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At the end of subtitle B of title XXXI, add the following new section:

1 SEC. 3124. PLUTONIUM CAPABILITIES.

- 2 (a) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than October 1, 2017,
- 3 the Administrator for Nuclear Security shall submit to the
- 4 congressional defense committees, the Secretary of De-
- 5 fense, and the Comptroller General of the United States
- 6 written notification regarding the recommended alter-
- 7 native endorsed by the Administrator for recapitalization
- 8 of plutonium science and production capabilities of the nu-
- 9 clear security enterprise. The notification shall identify the
- 10 recommended alternative endorsed by the Administrator
- 11 and contain the analysis of alternatives upon which the
- 12 Administrator relied in making such endorsement.
- 13 (b) Certification.—Not later than 60 days after
- 14 the date on which the Secretary of Defense receives the
- 15 notification under subsection (a), the Chairman of the Nu-
- 16 clear Weapons Council shall submit to the congressional
- 17 defense committees the written certification of the Chair-

1	man regarding whether the recommended alternative en-
2	dorsed by the Administrator—
3	(1) is acceptable to the Secretary of Defense
4	and the Nuclear Weapons Council and meets the re-
5	quirements of the Secretary for plutonium pit pro-
6	duction capacity and capability;
7	(2) is likely to meet the pit production timelines
8	and milestones required by section 4219 of the
9	Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2538a);
10	(3) has reasonable near-term and lifecycle costs
11	that are minimized, to the extent practicable, as
12	compared to other alternatives, and has tested and
13	documented the sensitivity of the cost estimates for
14	each alternative to risks and changes in key assump-
15	tions;
16	(4) contains minimized and manageable risks as
17	compared to other alternatives;
18	(5) can be acceptably reconciled with any dif-
19	ferences in the conclusions made by the Office of
20	Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation of the
21	Department of Defense in the business case analysis
22	of plutonium pit production capability issued in
23	2013; and
24	(6) has documented the assumptions and con-
25	straints used in the analysis of alternatives.

1	(c) Failure to Certify.—If the Chairman is un-
2	able to submit the certification under subsection (b)—
3	(1) the Chairman shall submit to the congres-
4	sional defense committees and the Administrator
5	written notification describing why the Chairman is
6	unable to make such certification and what steps the
7	Administrator should take to improve the plan of the
8	Administrator to recapitalize plutonium pit produc-
9	tion capacity and capability to enable certification;
10	and
11	(2) not later than 30 days after receiving such
12	notification, the Administrator shall update such
13	plan to address the steps described by the Chair-
14	man.
15	(d) Assessment.—Not later than 60 days after the
16	date on which the Comptroller General receives the notifi-
17	cation under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall
18	provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing
19	containing the assessment of the Comptroller General of
20	the analysis of alternatives conducted by the Adminis-
21	trator to select a preferred alternative for recapitalizing
22	plutonium science and production capabilities.

