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In subtitle E of title XVII, add at the end the following:

SEC. ___. STUDY AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASSISTANT DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ENVIRONMENT AND RESILIENCE.

(a) Study.—

(1) In general.—The Secretary of Defense shall carry out a study on the creation of a position of Assistant Deputy Secretary for Environment and Resilience, which would broaden the responsibilities and authorities of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment. The Secretary shall determine the scope of duties for this position by evaluating which defense activities outside of sustainment are impacted by the threat of anticipated or unanticipated changes in environmental conditions, or extreme weather events. The Secretary shall also consider whether the position of Assistant Deputy Secretary for Environment and Resilience should—
(A) update and execute on the Department of Defense’s 2014 Climate Change Adaptation Roadmap;

(B) collaborate with other Assistant Deputy Secretaries of Defense and Assistant Secretaries of Defense to develop recommendations on how to factor climate risks into Department of Defense policies; and

(C) undertake such other duties related to environmental resilience as the Secretary may determine appropriate.

(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than the end of the 60-day period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue a report to the Congress containing all findings and determinations made in carrying out the study required under paragraph (1).

(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—After issuing the report required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall establish the position of Assistant Deputy Secretary for Environment and Resilience and delegate such duties to the position as the Secretary determines appropriate, taking into account the results of the study required under subsection (a).
(c) Annual Report.—The Assistant Deputy Secretary for Environment and Resilience shall issue an annual report to the Secretary of Defense and the Congress containing a description of the actions taken by the Assistant Deputy Secretary during the previous year.