE SYS			
018	JAVELIN (AAWS-M) SYSTEM SUMMARY	329,205	329,205
019	TOW 2 SYSTEM SUMMARY	11,731	11,731
020	GUIDED MLRS ROCKET (GMLRS)	1,125,071	1,125,071
021	GUIDED MLRS ROCKET (GMLRS) AP	43,156	43,156
022	MLRS REDUCED RANGE PRACTICE ROCKETS (RRPR)	32,339	32,339
023	HIGH MOBILITY ARTILLERY ROCKET SYSTEM (HIMARS)	61,503	61,503
MODIFICATIONS			
029	PATRIOT MODS	757,800	757,800
032	STINGER MODS	428,935	428,935
035	MLRS MODS	243,470	243,470
036	HIMARS MODIFICATIONS	54,005	54,005
SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS			

SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
038	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	6,651	6,651
	SUPPORT EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES		
040	AIR DEFENSE TARGETS	12,801	12,801
	AGILE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT		
044	LAUNCHED EFFECTS FAMILY	67,816	67,816
	TOTAL MISSILE PROCUREMENT, ARMY	6,948,889	6,938,889
	PROCUREMENT OF WEAPONS AND TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES, ARMY		
	TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES		
002	ARMORED MULTI PURPOSE VEHICLE (AMPV)	554,678	554,678
004	ASSAULT BREACHER VEHICLE (ABV)	4,079	4,079
005	M10 BOOKER	64,919	64,919
	MODIFICATION OF TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES		
008	STRYKER UPGRADE	135,816	135,816
009	BRADLEY FIRE SUPPORT TEAM (BFIIST) VEHICLE	4,684	4,684
010	BRADLEY PROGRAM (MOD)	157,183	157,183
011	M109 FOV MODIFICATIONS	82,537	82,537
012	PALADIN INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT (PIM)	250,238	250,238
013	IMPROVED RECOVERY VEHICLE (M88 HERCULES)	155,540	155,540
017	JOINT ASSAULT BRIDGE	132,637	132,637
019	ABRAMS UPGRADE PROGRAM	740,528	752,528
	Cart recapitalization		[12,000]
021	VEHICLE PROTECTION SYSTEMS (VPS)	107,833	107,833
	WEAPONS & OTHER COMBAT VEHICLES		
024	PERSONAL DEFENSE WEAPON (ROLL)	1,002	1,002
025	M240 MEDIUM MACHINE GUN (7.62MM)	5	5
027	MACHINE GUN, CAL .50 M2 ROLL	4	4
028	MORTAR SYSTEMS	5,807	5,807
029	LOCATION & AZIMUTH DETERMINATION SYSTEM (LADS)	9,477	9,477
031	PRECISION SNIPER RIFLE	1,853	1,853
034	NEXT GENERATION SQUAD WEAPON	365,155	365,155
036	HANDGUN	7	7
	MOD OF WEAPONS AND OTHER COMBAT VEH		
038	M777 MODS	2,429	2,429
042	SNIPER RIFLES MODIFICATIONS	19	19
043	M119 MODIFICATIONS	4,642	4,642
	SUPPORT EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES		
046	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5.0M (WOCV-WTCV)	469	469
047	PRODUCTION BASE SUPPORT (WOCV-WTCV)	104,993	104,993
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF WEAPONS AND TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES, ARMY.	2,886,534	2,898,534
	PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, ARMY		
	SMALL/MEDIUM CAL AMMUNITION		
001	CTG, 5.56MM, ALL TYPES	128,283	128,283
002	CTG, 7.62MM, ALL TYPES	62,157	62,157
003	NEXT GENERATION SQUAD WEAPON AMMUNITION	426,177	426,177
004	CTG, HANDGUN, ALL TYPES	7,750	7,750
005	CTG, .50 CAL, ALL TYPES	78,199	98,199
	Program increase		[20,000]
006	CTG, 20MM, ALL TYPES	25,773	25,773
007	CTG, 25MM, ALL TYPES	22,324	22,324
008	CTG, 30MM, ALL TYPES	100,392	100,392
009	CTG, 40MM, ALL TYPES	131,432	131,432
011	CTG, 50MM, ALL TYPES	42,131	42,131
	MORTAR AMMUNITION		
012	60MM MORTAR, ALL TYPES	38,114	38,114
013	81MM MORTAR, ALL TYPES	41,786	41,786
014	120MM MORTAR, ALL TYPES	123,144	123,144
	TANK AMMUNITION		
015	CARTRIDGES, TANK, 105MM AND 120MM, ALL TYPES	440,152	440,152
	ARTILLERY AMMUNITION		
016	ARTILLERY CARTRIDGES, 75MM & 105MM, ALL TYPES	80,780	80,780
017	ARTILLERY PROJECTILE, 155MM, ALL TYPES	218,877	218,877
019	PRECISION ARTILLERY MUNITIONS	28,995	28,995
020	ARTILLERY PROPELLANTS, FUZES AND PRIMERS, ALL	168,737	168,737
	MINES		
021	MINES & CLEARING CHARGES, ALL TYPES	42,748	42,748
022	CLOSE TERRAIN SHAPING OBSTACLE	7,860	7,860
	ROCKETS		
024	SHOULDER LAUNCHED MUNITIONS, ALL TYPES	46,089	46,089
025	ROCKET, HYDRA 70, ALL TYPES	34,836	34,836
	OTHER AMMUNITION		
026	CAD/PAD, ALL TYPES	12,543	12,543
027	DEMOLITION MUNITIONS, ALL TYPES	21,409	21,409
028	GRENADES, ALL TYPES	56,530	53,530
	Program decrease		[-3,000]

SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
029	SIGNALS, ALL TYPES	36,846	36,846
030	SIMULATORS, ALL TYPES	10,821	10,821
	MISCELLANEOUS		
032	AMMO COMPONENTS, ALL TYPES	4,084	4,084
034	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION (AMMO)	16,799	16,799
035	AMMUNITION PECULIAR EQUIPMENT	16,219	16,219
036	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION (AMMO)	18,600	18,600
037	CLOSEOUT LIABILITIES	102	102
	PRODUCTION BASE SUPPORT		
040	INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES	1,084,611	1,084,611
041	CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS DEMILITARIZATION	155,050	155,050
042	ARMS INITIATIVE	3,885	3,885
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, ARMY	3,734,235	3,751,235
	OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY		
	TACTICAL VEHICLES		
002	FAMILY OF SEMITRAILERS	132,793	132,793
006	GROUND MOBILITY VEHICLES (GMV)	308,620	308,620
009	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE FAMILY OF VEHICL	45,840	45,840
010	TRUCK, DUMP, 20T (CCE)	17,000	32,000
	Program increase		[15,000]
011	FAMILY OF MEDIUM TACTICAL VEH (FMTV)	85,490	85,490
012	FAMILY OF COLD WEATHER ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE (C	38,001	38,001
013	FIRETRUCKS & ASSOCIATED FIREFIGHTING EQUIP	39,761	39,761
014	FAMILY OF HEAVY TACTICAL VEHICLES (FHTV)	202,009	202,009
019	TACTICAL WHEELED VEHICLE PROTECTION KITS	2,660	2,660
020	MODIFICATION OF IN SVC EQUIP	98,728	98,728
	NON-TACTICAL VEHICLES		
023	NONTACTICAL VEHICLES, OTHER	8,462	8,462
	COMM—JOINT COMMUNICATIONS		
029	TACTICAL NETWORK COMMUNICATION	866,347	766,347
	Program decrease		[−100,000]
031	JCSE EQUIPMENT (USRDECOM)	5,389	5,389
	COMM—SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS		
032	SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS	114,770	114,770
036	DEFENSE ENTERPRISE WIDEBAND SATCOM SYSTEMS	65,591	65,591
039	ASSURED POSITIONING, NAVIGATION AND TIMING	212,469	192,469
	Program decrease		[−20,000]
	COMM—COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS		
046	HANDHELD MANPACK SMALL FORM FIT (HMS)	478,435	468,435
	Program decrease		[−10,000]
048	ARMY LINK 16 SYSTEMS	133,836	133,836
051	UNIFIED COMMAND SUITE	20,010	20,010
052	COTS COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT	207,402	204,402
	Airborne SATCOM systems		[7,000]
	Program decrease		[−10,000]
054	ARMY COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS	110,678	110,678
	COMM—INTELLIGENCE COMM		
056	CI AUTOMATION ARCHITECTURE-INTEL	15,290	15,290
058	MULTI-DOMAIN INTELLIGENCE	108,655	88,655
	Program decrease		[−20,000]
	INFORMATION SECURITY		
060	INFORMATION SYSTEM SECURITY PROGRAM-ISSP	826	826
061	COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY (COMSEC)	125,970	125,970
066	BIOMETRIC ENABLING CAPABILITY (BEC)	65	65
	COMM—BASE COMMUNICATIONS		
070	INFORMATION SYSTEMS	209,378	209,378
072	BASE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION	50,177	50,177
074	INSTALLATION INFO INFRASTRUCTURE MOD PROGRAM	439,373	439,373
	ELECT EQUIP—TACT INT REL ACT (TIARA)		
078	TITAN	236,314	236,314
081	COLLECTION CAPABILITY	2,935	2,935
083	DCGS-A-INTEL	1,087	1,087
085	TROJAN	37,968	37,968
086	MOD OF IN-SVC EQUIP (INTEL SPT)	20,598	20,598
	ELECT EQUIP—ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW)		
091	AIR VIGILANCE (AV)	9,731	9,731
093	FAMILY OF PERSISTENT SURVEILLANCE CAP.	15,382	15,382
094	COUNTERINTELLIGENCE/SECURITY COUNTERMEASURES	8,283	8,283
	ELECT EQUIP—TACTICAL SURV. (TAC SURV)		
096	SENTINEL MODS	462,010	452,010
	Program decrease		[−10,000]
097	NIGHT VISION DEVICES	211,056	211,056
098	SMALL TACTICAL OPTICAL RIFLE MOUNTED MLRF	2,111	2,111
099	BASE EXPEDITARY TARGETING AND SURV SYS	1,801	1,801
100	INDIRECT FIRE PROTECTION FAMILY OF SYSTEMS	27,881	27,881
101	FAMILY OF WEAPON SIGHTS (FWS)	103,607	103,607
102	ENHANCED PORTABLE INDUCTIVE ARTILLERY FUZE SE	10,456	10,456

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Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
104	FORWARD LOOKING INFRARED (IFLIR)	60,765	60,765
106	JOINT BATTLE COMMAND—PLATFORM (JBC-P)	165,395	155,395
	Program decrease		[-10,000]
107	JOINT EFFECTS TARGETING SYSTEM (JETS)	48,715	48,715
109	COMPUTER BALLISTICS: LHMCB XM32	6,325	6,325
110	MORTAR FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM	3,657	3,657
111	MORTAR FIRE CONTROL SYSTEMS MODIFICATIONS	3,262	3,262
112	COUNTERFIRE RADARS	40,526	40,526
	ELECT EQUIP—TACTICAL C2 SYSTEMS		
113	ARMY COMMAND POST INTEGRATED INFRASTRUCTURE (.....	723,187	708,187
	Program decrease		[-15,000]
114	FIRE SUPPORT C2 FAMILY	3,389	3,389
115	AIR & MSL DEFENSE PLANNING & CONTROL SYS	33,103	33,103
116	LAMD BATTLE COMMAND SYSTEM	546,480	546,480
117	LAMD FAMILY OF SYSTEMS (FOS) COMPONENTS	31,016	31,016
118	LIFE CYCLE SOFTWARE SUPPORT (LCSS)	5,175	5,175
119	NETWORK MANAGEMENT INITIALIZATION AND SERVICE	244,403	244,403
124	MOD OF IN-SVC EQUIPMENT (ENFIRE)	16,595	16,595
	ELECT EQUIP—AUTOMATION		
125	ARMY TRAINING MODERNIZATION	8,262	8,262
126	AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING EQUIP	93,804	93,804
129	HIGH PERF COMPUTING MOD PGM (HPCMP)	74,708	74,708
130	CONTRACT WRITING SYSTEM	468	468
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
131A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	1,546	1,546
	CHEMICAL DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT		
138	BASE DEFENSE SYSTEMS (BDS)	143	143
139	CBRN DEFENSE	69,739	69,739
	BRIDGING EQUIPMENT		
142	TACTICAL BRIDGE, FLOAT-RIBBON	69,863	69,863
	ENGINEER (NON-CONSTRUCTION) EQUIPMENT		
150	ROBOTICS AND APPLIQUE SYSTEMS	509	509
151	RENDER SAFE SETS KITS OUTFITS	14,184	14,184
	COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
153	HEATERS AND ECUS	14,288	14,288
156	GROUND SOLDIER SYSTEM	178,850	171,850
	Program decrease		[-7,000]
157	MOBILE SOLDIER POWER	15,729	15,729
159	FIELD FEEDING EQUIPMENT	4,500	4,500
160	CARGO AERIAL DEL & PERSONNEL PARACHUTE SYSTEM	61,224	61,224
	PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT		
164	DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, PETROLEUM & WATER	96,020	96,020
	MEDICAL EQUIPMENT		
165	COMBAT SUPPORT MEDICAL	99,567	99,567
	MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT		
166	MOBILE MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT SYSTEMS	63,311	63,311
	CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT		
169	CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT	92,299	92,299
	RAIL FLOAT CONTAINERIZATION EQUIPMENT		
179	ARMY WATERCRAFT ESP	57,342	57,342
180	MANEUVER SUPPORT VESSEL (MSV)	33,949	33,949
181	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5.0M (FLOAT/RAIL)	18,217	18,217
	GENERATORS		
182	GENERATORS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIP	89,073	89,073
	MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIPMENT		
184	FAMILY OF FORKLIFTS	12,576	12,576
	TRAINING EQUIPMENT		
185	COMBAT TRAINING CENTERS SUPPORT	49,025	49,025
186	TRAINING DEVICES, NONSYSTEM	189,306	189,306
187	SYNTHETIC TRAINING ENVIRONMENT (STE)	166,402	166,402
189	GAMING TECHNOLOGY IN SUPPORT OF ARMY TRAINING	7,320	7,320
	TEST MEASURE AND DIG EQUIPMENT (TMD)		
191	INTEGRATED FAMILY OF TEST EQUIPMENT (IFTE)	38,784	38,784
193	TEST EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION (TEMOD)	51,119	51,119
	OTHER SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
195	PHYSICAL SECURITY SYSTEMS (OPA3)	136,315	136,315
196	BASE LEVEL COMMON EQUIPMENT	19,452	19,452
197	MODIFICATION OF IN-SVC EQUIPMENT (OPA-3)	31,452	31,452
198	BUILDING, PRE-FAB, RELOCATABLE	10,490	10,490
200	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FOR TEST AND EVALUATION	93,777	93,777
	OPA2		
205	INITIAL SPARES—C&E	7,254	7,254
	AGILE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT		
207	COUNTER-SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM (C-SUAS)	306,568	306,568
208	ELECTRONIC WARFARE	24,547	24,547
209	ELECTRONIC WARFARE AGILE	54,427	54,427
210	SOLDIER BORNE SENSOR	21,919	21,919
	TOTAL OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY	9,605,566	9,425,566

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Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, NAVY			
COMBAT AIRCRAFT			
002	F/A-18E/F (FIGHTER) HORNET	50,607	50,607
004	JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER CV	1,951,629	1,951,629
005	JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER CV AP	401,596	401,596
006	JSF STOVL	1,787,313	1,787,313
007	JSF STOVL AP	113,744	113,744
008	CH-53K (HEAVY LIFT)	1,707,601	1,707,601
009	CH-53K (HEAVY LIFT) AP	335,352	335,352
010	V-22 (MEDIUM LIFT)	47,196	47,196
012	H-1 UPGRADES (UH-1Y/AH-1Z)	8,305	8,305
014	P-8A POSEIDON	13,631	13,631
015	E-2D ADV HAWKEYE	1,503,556	1,203,556
	Program decrease		[-300,000]
OTHER AIRCRAFT			
023	KC-130J	18,017	18,017
027	MQ-4 TRITON	133,139	133,139
031	MQ-25	407,046	407,046
032	MQ-25 AP	52,191	52,191
034	MARINE GROUP 5 UAS	15,162	15,162
036	OTHER SUPPORT AIRCRAFT	19,812	19,812
MODIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT			
039	F-18 A-D UNIQUE	53,809	53,809
040	F-18E/F AND EA-18G MODERNIZATION AND SUSTAINM	576,229	576,229
041	MARINE GROUP 5 UAS SERIES	143,695	143,695
042	AEA SYSTEMS	25,848	25,848
044	INFRARED SEARCH AND TRACK (IRST)	175,351	175,351
045	ADVERSARY	21,535	21,535
046	F-18 SERIES	756,967	756,967
047	H-53 SERIES	69,227	69,227
048	MH-60 SERIES	115,545	115,545
049	H-1 SERIES	149,405	149,405
051	E-2 SERIES	143,772	143,772
052	TRAINER A/C SERIES	12,151	12,151
054	C-130 SERIES	144,017	144,017
055	FEWSG	5	5
056	CARGO/TRANSPORT A/C SERIES	7,526	7,526
057	E-6 SERIES	163,737	163,737
058	EXECUTIVE HELICOPTERS SERIES	66,645	66,645
060	T-45 SERIES	173,433	173,433
061	POWER PLANT CHANGES	18,707	18,707
062	JPATS SERIES	21,330	21,330
064	COMMON ECM EQUIPMENT	91,553	91,553
065	COMMON AVIONICS CHANGES	161,376	145,276
	Program decrease		[-16,100]
066	COMMON DEFENSIVE WEAPON SYSTEM	8,926	8,926
067	ID SYSTEMS	3,011	3,011
068	P-8 SERIES	320,130	320,130
069	MAGTF EW FOR AVIATION	22,356	22,356
071	V-22 (TILT/ROTOR ACFT) OSPREY	319,145	319,145
072	NEXT GENERATION JAMMER (NGJ)	439,493	429,493
	Program decrease		[-10,000]
073	F-35 STOVL SERIES	364,774	364,774
074	F-35 CV SERIES	180,533	180,533
075	QRC	24,893	24,893
076	MQ-4 SERIES	180,463	180,463
AIRCRAFT SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS			
084	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	2,562,627	2,812,627
	F-35B increase		[125,000]
	F-35C increase		[125,000]
AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIP & FACILITIES			
085	COMMON GROUND EQUIPMENT	584,561	526,161
	Program decrease		[-58,400]
086	AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES	112,513	101,313
	Program decrease		[-11,200]
087	WAR CONSUMABLES	45,153	45,153
088	OTHER PRODUCTION CHARGES	70,770	70,770
089	SPECIAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	130,993	117,993
	Program decrease		[-13,000]
TOTAL AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, NAVY		17,028,101	16,869,401
WEAPONS PROCUREMENT, NAVY			
MODIFICATION OF MISSILES			
002	TRIDENT II MODS	2,582,029	2,582,029
STRATEGIC MISSILES			
006	TOMAHAWK	12,593	12,593
TACTICAL MISSILES			

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Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
007	AMRAAM	69,913	69,913
008	SIDEWINDER	84,713	84,713
009	JOINT ADVANCE TACTICAL MISSILE (JATM)	301,858	301,858
010	STANDARD MISSILE	187,420	122,420
	Reconciliation adjustment		[-65,000]
012	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB II	86,255	86,255
013	RAM	122,372	122,372
015	JOINT AIR GROUND MISSILE (JAGM)	74,152	74,152
017	AERIAL TARGETS	182,704	164,504
	Program decrease		[-18,200]
019	OTHER MISSILE SUPPORT	3,490	3,490
020	LRASM	243,217	243,217
021	NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM)	32,238	32,238
022	NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM) AP	3,059	3,059
	MODIFICATION OF MISSILES		
025	TOMAHAWK MODS	6,283	6,283
026	ESSM	503,381	503,381
028	AARGM-ER	261,041	261,041
029	AARGM-ER AP	24,284	24,284
031	STANDARD MISSILES MODS	32,127	32,127
	SUPPORT EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES		
032	WEAPONS INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES	127,222	127,222
	ORDNANCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
036	ORDNANCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	37,059	37,059
	TORPEDOES AND RELATED EQUIP		
039	SSTD	4,789	4,789
040	MK-48 TORPEDO	7,081	7,081
042	ASW TARGETS	38,386	38,386
	MOD OF TORPEDOES AND RELATED EQUIP		
043	MK-54 TORPEDO MODS	1,692	1,692
044	MK-48 TORPEDO ADCAP MODS	31,479	31,479
	SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
046	TORPEDO SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	161,218	161,218
047	ASW RANGE SUPPORT	4,328	4,328
	DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION		
048	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION	5,346	5,346
	GUNS AND GUN MOUNTS		
051	SMALL ARMS AND WEAPONS	9,987	9,987
	MODIFICATION OF GUNS AND GUN MOUNTS		
052	CIWS MODS	8,122	8,122
053	COAST GUARD WEAPONS	44,455	44,455
054	GUN MOUNT MODS	83,969	83,969
055	LCS MODULE WEAPONS	2,200	2,200
056	AIRBORNE MINE NEUTRALIZATION SYSTEMS	14,413	14,413
	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS		
061	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	202,425	202,425
	TOTAL WEAPONS PROCUREMENT, NAVY	5,597,300	5,514,100
	PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS		
	NAVY AMMUNITION		
001	GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS	30,915	27,815
	Program decrease		[-3,100]
002	JDAM	61,119	61,119
003	AIRBORNE ROCKETS, ALL TYPES	87,797	87,797
004	MACHINE GUN AMMUNITION	17,645	17,645
005	PRACTICE BOMBS	45,049	40,549
	Program decrease		[-4,500]
006	CARTRIDGES & CART ACTUATED DEVICES	74,535	74,535
007	AIR EXPENDABLE COUNTERMEASURES	98,437	98,437
008	JATOS	6,373	6,373
009	5 INCH/54 GUN AMMUNITION	24,864	24,864
010	INTERMEDIATE CALIBER GUN AMMUNITION	40,175	40,175
011	OTHER SHIP GUN AMMUNITION	43,763	43,763
012	SMALL ARMS & LANDING PARTY AMMO	49,493	49,493
013	PYROTECHNIC AND DEMOLITION	9,644	9,644
015	AMMUNITION LESS THAN \$5 MILLION	1,723	1,723
	MARINE CORPS AMMUNITION		
018	MORTARS	141,135	141,135
019	DIRECT SUPPORT MUNITIONS	26,729	26,729
020	INFANTRY WEAPONS AMMUNITION	180,867	180,867
021	COMBAT SUPPORT MUNITIONS	12,936	12,936
022	AMMO MODERNIZATION	18,467	18,467
023	ARTILLERY MUNITIONS	147,473	147,473
024	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION	15,891	15,891
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS.	1,135,030	1,127,430
	SHIPBUILDING AND CONVERSION, NAVY		

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SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
	FLEET BALLISTIC MISSILE SHIPS		
001	COLUMBIA CLASS SUBMARINE	3,928,828	3,928,828
002	COLUMBIA CLASS SUBMARINE AP	5,065,766	5,065,766
	OTHER WARSHIPS		
005	CARRIER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM	1,046,700	1,046,700
006	CARRIER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM AP	612,038	612,038
007	CVN-81	1,622,935	1,622,935
008	VIRGINIA CLASS SUBMARINE	816,705	1,816,705
	Funding shortfall		[1,000,000]
009	VIRGINIA CLASS SUBMARINE AP	3,126,816	3,126,816
010	CVN REFUELING OVERHAULS	1,779,011	1,779,011
012	DDG 1000	52,358	52,358
013	DDG-51	10,773	510,773
	One additional ship		[500,000]
	AUXILIARIES, CRAFT AND PRIOR YR PROGRAM COST		
031	TAO FLEET OILER	8,346	8,346
041	OUTFITTING	863,846	613,846
	Program decrease		[-250,000]
043	SERVICE CRAFT	34,602	34,602
044	AUXILIARY PERSONNEL LIGHTER		50,000
	Program increase		[50,000]
048	AUXILIARY VESSELS (USED SEALIFT)	45,000	21,000
	Program decrease		[-24,000]
048A	EXPEDITIONARY MEDICAL SHIP		250,000
	Afloat medical capability		[250,000]
049	COMPLETION OF PY SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMS	1,214,295	964,295
	Program decrease		[-250,000]
34	TAGOS SURTASS SHIPS	612,205	612,205
	TOTAL SHIPBUILDING AND CONVERSION, NAVY	20,840,224	22,116,224
	OTHER PROCUREMENT, NAVY		
	SHIP PROPULSION EQUIPMENT		
001	SURFACE POWER EQUIPMENT	9,978	9,978
	GENERATORS		
002	SURFACE COMBATANT HM&E	62,004	62,004
	NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT		
003	OTHER NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT	96,945	96,945
	OTHER SHIPBOARD EQUIPMENT		
004	SUB PERISCOPE, IMAGING AND SUPT EQUIP PROG	135,863	135,863
005	DDG MOD	686,787	686,787
006	FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	36,488	36,488
007	COMMAND AND CONTROL SWITCHBOARD	2,417	2,417
008	LHA/LHD MIDLIFE	86,884	56,884
	Program decrease		[-30,000]
009	LCC 19/20 EXTENDED SERVICE LIFE PROGRAM	19,276	19,276
010	POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT	22,477	22,477
011	SUBMARINE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	383,062	383,062
012	VIRGINIA CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	52,039	52,039
013	LCS CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	2,551	2,551
014	SUBMARINE BATTERIES	28,169	28,169
015	LPD CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	101,042	76,042
	Program decrease		[-25,000]
016	DDG 1000 CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	115,267	115,267
017	STRATEGIC PLATFORM SUPPORT EQUIP	38,039	38,039
019	DSSP EQUIPMENT	5,849	5,849
022	UNDERWATER EOD EQUIPMENT	22,355	22,355
023	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION	11,691	-309
	Program decrease		[-12,000]
024	CHEMICAL WARFARE DETECTORS	2,607	2,607
	REACTOR PLANT EQUIPMENT		
026	SHIP MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND MODERNIZATION	2,392,620	2,392,620
028	REACTOR COMPONENTS	399,603	399,603
	OCEAN ENGINEERING		
029	DIVING AND SALVAGE EQUIPMENT	7,842	7,842
	SMALL BOATS		
031	STANDARD BOATS	51,546	-14,454
	Additional 40-foot patrol boats		[9,000]
	Program decrease		[-50,000]
	Small Boats reconciliation adjustment		[-25,000]
	PRODUCTION FACILITIES EQUIPMENT		
032	OPERATING FORCES IPE	208,998	208,998
	OTHER SHIP SUPPORT		
033	LCS COMMON MISSION MODULES EQUIPMENT	38,880	38,880
034	LCS MCM MISSION MODULES	91,372	91,372
036	LCS SUW MISSION MODULES	3,790	3,790
037	LCS IN-SERVICE MODERNIZATION	203,442	105,442
	Program decrease		[-98,000]
038	SMALL & MEDIUM UVV	54,854	69,854

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Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
	Torpedo Tube Launch and Recovery Capable Autonomous Undersea Vehicles		[15,000]
	LOGISTIC SUPPORT		
040	LSD MIDLIFE & MODERNIZATION	4,079	4,079
	SHIP SONARS		
043	AN/SQQ-89 SURF ASW COMBAT SYSTEM	144,425	154,425
	Outpost Uncrewed Surveillance System Increase		[10,000]
044	SSN ACOUSTIC EQUIPMENT	498,597	498,597
	ASW ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT		
046	SUBMARINE ACOUSTIC WARFARE SYSTEM	56,482	56,482
047	SSTD	14,915	14,915
048	FIXED SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM	352,312	352,312
049	SURTASS	31,169	31,169
	ELECTRONIC WARFARE EQUIPMENT		
050	AN/SLQ-32	461,380	261,380
	Program decrease		[-200,000]
	RECONNAISSANCE EQUIPMENT		
051	SHIPBOARD IW EXPLOIT	379,908	359,908
	Program decrease		[-20,000]
052	MARITIME BATTLESPACE AWARENESS	13,008	13,008
	OTHER SHIP ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT		
053	COOPERATIVE ENGAGEMENT CAPABILITY	26,648	26,648
054	NAVAL TACTICAL COMMAND SUPPORT SYSTEM (NTCSS)	7,972	7,972
055	ATDLS	58,739	58,739
056	NAVY COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (NCCS)	3,489	3,489
057	MINESWEEPING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT	16,426	16,426
059	NAVSTAR GPS RECEIVERS (SPACE)	45,701	45,701
060	AMERICAN FORCES RADIO AND TV SERVICE	304	304
	AVIATION ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT		
062	ASHORE ATC EQUIPMENT	97,262	87,262
	Program decrease		[-10,000]
063	AFLOAT ATC EQUIPMENT	72,104	72,104
064	ID SYSTEMS	52,171	52,171
065	JOINT PRECISION APPROACH AND LANDING SYSTEM (.....	5,105	5,105
066	NAVAL MISSION PLANNING SYSTEMS	60,058	40,058
	Program decrease		[-20,000]
	OTHER SHORE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT		
068	TACTICAL/MOBILE C4 SYSTEMS	64,901	64,901
069	INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE AND RECONNAISSANCE (ISR)	12,112	12,112
070	CANES	534,324	534,324
071	RADIAC	31,289	31,289
072	CANES-INTELL	46,281	46,281
073	GPETE	33,395	33,395
074	MASF	13,205	13,205
075	INTEG COMBAT SYSTEM TEST FACILITY	11,493	11,493
076	EMI CONTROL INSTRUMENTATION	3,687	3,687
078	IN-SERVICE RADARS AND SENSORS	249,656	229,656
	Program decrease		[-20,000]
	SHIPBOARD COMMUNICATIONS		
079	BATTLE FORCE TACTICAL NETWORK	106,583	106,583
080	SHIPBOARD TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS	20,900	20,900
081	SHIP COMMUNICATIONS AUTOMATION	162,075	102,075
	Program decrease		[-60,000]
082	COMMUNICATIONS ITEMS UNDER \$5M	11,138	11,138
	SUBMARINE COMMUNICATIONS		
083	SUBMARINE BROADCAST SUPPORT	113,115	113,115
084	SUBMARINE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT	84,584	64,584
	Program decrease		[-20,000]
	SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS		
085	SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS	62,943	62,943
086	NAVY MULTIBAND TERMINAL (NMT)	63,433	63,433
087	MOBILE ADVANCED EHF TERMINAL (MAT)	220,453	170,453
	Program decrease		[-50,000]
	SHORE COMMUNICATIONS		
088	JOINT COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT ELEMENT (JCSE)	3,389	3,389
	CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT		
089	INFO SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM (ISSP)	191,239	191,239
090	MIO INTEL EXPLOITATION TEAM	1,122	1,122
	CRYPTOLOGIC EQUIPMENT		
091	CRYPTOLOGIC COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP	7,841	7,841
	OTHER ELECTRONIC SUPPORT		
109	COAST GUARD EQUIPMENT	61,512	61,512
	SONOBUOYS		
112	SONOBUOYS—ALL TYPES	249,908	249,908
	AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
113	MINOTAUR	5,191	5,191
114	WEAPONS RANGE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	123,435	123,435
115	AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	91,284	91,284
116	ADVANCED ARRESTING GEAR (AAG)	4,484	4,484

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Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
117	ELECTROMAGNETIC AIRCRAFT LAUNCH SYSTEM (EMALS)	16,294	16,294
118	METEOROLOGICAL EQUIPMENT	13,806	13,806
119	AIRBORNE MCM	9,643	9,643
121	AVIATION SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	111,334	111,334
122	UMCS-UNMAN CARRIER AVIATION(UCA)MISSION CNTRL	189,553	189,553
	SHIP GUN SYSTEM EQUIPMENT		
125	SHIP GUN SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT	7,358	7,358
	SHIP MISSILE SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT		
126	HARPOON SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	209	209
127	SHIP MISSILE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	455,822	380,822
	Program decrease		[-75,000]
128	TOMAHAWK SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	107,709	107,709
	FBM SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
129	CPS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	67,264	67,264
130	STRATEGIC MISSILE SYSTEMS EQUIP	491,179	391,179
	Program decrease		[-100,000]
	ASW SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
131	SSN COMBAT CONTROL SYSTEMS	102,954	102,954
132	ASW SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	25,721	25,721
	OTHER ORDNANCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
133	EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL EQUIP	24,822	24,822
134	DIRECTED ENERGY SYSTEMS	2,976	2,976
135	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION	3,635	3,635
	OTHER EXPENDABLE ORDNANCE		
136	ANTI-SHIP MISSILE DECOY SYSTEM	19,129	19,129
137	SUBMARINE TRAINING DEVICE MODS	77,889	77,889
138	SURFACE TRAINING EQUIPMENT	186,085	186,085
	CIVIL ENGINEERING SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
141	PASSENGER CARRYING VEHICLES	3,825	3,825
142	GENERAL PURPOSE TRUCKS	5,489	5,489
143	CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE EQUIP	102,592	92,592
	Program decrease		[-10,000]
144	FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT	27,675	27,675
145	TACTICAL VEHICLES	37,262	37,262
146	AMPHIBIOUS EQUIPMENT	38,073	13,073
	Program decrease		[-25,000]
147	POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT	4,009	4,009
148	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION	127,086	127,086
149	PHYSICAL SECURITY VEHICLES	1,297	1,297
	SUPPLY SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
151	SUPPLY EQUIPMENT	38,838	38,838
152	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION	6,203	6,203
153	SPECIAL PURPOSE SUPPLY SYSTEMS	643,618	643,618
	TRAINING DEVICES		
155	TRAINING SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	3,480	3,480
156	TRAINING AND EDUCATION EQUIPMENT	75,048	75,048
	COMMAND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
157	COMMAND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	34,249	34,249
158	MEDICAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	12,256	12,256
160	NAVAL MIP SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	8,810	8,810
161	OPERATING FORCES SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	16,567	16,567
162	C4ISR EQUIPMENT	36,945	36,945
163	ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	42,860	42,860
164	PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT	166,577	83,577
	Program decrease		[-83,000]
165	ENTERPRISE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	42,363	42,363
	OTHER		
170	NEXT GENERATION ENTERPRISE SERVICE	185,755	135,755
	Program decrease		[-50,000]
171	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	5,446	5,446
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
171A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	41,991	41,991
	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS		
176	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	585,865	475,865
	Reconciliation adjustment		[-110,000]
	TOTAL OTHER PROCUREMENT, NAVY	14,569,524	13,510,524
	PROCUREMENT, MARINE CORPS		
	TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES		
001	AAV7A1 PIP	21	21
002	AMPHIBIOUS COMBAT VEHICLE FAMILY OF VEHICLES	790,789	790,789
003	LAV PIP	764	764
	ARTILLERY AND OTHER WEAPONS		
004	155MM LIGHTWEIGHT TOWED HOWITZER	3	3
005	ARTILLERY WEAPONS SYSTEM	221,897	221,897
006	WEAPONS AND COMBAT VEHICLES UNDER \$5 MILLION	13,401	13,401
	GUIDED MISSILES		
011	NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM)	143,711	143,711

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Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
012	NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM) AP	20,930	20,930
013	GROUND BASED AIR DEFENSE	620,220	620,220
014	ANTI-ARMOR MISSILE-JAVELIN	32,576	32,576
015	FAMILY ANTI-ARMOR WEAPON SYSTEMS (FOAAWS)	107	107
016	ANTI-ARMOR MISSILE-TOW	2,173	2,173
017	GUIDED MLRS ROCKET (GMLRS)	61,490	61,490
	COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEMS		
021	COMMON AVIATION COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (C	68,589	68,589
	REPAIR AND TEST EQUIPMENT		
022	REPAIR AND TEST EQUIPMENT	61,264	61,264
	OTHER SUPPORT (TEL)		
023	MODIFICATION KITS	1,108	1,108
	COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (NON-TEL)		
024	ITEMS UNDER \$5 MILLION (COMM & ELEC)	202,679	192,679
	Program decrease		[-10,000]
025	AIR OPERATIONS C2 SYSTEMS	15,784	15,784
	RADAR + EQUIPMENT (NON-TEL)		
027	GROUND/AIR TASK ORIENTED RADAR (G/ATOR)	79,542	79,542
	INTELL/COMM EQUIPMENT (NON-TEL)		
029	ELECTRO MAGNETIC SPECTRUM OPERATIONS (EMSO)	35,396	35,396
030	GCSS-MC	3,303	3,303
031	FIRE SUPPORT SYSTEM	116,304	100,304
	Program decrease		[-16,000]
032	INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	67,690	67,690
034	UNMANNED AIR SYSTEMS (INTEL)	14,991	74,991
	Program increase		[60,000]
035	DCGS-MC	42,946	42,946
036	UAS PAYLOADS	12,232	12,232
	OTHER SUPPORT (NON-TEL)		
040	MARINE CORPS ENTERPRISE NETWORK (MCEN)	205,710	205,710
041	COMMON COMPUTER RESOURCES	21,064	21,064
042	COMMAND POST SYSTEMS	50,549	50,549
043	RADIO SYSTEMS	209,444	201,444
	Program decrease		[-8,000]
044	COMM SWITCHING & CONTROL SYSTEMS	100,712	95,712
	Program decrease		[-5,000]
045	COMM & ELEC INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	16,163	16,163
046	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	14,541	14,541
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
048A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	2,145	2,145
	ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLES		
051	COMMERCIAL CARGO VEHICLES	24,699	24,699
	TACTICAL VEHICLES		
052	MOTOR TRANSPORT MODIFICATIONS	16,472	16,472
053	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE	81,893	81,893
	ENGINEER AND OTHER EQUIPMENT		
058	TACTICAL FUEL SYSTEMS	33,611	33,611
059	POWER EQUIPMENT ASSORTED	24,558	24,558
060	AMPHIBIOUS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	9,049	9,049
061	EOD SYSTEMS	21,069	21,069
	MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT		
062	PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT	52,394	52,394
	GENERAL PROPERTY		
063	FIELD MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	58,768	58,768
064	TRAINING DEVICES	63,133	63,133
065	FAMILY OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT	33,644	33,644
066	ULTRA-LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE (ULTV)	7,836	7,836
	OTHER SUPPORT		
067	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION	35,920	35,920
	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS		
070	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	40,828	40,828
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT, MARINE CORPS	3,754,112	3,775,112
	AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE		
	STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE		
001	B-21 RAIDER	2,590,116	2,590,116
002	B-21 RAIDER AP	862,000	862,000
	TACTICAL FORCES		
003	F-35	3,555,503	3,555,503
004	F-35 AP	531,241	531,241
009	JOINT SIMULATION ENVIRONMENT	17,985	17,985
	TACTICAL AIRLIFT		
012	KC-46A MDAP	2,799,633	2,499,633
	Program delay		[-300,000]
	UPT TRAINERS		
017	ADVANCED PILOT TRAINING T-7A	362,083	362,083
	HELICOPTERS		
019	MH-139A	4,478	4,478

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020	COMBAT RESCUE HELICOPTER	107,500	107,500
	MISSION SUPPORT AIRCRAFT		
023	C-40 FLEET EXPANSION		300,000
	2 additional aircraft		[300,000]
024	CIVIL AIR PATROL A/C	3,131	20,931
	Aircraft procurement increase		[17,800]
	OTHER AIRCRAFT		
026	TARGET DRONES	34,224	34,224
034	RQ-20B PUMA	11,437	11,437
	STRATEGIC AIRCRAFT		
036	B-2A	76,906	76,906
037	B-1B	73,893	73,893
038	B-52	223,827	223,827
039	LARGE AIRCRAFT INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES	35,165	35,165
	TACTICAL AIRCRAFT		
041	COLLABORATIVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT MODS	15,048	15,048
042	E-11 BACN/HAG	28,797	28,797
043	F-15	120,044	120,044
045	F-16 MODIFICATIONS	448,116	448,116
046	F-22A	977,526	977,526
047	F-35 MODIFICATIONS	380,337	380,337
048	F-15 EPAW	252,607	252,607
050	KC-46A MDAP	19,344	19,344
	AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT		
051	C-5	34,939	34,939
052	C-17A	9,853	9,853
056	OSA-EA MODIFICATIONS	87,515	87,515
	TRAINER AIRCRAFT		
057	GLIDER MODS	159	159
058	T-6	247,814	247,814
059	T-1	137	137
060	T-38	85,381	85,381
	OTHER AIRCRAFT		
068	C-130	144,041	144,041
070	C-135	124,368	124,368
071	COMPASS CALL		60,000
	Program increase		[60,000]
073	CVR (CONNOR ULF RECEIVER) INC 2	79,859	79,859
074	RC-135	231,001	231,001
075	E-3	17,291	17,291
076	E-4	45,232	45,232
080	H-1	17,899	17,899
081	MH-139A MOD	4,992	4,992
082	H-60	1,749	1,749
083	HH60W MODIFICATIONS	9,150	9,150
085	HC/MC-130 MODIFICATIONS	365,086	365,086
086	OTHER AIRCRAFT	263,902	237,502
	Program decrease		[-26,400]
088	MQ-9 MODS	100,923	100,923
090	SENIOR LEADER C3 SYSTEM—AIRCRAFT	24,414	24,414
091	CV-22 MODS	78,713	78,713
	AIRCRAFT SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS		
094	INITIAL SPARES/REPAIR PARTS	973,535	1,223,535
	F-35A increase		[250,000]
	COMMON SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
099	AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT SUPPORT EQUIP	156,776	156,776
	POST PRODUCTION SUPPORT		
103	B-2B	18,969	18,969
104	B-52	111	111
106	C-17A	2,672	2,672
111	F-15	5,112	5,112
114	F-16 POST PRODUCTION SUPPORT	18,402	18,402
116	HC/MC-130 POST PROD	17,986	17,986
117	JOINT SIMULATION ENVIRONMENT POST PRODUCTION SUPPORT	28,524	28,524
	INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS		
122	INDUSTRIAL RESPONSIVENESS	19,998	19,998
	WAR CONSUMABLES		
123	WAR CONSUMABLES	26,323	26,323
	OTHER PRODUCTION CHARGES		
124	OTHER PRODUCTION CHARGES	940,190	846,190
	Program decrease		[-94,000]
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
134A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	16,006	16,006
	TOTAL AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE	17,729,963	17,937,363
	MISSILE PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE		
	MISSILE REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT—BALLISTIC		
001	MISSILE REPLACEMENT EQ-BALLISTIC	35,116	35,116

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002	MISSILE REPLACEMENT EQ-BALLISTIC AP	2,166	2,166
	STRATEGIC		
005	LONG RANGE STAND-OFF WEAPON	192,409	192,409
006	LONG RANGE STAND-OFF WEAPON AP	250,300	250,300
	TACTICAL		
007	REPLAC EQUIP & WAR CONSUMABLES	12,436	12,436
008	ADVANCED PRECISION KILL WEAPON SYSTEM (APKWS) MISSILE	13,428	13,428
009	AGM-183A AIR-LAUNCHED RAPID RESPONSE WEAPON	387,055	387,055
011	JOINT AIR-SURFACE STANDOFF MISSILE	328,081	328,081
013	JOINT ADVANCED TACTICAL MISSILE	368,593	368,593
015	LRASM0	294,401	294,401
017	SIDEWINDER (AIM-9X)	100,352	100,352
018	AMRAAM	365,125	365,125
021	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB	41,510	41,510
022	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB II	307,743	307,743
023	STAND-IN ATTACK WEAPON (SIAW)	185,324	185,324
	INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES		
024	INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS/POL PREVENTION	917	917
	CLASS IV		
025	ICBM FUZE MOD	119,376	119,376
027	MM III MODIFICATIONS	14,604	14,604
029	AIR LAUNCH CRUISE MISSILE (ALCM)	41,393	41,393
	MISSILE SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS		
030	MSL SPRS/REPAIR PARTS (INITIAL)	5,824	5,824
031	MSL SPRS/REPAIR PARTS (REPLEN)	108,249	108,249
	SPECIAL PROGRAMS		
033	SPECIAL UPDATE PROGRAMS	221,199	199,099
	Program decrease		[-22,100]
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
033A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	828,275	828,275
	TOTAL MISSILE PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE	4,223,876	4,201,776
	PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, AIR FORCE		
	CARTRIDGES		
003	CARTRIDGES	126,077	126,077
	BOMBS		
005	GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS	189,097	170,197
	Program decrease		[-18,900]
006	MASSIVE ORDNANCE PENETRATOR (MOP)	6,813	6,813
007	JOINT DIRECT ATTACK MUNITION	126,389	126,389
009	B61-12 TRAINER	7,668	7,668
	OTHER ITEMS		
010	CAD/PAD	58,454	58,454
011	EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL (EOD)	7,297	7,297
012	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	636	636
014	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION	2,955	2,955
015	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5,000,000	5,571	5,571
	FLARES		
017	EXPENDABLE COUNTERMEASURES	101,540	101,540
	FUZES		
018	FUZES	125,721	125,721
	SMALL ARMS		
019	SMALL ARMS	26,260	26,260
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, AIR FORCE	784,478	765,578
	PROCUREMENT, SPACE FORCE		
	SPACE PROCUREMENT, SF		
002	AF SATELLITE COMM SYSTEM	68,238	68,238
004	COUNTERSPACE SYSTEMS	2,027	2,027
006	EVOLVED STRATEGIC SATCOM (ESS) AP	64,996	64,996
007	FAMILY OF BEYOND LINE-OF-SIGHT TERMINALS	15,404	15,404
010	GENERAL INFORMATION TECH—SPACE	1,835	1,835
011	GPSIII FOLLOW ON	109,944	449,619
	GPS IIIF		[339,675]
012	GPS III SPACE SEGMENT	29,274	29,274
013	GLOBAL POSITIONING (SPACE)	870	870
017	SPACEBORNE EQUIP (COMSEC)	84,044	84,044
018	MILSATCOM	36,447	36,447
020	SPECIAL SPACE ACTIVITIES	482,653	482,653
021	MOBILE USER OBJECTIVE SYSTEM	48,977	48,977
022	NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE LAUNCH	1,466,963	1,466,963
024	PTES HUB	29,949	29,949
026	SPACE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY LAUNCH	648,446	648,446
027	SPACE DIGITAL INTEGRATED NETWORK (SDIN)	4,984	4,984
029	SPACE MODS	115,498	115,498
030	SPACELIFT RANGE SYSTEM SPACE	64,321	64,321
031	WIDEBAND SATCOM OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	92,380	92,380
	SPARES		

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032	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	938	938
	NON-TACTICAL VEHICLES		
033	USSF VEHICLES	5,000	5,000
	SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
035	POWER CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT	20,449	20,449
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT, SPACE FORCE	3,393,637	3,733,312
	OTHER PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE		
	PASSENGER CARRYING VEHICLES		
002	PASSENGER CARRYING VEHICLES	5,557	5,557
	CARGO AND UTILITY VEHICLES		
003	MEDIUM TACTICAL VEHICLE	3,938	3,938
004	CAP VEHICLES	1,175	1,175
005	CARGO AND UTILITY VEHICLES	56,940	56,940
	SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES		
006	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE	62,202	62,202
007	SECURITY AND TACTICAL VEHICLES	129	129
008	SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES	68,242	68,242
	FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT		
009	FIRE FIGHTING/CRASH RESCUE VEHICLES	58,416	58,416
	MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT		
010	MATERIALS HANDLING VEHICLES	18,552	18,552
	BASE MAINTENANCE SUPPORT		
011	RUNWAY SNOW REMOV AND CLEANING EQU	11,045	11,045
012	BASE MAINTENANCE SUPPORT VEHICLES	25,291	25,291
	COMM SECURITY EQUIPMENT(COMSEC)		
015	COMSEC EQUIPMENT	169,363	159,363
	Program decrease		[-10,000]
	INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS		
017	INTERNATIONAL INTEL TECH & ARCHITECTURES	5,833	5,833
018	INTELLIGENCE TRAINING EQUIPMENT	5,273	5,273
019	INTELLIGENCE COMM EQUIPMENT	42,257	42,257
	ELECTRONICS PROGRAMS		
020	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL & LANDING SYS	26,390	26,390
021	NATIONAL AIRSPACE SYSTEM	11,810	11,810
022	BATTLE CONTROL SYSTEM—FIXED	16,592	16,592
023	THEATER AIR CONTROL SYS IMPROVEMEN	27,650	27,650
024	3D EXPEDITIONARY LONG-RANGE RADAR	103,226	103,226
025	WEATHER OBSERVATION FORECAST	31,516	31,516
026	STRATEGIC COMMAND AND CONTROL	82,912	82,912
027	CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN COMPLEX	22,021	22,021
028	MISSION PLANNING SYSTEMS	18,722	18,722
031	STRATEGIC MISSION PLANNING & EXECUTION SYSTEM	6,383	6,383
	SPCL COMM-ELECTRONICS PROJECTS		
032	GENERAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	172,085	173,185
	Barry M Goldwater Range Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Network Equipment and Installation.		[1,100]
034	AF GLOBAL COMMAND & CONTROL SYS	1,947	1,947
036	MOBILITY COMMAND AND CONTROL	11,648	11,648
037	AIR FORCE PHYSICAL SECURITY SYSTEM	294,747	278,747
	Program decrease		[-16,000]
038	COMBAT TRAINING RANGES	231,987	231,987
039	MINIMUM ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY COMM N	94,995	94,995
040	WIDE AREA SURVEILLANCE (WAS)	29,617	29,617
041	C3 COUNTERMEASURES	116,410	104,810
	Program decrease		[-11,600]
044	DEFENSE ENTERPRISE ACCOUNTING & MGT SYS	698	698
046	THEATER BATTLE MGT C2 SYSTEM	442	442
047	AIR & SPACE OPERATIONS CENTER (AOC)	22,785	20,485
	Program decrease		[-2,300]
	AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS		
050	BASE INFORMATION TRANSPRT INFRAST (BITI) WIRED	79,091	79,091
051	AFNET	282,907	282,907
052	JOINT COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT ELEMENT (JCSE)	5,930	5,930
053	USCENTCOM	14,919	14,919
054	USSTRATCOM	4,788	4,788
055	USSPACECOM	32,633	32,633
	ORGANIZATION AND BASE		
056	TACTICAL C-E EQUIPMENT	143,829	143,829
059	RADIO EQUIPMENT	50,730	50,730
061	BASE COMM INFRASTRUCTURE	67,015	67,015
	MODIFICATIONS		
062	COMM ELECT MODS	76,034	76,034
	PERSONAL SAFETY & RESCUE EQUIP		
063	PERSONAL SAFETY AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT	81,782	81,782
	DEPOT PLANT+MTRLS HANDLING EQ		
064	POWER CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT	13,711	13,711
065	MECHANIZED MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIP	21,143	21,143

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	BASE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
066	BASE PROCURED EQUIPMENT	90,654	90,654
067	ENGINEERING AND EOD EQUIPMENT	253,799	243,799
	Program decrease		[-10,000]
068	MOBILITY EQUIPMENT	95,584	95,584
069	FUELS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT (FSE)	34,794	34,794
070	BASE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	59,431	59,431
	SPECIAL SUPPORT PROJECTS		
072	DARP RC135	30,136	30,136
073	DCGS-AF	87,044	87,044
077	SPECIAL UPDATE PROGRAM	1,178,397	1,178,397
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
077A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	26,920,092	26,920,092
	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS		
080	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS (CYBER)	1,075	1,075
081	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	20,330	20,330
	TOTAL OTHER PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE	31,504,644	31,455,844
	PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE		
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, WHS		
004	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DPAA	475	475
005	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, OSD	164,900	164,900
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, WHS		
015	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, WHS	403	403
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DISA		
016	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY	6,254	6,254
017	TELEPORT PROGRAM	112,517	112,517
019	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION	23,673	23,673
020	DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEM NETWORK	252,370	252,370
021	WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATION AGENCY	125,292	125,292
022	SENIOR LEADERSHIP ENTERPRISE	175,264	175,264
023	JOINT REGIONAL SECURITY STACKS (JRSS)	1,496	1,496
024	JOINT SERVICE PROVIDER	54,186	54,186
025	FOURTH ESTATE NETWORK OPTIMIZATION (4ENO)	75,386	75,386
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DLA		
037	MAJOR EQUIPMENT	79,251	79,251
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DCSA		
038	MAJOR EQUIPMENT	2,230	2,230
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, TJS		
042	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, TJS	33,090	33,090
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY		
044	THAAD	523,125	523,125
048	BMDS AN/TPY-2 RADARS	36,530	36,530
049	SM-3 ILLAS	444,835	444,835
050	ARROW 3 UPPER TIER SYSTEMS	100,000	100,000
051	SHORT RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE (SRBMD)	40,000	40,000
052	DEFENSE OF GUAM PROCUREMENT	11,351	11,351
056	IRON DOME	60,000	60,000
058	AEGIS BMD HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE	17,211	17,211
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DHRA		
059	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	3,797	3,797
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY		
062	VEHICLES	911	911
063	OTHER MAJOR EQUIPMENT	12,023	12,023
065	DTRA CYBER ACTIVITIES	1,800	1,800
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DMACT		
070	MAJOR EQUIPMENT	7,258	7,258
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, USCYBERCOM		
071	CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS	73,358	73,358
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
074A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	1,129,183	1,129,183
	AVIATION PROGRAMS		
091	ARMED OVERWATCH/TARGETING	156,606	156,606
095	ROTARY WING UPGRADES AND SUSTAINMENT	189,059	189,059
096	UNMANNED ISR	6,858	6,858
097	NON-STANDARD AVIATION	7,849	7,849
098	U-28	2,031	2,031
099	MH-47 CHINOOK	156,934	156,934
100	CV-22 MODIFICATION	19,692	19,692
101	MQ-9 UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE	12,890	12,890
102	PRECISION STRIKE PACKAGE	61,595	61,595
103	AC/MC-130J	236,312	236,312
	AMMUNITION PROGRAMS		
106	ORDNANCE ITEMS <\$5M	116,972	116,972
	OTHER PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS		
107	INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS	227,073	227,073
108	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS	2,824	2,824

