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At the end of subtitle C of title VIII, add the following new section:

SEC. 8. BRIEFING ON THE SUPPLY CHAIN FOR SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM COMPONENTS.

(a) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, in consultation with the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, shall provide to the appropriate congressional committees a briefing on the supply chain for small unmanned aircraft system components, including a discussion of current and projected future demand for small unmanned aircraft system components.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The briefing under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) The sustainability and availability of secure sources of critical components domestically and from sources in allied and partner nations.
(2) The cost, availability, and quality of secure sources of critical components and other relevant information domestically and from sources in allied and partner nations.

(3) The plan of the Department of Defense to address any gaps or deficiencies presented in paragraphs (1) and (2), including through the use of funds available under the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4501 et seq.) and partnerships with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and other public and private stakeholders.

(4) Such other information as the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment determines to be appropriate.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the congressional defense committees;

(B) the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives; and

(C) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.
(2) **SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT; UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM.**—The terms “small unmanned aircraft” and “unmanned aircraft system” have the meanings given, respectively, in section 44801 of title 49, United States Code.