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In subtitle A of title X, add at the end the following:

SEC. 10. ESTABLISHMENT OF A BLOCKCHAIN-DISTRIBUTED LEDGER TECHNOLOGIES-SMART CONTRACTS DEFENSE APPLICATIONS WORKING GROUP.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a working group to be known as the “Blockchain-Distributed Ledger Technologies-Smart Contracts Defense Applications Working Group” (referred to in this section as the “Working Group”). The Working Group shall identify potential applications for blockchain technology, smart contracts, or distributed ledger technologies in the processes of the Department of Defense.

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Working Group shall be composed of representatives of the following:

(1) The elements of the Department of Defense as described in paragraphs (1) through (10) of section 111(b) of title 10, United States Code.
(2) The Office of Science and Technology Policy.

(3) Relevant private sector entities.

(4) Academic institutions.

(c) RESOURCES.—The Working Group shall use Federal studies, reports, or other available resources to inform the use of blockchain technology, smart contracts, or distributed ledger technologies to improve efficiencies at the Department of Defense and efficiencies or functions of each of the Armed Forces.

(d) POLICIES.—Not later than April 1, 2024, the Secretary of Defense shall issue policies for the activities of the Working Group.

(e) SUPPORT.—The joint federation of capabilities established under section 937 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law 113–66; 10 U.S.C. 2224) shall provide administrative support to the working group.

(f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed to allow the Secretary of Defense to provide any competitive advantage to any participant of the Working Group.
(g) **SUNSET.**—This section and the Working Group established under this section shall terminate on December 31, 2028.