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109	OTHER ITEMS <\$5M	95,685	95,685
111	SPECIAL PROGRAMS	30,418	30,418
112	TACTICAL VEHICLES	54,100	54,100
113	WARRIOR SYSTEMS <\$5M	303,991	318,991
	Satellite Deployable Node, Communications on the Move		[15,000]
114	COMBAT MISSION REQUIREMENTS	4,985	4,985
116	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS INTELLIGENCE	21,339	21,339
117	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS	352,100	352,100
	CBDP		
120	CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS	208,051	208,051
121	CB PROTECTION & HAZARD MITIGATION	213,330	213,330
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE	6,048,863	6,063,863
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT	152,830,175	153,227,950

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SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION (In Thousands of Dollars)				
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		RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUA-		
		TION, ARMY		
		BASIC RESEARCH		
001	0601102A	DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES	237,678	237,678
002	0601103A	UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES	78,947	78,947
003	0601104A	UNIVERSITY AND INDUSTRY RESEARCH CENTERS	69,391	78,391
		Biotechnology Advancements		[4,000]
		High-Throughput Materials Discovery for Extreme Conditions		[5,000]
004	0601121A	CYBER COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ALLIANCE	5,463	5,463
005	0601275A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE BASIC RESEARCH	88,053	88,053
006	0601601A	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING BASIC RESEARCH.	7,012	7,012
		SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH	486,544	495,544
		APPLIED RESEARCH		
007	0602002A	ARMY AGILE INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT-APPLIED RESEARCH.	9,455	9,455
008	0602134A	COUNTER IMPROVISED-THREAT ADVANCED STUDIES	6,174	6,174
009	0602135A	COUNTER SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (C-SUAS) APPLIED RESEARCH.	12,618	12,618
010	0602141A	LETHALITY TECHNOLOGY	97,157	104,157
		Scalable counter small unmanned aerial systems munition deliv- ered air defense payloads.		[7,000]
012	0602143A	SOLDIER LETHALITY TECHNOLOGY	72,670	80,170
		Digital Night Vision Technology		[2,500]
		Pathfinder Air Assault		[5,000]
013	0602144A	GROUND TECHNOLOGY	56,342	56,342
014	0602145A	NEXT GENERATION COMBAT VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY	71,547	76,547
		Advanced Materials Development for Next Generation Combat Ve- hicle Survivability.		[2,500]
		Standardized Army Battery for Enhanced Performance and Safe- ty.		[2,500]
015	0602146A	NETWORK C3I TECHNOLOGY	56,529	64,029
		Distributed Aperture Spectrum Dominance for Missile Defeat		[5,000]
		Improved Analyst-AI Workflow Integration		[2,500]
016	0602147A	LONG RANGE PRECISION FIRES TECHNOLOGY	25,744	28,244
		Any Material and Any Process for missile manufacturing		[2,500]
017	0602148A	FUTURE VERTICLE LIFT TECHNOLOGY	20,420	20,420
018	0602150A	AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY	25,992	33,492
		AI Integration & Security for IBCS		[2,500]
		Counter-UAS technologies, facilities, and research		[5,000]

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019	0602180A	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES.	13,745	13,745
021	0602182A	C3I APPLIED RESEARCH	22,317	22,317
022	0602183A	AIR PLATFORM APPLIED RESEARCH	53,305	53,305
023	0602184A	SOLDIER APPLIED RESEARCH	27,597	27,597
024	0602213A	C3I APPLIED CYBER	4,716	4,716
025	0602275A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE APPLIED RESEARCH	45,415	45,415
026	0602276A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE CYBER APPLIED RESEARCH	17,102	17,102
027	0602345A	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS LAUNCHED EFFECTS APPLIED RESEARCH.	18,408	18,408
028	0602386A	BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR MATERIALS—APPLIED RESEARCH ...	8,209	8,209
030	0602785A	MANPOWER/PERSONNEL/TRAINING TECHNOLOGY	17,191	17,191
031	0602787A	MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY	143,293	142,293
		Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) Mitochondria Transplantation for TBI research program.		[5,000]
		Program decrease		[-6,000]
031A	999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	34,599	34,599
		SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH	860,545	896,545
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT				
032	0603002A	MEDICAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	1,860	1,860
033	0603007A	MANPOWER, PERSONNEL AND TRAINING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.	13,559	13,559
034	0603025A	ARMY AGILE INNOVATION AND DEMONSTRATION	19,679	37,679
		Advance development of high-altitude precision effects glide munitions.		[18,000]
035	0603040A	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES.	20,487	20,487
036	0603041A	ALL DOMAIN CONVERGENCE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	10,560	10,560
037	0603042A	C3I ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	15,028	15,028
038	0603043A	AIR PLATFORM ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	41,266	41,266
039	0603044A	SOLDIER ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	18,143	18,143
040	0603116A	LETHALITY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	13,232	21,232
		Critical Energetics Materials and Manufacturing Technology		[4,500]
		Tier 1 Blast Over Pressure Reduction Technologies		[3,500]
042	0603118A	SOLDIER LETHALITY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	95,186	101,686
		Rapid Agile Manufacturing of Parachutes and Soft-Goods		[4,000]
		Tactical combat casualty care simulation		[2,500]
043	0603119A	GROUND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	30,507	35,507
		Rapid Entry and Sustainment for the Arctic		[5,000]
044	0603134A	COUNTER IMPROVISED-THREAT SIMULATION	15,692	15,692
045	0603135A	COUNTER SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (C-SUAS) ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.	7,773	7,773
046	0603275A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	83,922	83,922
047	0603276A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE CYBER ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ..	15,254	15,254
048	0603345A	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS LAUNCHED EFFECTS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	13,898	13,898
049	0603386A	BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR MATERIALS—ADVANCED RESEARCH	24,683	24,683
050	0603457A	C3I CYBER ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT	3,329	3,329
051	0603461A	HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING MODERNIZATION PROGRAM.	241,855	241,855
052	0603462A	NEXT GENERATION COMBAT VEHICLE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.	141,301	170,301
		Airless Tire Demonstration for the Infantry Squad Vehicle		[5,000]
		Discontinuous Thermoplastics Materials		[10,000]
		Dual-Use Autonomous and Collaborative Reconnaissance Testing		[8,000]
		Winter Tire Development		[6,000]
053	0603463A	NETWORK C3I ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	78,539	81,039
		Communication Conformal Antenna Research and Development ...		[2,500]
054	0603464A	LONG RANGE PRECISION FIRES ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	162,236	162,236
055	0603465A	FUTURE VERTICAL LIFT ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	66,686	71,686
		Next Generation eVTOL Program Enhancement		[5,000]
056	0603466A	AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	23,330	48,830
		CHROME Testbed		[5,000]
		Development and integration of the Hypersonic Interceptor Divert and Attitude Control System (HI-DACS).		[18,000]
		Missile Enhancements with Electric Motor Prototypes		[2,500]
058	0603920A	HUMANITARIAN DEMINING	9,349	9,349
058A	999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	72,837	72,837
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	1,240,191	1,339,691
ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES				
060	0603305A	ARMY MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEMS INTEGRATION	8,141	20,141
		Multi-spectral Identification, Characterization, and Aggregation ...		[3,000]
		Science and Technology Evaluations Against Lethal Threats – Hypersonics.		[2,500]

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		Underwater Cut and Capture Demonstration		[6,500]
061	0603308A	ARMY SPACE SYSTEMS INTEGRATION	83,080	89,080
		Assured Zero Trust Environment Controls (AZTEC)		[6,000]
063	0603619A	LANDMINE WARFARE AND BARRIER—ADV DEV	41,516	41,516
064	0603639A	TANK AND MEDIUM CALIBER AMMUNITION	85,472	85,472
065	0603645A	ARMORED SYSTEM MODERNIZATION—ADV DEV	22,645	22,645
066	0603747A	SOLDIER SUPPORT AND SURVIVABILITY	4,033	4,033
067	0603766A	TACTICAL ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM—ADV DEV	107,525	122,425
		Future Flag Experimentation		[5,000]
		System of Systems for Asset Optimization and Management of Unrenewed Systems.		[9,900]
068	0603774A	NIGHT VISION SYSTEMS ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT	5,153	5,153
069	0603779A	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TECHNOLOGY—DEM/VAL	11,343	11,343
070	0603790A	NATO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT	5,031	5,031
072	0603804A	LOGISTICS AND ENGINEER EQUIPMENT—ADV DEV	15,435	15,435
073	0603807A	MEDICAL SYSTEMS—ADV DEV	1,000	1,000
074	0603827A	SOLDIER SYSTEMS—ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT	41,856	41,856
075	0604017A	ROBOTICS DEVELOPMENT	35,082	35,082
076	0604019A	EXPANDED MISSION AREA MISSILE (EMAM)	178,137	178,137
078	0604035A	LOW EARTH ORBIT (LEO) SATELLITE CAPABILITY	17,063	17,063
079	0604036A	MULTI-DOMAIN SENSING SYSTEM (MDSS) ADV DEV	239,813	249,813
		Secure Integrated Multi-Orbit Networking Satellite Communica- tions.		[10,000]
080	0604037A	TACTICAL INTEL/ TARGETING ACCESS NODE (TITAN) ADV DEV.	3,092	3,092
081	0604100A	ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES	9,865	9,865
085	0604114A	LOWER TIER AIR MISSILE DEFENSE (LTAMD) SENSOR	196,448	196,448
086	0604115A	TECHNOLOGY MATURATION INITIATIVES	267,619	261,869
		Program decrease		[–5,750]
087	0604117A	MANEUVER—SHORT RANGE AIR DEFENSE (M-SHORAD)	238,247	239,497
		M-VEST		[1,250]
089	0604120A	ASSURED POSITIONING, NAVIGATION AND TIMING (PNT)	8,686	8,686
090	0604121A	SYNTHETIC TRAINING ENVIRONMENT REFINEMENT & PROTOTYPING.	240,899	182,899
		Program decrease		[–58,000]
091	0604134A	COUNTER IMPROVISED-THREAT DEMONSTRATION, PROTO- TYPE DEVELOPMENT, AND TESTING.	5,491	5,491
092	0604135A	STRATEGIC MID-RANGE FIRES	231,401	231,401
093	0604182A	HYPERSONICS	25,000	25,000
094	0604386A	BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR MATERIALS—DEM/VAL		10,000
		Program increase		[10,000]
095	0604403A	FUTURE INTERCEPTOR	8,019	8,019
097	0604531A	COUNTER—SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS AD- VANCED DEVELOPMENT.	45,281	45,281
099	0604541A	UNIFIED NETWORK TRANSPORT	29,191	29,191
100	0305251A	CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS FORCES AND FORCE SUPPORT ..	5,605	5,605
100A	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	203,746	203,746
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOP- MENT AND PROTOTYPES.	2,420,915	2,411,315
		SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION		
101	0604201A	AIRCRAFT AVIONICS	2,696	2,696
102	0604270A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT	9,153	9,153
103	0604601A	INFANTRY SUPPORT WEAPONS	56,553	68,553
		Combat Aviation Aircrew Enhancement – Safety and Lethality		[9,000]
		Next Generation Squad Weapon Magazine Testing		[3,000]
104	0604604A	MEDIUM TACTICAL VEHICLES	18,503	18,503
105	0604611A	JAVELIN	9,810	9,810
106	0604622A	FAMILY OF HEAVY TACTICAL VEHICLES	47,064	47,064
110	0604645A	ARMORED SYSTEMS MODERNIZATION (ASM)—ENG DEV	16,593	16,593
111	0604710A	NIGHT VISION SYSTEMS—ENG DEV	351,274	351,274
112	0604713A	COMBAT FEEDING, CLOTHING, AND EQUIPMENT	5,654	5,654
113	0604715A	NON-SYSTEM TRAINING DEVICES—ENG DEV	19,063	19,063
114	0604741A	AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, CONTROL AND INTELLIGENCE— ENG DEV.	13,892	18,892
		Air and Missile Defense Common Operating Picture		[5,000]
115	0604742A	CONSTRUCTIVE SIMULATION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	7,790	7,790
116	0604746A	AUTOMATIC TEST EQUIPMENT DEVELOPMENT	9,512	9,512
117	0604760A	DISTRIBUTIVE INTERACTIVE SIMULATIONS (DIS)—ENG DEV.	7,724	7,724
118	0604798A	BRIGADE ANALYSIS, INTEGRATION AND EVALUATION	24,318	24,318
119	0604802A	WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS—ENG DEV	150,344	150,344
120	0604804A	LOGISTICS AND ENGINEER EQUIPMENT—ENG DEV	50,194	50,194
121	0604805A	COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS—ENG DEV.	63,725	43,725
		Program decrease		[–20,000]
122	0604807A	MEDICAL MATERIEL/MEDICAL BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE EQUIPMENT—ENG DEV.	6,252	6,252

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123	0604808A	LANDMINE WARFARE/BARRIER—ENG DEV	9,862	9,862
124	0604818A	ARMY TACTICAL COMMAND & CONTROL HARDWARE & SOFTWARE.	430,895	355,895
		Program decrease		[-75,000]
125	0604820A	RADAR DEVELOPMENT	53,226	53,226
127	0604827A	SOLDIER SYSTEMS—WARRIOR DEM/VAL	4,137	4,137
128	0604852A	SUITE OF SURVIVABILITY ENHANCEMENT SYSTEMS—EMD	76,903	76,903
129	0604854A	ARTILLERY SYSTEMS—EMD	80,862	80,862
130	0605013A	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	125,701	125,701
131	0605018A	INTEGRATED PERSONNEL AND PAY SYSTEM-ARMY (IPPS-A)	164,600	153,600
		Program decrease		[-11,000]
132	0605030A	JOINT TACTICAL NETWORK CENTER (JTNC)	20,954	20,954
133	0605031A	JOINT TACTICAL NETWORK (JTN)	41,696	41,696
134	0605035A	COMMON INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES (CIRCM)	10,789	10,789
135	0605036A	COMBATING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (CWMD)	13,322	13,322
136	0605037A	EVIDENCE COLLECTION AND DETAINEE PROCESSING	4,619	4,619
137	0605038A	NUCLEAR BIOLOGICAL CHEMICAL RECONNAISSANCE VEHI- CLE (NBCRV) SENSOR SUITE.	13,459	13,459
138	0605041A	DEFENSIVE CYBER TOOL DEVELOPMENT	3,611	3,611
139	0605042A	TACTICAL NETWORK RADIO SYSTEMS (LOW-TIER)	3,222	3,222
140	0605047A	CONTRACT WRITING SYSTEM	8,101	8,101
142	0605051A	AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY DEVELOPMENT	44,182	26,182
		Program decrease		[-20,000]
		Threat Missile Seeker Analysis and Assessment		[2,000]
143	0605052A	INDIRECT FIRE PROTECTION CAPABILITY INC 2—BLOCK 1	248,659	248,659
144	0605053A	GROUND ROBOTICS	227,038	227,038
145	0605054A	EMERGING TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES	57,546	57,546
146	0605144A	NEXT GENERATION LOAD DEVICE—MEDIUM	24,492	24,492
147	0605148A	TACTICAL INTEL TARGETING ACCESS NODE (TITAN) EMD ..	44,273	44,273
152	0605224A	MULTI-DOMAIN INTELLIGENCE	34,844	34,844
154	0605232A	HYPERSONICS EMD	513,027	513,027
155	0605233A	ACCESSIONS INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT (AIE)	32,710	32,710
156	0605235A	STRATEGIC MID-RANGE CAPABILITY	186,304	186,304
157	0605236A	INTEGRATED TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS	22,732	22,732
158	0605241A	FUTURE LONG RANGE ASSAULT AIRCRAFT DEVELOPMENT	1,248,544	1,248,544
160	0605244A	JOINT REDUCED RANGE ROCKET (JR3)	28,893	28,893
163	0605457A	ARMY INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE (AIAMD)	146,056	146,056
164	0605531A	COUNTER—SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS SYS DEV & DEMONSTRATION.	55,196	55,196
166	0605625A	MANNED GROUND VEHICLE	386,393	386,393
167	0605766A	NATIONAL CAPABILITIES INTEGRATION (MIP)	16,913	16,913
168	0605812A	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE (JLTV) ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING DEVELOPMENT PHASE (EMD).	2,664	2,664
169	0605830A	AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	930	930
170	0303032A	TROJAN—RH12	3,920	3,920
172A	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	117,428	117,428
		SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEM- ONSTRATION.	5,378,817	5,271,817
MANAGEMENT SUPPORT				
173	0604256A	THREAT SIMULATOR DEVELOPMENT	74,767	84,767
		Man Portable Doppler Radar		[10,000]
174	0604258A	TARGET SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	16,004	16,004
175	0604759A	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT	101,027	106,027
		Advanced Sensing Expanded Range Operations		[5,000]
176	0605103A	RAND ARROYO CENTER	10,892	10,892
177	0605301A	ARMY KWAJALEIN ATOLL	379,283	379,283
178	0605326A	CONCEPTS EXPERIMENTATION PROGRAM	58,606	58,606
180	0605601A	ARMY TEST RANGES AND FACILITIES	425,108	428,108
		Space Terrestrial Representation for Army Test and Training Operational Scenarios.		[3,000]
181	0605602A	ARMY TECHNICAL TEST INSTRUMENTATION AND TARGETS	69,328	69,328
182	0605604A	SURVIVABILITY/LETHALITY ANALYSIS	31,306	31,306
183	0605606A	AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION	1,887	1,887
184	0605706A	MATERIEL SYSTEMS ANALYSIS	19,100	19,100
185	0605709A	EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN ITEMS	6,277	6,277
186	0605712A	SUPPORT OF OPERATIONAL TESTING	63,637	63,637
187	0605716A	ARMY EVALUATION CENTER	62,343	62,343
188	0605718A	ARMY MODELING & SIM X-CMD COLLABORATION & INTEG ...	11,825	11,825
189	0605801A	PROGRAMWIDE ACTIVITIES	54,172	54,172
190	0605803A	TECHNICAL INFORMATION ACTIVITIES	26,592	26,592
191	0605805A	MUNITIONS STANDARDIZATION, EFFECTIVENESS AND SAFETY.	44,465	44,465
192	0605857A	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TECHNOLOGY MGMT SUPPORT	2,857	2,857
193	0605898A	ARMY DIRECT REPORT HEADQUARTERS—R&D - MHA	53,436	53,436
194	0606002A	RONALD REAGAN BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TEST SITE Infrastructure and Facilities Modernization	72,302	82,302
				[10,000]
195	0606003A	COUNTERINTEL AND HUMAN INTEL MODERNIZATION	5,660	5,660

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196	0606118A	AIAMD SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT & INTEGRATION	358,854	358,854
197	0606942A	ASSESSMENTS AND EVALUATIONS CYBER VULNERABILITIES.	6,354	6,354
		SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT	1,956,082	1,984,082
		OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT		
199	0603778A	MLRS PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	14,639	14,639
200	0605024A	ANTI-TAMPER TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT	6,449	6,449
201	0607101A	COMBATING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (CWMD) PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT.	115	115
202	0607131A	WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PRO- GRAMS.	13,687	13,687
203	0607136A	BLACKHAWK PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	23,998	123,998
		Blackhawk modernization		[100,000]
204	0607137A	CHINOOK PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	10,859	10,859
208	0607145A	APACHE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT	44,371	44,371
209	0607148A	AN/TPQ-53 COUNTERFIRE TARGET ACQUISITION RADAR SYSTEM.	43,054	43,054
210	0607150A	INTEL CYBER DEVELOPMENT	13,129	13,129
215	0607663A	FAMILY OF BIOMETRICS	1,594	1,594
216	0607865A	PATRIOT PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT	183,763	183,763
217	0203728A	JOINT AUTOMATED DEEP OPERATION COORDINATION SYS- TEM (JADOCs).	8,424	8,424
218	0203735A	COMBAT VEHICLE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS	744,085	744,085
		Program decrease		[-10,000]
		Scaling Cost-Saving Lightweight Metallurgical Development		[10,000]
219	0203743A	155MM SELF-PROPELLED HOWITZER IMPROVEMENTS	107,826	107,826
220	0203752A	AIRCRAFT ENGINE COMPONENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	237	237
221	0203758A	DIGITIZATION	1,013	1,013
222	0203801A	MISSILE/AIR DEFENSE PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	1,338	1,338
225	0205778A	GUIDED MULTIPLE-LAUNCH ROCKET SYSTEM (GMLRS)	33,307	33,307
230	0303140A	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM	15,040	15,040
232	0303142A	SATCOM GROUND ENVIRONMENT (SPACE)	35,720	35,720
235	0305179A	INTEGRATED BROADCAST SERVICE (IBS)	6,653	6,653
236	0305219A	MQ-1 GRAY EAGLE UAV	3,444	3,444
237	0708045A	END ITEM INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES	67,002	77,002
		Next Generation Ballistic Fiber		[10,000]
237A	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	46,872	46,872
		SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	1,426,619	1,536,619
		SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PRO- GRAMS		
238	0608041A	DEFENSIVE CYBER—SOFTWARE PROTOTYPE DEVELOP- MENT.	89,238	89,238
		SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS.	89,238	89,238
		AGILE RDTE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT		
239	0609135A	COUNTER UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (UAS) AGILE DE- VELOPMENT.	143,618	143,618
240	0609277A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE AGILE DEVELOPMENT	127,081	127,081
241	0609278A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE AGILE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	59,202	59,202
242	0609345A	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS LAUNCHED EFFECTS AGILE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT.	187,473	187,473
243	0609346A	UAS LAUNCHED EFFECTS AGILE DEVELOPMENT	172,898	172,898
		SUBTOTAL AGILE RDTE PORTFOLIO MANAGE- MENT.	690,272	690,272
		TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, ARMY.	14,549,223	14,715,123
		RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUA- TION, NAVY		
		BASIC RESEARCH		
001	0601103N	UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES	67,306	67,306
002	0601153N	DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES	511,163	521,163
		Hypersonics T&E Workforce Development		[10,000]
		SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH	578,469	588,469
		APPLIED RESEARCH		
003	0602114N	POWER PROJECTION APPLIED RESEARCH	30,635	30,635
004	0602123N	FORCE PROTECTION APPLIED RESEARCH	125,699	144,199
		Intelligent Data Management for Distributed Naval Platforms		[12,500]
		Talent and Technology for Navy Power and Energy Systems		[2,500]
		Testing and Qualification of High-Performance Carbon Fiber for Advanced Rocket Motors.		[3,500]
005	0602131M	MARINE CORPS LANDING FORCE TECHNOLOGY	45,697	45,697
006	0602235N	COMMON PICTURE APPLIED RESEARCH	55,246	66,746

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		Embedded Systems Cyber for Critical Naval Infrastructure		[11,500]
007	0602236N	WARFIGHTER SUSTAINMENT APPLIED RESEARCH	74,264	74,264
008	0602271N	ELECTROMAGNETIC SYSTEMS APPLIED RESEARCH	79,929	79,929
009	0602435N	OCEAN WARFIGHTING ENVIRONMENT APPLIED RESEARCH	81,270	81,270
010	0602651M	JOINT NON-LETHAL WEAPONS APPLIED RESEARCH	7,300	7,300
011	0602747N	UNDERSEA WARFARE APPLIED RESEARCH	64,335	71,835
		Academic partnerships for undersea vessels		[2,500]
		Program increase		[5,000]
012	0602750N	FUTURE NAVAL CAPABILITIES APPLIED RESEARCH	279,815	279,815
013	0602782N	MINE AND EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE APPLIED RESEARCH	29,081	29,081
015	0602861N	SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT—ONR FIELD ACTIVITIES.	81,423	81,423
		SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH	954,694	992,194
		ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT		
016	0603123N	FORCE PROTECTION ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	43,527	43,527
017	0603271N	ELECTROMAGNETIC SYSTEMS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	8,644	8,644
018	0603273N	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FOR NUCLEAR RE-ENTRY SYS- TEMS.	121,618	121,618
019	0603640M	USMC ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION (ATD)	309,711	324,711
		Long Range Maneuvering Projectile (LRMP)		[15,000]
020	0603651M	JOINT NON-LETHAL WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOP- MENT.	6,561	6,561
021	0603673N	FUTURE NAVAL CAPABILITIES ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	455,851	458,851
		Submersible Air Revitalization using Aqueous Ionic Amines for CO2 Capture.		[3,000]
022	0603680N	MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM	63,903	63,903
023	0603729N	WARFIGHTER PROTECTION ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	7,653	13,153
		Navy Thermite Firefighting Robotics		[5,500]
024	0603758N	NAVY WARFIGHTING EXPERIMENTS AND DEMONSTRA- TIONS.	81,923	81,923
025	0603782N	MINE AND EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE ADVANCED TECH- NOLOGY.	2,075	2,075
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOP- MENT.	1,101,466	1,124,966
		ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PRO- TOTYPES		
027	0603128N	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM	28,388	28,388
029	0603207N	AIR/OCEAN TACTICAL APPLICATIONS	35,870	35,870
030	0603216N	AVIATION SURVIVABILITY	24,064	24,064
031	0603239N	NAVAL CONSTRUCTION FORCES	8,603	8,603
032	0603254N	ASW SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	18,904	18,904
033	0603261N	TACTICAL AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE	2,241	2,241
034	0603382N	ADVANCED COMBAT SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY	2,083	19,583
		Embedded Hypersonics Seeker Testing Increase		[7,500]
		Marine Corps Warfighting Lab Air Combat Element Increase		[10,000]
035	0603502N	SURFACE AND SHALLOW WATER MINE COUNTER- MEASURES.	32,359	32,359
036	0603506N	SURFACE SHIP TORPEDO DEFENSE	11,832	11,832
037	0603512N	CARRIER SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	8,361	8,361
038	0603525N	PILOT FISH	1,218,486	1,218,486
040	0603536N	RETRACT JUNIPER	206,429	206,429
041	0603542N	RADIOLOGICAL CONTROL	730	730
043	0603561N	ADVANCED SUBMARINE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	162,651	162,651
045	0603563N	SHIP CONCEPT ADVANCED DESIGN	59,218	79,218
		DDG(X)		[20,000]
046	0603564N	SHIP PRELIMINARY DESIGN & FEASIBILITY STUDIES	96,022	96,022
047	0603570N	ADVANCED NUCLEAR POWER SYSTEMS	383,831	383,831
048	0603573N	ADVANCED SURFACE MACHINERY SYSTEMS	101,136	101,136
049	0603576N	CHALK EAGLE	156,686	156,686
050	0603581N	LITTORAL COMBAT SHIP (LCS)	10,203	5,203
		Program decrease		[–5,000]
051	0603582N	COMBAT SYSTEM INTEGRATION	19,643	19,643
052	0603595N	OHIO REPLACEMENT	273,265	273,265
053	0603596N	LCS MISSION MODULES	39,258	19,258
		Program decrease		[–20,000]
054	0603597N	AUTOMATED TEST AND RE-TEST (ATRT)	9,862	9,862
055	0603598N	ATRT ENTERPRISE RAPID CAPABILITY	20,000	20,000
056	0603599N	FRIGATE DEVELOPMENT	84,199	0
		Program decrease		[–84,199]
057	0603609N	CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS	10,877	10,877
058	0603635M	MARINE CORPS GROUND COMBAT/SUPPORT SYSTEM	278,261	238,361
		Program decrease		[–39,900]
059	0603654N	JOINT SERVICE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DEVELOPMENT	43,657	43,657
060	0603713N	OCEAN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	9,647	9,647
061	0603721N	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	22,829	22,829

