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AN ACT

To authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, to establish the Secretary of the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
3 “Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025”.

4 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
5 this Act is as follows:

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1 SECTION 2. COMMANDANT DEFINED.

- 2** In this Act, the term “Commandant” means the
- 3** Commandant of the Coast Guard.

TITLE I—COAST GUARD
Subtitle A—Authorization of
Appropriations

SEC. 101. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 4902 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by striking “fiscal years 2022 and 2023” and inserting “fiscal years 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029”;

(2) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A) by striking clauses (i) and (ii) and inserting the following:

“(i) \$11,287,500,000 for fiscal year 2025;

“(ii) \$11,851,875,000 for fiscal year 2026;

“(iii) \$13,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2027;

“(iv) \$14,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2028; and

“(v) \$15,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2029.”;

(B) in subparagraph (B) by striking “\$23,456,000” and inserting “\$25,570,000”; and

1 (C) in subparagraph (C) by striking “sub-
2 paragraph (A)(ii), \$24,353,000” and inserting
3 “clauses (ii), (iii), (iv), and (v) of subparagraph
4 (A), respectively, \$26,848,500”;

5 (3) in paragraph (2)(A) by striking clauses (i)
6 and (ii) and inserting the following:

7 “(i) \$3,627,600,000 for fiscal year
8 2025;

9 “(ii) \$3,651,480,000 for fiscal year
10 2026;

11 “(iii) \$3,700,000,000 for fiscal year
12 2027;

13 “(iv) \$3,750,000,000 for fiscal year
14 2028; and

15 “(v) \$3,800,000,000 for fiscal year
16 2029.”;

17 (4) in paragraph (3) by striking subparagraphs
18 (A) and (B) and inserting the following:

19 “(A) \$15,415,000 for fiscal year 2025;

20 “(B) \$67,701,000 for fiscal year 2026;

21 “(C) \$70,000,000 for fiscal year 2027;

22 “(D) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2028;

23 and

24 “(E) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2029.”;

25 and

1 (5) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(4) For retired pay, including the payment of
4 obligations otherwise chargeable to lapsed appropria-
5 tions for purposes of retired pay, payments under
6 the Retired Serviceman’s Family Protection and
7 Survivor Benefits Plans, payment for career status
8 bonuses, payment of continuation pay under section
9 356 of title 37, concurrent receipts, combat-related
10 special compensation, and payments for medical care
11 of retired personnel and their dependents under
12 chapter 55 of title 10—

13 “(A) \$1,147,244,000 for fiscal year 2025;

14 “(B) \$1,057,929,000 for fiscal year 2026;

15 “(C) \$1,215,000,000 for fiscal year 2027;

16 “(D) \$1,380,000,000 for fiscal year 2028;

17 and

18 “(E) \$1,650,000,000 for fiscal year

19 2029.”.

20 **SEC. 102. AUTHORIZED LEVELS OF MILITARY STRENGTH**
21 **AND TRAINING.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4904 of title 14, United
23 States Code, is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “44,500 for
25 each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023” and inserting

1 “50,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 and 2026,
2 55,000 for fiscal year 2027, and 60,000 for each of
3 fiscal years 2028 and 2029”; and

4 (2) in subsection (b)—

5 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)
6 by striking “for each of fiscal years 2022 and
7 2023”;

8 (B) in paragraph (1) by striking “2,500
9 student years” and inserting “4,000 student
10 years for each of fiscal years 2025 through
11 2029”;

12 (C) in paragraph (2) by striking “165 stu-
13 dent years” and inserting “250 student years
14 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029”;

15 (D) in paragraph (3) by striking “385 stu-
16 dent years” and inserting “700 student years
17 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029”;
18 and

19 (E) in paragraph (4) by striking “1,200
20 student years” and inserting “1,600 student
21 years for each of fiscal years 2025 through
22 2029”.

23 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—In any fiscal year
24 in which the submission required under section 1105 of
25 title 31, United States Code, does not include a propor-

1 tional increase in the Operations and Support funding
2 under section 4902(1)(A) of title 14, United States Code,
3 to support the end strengths authorized under the amend-
4 ments made by subsection (a)—

5 (1) the Commandant shall provide to the Com-
6 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
7 House of Representatives and the Committee on
8 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
9 ate a report on the plan of the Coast Guard to
10 achieve growth in the Coast Guard’s military
11 strength to 60,000, which shall include—

12 (A) proposed missions and purposes for
13 the growth of the Coast Guard in military
14 strength;

15 (B) the additional estimated cost of sala-
16 ries and benefits for each fiscal year beginning
17 in the first fiscal year for which such propor-
18 tional increase is not included through 2032;

19 (C) an explanation for why the estimated
20 cost in subparagraph (B) was not included in
21 the submission required under section 1105 of
22 title 31, United States Code;

23 (D) estimated recruiting resources and
24 costs for each fiscal year from 2027 through
25 2032; and

1 (E) estimated resources and costs required
 2 to achieve sufficient training capacity for
 3 growth in enlisted and officer corps for each fis-
 4 cal year from 2027 through 2032; and
 5 (2) the Commandant may not delegate the
 6 briefing required in paragraph (1).

7 (c) RULE OF APPLICABILITY.—Section 517(a) of title
 8 10, United States Code, shall not apply with respect to
 9 the Coast Guard until October 1, 2027.

10 **Subtitle B—Accountability**

11 **SEC. 111. ANNUAL REPORT ON PROGRESS OF CERTAIN** 12 **HOMEPORTING PROJECTS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5102 of title 14, United
 14 States Code, is amended—

15 (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
 16 section (d); and

17 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
 18 lowing:

19 “(c) BRIEFING.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Commandant fails to
 21 submit the report required under this section, the
 22 Commandant shall brief the Committee on Trans-
 23 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
 24 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce,
 25 Science, and Transportation of the Senate on the

1 steps being taken to produce the report not less than
2 once every 30 days until the required report is pro-
3 duced.

4 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The briefing under
5 paragraph (1) shall be made in person and may not
6 be delegated by the Commandant.”.

7 (b) REPORT.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
9 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-
10 mandant shall submit to the Committee on Trans-
11 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce,
13 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
14 on the status of shore infrastructure required to
15 homeport or station all surface and aviation assets
16 to be delivered as part of Level 1 or Level 2 acquisi-
17 tions that have entered the obtain phase as author-
18 ized under section 1132(b) of title 14, United States
19 Code.

20 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
21 paragraph (1) shall include—

22 (A) a description of the current homeports
23 and stations to which of Coast Guard cutters
24 and aircraft are assigned;

1 (B) a description of cutters or aircraft
2 that are able to be located by the homeport or
3 station to which they are assigned;

4 (C) the current number of aircraft and
5 cutters planned for the program of record of
6 the Coast Guard;

7 (D) a description of cutter and aircraft
8 which are scheduled to be decommissioned or
9 put in special commission status; and

10 (E) a description of where new cutters and
11 aircraft being acquired as part of the program
12 of record of the Coast Guard will be assigned,
13 including—

14 (i) an assessment of the shoreside and
15 infrastructure needs for such cutters and
16 aircrafts; and

17 (ii) an assessment of whether existing
18 facilities are adequate to support such cut-
19 ter and aircraft, and the costs of planning,
20 engineering, design construction, land ac-
21 quisition, and environmental remediation.

22 (c) INITIAL REPORT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
24 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
25 shall issue a report detailing the progress of all ap-

1 proved Coast Guard cutter homeporting projects
2 within the Coast Guard Arctic District with respect
3 to each of the following:

4 (A) Fast Response Cutters.

5 (B) Offshore Patrol Cutters.

6 (C) The USCGC *Storis* procured pursuant
7 to section 11223 of the Don Young Coast
8 Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (14 U.S.C.
9 561 note).

10 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
11 paragraph (1) shall include, with respect to each
12 homeporting project described in such paragraph,
13 the following:

14 (A) A description of—

15 (i) the status of funds appropriated
16 for the project;

17 (ii) activities carried out toward com-
18 pletion of the project; and

19 (iii) activities anticipated to be carried
20 out during the subsequent 1-year period to
21 advance completion of the project.

22 (B) An updated timeline, including key
23 milestones, for the project.

24 (d) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—Not later than July 1
25 of the first calendar year after the year in which the report

1 required under subsection (c)(1) is submitted, and each
2 July 1 thereafter until July 2, 2031, or the date on which
3 all projects described in subsection (c)(1) are completed,
4 the Commandant shall issue an updated report, with re-
5 spect to each Coast Guard cutter homeporting project de-
6 scribed in subsection (b)(1) (including any such project
7 approved on a date after the date of enactment of this
8 Act and before the submission of the applicable report),
9 containing each element described in subsection (b)(2).

10 (c) REPORT ON CAPACITY OF COAST GUARD BASE
11 KETCHIKAN.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
13 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
14 shall complete a report detailing the cost of and time
15 frame for expanding the industrial capacity of Coast
16 Guard Base Ketchikan to do out of water repairs on
17 Fast Response Cutters.

18 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after
19 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
20 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation
21 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
22 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
23 Transportation of the Senate the report required
24 under paragraph (1).

1 (d) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Commandant shall
2 publish each report issued under this section on a publicly
3 accessible website of the Coast Guard.

4 (e) HOMEPORTING PROJECT DEFINED.—In this sec-
5 tion, the term “homeporting project”—

6 (1) means the facility infrastructure modifica-
7 tions, upgrades, new construction, and real property
8 and land acquisition associated with homeporting
9 new or modified cutters; and

10 (2) includes shoreside and waterfront facilities,
11 cutter maintenance facilities, housing, child develop-
12 ment facilities, and any other associated infrastruc-
13 ture directly required as a result of homeporting new
14 or modified cutters.

15 **SEC. 112. MAJOR ACQUISITIONS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5103 of title 14, United
17 States Code, is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “major acquisi-
19 tion programs” and inserting “Level 1 acquisitions
20 or Level 2 acquisitions”;

21 (2) in subsection (b) by striking “major acquisi-
22 tion program” and inserting “Level 1 acquisition or
23 Level 2 acquisition”; and

24 (3) by amending subsection (f) to read as fol-
25 lows:

1 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 “(1) LEVEL 1 ACQUISITION.—The term ‘Level 1
3 acquisition’ has the meaning given such term in sec-
4 tion 1171.

5 “(2) LEVEL 2 ACQUISITION.—The term ‘Level 2
6 acquisition’ has the meaning given such term in sec-
7 tion 1171.”.

8 (b) MAJOR ACQUISITION PROGRAM RISK ASSESS-
9 MENT.—Section 5107 of title 14, United States Code, is
10 amended by striking “section 5103(f)” and inserting “sec-
11 tion 1171”.

12 **SEC. 113. QUARTERLY ACQUISITION BRIEF REQUIRE-**
13 **MENTS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5107 of title 14, United
15 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

16 **“§ 5107. Quarterly acquisition reports and major ac-**
17 **quisition program risk assessment**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 days after the
19 end of each fiscal quarter, the Commandant shall provide
20 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
21 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
22 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a
23 briefing on all Level 1 and Level 2 acquisition programs,
24 as such terms are defined in section 1171.

1 “(b) ADDITIONAL BRIEFING.—Not later than 1 week
2 before taking procurement actions that will significantly
3 impact the costs or timelines of a Level 1 or Level 2 acqui-
4 sition program, the Commandant shall brief the commit-
5 tees described in subsection (a).

6 “(c) ELEMENTS.—Each briefing required under sub-
7 section (a) or (b) shall include, for each program—

8 “(1) a description of the purpose of the pro-
9 gram, including the capabilities being acquired;

10 “(2) the total number of units, as appropriate,
11 to be acquired annually until procurement is com-
12 plete under the current acquisition program baseline;

13 “(3) the Acquisition Review Board status, in-
14 cluding—

15 “(A) the current acquisition phase by in-
16 crement, as applicable;

17 “(B) the date of the most recent review;
18 and

19 “(C) whether the program has been paused
20 or is in breach status;

21 “(4) a comparison between the initial Depart-
22 ment-approved acquisition program baseline cost,
23 schedule, and performance thresholds and objectives
24 and the current such thresholds and objectives of the
25 program, if applicable;

1 “(5) the lifecycle cost estimate, adjusted for
2 comparison to the Future Coast Guard Program, in-
3 cluding—

4 “(A) the confidence level for the estimate;

5 “(B) the fiscal years included in the esti-
6 mate;

7 “(C) a breakout of the estimate for the
8 prior five years, the current year, and the budg-
9 et year;

10 “(D) a breakout of the estimate by appro-
11 priation account or other funding source; and

12 “(E) a description of and rationale for any
13 changes to the estimate as compared to the pre-
14 viously approved baseline, as applicable, and
15 during the prior fiscal year;

16 “(6) a summary of the findings of any inde-
17 pendent verification and validation of the items to be
18 acquired or an explanation for why no such
19 verification and validation has been performed;

20 “(7) a table displaying the obligation of all pro-
21 gram funds by prior fiscal year, the estimated obli-
22 gation of funds for the current fiscal year, and an
23 estimate for the planned carryover of funds into the
24 subsequent fiscal year;

1 “(8) a listing of prime contractors and major
2 subcontractors; and

3 “(9) narrative descriptions of risks to cost,
4 schedule, or performance that could result in a pro-
5 gram breach if not successfully mitigated, includ-
6 ing—

7 “(A) the current risks to such program;

8 “(B) any failure of such program to dem-
9 onstrate a key performance parameter or
10 threshold during operational test and evaluation
11 conducted during the previous fiscal year;

12 “(C) whether there has been any decision
13 in such fiscal year to order full-rate production
14 before all key performance parameters or
15 thresholds are met;

16 “(D) whether there has been any breach of
17 major acquisition program cost (as such term is
18 defined in the manual of the Coast Guard titled
19 ‘Major Systems Acquisition Manual’
20 (COMDTINST M5000.10C)) in such fiscal
21 year; and

22 “(E) whether there has been any breach of
23 major acquisition program schedule (as such
24 term is defined in the manual of the Coast
25 Guard titled ‘Major Systems Acquisition Man-

1 ual’ (COMDTINST M5000.10C)) during such
2 fiscal year.

3 “(d) MEMORANDUM DEADLINE.—Not later than 5
4 business days after the date on which the Secretary ap-
5 proves an Acquisition Decision Memorandum for pro-
6 grams described in this section, the Commandant shall
7 submit such memorandum to the Committee on Transpor-
8 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
9 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
10 tation of the Senate.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
12 ter 51 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by
13 striking the item relating to section 5107 and inserting
14 the following:

“5107. Quarterly acquisition reports and major acquisition program risk assess-
ment.”.

