

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118–36
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At the appropriate place in title XII, insert the following:

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

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
5 seek to enter into an agreement with federally funded re-
6 search and development center with relevant expertise to
7 conduct an independent study of interagency efforts to
8 counter gray zone operations of Russia, China, Iran, and
9 North Korea.

10 (b) MATTER TO BE INCLUDED.—The study described
11 in subsection (a) should include the following:

12 (1) An assessment of whether the current defi-
13 nition of “gray zone activity” as defined in section
14 825 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal
15 Year 2022 (Public Law 117–103) reflects the cur-
16 rent threat environment.

17 (2) A synopsis of the threat of gray zone oper-
18 ations of Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea, in-
19 cluding tactics used by each country, an example of

1 such operations used by each country, the subse-
2 quent response by the United States Government,
3 and analysis of each such response.

4 (3) The results of relevant reports published by
5 the Comptroller General of the United States.

6 (4) A review of current government functions,
7 including interagency efforts, designed to counter
8 and deter gray zone operations of such countries.

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

13 (6) An assessment of collusion among foreign
14 adversary nations leveraging gray zone operations.

15 (7) Policy and legislative recommendations for
16 improvement of interagency efforts to counter gray
17 zone operations of such countries, to include an as-
18 sessment of a national coordination node to be lo-
19 cated in the Executive Office of the President to
20 analyze threats and to synchronize all the elements
21 of national power to counter such gray zone oper-
22 ations.

23 (c) REPORT TO SECRETARY.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 240 days
25 after the date on which the Secretary of Defense en-

1 ters into an agreement with a federally funded re-
2 search and development center under subsection (a),
3 the center shall submit to the Secretary a report on
4 the results of the review conducted under such sub-
5 section.

6 (2) FORM.—The report required by this sub-
7 section shall be submitted in unclassified form but
8 may contain a classified annex if applicable.

9 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
11 the date on which the Secretary of Defense receives
12 the report under subsection (c), the Secretary shall
13 submit to the appropriate congressional commit-
14 tees—

15 (A) a copy of the report; and

16 (B) steps the Department of Defense is
17 taking to carry out the recommendations of the
18 report.

19 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
20 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-
21 propriate congressional committees” means—

22 (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the
23 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Perma-
24 nent Select Committee on Intelligence of the
25 House of Representatives; and

1 (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the
2 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Select
3 Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

