

AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle C of title XXVIII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 28_. STUDY AND REPORT ON BROADBAND AND DIG-**
2 **ITAL INFRASTRUCTURE GAPS IN TRIBAL**
3 **COMMUNITIES NEAR MILITARY INSTALLA-**
4 **TIONS.**

5 (a) STUDY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
8 retary of Defense shall seek to enter into a contract
9 or other agreement with a FFRDC pursuant to
10 which such FFRDC shall conduct a study that as-
11 sesses gaps in broadband and digital infrastructure
12 in Tribal communities near military installations,
13 with a focus on addressing such gaps in order to
14 support the operations of such installations and mis-
15 sion readiness.

16 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The study conducted
17 under paragraph (1) shall do the following:

1 (A) Evaluate the availability and reliability
2 of broadband networks necessary for secure
3 communications between military installations
4 and Tribal communities near such installations.

5 (B) Assess the risks that the gaps de-
6 scribed in paragraph (1) pose to access to mili-
7 tary installations, emergency coordination, and
8 defense-related activities.

9 (C) Develop recommendations to strength-
10 en broadband and digital infrastructure in Trib-
11 al communities near military installations in
12 ways that enhance the resilience and oper-
13 ational effectiveness of such installations.

14 (b) REPORT TO SECRETARY.—Not later than 180
15 days after the Secretary of Defense enters into a contract
16 or other agreement with a FFRDC to conduct the study
17 under subsection (a), such FFRDC shall submit to the
18 Secretary of Defense a report on the results of such study.

19 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90 days
20 after receiving the report under subsection (b), the Sec-
21 retary of Defense shall submit an unaltered copy of such
22 report to the Committee on Armed Services of the House
23 of Representatives and the Committee on Armed Services
24 of the Senate.

25 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) The term “FFRDC” means a federally
2 funded research and development center.

3 (2) The term “military installation” has the
4 meaning given such term in section 2801 of title 10,
5 United States Code.