15 **SEC. 114. OVERDUE REPORTS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 51 of title 14, United
17 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
18 lowing:

19 **“§ 5116. Status of overdue reports**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
21 date of enactment of this section, and not later than
22 March 1 of each year thereafter, the Commandant shall
23 submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
24 structure of the House of Representatives and the Com-

1 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
2 Senate a report on the status of reports or briefings re-
3 quired under this chapter that have not been delivered to
4 Congress.

5 “(b) CONTENTS.—The report required under section
6 (a) shall contain the following:

7 “(1) The status of each required report or
8 briefing that has not been delivered to Congress, in-
9 cluding the date the report or briefing is due, and
10 if applicable, the number of days the Coast Guard
11 has exceeded the required completion date.

12 “(2) A plan and timeline for the next steps to
13 be taken to complete such outstanding reports or
14 briefings.

15 “(3) The name of the flag officer responsible
16 for the completion of each report or briefing.

17 “(c) BRIEFING.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Commandant fails to
19 submit the report required under this section, the
20 Commandant shall brief the Committee on Trans-
21 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
22 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce,
23 Science, and Transportation of the Senate on the
24 steps being taken to produce the report not less than

1 once every 30 days until the required report is pro-
2 duced.

3 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The briefing under
4 paragraph (1) shall be made in person and may not
5 be delegated by the Commandant.”.

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
7 ter 51 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by add-
8 ing at the end the following:

 “5116. Status of overdue reports.”.

9 **SEC. 115. REQUIREMENT FOR COAST GUARD TO PROVIDE**
10 **ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES FOR AIRCRAFT.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the
12 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall sub-
13 mit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-
14 ture of the House of Representatives and the Committee
15 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate
16 a report on the status of the implementation of the rec-
17 ommendations contained in the report of the Government
18 Accountability Office titled “Aircraft Fleet and Aviation
19 Workforce Assessments Needed,” and issued April 9,
20 2024 (GAO–24–106374).

21 (b) CONTENTS.—The report required under section
22 (a) shall contain the following:

23 (1) An assessment of the type of helicopters the
24 Coast Guard requires to meet the mission demands
25 of the Coast Guard.

1 (2) An analysis of alternatives, including an an-
2 alytical study comparing the operational effective-
3 ness, costs, and risks to determine the best suited
4 aircraft to meet mission needs.

5 (3) A fleet mix analysis to identify the nec-
6 essary number of helicopters to meet the mission
7 needs of the Coast Guard across all districts.

8 (c) LIMITATION OF AIRCRAFT EXPENSES.—No funds
9 authorized to be appropriated under section 4902(2)(A)
10 of title 14, United States Code (as added by section
11 101(3)(A)), may be obligated or expended in fiscal years
12 2027 through 2029 for the procurement or modernization
13 of helicopters until the Commandant submits the report
14 required under this section, unless the Commandant pro-
15 vides a weekly, in-person briefing on the status of the re-
16 port, which the Commandant may not delegate.

17 (d) MINIMUM ROTARY WING FLEET.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall
19 maintain an operational, geographically dispersed ro-
20 tary wing fleet of not less than 140 aircraft for the
21 purpose of meeting minimum operational capabilities
22 until the Commandant submits the report required
23 under this section.

24 (2) REPORT.—In the event the operational ro-
25 tary wing fleet of the Coast Guard falls below the

1 requirements of this subsection, the Commandant
2 shall provide to the Committee on Transportation
3 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
4 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
5 Transportation of the Senate a notification not later
6 than 5 business days after the inability of the Com-
7 mandant to meet the requirement.

8 **SEC. 116. OVERSIGHT OF FUNDS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO**
9 **PUBLIC LAW 119-21.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant may not ex-
11 pend or obligate funds—

12 (1) appropriated pursuant to Public Law 119–
13 21 during any fiscal year in which the Commandant
14 is not compliant with sections 5102 and 5103 (ex-
15 cluding section 5103(e)) of title 14, United States
16 Code; and

17 (2) that are provided in Public Law 119–21
18 until the Commandant provides the report required
19 under section 11217 of the James M. Inhofe Na-
20 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
21 2023 (Public Law 117–263) to the Committee on
22 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
23 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
24 Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

1 (b) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Not less than 1
2 week before taking any procurement action impacting esti-
3 mated costs or timelines for acquisitions or procurements
4 appropriated pursuant to Public Law 119–21, the Com-
5 mandant shall notify the Committee on Transportation
6 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and
7 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
8 of the Senate of such action.

9 (c) EXPENDITURE PLAN.—Not later than 90 days
10 after the date of enactment of Public Law 119–21, the
11 Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transpor-
12 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
13 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
14 tation of the Senate a detailed expenditure plan, including
15 projected project time lines for each acquisition and pro-
16 curement appropriated under such Act and a list of project
17 locations to be funded under such Act.

18 (d) EXCEPTION.—If the President authorizes an ex-
19 ception under section 1151(b) of title 14, United States
20 Code, for any Coast Guard vessel, or the hull or super-
21 structure of such vessel for which funds are appropriated
22 under Public Law 119–21, no such funds shall be obli-
23 gated until the President submits to the Committee on
24 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
25 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science,

1 and Transportation of the Senate a written explanation
2 of the circumstances requiring such an exception in the
3 national security interest, including—

4 (1) a confirmation that there are insufficient
5 qualified United States shipyards to meet the na-
6 tional security interest without such exception; and

7 (2) actions taken by the President to enable
8 qualified United States shipyards to meet national
9 security requirements prior to the issuance of such
10 an exception.

11 (e) CERTIFICATIONS AND CLASSIFICATION.—Not-
12 withstanding Public Law 119–21, the Commandant shall
13 ensure any cutters or aircraft procured with appropria-
14 tions made available by such Act meet the requirements
15 of section 1133(c) of title 14, United States Code.

16 **SEC. 117. REGULAR POLAR SECURITY CUTTER UPDATES.**

17 (a) REPORT.—

18 (1) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
19 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
20 Commandant and the Chief of Naval Operations
21 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation
22 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives,
23 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
24 portation of the Senate, and the Committees on
25 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-

1 representatives a report on the status of acquisition of
2 Polar Security Cutters.

3 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report under paragraph
4 (1) shall include—

5 (A) a detailed timeline for the acquisition
6 process of Polar Security Cutters, including ex-
7 pected milestones and a projected commis-
8 sioning date for the first 3 Polar Security Cut-
9 ters;

10 (B) an accounting of the previously appro-
11 priated funds spent to date on the Polar Secu-
12 rity Cutter Program, updated cost projections
13 for Polar Security Cutters, and projections for
14 when additional funds will be required;

15 (C) potential factors and risks that could
16 further delay or imperil the completion of Polar
17 Security Cutters; and

18 (D) a review of the acquisition of Polar Se-
19 curity Cutters to date, including factors that led
20 to substantial cost overruns and delivery delays.

21 (b) BRIEFINGS.—

22 (1) PROVISION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
23 90 days after the submission of the report under
24 subsection (a), and not less frequently than every 90
25 days thereafter, the Commandant and the Chief of

1 Naval Operations shall provide to the Committee on
2 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
3 Representatives, the Committee on Commerce,
4 Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and the
5 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
6 the House of Representatives a briefing on the sta-
7 tus of the Polar Security Cutter acquisition process
8 until Polar Security Cutter 2 achieves full oper-
9 ational capability.

10 (2) TIMELINE.—The briefings under paragraph
11 (1) shall occur after any key milestone in the Polar
12 Security Cutter acquisition process, but not less fre-
13 quently than every 90 days.

14 (3) ELEMENTS.—Each briefing under para-
15 graph (1) shall include—

16 (A) a summary of acquisition progress
17 since the most recent previous briefing con-
18 ducted pursuant to paragraph (1);

19 (B) an updated timeline and budget esti-
20 mate for acquisition and building of pending
21 Polar Security Cutters; and

22 (C) an explanation of any delays or addi-
23 tional costs incurred in the acquisition progress.

24 (c) NOTIFICATIONS.—In addition to the briefings re-
25 quired under subsection (b), the Commandant and the

1 Chief of Naval Operations shall notify the Committee on
2 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
4 Transportation of the Senate, and the Committees on
5 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-
6 atives within 3 business days of any significant change to
7 the scope or funding level of the Polar Security Cutter
8 acquisition strategy of such change.

9 **SEC. 118. ANNUAL PLAN FOR COAST GUARD OPERATIONS**
10 **IN THE PACIFIC.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 51 of title 14, United
12 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
13 lowing:

14 **“§ 5116. Annual plan for Coast Guard operations in**
15 **the Pacific**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31,
17 2025, and annually thereafter, the Commandant of the
18 Coast Guard, in consultation with the Secretary of State
19 and Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the appropriate
20 congressional committees a plan for Coast Guard oper-
21 ations in the Pacific region for the year after the year
22 during which the plan is submitted. Such plan shall in-
23 clude, for the year covered by the plan, each of the fol-
24 lowing elements:

1 “(1) A list of objectives for Coast Guard en-
2 gagement in the Pacific region in support of Depart-
3 ment of State and Department of Defense missions.

4 “(2) An assessment of the capabilities of the
5 Coast Guard to support Department of State and
6 Department of Defense missions in the Pacific re-
7 gion.

8 “(3) A list of any areas in the Pacific region
9 where an increased Coast Guard presence would bet-
10 ter support Department of State and Department of
11 Defense missions.

12 “(4) The projected demand for Coast Guard en-
13 gagement in the Pacific region from the Department
14 of State and the Department of Defense for the year
15 covered by the plan and the subsequent 10 years.

16 “(5) An assessment of whether the Coast
17 Guard will be able to meet such projected demand
18 for the year covered by the plan, including—

19 “(A) a list of any factors limiting the abil-
20 ity of the Coast Guard to meet such projected
21 demand; and

22 “(B) an analysis of the location from
23 which any Coast Guard assets used to carry out
24 missions in the Pacific, in addition to assets
25 available in the year prior to the year in which

1 the plan is submitted, will be transferred and
2 any associated gaps in Coast Guard mission
3 coverage any such transfers will create.

4 “(6) A summary of the resources needed for the
5 Coast Guard to meet such projected demand for the
6 year covered by the plan, including—

7 “(A) staff;

8 “(B) infrastructure, including shore infra-
9 structure;

10 “(C) administrative and logistical support;

11 and

12 “(D) technology.

13 “(7) Any other matter as determined relevant
14 by the Commandant.

15 “(b) FORM.—Each plan under subsection (a) shall be
16 submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classi-
17 fied annex.

18 “(c) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than February
19 15, 2026, and annually thereafter, the Commandant shall
20 provide to the appropriate congressional committees a
21 briefing on the annual plan required under subsection (a)
22 submitted during the preceding year.

23 “(d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
24 DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘appropriate congres-
25 sional committees’ means—

1 “(1) the Committee on Transportation and In-
2 frastructure of the House of Representatives;

3 “(2) the Committee on Appropriations of the
4 House of Representatives;

5 “(3) the Committee on Armed Services of the
6 House of Representatives;

7 “(4) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
8 Transportation of the Senate;

9 “(5) the Committee on Appropriations of the
10 Senate; and

11 “(6) the Committee on Armed Services of the
12 Senate.

13 **“§ 5117. Annual budget display for Coast Guard oper-**
14 **ations in the Pacific**

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than February 15,
16 2026, and annually thereafter, the Commandant of the
17 Coast Guard shall submit to the appropriate congressional
18 committees a detailed budget display for Coast Guard op-
19 erations in the Pacific region for the fiscal year after the
20 fiscal year during which the budget display is submitted.
21 The Commandant shall base such budget display on the
22 projected demand for Coast Guard engagement in the Pa-
23 cific region as identified in the most recent annual plan
24 developed under section 5116 of this title. Such budget

1 display shall include, for the year covered by the budget
2 display, the following information:

3 “(1) With respect to procurement accounts,
4 amounts displayed by account, budget activity, line
5 number, line item, and line item title.

6 “(2) With respect to research, development,
7 test, and evaluation accounts, amounts displayed by
8 account, budget activity, line number, program ele-
9 ment, and program element title.

10 “(3) With respect to operation and maintenance
11 accounts, amounts displayed by account title, budget
12 activity title, line number, and subactivity group
13 title.

14 “(4) With respect to military personnel ac-
15 counts, amounts displayed by account, budget activ-
16 ity, budget subactivity, and budget subactivity title.

17 “(b) FORM.—Each display under subsection (a) shall
18 be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a clas-
19 sified annex.

20 “(c) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than February
21 15, 2026, and annually thereafter, the Commandant shall
22 provide to the appropriate congressional committees a
23 briefing on the budget display required by subsection (a)
24 for the fiscal year after the fiscal year during which the
25 briefing is provided.

1 “(d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
 2 DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘appropriate congres-
 3 sional committees’ has the meaning given such term in
 4 section 5116.”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 6 ter 51 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by add-
 7 ing at the end the following:

“5116. Annual plan for Coast Guard operations in the Pacific.

“5117. Annual budget display for Coast Guard operations in the Pacific.”.

8 **TITLE II—ORGANIZATION, AU-**
 9 **THORITIES, ACQUISITION,**
 10 **AND PERSONNEL OF THE**
 11 **COAST GUARD**

12 **Subtitle A—Organization**

13 **SEC. 201. SECRETARY OF THE COAST GUARD.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 102 of title 14, United
 15 States Code, is repealed.

16 (b) TRANSFER.—Section 888(a) of Public Law 107–
 17 296 is transferred to appear after section 101 of title 14,
 18 United States Code, redesignated as section 102, and
 19 amended to read as follows:

20 **“§ 102. Primary duties**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Coast Guard shall admin-
 22 ister laws, promulgate and enforce regulations, and engage
 23 in operations and activities, with due regard to the re-

1 requirements of national defense, in support of the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(1) NON-HOMELAND SECURITY MISSIONS.—

4 “(A) MARINE SAFETY.—Engage in oceano-
5 graphic research, ensure the safe operation of
6 and facilitate the economical movement of
7 goods through the Marine Transportation Sys-
8 tem, and develop, establish, maintain, and oper-
9 ate rescue facilities for the promotion of safety
10 on, under, and over the high seas and waters
11 subject to the jurisdiction of the United States
12 and protect the lives and safety of those on the
13 sea.

