

AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle A of title XV, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 15___ . UPDATED STRATEGY OF DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
2 **FENSE RELATING TO INFORMATION ENVI-**
3 **RONMENT.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense, in co-
5 ordination with the Commander of the United States Stra-
6 tegic Command and the Commander of the United States
7 Cyber Command, shall develop a strategy that updates the
8 strategy contained in the document of the Department of
9 Defense titled “Joint Concept for Operating in the Infor-
10 mation Environment” and dated July 25, 2018 (in this
11 section referred to as the “updated strategy”).

12 (b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—The updated strategy shall—
13 (1) build upon the document of the Department
14 of Defense titled “Joint Concept for Operating in
15 the Information Environment” and dated July 25,
16 2018 and the goals outlined in the 2022 National
17 Defense Strategy;

1 (2) provide for each of the activities under sub-
2 section (c);

3 (3) serve as the lead document for the Joint
4 Force with respect to organizing and using informa-
5 tion as a component of military strategy;

6 (4) establish consistency in the understanding
7 of, and the conduct of operations in, the information
8 environment across the Armed Forces;

9 (5) reflect changes in the information environ-
10 ment, and operations conducted in such environ-
11 ment, since 2018; and

12 (6) categorize information operations based on
13 current uses in military campaigns, to enable better
14 staffing, training, and funding for specific types of
15 operations in the information environment.

16 (c) ELEMENTS.—The updated strategy shall include
17 the following:

18 (1) The designation of information as a military
19 domain, for the purpose of facilitating—

20 (A) improved treatment of the information
21 domain within the National Defense Strategy;

22 (B) more effective tasking of roles and re-
23 sponsibilities within each Armed Force for the
24 Secretaries concerned to meet objectives in the
25 information environment;

1 (C) improved organization, with respect to
2 the use of information as a tool for military
3 purposes, of—

4 (i) forces across each Armed Force;

5 and

6 (ii) the various combatant commands.

7 (2) The designation of specific categories for
8 the various components of information operations as
9 follows:

10 (A) A category to be known as “operations
11 in the information environment”, inclusive of
12 the components of information operations
13 that—

14 (i) support the achievement of objec-
15 tives at the tactical and operational levels;
16 and

17 (ii) through such achievements, estab-
18 lish information operations as a national
19 component of power, by contributing to the
20 hard or soft power of the United States
21 (such as the military capabilities or eco-
22 nomic strength of the United States, re-
23 spectively).

24 (B) A category to be known as “special in-
25 formation operations”, inclusive of the compo-

1 nents of information operations that enable the
2 Joint Force and interagency forces to address
3 nontraditional problem sets, particularly with
4 respect to—

5 (i) operations that occur in the gray
6 zone; or

7 (ii) competition below the threshold of
8 armed conflict.

9 (C) A category to be known as “long-term
10 public diplomacy”, inclusive of the components
11 of information operations that—

12 (i) require synchronized themes, mes-
13 saging, symbols, and narratives, with long
14 term organization incentive structures to
15 achieve a coherent effect;

16 (ii) involve an organizational structure
17 that incentivizes collaboration between the
18 Department of Defense and other relevant
19 Federal departments and agencies; and

20 (iii) prioritizes long-term public diplo-
21 macy.

22 (3) The establishment of working definitions for
23 each of the categories listed in subparagraphs (A)
24 through (C) of paragraph (2), taking into consider-

1 ation the corresponding descriptions provided in
2 such subparagraphs.

3 (4) An assessment of potential means to syn-
4 chronize efforts between combatant commands that,
5 as of the date of the enactment of this Act, offer in-
6 formation operations training to meet requirements
7 established by the categorization of information op-
8 erations proposed in paragraph (2), including—

9 (A) the Marine Corps Information Oper-
10 ations Command;

11 (B) the 16th Air Force;

12 (C) the Army 1st Information Operations
13 Command; and

14 (D) the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare
15 Center and School.

16 (d) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
18 of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
19 ices of the House of Representatives and the Senate an
20 interim report on the implementation of this section, in-
21 cluding—

22 (1) an interim plan for the updated strategy, to
23 include a proposed implementation plan and a
24 framework for the future submission of quarterly
25 progress reviews under subsection (e)(4).

1 (2) any funding requirements to implement the
2 updated strategy; and

3 (3) any other resources necessary to implement
4 the updated strategy, as identified by the Secretary
5 of Defense.

6 (e) DEADLINE; FINAL REPORT.—Not later than one
7 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and, with
8 respect to the matter specified in paragraph (4), on a
9 quarterly basis thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall
10 submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House
11 of Representatives and the Senate a report containing—

12 (1) a copy of the completed updated strategy;

13 (2) an implementation plan for the updated
14 strategy;

15 (3) an outline of an investment framework that
16 identifies planning priorities and funding require-
17 ments to implement the updated strategy according
18 to such plan; and

19 (4) a progress review with respect to the status
20 of the implementation of the updated strategy.

