

AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle C of title XVI, add the following new section:

1 SEC. 16____. STUDY ON THE SURVIVABILITY OF UNITED
2 STATES BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINES.

3 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Navy shall seek
4 to enter into an arrangement with the scientific advisory
5 group known as “JASON” to conduct a study on the cur-
6 rent status of, and future developments affecting, the sur-
7 vivability of the ballistic missile submarines of the Navy
8 in the open oceans.

9 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study under subsection (a)
10 shall include—

11 (1) assessment of the current survivability of
12 the Navy’s ballistic missile submarines at sea;

13 (2) a projection, with uncertainties explained, of
14 the expected survivability of such submarines over
15 the next several decades;

16 (3) analysis of projected developments in tech-
17 niques, including techniques using artificial intel-
18 ligence and quantum sensing, for detecting nuclear

1 submarines in the open oceans and the effectiveness
2 of various countermeasures to those techniques; and
3 (4) the development of recommendations for
4 strengthening the research programs of the Navy to
5 improve detection of ballistic missile submarines and
6 related countermeasures.

7 (c) REPORT.—Not later than December 31, 2026, the
8 Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the congressional
9 defense committees a report that includes the results of
10 the study conducted under subsection (a).

11 (d) FORM.—The report under subsection (c) may be
12 submitted in classified form, but if so submitted shall in-
13 clude an unclassified executive summary.