14 “(B) SEARCH AND RESCUE.—Respond to
15 maritime disasters, natural or man-made, and
16 render aid to people in distress to protect the
17 lives and promote the safety of life and property
18 on, under, and over the high seas and waters
19 subject to the jurisdiction of the United States,
20 covering all matters not specifically delegated
21 by law to some other executive department.

22 “(C) AIDS TO NAVIGATION.—Develop, es-
23 tablish, maintain and operate aids to maritime
24 navigation to promote the safe operation of the
25 Marine Transportation System, pursuant to

1 subchapter III of chapter 5, on, under, and over
2 the high seas and waters subject to the jurisdic-
3 tion of the United States.

4 “(D) LIVING MARINE RESOURCES (FISH-
5 ERIES LAW ENFORCEMENT).—Safeguard fish
6 and wildlife, including threatened and endan-
7 gered species, from unlawful acts and environ-
8 mental degradation under, and over the high
9 seas and waters subject to the jurisdiction of
10 the United States.

11 “(E) MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTEC-
12 TION.—Safeguard United States marine re-
13 sources and the ocean from unlawful acts and
14 environmental degradation on, under, and over
15 the high seas and waters subject to the jurisdic-
16 tion of the United States.

17 “(F) ICE OPERATIONS.—Develop, estab-
18 lish, maintain, and operate icebreaking facilities
19 on, under, and over waters other than the high
20 seas and waters subject to the jurisdiction of
21 the United States.

22 “(2) HOMELAND SECURITY MISSIONS.—

23 “(A) PORTS, WATERWAYS AND COASTAL
24 SECURITY.—Conduct maritime recovery oper-
25 ations in the aftermath of incidents of national

1 significance to ensure the continuity of com-
2 merce and critical port and waterway functions,
3 protect the United States maritime domain and
4 the Marine Transportation System, and deny
5 the use and exploitation of the maritime domain
6 as a means for attacks on United States terri-
7 tory, population, vessels, and critical infrastruc-
8 ture.

9 “(B) DRUG INTERDICTION.—Engage in
10 maritime air surveillance or maritime interdic-
11 tion to enforce or assist in the enforcement of
12 laws of the United States regarding controlled
13 substances on, under, and over the high seas
14 and waters subject to the jurisdiction of the
15 United States.

16 “(C) MIGRANT INTERDICTION.—Engage in
17 maritime air surveillance or maritime interdic-
18 tion of the maritime border and approaches to
19 enforce or assist in the enforcement of laws of
20 the United States, including the immigration
21 laws of the United States on, under, and over
22 the high seas and waters subject to the jurisdic-
23 tion of the United States.

24 “(D) DEFENSE READINESS.—Defend
25 United States national interests in the maritime

1 domain against hostile acts through military ac-
2 tion, and maintain a state of readiness to assist
3 in the defense of the United States, including
4 when functioning as a specialized service in the
5 Navy pursuant to section 103.

6 “(E) OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT.—En-
7 force or assist in the enforcement of all applica-
8 ble Federal laws on, under, and over the high
9 seas and waters subject to the jurisdiction of
10 the United States.

11 “(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
12 tion shall be construed to limit the powers authorized in
13 chapter 5.”.

14 (c) SECTION 888.—Section 888 of Public Law 107–
15 296 is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (d)—

17 (A) by striking “No mission” and inserting
18 “No primary duty described in section 102 of
19 title 14, United States Code,”;

20 (B) by inserting “, whether requested or
21 tasked by the Department on behalf of another
22 agency or requested by another agency,” after
23 “Department”; and

24 (C) by striking “missions.” and inserting
25 “such duties.”; and

1 (2) in subsection (e) by striking paragraph (1)
2 and inserting the following:

3 “(1) PROHIBITION.—Except as specified in sub-
4 sequent Acts, the Secretary—

5 “(A) may not substantially or significantly
6 reduce—

7 “(i) the primary duties of the Coast
8 Guard described in section 102 of title 14,
9 United States Code; or

10 “(ii) the capability of the Coast Guard
11 to perform such duties; and

12 “(B) shall ensure the preservation and exe-
13 cution of such duties.”.

14 (d) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

15 (1) MEMBERS ASSERTING POST-TRAUMATIC
16 STRESS DISORDER OR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.—
17 Section 2516 of title 14, United States Code, is
18 amended—

19 (A) in subsection (a) by inserting “de-
20 scribed in section 102” after “Coast Guard op-
21 erations”; and

22 (B) by striking subsection (d).

23 (2) CLARIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY OF MEM-
24 BERS OF COAST GUARD FOR COMBAT-RELATED SPE-
25 CIAL COMPENSATION.—Section 221 of the Coast

1 Guard Authorization Act of 2016 (10 U.S.C. 1413a
2 note) is amended by striking “section 888(a) of the
3 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 468(a))”
4 and inserting “section 102 of title 14, United States
5 Code”.

6 (e) PLAN.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Prior to the President imple-
8 menting section 201 of title 14, United States Code,
9 as amended by this Act, and appointing a Secretary
10 of the Coast Guard, the Commandant, in coordina-
11 tion with the Secretary of the Department in which
12 the Coast Guard is operating, shall—

13 (A) develop a plan on the structure, feasi-
14 bility of the Secretary of the Coast Guard posi-
15 tion and the reorganization and restructuring of
16 the Coast Guard needed to incorporate the new
17 position; and

18 (B) submit such plan to the Committee on
19 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
20 of Representatives and the Committee of Com-
21 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
22 ate.

23 (2) CONTENTS.—The plan required under para-
24 graph (1) shall include—

1 (A) a complete organizational chart, to in-
2 clude the creation of the Office of the Secretary
3 of the Coast Guard and the directorates that
4 report to the Commandant of the Coast Guard;

5 (B) a description of each new position cre-
6 ated within the Office of the Secretary;

7 (C) a description of the offices and policies
8 which each new position would be responsible
9 for and how those offices would interact with
10 the offices of the Commandant;

11 (D) a delineation of powers reserved for
12 the Commandant, outside of current statutory
13 authorizations, not previously reserved or dele-
14 gated;

15 (E) a transition plan to ensure the con-
16 tinuity of the execution of all Coast Guard mis-
17 sions; and

18 (F) recommendations for statutory and
19 legislative changes.

20 (f) REVIEW OF PLAN.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall pro-
22 vide the plan developed in subsection (e) to the
23 Comptroller General of the United States.

24 (2) REPORT.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6
2 months after the transmission of the plan pre-
3 pared under paragraph (1), the Comptroller
4 General shall review such plan and provide rec-
5 ommendations to the Commandant in a report.

6 (B) CONTENTS.—The report shall in-
7 clude—

8 (i) a compilation of the responsibilities
9 and duties assigned to the Commandant of
10 the Coast Guard and the Secretary of the
11 department in which the Coast Guard is
12 operating, and potential responsibilities
13 and duties that can be moved to the Sec-
14 retary of the Coast Guard;

15 (ii) a detailed list of all responsibilities
16 and duties assigned to the Commandant
17 and the Secretary of the department in
18 which the Coast Guard is operating, and
19 how those duties overlap or remain dis-
20 tinct;

21 (iii) a detailed analysis of the respon-
22 sibilities in clause (i) that should be reas-
23 signed or delegated to the Secretary of the
24 Coast Guard and the Commandant of the
25 Coast Guard;

1 (iv) a detailed analysis of the proper
2 separation and oversight of duties in the
3 chain of command between the Secretary,
4 the Secretary of the Coast Guard, and the
5 Commandant of the Coast Guard;

6 (v) an analysis of the feasibility of the
7 reorganization of the service in order to
8 preserve the integrity of the military chain
9 of command;

10 (vi) a comparison to the structure and
11 authorities of other service Secretaries, in-
12 cluding but not limited to the Secretary of
13 the Navy, and whether the proposed appli-
14 cation to the Coast Guard is appropriate;
15 and

16 (vii) other matters deemed relevant by
17 the Comptroller General.

18 (3) SUBMISSION.—The Comptroller General
19 shall provide to the Committee on Transportation
20 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
21 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
22 Transportation of the Senate the report developed
23 pursuant to paragraph (2).

24 (4) RESPONSES.—In addition to the plan and
25 report, the Commandant shall provide responses to

1 the recommendations in the report under paragraph
 2 (2) to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
 3 structure of the House of Representatives and the
 4 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
 5 tation of the Senate to include—

6 (A) a description of the recommendations
 7 that the service intends to implement;

8 (B) a justification for each recommenda-
 9 tion that the service does not intend to imple-
 10 ment; and

11 (C) an implementation strategy and
 12 timeline.

13 (g) SECRETARY OF THE COAST GUARD.—Subtitle I
 14 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—

15 (1) by redesignating section 106 as section 107;

16 (2) by inserting after section 105 the following:

17 **“§ 106. Secretary of the Coast Guard defined**

18 “In this title, the term ‘Secretary of the Coast Guard’
 19 means the Secretary of the Coast Guard established in
 20 section 201.”; and

21 (3) by inserting after section 107, as so redesign-
 22 nated, the following:

23 **“CHAPTER 2—SECRETARY OF THE COAST**
 24 **GUARD**

“201. Secretary of the Coast Guard.

1 **“§ 201. Secretary of the Coast Guard**

2 “(a) SECRETARY OF THE COAST GUARD.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is a Secretary of the
4 Coast Guard, appointed from civilian life by the
5 President, by and with the advice and consent of the
6 Senate.

7 “(2) NOT OPERATING AS A SERVICE IN THE
8 NAVY.—Subject to section 103(c) of Public Law
9 107–296 and when the Coast Guard is not operating
10 as a service in the Navy, the Secretary of the Coast
11 Guard shall report directly to the Secretary without
12 being required to report through any other official of
13 the department in which the Coast Guard is oper-
14 ating. The Secretary of the Coast Guard shall not be
15 required to report to any other position in the de-
16 partment in which the Coast Guard is operating,
17 military or civilian, including any other under secre-
18 taries, or assistant secretaries.

19 “(3) QUALIFICATION.—The Secretary of the
20 Coast Guard shall, to the greatest extent practicable,
21 be appointed from among persons most highly quali-
22 fied for the position by reason of background and
23 experience, including persons with appropriate man-
24 agement or leadership experience.

25 “(4) DISQUALIFICATION.—A person may not be
26 appointed as Secretary of the Coast Guard within 7

1 years after relief from active duty as a commissioned
2 officer of a regular component of an armed force.

3 “(b) POWERS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the authority,
5 direction, and control of the Secretary, the Secretary
6 of the Coast Guard shall exercise the powers of the
7 Secretary in this title, except as may be reserved by
8 the Secretary and reserved for the Commandant
9 pursuant to sections 504 and 505.

10 “(2) AUTHORITY.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the
12 Coast Guard is responsible for and has the au-
13 thority necessary to conduct all affairs of the
14 Coast Guard.

15 “(B) AUTHORITIES AND FUNCTIONS.—

16 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
17 authorities and functions prescribed in para-
18 graphs (2) through (5) of section 701(a) of
19 Public Law 107–296 as such authorities and
20 functions pertain to the Coast Guard shall be
21 reserved for the Secretary of the Coast Guard.

22 “(3) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Subject to the au-
23 thority, direction, and control of the Secretary, the
24 Secretary of the Coast Guard is also responsible to
25 the Secretary for—

1 “(A) the functioning and efficiency of the
2 Coast Guard;

3 “(B) the formulation of policies and pro-
4 grams by the Coast Guard that are fully con-
5 sistent with national security objectives and
6 policies established by the President or the Sec-
7 retary;

8 “(C) the effective and timely implementa-
9 tion of policy, program, and budget decisions
10 and instructions of the President or the Sec-
11 retary relating to the functions of the Coast
12 Guard;

13 “(D) carrying out the functions of the
14 Coast Guard so as to fulfill the current and fu-
15 ture operational requirements of the unified and
16 specified combatant commands;

17 “(E) effective cooperation and coordination
18 between the Coast Guard and the other military
19 departments and agencies of the Department of
20 Defense with regards to defense readiness mis-
21 sions to provide for more effective, efficient,
22 and economical administration and to eliminate
23 duplication;

24 “(F) the presentation and justification of
25 the positions of the Coast Guard on the plans,

1 programs, and policies of the Department in
2 which the Coast Guard is operating;

3 “(G) the effective supervision and control
4 of the intelligence activities of the Coast Guard;
5 and

6 “(H) such other activities and duties as
7 may be prescribed by law or by the President
8 or Secretary, in directing the Coast Guard.

9 “(4) RECOMMENDATIONS.—After first inform-
10 ing the Secretary, the Secretary of the Coast Guard
11 may make such recommendations to appropriate
12 congressional committees, as defined in section
13 1171, as the Secretary of the Coast Guard considers
14 appropriate.

15 “(5) ASSIGNMENT OF FUNCTIONS, POWERS,
16 AND DUTIES.—

17 “(A) DELEGATION.—

18 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of
19 the Coast Guard may assign such of the
20 functions, powers, and duties as the Sec-
21 retary of the Coast Guard considers appro-
22 priate, to the Under Secretary of the Coast
23 Guard, and to not more than 4 Assistant
24 Secretaries of the Coast Guard.

1 “(ii) APPOINTMENT.—The Under Sec-
2 retary and the Assistant Secretaries shall
3 be appointed from civilian life by the Presi-
4 dent, by and with the advice and consent
5 of the Senate.

6 “(B) SECRETARY OF THE COAST GUARD’S
7 STAFF.—The Secretary of the Coast Guard’s
8 staff shall be limited in the roles and respon-
9 sibilities of such staff to the execution of the
10 powers vested in the Secretary of the Coast
11 Guard. The size of the Secretary of the Coast
12 Guard’s staff may not exceed the size necessary
13 to carry out the responsibilities of the office of
14 the Secretary of the Coast Guard.

15 “(C) REPORTING TO SECRETARY OF THE
16 COAST GUARD.—Officers of the Coast Guard
17 shall, as directed by the Secretary, report on
18 any matter to the Secretary of the Coast
19 Guard, the Under Secretary, or any Assistant
20 Secretary.

21 “(6) ADDITIONAL POWERS.—The Secretary of
22 the Coast Guard may—

23 “(A) assign, detail, and prescribe the du-
24 ties of members of the Coast Guard and civilian
25 personnel of the Coast Guard;

1 “(B) change the title of any officer or ac-
2 tivity of the Coast Guard not prescribed by law;
3 and

4 “(C) prescribe regulations to carry out the
5 functions, powers, and duties of the Secretary
6 of the Coast Guard under this title.

