AMENDMENT
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At the end of subtitle B of title II, add the following:

SEC. 2. STUDY AND REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY AND
ADVISABILITY OF CREATING A DEFENSE
MICROELECTRONICS AGENCY.

(a) STUDY AND REPORT REQUIRED.—The Defense
Science Board shall—

(1) conduct a study on—

(A) the state of the microelectronics indus-
trial base as it relates to the Department of De-
fense;

(B) implementation of the recommenda-
tions made by the 2005 Defense Science Board
Task Force On High Performance Microchip
Supply;

(C) assessment of where the assured
microelectronics mission of the Department
should lie, in particular with research and engi-
neering or with acquisition and sustainment;
and
(D) the feasibility and advisability of creating a Defense Microelectronics Agency by elevating the existing Defense Microelectronics activity and consolidating all related functions under this agency; and

(2) submit to the congressional defense committees a report, in writing, on the findings of the Defense Science Board with respect to the study conducted under paragraph (1).

(b) ELEMENTS.—The study required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) ACQUISITION OF TRUSTED MICROELECTRONIC COMPONENTS.—(A) Development of recommendations on how the Department of Defense can develop a plan of action that encompasses both short- and long-term technology, acquisition, and manufacturing capabilities needed to assure ongoing availability of supplies of trusted microelectronic components.

(B) Identification and characterization of the volume and scope of microelectronics that require trusted sources.

(2) CONSOLIDATION.—(A) Review all Department stakeholders with decisionmaking or procurement authority for microelectronics.
(B) Determination of whether it is in the best interests of national security to consolidate these efforts and designate a single Department organization with responsibility to maintain the focus on microelectronic capabilities available to the Department.

(c) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than May 1, 2020, the Defense Science Board shall provide to the congressional defense committees one or more briefings on the status of the study required by subsection (a)(1), including any preliminary findings and recommendations of the Defense Science Board as a result of the study as of the date of the briefing.