

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119-33
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In title X, subtitle E, add at the end the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 10 ____ . INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT OF**
2 **DEFENSE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT EXECU-**
3 **TION BENCHMARKS.**

4 (a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under
6 Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), in coordination with
7 the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
8 Sustainment, shall enter into an agreement with an inde-
9 pendent entity to review the financial management execu-
10 tion benchmarks used by the Department of Defense to
11 assess obligation and expenditure performance across
12 major appropriations.

13 (b) MATTERS REVIEWED.—The review required by
14 subsection (a) shall assess—

15 (1) the origin, source, methodology, and author-
16 itative basis of execution benchmarks currently used
17 by the Department;

1 (2) the extent to which such benchmarks are
2 published in, or traceable to, Department-wide pol-
3 icy, regulation, guidance, or other official issuance;

4 (3) whether such benchmarks remain relevant
5 to modern acquisition and financial management
6 practices, including rapid prototyping, software de-
7 velopment, Other Transaction Agreements, mile-
8 stone-based payments, program phase, and period of
9 availability; and

10 (4) whether such benchmarks should be up-
11 dated, segmented, or otherwise modified to better re-
12 flect differences among appropriations, acquisition
13 pathways, contracting mechanisms, and program
14 execution patterns.

15 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
16 on which the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)
17 enters into the agreement under subsection (a), the Under
18 Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense com-
19 mittees a report on the results of the review, including
20 the findings of the review and any recommendations for
21 changes to Department policy, regulation, guidance, or
22 practice.

23 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) The term “execution benchmark” means
25 any metric, target, curve, rate, standard, threshold,

1 or other measure used by the Department to assess,
2 evaluate, compare, or characterize obligation or ex-
3 penditure performance.

4 (2) The term “independent entity” means a
5 federally funded research and development center, a
6 nonprofit research organization, an institution of
7 higher education, or any other entity with relevant
8 expertise in defense financial management, acquisi-
9 tion, budgeting, and program execution, and no or-
10 ganizational conflict of interest.

