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

SEC. 18. DECLASSIFICATION REVIEW AND PUBLICATION OF MATERIALS RELATING TO AFGHANISTAN WITHDRAWAL.

(a) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Congress that the American people deserve to understand the events and decision-making which resulted in the chaotic withdrawal of United States personnel from Afghanistan in 2021.

(b) After-Action Review of Department of State.—

(1) Submission to Congress.—Not later than five days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a complete and unredacted copy of—

(A) the after-action review of the Department of State developed with respect to the Af-
ghanistan withdrawal (in this section, referred to as the “after-action review’’); and

(B) each interview, file, or other material used in compiling the after-action review.

(2) DECLASSIFICATION REVIEW; PUBLICATION.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall—

(A) complete a declassification review to determine what, if any, additional information contained within the after-action review may be declassified in accordance with the standards under subsection (d);

(B) declassify any information so determined; and

(C) publish on a publicly available Internet website of the Department of State an updated version of such after-action review containing, in addition to information previously unclassified, any other information declassified as a result of such declassification review.

(c) DISSENT CHANNEL CABLE RELATING TO AFGHANISTAN WITHDRAWAL.—

(1) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—

(A) SUBMISSION.—Not later than five days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
Secretary of State shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a complete (and, except as provided in subparagraph (B), unredacted) copy of—

(i) the dissent channel cable of the Department of State written on or about July 13, 2021, describing the likely consequences of United States withdrawal from Afghanistan; and

(ii) the official response of the Department of State with respect to such dissent channel cable.

(B) AUTHORIZED REDACTIONS.—The Secretary may redact the name of any signatory to the dissent channel cable specified in subparagraph (A).

(2) DECLASSIFICATION REVIEW; PUBLICATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall—

(i) complete a declassification review to determine what, if any, information con-
tained within the dissent channel cable specified in paragraph (1)(A) may be declassified in accordance with the standards under subsection (d);

(ii) declassify any information so determined; and

(iii) publish on a publicly available Internet website of the Department of State such dissent channel cable, in unclassified form and containing, in addition to any information previously unclassified, any other information declassified as a result of such declassification review.

(B) REQUIRED REDACTIONS.—In publishing the dissent channel cable under subparagraph (A)(i), the Secretary shall redact the name, and any other personally identifiable information, of each signatory to such dissent channel cable.

(d) STANDARDS FOR DECLASSIFICATION.—In conducting each declassification review under this section with respect to given information, the Secretary of State shall declassify such information unless the Secretary determines the declassification would be incompatible with the national security interests of the United States or oth-
erwise inconsistent with the protection of intelligence sources and methods.