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062	0603724N	NAVY ENERGY PROGRAM	46,577	69,077
		Advanced Battery Technologies		[22,500]
063	0603725N	FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT	10,925	10,925
064	0603734N	CHALK CORAL	414,282	414,282
065	0603739N	NAVY LOGISTIC PRODUCTIVITY	1,016	1,016
066	0603746N	RETRACT MAPLE	647,914	647,914
067	0603748N	LINK PLUMERIA	376,672	376,672
068	0603751N	RETRACT ELM	106,810	106,810
069	0603764M	LINK EVERGREEN	529,550	529,550
070	0603790N	NATO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT	5,234	5,234
071	0603795N	LAND ATTACK TECHNOLOGY	1,056	1,056
072	0603851M	JOINT NON-LETHAL WEAPONS TESTING	9,832	9,832
073	0603860N	JOINT PRECISION APPROACH AND LANDING SYSTEMS— DEM/VAL	41,978	41,978
076	0604025M	RAPID DEFENSE EXPERIMENTATION RESERVE (RDER)	99	99
077	0604027N	DIGITAL WARFARE OFFICE	151,271	151,271
078	0604028N	SMALL AND MEDIUM UNMANNED UNDERSEA VEHICLES	4,855	4,855
079	0604029N	UNMANNED UNDERSEA VEHICLE CORE TECHNOLOGIES	47,106	47,106
082	0604112N	GERALD R. FORD CLASS NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT CARRIER (CVN 78—80)	112,704	112,704
083	0604127N	SURFACE MINE COUNTERMEASURES	18,504	18,504
084	0604272N	TACTICAL AIR DIRECTIONAL INFRARED COUNTER- MEASURES (TADIRCM)	14,387	14,387
085	0604286N	NAVY ADVANCED MANUFACTURING	10,585	10,585
086	0604289M	NEXT GENERATION LOGISTICS	2,722	2,722
087	0604292N	FUTURE VERTICAL LIFT (MARITIME STRIKE)	7,125	7,125
088	0604295M	MARINE AVIATION DEMONSTRATION/VALIDATION	38,873	35,073
		Program decrease		[–3,800]
089	0604320M	RAPID TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITY PROTOTYPE	16,316	16,316
090	0604454N	LX (R)	26,709	16,709
		Program decrease		[–10,000]
091	0604536N	ADVANCED UNDERSEA PROTOTYPING	143,943	143,943
092	0604636N	COUNTER UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (C-UAS)	16,689	16,689
093	0604659N	PRECISION STRIKE WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	110,072	110,072
094	0604707N	SPACE AND ELECTRONIC WARFARE (SEW) ARCHITECTURE/ ENGINEERING SUPPORT	6,866	6,866
095	0604786N	OFFENSIVE ANTI-SURFACE WARFARE WEAPON DEVELOP- MENT	225,773	225,773
097	0605513N	UNMANNED SURFACE VEHICLE ENABLING CAPABILITIES	3,712	3,712
098	0605514M	GROUND BASED ANTI-SHIP MISSILE	29,004	29,004
100	0605518N	CONVENTIONAL PROMPT STRIKE (CPS)	798,337	798,337
101	0105519N	NUCLEAR-ARMED SEA-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILE (SLCM- N) SUPPORT		100,000
		Reconciliation adjustment		[100,000]
102	0207147M	COLLABORATIVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT	58,000	58,000
103	0303260N	DEFENSE MILITARY DECEPTION INITIATIVE	1,980	1,980
104	0303354N	ASW SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT—MIP	3,864	3,864
105	0304240M	ADVANCED TACTICAL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM	2,822	2,822
106	0304270N	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT—MIP	1,278	1,278
107	0304797N	UNDERSEA ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE / MACHINE LEARN- ING (AI/ML)	29,308	29,308
SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOP- MENT AND PROTOTYPES.			7,454,345	7,451,446
SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION				
108	0603208N	TRAINING SYSTEM AIRCRAFT	15,101	15,101
109	0604038N	MARITIME TARGETING CELL	147,802	147,802
111	0604212N	OTHER HELO DEVELOPMENT	987	987
113	0604215N	STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT	4,540	4,540
114	0604216N	MULTI-MISSION HELICOPTER UPGRADE DEVELOPMENT	64,838	64,838
116	0604230N	WARFARE SUPPORT SYSTEM	15,778	15,778
117	0604231N	COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEMS	64,547	64,547
118	0604234N	ADVANCED HAWKEYE	350,324	350,324
119	0604245M	H-1 UPGRADES	62,240	62,240
120	0604261N	ACOUSTIC SEARCH SENSORS	52,549	52,549
121	0604262N	V-22	124,958	124,958
122	0604264N	AIR CREW SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	44,297	39,897
		Program decrease		[–4,400]
123	0604269N	EA-18	184,921	184,921
124	0604270N	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT	185,606	155,606
		Program decrease		[–30,000]
125	0604273M	EXECUTIVE HELO DEVELOPMENT	74,980	74,980
126	0604274N	NEXT GENERATION JAMMER (NGJ)	64,167	64,167
127	0604280N	JOINT TACTICAL RADIO SYSTEM—NAVY (JTRS-NAVY)	289,345	289,345
128	0604282N	NEXT GENERATION JAMMER (NGJ) INCREMENT II	228,256	228,256
129	0604307N	SURFACE COMBATANT COMBAT SYSTEM ENGINEERING	432,981	432,981
130	0604329N	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB (SDB)	23,836	23,836
131	0604366N	STANDARD MISSILE IMPROVEMENTS	412,964	362,964

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		Program decrease		[-50,000]
132	0604373N	AIRBORNE MCM	8,372	8,372
133	0604378N	NAVAL INTEGRATED FIRE CONTROL—COUNTER AIR SYS- TEMS ENGINEERING.	39,878	39,878
135	0604501N	ADVANCED ABOVE WATER SENSORS	67,881	67,881
136	0604503N	SUBMARINE SWFTS MODERNIZATION	204,158	204,158
137	0604504N	AIR CONTROL	23,930	23,930
138	0604512N	SHIPBOARD AVIATION SYSTEMS	33,704	13,704
		Program decrease		[-20,000]
139	0604516N	SHIP SURVIVABILITY	4,364	4,364
141	0604522N	AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE RADAR (AMDR) SYSTEM	74,937	74,937
142	0604530N	ADVANCED ARRESTING GEAR (AAG)	32,037	32,037
143	0604558N	NEW DESIGN SSN	247,293	472,293
		Subsea and Seabed Warfare program increase		[225,000]
145	0604567N	SHIP CONTRACT DESIGN/ LIVE FIRE T&E	28,400	28,400
146	0604574N	NAVY TACTICAL COMPUTER RESOURCES	3,552	3,552
147	0604601N	MINE DEVELOPMENT	130	130
148	0604610N	LIGHTWEIGHT TORPEDO DEVELOPMENT	12,565	12,565
149	0604654N	JOINT SERVICE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DEVELOPMENT	8,740	8,740
150	0604657M	USMC GROUND COMBAT/SUPPORTING ARMS SYSTEMS— ENG DEV.	17,377	17,377
151	0604703N	PERSONNEL, TRAINING, SIMULATION, AND HUMAN FAC- TORS.	6,703	6,703
152	0604727N	JOINT STANDOFF WEAPON SYSTEMS	895	895
153	0604755N	SHIP SELF DEFENSE (DETECT & CONTROL)	167,711	167,711
154	0604756N	SHIP SELF DEFENSE (ENGAGE: HARD KILL)	145,007	145,007
155	0604757N	SHIP SELF DEFENSE (ENGAGE: SOFT KILL/EW)	232,368	217,368
		Program decrease		[-15,000]
156	0604761N	INTELLIGENCE ENGINEERING	7,023	7,023
157	0604771N	MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT	7,629	7,629
158	0604777N	NAVIGATION/ID SYSTEM	3,724	3,724
159	0604850N	SSN(X)	365,987	365,987
160	0605013M	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	16,000	16,000
161	0605013N	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	192,784	192,784
162	0605024N	ANTI-TAMPER TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT	3,428	3,428
163	0605180N	TACAMO MODERNIZATION	1,243,978	1,203,978
		Program decrease		[-40,000]
164	0605212M	CH-53K RDTE	135,432	135,432
165	0605215N	MISSION PLANNING	120,255	120,255
166	0605217N	COMMON AVIONICS	67,944	67,944
167	0605220N	SHIP TO SHORE CONNECTOR (SSC)	7,267	7,267
168	0605285N	NEXT GENERATION FIGHTER	74,320	74,320
170	0605414N	UNMANNED CARRIER AVIATION (UCA)	305,487	305,487
171	0605450M	JOINT AIR-TO-GROUND MISSILE (JAGM)	59,077	59,077
172	0605500N	MULTI-MISSION MARITIME AIRCRAFT (MMA)	41,129	41,129
173	0605504N	MULTI-MISSION MARITIME (MMA) INCREMENT III	103,397	103,397
174	0605516N	LONG RANGE FIRES	138,443	138,443
175	0605611M	MARINE CORPS ASSAULT VEHICLES SYSTEM DEVELOP- MENT & DEMONSTRATION.	44,644	44,644
176	0605813M	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE (JLTV) SYSTEM DEVEL- OPMENT & DEMONSTRATION.	6,984	6,984
177	0204202N	DESTROYERS GUIDED MISSILE (DDG-1000)	58,817	58,817
178	0301377N	COUNTERING ADVANCED CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS (CACW).	16,906	16,906
179	0302315N	NON-KINETIC COUNTERMEASURE SUPPORT	23,818	23,818
183	0304785N	ISR & INFO OPERATIONS	170,567	170,567
185	0306250M	CYBER OPERATIONS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	11,936	11,936
		SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEM- ONSTRATION.	7,431,995	7,497,595
		MANAGEMENT SUPPORT		
186	0604256N	THREAT SIMULATOR DEVELOPMENT	25,133	25,133
187	0604258N	TARGET SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	14,191	14,191
188	0604759N	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT	61,946	61,946
189	0605152N	STUDIES AND ANALYSIS SUPPORT—NAVY	3,596	3,596
190	0605154N	CENTER FOR NAVAL ANALYSES	31,695	31,695
193	0605853N	MANAGEMENT, TECHNICAL & INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT	133,538	133,538
194	0605856N	STRATEGIC TECHNICAL SUPPORT	3,709	3,709
195	0605863N	RDT&E SHIP AND AIRCRAFT SUPPORT	151,479	151,479
196	0605864N	TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT	463,725	447,924
		Program decrease		[-15,801]
197	0605865N	OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION CAPABILITY	30,880	30,880
198	0605866N	NAVY SPACE AND ELECTRONIC WARFARE (SEW) SUPPORT	22,563	22,563
199	0605867N	SEW SURVEILLANCE/RECONNAISSANCE SUPPORT	7,325	7,325
200	0605873M	MARINE CORPS PROGRAM WIDE SUPPORT	28,816	28,816
201	0605898N	MANAGEMENT HQ—R&D	42,751	42,751
202	0606295M	MARINE AVIATION DEVELOPMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT.	4,732	4,732

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203	0606355N	WARFARE INNOVATION MANAGEMENT	37,551	37,551
204	0305327N	INSIDER THREAT	2,653	2,653
205	0902498N	MANAGEMENT HEADQUARTERS (DEPARTMENTAL SUP- PORT ACTIVITIES).	2,041	2,041
		SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT	1,068,324	1,052,523
		OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT		
208	0604840M	F-35 C2D2	494,034	444,634
		Block 4 Delays		[-49,400]
209	0604840N	F-35 C2D2	475,710	428,110
		Block 4 Delays		[-47,600]
210	0605520M	MARINE CORPS AIR DEFENSE WEAPONS SYSTEMS	56,140	56,140
211	0607658N	COOPERATIVE ENGAGEMENT CAPABILITY (CEC)	136,436	136,436
212	0101221N	STRATEGIC SUB & WEAPONS SYSTEM SUPPORT	807,099	807,099
213	0101224N	SSBN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM	63,252	63,252
214	0101226N	SUBMARINE ACOUSTIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT	56,401	56,401
215	0101402N	NAVY STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS	52,404	52,404
216	0204136N	F/A-18 SQUADRONS	369,863	369,863
218	0204229N	TOMAHAWK AND TOMAHAWK MISSION PLANNING CENTER (TMPC).	151,177	151,177
219	0204311N	INTEGRATED SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM	71,800	71,800
220	0204313N	SHIP-TOWED ARRAY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS	1,990	1,990
222	0204460M	GROUND/AIR TASK ORIENTED RADAR (G/ATOR)	32,045	32,045
223	0204571N	CONSOLIDATED TRAINING SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	199,067	199,067
224	0204575N	ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW) READINESS SUPPORT	115,834	115,834
225	0205601N	ANTI-RADIATION MISSILE IMPROVEMENT	33,659	33,659
227	0205632N	MK-48 ADCAP	84,338	84,338
228	0205633N	AVIATION IMPROVEMENTS	127,421	114,721
		Program decrease		[-12,700]
229	0205675N	OPERATIONAL NUCLEAR POWER SYSTEMS	209,200	209,200
230	0206313M	MARINE CORPS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS	125,488	125,488
231	0206335M	COMMON AVIATION COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (CAC2S).	17,813	17,813
232	0206623M	MARINE CORPS GROUND COMBAT/SUPPORTING ARMS SYS- TEMS.	70,139	70,139
233	0206624M	MARINE CORPS COMBAT SERVICES SUPPORT	20,419	20,419
234	0206625M	USMC INTELLIGENCE/ELECTRONIC WARFARE SYSTEMS	34,289	34,289
236	0207161N	TACTICAL AIM MISSILES	34,650	34,650
237	0207163N	ADVANCED MEDIUM RANGE AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE (AMRAAM)	26,286	26,286
238	0208043N	PLANNING AND DECISION AID SYSTEM (PDAS)	3,572	3,572
242	0303138N	AFLOAT NETWORKS	70,742	70,742
243	0303140N	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM	64,147	64,147
244	0305192N	MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM (MIP) ACTIVITIES	3,311	3,311
247	0305208M	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS	61,238	61,238
248	0305220N	MQ-4C TRITON	14,421	14,421
250	0305232M	RQ-11 UAV	1,063	7,063
		Maritimization of the Long-Range Long-Endurance (LR/LE) SUAS.		[6,000]
252	0305241N	MULTI-INTELLIGENCE SENSOR DEVELOPMENT	41,414	41,414
253	0305242M	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (UAS) PAYLOADS (MIP)	9,157	9,157
255	0305421N	MQ-4C TRITON MODERNIZATION	361,943	361,943
256	0307577N	INTELLIGENCE MISSION DATA (IMD)	803	803
257	0308601N	MODELING AND SIMULATION SUPPORT	12,389	12,389
258	0702207N	DEPOT MAINTENANCE (NON-IF)	23,372	33,372
		Defense Industrial Skills & Technology Training		[10,000]
259	0708730N	MARITIME TECHNOLOGY (MARITECH)	3,600	3,600
259A	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	2,554,769	2,554,769
		SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	7,092,895	6,999,195
		SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PRO- GRAMS		
260	0608013N	RISK MANAGEMENT INFORMATION—SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM.	13,341	13,341
261	0608231N	MARITIME TACTICAL COMMAND AND CONTROL (MTC2)— SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM.	12,520	12,520
		SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS.	25,861	25,861
		TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, NAVY.	25,708,049	25,732,249
		RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUA- TION, AIR FORCE		
		BASIC RESEARCH		
001	0601102F	DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES	302,716	322,716
		Material Flexibility and New Applications in Quantum Electronics Research.		[20,000]
002	0601103F	UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES	94,121	94,121

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SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH			396,837	416,837
APPLIED RESEARCH				
003	0602020F	FUTURE AF CAPABILITIES APPLIED RESEARCH	78,214	78,214
004	0602022F	UNIVERSITY AFFILIATED RESEARCH CENTER (UARC)— TACTICAL AUTONOMY.	6,294	6,294
005	0602102F	MATERIALS	147,422	162,422
		Advanced Aerospace Materials		[2,500]
		Advanced Composites in Hypersonics & Attritable Aircraft Research.		[10,000]
		Metals Affordability Initiative		[2,500]
007	0602202F	HUMAN EFFECTIVENESS APPLIED RESEARCH	133,928	133,928
008	0602203F	AEROSPACE SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGIES	321,059	341,059
		Computational Methods and Hardware Validation of UAVs		[5,000]
		High Mach Turbine Engine		[10,000]
		Integrated hypersonic propulsion technology maturation		[2,500]
		Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Research		[2,500]
009	0602204F	AEROSPACE SENSORS	199,120	199,120
011	0602298F	SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT— MAJOR HEADQUARTERS ACTIVITIES.	10,813	10,813
012	0602336F	NUCLEAR DELIVERY SYSTEMS TECH EXPLORATION	4,969	4,969
013	0602602F	CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS	125,102	125,102
014	0602605F	DIRECTED ENERGY TECHNOLOGY	92,331	92,331
015	0602788F	DOMINANT INFORMATION SCIENCES AND METHODS	187,036	209,536
		Counter UAS advanced detection systems pilot program		[10,000]
		Future Flag		[10,000]
		Photonic Quantum Computing		[2,500]
SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH			1,306,288	1,363,788
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT				
016	0603032F	FUTURE AF INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY DEMOS	268,754	268,754
017	0603112F	ADVANCED MATERIALS FOR WEAPON SYSTEMS	31,021	33,521
		Tier 2.5 LO Platform Inspection System		[2,500]
018	0603199F	SUSTAINMENT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (S&T)	12,915	12,915
019	0603203F	ADVANCED AEROSPACE SENSORS	69,652	69,652
020	0603211F	AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY DEV/DEMO	102,125	194,625
		Hybrid-Electric Propulsion Combat Ready Airman (CRA) Flight Demonstrator.		[90,000]
		Multi-role CCA propulsion		[2,500]
023	0603273F	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FOR NUCLEAR RE-ENTRY SYSTEMS.	128,407	128,407
025	0603456F	HUMAN EFFECTIVENESS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	19,790	19,790
026	0603601F	CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY	99,263	99,263
027	0603605F	ADVANCED WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY	4,434	4,434
028	0603680F	MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM	38,891	41,391
		Virtual, Augmented and Mixed Reality Readiness		[2,500]
029	0603788F	BATTLESPACE KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.	30,812	30,812
030	0604776F	DEPLOYMENT & DISTRIBUTION ENTERPRISE R&D	28,316	28,316
SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.			834,380	931,880
ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES				
032	0603260F	INTELLIGENCE ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT	3,901	3,901
033	0603742F	COMBAT IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY	25,172	25,172
034	0603790F	NATO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT	4,595	4,595
035	0603851F	INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE—DEM/VAL	90,096	90,096
036	0604001F	NC3 ADVANCED CONCEPTS	15,910	15,910
037	0604003F	ADVANCED BATTLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ABMS)	1,040,475	1,022,475
		Program decrease		[−18,000]
039	0604005F	NC3 COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT & PROTOTYPING	67,081	67,081
040	0604007F	E-7	199,676	799,676
		Continuation of rapid prototyping		[600,000]
041	0604009F	AFWERX	18,499	18,499
042	0604010F	NEXT GENERATION ADAPTIVE PROPULSION	330,270	330,270
043	0604015F	LONG RANGE STRIKE—BOMBER	2,347,225	2,347,225
047	0604183F	HYPERSONICS PROTOTYPING—HYPERSONIC ATTACK CRUISE MISSILE (HACM).	802,810	812,810
		Additive Manufacturing		[10,000]
049	0604257F	ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND SENSORS	40,779	40,779
052	0604317F	TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER	3,558	3,558
053	0604327F	HARD AND DEEPLY BURIED TARGET DEFEAT SYSTEM (HDBTDS) PROGRAM.	144,143	144,143
054	0604336F	NUCLEAR DELIVERY SYSTEMS PROTOTYPING	56,926	56,926
055	0604414F	CYBER RESILIENCY OF WEAPON SYSTEMS-ACS	46,148	46,148
056	0604609F	REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS & CONCEPT MATURATION	22,754	22,754

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057	0604668F	JOINT TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (JTMS)	129,626	129,626
058	0604776F	DEPLOYMENT & DISTRIBUTION ENTERPRISE R&D	4,996	4,996
059	0604858F	TECH TRANSITION PROGRAM	134,833	121,433
		Program decrease		[-13,400]
060	0604860F	OPERATIONAL ENERGY AND INSTALLATION RESILIENCE ...	49,460	49,460
061	0605057F	NEXT GENERATION AIR-REFUELING SYSTEM	12,960	12,960
063	0606004F	NUCLEAR ENTERPRISE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT	1,097	1,097
064	0606005F	DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OFFICE	15,997	15,997
066	0207147F	COLLABORATIVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT	111,365	111,365
067	0207179F	AUTONOMOUS COLLABORATIVE PLATFORMS	62,019	62,019
068	0207420F	COMBAT IDENTIFICATION	1,713	1,713
071	0207455F	THREE DIMENSIONAL LONG-RANGE RADAR (3DELRR)	17,344	17,344
072	0207522F	AIRBASE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS (ABADS)	15,785	15,785
073	0207606F	JOINT SIMULATION ENVIRONMENT (JSE)	260,667	260,667
074	0208030F	WAR RESERVE MATERIEL—AMMUNITION	9,865	9,865
075	0303010F	AF ISR DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE	24,817	24,817
076	0305236F	COMMON DATA LINK EXECUTIVE AGENT (CDL EA)	32,511	32,511
077	0305601F	MISSION PARTNER ENVIRONMENTS	14,956	14,956
078	0701200F	ENTERPRISE SELECT CLASS II	1,000	1,000
079	0708051F	RAPID SUSTAINMENT MODERNIZATION (RSM)	32,666	72,666
		Condition Based Predictive Maintenance		[40,000]
080	0808736F	SPECIAL VICTIM ACCOUNTABILITY AND INVESTIGATION	1,997	1,997
081	0808737F	INTEGRATED PRIMARY PREVENTION	5,167	5,167
082	0901410F	CONTRACTING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM	29,277	29,277
083	1206415F	U.S. SPACE COMMAND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT.	36,913	36,913
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES.	6,267,049	6,885,649
		SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION		
084	0604200F	FUTURE ADVANCED WEAPON ANALYSIS & PROGRAMS	36,125	36,125
085	0604201F	PNT RESILIENCY, MODS, AND IMPROVEMENTS	125,663	125,663
086	0604222F	NUCLEAR WEAPONS SUPPORT	79,312	79,312
087	0604270F	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT	17,013	17,013
088	0604281F	TACTICAL DATA NETWORKS ENTERPRISE	77,170	77,170
089	0604287F	PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT	10,589	10,589
090	0604288F	SURVIVABLE AIRBORNE OPERATIONS CENTER (SAOC)	1,826,328	1,826,328
091	0604602F	ARMAMENT/ORDNANCE DEVELOPMENT	7,253	7,253
092	0604604F	SUBMUNITIONS	3,502	3,502
093	0604617F	AGILE COMBAT SUPPORT	23,474	23,474
094	0604706F	LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS	20,542	20,542
095	0604735F	COMBAT TRAINING RANGES	139,499	145,499
		Innovative Targeting Systems Technology		[6,000]
096	0604932F	LONG RANGE STANDOFF WEAPON	606,955	606,955
097	0604933F	ICBM FUZE MODERNIZATION	3,252	3,252
100	0605056F	OPEN ARCHITECTURE MANAGEMENT	44,150	44,150
101	0605223F	ADVANCED PILOT TRAINING	172,378	172,378
103	0605238F	GROUND BASED STRATEGIC DETERRENT EMD	2,647,563	3,047,563
		Program increase		[400,000]
104	0605296F	MICROELECTRONICS SECURE ENCLAVE	104,990	104,990
106	0207039F	COGNITIVE ELECTROMAGNETIC WARFARE	44,267	44,267
107	0207110F	F-47	2,579,362	2,579,362
109	0207279F	ISOLATED PERSONNEL SURVIVABILITY AND RECOVERY	99,248	99,248
110	0207328F	STAND IN ATTACK WEAPON	255,336	255,336
111	0207407F	ELECTROMAGNETIC BATTLE MANAGEMENT (EMBM)	20,439	20,439
112	0207701F	FULL COMBAT MISSION TRAINING	12,898	12,898
114	0303008F	SATURN	4,985	4,985
117	0305155F	THEATER NUCLEAR WEAPON STORAGE & SECURITY SYSTEM.	19,875	19,875
120	0401221F	KC-46A TANKER SQUADRONS	145,434	65,434
		Program delay		[-80,000]
121	0401319F	VC-25B	602,318	602,318
122	0701212F	AUTOMATED TEST SYSTEMS	30,341	30,341
123	0804772F	TRAINING DEVELOPMENTS	5,067	8,267
		Competency Based Adaptive Learning		[3,200]
		SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.	9,765,328	10,094,528
		MANAGEMENT SUPPORT		
125	0604256F	THREAT SIMULATOR DEVELOPMENT	41,125	41,125
126	0604759F	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT	156,915	156,915
127	0605101F	RAND PROJECT AIR FORCE	32,405	26,005
		Program decrease		[-6,400]
129	0605712F	INITIAL OPERATIONAL TEST & EVALUATION	13,872	13,872
130	0605807F	TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT	1,098,871	1,091,571
		Hypersonic Digital Model Upgrades		[6,400]
		Program decrease		[-13,700]
133	0605829F	ACQ WORKFORCE- CYBER, NETWORK, & BUS SYS	435,918	435,918

