

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118-36
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At the end of subtitle C of title XVII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 17_. UNITED STATES-ISRAEL EMERGING TECH-**
2 **NOLOGY CAPABILITIES COOPERATION.**

3 Subtitle G of title XII of the National Defense Au-
4 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 is amended by insert-
5 ing after section 1279 (22 U.S.C. 8606 note) the fol-
6 lowing:

7 **“SEC. 1279A. UNITED STATES-ISRAEL EMERGING TECH-**
8 **NOLOGY CAPABILITIES COOPERATION.**

9 “(a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
10 United States to support and encourage further defense
11 collaboration with Israel in areas of emerging technologies
12 capable of enabling the warfare capabilities of both the
13 United States and Israel to meet emerging defense chal-
14 lenges, including but not limited to the areas of artificial
15 intelligence, cybersecurity, robotics, quantum and automa-
16 tion.

17 “(b) AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH EMERGING DE-
18 FENSE TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITIES PROGRAM WITH
19 ISRAEL.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense,
2 upon request of the Ministry of Defense of Israel
3 and in consultation with the Secretary of State and
4 the Director of National Intelligence, is authorized
5 to carry out research, development, test, and evalua-
6 tion, on a joint basis with Israel, in areas of emerg-
7 ing technologies capable of enabling the warfare ca-
8 pabilities of both the United States and Israel to
9 meet emerging defense challenges, including the
10 areas of artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, robot-
11 ics, quantum and automation. Any activities carried
12 out pursuant to such authority shall be conducted in
13 a manner that appropriately protects sensitive infor-
14 mation and United States and Israel national secu-
15 rity interests.

16 “(2) REPORT.—The activities described in
17 paragraph (1) and subsection (c) may be carried out
18 after the Secretary of Defense submits to the appro-
19 priate committees of Congress a report setting forth
20 the following:

21 “(A) A memorandum of agreement be-
22 tween the United States and Israel regarding
23 sharing of research and development costs for
24 the capabilities described in paragraph (1), and
25 any supporting documents.

1 “(B) A certification that the memorandum
2 of agreement—

3 “(i) requires sharing of costs of
4 projects, including in-kind support, be-
5 tween the United States and Israel;

6 “(ii) establishes a framework to nego-
7 tiate the rights to any intellectual property
8 developed under the memorandum of
9 agreement; and

10 “(iii) requires the United States Gov-
11 ernment to receive semiannual reports on
12 expenditure of funds, if any, by the Gov-
13 ernment of Israel, including a description
14 of what the funds have been used for,
15 when funds were expended, and an identi-
16 fication of entities that expended the
17 funds.

18 “(c) ANNUAL LIMITATION ON AMOUNT.—The
19 amount of support provided under this section in any year
20 may not exceed \$47,500,000.

21 “(d) LEAD AGENCY.—The Secretary of Defense shall
22 designate the Irregular Warfare Technology Support Di-
23 rectorate as the lead agency of the Department of Defense
24 in carrying out this section.

1 “(e) SEMIANNUAL REPORTS.—The Secretary of De-
2 fense shall submit to the appropriate committees of Con-
3 gress on a semiannual basis a report that contains a copy
4 of the most recent semiannual report provided by the Gov-
5 ernment of Israel to the Department of Defense pursuant
6 to subsection (b)(2)(B)(iii).

7 “(f) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
8 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘appropriate committees
9 of Congress’ means—

10 “(1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
11 Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on
12 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the
13 Committee on Appropriations, and the Select Com-
14 mittee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

15 “(2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
16 Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on
17 Homeland Security, the Committee on Appropria-
18 tions, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
19 ligence of the House of Representatives.

20 “(g) SUNSET.—The authority in this section to carry
21 out activities described in subsection (b), and to provide
22 support described in subsection (c), shall expire on the
23 date that is 5 years after the date of the enactment of
24 this section.”.

