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At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

1 SEC. 10____. FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF 2 CERTAIN EXPENSES OF PERSONS EVACU 3 ATED FROM AFGHANISTAN.

4 (a) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense 5 shall carry out a feasibility study on the potential reimbursement of the expenses of personal funds expended by 6 7 any covered United States person to evacuate citizens of the United States, lawful permanent residents of the 8 9 United States, or allies from Afghanistan during the period beginning on August 1, 2021, and ending on March 10 11 31, 2022.

(b) CONSULTATION.—In developing the feasibility
study required by subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense
shall consult with—

15 (1) the Secretary of State; and

16 (2) nongovernmental organizations, including
17 veterans service organizations, with expertise in sup-

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| 1 | porting the evacuation of United States citizens and |
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| 2 | Afghan allies from Afghanistan. |
| 3 | (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date |
| 4 | of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense |
| 5 | shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees |
| 6 | a report on the feasibility study required under subsection |
| 7 | (a). |
| 8 | (d) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection |
| 9 | (c) shall include each of the following: |
| 10 | (1) A list of each nongovernmental organization |
| 11 | consulted in accordance with subsection (b) during |
| 12 | the development of the feasibility study. |
| 13 | (2) A process that could be used for filing a re- |
| 14 | imbursement claim. |
| 15 | (3) Any supporting documentation that would |
| 16 | be required to file a reimbursement claim. |
| 17 | (4) An estimate of the time that would be asso- |
| 18 | ciated with processing a reimbursement claim. |
| 19 | (5) Eligibility requirements for covered United |
| 20 | States persons to file a reimbursement claim under |
| 21 | the program described in the feasibility study. |
| 22 | (6) Suggested criteria for reimbursement, in- |
| 23 | cluding a maximum reimbursement limit and a pro- |
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| 1 | penses for which a deduction was allowed under the |
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| 2 | Internal Revenue Code of 1986. |
| 3 | (7) The types of reimbursable claims and activi- |
| 4 | ties that would be considered for reimbursement, |
| 5 | such as funding for safe houses, travel, food, and |
| 6 | other life-saving provisions. |
| 7 | (8) A process that could be used for disbursing |
| 8 | funds to United States persons once reimbursement |
| 9 | claims are verified and approved. |
| 10 | (9) An estimate of the costs that would be asso- |
| 11 | ciated with implementing the reimbursement pro- |
| 12 | gram described in the feasibility study, including |
| 13 | whether sufficient funds have already been appro- |
| 14 | priated. |
| 15 | (10) A recommendation for the Federal entity |
| 16 | best suited to carry out the reimbursement program |
| 17 | described in the feasibility study, including whether |
| 18 | sufficient statutory authority already exists for such |
| 19 | Federal entity to provide such reimbursements. |
| 20 | (11) Additional recommendations, including as- |
| 21 | sessment of feasibility, for options to pay back cov- |
| 22 | ered United States persons other than through reim- |
| 23 | bursements, such as through tax credits or deduc- |
| 24 | tions. |
| 25 | (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section: |

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| 1 | (1) The term "appropriate congressional com- |
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| 2 | mittees'' means— |
| 3 | (A) the Committee on Armed Services of |
| 4 | the House of Representatives; and |
| 5 | (B) the Committee on Armed Services of |
| 6 | the Senate. |
| 7 | (2) The term "ally from Afghanistan" means |
| 8 | an individual who was eligible, upon evacuation dur- |
| 9 | ing the period described in subsection (a), for— |
| 10 | (A) special immigrant status under section |
| 11 | 101(a)(27) of the Immigration and Nationality |
| 12 | Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)), pursuant to section |
| 13 | 602(b) of the Afghan Allies Protection Act of |
| 14 | 2009 (Public Law 111–8; 8 U.S.C. 1101 note); |
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| 16 | (B) Priority 1 or Priority 2 processing |
| 17 | under the refugee resettlement priority system. |
| 18 | (3) The term "covered United States person"— |
| 19 | (A) means an individual who is a citizen or |
| 20 | national of the United States or an alien law- |
| 21 | fully admitted for permanent residence in the |
| 22 | United States; and |
| 23 | (B) does not include any private group, |
| 24 | foundation, or other entity who received funds |
| 25 | from private foundations, other private donors, |

- 1 or other sources of funds to conduct evacuation
- 2 efforts in Afghanistan.

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