

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119–8
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At the end of subtitle A of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12__ . BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF THE ARMED**
2 **FORCES OF MEXICO TO COUNTER THE**
3 **THREAT POSED BY TRANSNATIONAL CRIMI-**
4 **NAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

5 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the
6 “Partnership for Advancing Regional Training and Nar-
7 cotics Enforcement Response Strategies Act” or the
8 “PARTNERS Act”.

9 (b) **STATEMENT OF POLICY.**—It is the policy of the
10 United States Government to counter the threat posed by
11 transnational criminal organizations, including through
12 military capacity building and security cooperation with
13 the Government of Mexico.

14 (c) **PLAN.**—Not later than 180 days after the date
15 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,
16 in consultation with the Secretary of State and with the
17 agreement of the Government of Mexico, shall submit to
18 the appropriate congressional committees a plan for a pilot
19 program under which the armed forces of Mexico and the

1 United States Armed Forces will train jointly in the
2 United States on tactics, techniques, and procedures for
3 countering the threat posed by transnational criminal or-
4 ganizations, including through—

5 (1) operations involving the use of rotary-wing
6 aircraft; and

7 (2) in consultation with the appropriate civilian
8 government agencies specializing in countering
9 transnational criminal organizations—

10 (A) joint network analysis;

11 (B) counter threat financing;

12 (C) counter illicit trafficking (including
13 narcotics, weapons, and human trafficking, and
14 illicit trafficking in natural resources); and

15 (D) assessments of key nodes of activity of
16 transnational criminal organizations.

17 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 15 days after
18 the date on which the plan required by subsection (c) is
19 submitted under such subsection, the Secretary of Defense
20 shall begin implementing the pilot program described in
21 the plan.

22 (e) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL
23 COMMITTEES.—In this section, the term “appropriate
24 congressional committees” means—

1 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
2 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee
3 on Appropriations of the Senate; and

4 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
5 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee
6 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

