

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118–**

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At the end of subtitle E of title X, insert the following:

**1 SEC. 10\_\_\_\_. ANNUAL REPORT ON MILITARY POWER AND IL-**  
**2 LICIT ACTIVITIES OF CERTAIN DRUG CAR-**  
**3 TELS.**

**4** (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
**5** date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter  
**6** until the date specified in subsection (f), the Secretary of  
**7** Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, the  
**8** Director of National Intelligence, the Attorney General,  
**9** and the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall submit to  
**10** the appropriate congressional committees a report on the  
**11** military power and illicit activities of the cartels specified  
**12** in subsection (b). Each such report shall include each of  
**13** the following:

**14** (1) A detailed assessment of the organizational  
**15** structure, leadership hierarchy, and key operational  
**16** figures of each cartel, including, with respect to any  
**17** individuals affiliated with the cartel, the roles of

1       such individuals in conducting military and para-  
2       military activities.

3           (2) An evaluation of the military and para-  
4       military capabilities of each cartel, including the  
5       size, structure, and sophistication of the armed  
6       forces or militias of the cartel, including—

7           (A) a description of the types and quan-  
8       tities of weapons, equipment, and technology  
9       (including drones, encrypted communications,  
10      and advanced surveillance systems) used by the  
11      cartel;

12          (B) an assessment of the recruitment,  
13      training, and operational tactics of the cartel,  
14      including an identification of any cross-border  
15      operations and coordination with other criminal  
16      or terrorist organizations

17          (3) A description of the geographic areas, both  
18      within the United States and internationally, where  
19      the cartels operate or exert control of territory or in-  
20      fluence, including the control of such cartels over  
21      border regions and smuggling routes.

22          (4) An assessment of the direct and indirect  
23      threats posed by the cartels to the national security  
24      of the United States and its allies.

1           (5) A summary of current efforts by the Armed  
2           Forces, law enforcement, and intelligence community  
3           of the United States to counter the activities of the  
4           cartels, including interagency coordination and co-  
5           operation with foreign governments.

6           (6) Recommendations for additional authorities,  
7           resources, or strategies to enhance the efforts of the  
8           United States to disrupt and dismantle the military  
9           capabilities of the cartels.

10          (b) SPECIFIED CARTELS.—A cartel specified in this  
11         subsection is any organization or entity that is engaged  
12         in the production and trafficking of narcotics that—

13                 (1) the Secretary of State has designated as a  
14                 foreign terrorist organization pursuant to section  
15                 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
16                 U.S.C. 1189);

17                 (2) is subject to sanctions under Executive  
18                 Order 13224 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note, relating to  
19                 blocking property and prohibiting transactions with  
20                 persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support  
21                 terrorism);

22                 (3) is subject to sanctions under Executive  
23                 Order 14059 (relating to imposing sanctions on for-  
24                 eign persons involved in the global illicit drug trade);  
25                 or

1 (4) is determined to a transnational criminal  
2 organization pursuant to the Fentanyl Eradication  
3 and Narcotics Deterrence Act (division E of Public  
4 Law 118–50; 21 U.S.C. 2341 note).

5 (c) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required under  
6 subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but  
7 may include a classified annex.

8 (d) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The unclassified portion  
9 of the report required under subsection (a) shall be made  
10 publicly available on a website of the Department of De-  
11 fense.

12 (e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-  
13 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-  
14 sional committees” means—

15 (1) the congressional defense committees;  
16 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the  
17 Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on  
18 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of  
19 Representatives; and

20 (3) the Committee on Foreign Relations and  
21 the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate.

22 (f) DATE SPECIFIED.—The date specified in this sub-  
23 section is December 31, 2030.

