AMENDMENT TO DIVISION D OF RULES
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At the end of division D (before the short title), insert the following:

SIV PROGRAM REPORTING REQUIREMENT

SEC. ___.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector General of the Department of State shall submit a report, with a classified annex if necessary, to—

(1) the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

(b) CONTENTS.—The report submitted under subsection (a) shall evaluate the obstacles to effective protection of Afghan and Iraqi allies through the special immigrant visa programs and suggestions for improvements in future programs, including information relating to—
(1) the hiring of locally employed staff and contractors;

(2) documenting the identity and employment of locally employed staff and contractors of the United States Government, including the possibility of establishing a central database of employees of the United States Government and its contractors;

(3) the protection and safety of employees of locally employed staff and contractors;

(4) means of expediting processing at all stages of the process for applicants, including consideration of reducing required forms;

(5) appropriate staffing levels for expedited processing domestically and abroad;

(6) the effect of uncertainty of visa availability on visa processing;

(7) the cost and availability of medical examinations; and

(8) means to reduce delays in interagency processing and security checks.

(c) CONSULTATION.—In preparing the report under subsection (a), the Inspector General shall consult with—

(1) the Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Visa Office;
(2) the Department of State, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs and South and Central Asian Affairs, Executive Office;

(3) the United States embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, Consular Section;

(4) the United States embassy in Baghdad, Iraq, Consular Section;

(5) the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services;

(6) the Department of Defense; and

(7) non-governmental organizations providing legal aid in the special immigrant visa application process.

Wherever possible, the Inspector General shall consult with both current and former employees of these offices.