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

SEC. 31. INDEPENDENT STUDY ON THE W80–4 NUCLEAR WARHEAD LIFE EXTENSION PROGRAM.

(a) INDEPENDENT STUDY.—

(1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator for Nuclear Security shall seek to enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center to conduct a study on the W80–4 nuclear warhead life extension program.

(2) LIMITATION.—Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2020 for the W80–4 nuclear warhead life extension program, not more than $713,551,000 may be obligated or expended until the date on which the Administrator submits the study under paragraph (1) to the congressional defense committees pursuant to subsection (d).
(b) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The study under section (a)(1) shall include the following:

(1) An explanation of the unexpected increase in cost of the W80–4 nuclear warhead life extension program.

(2) An analysis of—

(A) the future costs of the program; and

(B) schedule requirements.

(3) An analysis of the impacts on other programs as a result of the additional funding for W80–4, including—

(A) life-extension programs;

(B) infrastructure programs; and

(C) research, development, test, and evaluation programs.

(4) An analysis of the impacts that a delay of the program will have on other programs due to—

(A) technical or management challenges; and

(B) changes in requirements for the program.

(c) SUBMISSION TO NNSA.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the federally funded research and development center shall submit to
the Administrator a report containing the study conducted under subsection (a)(1).

(d) Submission to Congress.—Not later than 210 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to the congressional defense committees the study under subsection (a)(1), without change.

(e) Form.—The study under subsection (a) shall be in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.