

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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At the end of subtitle C of title II, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . INDEPENDENT STUDY ON THREATS TO UNITED**
2 **STATES NATIONAL SECURITY FROM DEVEL-**
3 **OPMENT OF HYPERSONIC WEAPONS BY FOR-**
4 **EIGN NATIONS.**

5 (a) INDEPENDENT STUDY.—Not later than 30 days
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
7 of Defense shall seek to enter into a contract with a feder-
8 ally funded research and development center under which
9 the center will conduct a study on the development of
10 hypersonic weapons capabilities by foreign nations and the
11 threat posed by such capabilities to United States terri-
12 tory, forces and overseas bases, and allies.

13 (b) ELEMENTS OF STUDY.—The study required
14 under subsection (a) shall—

15 (1) describe the hypersonic weapons capabilities
16 in development in the People’s Republic of China,
17 the Russian Federation, and other nations;

1 (2) assess the proliferation risk that nations
2 that develop hypersonic weapons capabilities might
3 transfer this technology to other nations;

4 (3) attempt to describe the rationale for why
5 each nation that is developing hypersonic weapons
6 capabilities is undertaking such development; and

7 (4) examine the unique threats created to
8 United States national security by hypersonic weap-
9 ons due to both their maneuverability and speed,
10 distinguishing between hypersonic glide vehicles de-
11 livered by rocket boosters (known as boost-glide sys-
12 tems) and hypersonic cruise missiles, and further
13 distinguishing between longer-range systems that
14 can reach United States territory and shorter or me-
15 dium range systems that might be used in a regional
16 conflict.

17 (c) SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—
18 Not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment
19 of this Act, the federally funded research and development
20 center that conducts the study under subsection (a) shall
21 submit to the Secretary of Defense a report on the results
22 of the study in both classified and unclassified form.

23 (d) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30
24 days after the date on which the Secretary of Defense re-
25 ceives the report under subsection (c), the Secretary shall

1 submit to the congressional defense committees an
2 unaltered copy of the report in both classified and unclas-
3 sified form, and any comments of the Secretary with re-
4 spect to the report.

