

AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MRS. HOUCHIN OF INDIANA

At the end of subtitle B of title II, add the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 2__ . PILOT PROGRAM ON USE OF SUBSCRIPTION-**
2 **BASED FUNDING MODEL AT MAJOR RANGE**
3 **AND TEST FACILITY BASE.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 270 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act and subject to the avail-
6 ability of appropriations for such purpose, the Under Sec-
7 retary of Defense for Research and Engineering shall, act-
8 ing through the Director of the Test Resource Manage-
9 ment Center, commence carrying out a pilot program to
10 determine the feasibility, effectiveness, and operational im-
11 pacts of implementing a subscription-based funding model
12 for test and evaluation facilities.

13 (b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—The pilot program required by
14 subsection (a) shall—

15 (1) be conducted during the two-year period be-
16 ginning on the date of the commencement of the
17 pilot program;

1 (2) include not fewer than two cyber-physical
2 test and training ranges designated by the Director
3 of the Test Resource Management Center;

4 (3) include at least one cyber-physical test and
5 training range operated by, or under the authority
6 of, the National Guard of a State;

7 (4) provide for participation by military depart-
8 ments, defense agencies, combat support agencies,
9 federally funded research and development centers,
10 and such other Department of Defense entities as
11 the Director considers appropriate; and

12 (5) evaluate the applicability of subscription-
13 based funding to cyber, cyber-physical, electronic
14 warfare, modeling and simulation, and integrated
15 test environments associated with the participating
16 ranges.

17 (c) **SUBSCRIPTION-BASED FUNDING MODEL.**—For
18 purposes of the pilot program required by subsection (a),
19 the Under Secretary shall establish a funding structure
20 under which participating organizations pay recurring
21 subscription fees in exchange for access to specified range
22 capabilities, infrastructure, services, test environments, cy-
23 bersecurity resources, data management capabilities, and
24 related support functions, in lieu of or in combination with
25 traditional reimbursable or direct-user funding mecha-

1 nisms. The Under Secretary shall ensure that any sub-
2 scription fees are commensurate with the services pro-
3 vided.

4 (d) ELEMENTS.—In carrying out the pilot program
5 required by subsection (a), the Under Secretary shall—

6 (1) establish subscription tiers or other recur-
7 ring funding arrangements designed to support base-
8 line operational, sustainment, modernization, and cy-
9 bersecurity costs of participating ranges;

10 (2) assess the extent to which a subscription-
11 based model improves funding predictability, re-
12 source utilization, infrastructure availability, and
13 mission readiness;

14 (3) evaluate impacts on range scheduling, ac-
15 cess, interoperability, and support for developmental
16 testing, operational testing, training, experimen-
17 tation, and rapid prototyping activities;

18 (4) identify authority constraints or other chal-
19 lenges associated with broader implementation of
20 such a model;

21 (5) measure effects on cost recovery, user de-
22 mand, and long-term sustainment of cyber-physical
23 range capabilities; and

24 (6) develop recommendations regarding whether
25 and how a subscription-based funding model could

1 be expanded to additional test and evaluation facili-
2 ties.

3 (e) SELECTION OF PARTICIPATING RANGES.—In se-
4 lecting ranges for participation in the pilot program re-
5 quired by subsection (a), the Under Secretary shall
6 prioritize cyber-physical ranges that—

7 (1) support joint testing, training, or experi-
8 mentation activities;

9 (2) integrate operational technology, cyber,
10 communications, electronic warfare, or weapon-sys-
11 tem testing capabilities; and

12 (3) can provide representative data regarding
13 the scalability of subscription-based funding ap-
14 proaches across test and evaluation facilities.

15 (f) REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after the date
16 of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary shall
17 submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate
18 and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of
19 Representatives a report describing the following:

20 (1) The actions taken under subsection (a).

21 (2) The status of implementation of integration
22 required by such subsection.

23 (3) Any exceptions to full integration under
24 subsection (b)(2).

1 (4) The reasons for the exceptions described in
2 paragraph (3).

3 (g) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the date
4 on which the Under Secretary submits the report required
5 by subsection (f), the Under Secretary shall provide the
6 Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Com-
7 mittee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives
8 a briefing on the matters covered by the report.

