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OFFERED BY MR. PHILLIPS OF MINNESOTA

At the end of subtitle A of title XVII, insert the following:

SEC. 17. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROCESSES FOR RESPONDING TO CONGRESSIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

(a) COMPTROLLER GENERAL ANALYSIS.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report containing an analysis of Department of Defense processes for responding to congressional reporting requirements in the annual National Defense Authorization Acts, or the accompanying committee reports.

(b) CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION.—The analysis required under subsection (a) shall include an evaluation of funding and changes to policies and business practices by the Department for improving the effectiveness, efficiency,
(c) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include each of the following:

(1) A description of—

(A) current laws, guidance, policies for Department of Defense compliance with congressional oversight reporting requirements; and

(B) recent direction from the congressional defense committees for the Department concerning how it designs, modifies, tracks, delivers, and inventories completed reports.

(2) A review and evaluation of the cost and effectiveness of—

(A) the methods the Department of Defense uses to track and respond to reporting requirements; and

(B) the ways in which the Department of Defense ensures suitability of content and timeliness.

(3) An analysis of options for modernizing the preparation and delivery process for reports that includes—
(A) the coordination of Department of Defense business practices and internal policies with legislative processes; and 

(B) a determination of the feasibility of maintaining a congressional tracking database that makes unclassified reports publicly available in a searchable online database that identifies, for each report included in the database—

(i) the deadline on which the required report was required to be submitted;

(ii) the date on which the report was received;

(iii) the classification level of the completed report;

(iv) the form in which the report was submitted;

(v) the standard legislative citation and hyperlink to original legislative language that required the report;

(vi) the total cost associated with the report;

(vii) a brief summary of the report;

(viii) a unique identifier for the report; and
(ix) the subject and sub-subject codes associated with the report.