7 “(7) PROHIBITIONS.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the
9 Coast Guard may not eliminate, materially alter
10 the scope of, or privatize any of the primary du-
11 ties described in section 102.

12 “(B) REPORT.—The Secretary of the
13 Coast Guard shall submit to the Committee on
14 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
15 of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
16 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
17 ate an annual report demonstrating compliance
18 with subparagraph (A).

19 “(c) LIMITATIONS.—No officer serving in an appoint-
20 ment described in subsections (a) through (e) of section
21 103 of Public Law 107–296 may perform the duties of
22 the Secretary of the Coast Guard.

23 “(d) COMMANDANT REPORTING.—The Commandant
24 shall report directly to the Secretary of the Coast Guard.
25 The Commandant shall not be required to report to any

1 other position in the department in which the Coast Guard
 2 is operating, military or civilian, including under secre-
 3 taries, or assistant secretaries.”.

4 (h) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 5 ter 1 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking the item relating to section 102
 7 and inserting the following:

“102. Primary duties.”; and

8 (2) by striking the item relating to section 106
 9 and inserting the following:

“106. Secretary of the Coast Guard defined.
 “107. Commandant defined.”.

10 (i) CLARIFYING AMENDMENT.—Section 505 of title
 11 14, United States Code, is amended by striking “Sec-
 12 retary” and inserting “Secretary of the Coast Guard”.

13 (j) PUBLIC LAW 107–296.—Public Law 107–296 is
 14 amended—

15 (1) in section 103—

16 (A) by amending subsection (c) to read as
 17 follows:

18 “(c) SECRETARY OF THE COAST GUARD.—When the
 19 Coast Guard is operating as a service within the Depart-
 20 ment of Homeland Security, to assist the Secretary in the
 21 performance of the Secretary’s functions, there is a Sec-
 22 retary of the Coast Guard who shall be appointed as pro-

1 vided in section 201 of title 14, United States Code, and
 2 who shall report directly to the Secretary.”; and

3 (B) in subsection (g)(1)—

4 (i) by striking “Notwithstanding” and
 5 inserting the following:

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding”;

7 (ii) by striking “the Under Secretary
 8 for Management” and inserting “the Sec-
 9 retary of the Coast Guard”; and

10 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
 11 lowing:

12 “(B) UNDER SECRETARY OF MANAGE-
 13 MENT.—The Under Secretary of Management
 14 shall serve in this capacity in the event that the
 15 Secretary of the Coast Guard has transferred to
 16 the Department of the Navy.”; and

17 (2) in section 888—

18 (A) by redesignating subsections (b)
 19 through (g) as subsections (a) through (f), re-
 20 spectively; and

21 (B) in subsection (e), as so redesignated,
 22 by striking “Commandant” and inserting “the
 23 Secretary of the Coast Guard”.

24 (k) CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE COAST GUARD; IN-
 25 SPECTOR GENERAL OF THE COAST GUARD.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 14, United
2 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
3 following:

4 **“§ 324. Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There shall be in the Coast
6 Guard a Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard selected by
7 the Commandant under policies established by the Sec-
8 retary and who meets the qualifications set forth in sub-
9 section (b).

10 “(b) QUALIFICATIONS.—The Chief Prosecutor of the
11 Coast Guard shall be a commissioned officer of the Coast
12 Guard who—

13 “(1) is a member in good standing of the bar
14 of a Federal court or the highest court of a State;

15 “(2) is a judge advocate in the grade not lower
16 than O-7; and

17 “(3) is certified to be qualified, by reason of
18 education, training, experience, and temperament,
19 for duty as Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard by
20 the Judge Advocate General of the Coast Guard.

21 “(c) DUTIES AND AUTHORITIES.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Chief Prosecutor of
23 the Coast Guard shall carry out the duties under
24 chapter 47 of title 10 (the Uniform Code of Military
25 Justice) and shall perform the duties assigned as de-

1 terminated by the Secretary and consistent with the
2 policy, regulations, or other guidance promulgated
3 under section 824a of title 10 (article 24a of the
4 Uniform Code of Military Justice).

5 “(2) DETERMINATION OF COVERED OFFENSE;
6 RELATED CHARGES.—

7 “(A) AUTHORITY.—The Chief Prosecutor
8 of the Coast Guard shall have exclusive author-
9 ity to determine whether a reported offense is
10 a covered offense and shall exercise authority
11 over any such offense in accordance with chap-
12 ter 47 of title 10 (the Uniform Code of Military
13 Justice). Any determination to prefer or refer
14 charges shall not act to disqualify the Chief
15 Prosecutor of the Coast Guard as an accuser.

16 “(B) KNOWN AND RELATED OFFENSES.—
17 If the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard de-
18 termines that a reported offense is a covered of-
19 fense, the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard
20 may also exercise authority over any offense
21 that the special trial counsel determines to be
22 related to the covered offense and any other of-
23 fense alleged to have been committed by a per-
24 son alleged to have committed the covered of-
25 fense.

1 “(3) DISMISSAL; REFERRAL; PLEA BARGAINS.—
2 Subject to paragraph (5), with respect to charges
3 and specifications alleging any offense over which
4 the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard exercises
5 authority, the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard
6 shall have exclusive authority to, in accordance with
7 this chapter and with chapter 47 of title 10 (the
8 Uniform Code of Military Justice)—

9 “(A) on behalf of the Government, with-
10 draw or dismiss the charges and specifications
11 or make a motion to withdraw or dismiss the
12 charges and specifications;

13 “(B) refer the charges and specifications
14 for trial by a special or general court-martial;

15 “(C) enter into a plea agreement; and

16 “(D) determine if an authorized rehearing
17 is impracticable.

18 “(4) BINDING DETERMINATION.—The deter-
19 mination of the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard
20 to refer charges and specifications to a court-martial
21 for trial shall be binding on any applicable convening
22 authority for the referral of such charges and speci-
23 fications.

24 “(5) DEFERRAL TO COMMANDER OR CON-
25 VENING AUTHORITY.—If the Chief Prosecutor of the

1 Coast Guard exercises authority over an offense and
2 elects not to prefer charges and specifications for
3 such offense or, with respect to charges and speci-
4 fications for such offense preferred by a person
5 other than the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard,
6 elects not to refer such charges and specifications, a
7 commander or convening authority may exercise any
8 of the authorities of such commander or convening
9 authority under chapter 47 of title 10 (the Uniform
10 Code of Military Justice), with respect to such of-
11 fense, except that such commander or convening au-
12 thority may not refer charges and specifications for
13 a covered offense for trial by special or general
14 court-martial.

15 “(d) COVERED OFFENSE DEFINED.—In this section,
16 the term ‘covered offense’ has the meaning given such
17 term in section 801 of title 10.

18 **“§ 325. Office of the Inspector General of the Coast**
19 **Guard**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is in the Office of the Sec-
21 retary of the Coast Guard an Inspector General of the
22 Coast Guard, who shall be detailed to such position by
23 the Secretary. The Inspector General of the Coast Guard
24 shall be detailed from officers on the active-duty list in
25 the line of the Coast Guard serving in grades above cap-

tain. An officer may not be detailed to such position for a tour of duty of more than 4 years, except that the Secretary of the Coast Guard may extend such a tour of duty if the Secretary of the Coast Guard makes a special finding that the extension is necessary and in the public interest.

“(b) DUTIES.—When directed by the Secretary of the Coast Guard or the Commandant, the Inspector General shall inquire into and report upon any matter that affects the discipline, military efficiency, or economy of the Coast Guard.

“(c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The Inspector General shall periodically propose programs of inspections to the Secretary of the Coast Guard and shall recommend additional inspections and investigations as may appear appropriate.

“(d) COOPERATION.—The Inspector General shall cooperate fully with the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security in connection with the performance of any duty or function by the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security under section 103 of Public Law 107–296 regarding the Coast Guard.

“(e) DUTIES.—In addition to the responsibilities described in paragraph (2), the Inspector General shall periodically propose programs of inspections to the Secretary

1 of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating,
 2 the Secretary of the Coast Guard, and the appropriate
 3 committees of Congress and shall recommend additional
 4 inspections and investigations as may appear appro-
 5 priate.”.

6 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for
 7 chapter 3 of title 14, United States Code, is amend-
 8 ed by adding at the end the following:

“324. Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard.

“325. Office of the Inspector General of the Coast Guard.”.

9 **SEC. 202. REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMANDANT.**

10 Section 302 of title 14, United States Code, is
 11 amended in the first sentence by striking “further periods
 12 of four years” and inserting “one further period of four
 13 years”.

14 **SEC. 203. SPECIAL ADVISOR TO COMMANDANT FOR TRIBAL**
 15 **AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.**

16 (a) REORGANIZATION.—Chapter 3 of title 14, United
 17 States Code, is amended by redesignating sections 312
 18 through 325 as sections 313 through 326, respectively.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 20 ter 3 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by redес-
 21 ignating the items relating to sections 312 through 325
 22 as relating to sections 313 through 326, respectively.

23 (c) SPECIAL ADVISOR TO COMMANDANT FOR TRIBAL
 24 AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.—Chapter 3 of title 14,

1 United States Code, is further amended by inserting after
2 section 311 the following:

3 **“§ 312. Special Advisor to Commandant for Tribal**
4 **and Native Hawaiian Affairs**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with Federal trust
6 responsibilities and treaty obligations, laws, and policies
7 relevant to Indian Tribes and in support of the principles
8 of self-determination, self-governance, and co-management
9 with respect to Indian Tribes, and to support engagement
10 with Native Hawaiians, there shall be in the Coast Guard
11 a Special Advisor to the Commandant for Tribal and Na-
12 tive Hawaiian Affairs (in this section referred to as the
13 ‘Special Advisor’), who shall—

14 “(1) be selected by the Secretary and the Com-
15 mandant through a competitive search process;

16 “(2) have expertise in Federal Indian law and
17 policy, including government-to-government con-
18 sultation;

19 “(3) to the maximum extent practicable, have
20 expertise in legal and policy issues affecting Native
21 Hawaiians; and

22 “(4) have an established record of distinguished
23 service and achievement working with Indian Tribes,
24 Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organiza-
25 tions.

1 “(b) CAREER RESERVED POSITION.—The position of
2 Special Advisor shall be a career reserved position at the
3 GS–15 level or greater.

4 “(c) DUTIES.—The Special Advisor shall—

5 “(1) ensure the Federal government upholds
6 the Federal trust responsibility and conducts con-
7 sistent, meaningful, and timely government-to-gov-
8 ernment consultation and engagement with Indian
9 Tribes, which shall meet or exceed the standards of
10 the Federal Government and the Coast Guard;

11 “(2) ensure meaningful and timely engagement
12 with—

13 “(A) Native Hawaiian organizations; and

14 “(B) Tribal organizations;

15 “(3) advise the Commandant on all policies of
16 the Coast Guard that have Tribal implications in ac-
17 cordance with applicable law and policy, including
18 Executive Orders;

19 “(4) work to ensure that the policies of the
20 Federal Government regarding consultation and en-
21 gagement with Indian Tribes and engagement with
22 Native Hawaiian organizations and Tribal organiza-
23 tions are implemented in a meaningful manner,
24 working through Coast Guard leadership and across
25 the Coast Guard, together with—

1 “(A) liaisons located within Coast Guard
2 districts;

3 “(B) the Director of Coast Guard Govern-
4 mental and Public Affairs; and

5 “(C) other Coast Guard leadership and
6 programs and other Federal partners; and

7 “(5) support Indian Tribes, Native Hawaiian
8 organizations, and Tribal organizations in all mat-
9 ters under the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard.

10 “(d) DIRECT ACCESS TO SECRETARY AND COM-
11 MANDANT.—No officer or employee of the Coast Guard
12 or the Department of Homeland Security may interfere
13 with the ability of the Special Advisor to give direct and
14 independent advice to the Secretary and the Commandant
15 on matters related to this section.

16 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 “(1) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’
18 has the meaning given such term in section 4 of the
19 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
20 Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

21 “(2) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The
22 term ‘Native Hawaiian organization’ has the mean-
23 ing given such term in section 6207 of the Elemen-
24 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
25 U.S.C. 7517) except the term includes the Depart-

1 ment of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Office of
2 Hawaiian Affairs.

3 “(3) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term ‘Tribal
4 organization’ has the meaning given the term in sec-
5 tion 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
6 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).”.

7 (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
8 ter 3 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by insert-
9 ing after the item relating to section 311 the following:

 “312. Special Advisor to Commandant for Tribal and Native Hawaiian Af-
 fairs.”.

10 (e) BRIEFINGS.—

11 (1) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than 120
12 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
13 Commandant shall brief the Committee on Com-
14 merce, Science, and Transportation and the Com-
15 mittee on Indian Affairs of the Senate and the Com-
16 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
17 House of Representatives on the manner in which
18 the Special Advisor for Tribal and Native Hawaiian
19 Affairs will be incorporated into the governance
20 structure of the Coast Guard, including a timeline
21 for the incorporation that is completed not later
22 than 1 year after date of enactment of this Act.

23 (2) ANNUAL BRIEFINGS ON SPECIAL ADVISOR
24 TO THE COMMANDANT TO TRIBAL AND NATIVE HA-

1 HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.—Not later than 1 year after the
2 date of the establishment of the position of the Special
3 Advisor to the Commandant for Tribal and Native
4 Hawaiian Affairs under section 313 of title 14,
5 United States Code, and annually thereafter for 2
6 years, the Commandant shall provide the Committee
7 on Commerce, Science, and Technology and the
8 Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate and the
9 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
10 the House of Representatives with a briefing on the
11 duties, responsibilities, and actions of the Special
12 Advisor to the Commandant for Tribal and Native
13 Hawaiian Affairs, including management of best
14 practices.

15 (3) BRIEFING ON COLLABORATION WITH
16 TRIBES ON RESEARCH CONSISTENT WITH COAST
17 GUARD MISSION REQUIREMENTS.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year
19 after the date of enactment of this Act, the
20 Commandant shall provide the Committee on
21 Commerce, Science, and Technology and the
22 Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate and
23 the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
24 structure of the House of Representatives with
25 a briefing on potential collaborations on and re-

1 search and use of indigenous place-based knowl-
2 edge and research.