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134	0605831F	ACQ WORKFORCE- CAPABILITY INTEGRATION	1,153,165	1,153,165
136	0605833F	ACQ WORKFORCE- NUCLEAR SYSTEMS	368,881	368,881
137	0605898F	MANAGEMENT HQ—R&D	5,960	5,960
138	0605976F	FACILITIES RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION—TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT.	217,761	247,761
		Hypersonic Infrastructure		[30,000]
139	0605978F	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT—TEST AND EVALUATION SUP- PORT.	91,969	91,969
140	0606017F	REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS AND MATURATION	28,157	23,857
		Program decrease		[-4,300]
141	0606398F	MANAGEMENT HQ—T&E	7,417	7,417
142	0208201F	OFFENSIVE SMALL, UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (SUAS)	4,985	4,985
143	0303255F	COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATION, AND COMPUTERS (C4)—STRATCOM.	15,662	31,662
		NC3 STRATCOM		[10,000]
		UARC for Strategic Deterrence, NC3, and JEMSO		[6,000]
144	0308602F	ENTEPRISE INFORMATION SERVICES (EIS)	101,779	101,779
145	0702806F	ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT	22,670	13,270
		Program decrease		[-9,400]
146	0804776F	ADVANCED DISTRIBUTED LEARNING	1,698	1,698
148	1001004F	INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES	4,430	4,430
		SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT	3,803,640	3,822,240
OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT				
149	0604233F	SPECIALIZED UNDERGRADUATE FLIGHT TRAINING	66,200	66,200
150	0604283F	BATTLE MGMT COM & CTRL SENSOR DEVELOPMENT	17,353	17,353
153	0604840F	F-35 C2D2	1,182,094	1,078,894
		Block 4 Delays		[-208,700]
		Pneumatic power enhancement		[15,000]
		Power Thermal Management Systems Analysis		[90,500]
154	0605018F	AF INTEGRATED PERSONNEL AND PAY SYSTEM (AF-IPPS) ..	64,050	64,050
155	0605024F	ANTI-TAMPER TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVE AGENCY	62,965	62,965
157	0605229F	IHL-60W	43,579	43,579
158	0605278F	HC/MC-130 RECAP RDT&E	50,845	50,845
159	0606018F	NC3 INTEGRATION	40,066	40,066
160	0101113F	B-52 SQUADRONS	931,164	931,164
161	0101122F	AIR-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILE (ALCM)	555	555
162	0101126F	B-1B SQUADRONS	116,589	116,589
163	0101127F	B-2 SQUADRONS	12,519	12,519
164	0101213F	MINUTEMAN SQUADRONS	106,032	106,032
165	0101316F	WORLDWIDE JOINT STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS	24,081	24,081
166	0101318F	SERVICE SUPPORT TO STRATCOM—GLOBAL STRIKE	6,928	6,928
167	0101328F	ICBM REENTRY VEHICLES	259,605	259,605
169	0102110F	MH-139A	5,982	5,982
170	0102326F	REGION/SECTOR OPERATION CONTROL CENTER MOD- ERNIZATION PROGRAM.	726	726
171	0102417F	OVER-THE-HORIZON BACKSCATTER RADAR	132,097	132,097
172	0202834F	VEHICLES AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT—GENERAL	744	744
173	0205219F	MQ-9 UAV	26,689	26,689
174	0205671F	JOINT COUNTER RCIED ELECTRONIC WARFARE	3,424	3,424
176	0207133F	F-16 SQUADRONS	216,638	216,638
177	0207134F	F-15E SQUADRONS	233,018	233,018
178	0207136F	MANNED DESTRUCTIVE SUPPRESSION	17,680	17,680
179	0207138F	F-22A SQUADRONS	852,332	852,332
180	0207142F	F-35 SQUADRONS	48,446	48,446
181	0207146F	F-15EX	78,345	78,345
182	0207161F	TACTICAL AIM MISSILES	86,549	86,549
183	0207163F	ADVANCED MEDIUM RANGE AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE (AMRAAM)	51,242	51,242
184	0207172F	JOINT ADVANCED TACTICAL MISSILE (JATM)	425,029	425,029
186	0207238F	E-11A	15,244	15,244
188	0207247F	AF TENCAP	52,492	52,492
189	0207249F	PRECISION ATTACK SYSTEMS PROCUREMENT	13,613	13,613
191	0207268F	AIRCRAFT ENGINE COMPONENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	52,734	52,734
192	0207325F	JOINT AIR-TO-SURFACE STANDOFF MISSILE (JASSM)	232,252	232,252
193	0207327F	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB (SDB)	24,810	24,810
194	0207410F	AIR & SPACE OPERATIONS CENTER (AOC)	113,086	101,786
		Program decrease		[-11,300]
195	0207412F	CONTROL AND REPORTING CENTER (CRC)	17,569	17,569
198	0207431F	COMBAT AIR INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM ACTIVITIES	33,601	33,601
199	0207438F	THEATER BATTLE MANAGEMENT (TBM) C4I	6,787	6,787
200	0207439F	ELECTROMAGNETIC WARFARE INT REPROG (EWIR)	60,072	60,072
202	0207452F	DCAPES	8,507	8,507
203	0207457F	AIR FORCE SPECIAL WARFARE (SPECWAR)	27,526	27,526
204	0207521F	AIR FORCE CALIBRATION PROGRAMS	2,273	2,273
206	0207590F	SEEK EAGLE	33,707	33,707
208	0207611F	READINESS DECISION SUPPORT ENTERPRISE	8,880	8,880
209	0207697F	DISTRIBUTED TRAINING AND EXERCISES	4,399	4,399
210	0207701F	FULL COMBAT MISSION TRAINING	8,096	8,096

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211	0208006F	MISSION PLANNING SYSTEMS	138,745	124,945
		Program decrease		[-13,800]
212	0208007F	TACTICAL DECEPTION	13,711	13,711
213	0208087F	DISTRIBUTED CYBER WARFARE OPERATIONS	31,197	31,197
214	0208088F	AF DEFENSIVE CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS	95,034	95,034
218	0208288F	INTEL DATA APPLICATIONS	1,012	1,012
219	0301025F	GEOBASE	999	999
220	0301113F	CYBER SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT	14,749	14,749
226	0301377F	COUNTERING ADVANCED CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS (CACW).	1,117	1,117
228	0301401F	AF MULTI-DOMAIN NON-TRADITIONAL ISR BATTLESPACE AWARENESS.	2,987	2,987
229	0302015F	E-4B NATIONAL AIRBORNE OPERATIONS CENTER (NAOC) ...	54,457	54,457
230	0302315F	NON-KINETIC COUNTERMEASURE SUPPORT	7,006	7,006
232	0303089F	CYBERSPACE AND DODIN OPERATIONS	10,080	10,080
233	0303131F	MINIMUM ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NET- WORK (MEECN).	99,599	99,599
234	0303133F	HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO SYSTEMS	19,955	19,955
235	0303140F	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM	98,414	98,414
236	0303248F	ALL DOMAIN COMMON PLATFORM	76,642	76,642
237	0303260F	JOINT MILITARY DECEPTION INITIATIVE	356	356
238	0304100F	STRATEGIC MISSION PLANNING & EXECUTION SYSTEM (SMPE).	75,164	75,164
239	0304109F	THRESHER	105	105
242	0304260F	AIRBORNE SIGINT ENTERPRISE	90,650	90,650
243	0304310F	COMMERCIAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS	4,127	4,127
247	0305020F	CCMD INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	1,547	1,547
248	0305022F	ISR MODERNIZATION & AUTOMATION DVMT (IMAD)	22,237	22,237
249	0305099F	GLOBAL AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (GATM)	4,257	4,257
250	0305103F	CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVE	310	310
251	0305111F	WEATHER SERVICE	30,509	30,509
252	0305114F	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, APPROACH, AND LANDING SYSTEM (ATCAL).	17,259	17,259
253	0305116F	AERIAL TARGETS	5,081	5,081
256	0305128F	SECURITY AND INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES	8,964	8,964
257	0305146F	DEFENSE JOINT COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES	6,524	6,524
258	0305158F	TACTICAL TERMINAL	1,099	1,099
259	0305179F	INTEGRATED BROADCAST SERVICE (IBS)	19,085	19,085
261	0305206F	AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEMS	25,432	25,432
262	0305207F	MANNED RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEMS	16,643	16,643
263	0305208F	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS	79,033	79,033
265	0305221F	NETWORK-CENTRIC COLLABORATIVE TARGETING	12,019	12,019
266	0305238F	NATO AGS	816	816
267	0305240F	ISR TRANSPORT AND PROCESSING	32,578	32,578
268	0305249F	AF JWICS ENTERPRISE	21,097	21,097
269	0305600F	INTERNATIONAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGY AND AR- CHITECTURES.	18,946	18,946
270	0305836F	C2IMERA	13,867	13,867
272	0305903F	COCOM MOBILE COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTERS (MCCCS).	3,988	3,988
273	0305984F	PERSONNEL RECOVERY COMMAND & CTRL (PRC2)	2,891	2,891
274	0307577F	INTELLIGENCE MISSION DATA (IMD)	3,000	3,000
276	0401119F	C-5 AIRLIFT SQUADRONS (IF)	33,713	33,713
277	0401130F	C-17 AIRCRAFT (IF)	76,514	116,514
		Program increase		[40,000]
278	0401132F	C-130J PROGRAM	31,354	31,354
279	0401134F	LARGE AIRCRAFT IR COUNTERMEASURES (LAIRC)	52,928	52,928
281	0401318F	CV-22	653	653
283	0708610F	LOGISTICS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (LOGIT)	18,581	23,581
		Fleet Logistics Intelligence Platform		[5,000]
284	0801380F	AF LVC OPERATIONAL TRAINING (LVC-OT)	33,898	33,898
285	0804743F	OTHER FLIGHT TRAINING	2,371	2,371
286	0901202F	JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY AGENCY	2,080	2,080
287	0901218F	CIVILIAN COMPENSATION PROGRAM	4,355	4,355
288	0901220F	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	2,766	2,766
289	0901226F	AIR FORCE STUDIES AND ANALYSIS AGENCY	14,761	14,761
290	0901538F	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEVEL- OPMENT.	3,982	3,982
291	0901554F	DEFENSE ENTERPRISE ACNTNG AND MGT SYS (DEAMS)	38,942	38,942
292	1201921F	SERVICE SUPPORT TO STRATCOM—SPACE ACTIVITIES	335	335
293A	999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	22,264,031	22,264,031
		SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	29,643,766	29,560,466
		TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, AIR FORCE.	52,017,288	53,075,388
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002	0601103SF	UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES	14,569	14,569
		SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH	36,839	36,839
APPLIED RESEARCH				
004	1206601SF	SPACE TECHNOLOGY	245,497	245,497
005	1206616SF	SPACE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/DEMO	2,591	2,591
		SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH	248,088	248,088
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT				
006	1206310SF	SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.	459,989	459,989
007	1206616SF	SPACE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/DEMO Liquid Rocket Engine for USAFA Rocket Propulsion Curriculum	128,588	131,088 [2,500]
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	588,577	591,077
ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES				
008	0604002SF	SPACE FORCE WEATHER SERVICES RESEARCH	857	857
009	1203010SF	SPACE FORCE IT, DATA ANALYTICS, DIGITAL SOLUTIONS ...	88,606	88,606
010	1203164SF	NAVSTAR GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (USER EQUIPMENT) (SPACE).	175,304	175,304
011	1203622SF	SPACE WARFIGHTING ANALYSIS	125,982	125,982
012	1203710SF	EO/IR WEATHER SYSTEMS	77,135	77,135
013	1203955SF	SPACE ACCESS, MOBILITY & LOGISTICS (SAML)	14,478	14,478
014	1206410SF	SPACE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPING ...	1,307,970	1,307,970
015	1206427SF	SPACE SYSTEMS PROTOTYPE TRANSITIONS (SSPT)	67,246	67,246
016	1206438SF	SPACE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY	60,106	60,106
017	1206458SF	TECH TRANSITION (SPACE)	326,144	326,144
018	1206730SF	SPACE SECURITY AND DEFENSE PROGRAM	45,200	45,200
019	1206760SF	PROTECTED TACTICAL ENTERPRISE SERVICE (PTES)	114,430	114,430
020	1206761SF	PROTECTED TACTICAL SERVICE (PTS)	571,921	571,921
021	1206855SF	EVOLVED STRATEGIC SATCOM (ESS)	1,229,929	1,229,929
022	1206857SF	SPACE RAPID CAPABILITIES OFFICE	9,664	9,664
023	1206862SF	TACTICALLY RESPONSIVE SPACE	33,282	60,000
		Tactically Responsive Space		[26,718]
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES.	4,248,254	4,274,972
SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION				
025	1203269SF	GPS III FOLLOW-ON (GPS IIIF)	179,249	194,249
		Resilient GPS (R-GPS)		[15,000]
026	1206421SF	COUNTERSPACE SYSTEMS	31,298	31,298
027	1206422SF	WEATHER SYSTEM FOLLOW-ON	38,501	38,501
028	1206425SF	SPACE SITUATION AWARENESS SYSTEMS	992	992
029	1206431SF	ADVANCED EHF MILSATCOM (SPACE)	13,825	13,825
031	1206433SF	WIDEBAND GLOBAL SATCOM (SPACE)	29,609	29,609
032	1206440SF	NEXT-GEN OPIR—GROUND	358,330	358,330
033	1206442SF	NEXT-GEN OPIR	189,621	189,621
034	1206443SF	NEXT-GEN OPIR—GEO	432,073	432,073
035	1206444SF	NEXT-GEN OPIR—POLAR		474,889
		Program increase		[474,889]
036	1206445SF	COMMERCIAL SATCOM (COMSATCOM) INTEGRATION	132,060	132,060
037	1206446SF	RESILIENT MISSILE WARNING MISSILE TRACKING—LOW EARTH ORBIT (LEO).	1,757,354	1,076,354
		Reconciliation adjustment		[−681,000]
038	1206447SF	RESILIENT MISSILE WARNING MISSILE TRACKING—MEDIUM EARTH ORBIT (MEO).	686,348	686,348
039	1206771SF	COMMERCIAL SERVICES	36,628	91,628
		Tactical Surveillance, Reconnaissance, and Tracking (SRT)		[50,000]
		VLEO Spacecraft for Tactical SRT		[5,000]
040	1206853SF	NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE LAUNCH PROGRAM (SPACE)—EMD.	6,595	6,595
		SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.	3,892,483	3,756,372
MANAGEMENT SUPPORT				
044	1206392SF	ACQ WORKFORCE—SPACE & MISSILE SYSTEMS	269,162	269,162
045	1206398SF	SPACE & MISSILE SYSTEMS CENTER—MHA	15,356	15,356
046	1206399SF	SSC ENTERPRISE ENGINEERING & INTEGRATION	110,598	110,598
047	1206759SF	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT—SPACE	189,083	189,083
048	1206860SF	ROCKET SYSTEMS LAUNCH PROGRAM (SPACE)	19,857	19,857
049	1206864SF	SPACE TEST PROGRAM (STP)	28,787	28,787
		SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT	632,843	632,843
OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT				

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051	1201212SF	SERVICE-WIDE SUPPORT (NOT OTHERWISE ACCOUNTED FOR).	18,451	18,451
052	1203001SF	FAMILY OF ADVANCED BLOS TERMINALS (FAB-T)	303	303
053	1203040SF	DCO-SPACE	102,439	102,439
054	1203109SF	NARROWBAND SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS	421,847	421,847
055	1203110SF	SATELLITE CONTROL NETWORK (SPACE)	93,780	93,780
056	1203154SF	LONG RANGE KILL CHAINS	1,916	0
		Reconciliation adjustment		[-1,916]
057	1203155SF	GROUND MOVING TARGET INDICATOR (GMTI)	1,063,384	1,063,384
058	1203173SF	SPACE AND MISSILE TEST AND EVALUATION CENTER	22,128	22,128
059	1203174SF	SPACE INNOVATION, INTEGRATION AND RAPID TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	82,399	82,399
060	1203182SF	SPACELIFT RANGE SYSTEM (SPACE)	54,996	54,996
061	1203330SF	SPACE SUPERIORITY ISR	24,411	24,411
062	1203609SF	PLEO SATCOM (MILNET)	277,407	0
		Reconciliation adjustment		[-277,407]
064	1203906SF	NCMC—ITW/AA SYSTEM	25,839	25,839
066	1203913SF	NUDET DETECTION SYSTEM (SPACE)	96,836	96,836
067	1203940SF	SPACE SITUATION AWARENESS OPERATIONS	182,377	197,377
		Unified Data Library (UDL)		[15,000]
068	1206423SF	GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM III—OPERATIONAL CONTROL SEGMENT.	190,484	190,484
073	1206772SF	RAPID RESILIENT COMMAND AND CONTROL (R2C2)	106,220	106,220
075	1208053SF	JOINT TACTICAL GROUND SYSTEM	6,698	6,698
075A	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	2,866,499	2,866,499
		SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	5,638,414	5,374,091
		SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS		
076	1208248SF	SPACE DOMAIN AWARENESS/PLANNING/TASKING SW	200,968	200,968
		SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS.	200,968	200,968
		TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, SPACE FORCE.	15,486,466	15,115,250
		RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE-WIDE		
		BASIC RESEARCH		
001	0601000BR	DTRA BASIC RESEARCH	15,643	15,643
003	0601108D8Z	HIGH ENERGY LASER RESEARCH INITIATIVES	16,817	16,817
004	0601110D8Z	BASIC RESEARCH INITIATIVES	82,264	95,264
		Program increase		[13,000]
006	0601120D8Z	NATIONAL DEFENSE EDUCATION PROGRAM	146,010	146,010
007	0601122E	EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES	360,456	360,456
008	0601228D8Z	HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES/MINORITY INSTITUTIONS.	99,610	124,610
		Program increase		[25,000]
009	0601384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM	36,582	36,582
		SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH	757,382	795,382
		APPLIED RESEARCH		
010	0602000D8Z	JOINT MUNITIONS TECHNOLOGY	19,734	19,734
011	0602023E	ACCESS AND AWARENESS	100,791	100,791
012	0602024E	WARFIGHTING PERFORMANCE	278,121	278,121
013	0602025E	MAKING, MAINTAINING, SUPPLY CHAIN AND LOGISTICS	1,347,049	1,347,049
014	0602026E	EFFECTS	20,275	20,275
016	0602128D8Z	PROMOTION AND PROTECTION STRATEGIES	3,166	3,166
017	0602230D8Z	DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION	46,261	46,261
018	0602234D8Z	LINCOLN LABORATORY RESEARCH PROGRAM	11,479	11,479
019	0602251D8Z	APPLIED RESEARCH FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF S&T PRIORITIES.	53,983	53,983
021	0602384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM	230,751	230,751
022	0602668D8Z	CYBER SECURITY RESEARCH	17,988	22,988
		Pacific Intelligence and Innovation Initiative		[5,000]
028	0602718BR	COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION APPLIED RESEARCH.	161,495	156,495
		Program decrease		[-5,000]
029	0602751D8Z	SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE (SEI) APPLIED RESEARCH.	8,883	8,883
030	0602890D8Z	HIGH ENERGY LASER RESEARCH	48,738	53,738
		Advanced Optical Coatings for High Energy Lasers		[5,000]
031	0602891D8Z	FSRM MODELLING	994	994
032	1160401BB	SOF TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	50,026	67,776
		Accelerate development of Belt-fed Electric Advanced Weapon for Organic and Fire Superiority (BEAWOLFS). (Combating Terrorism Technology Support).		[2,750]
		Vertical Take Off and Landing Optionally Piloted Vehicle (VTOL-OPV).		[15,000]

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SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH			2,399,734	2,422,484
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT				
033	0603000D8Z	JOINT MUNITIONS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	50,663	50,663
035	0603055D8Z	OPERATIONAL ENERGY CAPABILITY IMPROVEMENT	168,253	193,253
		Hybrid Power Systems		[5,000]
		TRISO		[20,000]
037	0603122D8Z	COMBATING TERRORISM TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT	81,513	239,513
		Emerging Technology Cooperation		[35,000]
		Israel Anti-Tunneling Cooperation		[50,000]
		Israel Counter-UXS Program		[70,000]
		Low-Cost VTOL Loitering Precision Strike		[3,000]
038	0603133D8Z	FOREIGN COMPARATIVE TESTING	27,958	27,958
039	0603142D8Z	MISSION ENGINEERING & INTEGRATION (ME&I)	99,534	99,534
040	0603160BR	COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	393,469	366,469
		Program decrease		[-27,000]
042	0603176C	ADVANCED CONCEPTS AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT	21,625	21,625
043	0603180C	ADVANCED RESEARCH	42,093	42,093
044	0603183D8Z	JOINT HYPERSONIC TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT &TRANSITION.	50,998	75,998
		Increased Hypersonic Operational Envelope Prototyping		[10,000]
		University Consortium for Applied Hypersonics		[15,000]
045	0603225D8Z	JOINT DOD-DOE MUNITIONS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	35,505	35,505
048	0603288D8Z	ANALYTIC ASSESSMENTS	41,010	41,010
049	0603289D8Z	ADVANCED INNOVATIVE ANALYSIS AND CONCEPTS	57,457	57,457
050	0603330D8Z	QUANTUM APPLICATION	59,521	59,521
051	0603342D8Z	DEFENSE INNOVATION UNIT (DIU)		17,000
		Integrated Wireless Optical Power Beaming and Communications System.		[7,000]
		Small Electric Unmanned Surface Vehicles		[10,000]
052	0603375D8Z	TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION	19,654	19,654
053	0603379D8Z	ADVANCED TECHNICAL INTEGRATION	19,991	19,991
054	0603384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM—ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT.	247,043	247,043
055	0603467E	DARPA ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	1,643,465	1,643,465
056	0603468E	ADVANCED COMPLEX SYSTEMS	350,695	355,695
		DARPA-ALIAS/MATRIX		[5,000]
057	0603469E	ADVANCED ENABLING TECHNOLOGIES	335,647	335,647
059	0603618D8Z	JOINT ELECTRONIC ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	20,575	20,575
060	0603662D8Z	NETWORKED COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES	19,937	19,937
062	0603680D8Z	DEFENSE-WIDE MANUFACTURING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM.	409,493	414,993
		Critical Minerals		[3,500]
		Manufacturing Modernization		[10,000]
		Manufacturing of Advanced Composites for Hypersonics		[2,500]
		Onsite Training		[3,000]
		Predictive Manufacturing Analytics		[3,500]
		Reconciliation adjustment		[-25,000]
		Submarine Battery Supply Chain		[4,000]
		Warfighter Energy Materials Production Capacity		[4,000]
063	0603680S	MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM	50,610	53,610
		Aluminum-Scandium Alloy Prototype		[3,000]
064	0603712S	GENERIC LOGISTICS R&D TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATIONS	19,640	19,640
065	0603716D8Z	STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH PROGRAM	58,092	58,092
066	0603720S	MICROELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT.	135,016	135,016
067	0603727D8Z	JOINT WARFIGHTING PROGRAM	945	945
072	0603781D8Z	SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE	12,972	12,972
073	0603838D8Z	DEFENSE INNOVATION ACCELERATION (DIA)	211,027	198,527
		Insider Threat		[2,500]
		Reconciliation adjustment		[-15,000]
074	0603924D8Z	HIGH ENERGY LASER ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM	114,577	114,577
075	0603941D8Z	TEST & EVALUATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	1,095,772	1,080,772
		Digital Transformation Nexus		[5,000]
		Payload Dispense Mechanism for Reusable Hypersonic Test Bed		[5,000]
		Reconciliation adjustment		[-25,000]
076	0603945D8Z	INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION INITIATIVES	173,048	173,048
080	1160402BB	SOF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	152,282	157,282
		Small multimodal AI models for intelligence analysis		[5,000]
SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.			6,220,080	6,409,080
ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES				
081	0603161D8Z	NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT RDT&E ADC&P.	55,465	55,465
082	0603600D8Z	WALKOFF	152,449	137,249

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		Program decrease		[-15,200]
083	0603851D8Z	ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY TECHNICAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.	123,981	149,781
		Program increase		[25,800]
084	0603881C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TERMINAL DEFENSE SEGMENT.	508,898	518,898
		Secure, Assured, and Radiation Hardened Microelectronics		[10,000]
085	0603882C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE MIDCOURSE DEFENSE SEGMENT.	825,919	825,919
086	0603884BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM—DEM/VAL.	272,940	272,940
087	0603884C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SENSORS	197,641	97,641
		Reconciliation adjustment		[-100,000]
088	0603890C	BMD ENABLING PROGRAMS	646,039	646,039
089	0603891C	SPECIAL PROGRAMS—MDA	498,630	498,630
090	0603892C	AEGIS BMD	588,440	588,440
091	0603896C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND AND CONTROL, BATTLE MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS (C2BMC).	634,183	534,183
		Reconciliation adjustment		[-100,000]
092	0603898C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE JOINT WARFIGHTER SUPPORT.	45,758	45,758
093	0603904C	MISSILE DEFENSE INTEGRATION & OPERATIONS CENTER (MDIOC).	55,097	55,097
094	0603906C	REGARDING TRENCH	29,608	29,608
095	0603907C	SEA BASED X-BAND RADAR (SBX)	166,813	166,813
096	0603913C	ISRAELI COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS	300,000	300,000
097	0603914C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TEST	463,079	463,079
098	0603915C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TARGETS	514,904	532,404
		Advanced Reactive Target Simulation		[10,000]
		Next Generation Hypersonic		[7,500]
099	0603923D8Z	COALITION WARFARE	10,090	10,090
100	0604011D8Z	NEXT GENERATION INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (5G).	41,815	36,815
		Reconciliation adjustment		[-5,000]
101	0604016D8Z	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CORROSION PROGRAM	2,545	2,545
102	0604102C	GUAM DEFENSE DEVELOPMENT	128,485	128,485
105	0604125D8Z	ADVANCED MANUFACTURING COMPONENTS AND PROTOTYPES.	45,513	45,513
106	0604181C	HYPERSONIC DEFENSE	200,627	200,627
107	0604250D8Z	ADVANCED INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES	749,452	732,452
		Reconciliation adjustment		[-20,000]
		Typhoon, Seaman's Eye Predictive Autonomous Navigational Routing.		[3,000]
108	0604294D8Z	TRUSTED & ASSURED MICROELECTRONICS	512,151	512,151
109	0604331D8Z	RAPID PROTOTYPING PROGRAM	235,292	220,292
		Reconciliation adjustment		[-15,000]
112	0604400D8Z	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) UNMANNED SYSTEM COMMON DEVELOPMENT.	2,142	2,142
113	0604551BR	CATAPULT INFORMATION SYSTEM	4,161	4,161
114	0604555D8Z	OPERATIONAL ENERGY PROTOTYPING—NON S&T	55,005	55,005
117	0604682D8Z	SUPPORT FOR STRATEGIC ANALYSIS	2,776	2,776
119	0604791D8Z	MULTI-DOMAIN JOINT OPERATIONS (MDJO)	20,343	20,343
120	0604797D8Z	JOINT ENERGETIC TRANSITION OFFICE	3,000	3,000
121	0604826J	JOINT C5 CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT, INTEGRATION AND INTEROPERABILITY ASSESSMENTS.	25,889	25,889
122	0604873C	LONG RANGE DISCRIMINATION RADAR (LRDR)	60,443	60,443
123	0604874C	IMPROVED HOMELAND DEFENSE INTERCEPTORS	1,582,414	1,182,414
		Reconciliation adjustment		[-400,000]
124	0604876C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TERMINAL DEFENSE SEGMENT TEST.	37,784	37,784
125	0604878C	AEGIS BMD TEST	153,618	153,618
126	0604879C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SENSOR TEST	68,699	68,699
127	0604880C	LAND-BASED SM-3 (LBSM3)	24,555	24,555
128	0604887C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE MIDCOURSE SEGMENT TEST	38,325	38,325
129	0604924D8Z	HIGH ENERGY LASER ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT & PROTOTYPE.	5,589	5,589
130	0202057C	SAFETY PROGRAM MANAGEMENT	1,806	1,806
131	0208059JCY	CYBERCOM ACTIVITIES	30,212	30,212
133	0208086JCY	CYBER TRAINING ENVIRONMENT (CTE)	124,971	124,971
135	0305103C	CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVE	2,131	2,131
136	0305245D8Z	INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES AND INNOVATION INVESTMENTS.	43,596	43,596
139	1206895C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM SPACE PROGRAMS ..	97,061	97,061
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES.	10,390,334	9,791,434
		SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION		
141	0604123D8Z	CHIEF DIGITAL AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER (CDAO)—DEM/VAL ACTIVITIES.	9,196	9,196

