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

SEC. 1205. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

Section 341 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) PREFERENCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.—Civilian employees of the Federal Government may engage in activity under this section with a foreign entity described in subsection (a)(1)(C) only after the Secretary of Defense—

“(A) attempts such activity with members of the National Guard; and

“(B) determines that such activity is not feasible without assistance from such employees.”;

(2) in subsection (e)(2)(A)—
(A) in the heading, by inserting “OR EXPERTISE” before “REQUIREMENT”;

(B) by striking “a member of the National Guard of a State or territory” and inserting “an individual”;

(C) by striking “member is on active duty in the Armed Forces at the time of such participation” and inserting “individual—”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following new clauses:

“(i) is a member of the National Guard on active duty in the Armed Forces at the time of such participation; or

“(ii) is a civilian employee of the Federal Government in that foreign country to share subject matter expertise with a foreign entity described in subsection (a)(1)(C).”;

(3) by adding at the end of subsection (e)(2) the following new subparagraph:

“(C) CIVILIAN TRAVEL TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—Funds available under paragraph (1) may be used for travel of a civilian employee of the Federal Government with the National
Guard to a foreign country only if the Secretary of Defense determines such travel—

“(i) enhances State Partnership engagement in support of integrated country strategy objectives; and

“(ii) minimally affects the annual funding of that State for the State Partnership Program of that State.”; and

(4) in subsection (f)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “and 2018” and inserting “2018, and 2020”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(B), by inserting “(or civilian employees of the Federal Government)” after “territory”.

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