3 (B) ELEMENT.—In providing the briefing
4 under subparagraph (A), the Commandant shall
5 identify current and potential future opportuni-
6 ties to improve coordination with Indian Tribes,
7 Native Hawaiian organizations, and Tribal or-
8 ganizations to support—

9 (i) Coast Guard mission needs, such
10 as the potential for research or knowledge
11 to enhance maritime domain awareness, in-
12 cluding opportunities through the ADAC-
13 ARCTIC Center of Excellence of the De-
14 partment of Homeland Security; and

15 (ii) Coast Guard efforts to protect in-
16 digenous place-based knowledge and re-
17 search.

18 (4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

19 (A) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian
20 Tribe” has the meaning given such term in sec-
21 tion 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and
22 Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

23 (B) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—
24 The term “Native Hawaiian organization” has
25 the meaning given such term in section 6207 of

1 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
2 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7517) except the term in-
3 cludes the Department of Hawaiian Home
4 Lands and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

5 (C) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term
6 “Tribal organization” has the meaning given
7 the such in section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-
8 mination and Education Assistance Act (25
9 U.S.C. 5304).

10 (f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
11 tion, or an amendment made by this section, shall be con-
12 strued to impact—

13 (1) the right of any Indian Tribe (as defined in
14 section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
15 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304); or

16 (2) any government-to-government consultation.

17 (g) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

18 (1) Section 11237 of the Don Young Coast
19 Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–
20 263) is amended—

21 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “section
22 312 of title 14” and inserting “section 313 of
23 title 14”; and

1 (B) in subsection (b)(2)(A), by striking
2 “section 312 of title 14” and inserting “section
3 313 of title 14”.

4 (2) Section 807(a) of the Frank LoBiondo
5 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law
6 115–282) is amended by striking “section 313 of
7 title 14” and inserting “section 314 of title 14”.

8 (3) Section 3533(a) of the National Defense
9 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law
10 118–31) is amended by striking “section 315 of title
11 14” and inserting “section 316 of title 14”.

12 (4) Section 311(j)(9)(D) of the Federal Water
13 Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)(9)(D)) is
14 amended by striking “section 323 of title 14” each
15 place it appears and inserting “section 324 of title
16 14” each such place.

17 **SEC. 204. REINSTATEMENT OF TRAINING COURSE ON**
18 **WORKINGS OF CONGRESS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 316 of title 14, United
20 States Code, as so redesignated, is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 **“§ 316. Training courses on workings of Congress**

23 **“(a) IN GENERAL.—**

24 **“(1) TRAINING COURSE.—**The Commandant,
25 and such other individuals and organizations as the

1 Commandant considers appropriate, shall develop a
2 training course on the workings of Congress and
3 offer such training course at least once each year.

4 “(2) COURSE SUBJECT MATTER.—The training
5 course required by this section shall provide an over-
6 view and introduction to Congress and the Federal
7 legislative process, including—

8 “(A) the history and structure of Congress
9 and the committee systems of the House of
10 Representatives and the Senate, including the
11 functions and responsibilities of the Committee
12 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
13 House of Representatives and the Committee
14 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
15 the Senate;

16 “(B) the documents produced by Congress,
17 including bills, resolutions, committee reports,
18 and conference reports, and the purposes and
19 functions of such documents;

20 “(C) the legislative processes and rules of
21 the House of Representatives and the Senate,
22 including similarities and differences between
23 the 2 processes and 2 sets of rules, including—

24 “(i) the congressional budget process;

1 “(ii) the congressional authorization
2 and appropriation processes;

3 “(iii) the Senate advice and consent
4 process for Presidential nominees; and

5 “(iv) the Senate advice and consent
6 process for treaty ratification;

7 “(D) the roles of Members of Congress and
8 congressional staff in the legislative process;
9 and

10 “(E) the concept and underlying purposes
11 of congressional oversight within the governance
12 framework of separation of powers.

13 “(3) LECTURERS AND PANELISTS.—

14 “(A) OUTSIDE EXPERTS.—The Com-
15 mandant shall ensure that not less than 60 per-
16 cent of the lecturers, panelists, and other indi-
17 viduals providing education and instruction as
18 part of the training course required under this
19 section are experts on Congress and the Federal
20 legislative process who are not employed by the
21 executive branch of the Federal Government.

22 “(B) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT PRO BONO
23 SERVICES.—In satisfying the requirement under
24 paragraph (1), the Commandant shall seek, and
25 may accept, educational and instructional serv-

ices of lecturers, panelists, and other individuals and organizations provided to the Coast Guard on a pro bono basis.

“(4) EFFECT OF LAW.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The training required by this section shall replace the substantially similar training that was required by the Commandant on the day before the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025.

“(B) PREVIOUS TRAINING RECIPIENTS.—A Coast Guard flag officer or a Coast Guard Senior Executive Service employee who, not more than 3 years before the date of the enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, completed the training that was required by the Commandant on the day before such date of enactment, shall not be required to complete the training required by this section.

“(b) TRAINING FOR CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS PERSONNEL.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall develop a training course, which shall be administered in person, on the workings of Congress for any member of the Coast Guard selected for a position

1 as a fellow, liaison, counsel, or administrative staff
2 for the Coast Guard Office of Congressional and
3 Governmental Affairs or as any Coast Guard district
4 or area governmental affairs officer.

5 “(2) COURSE SUBJECT MATTER.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The training course
7 required under this section shall provide an
8 overview and introduction to Congress and the
9 Federal legislative process, including—

10 “(i) the congressional budget process;

11 “(ii) the congressional appropriations
12 process;

13 “(iii) the congressional authorization
14 process;

15 “(iv) the Senate advice and consent
16 process for Presidential nominees;

17 “(v) the Senate advice and consent
18 process for treaty ratification;

19 “(vi) the roles of Members of Con-
20 gress and congressional staff in the legisla-
21 tive process;

22 “(vii) the concept and underlying pur-
23 poses of congressional oversight within the
24 governance framework of separation of
25 powers;

1 “(viii) the roles of Coast Guard fel-
2 lows, liaisons, counsels, governmental af-
3 fairs officers, the Coast Guard Office of
4 Program Review, the Coast Guard Head-
5 quarters program offices, and any other
6 entity the Commandant considers relevant;
7 and

8 “(ix) the roles and responsibilities of
9 Coast Guard public affairs and external
10 communications personnel with respect to
11 Members of Congress and the staff of such
12 Members necessary to enhance communica-
13 tion between Coast Guard units, sectors,
14 and districts and Member offices and com-
15 mittees of jurisdiction so as to ensure visi-
16 bility of Coast Guard activities.

17 “(3) DETAIL WITHIN COAST GUARD OFFICE OF
18 BUDGET AND PROGRAMS.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—At the written request
20 of a receiving congressional office, the training
21 course required under this section shall include
22 a multi-day detail within the Coast Guard Of-
23 fice of Budget and Programs to ensure ade-
24 quate exposure to Coast Guard policy, over-
25 sight, and requests from Congress.

1 “(B) NONCONSECUTIVE DETAIL PER-
 2 MITTED.—A detail under this paragraph is not
 3 required to be consecutive with the balance of
 4 the training.

5 “(4) COMPLETION OF REQUIRED TRAINING.—A
 6 member of the Coast Guard selected for a position
 7 described in subsection (a) shall complete the train-
 8 ing required by this section before the date on which
 9 such member reports for duty for such position.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 11 ter 3 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by strik-
 12 ing the item relating to section 316 and inserting the fol-
 13 lowing:

 “316. Training courses on workings of Congress.”.

14 **SEC. 205. SERVICES AND USE OF FUNDS FOR, AND LEASING**
 15 **OF, THE NATIONAL COAST GUARD MUSEUM.**

16 Section 317 of title 14, United States Code, as so
 17 redesignated, is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (b)—

19 (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “The Sec-
 20 retary” and inserting “Except as provided in
 21 paragraph (2), the Secretary”; and

22 (B) in paragraph (2) by striking “on the
 23 engineering and design of a Museum.” and in-
 24 serting “on—”

25 “(A) the design of the Museum; and

1 “(B) engineering, construction administra-
2 tion, and quality assurance services for the Mu-
3 seum.”;

4 (2) in subsection (e), by amending paragraph
5 (2)(A) to read as follows:

6 “(2)(A) for the purpose of conducting Coast
7 Guard operations, lease from the Association—

8 “(i) the Museum; and

9 “(ii) any property owned by the Asso-
10 ciation that is adjacent to the railroad
11 tracks that are adjacent to the property on
12 which the Museum is located; and”; and

13 (3) by amending subsection (g) to read as fol-
14 lows:

15 “(g) SERVICES.—With respect to the services related
16 to the construction, maintenance, and operation of the
17 Museum, the Commandant may, from nonprofits entities
18 including the Association,—

19 “(1) solicit and accept services; and

20 “(2) enter into contracts or memoranda of
21 agreement to acquire such services.”.

Subtitle B—Authorities

SEC. 211. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 11269 of the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–263) is—

(1) transferred to appear at the end of subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 14, United States Code;

(2) redesignated as section 529; and

(3) amended—

(A) by striking the section enumerator and heading and inserting the following:

“§ 529. Public availability of information”;

(B) by striking “Not later than” and inserting the following:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than”;

(C) by striking “the number of migrant” and inserting “the number of drug and person”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) CONTENTS.—In making information about interdictions publicly available under subsection (a), the Commandant shall include a description of the following:

“(1) The number of incidents in which drugs were interdicted, the amount and type of drugs

1 interdicted, and the Coast Guard sectors and geo-
2 graphic areas of responsibility in which such inci-
3 dents occurred.

4 “(2) The number of incidents in which persons
5 were interdicted, the number of persons interdicted,
6 the number of those persons who were unaccom-
7 panied minors, and the Coast Guard sectors and ge-
8 ographic areas of responsibility in which such inci-
9 dents occurred.

10 “(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this pro-
11 vision shall be construed to require the Coast Guard to
12 collect the information described in subsection (b), and
13 nothing in this provision shall be construed to require the
14 Commandant to publicly release confidential, classified,
15 law enforcement sensitive, or otherwise protected informa-
16 tion.”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

18 (1) TITLE 14.—The analysis for chapter 5 of
19 title 14, United States Code, is amended by insert-
20 ing after the item relating to section 528 the fol-
21 lowing:

“529. Public availability of information on monthly drug and migrant interdic-
tions.”.

22 (2) JAMES M. INHOFE NATIONAL DEFENSE AU-
23 THORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.—The
24 table of contents for the James M. Inhofe National

1 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023
2 (Public Law 117–263) is amended by striking the
3 item relating to section 11269.

4 (3) DON YOUNG COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION
5 ACT OF 2022.—The table of contents for the Don
6 Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (divi-
7 sion K of Public Law 117–263) is amended by strik-
8 ing the item relating to section 11269.

9 **SEC. 212. CYBER COORDINATION AND SUPPORT IN FOR-**
10 **EIGN TERRITORIES.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 7 of title 14, United
12 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 721 the
13 following:

14 **“§ 722. Cyber coordination in foreign territories**

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
16 the Commandant, may coordinate with a foreign entity to
17 provide cyber prevention and response assistance related
18 to the marine transportation systems and assets located
19 outside the United States that have a nexus to the United
20 States Marine Transportation System or illegal, unre-
21 ported, and unregulated fishing.

22 “(b) TYPES OF SUPPORT.—The Commandant may
23 conduct cyber assessments, audits, inspections, operations,
24 or other activities as provided under subsection (a).

1 “(c) COORDINATION.—The Secretary may provide
2 support under subsections (a) and (b) after coordination
3 with the Secretary of State.

4 “(d) REIMBURSEMENT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary
5 may require reimbursement from a foreign entity for costs
6 incurred by the Coast Guard for assistance provided under
7 subsection (a).

8 “(e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘foreign
9 entity’ includes foreign governments and intergovern-
10 mental organizations the Secretary considers appro-
11 priate.”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
13 ter 7 of such title is further amended by inserting after
14 the item relating to section 721 the following:

“722. Cyber coordination in foreign territories.”.

15 **SEC. 213. MODIFICATION OF TREATMENT OF MINOR CON-**
16 **STRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**
17 **MANAGEMENT.**

18 Section 903(d)(1) of title 14, United States Code, is
19 amended by striking “\$1,500,000” and inserting
20 “\$4,000,000”.

21 **SEC. 214. PREPAREDNESS PLANS FOR COAST GUARD PROP-**
22 **ERTIES LOCATED IN TSUNAMI INUNDATION**
23 **ZONES.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
25 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in con-

1 sultation with the Administrator of the National Oceanic
2 and Atmospheric Administration and the heads of other
3 appropriate Federal agencies, shall develop a location-spe-
4 cific tsunami preparedness plan for each property con-
5 cerned.

6 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In developing each prepared-
7 ness plan under subsection (a), the Commandant shall en-
8 sure that the plan—

9 (1) minimizes the loss of human life;

10 (2) maximizes the ability of the Coast Guard to
11 meet the mission of the Coast Guard;

12 (3) is included in the emergency action plan for
13 each Coast Guard unit or sector located within the
14 applicable tsunami inundation zone;

15 (4) designates an evacuation route to an assem-
16 bly area located outside the tsunami inundation
17 zone;

18 (5) takes into consideration near-shore and dis-
19 tant tsunami inundation of the property concerned;

20 (6) includes—

21 (A) maps of all applicable tsunami inunda-
22 tion zones;

23 (B) evacuation routes and instructions for
24 all individuals located on the property con-
25 cerned;

1 (C) procedures to begin evacuations as ex-
2 peditiously as possible upon detection of a seis-
3 mic or other tsunamigenic event;

4 (D) evacuation plans for Coast Guard avia-
5 tion and afloat assets; and

6 (E)(i) routes for evacuation on foot from
7 any location within the property concerned; or

8 (ii) if an on-foot evacuation is not possible,
9 an assessment of whether there is a need for
10 vertical evacuation refuges that would allow
11 evacuation on foot;

12 (7) in the case of a property concerned that is
13 at risk for a near-shore tsunami, is able to be com-
14 pletely executed within 15 minutes of detection of a
15 seismic event, or if complete execution is not possible
16 within 15 minutes, within a timeframe the Com-
17 mandant considers reasonable to minimize the loss
18 of life; and

19 (8) not less frequently than annually, is—

20 (A) exercised by each Coast Guard unit
21 and sector located in the applicable tsunami in-
22 undation zone;

23 (B) communicated through an annual in-
24 person training to Coast Guard personnel and

1 dependents located or living on the property
2 concerned; and

3 (C) evaluated by the relevant District
4 Commander for each Coast Guard unit and sec-
5 tor located within the applicable tsunami inun-
6 dation zone.

