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

SEC. 15. UPDATED STRATEGY OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RELATING TO INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Commander of the United States Strategic Command and the Commander of the United States Cyber Command, shall develop a strategy that updates the strategy contained in the document of the Department of Defense titled “Joint Concept for Operating in the Information Environment” and dated July 25, 2018 (in this section referred to as the “updated strategy”).

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The updated strategy shall—

(1) build upon the document of the Department of Defense titled “Joint Concept for Operating in the Information Environment” and dated July 25, 2018 and the goals outlined in the 2022 National Defense Strategy;
(2) provide for each of the activities under subsection (e);

(3) serve as the lead document for the Joint Force with respect to organizing and using information as a component of military strategy;

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

(5) reflect changes in the information environment, and operations conducted in such environment, since 2018; and

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

(e) ELEMENTS.—The updated strategy shall include the following:

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

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

(B) more effective tasking of roles and responsibilities within each Armed Force for the Secretaries concerned to meet objectives in the information environment;
(C) improved organization, with respect to
the use of information as a tool for military
purposes, of—

(i) forces across each Armed Force;
and

(ii) the various combatant commands.

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

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

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

(ii) through such achievements, estab-
lish information operations as a national
component of power, by contributing to the
hard or soft power of the United States
(such as the military capabilities or eco-
monic strength of the United States, re-
spectively).

(B) A category to be known as “special in-
formation operations”, inclusive of the compo-
ments of information operations that enable the Joint Force and interagency forces to address nontraditional problem sets, particularly with respect to—

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

(ii) competition below the threshold of armed conflict.

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

(i) require synchronized themes, messaging, symbols, and narratives, with long-term organization incentive structures to achieve a coherent effect;

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

(iii) prioritizes long-term public diplomacy.

(3) The establishment of working definitions for each of the categories listed in subparagraphs (A) through (C) of paragraph (2), taking into consider-
ation the corresponding descriptions provided in such subparagraphs.

(4) An assessment of potential means to synchronize efforts between combatant commands that, as of the date of the enactment of this Act, offer information operations training to meet requirements established by the categorization of information operations proposed in paragraph (2), including—

(A) the Marine Corps Information Operations Command;

(B) the 16th Air Force;

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

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

(d) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate an interim report on the implementation of this section, including—

(1) an interim plan for the updated strategy, to include a proposed implementation plan and a framework for the future submission of quarterly progress reviews under subsection (e)(4).
(2) any funding requirements to implement the
updated strategy; and
(3) any other resources necessary to implement
the updated strategy, as identified by the Secretary
of Defense.

(e) DEADLINE; FINAL REPORT.—Not later than one
year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and, with
respect to the matter specified in paragraph (4), on a
quarterly basis thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall
submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House
of Representatives and the Senate a report containing—
(1) a copy of the completed updated strategy;
(2) an implementation plan for the updated
strategy;
(3) an outline of an investment framework that
identifies planning priorities and funding require-
ments to implement the updated strategy according
to such plan; and
(4) a progress review with respect to the status
of the implementation of the updated strategy.