

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-**

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At the end of subtitle G of title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10\_\_\_.** **PLAN TO INCREASE AND EXPAND COLD**  
2 **WEATHER TRAINING.**

3 (a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress makes the following find-  
4 ings:

5 (1) The strategic importance of the Arctic con-  
6 tinues to increase as the United States and other  
7 countries recognize the military and economic impor-  
8 tance of the region. However, the operational capa-  
9 bilities of the United States Armed Forces in ex-  
10 treme cold weather or Arctic environments have at-  
11 trophied when compared to regional adversaries.

12 (2) The 2018 national defense strategy stated  
13 “The central challenge to U.S. prosperity and secu-  
14 rity is the reemergence of long-term, strategic com-  
15 petition by what the National Security Strategy clas-  
16 sifies as revisionist powers.”

17 (3) The Government of the Russian  
18 Federation—

1 (A) has made significant military invest-  
2 ments in the Arctic, including the creation of  
3 an Arctic Command, the Northern Fleet Joint  
4 Strategic Command;

5 (B) has emplaced an Air Defense Missile  
6 Regiment throughout the Arctic;

7 (C) has invested in the construction or re-  
8 furbishment of 16 deepwater ports and 14 air-  
9 fields in the region and has conducted signifi-  
10 cant military exercises.

11 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
12 gress that the Arctic is a region of strategic importance  
13 to the national security interests of the United States and  
14 the Department of the Army must increase and expand  
15 its cold weather training capabilities to ensure that United  
16 States Armed Forces can operate in Arctic conditions nec-  
17 essary to compete against a near peer adversary and to  
18 execute the national defense strategy of the United States.

19 (c) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the  
20 Army shall—

21 (1) conduct an assessment of cold weather  
22 training requirements in light of increased oper-  
23 ations and vulnerability to great power competition  
24 in the Arctic; and

1           (2) develop a plan to increase and expand cold  
2 weather training opportunities.

3           (d) ELEMENTS.—In conducting the assessment and  
4 developing the plan as required under subsection (c), the  
5 Secretary shall—

6           (1) assess all existing cold weather training re-  
7 quirements to include requirements for extreme cold,  
8 or Arctic conditions;

9           (2) identify capability gaps in confronting ad-  
10 versaries in the Arctic that can be addressed by in-  
11 creased and improved training;

12           (3) make recommendations for strengthening  
13 and improving those training requirements and miti-  
14 gation measures needed to address the capabilities  
15 gaps necessary to confront adversaries;

16           (4) assess existing cold weather training sites;

17           (5) consider steps necessary to increase student  
18 capacity at such sites;

19           (6) consider manpower and supply require-  
20 ments, including cadre needed to support increased  
21 student capacity; and

22           (7) address any other matters the Secretary of  
23 the Army considers relevant.

24           (e) SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180  
25 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-

1 retary of the Army shall submit to the Committees on  
2 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-  
3 atives the plan required by subsection (c).

