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

SEC. 60. STUDY ON CERTAIN SECURITY COOPERATION PROGRAMS.

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

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

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

(2) identify metrics used in the war in Afghanistan to measure progress in partner capacity building and defense institution building and whether
such metrics are sufficient for measuring progress in future security cooperation programs;

(3) assess challenges related to strategic planning for capacity building, baseline assessments of partner capacity, and issues related to project sustainment, and recommendations for how to manage such challenges;

(4) assess Department of Defense coordination with coalition partners engaged in partner capacity building and defense institution building efforts, and recommendations for how to improve such coordination;

(5) identify risks posed by rapid expansion or reductions in security cooperation, and recommendations for how to manage such risks;

(6) identify risks posed by corruption in security cooperation programs and recommendations for how to manage such risks;

(7) assess best practices and training improvements for managing cultural barriers in partner countries, and recommendations for how to promote cultural competency;

(8) assess the effectiveness of the Department of Defense in promoting the rights of women, including incorporating a gender perspective in security co-
operation programs, in accordance with the Women, Peace and Security Strategic Framework and Implementation Plan issued by the Department of Defense in June 2020 and the Women, Peace and Security Act of 2017 (Public Law 115–68);

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

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

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

(c) REPORT.—

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

(2) TO CONGRESS.— Not later than 30 days after the receipt of the report under paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress
such report, which shall be made public, together
with any additional views or recommendations of the
Secretary, which may be transmitted in a classified
annex.