

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

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At the end of subtitle A of title XVII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17\_\_ . DEPARTMENT OF STATE PILOT PROJECT WITH**  
2 **RESPECT TO WARNINGS ON GRAY ZONE AC-**  
3 **TIVITIES.**

4 (a) PILOT PROJECT.—

5 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 90 days  
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the As-  
7 sistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Re-  
8 search, in consultation with the Under Secretary of  
9 Defense for Intelligence and Security, the Director  
10 for Intelligence of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and any  
11 official the Assistant Secretary determines appro-  
12 priate, shall implement a pilot project to use the  
13 methodologies of the Defense Warning Network to—

14 (A) establish a warning problem for the  
15 use by adversaries of gray zone activities to de-  
16 velop the influence of the adversary in key  
17 countries abroad; and

1 (B) establish signposts to identify in-  
2 stances when such gray zone activities have  
3 substantially degraded, or risk substantially de-  
4 grading, the relationship of the United States  
5 with the foreign country targeted by such gray  
6 zone activities.

7 (2) LOCATIONS.—The Assistant Secretary of  
8 State for Intelligence and Research shall carry out  
9 the pilot project under paragraph (1) with respect to  
10 foreign countries that the Assistant Secretary, in  
11 consultation with the officials specified in paragraph  
12 (1), determines appropriate based on the following  
13 criteria:

14 (A) The degree to which the Assistant Sec-  
15 retary believes an identified adversary is using  
16 gray zone tactics to erode the influence of the  
17 United States in that country.

18 (B) The ability to identify measurable  
19 events that are associated with a loss of influ-  
20 ence.

21 (C) Any other factors that would weigh in  
22 favor of applying the enduring warning problem  
23 to the influence of the United States in a coun-  
24 try.

1           (3) FEEDBACK.—In carrying out the pilot  
2 project under paragraph (1), the Assistant Secretary  
3 shall solicit feedback from the consumers of intel-  
4 ligence products generated by the pilot project to de-  
5 termine the value of the warning problem described  
6 in subparagraph (A) of such paragraph, including  
7 whether such use assisted or in any way affected the  
8 exercise of diplomatic power by the Department of  
9 StatAssistante.

10           (4) DURATION.—The Assistant Secretary shall  
11 carry out the pilot project under paragraph (1) for  
12 a 2-year period, except the Secretary may continue  
13 to carry out the pilot project after such period if the  
14 Assistant Secretary notifies the appropriate congres-  
15 sional committees of the rationale for continuing to  
16 carry out the project.

17           (b) BRIEFINGS.—

18           (1) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than 60 days  
19 after the date on which the Assistant Secretary be-  
20 gins carrying out the pilot project under subsection  
21 (a), the Assistant Secretary shall provide to the ap-  
22 propriate congressional committees a briefing on the  
23 pilot project under subsection (a). Each briefing  
24 shall include the following:

1 (A) A thorough discussion of the utility  
2 and disutility of applying the methodologies of  
3 the Defense Warning Network to the problem  
4 of gray zone activities.

5 (B) The methods that the Assistant Sec-  
6 retary used to solicit feedback under paragraph  
7 (3) of such subsection.

8 (C) The effect, if any, that the pilot  
9 project had on policymakers located at the  
10 headquarters of the Department of State or in  
11 the field.

12 (2) UPDATE.—Not later than one year after the  
13 date on which the Assistant Secretary begins car-  
14 rying out the pilot project under subsection (a), the  
15 Assistant Secretary shall provide to the appropriate  
16 congressional committees a briefing updating the  
17 matters under paragraph (1).

18 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-  
20 mittees” means the following:

21 (A) The Select Committee on Intelligence  
22 of the Senate and the Permanent Select Com-  
23 mittee on Intelligence of the House of Rep-  
24 resentatives.

1           (B) The Committees on Appropriations,  
2           Armed Services, and Foreign Affairs of the  
3           House of Representatives.

4           (C) The Committees on Appropriations,  
5           Armed Services, and Foreign Relations of the  
6           Senate.

7           (2) The term “Defense Warning Network”  
8           means the network of elements of the Department of  
9           Defense that provides senior decision makers of the  
10          United States Government warning on emerging and  
11          enduring warning threats to the interests of the  
12          United States and allies of the United States, as es-  
13          tablished under Department of Defense Directive  
14          3115.16 (or such successor directive).

15          (3) The term “warning problem” means a  
16          structured analytic technique that results in a watch  
17          condition and is used to assess, and warn of, the  
18          likelihood that a specific event will occur.