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142	0604133D8Z	ALPHA-1 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES	441,821	416,821
		Reconciliation adjustment		[-25,000]
143	0604161D8Z	NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT RDT&E SDD.	12,874	12,874
144	0604384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM—EMD	255,630	217,880
		Program decrease		[-37,750]
145	0604771D8Z	JOINT TACTICAL INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (JTIDS).	10,527	10,527
146	0605000BR	COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION SYSTEMS DE- VELOPMENT.	14,931	14,931
147	0605013BL	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	1,283	1,283
148	0605021SE	HOMELAND PERSONNEL SECURITY INITIATIVE	9,137	9,137
149	0605022D8Z	DEFENSE EXPORTABILITY PROGRAM	6,780	6,780
150	0605027D8Z	OUS(D) IT DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES	9,765	9,765
151	0605080S	DEFENSE AGENCY INITIATIVES (DAI)—FINANCIAL SYSTEM	31,714	31,714
152	0605141BR	MISSION ASSURANCE RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (MARMS).	9,573	9,573
153	0605210D8Z	DEFENSE-WIDE ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT CAPABILI- TIES.	9,366	9,366
154	0605294D8Z	TRUSTED & ASSURED MICROELECTRONICS	143,475	133,475
		Reconciliation adjustment		[-10,000]
155	0605649D8Z	ACQUISITION INTEGRATION AND INTEROPERABILITY (AI2)	13,556	13,556
156	0605755D8Z	RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR DEFENSE MODERNIZATION SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.	3,307	3,307
157	0605772D8Z	NUCLEAR COMMAND, CONTROL, & COMMUNICATIONS	3,158	3,158
159	0305282K	JOINT FIRES NETWORK (JFN)	10,000	10,000
160	0305304D8Z	REAL PROPERTY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT	6,473	6,473
161	0305310D8Z	COUNTERPROLIFERATION ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT	12,107	12,107
		SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEM- ONSTRATION.	1,014,673	941,923
MANAGEMENT SUPPORT				
163	0603829J	JOINT CAPABILITY EXPERIMENTATION	13,822	13,822
164	0604122D8Z	JADC2 DEVELOPMENT AND EXPERIMENTATION ACTIVI- TIES.	297,801	272,801
		Reconciliation adjustment		[-25,000]
165	0604774D8Z	DEFENSE READINESS REPORTING SYSTEM (DRRS)	8,552	8,552
166	0604875D8Z	JOINT SYSTEMS ARCHITECTURE DEVELOPMENT	8,627	8,627
167	0604940D8Z	CENTRAL TEST AND EVALUATION INVESTMENT DEVELOP- MENT (CTEIP).	542,773	542,773
168	0604942D8Z	ASSESSMENTS AND EVALUATIONS	1,275	1,275
170	0605001E	MISSION SUPPORT	115,673	115,673
171	0605100D8Z	JOINT MISSION ENVIRONMENT TEST CAPABILITY (JMETC)	210,878	210,878
172	0605126J	JOINT INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE ORGANI- ZATION (JLAMO).	78,057	78,057
174	0605142D8Z	SYSTEMS ENGINEERING	23,405	23,405
175	0605151D8Z	STUDIES AND ANALYSIS SUPPORT—OSD	5,301	5,301
176	0605161D8Z	NUCLEAR MATTERS-PHYSICAL SECURITY	12,549	12,549
177	0605170D8Z	SUPPORT TO NETWORKS AND INFORMATION INTEGRATION	15,597	15,597
178	0605200D8Z	GENERAL SUPPORT TO OUSD(INTELLIGENCE AND SECU- RITY).	3,468	3,468
179	0605384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM	67,263	67,263
186	0605711D8Z	CRITICAL TECHNOLOGY ANALYSIS	11,781	11,781
187	0605790D8Z	SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH (SBIR)/ SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER (STTR) ADMINISTRA- TION.	5,411	8,411
		Comprehensive Training Program for Contracting Officers on SBIR Phase III Direct Awards.		[3,000]
188	0605797D8Z	MAINTAINING TECHNOLOGY ADVANTAGE	29,675	29,675
189	0605798D8Z	DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY ANALYSIS	45,134	45,134
190	0605801KA	DEFENSE TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER (DTIC)	60,209	60,209
191	0605803SE	R&D IN SUPPORT OF DOD ENLISTMENT, TESTING AND EVALUATION.	30,778	30,778
192	0605804D8Z	DEVELOPMENT TEST AND EVALUATION	37,381	37,381
193	0605898E	MANAGEMENT HQ—R&D	13,623	13,623
194	0605998KA	MANAGEMENT HQ—DEFENSE TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER (DTIC).	3,466	3,466
195	0606005D8Z	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	18,594	18,594
196	0606100D8Z	BUDGET AND PROGRAM ASSESSMENTS	13,084	13,084
197	0606114D8Z	ANALYSIS WORKING GROUP (AWG) SUPPORT	5,229	5,229
199	0606225D8Z	ODNA TECHNOLOGY AND RESOURCE ANALYSIS	3,461	3,461
200	0606300D8Z	DEFENSE SCIENCE BOARD	6,563	6,563
201	0606301D8Z	AVIATION SAFETY TECHNOLOGIES	1,702	1,702
202	0606771D8Z	CYBER RESILIENCY AND CYBERSECURITY POLICY	14,220	14,220
203	0606774D8Z	DEFENSE CIVILIAN TRAINING CORPS	8,752	8,752
204	0606775D8Z	JOINT PRODUCTION ACCELERATOR CELL (JPAC)	5,493	5,493
205	0606829D8Z	SUSTAINMENT TRANSITION CAPABILITIES	30,000	30,000
206	0606853BR	MANAGEMENT, TECHNICAL & INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT	14,841	14,841

SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION (In Thousands of Dollars)				
Line	Program Element	Item	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
207	0203345D8Z	DEFENSE OPERATIONS SECURITY INITIATIVE (DOSI)	2,493	2,493
208	0204571J	JOINT STAFF ANALYTICAL SUPPORT	8,070	8,070
209	0208045K	C4I INTEROPERABILITY	70,893	70,893
210	0303169D8Z	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RAPID ACQUISITION	4,355	4,355
211	0305172K	COMBINED ADVANCED APPLICATIONS	5,447	5,447
213	0305208K	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS	2,887	2,887
214	0305248J	JOINT STAFF OFFICE OF THE CHIEF DATA OFFICER (OCDO) ACTIVITIES.	14,500	19,500
215	0804768J	Advanced Manufacturing Initiative in the Indo-Pacific		[5,000]
		COCOM EXERCISE ENGAGEMENT AND TRAINING TRANS- FORMATION (CE2T2)—NON-MHA.	91,952	91,952
216	0808709SE	DEFENSE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (DEOMI).	388	388
217	0808737SE	INTEGRATED PRIMARY PREVENTION	5,744	5,744
218	0901598C	MANAGEMENT HQ—MDA	28,719	28,719
219	0903235K	JOINT SERVICE PROVIDER (JSP)	1,283	1,283
219A	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	31,148	31,148
		SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT	2,032,317	2,015,317
OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT				
220	0604011D8Z	NEXT GENERATION INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (5G).	22,439	22,439
223	0607162D8Z	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS ELIMINATION TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT.	2,360	2,360
224	0607210D8Z	INDUSTRIAL BASE ANALYSIS AND SUSTAINMENT SUPPORT	273,379	264,879
		Ablative Material Sustainment		[3,000]
		Operational Systems Development		[10,000]
		Reconciliation adjustment		[–25,000]
		U.S.-based Synthetic Graphite Manufacturing		[3,500]
225	0607310D8Z	COUNTERPROLIFERATION MODERNIZATION	12,704	12,704
226	0607327T	GLOBAL THEATER SECURITY COOPERATION MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS (G-TSCMIS).	6,173	6,173
227	0607384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE (OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT).	79,118	79,118
228	0607757D8Z	RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR DEFENSE MODERNIZATION OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT.	2,945	7,945
		Shelf-Stable, Field Deployable Medical Countermeasure for Inter- nal Radionuclide Contamination.		[5,000]
229	0208085JCY	ROBUST INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCESS	88,522	88,522
230	0208097JCY	CYBER COMMAND AND CONTROL (CYBER C2)	85,833	85,833
231	0208099JCY	DATA AND UNIFIED PLATFORM (D&UP)	83,039	83,039
235	0302019K	DEFENSE INFO INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERING AND IN- TEGRATION.	16,162	16,162
236	0302609V	COUNTERING THREATS AUTOMATED PLATFORM	5,030	5,030
237	0303126K	LONG-HAUL COMMUNICATIONS—DCS	40,293	40,293
238	0303131K	MINIMUM ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NET- WORK (MEECN).	5,113	5,113
240	0303140D8Z	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM	25,347	25,347
242	0303140K	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM	23,224	23,224
243	0303153K	DEFENSE SPECTRUM ORGANIZATION	20,174	20,174
244	0303171K	JOINT PLANNING AND EXECUTION SERVICES	6,242	6,242
246	0303430V	FEDERAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES INFORMATION TECH- NOLOGY.	22,700	22,700
252	0305104D8Z	DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE (DIB) CYBER SECURITY INI- TIATIVE.	10,840	10,840
257	0305146V	DEFENSE JOINT COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES	1,800	1,800
258	0305172D8Z	COMBINED ADVANCED APPLICATIONS	22,548	22,548
260	0305186D8Z	POLICY R&D PROGRAMS	6,043	6,043
262	0305199D8Z	NET CENTRICITY	17,114	17,114
264	0305208BB	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS	5,656	5,656
270	0305387D8Z	HOMELAND DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAM	1,771	1,771
279	0306250JCY	CYBER OPERATIONS TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT	473,399	473,399
280	0307609V	NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY SYSTEMS (NISS)	34,710	34,710
283	0708012K	LOGISTICS SUPPORT ACTIVITIES	2,876	2,876
284	0708012S	PACIFIC DISASTER CENTERS	2,000	2,000
285	0708047S	DEFENSE PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM	3,020	3,020
289	1160403BB	AVIATION SYSTEMS	119,699	119,699
290	1160405BB	INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	102,732	102,732
291	1160408BB	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS	234,653	234,653
292	1160431BB	WARRIOR SYSTEMS	279,639	279,639
293	1160432BB	SPECIAL PROGRAMS	550	550
294	1160434BB	UNMANNED ISR	2,281	2,281
295	1160480BB	SOF TACTICAL VEHICLES	9,213	9,213
296	1160483BB	MARITIME SYSTEMS	120,475	120,475
297	1160490BB	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS INTELLIGENCE	21,752	21,752
298	1203610K	TELEPORT PROGRAM	24,319	24,319
298A	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	8,276,313	8,276,313
		SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	10,594,200	10,590,700

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3 **SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.**

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Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
	APS-2 Reset		[326,000]
240	INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS	3,162	3,162
	SUBTOTAL MOBILIZATION	468,866	794,866
	TRAINING AND RECRUITING		
250	OFFICER ACQUISITION	172,424	172,424
260	RECRUIT TRAINING	78,929	78,929
270	ONE STATION UNIT TRAINING	88,033	88,033
280	SENIOR RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS	508,982	508,982
290	SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING	988,901	988,901
300	FLIGHT TRAINING	1,398,974	1,398,974
310	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION	202,738	197,738
	Historical underexecution		[-5,000]
320	TRAINING SUPPORT	596,528	596,528
330	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	747,712	747,712
340	EXAMINING	177,666	177,666
350	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION	181,211	181,211
360	CIVILIAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING	227,476	227,476
370	JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS	190,668	190,668
	SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING	5,560,242	5,555,242
	ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES		
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
390	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION	1,306,690	1,306,690
400	CENTRAL SUPPLY ACTIVITIES	740,581	740,581
410	LOGISTIC SUPPORT ACTIVITIES	588,151	588,151
420	AMMUNITION MANAGEMENT	344,948	344,948
430	ADMINISTRATION	408,825	408,825
440	SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS	2,171,607	2,121,607
	Program decrease		[-50,000]
450	MANPOWER MANAGEMENT	313,323	313,323
460	OTHER PERSONNEL SUPPORT	853,139	843,139
	Program decrease		[-20,000]
	Soldier Readiness Analytics		[10,000]
470	OTHER SERVICE SUPPORT	2,078,411	2,068,411
	Program decrease		[-10,000]
480	ARMY CLAIMS ACTIVITIES	223,611	213,611
	Historical underexecution		[-10,000]
490	REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT	294,705	294,705
500	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT READINESS	618,471	618,471
510	DEF ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT	36,510	36,510
520	INTERNATIONAL MILITARY HEADQUARTERS	664,510	664,510
530	MISC. SUPPORT OF OTHER NATIONS	31,387	31,387
	SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES	10,674,869	10,594,869
590A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	2,385,523	2,385,523
	SUBTOTAL CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	2,385,523	2,385,523
	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY	58,975,065	59,186,065
	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY RESERVE OPERATING FORCES		
010	MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES	14,651	14,651
020	ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE	703,286	703,286
030	THEATER LEVEL ASSETS	146,794	146,794
040	LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT	685,541	685,541
050	AVIATION ASSETS	55,155	55,155
060	FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT	438,508	438,508
070	LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS	23,783	23,783
080	LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE	40,426	40,426
090	BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT	557,465	557,465
100	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION	504,922	504,922
110	MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS ...	20,531	20,531
120	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS	2,174	2,174
130	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSECURITY	19,041	19,041

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	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	3,212,277	3,212,277
	ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES		
140	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION	14,629	14,629
150	ADMINISTRATION	16,798	16,798
160	SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS	6,432	6,432
170	MANPOWER MANAGEMENT	7,186	7,186
180	OTHER PERSONNEL SUPPORT	56,856	56,856
	SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES	101,901	101,901
	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY RESERVE	3,314,178	3,314,178
	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OPERATING FORCES		
010	MANEUVER UNITS	911,525	911,525
020	MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES	210,737	210,737
030	ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE	879,111	879,111
040	THEATER LEVEL ASSETS	88,001	88,001
050	LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT	350,261	350,261
060	AVIATION ASSETS	1,128,195	1,128,195
070	FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT	810,263	820,263
	Robotic Targets		[10,000]
080	LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS	34,354	34,354
090	LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE	179,622	179,622
100	BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT	1,246,273	1,246,273
110	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION	1,275,984	1,275,984
120	MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS ...	1,203,158	1,208,158
	Center for the Study of the U.S. National Guard		[5,000]
130	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS	5,136	5,136
140	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSECURITY	24,096	24,096
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	8,346,716	8,361,716
	ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES		
150	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION	6,460	6,460
160	ADMINISTRATION	45,919	45,919
170	SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS	9,373	9,373
190	OTHER PERSONNEL SUPPORT	261,622	261,622
200	REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT	3,891	3,891
	SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES	327,265	327,265
	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD	8,673,981	8,688,981
	COUNTER-ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA TRAIN AND EQUIP		
	COUNTER-ISIL TRAIN AND EQUIP FUND (CTEF)		
010	IRAQ	212,516	212,516
020	SYRIA	130,000	130,000
030	LEBANON	15,000	15,000
	SUBTOTAL COUNTER-ISIL TRAIN AND EQUIP FUND (CTEF)	357,516	357,516
	TOTAL COUNTER-ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA TRAIN AND EQUIP	357,516	357,516
	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY OPERATING FORCES		
010	MISSION AND OTHER FLIGHT OPERATIONS	7,720,210	7,720,210
020	FLEET AIR TRAINING	2,925,791	2,925,791
050	AIR SYSTEMS SUPPORT	1,447,480	1,455,480
	Advanced Engine Performance and Restoration Program		[8,000]
060	AIRCRAFT DEPOT MAINTENANCE	1,661,933	1,661,933
080	AVIATION LOGISTICS	2,147,907	2,087,907

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Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
	Historical underexecution		[-60,000]
090	MISSION AND OTHER SHIP OPERATIONS	5,350,073	5,430,073
	Platform Supply Vessel Pilot Program		[80,000]
100	SHIP OPERATIONS SUPPORT & TRAINING	1,719,580	1,719,580
110	SHIP DEPOT MAINTENANCE	13,803,188	13,803,188
120	SHIP DEPOT OPERATIONS SUPPORT	2,760,878	2,760,878
130	COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC WAR- FARE	1,830,993	1,830,993
140	MEDICAL READINESS	604,287	584,287
	Historical underexecution		[-20,000]
150	SPACE SYSTEMS AND SURVEILLANCE	453,847	453,847
160	WARFARE TACTICS	1,000,516	1,000,516
170	OPERATIONAL METEOROLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY	454,803	454,803
180	COMBAT SUPPORT FORCES	2,291,340	2,291,340
190	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND DEPOT OPERATIONS SUPPORT	62,495	62,495
200	COMBATANT COMMANDERS CORE OPERATIONS	105,914	105,914
210	COMBATANT COMMANDERS DIRECT MISSION SUP- PORT	386,657	386,657
220	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	634,746	619,746
	Historical underexecution		[-15,000]
230	FLEET BALLISTIC MISSILE	1,837,670	1,837,670
240	WEAPONS MAINTENANCE	1,601,768	1,601,768
250	OTHER WEAPON SYSTEMS SUPPORT	839,619	839,619
260	ENTERPRISE INFORMATION	2,185,422	2,127,422
	Program decrease		[-58,000]
270	SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION	3,991,438	3,991,438
280	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	6,166,266	6,166,266
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	63,984,821	63,919,821
	MOBILIZATION		
290	SHIP PREPOSITIONING AND SURGE	388,627	388,627
300	READY RESERVE FORCE	785,052	785,052
310	SHIP ACTIVATIONS/INACTIVATIONS	583,296	553,296
	Historical underexecution		[-30,000]
330	COAST GUARD SUPPORT	22,192	22,192
	SUBTOTAL MOBILIZATION	1,779,167	1,749,167
	TRAINING AND RECRUITING		
340	OFFICER ACQUISITION	202,397	202,397
350	RECRUIT TRAINING	16,945	21,245
	Sea Cadets		[4,300]
360	RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS	164,348	164,348
370	SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING	1,026,076	1,026,076
380	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION	272,964	272,964
390	TRAINING SUPPORT	463,572	463,572
400	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	303,177	303,177
410	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION	914	-4,086
	Historical underexecution		[-5,000]
420	CIVILIAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING	65,819	65,819
430	JUNIOR ROTC	25,334	25,334
	SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING	2,541,546	2,540,846
	ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVI- TIES		
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
440	ADMINISTRATION	1,357,428	1,357,428
450	CIVILIAN MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL MANAGE- MENT	239,918	239,918
460	MILITARY MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL MANAGE- MENT	690,712	690,712
480	MEDICAL ACTIVITIES		5,000
	Harmful Behaviors Software Implementation		[5,000]
490	DEF ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AC- COUNT	61,046	61,046
500	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION	289,748	289,748
520	PLANNING, ENGINEERING, AND PROGRAM SUPPORT .. Supply Chain Risk Mitigation	543,911	556,811
			[12,900]
530	ACQUISITION, LOGISTICS, AND OVERSIGHT	853,340	818,340
	Historical underexecution		[-35,000]

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540	INVESTIGATIVE AND SECURITY SERVICES	1,007,078	1,007,078
	SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE- WIDE ACTIVITIES	5,043,181	5,021,081
760A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	731,405	731,405
	SUBTOTAL CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	731,405	731,405
	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY	74,080,120	73,967,320
	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS		
	OPERATING FORCES		
010	OPERATIONAL FORCES	1,950,784	1,955,784
	Small UAS for Marine Corps training		[5,000]
020	FIELD LOGISTICS	1,981,840	1,981,840
030	DEPOT MAINTENANCE	236	236
040	MARITIME PREPOSITIONING	175,091	175,091
050	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	349,082	349,082
060	SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION	2,079,890	2,079,890
070	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	2,834,721	2,834,721
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	9,371,644	9,376,644
	TRAINING AND RECRUITING		
080	RECRUIT TRAINING	26,350	26,350
090	OFFICER ACQUISITION	1,282	1,282
100	SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING	119,526	119,526
110	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION	58,696	58,696
120	TRAINING SUPPORT	538,812	538,812
130	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	237,004	237,004
140	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION	27,500	22,500
	Historical underexecution		[-5,000]
150	JUNIOR ROTC	30,808	30,808
	SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING	1,039,978	1,034,978
	ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVI- TIES		
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
180	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION	87,509	87,509
190	ADMINISTRATION	431,282	431,282
	SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE- WIDE ACTIVITIES	518,791	518,791
300A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	73,788	73,788
	SUBTOTAL CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	73,788	73,788
	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS	11,004,201	11,004,201
	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY RE- SERVE		
	OPERATING FORCES		
010	MISSION AND OTHER FLIGHT OPERATIONS	759,843	759,843
030	AIR SYSTEMS SUPPORT	9,972	9,972
040	AIRCRAFT DEPOT MAINTENANCE	204,603	204,603
060	AVIATION LOGISTICS	24,469	24,469
070	COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS	19,698	19,698
080	COMBAT SUPPORT FORCES	186,946	186,946
090	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	294	294
100	ENTERPRISE INFORMATION	33,414	33,414
110	SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION	58,213	58,213
120	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	118,361	118,361
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	1,415,813	1,415,813
	ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVI- TIES		
130	ADMINISTRATION	2,539	2,539
140	MILITARY MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL MANAGE- MENT	22,185	22,185
150	ACQUISITION AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT	1,517	1,517
	SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE- WIDE ACTIVITIES	26,241	26,241

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	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY RESERVE	1,442,054	1,442,054
	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS RESERVE		
	OPERATING FORCES		
010	OPERATING FORCES	117,987	117,987
020	DEPOT MAINTENANCE	22,686	22,686
030	SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION	48,519	48,519
040	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	123,079	123,079
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	312,271	312,271
	ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVI- TIES		
050	ADMINISTRATION	49,774	49,774
	SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE- WIDE ACTIVITIES	49,774	49,774
	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS RESERVE	362,045	362,045
	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE OPERATING FORCES		
010	PRIMARY COMBAT FORCES	1,425,125	1,425,125
020	COMBAT ENHANCEMENT FORCES	2,753,789	2,753,789
030	AIR OPERATIONS TRAINING (OJT, MAINTAIN SKILLS) Historical underexecution	1,701,493	1,676,493 [-25,000]
040	DEPOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	4,676,962	4,526,962 [-150,000]
050	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MOD- ERNIZATION	3,093,331	3,118,331 [25,000]
060	CYBERSPACE SUSTAINMENT	245,874	240,874 [-5,000]
070	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUP- PORT	9,283,958	9,283,958
080	FLYING HOUR PROGRAM	6,772,468	6,772,468
090	BASE SUPPORT	11,328,614	11,338,614 [10,000]
100	GLOBAL C3I AND EARLY WARNING	1,239,641	1,164,641 [-75,000]
110	OTHER COMBAT OPS SPT PROGRAMS	1,896,441	1,861,441 [-35,000]
120	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	858,321	858,321
140	MEDICAL READINESS	554,180	559,180 [5,000]
150	US NORTHCOM/NORAD	266,248	266,248
160	US STRATCOM	593,503	593,503
170	US CENTCOM	350,566	350,566
180	US SOCOM	28,018	28,018
190	US TRANSCOM	703	703
200	CENTCOM CYBERSPACE SUSTAINMENT	928	928
210	USSPACECOM	369,658	369,658
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	47,439,821	47,189,821
210A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	1,805,672	1,805,672
	SUBTOTAL CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	1,805,672	1,805,672
	MOBILIZATION		
220	AIRLIFT OPERATIONS	3,391,672	3,391,672
230	MOBILIZATION PREPAREDNESS	279,205	279,205
	SUBTOTAL MOBILIZATION	3,670,877	3,670,877
	TRAINING AND RECRUITING		
240	OFFICER ACQUISITION	250,380	250,380
250	RECRUIT TRAINING	29,335	29,335
260	RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC)	131,342	131,342
270	SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING	522,068	522,068
280	FLIGHT TRAINING	1,065,465	1,065,465
290	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION	284,442	284,442

SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
300	TRAINING SUPPORT	181,966	181,966
310	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	256,687	256,687
320	EXAMINING	6,990	6,990
330	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION	224,340	224,340
340	CIVILIAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING	360,260	360,260
	SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING	3,313,275	3,313,275
	ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES		
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
360	LOGISTICS OPERATIONS	1,155,659	1,140,659
	Automated maintenance		[20,000]
	Historical underexecution		[-35,000]
370	TECHNICAL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES	158,965	158,965
380	ADMINISTRATION	1,221,364	1,196,364
	Historical underexecution		[-25,000]
390	SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS	45,228	45,228
410	OTHER SERVICEWIDE ACTIVITIES	1,712,600	1,720,600
	Combat Ready Airman Program		[8,000]
420	CIVIL AIR PATROL	32,394	32,394
430	DEF ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT	48,741	48,741
450	INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT	89,341	74,341
	Historical underexecution		[-15,000]
	SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES	4,464,292	4,417,292
450A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	1,735,598	1,735,598
	SUBTOTAL CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	1,735,598	1,735,598
	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE	62,429,535	62,132,535
	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, SPACE FORCE OPERATING FORCES		
010	GLOBAL C3I & EARLY WARNING	846,856	846,856
020	SPACE LAUNCH OPERATIONS	397,822	397,822
030	SPACE OPERATIONS	983,784	983,784
040	EDUCATION & TRAINING	302,939	302,939
060	DEPOT MAINTENANCE	67,126	67,126
070	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION	557,175	557,175
080	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS AND SYSTEM SUPPORT	1,495,242	1,495,242
090	SPACE OPERATIONS -BOS	233,546	233,546
100	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	141,512	141,512
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	5,026,002	5,026,002
100A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	641,519	641,519
	SUBTOTAL CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	641,519	641,519
	ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES		
110	LOGISTICS OPERATIONS	35,889	35,889
120	ADMINISTRATION	184,753	184,753
	SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES	220,642	220,642
	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, SPACE FORCE	5,888,163	5,888,163
	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE RESERVE OPERATING FORCES		
010	PRIMARY COMBAT FORCES	2,010,793	2,010,793
020	MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS	214,701	214,701
030	DEPOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	702,575	702,575
040	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION	188,802	188,802
050	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUPPORT	493,324	493,324
060	BASE SUPPORT	585,430	585,430
070	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	2,484	2,484

