

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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

1 **SEC. __. AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND TRAIN-**
2 **ING TO INCREASE MARITIME SECURITY AND**
3 **DOMAIN AWARENESS OF FOREIGN COUN-**
4 **TRIES BORDERING THE PERSIAN GULF, ARA-**
5 **BIAN SEA, OR MEDITERRANEAN SEA.**

6 (a) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this section is to au-
7 thorize assistance and training to increase maritime secu-
8 rity and domain awareness of foreign countries bordering
9 the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea, or the Mediterranean
10 Sea in order to deter and counter illicit smuggling and
11 related maritime activity by Iran, including illicit Iranian
12 weapons shipments.

13 (b) **AUTHORITY.**—

14 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—To carry out the purpose of
15 this section as described in subsection (a), the Sec-
16 retary of Defense, with the concurrence of the Sec-
17 retary of State, is authorized—

1 (A) to provide training to deter and
2 counter illicit smuggling and elated maritime
3 activity by Iran, including illicit Iranian weap-
4 ons shipments to the national military or other
5 security forces that have among their functional
6 responsibilities maritime security missions of
7 countries that have been affected by illicit Ira-
8 nian maritime activity; and

9 (B) to provide training to ministry, agency,
10 and headquarters level organizations for such
11 forces.

12 (2) DESIGNATION.—The provision of assistance
13 and training under this section may be referred to
14 as the “Counter Iran Maritime Initiative”.

15 (c) TYPES OF TRAINING.—

16 (1) AUTHORIZED ELEMENTS OF TRAINING.—
17 Training provided under subsection (b)(1)(A) may
18 include the provision of de minimis equipment, sup-
19 plies, and small-scale military construction.

20 (2) REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF TRAINING.—
21 Training provided under subsection (b) shall include
22 elements that promote the following:

23 (A) Observance of and respect for human
24 rights and fundamental freedoms.

1 (B) Respect for legitimate civilian author-
2 ity within the country to which the assistance
3 is provided.

4 (d) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Of the amount au-
5 thorized to be appropriated by this Act and available for
6 operation and maintenance for Defense-wide activities,
7 \$50,000,000 shall be available only for the provision of
8 assistance and training under subsection (b).

9 (e) COST SHARING.—

10 (1) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
11 Congress that, given income parity among recipient
12 countries, the Secretary of Defense, with the concur-
13 rence of the Secretary of State, should seek, through
14 appropriate bilateral and multilateral arrangements,
15 payments sufficient in amount to offset any training
16 costs associated with implementation of subsection
17 (b).

18 (2) COST-SHARING AGREEMENT.—The Sec-
19 retary of Defense, with the concurrence of the Sec-
20 retary of State, shall negotiate a cost-sharing agree-
21 ment with a recipient country regarding the cost of
22 any training provided pursuant to subsection (b).
23 The agreement shall set forth the terms of cost
24 sharing that the Secretary of Defense determines
25 are necessary and appropriate, but such terms shall

1 not be less than 50 percent of the overall cost of the
2 training.

3 (3) CREDIT TO APPROPRIATIONS.—The portion
4 of such cost sharing received by the Secretary of De-
5 fense pursuant to this subsection may be credited to-
6 wards appropriations available for operation and
7 maintenance for Defense-wide activities.

8 (f) NOTICE TO CONGRESS ON TRAINING.—Not later
9 than 15 days before exercising the authority under sub-
10 section (b) with respect to a recipient country, the Sec-
11 retary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congres-
12 sional committees a notification containing the following:

13 (1) An identification of the recipient country.

14 (2) A detailed justification of the program for
15 the provision of the training concerned, and its rela-
16 tionship to United States security interests.

17 (3) The budget for the program, including a
18 timetable of planned expenditures of funds to imple-
19 ment the program, an implementation timeline for
20 the program with milestones (including anticipated
21 delivery schedules for any assistance and training
22 under the program), the military department or
23 component responsible for management of the pro-
24 gram, and the anticipated completion date for the
25 program.

1 (4) A description of the arrangements, if any,
2 to support recipient country sustainment of any ca-
3 pability developed pursuant to the program, and the
4 source of funds to support sustainment efforts and
5 performance outcomes to be achieved under the pro-
6 gram beyond its completion date, if applicable.

7 (5) A description of the program objectives and
8 an assessment framework to be used to develop ca-
9 pability and performance metrics associated with
10 operational outcomes for the recipient force.

11 (6) Such other matters as the Secretary con-
12 siders appropriate.

13 (g) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “appro-
14 priate congressional committees” means—

15 (1) the congressional defense committees; and

16 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
17 House of Representatives and the Committee on
18 Foreign Relations of the Senate.

19 (h) TERMINATION.—Assistance and training may not
20 be provided under this section after September 30, 2023.

