AMENDMENT TO H. R. 2670
OFFERED BY MR. PHILLIPS OF MINNESOTA

At the appropriate place in title XII, insert the following:

SEC. __. INDEPENDENT STUDY ON INTERAGENCY EFFORTS TO COUNTER GRAY ZONE OPERATIONS OF RUSSIA, CHINA, IRAN, AND NORTH KOREA.

(a) In general.—The Secretary of Defense shall seek to enter into an agreement with federally funded research and development center with relevant expertise to conduct an independent study of interagency efforts to counter gray zone operations of Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea.

(b) Matter to be included.—The study described in subsection (a) should include the following:

(1) An analysis of the current definition of “gray zone activity” as defined in section 825 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–103).

(2) A synopsis of the threat of gray zone operations of Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea, including a case study of such operations with respect to each such country.
(3) The results of relevant reports published by the Comptroller General of the United States.

(4) A review of current government functions, including interagency functions, designed to counter gray zone operations of such countries.

(5) A review of how such current government functions fit into the current National Security Strategy and all relevant strategy documents across the United States Government.

(6) Policy and legislative recommendations for improvement of interagency efforts to counter gray zone operations of such countries, to include an assessment of a national coordination node (such as a National Gray Zone Director) to analyze threats and to synchronize all the elements of national power to counter such gray zone operations.

(c) REPORT TO SECRETARY.—Not later than 180 days after the date on which the Secretary of Defense enters into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center under subsection (a), the center shall submit to the Secretary a report on the results of the review conducted under such subsection.

(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Secretary of Defense receives
the report under subsection (c), the Secretary shall submit the report to the appropriate congressional committees.

(2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) congressional defense committees;
(B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives; and
(C) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.