

**AMENDMENT TO**  
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**OFFERED BY MR. BARR OF KENTUCKY**

At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10\_\_ . FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ESTABLISHMENT OF**  
2 **INDO-PACIFIC MARITIME GOVERNANCE CEN-**  
3 **TER OF EXCELLENCE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in co-  
5 ordination with the Commandant of the Coast Guard and  
6 the Secretary of State, shall conduct a feasibility study  
7 on establishing an Indo-Pacific Maritime Governance Cen-  
8 ter of Excellence focused on building partner capacity for  
9 maritime governance. Such study shall include an evalua-  
10 tion of each of the following:

11 (1) The strategic importance of the Indo-Pacific  
12 region in terms of maritime security and governance.

13 (2) The existing maritime governance frame-  
14 works and institutions in the Indo-Pacific region.

15 (3) The potential contributions and benefits of  
16 establishing a dedicated center for promoting mari-  
17 time governance in the Indo-Pacific region.

1           (4) The potential roles, responsibilities, and or-  
2           ganizational structure of the center.

3           (5) The required resources, funding, and per-  
4           sonnel necessary to establish and sustain the center.

5           (6) The potential partnerships and collabora-  
6           tions with regional and international stakeholders,  
7           including allied and partner nations, non-govern-  
8           mental organizations, and academic institutions.

9           (7) The legal and regulatory considerations, in-  
10          cluding any necessary agreements or frameworks  
11          with other entities to establish and operate the cen-  
12          ter.

13          (8) Any other relevant factors the Secretary de-  
14          termines necessary for the successful implementation  
15          of the center.

16          (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date  
17          of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit  
18          to the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee  
19          on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee  
20          on Armed Services and Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
21          the House of Representatives a report on the study re-  
22          quired under subsection (a).

