

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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Add at the end of subtitle B of title XIII the following new section:

1 **SEC. 60__ . STUDY ON CERTAIN SECURITY COOPERATION**
2 **PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
5 shall enter into a contract with a federally funded research
6 and development center with the appropriate expertise and
7 analytical capability to carry out the study described in
8 subsection (b).

9 (b) STUDY.—The study described in this subsection
10 shall—

11 (1) provide for a comprehensive assessment of
12 strategic and operational lessons collected from the
13 war in Afghanistan that can be applied to existing
14 and future security cooperation programs;

15 (2) identify metrics used in the war in Afghani-
16 stan to measure progress in partner capacity build-
17 ing and defense institution building and whether

1 such metrics are sufficient for measuring progress in
2 future security cooperation programs;

3 (3) assess challenges related to strategic plan-
4 ning for capacity building, baseline assessments of
5 partner capacity, and issues related to project
6 sustainment, and recommendations for how to man-
7 age such challenges;

8 (4) assess Department of Defense coordination
9 with coalition partners engaged in partner capacity
10 building and defense institution building efforts, and
11 recommendations for how to improve such coordina-
12 tion;

13 (5) identify risks posed by rapid expansion or
14 reductions in security cooperation, and recommenda-
15 tions for how to manage such risks;

16 (6) identify risks posed by corruption in secu-
17 rity cooperation programs and recommendations for
18 how to manage such risks;

19 (7) assess best practices and training improve-
20 ments for managing cultural barriers in partner
21 countries, and recommendations for how to promote
22 cultural competency;

23 (8) assess the effectiveness of the Department
24 of Defense in promoting the rights of women, includ-
25 ing incorporating a gender perspective in security co-

1 operation programs, in accordance with the Women,
2 Peace and Security Strategic Framework and Imple-
3 mentation Plan issued by the Department of De-
4 fense in June 2020 and the Women, Peace and Se-
5 curity Act of 2017 (Public Law 115–68);

6 (9) identify best practices to promote partner
7 country ownership of long-term objectives of the
8 United States including with respect to human
9 rights, democratic governance, and the rule of law;

10 (10) assess challenges related to contractors of
11 the Department of Defense, including cost, limited
12 functions, and oversight; and

13 (11) assess best practices for sharing lessons on
14 security cooperation with allies and partners.

15 (c) REPORT.—

16 (1) TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—Not later
17 than two years after the date on which a federally
18 funded research and development center enters into
19 a contract described in subsection (a), such center
20 shall submit to the Secretary of Defense a report
21 containing the results of the study required under
22 this section.

23 (2) TO CONGRESS.— Not later than 30 days
24 after the receipt of the report under paragraph (1),
25 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress

1 such report, which shall be made public, together
2 with any additional views or recommendations of the
3 Secretary, which may be transmitted in a classified
4 annex.

