

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

1 **SEC. 12___ . JOINT UNITED STATES-TAIWAN RESEARCH, DE-**
2 **VELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION PRO-**
3 **GRAM.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary, in coordination
5 with the Director of the Defense Security Cooperation
6 Agency and in consultation with the Secretary of State,
7 shall seek to carry out with Taiwan a joint research, devel-
8 opment, test, and evaluation program (in this section re-
9 ferred to as the “Program”) to accelerate the development
10 and transition of unmanned aircraft systems and counter-
11 UAS systems.

12 (b) **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.**—In carrying out the Pro-
13 gram, the Secretary may, with respect to unmanned air-
14 craft systems and counter-UAS systems—

15 (1) research, develop, test, and evaluate such
16 systems, and related enabling technologies, jointly
17 with Taiwan, including by prototyping;

1 (2) fund the development of critical components
2 of such systems, including sensors, autonomy soft-
3 ware, control systems, communications modules, and
4 propulsion technologies;

5 (3) test, evaluate, and experiment with respect
6 to such systems in relevant operational environments
7 jointly with Taiwan;

8 (4) integrate systems developed under the Pro-
9 gram into exercises, demonstrations, and operational
10 use; and

11 (5) transition systems and technologies devel-
12 oped under the Program to production using avail-
13 able authorities.

14 (c) PRIORITIES.—In carrying out the Program, the
15 Secretary shall prioritize systems and technologies that—

16 (1) address capability gaps identified by the
17 Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Com-
18 mand;

19 (2) demonstrate the capability to transition to
20 production and operational use within 24 to 36
21 months; and

22 (3) support interoperability and integration
23 with respect to the United States Armed Forces and
24 the military forces of Taiwan.

1 (d) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall ensure that
2 activities under the Program—

3 (1) are coordinated with the Commander of the
4 United States Indo-Pacific Command;

5 (2) leverage contributions from Taiwan, includ-
6 ing financial and in-kind support; and

7 (3) align with existing security cooperation and
8 technology development programs.

9 (e) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
11 thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary shall submit to the
12 congressional defense committees, the Committee on For-
13 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the
14 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report
15 that—

16 (1) identifies activities funded under the Pro-
17 gram and the funding levels of such activities;

18 (2) evaluates progress toward testing, produc-
19 tion, or operational use of systems developed under
20 the Program;

21 (3) describes contributions to the Program from
22 Taiwan, including financial and in-kind support;

23 (4) evaluates alignment of the Program with
24 operational requirements of the United States Indo-
25 Pacific Command; and

1 (5) identifies barriers to transitioning systems
2 and technologies developed under the Program and
3 provides recommendations to address such barriers.

4 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) COUNTER-UAS SYSTEM; UNMANNED AIR-
6 CRAFT SYSTEM.—The terms “counter-UAS system”
7 and “unmanned aircraft system” have the meanings
8 given such terms in section 44801 of title 49, United
9 States Code.

10 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
11 the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Under
12 Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

