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Add at the end of subtitle D of title VIII the following new section:

SEC. 8. ANNUAL REPORTS REGARDING THE SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

(a) REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and not later than 120 days after the last day of each fiscal year that begins after such date of enactment, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with each Secretary of a military department, shall submit, through the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, to Congress a report that addresses—

(1) the ways in which the Secretary, as of the date on which the report is submitted, is using incentives described under section 9(y)(6)(B) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(y)(6)(B)) for Department of Defense program managers to increase the number of Phase II SBIR awards made by the Secretary that lead to technology transition
into programs of record or fielded systems, including
the determination of the Secretary regarding the po-
tential effect of providing monetary incentives to
program managers for that purpose;

(2) the extent to which the Secretary has devel-
oped simplified and standardized procedures and
model contracts throughout the agency for Phase I,
Phase II, and Phase III SBIR awards, as required
under section 9(hh)(2)(A)(i) of the Small Business

(3) the extent to which Phase I, Phase II, and
Phase III SBIR awards made by the Secretary align
with the modernization priorities of the Department,
including with respect to artificial intelligence, bio-
technology, autonomy, cybersecurity, directed en-
ergy, fully networked command, control, and com-
munication systems, microelectronics, quantum
science, hypersonics, and space; and

(4) any other action taken, and proposed to be
taken, to increase the number SBIR awards made
by the Secretary that lead to technology transition
into programs of record or fielded systems.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the terms “Phase I”, “Phase II”, “Phase
III”, and “SBIR” have the meanings given such
terms, respectively, in section 9(e) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(e)); and

(2) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Defense.