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OFFERED BY MR. WESTERMAN OF ARKANSAS

Add at the end of subtitle C of title XXVIII the following new section:

SEC. 28. AUTHORITY TO CONVEY THE ARMY AND NAVY GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK, HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army may convey to the State of Arkansas by quitclaim deed, without consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the covered property if, not later than five years after the date of the enactment of this Act—

(1) the Governor of Arkansas submits to such Secretary a request for such conveyance; and

(2) such Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator of the General Services Administration, determines such conveyance is appropriate notwithstanding the requirements under section 3 of the Act of September 12, 1959 (Public Law 86–323).

(b) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary of Defense, acting through the Director of the Office of Local Defense Com-
munity Cooperation, shall designate the State of Arkansas as the local redevelopment authority with respect to the covered property.

(c) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense, acting through the Director of the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, may make a grant (including a supplemental grant) or enter into a cooperative agreement to assist the local redevelopment authority designated pursuant to subsection (b) in planning community adjustments and economic diversification, including site caretaker services, security services, and fire protection services, required under the conveyance under subsection (a).

(d) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing that includes—

(1) with respect to the conveyance under subsection (a), a summary of the coordination among affected stakeholders including—

(A) the Director of the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation;

(B) the Administrator of the General Services Administration;

(C) the National Park Service;

(D) the Governor of Arkansas;
(E) the Mayor of Hot Springs, Arkansas;

and

(F) the Secretary of the Navy;

(2) a summary of—

(A) any environmental investigations conducted at the covered property as of the date of the enactment of this Act;

(B) the response actions required under any such environmental investigation;

(C) an estimate of the cost to each such response action; and

(D) an identification of potentially responsible parties, if any, for any hazardous substance identified under an environmental investigation described in subparagraph (A);

(3) an estimation of the total cost to—

(A) stabilize each structure on the covered property; and

(B) demolish each such structure; and

(4) an assessment of necessary steps for the covered property to be eligible for a grant under the Arkansas Brownfields Program and recommendations with respect to such steps.

(c) COVERED PROPERTY DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered property” means the approximately
twenty-one acres, more or less, of land located at Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, which comprise facilities previously occupied by the Army and Navy General Hospital conveyed by quitclaim deed to the State of Arkansas pursuant to the Act of September 12, 1959.