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At the end of subtitle G of title X insert the following new section:

SEC. 1082. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON AIR FORCE FLIGHT TRAINING AIRCRAFT.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The Air Force uses the T–1A aircraft to train Air Force pilots to operate tanker and transport aircraft.

(2) The Air Force is seeking a replacement aircraft for the T–1A which is experiencing obsolescence issues and high costs.

(3) An effective way to mitigate the T–1A’s cost, obsolescence, and complexity issues until a permanent replacement aircraft enters service, is to utilize contractor-owned, contractor-operated modern aircraft in the very light jet category.

(4) Conducting very light jet training via a contractor-owned, contractor-operated contract vehicle
could provide increased flexibility and reduce unnecessary ownership costs.

(b) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Air Force should formally assess the operational feasibility, costs, potential savings, and readiness implications of utilizing contractor-owned, contractor-operated, very light jet aircraft for interim flight instruction until a permanent replacement for the T–1A enters service.