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

SEC. 3124. PLAN FOR VERIFICATION, DETECTION, AND MONITORING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND FISSILE MATERIAL.

(a) FINDINGS AND SENSE OF CONGRESS.—

(1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(A) A January 2014 Defense Science Board report found that “The nuclear future will not be a linear extrapolation of the past. . . [and] [t]he technologies and processes designed for current treaty verification and inspections are inadequate to future monitoring realities”.

(B) Section 3133 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291) required an interagency plan for nuclear monitoring of nuclear weapons and fissile material, and section 3132 of the Na-
tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) required an update of such plan. In both instances, the reports submitted failed to answer the congressional requirements, and instead provided only a brief summary of the National Security Council structure and processes.

(2) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that verification, detection, and monitoring of nuclear weapons and fissile material should be a priority for national security, and that the reports submitted to date do not reflect this priority, or the current and planned initiatives related to nuclear verification and detection.

(b) PLAN.—The President, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Director of National Intelligence, shall develop a plan for verification and monitoring relating to the potential proliferation of nuclear weapons, components of such weapons, and fissile material.

(c) ELEMENTS.—The plan developed under subsection (b) shall include the following:

(1) A plan and road map for verification, detection and monitoring, with respect to policy, oper-
ations, and research, development, testing, and evaluation, including—

(A) identifying requirements;

(B) costs and funding requirements over 10 years for such nuclear verification, detection and monitoring; and

(C) identifying and integrating roles, responsibilities, and planning for such nuclear verification, detection and monitoring.

(2) A detailed international engagement plan for building cooperation and transparency, including bilateral and multilateral efforts, to improve inspections, detection, and monitoring.

(3) A detailed description of—

(A) current and planned research and development efforts to improve monitoring, detection, and in-field inspection and analysis capabilities, including persistent surveillance, remote monitoring, and rapid analysis of large data sets, including open-source data; and

(B) measures to coordinate technical and operational requirements early in the process.

(4) Engagement of relevant departments and agencies of the Federal Government and the military departments (including the Open Source Center and
the United States Atomic Energy Detection System), national laboratories, industry, and academia.

(d) DESIGNATION OF DOE.—The President shall designate the Department of Energy as the lead agency for development of the plan under subsection (b).

(e) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy, acting through the Administrator for Nuclear Security, shall provide to the appropriate congressional committees an interim briefing on the plan under subsection (b).

(f) LIMITATION.—Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of Defense for supporting the Executive Office of the President, $10,000,000 may not be obligated or expended until the date on which the President submits to the appropriate congressional committees the plan under subsection (g)(1).

(g) SUBMISSION.—

(1) DEADLINE.—Not later than April 15, 2018, the President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees the plan developed under subsection (b).

(2) FORM.—The plan under subsection (b) shall be transmitted in unclassified form, but, consistent
with the protection of intelligence sources and methods, may include a classified annex.

(h) Appropriate Congressional Committees Defined.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means the following:

(1) The congressional defense committees.

(2) The Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

(3) The Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

(4) The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives.