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At the end of title VIII, insert the following:

SEC. 18. INDEPENDENT STUDIES REGARDING POTENTIAL COST SAVINGS WITH RESPECT TO THE NUCLEAR SECURITY ENTERPRISE AND FORCE STRUCTURE.

(a) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—

(1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than December 1, 2023, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing cost analyses with respect to each of the following:

(A) Options for reducing the nuclear security enterprise (as defined by section 4002 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2501)).

(B) Options for reductions in service contracts.

(C) Options for rebalancing force structure, including reductions in special operations forces, the ancillary effects of such options, and
the impacts of changing the force mix between active and reserve components.

(D) Options for reducing or realigning overseas military presence.

(E) Options for the use of pre-award audits to negotiate better prices for weapon systems and services.

(F) Options for replacing some military personnel with civilian employees.

(2) FORM.—The report under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex with respect to the matters specified in subparagraphs (A) and (C) of such paragraph.

(b) FFRDC STUDIES.—

(1) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall seek to enter into agreements with federally funded research and development centers to conduct the following studies:

(A) A study of the cost savings resulting from changes in force structure, active and reserve component balance, basing, and other impacts resulting from potential challenges to foundational planning assumptions.
(B) A study of the cost savings resulting from the adoption of alternatives to the current nuclear deterrence posture of the United States.

(C) A study of the cost savings of alternatives to current force structures.

(2) DETAIL REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall ensure that each study under paragraph (1) has a level of detail sufficient to allow the Director of the Congressional Budget Office to analyze the costs described in such studies.

(3) SUBMISSION.—Not later than December 1, 2023, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees each study under paragraph (1).

(4) FORM.—The studies under paragraph (1), and the report under paragraph (3), shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex.

(c) INDEPENDENT STUDY.—

(1) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall seek to enter into an agreement with an appropriate non-partisan nongovernmental entity to conduct a study on possible alternatives to the current defense and deterrence posture of the United States, including challenges to foundational assumptions, and the im-
pact of such postures on planning assumptions and requirements, basing, and force structure requirements.

(2) SUBMISSION.—Not later than December 1, 2023, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees the study under paragraph (1).