7 (c) CONSULTATION.—In developing each prepared-
8 ness plan under subsection (a), the Commandant shall
9 consult relevant State, Tribal, and local government enti-
10 ties, including emergency management officials.

11 (d) BRIEFING.—Not later than 14 months after the
12 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall pro-
13 vide a briefing to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
14 and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
15 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
16 resentatives on each plan developed under subsection (a),
17 including the status of implementation and feasibility of
18 each such plan.

19 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) PROPERTY CONCERNED.—The term “prop-
21 erty concerned” means any real property owned, op-
22 erated, or leased by the Coast Guard within a tsu-
23 nami inundation zone.

24 (2) TSUNAMIGENIC EVENT.—The term
25 “tsunamigenic event” means any event, such as an

1 earthquake, volcanic eruption, submarine landslide,
2 coastal rockfall, or other event, with the magnitude
3 to cause a tsunami.

4 (3) VERTICAL EVACUATION REFUGE.—The
5 term “vertical evacuation refuge” means a structure
6 or earthen mound designated as a place of refuge in
7 the event of a tsunami, with sufficient height to ele-
8 vate evacuees above the tsunami inundation depth,
9 designed and constructed to resist tsunami load ef-
10 fects.

11 **SEC. 215. ADDITIONAL PRIBILOF ISLAND TRANSITION COM-**
12 **PLETION ACTIONS.**

13 Section 11221 of the Don Young Coast Guard Au-
14 thorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–263) is amended
15 by adding at the end the following:

16 “(e) ADDITIONAL REPORTS ON STATUS OF USE OF
17 FACILITIES AND HELICOPTER BASING.—Beginning with
18 the first quarterly report required under subsection (a)
19 submitted after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard
20 Authorization Act of 2025, the Secretary shall include in
21 each such report—

22 “(1) the status of the use of recently renovated
23 Coast Guard housing facilities, food preparation fa-
24 cilities, and maintenance and repair facilities on St.
25 Paul Island, Alaska, including a projected date for

1 full use and occupancy of such facilities in support
 2 of Coast Guard missions in the Bering Sea; and

3 “(2) a detailed plan for the acquisition and con-
 4 struction of a hangar in close proximity to existing
 5 St. Paul airport facilities for the prosecution of
 6 Coast Guard operational missions, including plans
 7 for the use of land needed for such hangar.”.

8 **SEC. 216. SCIENTIFIC MISSION FOR USCGC STORIS.**

9 Section 11223 of Don Young Coast Guard Authoriza-
 10 tion Act of 2022 (14 U.S.C. 561 note) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (d)—

12 (A) in paragraph (2)—

13 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
 14 graph (A) by striking “retrofitting”;

15 (ii) in subparagraph (A)—

16 (I) by inserting “retrofitting,”
 17 before “maintenance”; and

18 (II) by striking “the science
 19 party” and inserting “costs described
 20 in paragraph (3)”; and

21 (B) by amending paragraph (4) to read as

22 follows:

23 “(4) MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant—

1 “(i) shall enter into a memorandum of
2 agreement with the Under Secretary to
3 allow the Under Secretary to use any ves-
4 sel acquired under this section to conduct
5 research, and facilitate science activities,
6 data collection, and other procedures nec-
7 essary to carry out the purposes described
8 in subsection (c); and

9 “(ii) may enter into a memorandum
10 of agreement with any other Federal,
11 State, local government entity, institution
12 of higher education, or research institution
13 to use any vessel acquired under this sec-
14 tion to conduct research to facilitate
15 science activities, data collection, and other
16 procedures necessary to allow such an enti-
17 ty or institution to carry out the purposes
18 described in subsection (c).

19 “(B) PROHIBITION.—The Commandant
20 may not charge the Under Secretary or any
21 other entity with whom the Commandant enters
22 into a memorandum of agreement under sub-
23 paragraph (A) any fee related to use or oper-
24 ation of any vessel acquired under this section.

1 “(C) RESTRICTION.—The Commandant
 2 may only allow the use of any vessel acquired
 3 under this section under any memorandum of
 4 agreement entered into under this paragraph if
 5 such use is not inconsistent with the missions
 6 of the Coast Guard.”; and

7 (2) in subsection (j) by striking “through (c)”
 8 and inserting “and (b)”.

9 **SEC. 217. COAST GUARD ACCESS TO DEPARTMENT OF THE**
 10 **TREASURY FUND.**

11 (a) INCLUSION OF COAST GUARD AS DEPARTMENT
 12 OF THE TREASURY LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZA-
 13 TION.—Section 9705 of title 31, United States Code, is
 14 amended—

15 (1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding
 16 paragraph (1) by striking “the Department of the
 17 Treasury or the United States Coast Guard” and in-
 18 serting “a Department of the Treasury law enforce-
 19 ment organization”;

20 (2) in subsection (a)(2)(B)—

21 (A) in clause (iv) by striking “and” at the
 22 end;

23 (B) in clause (v) by inserting “and” after
 24 the semicolon; and

25 (C) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(vi) the United States Coast Guard
2 with respect to any law of the United
3 States which the Coast Guard is author-
4 ized to enforce, assist in the enforcement
5 of, or administer pursuant to section 102,
6 522, or 525 of title 14;”;

7 (3) in subsection (a)(2)(H) by striking “the De-
8 partment of the Treasury” and inserting “a Depart-
9 ment of the Treasury law enforcement organiza-
10 tion”;

11 (4) in subsection (d)(2) by striking “or the
12 United States Coast Guard” each place it appears;

13 (5) in subsection (f)(1)(A)(ii) by striking “or
14 the United States Coast Guard”;

15 (6) in subsection (h)(1) by striking “the De-
16 partment of the Treasury” and inserting “a Depart-
17 ment of the Treasury law enforcement organiza-
18 tion”;

19 (7) in subsection (j)(1) by striking “the Depart-
20 ment of the Treasury or the United States Coast
21 Guard” and inserting “a Department of the Treas-
22 ury law enforcement organization”;

23 (8) in subsection (l) by striking “the Depart-
24 ment of the Treasury” and inserting “a Department
25 of the Treasury law enforcement organization”; and

1 (9) in subsection (o)(1) by inserting “the
2 United States Coast Guard,” before “the United
3 States Customs Service,”.

4 (b) ELIMINATION OF SEPARATE FUNDS FOR THE
5 COAST GUARD.—Section 9705 of title 31, United States
6 Code, is amended—

7 (1) by striking subsection (c);

8 (2) in subsection (g)(2) by striking “and (c)”;

9 (3) by redesignating subsections (d) through (o)
10 as subsections (c) through (n), respectively;

11 (4) by striking “subsection (d)” each place it
12 appears and inserting “subsection (c)”;

13 (5) by striking “subsection (e)” each place it
14 appears and inserting “subsection (d)”;

15 (6) by striking “subsection (h)” each place it
16 appears and inserting “subsection (g)”.

17 (c) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.—Section 9705 of title
18 31, United States Code, is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (f)(3)(C), as so redesignated,
20 by striking “section 4(B) of 9703(g)” and inserting
21 “paragraph (4)(B)”;

22 (2) in subsection (f)(4)(B), as so redesignated,
23 by striking “for transfers pursuant to subparagraph
24 (A)(ii) and”;

1 (3) in subsection (g)(2), as so redesignated, by
 2 striking “seizure of forfeiture” and inserting “sei-
 3 zure or forfeiture”; and

4 (4) in subsection (l), as so redesignated, by
 5 striking “524(c)(11)” and inserting “524(c)”.

6 (d) UPDATES TO CROSS-REFERENCES.—

7 (1) TITLE 28.—Section 524(c) of title 28,
 8 United States Code, is amended—

9 (A) in paragraph (4)(C) by striking
 10 “9705(g)(4)(A)” and inserting
 11 “9705(f)(4)(A)”; and

12 (B) in paragraph (10) by striking
 13 “9705(o)” and inserting “9705(n)”.

14 (2) TITLE 31.—Section 5340(1) of title 31,
 15 United States Code, is amended by striking
 16 “9705(o)” and inserting “9705(n)”.

17 (3) TITLE 39.—Section 2003(e)(1) of title 39,
 18 United States Code, is amended by striking
 19 “9705(o)” and inserting “9705(n)”.

20 **Subtitle C—Acquisition**

21 **SEC. 231. MODIFICATION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF** 22 **LEAD SYSTEMS INTEGRATORS.**

23 Section 1105 of title 14, United States Code, is
 24 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(c) LEAD SYSTEMS INTEGRATOR DEFINED.—In
2 this section, the term ‘lead systems integrator’ has the
3 meaning given such term in section 805(c) of the National
4 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public
5 Law 109–163).”.

6 **SEC. 232. ACQUISITION IMPROVEMENTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 11 of
8 title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
9 end the following:

10 **“§ 1138. Service life extension programs**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Requirements for a Level 1 or
12 Level 2 acquisition project or program under sections
13 1131 through 1134 shall not apply to an acquisition by
14 the Coast Guard that is a service life extension program.

15 “(b) SERVICE LIFE EXTENSION PROGRAM DE-
16 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘service life extension
17 program’ means a capital investment that is solely in-
18 tended to extend the service life and address obsolescence
19 of components or systems of a particular capability or
20 asset.

21 **“§ 1139. Consideration of life-cycle cost estimates for**
22 **acquisition and procurement**

23 “‘In carrying out the acquisition and procurement of
24 vessels and aircraft, the Secretary of the department in
25 which the Coast Guard is operating, acting through the

1 Commandant, shall consider the life-cycle cost estimates
 2 of vessels and aircraft, as applicable, during the design
 3 and evaluation processes to the maximum extent prac-
 4 ticable.

5 **“§ 1140. Contracts that provide best value for tax-**
 6 **payer**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out a Level 1 or
 8 Level 2 acquisition project or program under this sub-
 9 chapter, the Commandant shall publicly announce all con-
 10 struction, design, and engineering requirements and nego-
 11 tiate contracts for construction, design, and engineering
 12 services on the basis of demonstrated competence and
 13 qualification for the type of professional services required
 14 and at fair and reasonable prices.

15 “(b) SELECTION PROCEDURE.—The following proce-
 16 dures shall apply to the procurement of Level 1 or Level
 17 2 acquisition project or program under this subchapter:

18 “(1) STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATION AND
 19 PERFORMANCE.—The Commandant shall require
 20 prospective contractors to submit a statement of
 21 qualifications and performance data.

22 “(2) EVALUATION.—For each proposed project,
 23 the Commandant shall—

1 “(A) evaluate statements of qualifications
2 and performance submitted by firms regarding
3 the proposed project; and

4 “(B) conduct discussions with at least 3
5 firms to consider anticipated concepts and com-
6 pare alternative methods for furnishing services.

7 “(3) SELECTION.—From the firms with which
8 discussions have been conducted under paragraph
9 (2)(B), the Commandant shall select, in order of
10 preference, at least 3 firms that the Commandant
11 considers most highly qualified to provide the serv-
12 ices required, based on criteria established and pub-
13 lished by the Commandant.

14 “(c) NEGOTIATION OF CONTRACT.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall ne-
16 gotiate a contract for construction, design, and engi-
17 neering services under this section at compensation
18 which the Commandant determines is fair and rea-
19 sonable to the Federal Government.

20 “(2) FAIR AND REASONABLE COMPENSATION.—

21 In determining fair and reasonable compensation,
22 the Commandant shall consider the scope, com-
23 plexity, professional nature, and estimated value of
24 the services to be rendered.

1 “(3) NEGOTIATION.—The Commandant shall
2 attempt to negotiate a contract with the most highly
3 qualified firm selected under subsection (b).

4 “(4) FURTHER NEGOTIATION.—If the Com-
5 mandant is unable to negotiate a satisfactory con-
6 tract with the firm under paragraph (3), the Com-
7 mandant shall formally terminate negotiations with
8 such firm and undertake negotiations with the next
9 most qualified of the selected firms, continuing the
10 process until an agreement is reached.

11 “(5) ADDITIONAL FIRMS.—If the Commandant
12 is unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with
13 any of the selected firms, the Commandant shall se-
14 lect additional firms in order of competence and
15 qualification and continue negotiations in accordance
16 with this section until an agreement is reached.”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
18 ter 11 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by in-
19 serting after the item relating to section 1137 the fol-
20 lowing:

“1138. Service life extension programs.

“1139. Consideration of life-cycle cost estimates for acquisition and procure-
 ment.

“1140. Contracts that provide best value for taxpayer.”.

1 **SEC. 233. RESTRICTION ON ACQUISITION, PROCUREMENT,**
2 **OR CONSTRUCTION OF VESSELS IN FOREIGN**
3 **SHIPYARDS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1151 of title 14, United
5 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

6 **“§ 1151. Restriction on acquisition, procurement, or**
7 **construction of vessels in foreign ship-**
8 **yards**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
10 (b), the Commandant may not lease, charter, or otherwise
11 procure a vessel which contains a major component of the
12 hull or superstructure constructed in a foreign shipyard.

13 “(b) EXCEPTIONS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The President may author-
15 ize exceptions to the prohibition in subsection (a)
16 when the President determines that it is in the na-
17 tional security interest of the United States to ad-
18 dress an immediate adverse effect on Coast Guard
19 missions.

20 “(2) TIMING.—An exception made by the Presi-
21 dent under paragraph (1) shall not take effect until
22 the President submits to the Committee on Trans-
23 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
24 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce,
25 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a written
26 explanation of the circumstances requiring such an

1 exception in the national security interest, includ-
 2 ing—

3 “(A) a confirmation that there are insuffi-
 4 cient qualified shipyards to meet the national
 5 security interest without such an exception; and

6 “(B) actions taken by the President to en-
 7 able qualified United States shipyards to meet
 8 national security requirements prior to the
 9 issuance of such an exception”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 11 ter 11 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by
 12 striking the item relating to section 1151 and inserting
 13 the following:

“1151. Restriction on acquisition, procurement, or construction of vessels in for-
 eign shipyards.”.

14 **SEC. 234. GREAT LAKES ICEBREAKING.**

15 (a) GREAT LAKES ICEBREAKER AND ICEBREAKING
 16 TUGS.—

17 (1) STRATEGY.—Not later than 90 days after
 18 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
 19 shall submit to the Committee on Commerce,
 20 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the
 21 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
 22 the House of Representatives a strategy detailing
 23 how the Coast Guard will complete design and con-
 24 struction of a Great Lakes icebreaker at least as ca-

1 pable as the Coast Guard cutter *Mackinaw* (WLBB–
2 30) as expeditiously as possible after funding is pro-
3 vided for such icebreaker, including providing a cost
4 estimate and an estimated delivery timeline that
5 would facilitate the expedited delivery detailed in the
6 strategy.

