

AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle B of title IX, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 9____. INDEPENDENT STUDIES ON INTEGRATION AND**
2 **CONSOLIDATION IN THE SPACE FORCE.**

3 (a) INDEPENDENT STUDIES.—

4 (1) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense
5 and the Director of the Office of Management and
6 Budget shall provide for the performance of three
7 independent studies described in subsection (b).

8 (2) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
9 December 31, 2026, the Secretary and Director
10 shall submit to the congressional defense commit-
11 tees, and make publicly available on the internet
12 websites of the Department of Defense and the Of-
13 fice of Management and Budget websites, respec-
14 tively, the studies described in subsection (b).

15 (3) FORM.—The Secretary and Director shall
16 submit each study described in subsection (b) in un-
17 classified form and without any unclassified con-
18 trolled marking limiting distribution, such as Con-

1 trolled Unclassified Information, but each study may
2 include a classified annex.

3 (b) STUDIES DESCRIBED.—The studies described in
4 this subsection are the following:

5 (1) One study conducted in accordance with
6 this section by the Deputy Secretary of Defense, in
7 consultation with the Assistant Secretary of Defense
8 for Space Policy, which shall not be delegated out-
9 side the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

10 (2) One study conducted in accordance with
11 this section by the Office of Management and Budg-
12 et, which shall not be delegated to the Department
13 of Defense.

14 (3) One study conducted in accordance with
15 this section by an independent research organization
16 selected by the Secretary of Defense that—

17 (A) is not a federally funded research and
18 development center;

19 (B) is an independent, nongovernmental
20 institute described in section 501(c)(3) of the
21 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt
22 from taxation under section 501(a) of such
23 Code;

1 (C) has recognized credentials and exper-
2 tise in national security space and military af-
3 fairs; and

4 (D) does not engage in lobbying activities
5 for which the organization is specifically con-
6 tracted or compensated for lobbying by other
7 commercial entities.

8 (c) PERFORMANCE OF STUDIES.—

9 (1) INDEPENDENT PERFORMANCE.—The Sec-
10 retary and Director shall require the studies de-
11 scribed in subsection (b) are conducted independ-
12 ently of one another.

13 (2) MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED.—Each study
14 described in subsection (b) shall consider the fol-
15 lowing:

16 (A) The national security and national de-
17 fense strategies of the United States.

18 (B) Potential future threats to the United
19 States and to United States space assets and
20 capabilities through 2040.

21 (C) Current and alternative roles and mis-
22 sions for the Space Force.

23 (D) Current and alternative organizational
24 designs for the Space Force, to include orga-

1 nizing around mission areas rather than acqui-
2 sitions, operations, and other similar functions.

3 (E) Current and projected future space ca-
4 pabilities of the United States, including with
5 respect to military, commercial, and civil capa-
6 bilities, and the role of emerging technology in
7 future space capabilities.

8 (F) All organizations and personnel (mili-
9 tary, civilian, and contractors) conducting space
10 operations, space acquisitions, or space-related
11 technology development efforts across the De-
12 partment of Defense.

13 (G) Opportunities for reduced operation
14 and sustainment costs by consolidating organi-
15 zations, functions, activities, and personnel.

16 (H) Support services and activities the
17 Space Force relies upon but are performed by
18 the Air Force and other organizations, includ-
19 ing with respect to—

20 (i) the operation, sustainment, and
21 maintenance of Space Force facilities;

22 (ii) security at Space Force installa-
23 tions; and

24 (iii) legislative affairs and public af-
25 fairs.

1 (d) STUDY RESULTS.—Each study described in sub-
2 section (b) shall—

3 (1) propose an update to the roles and missions
4 of the Space Force and provide draft language to re-
5 vise Department of Defense Directive 5100.01 ac-
6 cordingly;

7 (2) identify specific space-related functions,
8 programs, activities, organizations, and personnel in
9 other parts of the Defense Department that should
10 be transferred to the Space Force;

11 (3) identify specific space-related functions,
12 programs, activities, organizations, and personnel in
13 other parts of the Defense Department that should
14 not be transferred to the Space Force and provide
15 a rationale for each;

16 (4) propose an organizational design for the
17 Space Force that aligns with the roles and missions
18 proposed in paragraph (1) and integrates the space-
19 related functions, programs, activities, organizations,
20 and personnel from other parts of the Defense De-
21 partment identified in paragraph (2);

22 (5) provide for presentation of minority views of
23 study participants; and

24 (6) for the recommended transfers in paragraph
25 (2), provide—

1 (A) the number of personnel to be trans-
2 ferred to the Space Force by current Armed
3 Force, organization, component, type (military,
4 civilian, or contractor), and job function;

5 (B) associated budget authority and fund-
6 ing lines to be transferred; and

7 (C) any other information needed to under-
8 stand the rationale for making such transfers.