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SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	4,198,109	4,198,109
	ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES		
080	ADMINISTRATION	98,418	98,418
090	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	10,618	10,618
100	MILITARY MANPOWER AND PERS MGMT (ARPC)	14,951	14,951
120	AUDIOVISUAL	521	521
	SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES	124,508	124,508
	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE RESERVE	4,322,617	4,322,617
	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR NATIONAL GUARD OPERATING FORCES		
010	AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS	2,501,226	2,501,226
020	MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS	627,680	627,680
030	DEPOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	1,024,171	1,009,171
	Historical underexecution		[-15,000]
040	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION	549,496	554,496
	Program increase		[5,000]
050	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUPPORT	1,258,081	1,188,081
	Historical underexecution		[-65,000]
	Program decrease		[-5,000]
060	BASE SUPPORT	1,110,875	1,110,875
070	CYBERSPACE SUSTAINMENT	16,134	16,134
080	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	112,205	112,205
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	7,199,868	7,119,868
	ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES		
090	ADMINISTRATION	82,280	82,280
100	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	50,451	50,451
	SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES	132,731	132,731
	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR NATIONAL GUARD	7,332,599	7,252,599
	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE OPERATING FORCES		
010	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF	414,097	414,097
020	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF—JTEEP	1,026,502	1,026,502
030	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF—CYBER	9,086	9,086
040	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE—MISO	209,442	209,442
050	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND COMBAT DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES	2,136,165	2,136,165
060	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND MAINTENANCE	1,273,409	1,273,409
070	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND MANAGEMENT/OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS	181,122	181,122
080	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND THEATER FORCES ..	3,409,285	3,409,285
090	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	77,241	77,241
100	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND INTELLIGENCE	1,187,600	1,187,600
110	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	1,579,137	1,579,137
120	CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS	1,300,384	1,305,384
	Internet Operations Management		[5,000]
130	USCYBERCOM HEADQUARTERS	314,284	314,284
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	13,117,754	13,122,754
	TRAINING AND RECRUITING		
140	DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY	173,265	173,265
150	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF	124,869	124,869

SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
160	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION	28,697	28,697
	SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING	326,831	326,831
	ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES		
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
170	CIVIL MILITARY PROGRAMS	126,637	387,637
	National Guard Youth Challenge		[211,000]
	STARBASE		[50,000]
180	DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY—CYBER	3,844	3,844
190	DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY	632,959	626,959
	Program decrease		[-6,000]
200	DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY	1,441,456	1,441,456
210	DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY—CYBER	43,434	43,434
220	DEFENSE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY	1,168,366	1,168,366
240	DEFENSE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY—CYBER	11,120	11,120
250	DEFENSE HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITY—CYBER	46,621	46,621
260	DEFENSE HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITY	932,144	934,544
	Preserving Access to Online Academic Skills Course (OASC) Training		[2,400]
290	DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS AGENCY	3,042,559	2,990,059
	Program decrease		[-52,500]
300	DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS AGENCY—CYBER ..	559,426	559,426
310	DEFENSE LEGAL SERVICES AGENCY	164,770	164,770
320	DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY	401,513	401,513
330	DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY	226,665	226,665
340	DEFENSE POW/MIA OFFICE	171,339	171,339
350	DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY	2,864,252	3,291,252
	Institute for Security Governance		[27,000]
	International Security Cooperation Programs		[-195,000]
	International Security Cooperation Programs – European Command		[195,000]
	Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative		[400,000]
360	DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY SECURITY ADMINISTRATION	40,052	40,052
370	DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY	708,214	703,214
	Historical underexecution		[-5,000]
390	DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY—CYBER	71,925	71,925
400	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY	3,600,175	3,645,175
	Impact Aid		[35,000]
	Impact Aid, Students with Disabilities		[10,000]
410	MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY	720,365	720,365
420	OFFICE OF THE LOCAL DEFENSE COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION	159,534	199,534
	Program increase		[40,000]
460	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE—CYBER	98,034	104,034
	Cyber Collaboration Center		[6,000]
470	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE	2,093,717	2,113,717
	Program decrease		[-5,000]
	Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI)		[25,000]
530	WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS SERVICES	411,182	362,011
	Program decrease		[-49,171]
	SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES	19,740,303	20,429,032
530A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	22,750,830	22,756,830
	Classified program		[6,000]
	SUBTOTAL CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	22,750,830	22,756,830
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
540	UNDISTRIBUTED		-1,034,885
	Favorable fuel rates		[-1,034,885]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED		-1,034,885
	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE	55,935,718	55,600,562

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SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
	UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES ADMINISTRATION AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVI- TIES		
010	US COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES, DEFENSE	21,243	21,243
	SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND ASSOCI- ATED ACTIVITIES	21,243	21,243
	TOTAL UNITED STATES COURT OF AP- PEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES	21,243	21,243
	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT		
010	ACQ WORKFORCE DEV FD	45,346	45,346
	SUBTOTAL ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DE- VELOPMENT	45,346	45,346
	TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ACQUI- SITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND	45,346	45,346
	OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DISASTER, AND CIVIC AID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE		
010	OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DISASTER AND CIVIC AID Program increase	100,793	115,317 [14,524]
	SUBTOTAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE	100,793	115,317
	TOTAL OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DIS- ASTER, AND CIVIC AID	100,793	115,317
	COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION ACCOUNT FSU THREAT REDUCTION		
010	COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION	282,830	282,830
	SUBTOTAL FSU THREAT REDUCTION	282,830	282,830
	TOTAL COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUC- TION ACCOUNT	282,830	282,830
	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, ARMY DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY		
050	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, ARMY	148,070	148,070
	SUBTOTAL DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY	148,070	148,070
	TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, ARMY	148,070	148,070
	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, NAVY DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY		
060	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, NAVY	357,949	357,949
	SUBTOTAL DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY	357,949	357,949
	TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, NAVY	357,949	357,949
	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AIR FORCE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE		
070	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AIR FORCE	342,149	342,149
	SUBTOTAL DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE	342,149	342,149
	TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AIR FORCE	342,149	342,149
	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE DEFENSE-WIDE		
080	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE	8,885	8,885
	SUBTOTAL DEFENSE-WIDE	8,885	8,885

SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
	TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE	8,885	8,885
	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES DEFENSE-WIDE		
090	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION FORMERLY USED SITES	235,156	235,156
	SUBTOTAL DEFENSE-WIDE	235,156	235,156
	TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES	235,156	235,156
	TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	295,660,213	295,075,781

1 **TITLE XLIV—MILITARY**
2 **PERSONNEL**

3 **SEC. 4401. MILITARY PERSONNEL.**

SEC. 4401. MILITARY PERSONNEL (In Thousands of Dollars)			
	Item	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
	Military Personnel	181,803,137	181,053,137
	Historical unobligated balances		[-750,000]
	MERHCF	12,850,165	12,850,165

4 **TITLE XLV—OTHER**
5 **AUTHORIZATIONS**

6 **SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS.**

SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS (In Thousands of Dollars)			
	Item	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
	WORKING CAPITAL FUND, ARMY		
	INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS	20,589	20,589
	TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, ARMY	20,589	20,589
	WORKING CAPITAL FUND, NAVY		
	NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTERS	381,600	381,600
	TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, NAVY	381,600	381,600
	WORKING CAPITAL FUND, AIR FORCE TRANSPORTATION		
	SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	90,262	90,262
	TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, AIR FORCE	90,262	90,262
	NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE TRANSACTION FUND		
	DEFENSE STOCKPILE	5,700	5,700

SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS (In Thousands of Dollars)		
Item	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
TOTAL NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE TRANSACTION FUND	5,700	5,700
WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE-WIDE DEFENSE AUTOMATION & PRODUCTION SERV- ICES		
ENERGY MANAGEMENT—DEF	1,272	1,272
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT—DEFENSE	10,697	10,697
TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE- WIDE	11,969	11,969
WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE COM- MISSARY AGENCY		
WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DECA	1,527,817	1,527,817
TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY	1,527,817	1,527,817
CHEMICAL AGENTS AND MUNITIONS DESTRUC- TION, DEFENSE		
CHEM DEMILITARIZATION—O&M	3,243	3,243
CHEM DEMILITARIZATION—RDT&E	210,039	210,039
TOTAL CHEMICAL AGENTS AND MUNITIONS DESTRUCTION, DEFENSE	213,282	213,282
DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER-DRUG AC- TIVITIES, DEFENSE		
COUNTER-NARCOTICS SUPPORT	398,424	398,424
CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	254,460	254,460
DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAM	134,938	134,938
NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG PROGRAM	110,125	110,125
NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG SCHOOLS	6,354	6,354
TOTAL DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER-DRUG ACTIVITIES, DEFENSE	904,301	904,301
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL		
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	494,865	514,036
Staffing and operations		[19,171]
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE—CYBER	2,030	2,030
RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION	4,625	4,625
PROCUREMENT	1,079	1,079
TOTAL OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GEN- ERAL	502,599	521,770
DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM		
IN-HOUSE CARE	10,731,135	11,101,135
Dental readiness for Reserve Components		[120,000]
Directed health assessments for servicemembers		[250,000]
PRIVATE SECTOR CARE	21,023,765	21,023,765
CONSOLIDATED HEALTH SUPPORT	2,116,278	2,116,278
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT	2,271,798	2,271,798
MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES	303,898	323,898
Medical Surge Capability		[20,000]
EDUCATION AND TRAINING	371,426	381,426
Advanced Vital Intervention Airborne Training for Emergencies		[10,000]
BASE OPERATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS	2,356,290	2,356,290
R&D RESEARCH	41,660	41,660
R&D EXPLORATORY DEVELOPMENT	183,398	281,398
AI Ready Biological Data at Joint Pathology Center ...		[20,000]
CDMRP for multicenter PTSD treatment study		[2,000]
Domestic Medical Countermeasure Manufacturing for the Warfighter		[10,000]

SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Item	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized	
Establishment of Endometrial Cancer Line Item in DoD CDMRP		[10,000]	
Establishment of Joint Neuroscience Research Dem- onstration Program		[10,000]	
Freeze-Dried Platelet Hemostatics		[10,000]	
Ionizing Radiation Therapy		[7,000]	
Large-scale deployment of neurotechnology systems		[5,000]	
Military Aviator Cancer Causal Factors Research		[20,000]	
Musculoskeletal Regenerative Medicine		[4,000]	
R&D ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT	333,072	333,072	
R&D DEMONSTRATION/VALIDATION	178,983	178,983	
R&D ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT	117,190	117,190	
R&D MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT	99,338	99,338	
R&D CAPABILITIES ENHANCEMENT	19,071	19,071	
PROC INITIAL OUTFITTING	24,597	24,597	
PROC REPLACEMENT & MODERNIZATION	222,445	222,445	
PROC JOINT OPERATIONAL MEDICINE INFORMATION SYSTEM	30,732	30,732	
PROC MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM—DESKTOP TO DATACENTER	77,047	77,047	
TOTAL DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM	40,502,123	41,000,123	
TOTAL OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS	44,160,242	44,677,413	

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TITLE XLVI—MILITARY
CONSTRUCTION
SEC. 4601. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION.

SEC. 4601. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION (In Thousands of Dollars)				
Account	State/Country and Installation	Project Title	FY 2026 Request	House Agreement
	Alabama			
Army	Anniston Army Depot	Access Control Point	0	115,000
Army	Redstone Arsenal	Cost to Complete—Propulsion Systems Building ...	55,000	55,000
	Alaska			
Army	Fort Wainwright	Barracks	208,000	80,000
	Florida			
Army	Eglin Air Force Base	Barracks	91,000	91,000
Army	Naval Air Station Key West	Command & Control Facility (INC)	50,000	50,000
	Georgia			
Army	Fort Gillem	Evidence Storage Building	166,000	66,000
	Germany			
Army	U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach	Vehicle Maintenance Shop	92,000	92,000
Army	U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach (Storek Barracks)	Power Generation and Microgrid	0	73,000
Army	U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz	Known Distance Range	9,800	9,800
Army	U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz	Live Fire Exercise Shoothouse	13,200	13,200
Army	U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz	Vehicle Maintenance Shop	39,000	39,000
	Guam			
Army	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: Gds, Eiamd, Phase 2 (INC)	33,000	33,000
	Indiana			
Army	Crane Army Ammuni- tion Plant	Pyrotechnic Production Facility	161,000	90,000
	Kansas			
Army	Fort Riley	Automated Infantry Platoon Battle Course	13,200	13,200
	Kentucky			
Army	Fort Campbell	Barracks	112,000	60,000

SEC. 4601. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION (In Thousands of Dollars)				
Account	State/Country and Installation	Project Title	FY 2026 Request	House Agreement
Army	New Mexico White Sands Missile Range	Power Generation and Microgrid	0	38,500
Army	New York Fort Hamilton	Child Development Center	31,000	31,000
Army	Watervliet Arsenal	Electrical Switching Station	29,000	29,000
Army	North Carolina Fort Bragg	Automated Infantry Platoon Battle Course	19,000	19,000
Army	Fort Bragg	Cost to Complete—Aircraft Maintenance Hangar ..	24,000	24,000
Army	Fort Bragg	Power Generation and Microgrid	0	80,000
Army	Oklahoma Fort Sill	Automated-Aided Instruction Building (Design)	0	9,300
Army	McAlester Army Ammunition Plant	Cost to Complete—Ammunition Demolition Shop ..	55,000	55,000
Army	Pennsylvania Letterkenny Army Depot	Defense Access Roads	7,500	7,500
Army	Letterkenny Army Depot	Guided Missile Maintenance Building	84,000	84,000
Army	Tobyhanna Army Depot	Radar Test Range Expansion	68,000	68,000
Army	South Carolina Fort Jackson	Child Development Center	51,000	51,000
Army	Texas Corpus Christi Army Depot	Cost to Complete—Powertrain Facility (Engine Assembly) ..	60,000	60,000
Army	Red River Army Depot	Cost to Complete—Component Rebuild Shop	93,000	93,000
Army	Washington Joint Base Lewis-McChord	Airfield Fire and Rescue Station	0	68,000
Army	Joint Base Lewis-McChord	Command and Control Facility	128,000	70,000
Army	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design	287,557	287,557
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Host Nation Support	46,031	46,031
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Military Construction	79,218	79,218
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	INDOPACOM Military Construction Pilot Program ..	68,453	68,453
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Barracks (Design)	0	50,000
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Military Construction (Demolition) ..	0	10,000
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Military Construction (Labs)	0	40,000
Military Construction, Army Total			2,173,959	2,248,759
Navy	Australia Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin	PDI: Aircraft Parking Apron (INC)	190,630	190,630
Navy	Bahrain Naval Support Activity Bahrain	Cost to Complete—Fleet Maintenance Facility & TOC ..	42,000	42,000
Navy	California Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton	Mess Hall & Armory (Area 43)	108,740	108,740
Navy	Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton	Communication Center (Area 52)	18,480	18,480
Navy	Naval Air Station Lemoore	Strike Fighter Center of Excellence Pacific (INC) ..	55,542	55,542
Navy	Naval Air Station Lemoore	F-35 Aircraft Maintenance Hangar (Design)	0	33,490
Navy	Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake	Child Development Center (Design)	0	8,900
Navy	Naval Base Coronado	Ford Class CVN Infrastructure Upgrades, Pier Lima ..	103,000	103,000
Navy	Naval Base San Diego	Child Development Center	86,820	86,820
Navy	Naval Base Ventura County Point Mugu	Cost to Complete—MQ-25 Aircraft Maintenance Hangar ..	71,200	71,200
Navy	Naval Support Activity Monterey	Naval Innovation Center (INC)	30,000	30,000
Navy	Connecticut Naval Submarine Base New London	Weapons Magazine & Ordnance Operations Facility ..	30,000	30,000
	District of Columbia			

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Navy	Marine Barracks Washington (8th St & I)	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters & Support Facility (INC).	65,900	65,900
Navy	Djibouti Camp Lemonier	Electrical Power Plant (INC)	51,600	51,600
Navy	Florida Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	Cost to Complete—Engineering Test Facility	15,600	15,600
Navy	Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island	Communications Center and Infrastructure	0	45,425
Navy	Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island	Power Generation and Electrical Infrastructure Resilience.	0	30,500
Navy	Naval Air Station Jacksonville	Child Development Center (Design)	0	4,575
Navy	Naval Air Station Jacksonville	F-35 Aircraft Engine Repair Facility	0	78,117
Navy	Naval Air Station Jacksonville	Multi Aircraft Paint & Strip (Design)	0	26,515
Navy	Naval Air Station Whiting Field	Advanced Helicopter Training System Hangar (INC).	98,505	98,505
Navy	Georgia Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay	Trident Refit Facility Expansion—Columbia (INC)	119,030	119,030
Navy	Guam Andersen Air Force Base	PDI: Joint Consolidated Communications Center (INC).	181,124	181,124
Navy	Andersen Air Force Base	PDI: Water Wells	70,070	70,070
Navy	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: Cost to Complete—X-Ray Wharf Berth	31,000	31,000
Navy	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: Defense Access Roads	0	50,000
Navy	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: Joint Communication Upgrade (INC)	158,600	158,600
Navy	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: Missile Integration Test Facility (INC)	87,270	87,270
Navy	Naval Base Guam	PDI: Inner Apra Harbor Resiliency	105,950	105,950
Navy	Naval Base Guam	Power Generation and Microgrid	0	63,010
Navy	Naval Base Guam	PDI: Artillery Battery Facilities (INC)	64,774	64,774
Navy	North Finegayan Naval Base Guam	PDI: Recycle Center	61,010	61,010
Navy	Hawaii Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	DDG-1000 Ship Support Infrastructure Upgrades	83,000	83,000
Navy	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	Dry Dock 3 Replacement (INC)	553,720	553,720
Navy	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	Water Treatment Plant (INC)	141,650	141,650
Navy	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay	Water Reclamation Facility Compliance Upgrade (INC).	108,350	108,350
Navy	Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands	PDI: Airfield Pavement Upgrades	235,730	100,000
Navy	Japan Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni	Power Generation and Microgrid	0	146,800
Navy	Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler	PDI: School Age Care Centers	58,000	58,000
Navy	Maine Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	Multi-Mission Drydock #1 Extension (INC)	220,793	220,793
Navy	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	Power Reliability & Water Resilience Upgrades (INC).	227,769	227,769
Navy	Maryland National Maritime Intelligence Center	Foreign Materials Exploitation Lab	114,000	100,000
Navy	Nevada Naval Air Station Fallon	Range Training Complex Improvements	47,000	47,000
Navy	North Carolina Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point	F-35 Aircraft Sustainment Ctr (INC)	200,000	200,000
Navy	South Carolina Charleston Air Force Base	Nuclear Power Training Facility Simulation Expansion (INC).	65,400	65,400
Navy	Virginia Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story	Cost to Complete—Child Development Center	12,360	12,360

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Navy	Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story	EOD Expeditionary Mine Countermeasures Facility (Design).	0	12,000
Navy	Marine Corps Base Quantico	Water Treatment Plant	63,560	63,560
Navy	Naval Station Norfolk	Cost to Complete—Child Development Center	11,700	11,700
Navy	Naval Station Norfolk	Electrical Distribution System Upgrades (INC)	93,307	93,307
Navy	Naval Station Norfolk	MQ-25 Aircraft Laydown Facilities	20,430	20,430
Navy	Naval Station Norfolk	Power Upgrades—Pier 14 (Design)	0	15,000
Navy	Naval Station Norfolk	PPV Unaccompanied Housing Investment	380,000	380,000
Navy	Naval Weapons Station Yorktown	Shore Power for Virginia-Class Submarines (Design).	0	2,200
Navy	Naval Weapons Station Yorktown	Weapons Magazines (INC)	71,758	71,758
Navy	Norfolk Naval Shipyard	Dry Dock 3 Modernization (INC)	188,576	188,576
Navy	Washington Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor	Trident Refit Facility Warehouse	245,700	100,000
Navy	Puget Sound Naval Shipyard	Cost to Complete—CVN 78 Aircraft Carrier Electrical Upgrades.	48,800	48,800
Navy	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	USMC Barracks (Design)	0	91,208
Navy	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	Barracks (Design)	0	50,000
Navy	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	Data Processing Facility	57,190	57,190
Navy	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	Design	562,423	562,423
Navy	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	INDOPACOM Military Construction Pilot Program.	162,855	162,855
Navy	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	Joint Maritime Facility	72,430	72,430
Navy	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	SIOP (Design)	0	150,000
Navy	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	Unspecified Minor Military Construction	119,331	119,331
Navy	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	Unspecified Minor Military Construction (Demolition).	0	10,000
Navy	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	Unspecified Minor Military Construction (Labs)	0	40,000
Military Construction, Navy Total			6,012,677	6,574,987
Alaska				
Air Force	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	Joint Integrated Test & Training Center (INC)	152,000	152,000
Arizona				
Air Force	Davis-Monthan Air Force Base	Communications Headquarters Facility	49,000	49,000
Air Force	Davis-Monthan Air Force Base	MC-130J Hangar/Aircraft Maintenance Unit	125,000	100,000
California				
Air Force	Travis Air Force Base	Child Development Center	60,000	60,000
Air Force	Travis Air Force Base	Power Generation and Microgrid	0	25,120
Diego Garcia				
Air Force	Naval Support Facility Diego Garcia	Operations Support Facility	29,000	29,000
Florida				
Air Force	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	Install Waste Water "Force" Main, Iebm Road	11,400	11,400
Air Force	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	Install Water Main, Iebm Road	10,400	10,400
Air Force	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	Phillips Parkway Haul Route	28,000	28,000
Air Force	Eglin Air Force Base	Child Development Center With Land Acquisition	41,000	41,000
Air Force	Eglin Air Force Base	F-35A ADAL Squadron Operations	23,000	23,000
Air Force	Eglin Air Force Base	F-35A Developmental Test 2-Bay Mx Hangar	52,000	52,000
Air Force	Eglin Air Force Base	F-35A Developmental Test 2-Bay Test Hangar ...	50,000	50,000
Air Force	MacDill Air Force Base	KC-46A ADAL Aircraft Maintenance Hangar 2 ...	30,000	30,000
Air Force	MacDill Air Force Base	KC-46A ADAL Aircraft Maintenance Hangar 3 ...	33,000	33,000
Air Force	MacDill Air Force Base	KC-46A General Purpose Warehouse	11,000	11,000
Georgia				
Air Force	Robins Air Force Base	Control Tower	28,000	28,000

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	Germany			
Air Force	Ramstein Air Base	35 Point Indoor Firing Range	44,000	44,000
Air Force	Ramstein Air Base	Aeromedical Evacuation Compound	29,000	29,000
	Greenland			
Air Force	Pituffik Space Base	Runway Approach Landing System	32,000	32,000
	Japan			
Air Force	Kadena Air Base	PDI: Theater A/C Corrosion Control Center (INC)	66,350	66,350
	Louisiana			
Air Force	Barksdale Air Force Base	Weapons Generation Facilities Dormitory	116,000	116,000
	Massachusetts			
Air Force	Cape Cod Space Force Station	Power Generation and Microgrid	0	124,000
Air Force	Hanscom Air Force Base	Fire Station	55,000	55,000
	Missouri			
Air Force	Whiteman Air Force Base	B-21 ADAL Weapons Release System Storage	13,600	13,600
Air Force	Whiteman Air Force Base	B-21 Radio Frequency Hangar	114,000	100,000
	Montana			
Air Force	Malstrom Air Force Base	Weapons Storage & Maintenance Facility (INC)	60,000	60,000
	New Mexico			
Air Force	Cannon Air Force Base	Dormitory	90,000	90,000
Air Force	Kirtland Air Force Base	Space Rapid Capabilities Office Headquarters	83,000	83,000
	North Carolina			
Air Force	Seymour Johnson Air Force Base	Combat Arms Training & Maintenance Complex	0	41,000
	Norway			
Air Force	Royal Norwegian Air Force Base Rygge	Quick Reaction Aircraft Hangar	72,000	72,000
	Oklahoma			
Air Force	Tinker Air Force Base	Bomber Agile Common Hangar (INC)	127,000	127,000
Air Force	Tinker Air Force Base	Child Development Center	54,000	54,000
	South Dakota			
Air Force	Ellsworth Air Force Base	B-21 ADD Flight Simulator 2	63,000	63,000
Air Force	Ellsworth Air Force Base	B-21 Alert Facility	71,000	71,000
Air Force	Ellsworth Air Force Base	B-21 Environmental Protection Shelters	75,000	75,000
Air Force	Ellsworth Air Force Base	B-21 S. Environmental Protection Shelters	88,000	88,000
Air Force	Ellsworth Air Force Base	B-21 W. Alert Apron & Environmental Protection Shelters.	81,000	81,000
	Texas			
Air Force	Dyess Air Force Base	B-21 Mission Planning Facility	78,000	78,000
Air Force	Dyess Air Force Base	B-21 Utilities & Site Improvements	12,800	12,800
Air Force	Goodfellow Air Force Base	Pipeline Student Dormitory	112,000	100,000
Air Force	Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland	BMT Classrooms/Dining Facility 4 (INC)	79,000	79,000
	United Kingdom			
Air Force	Royal Air Force Feltwell	RADR Storage Facility	20,000	20,000
Air Force	Royal Air Force Lakenheath	Surety: Command Post	104,000	104,000
Air Force	Royal Air Force Lakenheath	Surety: Defender Operations Compound	149,000	149,000
	Utah			
Air Force	Hill Air Force Base	F-35 Canopy Repair Facility (Design)	0	2,600
Air Force	Hill Air Force Base	F-35 Maintenance Facility, Phase 1 (INC)	22,000	22,000
Air Force	Hill Air Force Base	T-7a Depot Maintenance Complex (INC)	178,000	178,000
	Worldwide Unspecified			
Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Barracks (Design)	0	50,000
Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design	573,223	573,223
Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	INDOPACOM Military Construction Pilot Program.	123,800	123,800
Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Military Construction	72,900	72,900
Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Military Construction (Demolition).	0	10,000
Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Military Construction (Labs)	0	40,000