7 (2) REPORT ON BAY CLASS ICEBREAKING TUG
8 FLEET REPLACEMENT.—Not later than 1 year after
9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
10 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation
11 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
12 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
13 Transportation of the Senate—

14 (A) a report that describes the strategy of
15 the Coast Guard with respect to the replace-
16 ment of the Bay class icebreaking tug fleet;

17 (B) in the case of such a strategy that re-
18 sults in the replacement of the last Bay class
19 icebreaking tug on a date that is more than 15
20 years after such date of enactment, a plan to
21 maintain the operational capabilities of the Bay
22 class icebreaking tug fleet until the date on
23 which such fleet is projected to be replaced; and

24 (C) in the case of such a plan that does
25 not include the replacement of the main propul-

1 sion engines and marine gear components of
2 the Bay class icebreaking tug fleet, an assess-
3 ment of the manner in which not replacing such
4 engines and gear components will effect the fu-
5 ture operational availability of such fleet.

6 (b) GREAT LAKES ICEBREAKER PILOT PROGRAM.—

7 Section 11212(a) of the Don Young Coast Guard Author-
8 ization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–263) is amended by
9 adding at the end the following:

10 “(4) PILOT PROGRAM.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—During the 5 ice sea-
12 sons beginning after the date of enactment of
13 this Act, the Commandant shall conduct a pilot
14 program to determine the extent to which the
15 Coast Guard Great Lakes icebreaking cutter
16 fleet is capable of maintaining tier one and tier
17 two waterways open 95 percent of the time dur-
18 ing an ice season.

19 “(B) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
20 after the end of each of the 5 ice seasons begin-
21 ning after the date of enactment of this Act,
22 the Commandant shall submit to the Committee
23 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
24 the Senate and the Committee on Transpor-

tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report that details—

“(i) the results of the pilot program required under subparagraph (A); and

“(ii) any relevant new performance measures implemented by the Coast Guard, including the measures described in pages 5 through 7 of the report of the Coast Guard titled ‘Domestic Icebreaking Operations’ and submitted to Congress on July 26, 2024, as required by section 11212(a)(3) of the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–263), and the results of the implementation of such measures.”.

(c) MODIFICATION TO REPORTING REQUIREMENT RELATING TO ICEBREAKING OPERATIONS IN GREAT LAKES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 11213(f) of the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–263) is amended to read as follows:

“(f) PUBLIC REPORT.—Not later than July 1 after the first winter in which the Commandant has submitted the report required by paragraph (3) of section 11212(a),

1 the Commandant shall publish on a publicly accessible
2 website of the Coast Guard a report on the cost to the
3 Coast Guard of meeting the proposed standards described
4 in paragraph (2) of such section.”.

5 (2) PUBLIC REPORT.—Section 11272(c) of the
6 James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization
7 Act for Fiscal Year 2023 is amended by adding at
8 the end the following:

9 “(7) PUBLIC REPORT.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30
11 days after the date of enactment of the Coast
12 Guard Authorization Act of 2025, the Com-
13 mandant shall brief the Committee on Trans-
14 portation and Infrastructure of the House or
15 Representatives and the Committee on Com-
16 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
17 ate on the cost to the Coast Guard of meeting
18 the requirements of section 564 of title 14,
19 United States Code, in fiscal year 2024.

20 “(B) SECONDARY BRIEFINGS.—Not later
21 than November 1, 2025 and November, 1,
22 2026, the Commandant shall brief the commit-
23 tees described in subparagraph (A) on the cost
24 to the Coast Guard of meeting the requirements

1 of section 564 of title 14, United States Code,
2 in fiscal years 2025 and 2026, respectively.”.

3 **SEC. 235. ENTITY OTHER THAN THE COAST GUARD.**

4 Notwithstanding section 1105(a) of title 14, United
5 States Code, the Commandant may provide for an entity
6 other than the Coast Guard to contract for the acquisition,
7 procurement, or construction of—

8 (1) the Arctic Security Cutters for which funds
9 were appropriated under section 40001 of Public
10 Law 119–21; and

11 (2) all other vessels for which funds were ap-
12 propriated under section 40001 of Public Law 119–
13 21.

14 **Subtitle D—Personnel**

15 **SEC. 241. FAMILY LEAVE POLICIES FOR COAST GUARD.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2512 of title 14, United
17 States Code, is amended—

18 (1) in the section heading by striking “**Leave**”
19 and inserting “**Family leave**”;

20 (2) in subsection (a)—

21 (A) by striking “, United States Code,”
22 and inserting “or, with respect to the reserve
23 component of the Coast Guard, the Secretary of
24 Defense promulgates a new regulation for mem-

1 bers of the reserve component of the Coast
2 Guard pursuant to section 711 of title 10,”;

3 (B) by striking “or adoption of a child”
4 and inserting “or placement of a minor child
5 with the member for adoption or long term fos-
6 ter care”;

7 (C) by striking “and enlisted members”
8 and inserting “, enlisted members, and mem-
9 bers of the reserve component”; and

10 (D) by inserting “or, with respect to mem-
11 bers of the reserve component of the Coast
12 Guard, the Secretary of Defense” after “pro-
13 vided by the Secretary of the Navy”;

14 (3) in subsection (b)—

15 (A) in the subsection heading by striking
16 “ADOPTION OF CHILD” and inserting “PLACE-
17 MENT OF MINOR CHILD WITH MEMBER FOR
18 ADOPTION OR LONG TERM FOSTER CARE”;

19 (B) by striking “and 704” and inserting “,
20 704, and 711”;

21 (C) by striking “and enlisted members”
22 and inserting “, enlisted members, and mem-
23 bers of the reserve component”;

1 (D) by striking “the birth or adoption” in-
2 serting “the birth, adoption, or long term foster
3 care”;

4 (E) by striking “immediately”;

5 (F) by striking “such birth or adoption”
6 and inserting “such birth, placement of a minor
7 child with the member for long-term foster care,
8 or adoption,”; and

9 (G) by striking “enlisted member” and in-
10 serting “, enlisted member, or member of the
11 reserve component”; and

12 (4) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(c) PERIOD OF LEAVE.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the de-
15 partment in which the Coast Guard is operating,
16 may authorize leave described under subparagraph
17 (b) to be taken after the one-year period described
18 in subparagraph (b) in the case of a member de-
19 scribed in subsection (b) who, except for this sub-
20 paragraph, would lose unused family leave at the
21 end of the one-year period described in subpara-
22 graph (A) as a result of—

23 “(A) operational requirements;

24 “(B) professional military education obli-
25 gations; or

1 “(C) other circumstances that the Sec-
2 retary determines reasonable and appropriate.

3 “(2) EXTENDED DEADLINE.—The regulation,
4 rule, policy, or memorandum prescribed under para-
5 graph (a) shall require that any leave authorized to
6 be taken after the one-year period described in sub-
7 paragraph (c)(1)(A) shall be taken within a reason-
8 able period of time, as determined by the Secretary
9 of the department in which the Coast Guard is oper-
10 ating, after cessation of the circumstances war-
11 ranting the extended deadline.

12 “(d) MEMBER OF THE RESERVE COMPONENT OF
13 THE COAST GUARD DEFINED.—In this section, the term
14 ‘member of the reserve component of the Coast Guard’
15 means a member of the Coast Guard who is a member
16 of—

17 “(1) the selected reserve who is entitled to com-
18 pensation under section 206 of title 37; or

19 “(2) the individual ready reserve who is entitled
20 to compensation under section 206 of title 37 when
21 attending or participating in a sufficient number of
22 periods of inactive-duty training during a year to
23 count the year as a qualifying year of creditable
24 service toward eligibility for retired pay.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 2 ter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by
 3 striking the item relating to section 2512 and inserting
 4 the following:

“2512. Family leave policies for the Coast Guard.”.

5 (c) COMPENSATION.—Section 206(a)(4) of title 37,
 6 United States Code, is amended by inserting before the
 7 period at the end “or family leave under section 2512 of
 8 title 14”.

9 **SEC. 242. MODIFICATIONS TO CAREER FLEXIBILITY PRO-**
 10 **GRAM.**

11 Section 2514 of title 14, United States Code, is
 12 amended—

13 (1) in subsection (c)(3) by striking “2 months”
 14 and inserting “30 days”; and

15 (2) in subsection (h)—

16 (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “and” at
 17 the end;

18 (B) in paragraph (2) by striking the period
 19 and inserting a semicolon; and

20 (C) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(3) the entitlement of the member and of the
 22 survivors of the member to all death benefits under
 23 subchapter II of chapter 75 of title 10;

24 “(4) the provision of all travel and transpor-
 25 tation allowances to family members of a deceased

1 member to attend the repatriation, burial, or memo-
 2 rial ceremony of a deceased member as provided in
 3 section 453(f) of title 37;

4 “(5) the eligibility of the member for general
 5 benefits as provided in part II of title 38; and

6 “(6) in the case of a victim of an alleged sex-
 7 related offense (as such term is defined in section
 8 1044e(h) of title 10) to the maximum extent prac-
 9 ticable, maintaining access to—

10 “(A) Coast Guard behavioral health re-
 11 sources;

12 “(B) sexual assault prevention and re-
 13 sponse resources and programs of the Coast
 14 Guard; and

15 “(C) Coast Guard legal resources, includ-
 16 ing, to the extent practicable, special victims’
 17 counsel.”.

18 **SEC. 243. DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN PER-**
 19 **SONNEL.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 25 of title
 21 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
 22 the following:

23 **“§ 2517. Direct hire authority for certain personnel**

24 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant may appoint,
 25 without regard to the provisions of subchapter I of chapter

1 33 (other than sections 3303 and 3328 of such chapter)
2 of title 5, qualified candidates to any of the following posi-
3 tions in the competitive service (as defined in section 2102
4 of title 5) in the Coast Guard:

5 “(1) Any category of medical or health profes-
6 sional positions within the Coast Guard.

7 “(2) Any childcare services position.

8 “(3) Any position in the Coast Guard housing
9 office of a Coast Guard installation, the primary
10 function of which is supervision of Coast Guard
11 housing covered by subchapter III of chapter 29 of
12 this title.

13 “(4) Any nonclinical specialist position the pur-
14 pose of which is the integrated primary prevention
15 of harmful behavior, including suicide, sexual as-
16 sault, harassment, domestic abuse, and child abuse.

17 “(5) Any special agent position of the Coast
18 Guard Investigative Service.

19 “(6) The following positions at the Coast Guard
20 Academy:

21 “(A) Any civilian faculty member ap-
22 pointed under section 1941.

23 “(B) A position involving the improvement
24 of cadet health or well-being.

1 “(b) NONCOMPETITIVE APPOINTMENT.—The Sec-
2 retary may, without regard to the appointment require-
3 ments of title 5, noncompetitively appoint a highly quali-
4 fied candidate to a faculty position in the excepted service.

5 “(c) LIMITATION.—The Commandant shall only ap-
6 point qualified candidates under the authority provided by
7 subsections (a) and (b) if the Commandant determines
8 that there is a shortage of qualified candidates for the po-
9 sitions described in such subsection or a critical hiring
10 need for such positions.

11 “(d) BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 1
12 year after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Au-
13 thorization Act of 2025, and annually thereafter for the
14 following 5 years, the Commandant shall submit to the
15 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
16 and the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
17 mental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Trans-
18 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
19 tives a written briefing which describes the use of the au-
20 thority provided under this section on an annual basis, in-
21 cluding the following:

22 “(1) The number of employees hired under the
23 authority provided under this section within the year
24 for which the briefing is provided.

1 “(2) The positions and grades for which em-
2 ployees were hired.

3 “(3) A justification for the Commandant’s de-
4 termination that such positions involved a shortage
5 of qualified candidates or a critical hiring need.

6 “(4) The number of employees who were hired
7 under the authority provided under this section who
8 have separated from the Coast Guard.

9 “(5) Steps the Coast Guard has taken to en-
10 gage with the Office of Personnel Management
11 under subpart B of part 337 of title 5, Code of Fed-
12 eral Regulations, for positions for which the Com-
13 mandant determines a direct hire authority remains
14 necessary.

15 “(e) SUNSET.—The authority provided under sub-
16 section (a) shall expire on September 30, 2030.”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
18 ter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by in-
19 serting after the item relating to 2516 the following:

“2517. Direct hire authority for certain personnel.”.

20 **SEC. 244. COMMAND SPONSORSHIP FOR DEPENDENTS OF**
21 **MEMBERS OF COAST GUARD ASSIGNED TO**
22 **UNALASKA, ALASKA.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 25 of title 14, United
24 States Code, is further amended by inserting after section
25 2517 (as added by this Act) the following:

1 **“§ 2518. Command sponsorship**

2 “On request by a member of the Coast Guard as-
3 signed to Unalaska, Alaska, the Commandant shall grant
4 command sponsorship to the dependents of such mem-
5 ber.”.

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
7 ter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended
8 by inserting after the item relating to section 2517 the
9 following:

“2518. Command sponsorship.”.

10 **SEC. 245. AUTHORIZATION FOR MATERNITY UNIFORM AL-**
11 **LOWANCE FOR OFFICERS.**

12 Section 2708 of title 14, United States Code, is
13 amended by adding at the end the following:

14 “(c) The Coast Guard may provide a cash allowance,
15 in such amount as the Secretary shall determine by policy,
16 to be paid to pregnant officer personnel for the purchase
17 of maternity-related uniform items, if such uniform items
18 are not so furnished to the member by the Coast Guard.”.

19 **SEC. 246. CONSOLIDATION OF AUTHORITIES FOR COLLEGE**
20 **STUDENT PRECOMMISSIONING INITIATIVE.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3710 of title 14, United
22 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

23 **“§ 3710. College student precommissioning initiative**

24 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized within the
25 Coast Guard a college student precommissioning initiative

1 program (in this section referred to as the ‘Program’) for
2 eligible undergraduate students to enlist in the Coast
3 Guard Reserve and receive a commission as a Reserve offi-
4 cer.

