

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. 118–36**  
**OFFERED BY MR. PANETTA OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of subtitle B of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12\_\_ . KEY PARTNERS FOR MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL IN-**  
2 **TEGRATION MILITARY SUBJECT MATTER EX-**  
3 **PERT EXCHANGE PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, using  
5 existing authorities, including section 311 of title 10,  
6 United States Code, as applicable, and in consultation  
7 with the head of any other Federal agency, as appropriate,  
8 shall design and implement a foreign military officer sub-  
9 ject matter expert exchange program to be known as the  
10 “ Middle East Regional Integration Military Subject Mat-  
11 ter Expert Exchange Program” (referred to in this section  
12 as the “exchange program”).

13 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the exchange pro-  
14 gram shall be to facilitate interaction, cultural exchange,  
15 and mutual learning of members of participating militaries  
16 in support of Middle East regional integration in order  
17 to deepen and expand such integration.

18 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—

1           (1) COMPOSITION.—The exchange program  
2 shall be composed of members of the armed forces  
3 of participating militaries in support of Middle East  
4 regional integration and members of the Armed  
5 Forces of the United States.

6           (2) SUBJECT MATTER.—

7           (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of De-  
8 fense shall select exchange program participants  
9 with a wide range of experiences collectively  
10 covering the tactical, operational, and strategic  
11 levels.

12           (B) PARTICIPANT PAY GRADE LEVELS.—  
13 The Secretary of Defense shall include in the  
14 exchange program participants at each of the  
15 following military pay grades, or equivalent for-  
16 eign military pay grades:

17                   (i) E-7 through E-9.

18                   (ii) CW-3 through CW-5.

19                   (iii) O-3 through O-9.

20                   (iv) Such other pay grade levels at the  
21 discretion of the Secretary of Defense.

22           (C) EXPERTISE.—A participant in the ex-  
23 change program shall have expertise in one or  
24 more of the following subject matter areas:

25                   (i) Strategic doctrine.

- 1 (ii) Defense planning.
- 2 (iii) Civilian and military relations.
- 3 (iv) Military law.
- 4 (v) Public affairs.
- 5 (vi) Civil affairs.
- 6 (vii) Military budgeting and acquisi-
- 7 tion.
- 8 (viii) Integrated air and missile de-
- 9 fense.
- 10 (ix) Integrated maritime domain
- 11 awareness and interdiction.
- 12 (x) Cyber resilience and defense.
- 13 (xi) Counterterrorism.
- 14 (xii) Defense information sharing.
- 15 (xiii) Any other subject matter area
- 16 that the Secretary of Defense determines
- 17 to be appropriate.

18 (d) EXCHANGE PROGRAM CONTENT.—The exchange

19 program—

20 (1) shall include learning modalities and meth-

21 ods, as determined by the Exchange Program Coor-

22 dinator;

23 (2) may include separate agendas and experi-

24 ences for participants in order to—

1 (A) facilitate interaction on particular top-  
2 ics;

3 (B) cater to participant backgrounds or  
4 rank levels; or

5 (C) achieve other pedagogical ends as de-  
6 termined by the Exchange Program Coordi-  
7 nator; and

8 (3) may include discussion, comparison, and in-  
9 formation regarding the development of—

10 (A) defense doctrine;

11 (B) exercise development;

12 (C) budget planning;

13 (D) military law and law of armed conflict;

14 (E) military cooperation with civilian agen-  
15 cies;

16 (F) standard operating procedures;

17 (G) operational plans and the operational  
18 art;

19 (H) gaps and opportunities for improve-  
20 ment in existing procedures and plans;

21 (I) existing technical challenges;

22 (J) emerging technical challenges;

23 (K) the current and future threat environ-  
24 ment;

1 (L) trust and capacity for multilateral  
2 sharing of information;

3 (M) additional mechanisms and ideas for  
4 integrated cooperation;

5 (N) ways to promote the meaningful par-  
6 ticipation of women in matters of peace and se-  
7 curity; and

8 (O) other content, as appropriate, devel-  
9 oped to advance integration and tactical, oper-  
10 ational, and strategic proficiency.

11 (e) MEETINGS.—Participants in the exchange pro-  
12 gram shall meet in-person not less frequently than quar-  
13 terly.

14 (f) EXCHANGE PROGRAM COORDINATOR.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense  
16 shall designate an Exchange Program Coordinator,  
17 who shall be assigned to a Department of Defense  
18 School, to oversee the exchange program.

19 (2) DUTIES.—(2) The Exchange Program Co-  
20 ordinator shall—

21 (A) design the exchange program;

22 (B) ensure that the exchange program  
23 complies with the requirements of this section;

1 (C) provide to the Secretary of Defense re-  
2 ports on developments, insights, and progress of  
3 the exchange program; and

4 (D) notify the Secretary of Defense of any  
5 failures of the exchange program to comply  
6 with the in-person requirements of subsection  
7 (e).

8 (3) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—Not later  
9 than 15 days after receiving a notification under  
10 paragraph (2)(D), the Secretary of Defense shall  
11 submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the  
12 Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the  
13 House of Representatives a report describing—

14 (A) the reasons an in-person meeting did  
15 not occur during such quarter; and

16 (B) any measures taken to ensure that an  
17 in-person meeting occurs during the following  
18 quarter.

19 (g) REPORT.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
21 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually  
22 thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary of Defense shall  
23 submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the  
24 Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the  
25 House of Representatives a report that includes—

1 (A) a summary of the activities of the ex-  
2 change program during the prior year, includ-  
3 ing—

4 (i) the countries participating;

5 (ii) the subject matter covered;

6 (iii) developments, insights, and  
7 progress achieved through the program;  
8 and

9 (iv) any new topics added to the ex-  
10 change as well as a justification for adding  
11 the new topic;

12 (B) an assessment of the effectiveness of  
13 the exchange program; and

14 (C) recommendations on further improve-  
15 ments to the exchange program.

16 (2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph  
17 (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may  
18 include a classified annex.

19 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SCHOOL.—The  
21 term “Department of Defense school” means any in-  
22 stitution listed in section 1595(e) or section 2162(d)  
23 of title 10, United States Code.

24 (2) PARTICIPATING MILITARIES IN SUPPORT OF  
25 MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL INTEGRATION.—The term

1 “participating militaries in support of Middle East  
2 regional integration” means military allies and part-  
3 ner forces of the United States working to advance  
4 regional integration in the Middle East.

