AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle A of title XIII, add the following new section:

SEC. 13. REPORT ON FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO TAIWAN IN DEVELOPING AN ASYMMETRIC NAVAL SELF-DEFENSE CAPABILITY.

(a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, shall submit a classified report, along with an unclassified summary, to the appropriate congressional committees that contains an assessment of—

(1) the feasibility of providing assistance to Taiwan in developing an asymmetric naval self-defense capability;

(2) whether Taiwan’s self-defense capability would be enhanced by small, high-speed, long-range (200 or more nautical miles), extreme-weather-capable, reduced-radar-signature boats with the capacity
for launching missiles, addressing subsurface threats
or delivering and recovering small troop units to
coastal and littoral locations in the vicinity of the
Taiwan Strait, and, if so, in what number and in
what configurations;

(3) whether existing and planned Tuo Chiang
class catamaran-hulled corvettes are naval assets ca-

capable of contributing to an effective asymmetric
naval self-defense strategy; and

(4) the effectiveness of Taiwan’s existing larger-
platform surface naval fleet, including Keelung-class
destROYERS, Cheung Kung-class frigates, Chi Yang-
class frigates, and Kang Ding-class frigates for self-
defense; and

(b) A PPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
DEFINeD.—For purposes of subsection (a), the term “ap-
propriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
resentatives; and

(2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.