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Offered by Mr. Kildee of Michigan

At the end of subtitle B of title III, insert the following:

SEC. 3. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON PFAS CONTAMINATION.

(a) Study Required.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review of the efforts of the Department of Defense to clean up per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (in this section referred to as “PFAS”) contamination in and around military bases as well as the Department’s efforts to mitigate the public health impact of the contamination.

(b) Elements.—The study required by subsection (a), shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of—

(A) when the Department of Defense discovered that drinking water sources used by members of the Armed Forces and residents of communities surrounding military bases were contaminated with PFAS;
(B) after learning that the drinking water was contaminated, when the Department of Defense notified members of the Armed Forces and residents of communities surrounding military bases that their drinking water is contaminated with PFAS;

(C) after providing such notification, how much time lapsed before those affected were given alternative sources of drinking water;

(D) the number of installations and surrounding communities currently drinking water that is contaminated with PFAS above the EPA’s advisory limit;

(E) the amount of money the Department of Defense has spent on cleaning up PFAS contamination through the date of enactment of this Act;

(F) the number of sites where the Department of Defense has taken action to remediate PFAS contamination or other materials as a result of the use of firefighting foam on military bases;

(G) factors that might limit or prevent the Department of Defense from remediating PFAS contamination or other materials as a re-
sult of the use of firefighting foam on military bases;

(H) the estimated total cost of clean-up of PFAS;

(I) the cost to the Department of Defense to discontinue the use of PFAS in firefighting foam and to develop and procure viable replacements that meet military specifications; and

(J) the number of members of the Armed Forces who have been exposed to PFAS in their drinking water above the EPA’s Health Advisory levels during their military service.

(2) An evaluation of what the Department of Defense could have done better to mitigate the release of PFAS contamination into the environment and expose service members.

(3) Any other elements the Comptroller General may deem necessary.

(c) RESULTS.—

(1) INTERIM BRIEFING.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall provide to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on the Environment and Public
Works of the Senate a briefing on the preliminary findings of the study required by this section.

(2) FINAL RESULTS.—The Comptroller General shall provide the final results of the study required by this section to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on the Environment and Public Works of the Senate at such time and in such format as is mutually agreed upon by the committees and the Comptroller General at the time of briefing under paragraph (1).