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At the end of subtitle E of title XVII, insert the following:

SEC. 17. TED STEVENS CENTER FOR ARCTIC SECURITY STUDIES.

(a) PLAN REQUIRED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the congressional defense committees a plan to establish a Department of Defense Regional Center for Security Studies for the Arctic.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) A description of the benefits of establishing such a center, including the manner in which the establishment of such a center would benefit United States and Department interests in the Arctic region.

(B) A description of the mission and purpose of such a center, including specific policy
guidance from the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

(C) An analysis of suitable reporting relationships with the applicable combatant commands.

(D) An assessment of suitable locations for such a center that are—

(i) in proximity to other academic institutions that study security implications with respect to the Arctic region;

(ii) in proximity to the designated lead for Arctic affairs of the United States Northern Command;

(iii) in proximity to a central hub of assigned Arctic-focused Armed Forces so as to suitably advance relevant professional development of skills unique to the Arctic region; and

(iv) in a State located outside the contiguous United States.

(E) A description of the establishment and operational costs of such a center, including

for—

(i) military construction for required facilities;
(ii) facility renovation;

(iii) personnel costs for faculty and staff; and

(iv) other costs the Secretary considers appropriate.

(F) An evaluation of the existing infrastructure, resources, and personnel available at military installations and at universities and other academic institutions that could reduce the costs described in accordance with subparagraph (E).

(G) An examination of partnership opportunities with United States allies and partners for potential collaboration and burden sharing.

(H) A description of potential courses and programs that such a center could carry out, including—

(i) core, specialized, and advanced courses;

(ii) potential planning workshops;

(iii) seminars;

(iv) confidence-building initiatives; and

(v) academic research.
(I) A description of any modification to title 10, United States Code, necessary for the effective operation of such a center.

(3) FORM.—The plan required by paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not earlier than 30 days after the submittal of the plan required by subsection (a), and subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary of Defense may establish and administer a Department of Defense Regional Center for Security Studies for the Arctic, to be known as the “Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies”, for the purpose described in section 342(a) of title 10, United States Code.

(2) LOCATION.—The Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies may be located—

(A) in proximity to other academic institutions that study security implications with respect to the Arctic region;

(B) in proximity to the designated lead for Arctic affairs of the United States Northern Command; and
(C) in proximity to a central hub of assigned Arctic-focused Armed Forces so as to suitably advance relevant professional development of skills unique to the Arctic region.