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

SEC. 9. FUTURE FORCE DESIGN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE.

(a) Sense of Congress.—It is the Sense of Congress that—

(1) the Department of the Air Force has made significant progress in organizing, training, and equipping the Air Force and Space Force to address the needs of the Joint Force and align with the current National Defense Strategy and National Military Strategy; and

(2) to be prepared to effectively deter and defeat a peer adversary, the Department must address force design requirements that will enable equipment modernization, organizational restructure, and capacity adjustments to meet the challenges presented by the People’s Republic of China.

(b) Force Design Required.—Not later than August 31, 2024, the Secretary of the Air Force shall develop
a force design for the Air Force and Space Force projected through 2050.

(c) **ELEMENTS.**—The force design under subsection (b) shall address—

1. the concepts, capabilities, and structural elements (including size and form) of the Air Force and Space Force that are necessary to ensure those forces effectively execute their core functions through 2050 in support of the National Defense Strategy and the National Military Strategy;

2. force structure, including the development of capabilities (including platforms and systems) at the right level of capacity to address the challenges outlined by the National Defense Strategy and National Military Strategy;

3. force composition, including recruitment and development of the human capital, effective distribution of forces in the total force and policies to increase career flexibility across the different components;

4. organizational design, including development of potential models to increase agility and operational effectiveness across the Air Force and Space Force; and
(5) such other matters as the Secretary of the Air Force determines to be relevant.

(d) INFORMATION TO CONGRESS. — Not later than 60 days after completion of the force design required under subsection (b), the Secretary of the Air Force shall—

(1) submit a summary of the force design to the congressional defense committees; and

(2) provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on the force design.