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Air Force	Wyoming F.E. Warren Air Force Base	GBSD Utility Corridor (INC)	130,000	130,000
Military Construction, Air Force Total			3,721,473	3,963,193
Def-Wide	Alabama Anniston Army Depot	General Purpose Warehouse	32,000	32,000
Def-Wide	California Travis Air Force Base	Medical Warehouse Addition	49,980	49,980
Def-Wide	Cuba Naval Station Guantánamo Bay	Hospital Replacement (INC 3)	35,794	35,794
Def-Wide	Georgia Fort Benning	Dexter Elementary School	127,375	67,375
Def-Wide	Germany Rhine Ordnance Barracks	Medical Center Replacement (INC 12)	99,167	99,167
Def-Wide	U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz	SOF Human Performance Training Center	16,700	16,700
Def-Wide	Guam Joint Region Marianas	PDI: Gds, Command Center (INC)	183,900	100,000
Def-Wide	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: Gds, Eiamd, Phase 1 (INC)	61,903	61,903
Def-Wide	Maryland Fort Meade	NSAW East Campus Building #5 (INC 2)	455,000	100,000
Def-Wide	Walter Reed National Military Medical Center	MEDCEN Addition/Alteration (INC 9)	70,000	70,000
Def-Wide	Fort Meade	NSAW Venona Widening	26,600	26,600
Def-Wide	North Carolina Fort Bragg	SOF Mission Command Center	130,000	65,000
Def-Wide	Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune	SOF Marine Raider Battalion OPS Facility (INC)	90,000	90,000
Def-Wide	Fort Bragg	SOF Operational Ammunition Supply Point	80,000	80,000
Def-Wide	Fort Bragg	SOF Forward Operating Base Freedom Upgrades	0	44,700
Def-Wide	Fort Bragg	SOF Joint Intelligence Center (Design)	0	8,100
Def-Wide	Pennsylvania DLA Distribution Center Susquehanna	General Purpose Warehouse	90,000	90,000
Def-Wide	Raven Rock Mountain Complex	Operations Facility	34,000	34,000
Def-Wide	Harrisburg Air National Guard Base	SOF Simulator Facility (MC-130J)	13,400	13,400
Def-Wide	Puerto Rico Punta Borinquen	Ramey Unit School Replacement	155,000	80,000
Def-Wide	Texas NSA Texas	NSA/CSS Texas Cryptologic Center (INC)	500,000	500,000
Def-Wide	United Kingdom Royal Air Force Lakenheath	Hospital Replacement, Phase 2 (INC)	322,200	322,200
Def-Wide	Royal Air Force Mildenhall	SOF MRSP & Parts Storage	45,000	45,000
Def-Wide	Washington Fairchild Air Force Base	Hydrant System Area C	85,000	85,000
Def-Wide	Manchester Tank Farm	Bulk Storage Tanks, Phase 3	71,000	71,000
Def-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Energy Resilience & Conservation Investment Program.	684,330	0
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	INDOPACOM Military Construction Pilot Program.	77,000	77,000
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design (ERCIP)	38,669	38,669
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design (SOCOM)	32,731	32,731
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design (DLA)	30,900	30,900
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design (DHA)	29,077	29,077
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design (Defense-Wide)	26,571	26,571
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Military Construction (SOCOM)	25,000	25,000
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design (MDA)	21,360	21,360
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design (WHS)	14,851	14,851

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Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design (NSA)	14,842	14,842
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Military Construction (NSA)	6,000	6,000
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Exercise Related Minor Military Construction	4,727	4,727
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Military Construction (MDA) ...	4,140	4,140
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Military Construction (DLA)	3,084	3,084
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Military Construction (Defense- Wide).	3,000	3,000
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design (TJS)	2,000	2,000
Military Construction, Defense-Wide Total			3,792,301	2,521,871
NATO	Worldwide Unspecified NATO Security Invest- ment Program	NATO Security Investment Program	481,832	481,832
NATO Security Investment Program Total			481,832	481,832
Army NG	Guam National Guard Readiness Center Barrigada	National Guard Readiness Center Addition	55,000	55,000
Army NG	Iowa Waterloo Readiness Center	National Guard Vehicle Maintenance Shop	13,800	13,800
Army NG	New Hampshire Plymouth West	National Guard Readiness Center	26,000	26,000
Army NG	North Carolina Salisbury Readiness Complex	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar	0	69,000
Army NG	South Dakota Watertown Complex	National Guard Vehicle Maintenance Shop	28,000	28,000
Army NG	Texas Fort Hood	Smart Water Grid	0	19,800
Army NG	Fort Hood	Central Energy Plant	0	34,500
Army NG	Utah Camp Williams	Power Generation and Microgrid	0	28,500
Army NG	Virginia Army Aviation Support Facility Sandston	Cost to Complete—Aircraft Maintenance Hangar ..	15,500	15,500
Army NG	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design	13,580	13,580
Military Construction, Army National Guard Total			151,880	303,680
Army Res	California Armed Forces Reserve Center, Mountain View	Power Generation and Microgrid	0	20,600
Army Res	Kentucky Fort Knox	Aviation Support Facility	0	50,000
Army Res	Pennsylvania New Castle	Area Maintenance Support Activity/Vms/Land	30,000	30,000
Army Res	Texas Camp Bullis	Army Reserve Center Building (Design)	0	5,000
Army Res	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Military Construction	6,226	6,226
Army Res	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design	6,013	6,013
Military Construction, Army Reserve Total			42,239	117,839
N/MC Res	Texas Naval Air Station Fort Worth	Maintenance Hangar	0	50,000
N/MC Res	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	USMCR Design	2,255	2,255
Military Construction, Naval Reserve Total			2,255	52,255

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Air NG	Alaska Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	Base Supply Complex	46,000	46,000
Air NG	Georgia Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport	Dining Hall & Services Train Facility	27,000	27,000
Air NG	Massachusetts Otis Air National Guard Base	Dining Facility / EMEDS	31,000	31,000
Air NG	Mississippi Key Field Air National Guard Base	Base Supply Warehouse	19,000	19,000
Air NG	New Jersey Atlantic City Air National Guard Base	ADAL Maintenance Hangar Air National Guard/Shops.	0	61,000
Air NG	Oregon Portland International Airport	ADAL Communications Annex	16,500	16,500
Air NG	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Military Construction	25,000	25,000
Air NG	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design	24,146	24,146
Military Construction, Air National Guard Total			188,646	249,646
AF Res	Delaware Dover Air Force Base	512th Operations Group Facility	42,000	42,000
AF Res	Georgia Dobbins Air Reserve Base	Entry Control Facility (Design)	0	3,200
AF Res	Texas Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland	C5m Age Maintenance Facility	18,000	18,000
AF Res	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design	270	270
AF Res	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Military Construction	188	188
Military Construction, Air Force Reserve Total			60,458	63,658
FH Con Army	Belgium Chievres Air Base	Family Housing New Construction (100 Units)	145,042	145,042
FH Con Army	Germany U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria	Family Housing Replace Construction (27 Units) ...	50,692	50,692
FH Con Army	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design	32,824	32,824
Family Housing Construction, Army Total			228,558	228,558
FH Ops Army	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Furnishings	16,254	16,254
FH Ops Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Housing Privatization Support	41,089	41,089
FH Ops Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Leased Housing	116,275	116,275
FH Ops Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Maintenance	110,941	110,941
FH Ops Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Management	41,450	41,450
FH Ops Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Miscellaneous	319	319
FH Ops Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Services	8,096	8,096
FH Ops Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Utilities	43,994	43,994
Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Army Total			378,418	378,418
FH Con Navy	Guam Joint Region Marianas	Replace Andersen Housing, Phase 9 (136 Units) (INC).	65,378	65,378
FH Con Navy	Joint Region Marianas	Cost to Complete—Replace Andersen Housing, Phase 4 (68 Units).	19,384	19,384

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FH Con Navy	Joint Region Marianas	Cost to Complete—Replace Andersen Housing, Phase 7 (46 Units).	18,000	18,000	
FH Con Navy	Japan				
	Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni	Repair Whole House Building 1255 (6 Units)	11,230	11,230	
FH Con Navy	Worldwide Unspecified				
	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Navy Southeast MHPI (2nd Restructure) (100 Units).	57,000	57,000	
FH Con Navy	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design	3,806	3,806	
FH Con Navy	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design (DPRI/Guam)	2,799	2,799	
Family Housing Construction, Navy And Marine Corps Total			177,597	177,597	
FH Ops Navy	Worldwide Unspecified				
	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Furnishings	16,820	16,820	
FH Ops Navy	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Housing Privatization Support	57,061	57,061	
FH Ops Navy	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Leasing	68,426	68,426	
FH Ops Navy	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Maintenance	112,019	112,019	
FH Ops Navy	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Management	56,956	56,956	
FH Ops Navy	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Miscellaneous	435	435	
FH Ops Navy	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Services	17,424	17,424	
FH Ops Navy	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Utilities	44,967	44,967	
Family Housing Operation And Maintenance, Navy And Marine Corps Total.			374,108	374,108	
FH Con AF	Colorado				
	Buckley Space Force Base	MHPI Restructure (351 Units)	12,000	12,000	
FH Con AF	Hawaii				
	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	MHPI Restructure (460 Units)	147,555	147,555	
FH Con AF	Japan				
	Kadena Air Base	Family Housing Improvements, Kadena Tower 4511 (68 Units).	34,100	34,100	
FH Con AF	Yokota Air Base	Family Housing Improvements, PAIP 9, Phase 3 (34 Units).	44,000	44,000	
FH Con AF	Worldwide Unspecified				
	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design	36,575	36,575	
Family Housing Construction, Air Force Total			274,230	274,230	
FH Ops AF	Worldwide Unspecified				
	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Furnishings	31,275	31,275	
FH Ops AF	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Housing Privatization Support	38,987	38,987	
FH Ops AF	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Leasing	5,436	5,436	
FH Ops AF	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Maintenance	142,572	142,572	
FH Ops AF	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Management	54,581	54,581	
FH Ops AF	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Miscellaneous	1,475	1,475	
FH Ops AF	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Services	12,701	12,701	
FH Ops AF	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Utilities	72,738	72,738	
Family Housing Operation And Maintenance, Air Force Total			359,765	359,765	
FH Ops DW	Worldwide Unspecified				
	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Furnishings (DIA)	553	553	
FH Ops DW	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Furnishings (NSA)	93	93	

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FH Ops DW	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Leasing (DIA)	33,911	33,911
FH Ops DW	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Leasing (NSA)	14,320	14,320
FH Ops DW	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Maintenance (NSA)	37	37
FH Ops DW	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Utilities (DIA)	4,445	4,445
FH Ops DW	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Utilities (NSA)	15	15
Family Housing Operation And Maintenance, Defense-Wide Total			53,374	53,374
FHIF	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Administrative Expenses—FHIF	8,315	8,315
DOD Family Housing Improvement Fund Total			8,315	8,315
UHIF	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Administrative Expenses—UHIF	497	497
Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund Total			497	497
BRAC	Worldwide Unspecified Base Realignment & Closure, Army	Base Realignment & Closure	171,870	171,870
Base Realignment and Closure—Army Total			171,870	171,870
BRAC	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Base Realignment & Closure	112,791	162,791
Base Realignment and Closure—Navy Total			112,791	162,791
BRAC	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Base Realignment & Closure	124,196	124,196
Base Realignment and Closure—Air Force Total			124,196	124,196
BRAC	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	INT-4: DLA Activities	1,304	1,304
Base Realignment and Closure—Defense-wide Total			1,304	1,304
Total, Military Construction			18,892,743	18,892,743

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4 **SEC. 4701. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY**
5 **PROGRAMS.**

SEC. 4701. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS (In Thousands of Dollars)		
Program	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
Discretionary Summary By Appropriation Energy And Water Development, And Related Agencies Appropriation Summary:		
Nuclear Energy	160,000	160,000
Defense Uranium Enrichment D&D	278,000	0

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Program	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
Atomic Energy Defense Activities		
National nuclear security administration:		
Weapons activities	20,074,400	20,578,152
Defense nuclear nonproliferation	2,284,600	2,289,600
Naval reactors	2,346,000	2,026,000
Federal salaries and expenses	555,000	555,000
Total, National Nuclear Security Administration	25,260,000	25,448,752
Environmental and other defense activities:		
Defense environmental cleanup	6,956,000	7,009,750
Other defense activities	1,182,000	1,182,000
Total, Environmental & other defense activities	8,138,000	8,191,750
Total, Atomic Energy Defense Activities	33,398,000	33,640,502
Total, Discretionary Funding	33,836,000	33,800,502
Nuclear Energy		
Idaho site-wide safeguards and security	160,000	160,000
Total, Nuclear Energy	160,000	160,000
Defense Uranium Enrichment D&D		
Defense Uranium Enrichment D&D Program	278,000	0
Program decrease		[-278,000]
Total, Defense Uranium Enrichment D&D	278,000	0
Stockpile Management		
Stockpile Major Modernization		
B61-12 Life Extension Program	16,000	16,000
W80-4 Life Extension Program	1,259,048	1,259,048
SLCM-N Warhead		100,000
Reconciliation adjustment		[100,000]
W87-1 Modification Program	649,096	649,096
W93 Program	806,797	806,797
B61-13	49,357	49,357
Total, Stockpile Major Modernization	2,780,298	2,880,298
Stockpile services		
Stockpile Sustainment	1,720,200	1,720,200
Weapons Dismantlement and Disposition	82,367	62,367
Program decrease		[-20,000]
Production Operations	1,020,243	970,243
Program decrease		[-50,000]
Nuclear Enterprise Assurance	117,193	117,193
Subtotal, Stockpile Services	2,940,003	2,870,003
Total, Stockpile Management	5,720,301	5,750,301
Weapons Activities		
Production Modernization		
Primary Capability Modernization		
Plutonium Modernization		
Los Alamos Plutonium Modernization		
Los Alamos Plutonium Operations	982,263	982,263
21-D-512 Plutonium Pit Production Project, LANL	509,316	509,316
15-D-302 TA-55 Reinvestments Project, Phase 3, LANL	7,942	7,942
07-D-220-04 Transuranic Liquid Waste Facility, LANL	5,865	5,865
04-D-125 Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Replace-		
ment Project, LANL		50,000
Reconciliation adjustment		[50,000]
Subtotal, Los Alamos Plutonium Modernization	1,505,386	1,555,386
Savannah River Plutonium Modernization		
Savannah River Plutonium Operations	75,486	75,486
21-D-511 Savannah River Plutonium Processing Facility,		
SRS	1,130,000	1,130,000
Subtotal, Savannah River Plutonium Modernization	1,205,486	1,205,486
Enterprise Plutonium Support	122,094	122,094
Total, Plutonium Modernization	2,832,966	2,882,966
High Explosives and Energetics		
High Explosives & Energetics	132,023	132,023
21-D-510 HE Synthesis Formulation and Production,		
PX	0	20,000

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Program increase		[20,000]
Total, High Explosives and Energetics	132,023	152,023
Total, Primary Capability Modernization	2,964,989	3,034,989
Secondary Capability Modernization		
Secondary Capability Modernization	770,186	770,186
18-D-690 Lithium Processing Facility, Y-12	0	115,000
Program increase		[50,000]
Reconciliation adjustment		[65,000]
06-D-141 Uranium Processing Facility, Y-12	0	525,000
Reconciliation adjustment		[525,000]
Total, Secondary Capability Modernization	770,186	1,410,186
Tritium and Defense Fuels Program		
Tritium and Defense Fuels Program	568,384	568,384
Total, Tritium and Defense Fuels Program	568,384	568,384
Non-Nuclear Capability Modernization	221,588	221,588
26-D-511 MESA Photolithography Capability (MPC), SNL	40,000	0
Program decrease		[-40,000]
26-D-510 Product Realization Infrastructure for Stockpile Moderniza- tion (PRISM), LLNL	15,000	0
Program decrease		[-15,000]
Warhead Assembly Modernization	34,336	34,336
Capability Based Investments	177,996	177,996
22-D-513 Power Sources Capability, SNL	0	115,000
Reconciliation adjustment		[115,000]
Total, Production Modernization	4,792,479	5,562,479
Stockpile Research, Technology, and Engineering		
Assessment Science	980,959	980,959
26-D-512 LANSCE Modernization Project (LAMP), LANL	20,000	0
Program decrease		[-20,000]
17-D-640 U1a Complex Enhancements Project, NNSS	0	64,000
Reconciliation adjustment		[64,000]
Engineering and Integrated Assessments	399,777	414,777
Rapid Capabilities Program		[15,000]
26-D-513 Combined Radiation Environments for Survivability Testing, SNL	52,248	0
Program decrease		[-52,248]
Inertial Confinement Fusion	699,206	699,206
26-D-514 NIF Enhanced Fusion Yield Capability, LLNL	26,000	0
Program decrease		[-26,000]
Advanced Simulation and Computing	865,995	865,995
Weapon Technology and Manufacturing Maturation	276,279	276,279
Total, Stockpile Research, Technology, and Engineering	3,320,464	3,301,216
Academic Programs	94,000	94,000
PSAAP		[-7,000]
TEPP		[5,000]
MSIPP		[2,000]
Total, Academic Programs	94,000	94,000
Infrastructure and Operations		
Operations of facilities	1,722,000	1,722,000
Safety and environmental operations	194,360	194,360
Maintenance and repair of facilities	920,000	715,000
Reconciliation adjustment		[-205,000]
Recapitalization	741,179	536,179
Reconciliation adjustment		[-205,000]
Construction:		
25-D-511 PULSE New Access, NNSS	0	48,000
Reconciliation adjustment		[48,000]
23-D-517 Electrical Power Capacity Upgrade, LANL	0	85,000
Reconciliation adjustment		[85,000]
Total, Construction	0	133,000
Total, Infrastructure and operations	3,577,539	3,300,539
Secure transportation asset		

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Program	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
Operations and equipment	299,541	299,541
Program direction	149,244	149,244
Total, Secure transportation asset	448,785	448,785
Defense Nuclear Security		
Operations and Maintenance	1,245,418	1,245,418
Total, Defense nuclear security	1,245,418	1,245,418
Information technology and cybersecurity	811,208	811,208
Legacy contractor pensions	64,206	64,206
Total, Weapons Activities	20,074,400	20,578,152
Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation		
Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Programs		
Global material security		
International nuclear security	62,865	62,865
Radiological security	186,406	186,406
Nuclear smuggling detection and deterrence	140,601	145,601
Program increase		[5,000]
Total, Global material security	389,872	394,872
Material management and minimization		
Reactor Conversion and Uranium Supply	63,383	63,383
Nuclear Material Removal and Elimination	61,000	61,000
Plutonium Disposition	150,686	150,686
Total, Material management & minimization	275,069	275,069
Nonproliferation and arms control	221,008	221,008
Defense nuclear nonproliferation R&D		
Proliferation Detection	269,376	269,376
Nuclear Detonation Detection	307,435	307,435
Forensics R&D	20,460	20,460
Nonproliferation Stewardship Program	149,383	149,383
Total, Defense nuclear nonproliferation R&D	746,654	746,654
Nonproliferation Construction:		
18–D–150 Surplus Plutonium Disposition Project, SRS	50,000	50,000
Total, Nonproliferation construction	50,000	50,000
Total, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Programs	1,682,603	1,687,603
Nuclear counterterrorism and incident response program		
Emergency Management	33,122	33,122
Counterterrorism and Counterproliferation	596,878	596,878
Total, Nuclear Counterterrorism and Incident Response Program	630,000	630,000
Legacy contractor pensions	20,993	20,993
Use of Prior Year Balances	–48,996	–48,996
Total, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation	2,284,600	2,289,600
Naval Reactors		
Naval reactors development	884,579	884,579
Columbia-Class reactor systems development	35,300	35,300
Naval reactors operations and infrastructure	703,581	703,581
Program direction	61,540	61,540
Construction:		
26–D–530 East Side Office Building	75,000	0
Program decrease		[–75,000]
25–D–530 Naval Examination Acquisition Project	60,000	60,000
14–D–901 Spent Fuel Handling Recapitalization Project, NRF	526,000	281,000
Program decrease		[–245,000]
Total, Construction	661,000	341,000
Total, Naval Reactors	2,346,000	2,026,000
Federal Salaries And Expenses		
Program Direction	555,000	555,000

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Total, Federal Salaries And Expenses	555,000	555,000
Defense Environmental Cleanup		
Closure sites:		
Closure sites administration	500	500
Richland:		
River corridor and other cleanup operations	68,562	88,562
Program increase		[20,000]
Central plateau remediation	754,259	764,259
Program increase		[10,000]
Richland community and regulatory support	10,700	10,700
Construction:		
22-D-402 L-897, 200 Area Water Treatment Facility	4,000	4,000
Total, Construction—Richland	4,000	4,000
Total, Richland	837,521	867,521
Office of River Protection:		
Waste Treatment Immobilization Plant Commissioning	390,415	390,415
Rad liquid tank waste stabilization and disposition	923,212	923,212
Construction:		
01-D-16D High-Level Waste Facility	600,000	600,000
01-D-16E Pretreatment Facility		0
15-D-409 Low Activity Waste Pretreatment System	78,600	78,600
23-D-403, Hanford 200 West Area Tank Farms Risk Management Project	108,200	108,200
Total, Construction—Office of River Protection	786,800	786,800
Total, Office of River Protection	2,100,427	2,100,427
Idaho National Laboratory:		
Idaho cleanup and waste disposition	452,242	452,242
Idaho community and regulatory support	3,779	3,779
Construction:		
22-D-403 Idaho Spent Nuclear Fuel Staging Facility	2,000	2,000
23-D-402—Calcline Construction	2,000	2,000
Total, Construction—Idaho	4,000	4,000
Total, Idaho National Laboratory	460,021	460,021
NNSA sites and Nevada off-sites		
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	1,955	1,955
Nuclear facility D & D		
Separations Process Research Unit	950	950
Nevada Site	64,835	64,835
Sandia National Laboratories	1,030	1,030
Los Alamos National Laboratory	278,288	278,288
Los Alamos Excess Facilities D&D	1,693	1,693
Total, NNSA sites and Nevada off-sites	348,751	348,751
Oak Ridge Reservation:		
OR Nuclear facility D & D	346,562	366,562
Program increase		[20,000]
Total, OR Nuclear facility D & D	346,562	366,562
U233 Disposition Program	63,000	63,000
OR cleanup and disposition	75,000	75,000
Construction:		
14-D-403 Outfall 200 Mercury Treatment Facility	34,885	34,885
17-D-401 On-site waste disposal facility	15,050	15,050
Total, Construction—Oak Ridge	49,935	49,935
Total, OR cleanup and waste disposition	187,935	187,935
OR community & regulatory support	5,900	5,900
OR technology development and deployment	3,300	3,300
Total, Oak Ridge Reservation	543,697	563,697
Savannah River Sites:		
Savannah River risk management operations	396,394	396,394
Construction:		

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Program	FY 2026 Request	House Authorized
19-D-701 SR Security Systems Replacement	708	708
Total, Savannah River Risk Management Operations	397,102	397,102
SR Community and Regulatory Support	5,317	5,317
Savannah River National Laboratory Operations & Maintenance	90,719	90,719
Radioactive Liquid Tank Waste Stabilization and Disposition	1,066,000	1,066,000
Construction:		
20-D-401 Saltstone Disposal Unit #10, 11, 12	52,500	56,250
Program increase		[3,750]
Total, Construction—Savannah River sites	52,500	56,250
Total, Savannah River sites	1,611,638	1,615,388
Waste Isolation Pilot Plant		
Waste Isolation Pilot Plant	413,424	413,424
Construction:		
21-D-401 Hoisting Capability Project	2,000	2,000
Total, Construction—Waste Isolation Pilot Plant	2,000	2,000
Total, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant	415,424	415,424
Program Direction	312,818	312,818
Program Support	20,320	20,320
Safeguards and Security	288,871	288,871
Technology Development and Deployment	16,012	16,012
Total, Defense Environmental Cleanup	6,956,000	7,009,750
Other Defense Activities		
Environment, health, safety and security		
Program direction	90,555	90,555
Environment, Health, Safety & Security	141,908	141,908
Total, Environment, Health, safety and security	232,463	232,463
Office of Enterprise Assessments		
Program direction	59,132	59,132
Enterprise Assessments	30,022	30,022
Total, Office of Enterprise Assessments	89,154	89,154
Specialized security activities	441,000	441,000
Office of Legacy Management		
Legacy management	177,716	177,716
Program direction	22,542	22,542
Total, Office of Legacy Management	200,258	200,258
Defense-related administrative support	214,626	214,626
Office of hearings and appeals	4,499	4,499
Subtotal, Other Defense Activities	1,182,000	1,182,000
Total, Other Defense Activities	1,182,000	1,182,000

1 **DIVISION E—OTHER MATTERS**

2 **TITLE LI—PROHIBITIONS RE-**

3 **LATING TO CENTRAL BANK**

4 **DIGITAL CURRENCY**

5 **SEC. 5101. SHORT TITLE.**

6 This title may be cited as the “Anti-CBDC Surveil-

7 lance State Act”.

1 **SEC. 5102. PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS RE-**
2 **LATING TO CERTAIN PRODUCTS OR SERV-**
3 **ICES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND PROHIBITION**
4 **ON DIRECTLY ISSUING A CENTRAL BANK DIG-**
5 **ITAL CURRENCY.**

6 Section 16 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 411
7 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following
8 new paragraph:

9 “(18)(A) A Federal reserve bank may not—

10 “(i) offer financial products or services directly to an
11 individual;

12 “(ii) maintain an account on behalf of an individual;
13 or

14 “(iii) issue a central bank digital currency, or any
15 digital asset that is substantially similar under any other
16 name or label.

17 “(B) In this paragraph, the term ‘central bank digital
18 currency’ has the meaning given that term under section
19 10(11)(D).”.

20 **SEC. 5103. PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN-**
21 **DIRECTLY ISSUING A CENTRAL BANK DIG-**
22 **ITAL CURRENCY.**

23 Section 16 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 411
24 et seq.), as amended by section 5102, is further amended
25 by adding at the end the following paragraph:

1 “(19)(A) A Federal reserve bank may not offer a cen-
2 tral bank digital currency, or any digital asset that is sub-
3 stantially similar under any other name or label, indirectly
4 to an individual through a financial institution or other
5 intermediary.

6 “(B) In this paragraph, the term ‘central bank digital
7 currency’ has the meaning given that term under section
8 10(11)(D).”.

9 **SEC. 5104. PROHIBITION WITH RESPECT TO CENTRAL BANK**
10 **DIGITAL CURRENCY.**

11 Section 10 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 241
12 et seq.) is amended by inserting before paragraph (12) the
13 following:

14 “(11) PROHIBITION WITH RESPECT TO CEN-
15 TRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Board of Gov-
17 ernors of the Federal Reserve System may not
18 test, study, develop, create, or implement a cen-
19 tral bank digital currency, or any digital asset
20 that is substantially similar under any other
21 name or label.

22 “(B) MONETARY POLICY.—The Board of
23 Governors of the Federal Reserve System and
24 the Federal Open Market Committee may not
25 use a central bank digital currency to imple-

1 ment monetary policy, or any digital asset that
2 is substantially similar under any other name or
3 label.

4 “(C) EXCEPTION.—Subparagraph (A) and
5 sections 16(18)(A)(iii) and 16(19)(A) may not
6 be construed to prohibit any dollar-denominated
7 currency that is open, permissionless, and pri-
8 vate, and fully preserves the privacy protections
9 of United States coins and physical currency.

10 “(D) CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY
11 DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the term ‘central
12 bank digital currency’ means a form of digital
13 money or monetary value that is—

14 “(i) denominated in the national unit
15 of account;

16 “(ii) a direct liability of the Federal
17 Reserve System; and

18 “(iii) widely available to the general
19 public.”.

20 **SEC. 5105. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

21 It is the sense of Congress that the Board of Gov-
22 ernors of the Federal Reserve System currently does not
23 have the authority to issue a central bank digital currency,
24 or any digital asset that is substantially similar under any
25 other name or label, and will not have such authority un-

1 less Congress grants it under Congress's Article 1 Section

2 8 powers.

