

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7900
OFFERED BY MR. PHILLIPS OF MINNESOTA

At the end of subtitle C of title XIII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 13__ . INDEPENDENT STUDY ON INTERAGENCY EF-**
2 **FORTS TO COUNTER GRAY ZONE OPER-**
3 **ATIONS OF RUSSIA, CHINA, IRAN, AND NORTH**
4 **KOREA.**

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

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

13 (1) A clear definition of “gray zone operations”.

14 (2) A synopsis of the threat of gray zone oper-
15 ations of Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea, in-
16 cluding a case study of such operations with respect
17 to each such country.

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

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

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

8 (6) Policy and legislative recommendations for
9 improvement of interagency efforts to counter gray
10 zone operations of such countries, to include an as-
11 sessment of a national coordination node (such as a
12 National Gray Zone Director) to analyze threats and
13 to synchronize all the elements of national power to
14 counter such gray zone operations.

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

21 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
23 the date on which the Secretary of Defense receives
24 the report under subsection (c), the Secretary shall

1 submit the report to the appropriate congressional
2 committees.

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

6 (A) congressional defense committees; and

7 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
8 the House of Representatives and the Com-
9 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

