

AMENDMENT TO RULES
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At the end of subtitle E of title III, add the following new section:

1 SEC. 3 ____ . RESERVE MOBILIZATION EXERCISE.

2 (a) INDO-PACIFIC MOBILIZATION AND READINESS
3 STUDY REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,
5 in coordination with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of
6 Staff and the Commander of United States Indo-Pacific
7 Command, shall conduct a comprehensive joint mobiliza-
8 tion and sustainment readiness study (modeled on the
9 1978 “Nifty Nugget” exercise) to assess the capability of
10 the Armed Forces to respond to a high-intensity contin-
11 uency in the Indo-Pacific region.

12 (b) ELEMENTS OF THE STUDY.—The study required
13 under subsection (a) shall include the following:

14 (1) An assessment of the ability to rapidly mo-
15 bilize, deploy, and sustain active and reserve compo-
16 nent forces in response to a conflict scenario involv-
17 ing the Taiwan Strait, South China Sea, or similar
18 Indo-Pacific flashpoint.

1 (2) An evaluation of strategic lift and
2 sustainment capabilities across military departments,
3 including maritime sealift, airlift, rail, road net-
4 works, and prepositioned stocks.

5 (3) Identification of critical logistics
6 vulnerabilities, mobilization bottlenecks, and com-
7 mand and control challenges.

8 (4) Analysis of interagency coordination proce-
9 dures and integration with civilian emergency sup-
10 port capabilities.

11 (5) An evaluation of joint and allied interoper-
12 ability, with particular attention to coordination
13 mechanisms with Japan, Australia, the Philippines,
14 and Taiwan.

15 (c) CIVILIAN SKILLS INVENTORY OF THE RESERVE
16 COMPONENT.—The Secretary of Defense, acting through
17 the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness,
18 shall conduct a civilian skills inventory of the Reserve
19 Components of the Armed Forces to identify and
20 assess the non-military qualifications and talents of re-
21 servists, including—

22 (1) foreign language proficiency and cultural
23 expertise;

1 (2) advanced academic credentials, including
2 master's degrees, doctoral degrees, and scientific re-
3 search experience;

4 (3) industrial and technical skills, including cy-
5 bersecurity, software development, engineering, lo-
6 gistics, manufacturing, and data science;

7 (4) critical infrastructure and emergency re-
8 sponse expertise; and

9 (5) private-sector leadership and innovation ex-
10 perience relevant to defense mobilization and
11 sustainment.

12 (d) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than
13 one year after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
14 of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense com-
15 mittees a report that includes—

16 (1) the results, findings, and recommendations
17 of the Indo-Pacific mobilization and readiness study
18 required under subsection (a);

19 (2) a summary of the civilian skills inventory of
20 the Reserve Component, including recommendations
21 for how such skills can be leveraged to support con-
22 tingency planning, civil-military integration, and
23 surge operations;

24 (3) a comparative analysis of best practices by
25 each Armed Force with respect to—

1 (A) mobilizing Reserve Component forces
2 for wartime or emergency augmentation;

3 (B) identifying, tracking, and utilizing ci-
4 vilian-acquired skills of reservists; and

5 (C) executing logistical lift and
6 sustainment operations, including Navy-led
7 maritime port operations, Army-managed rail
8 and overland transport, Air Force strategic air-
9 lift capacity, and Marine Corps expeditionary
10 logistics; and

11 (4) an estimate of—

12 (A) the number of Reserve Component per-
13 sonnel likely to be available and required to re-
14 inforce forward-deployed active duty units dur-
15 ing the first 30, 60, and 90 days of a major
16 Indo-Pacific contingency; and

17 (B) the number of Reserve Component
18 personnel required to support full-scale mobili-
19 zation and logistics surge operations within the
20 United States, including domestic transpor-
21 tation nodes, sustainment hubs, ports of embar-
22 kation, mobilization training centers, and other
23 homeland support functions necessary to enable
24 and sustain global operations.

