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Add at the end of subtitle F of title VIII the following:

1 **SEC. 867. GAO REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CON-**
2 **TRACT FINANCING AND COMMERCIAL BEST**
3 **PRACTICES.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:

5 (1) In a 2019 report, the Comptroller General
6 of the United States directed the Department of De-
7 fense to ensure it conducts a comprehensive assess-
8 ment of the effect that its contract financing and
9 profit policies have on the defense industry and up-
10 date that assessment on a recurring basis.

11 (2) The Department of Defense has commis-
12 sioned an independent study to evaluate—

13 (A) free cash flow in the defense sector;

14 (B) impacts to cash flow depending on
15 contract type and financing;

16 (C) financing and its impact on small busi-
17 nesses; and

1 (D) the government accounting system re-
2 quirements for contractors.

3 (b) STUDY AND REPORT.—Not later than 6 months
4 after the date of the completion of the study described
5 in subsection (a)(2), the Comptroller General of the
6 United States shall submit to the congressional defense
7 committees a report assessing such study, including an
8 evaluation of the tools and authorities the Department of
9 Defense has available to ensure fair and reasonable pricing
10 of commercial products and services.

