

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 116–57**  
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Add at the end of subtitle G of title XII the following:

1 **SEC. 12 \_\_\_\_ . ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER OF EXCELLENCE**  
2 **FOR COUNTERING POLITICAL WARFARE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in coordi-  
4 nation with the heads of other relevant Federal depart-  
5 ments and agencies, shall establish a Center of Excellence  
6 (in this section referred to as the “Center”) for research-  
7 ing political warfare and developing a whole-of-government  
8 response for countering near-peer political warfare  
9 threats.

10 (b) PURPOSE.—The Center shall serve as a platform  
11 for the United States and its allies and partners to engage  
12 in and share research, promote dialogue, and build capac-  
13 ity for countering near-peer political warfare.

14 (c) ACTIVITIES.—The Center may—

15 (1) identify and conduct research into political  
16 warfare campaigns targeted against the United  
17 States and its territories, democracies, and other  
18 like-minded countries by state and non-state actors;

1           (2) conduct trainings and briefings for the pur-  
2           pose of educating government and non-government  
3           stakeholders and enhancing resilience and interoper-  
4           ability between participants;

5           (3) serve as a conduit for engaging with experts  
6           and practitioners from a wide range of professional  
7           sectors and disciplines to improve situational aware-  
8           ness and research political warfare and develop  
9           methods for countering threats described in this sec-  
10          tion; and

11          (4) carry out any other activities of benefit to  
12          the study, identification, and countering of political  
13          warfare operations.

14          (d) ENGAGEMENTS.—The Secretary of State may en-  
15          gage with governments of like-minded countries, giving  
16          priority to treaty-allies for the purpose of increasing en-  
17          gagements between the Center and the international com-  
18          munity.