5 “(b) CRITERIA FOR SELECTION.—To be eligible for
6 the Program an applicant shall meet the following require-
7 ments upon submitting an application:

8 “(1) AGE.—The applicant shall be not less than
9 19 years old and not more than 31 years old as of
10 September 30 of the fiscal year in which the Pro-
11 gram selection panel selecting such applicant con-
12 venes, or an age otherwise determined by the Com-
13 mandant.

14 “(2) CHARACTER.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The applicant shall be
16 of outstanding moral character and meet any
17 other character requirement set forth by the
18 Commandant.

19 “(B) COAST GUARD APPLICANTS.—Any
20 applicant serving in the Coast Guard may not
21 be commissioned if in the 36 months prior to
22 the first Officer Candidate School class con-
23 vening date in the selection cycle, such appli-
24 cant was convicted by a court-martial or as-
25 signed nonjudicial punishment, or did not meet

1 performance or character requirements set forth
2 by the Commandant.

3 “(3) CITIZENSHIP.—The applicant shall be a
4 United States citizen.

5 “(4) CLEARANCE.—The applicant shall be eligi-
6 ble for a secret clearance.

7 “(5) EDUCATION.—The applicant shall be en-
8 rolled in a college degree program at—

9 “(A) an institution of higher education de-
10 scribed in section 371(a) of the Higher Edu-
11 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a));

12 “(B) an institution of higher education (as
13 defined in section 101 of the Higher Education
14 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) that, at the
15 time of the application has had for 3 consecu-
16 tive years an enrollment of undergraduate full-
17 time equivalent students (as defined in section
18 312(e) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1058(e))) that is
19 a total of at least 50 percent Black American,
20 Hispanic American, Asian American (as defined
21 in section 371(c) of such Act (20 U.S.C.
22 1067q(c))), Native American Pacific Islander
23 (as defined in such section), or Native Amer-
24 ican (as defined in such section), among other
25 criteria, as determined by the Commandant; or

1 “(C) an institution that meets the eligi-
2 bility requirements for funding as a rural-serv-
3 ing institution of higher education under section
4 861 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
5 U.S.C. 1161q).

6 “(6) LOCATION.—The institution at which the
7 applicant is an undergraduate shall be within 100
8 miles of a Coast Guard unit or Coast Guard Re-
9 cruiting Office unless otherwise approved by the
10 Commandant.

11 “(7) RECORDS.—The applicant shall meet cred-
12 it and grade point average requirements set forth by
13 the Commandant.

14 “(8) MEDICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE.—The ap-
15 plicant shall meet other medical and administrative
16 requirements as set forth by the Commandant.

17 “(c) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant may pro-
19 vide financial assistance to enlisted members of the
20 Coast Guard Reserve on active duty participating in
21 the Program, for expenses of the enlisted member
22 while the enlisted member is enrolled, on a full-time
23 basis, in a college degree program approved by the
24 Commandant at a college, university, or institution

1 of higher education described in subsection (b)(5)
2 that leads to—

3 “(A) a baccalaureate degree in not more
4 than 5 academic years; or

5 “(B) a post-baccalaureate degree.

6 “(2) WRITTEN AGREEMENTS.—To be eligible
7 for financial assistance under this section, an en-
8 listed member of the Coast Guard Reserve shall
9 enter into a written agreement with the Coast Guard
10 that notifies the Reserve enlisted member of the obli-
11 gations of that member under this section, and in
12 which the member agrees to the following:

13 “(A) The member shall complete an ap-
14 proved college degree program at a college, uni-
15 versity, or institution of higher education de-
16 scribed in subsection (b)(5).

17 “(B) The member shall satisfactorily com-
18 plete all required Coast Guard training and
19 participate in monthly military activities of the
20 Program as required by the Commandant.

21 “(C) Upon graduation from the college,
22 university, or institution of higher education de-
23 scribed in subsection (b)(5), the member
24 shall—

1 “(i) accept an appointment, if ten-
2 dered, as a commissioned officer in the
3 Coast Guard Reserve; and

4 “(ii) serve a period of obligated active
5 duty for a minimum of 3 years imme-
6 diately after such appointment as follows:

7 “(I) Members participating in the
8 Program shall be obligated to serve on
9 active duty 3 months for each month
10 of instruction for which they receive
11 financial assistance pursuant to this
12 section for the first 12 months and 1
13 month for each month thereafter, or 3
14 years, whichever is greater.

15 “(II) The period of obligated ac-
16 tive duty service incurred while par-
17 ticipating in the Program shall be in
18 addition to any other obligated service
19 a member may incur due to receiving
20 other bonuses or other benefits as
21 part of any other Coast Guard pro-
22 gram.

23 “(III) If an appointment de-
24 scribed in clause (i) is not tendered,
25 the member will remain in the Re-

1 serve component until completion of
2 the member's enlisted service obliga-
3 tion.

4 “(D) The member shall agree to perform
5 such duties or complete such terms under the
6 conditions of service specified by the Coast
7 Guard.

8 “(3) EXPENSES.—Expenses for which financial
9 assistance may be provided under this section are
10 the following:

11 “(A) Tuition and fees charged by the col-
12 lege, university, or institution of higher edu-
13 cation at which a member is enrolled on a full-
14 time basis.

15 “(B) The cost of books.

16 “(C) In the case of a program of education
17 leading to a baccalaureate degree, laboratory
18 expenses.

19 “(D) Such other expenses as the Com-
20 mandant considers appropriate, which may not
21 exceed \$25,000 for any academic year.

22 “(4) TIME LIMIT.—Financial assistance may be
23 provided to a member under this section for up to
24 5 consecutive academic years.

25 “(5) BREACH OF AGREEMENT.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may re-
2 tain in the Coast Guard Reserve, and may
3 order to active duty for such period of time as
4 the Secretary prescribes (but not to exceed 4
5 years), a member who breaches an agreement
6 under paragraph (2). The period of time for
7 which a member is ordered to active duty under
8 this paragraph may be determined without re-
9 gard to section 651(a) of title 10.

10 “(B) APPROPRIATE ENLISTED GRADE OR
11 RATING.—A member who is retained in the
12 Coast Guard Reserve under subparagraph (A)
13 shall be retained in an appropriate enlisted
14 grade or rating, as determined by the Com-
15 mandant.

16 “(6) REPAYMENT.—A member who does not
17 fulfill the terms of the obligation to serve as speci-
18 fied under paragraph (2), or the alternative obliga-
19 tion imposed under paragraph (5), shall be subject
20 to the repayment provisions of section 303a(e) of
21 title 37.

22 “(d) BRIEFING.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than August 15
24 of each year following the date of the enactment of
25 the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025 through

1 2028, the Commandant shall provide a briefing to
2 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
3 portation of the Senate and the Committee on
4 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
5 Representatives on the Program.

6 “(2) CONTENTS.—The briefing required under
7 paragraph (1) shall describe—

8 “(A) outreach and recruitment efforts over
9 the previous year; and

10 “(B) demographic information of enroll-
11 ees.”.

12 (b) REPEAL.—Section 2131 of title 14, United States
13 Code, is repealed.

14 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

15 (1) The analysis for chapter 21 of title 14,
16 United States Code, is amended by striking the item
17 relating to section 2131.

18 (2) The analysis for chapter 37 of title 14,
19 United States Code, is amended by striking the item
20 relating to section 3710. and inserting the following:

“3710. College student precommissioning initiative.”.

1 **SEC. 247. ADDITIONAL AVAILABLE GUIDANCE AND CONSID-**
2 **ERATIONS FOR RESERVE SELECTION**
3 **BOARDS.**

4 Section 3740(f) of title 14, United States Code, is
5 amended by striking “section 2117” and inserting “sec-
6 tions 2115 and 2117”.

7 **SEC. 248. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.**

8 (a) COAST GUARD EMBEDDED BEHAVIORAL
9 HEALTH TECHNICIAN PROGRAM.—

10 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270
12 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
13 the Commandant, in coordination with the As-
14 sistant Commandant for Health, Safety, and
15 Work Life, shall establish and conduct a pilot
16 program, to be known as the “Coast Guard
17 Embedded Behavioral Health Technician Pro-
18 gram” (referred to in this section as the “Pilot
19 Program”), to integrate behavioral health tech-
20 nicians serving at Coast Guard units for the
21 purposes of—

22 (i) facilitating, at the clinic level, the
23 provision of integrated behavioral health
24 care for members of the Coast Guard;

25 (ii) providing, as a force extender
26 under the supervision of a licensed behav-

1 ioral health care provider, at the clinic
2 level—

3 (I) psychological assessment and
4 diagnostic services, as appropriate;

5 (II) behavioral health services, as
6 appropriate;

7 (III) education and training re-
8 lated to promoting positive behavioral
9 health and well-being; and

10 (IV) information and resources,
11 including expedited referrals, to assist
12 members of the Coast Guard in deal-
13 ing with behavioral health concerns;

14 (iii) improving resilience and mental
15 health care among members of the Coast
16 Guard who respond to extraordinary calls
17 of duty, with the ultimate goals of pre-
18 venting crises and addressing mental
19 health concerns before such concerns
20 evolve into more complex issues that re-
21 quire care at a military treatment facility;

22 (iv) increasing—

23 (I) the number of such members
24 served by behavioral health techni-
25 cians; and

1 (II) the proportion of such mem-
2 bers returning to duty after seeking
3 behavioral health care; and

4 (v) positively impacting the Coast
5 Guard in a cost-effective manner by ex-
6 tending behavioral health services to the
7 workforce and improving access to care.

8 (B) BRIEFING.—Not later than 120 days
9 after the date of enactment of this Act, the
10 Commandant shall provide the Committee on
11 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
12 Senate and the Committee on Transportation
13 and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
14 tives with a briefing regarding a plan to estab-
15 lish and conduct the Pilot Program.

16 (2) SELECTION OF COAST GUARD CLINICS.—
17 The Commandant shall select, for participation in
18 the Pilot Program, 3 or more Coast Guard clinics
19 that support units that have significantly high oper-
20 ational tempos or other force resiliency risks, as de-
21 termined by the Commandant.

22 (3) PLACEMENT OF STAFF AT COAST GUARD
23 CLINICS.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—Under the Pilot Pro-
25 gram, a Coast Guard health services technician

1 with a grade of E-5 or higher, or an assigned
2 civilian behavioral health specialist, shall be—

3 (i) assigned to each selected Coast
4 Guard clinic; and

5 (ii) located at a unit with high oper-
6 ational tempo.

7 (B) TRAINING.—

8 (i) HEALTH SERVICES TECHNI-
9 CIANS.—Before commencing an assign-
10 ment at a Coast Guard clinic under sub-
11 paragraph (A), a Coast Guard health serv-
12 ices technician shall complete behavioral
13 health technician training and independent
14 duty health services training.

15 (ii) CIVILIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
16 SPECIALISTS.—To qualify for an assign-
17 ment at a Coast Guard clinic under sub-
18 paragraph (A), a civilian behavioral health
19 specialist shall have at least the equivalent
20 behavioral health training as the training
21 required for a Coast Guard behavioral
22 health technician under clause (i).

23 (4) ADMINISTRATION.—The Commandant, in
24 coordination with the Assistant Commandant for
25 Health, Safety, and Work Life, shall administer the

1 Pilot Program through the Health, Safety, and
2 Work-Life Service Center.

3 (5) DATA COLLECTION.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall
5 collect and analyze data concerning the Pilot
6 Program for purposes of—

7 (i) developing and sharing best prac-
8 tices for improving access to behavioral
9 health care; and

10 (ii) providing information to the Com-
11 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
12 portation of the Senate and the Committee
13 on Transportation and Infrastructure of
14 the House of Representatives regarding the
15 implementation of the Pilot Program and
16 related policy issues.

17 (B) PLAN.—Not later than 270 days after
18 the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-
19 mandant shall submit to the Committee on
20 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
21 Senate and the Committee on Transportation
22 and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
23 tives a plan for carrying out subparagraph (A).

24 (6) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than Sep-
25 tember 1 of each year until the date on which the

1 Pilot Program terminates under paragraph (7), the
2 Commandant shall submit to the Committee on
3 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
4 ate and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
5 structure of the House of Representatives a report
6 on the Pilot Program that includes the following:

7 (A) An overview of the implementation of
8 the Pilot Program at each applicable Coast
9 Guard clinic, including—

10 (i) the number of members of the
11 Coast Guard who received services on site
12 by a behavioral health technician assigned
13 to such clinic;

14 (ii) feedback from all members of the
15 Coast Guard empaneled for their medical
16 care under the Pilot Program;

17 (iii) an assessment of the deployability
18 and overall readiness of members of the
19 applicable operational unit; and

20 (iv) an estimate of potential costs and
21 impacts on other Coast Guard health care
22 services of supporting the Pilot Program at
23 such units and clinics.

24 (B) The data and analysis required under
25 paragraph (5)(A).

1 (C) A list and detailed description of les-
2 sons learned from the Pilot Program as of the
3 date of on which the report is submitted.

4 (D) The feasibility, estimated cost, and im-
5 pacts on other Coast Guard health care services
6 of expanding the Pilot Program to all Coast
7 Guard clinics, and a description of the per-
8 sonnel, fiscal, and administrative resources that
9 would be needed for such an expansion.

10 (7) TERMINATION.—The Pilot Program shall
11 terminate on September 30, 2029.

12 (b) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SPECIALIST.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
14 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-
15 mandant shall hire, train, and deploy not fewer than
16 5 additional behavioral health specialists, in addition
17 to the personnel required under section 11412(a) of
18 the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of
19 2022 (14 U.S.C. 504 note).

20 (2) REQUIREMENT.—The Commandant shall
21 ensure that not fewer than 35 percent of behavioral
22 health specialists required to be deployed under
23 paragraph (1) have experience in—

24 (A) behavioral health care related to mili-
25 tary sexual trauma; and

1 (B) behavioral health care for the purpose
2 of supporting members of the Coast Guard with
3 needs for mental health care and counseling
4 services for post-traumatic stress disorder and
5 co-occurring disorders related to military sexual
6 trauma.

7 (3) ACCESSIBILITY.—The support provided by
8 the behavioral health specialists hired pursuant to
9 paragraph (1)—

10 (A) may include care delivered via tele-
11 medicine; and

12 (B) shall be made widely available to mem-
13 bers of the Coast Guard.

14 (4) NOTIFICATION.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180
16 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
17 the Commandant shall notify the Committee on
18 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
19 Senate and the Committee on Transportation
20 and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
21 tives if the Coast Guard has not completed hir-
22 ing, training, and deploying—

23 (i) the personnel referred to in para-
24 graphs (1) and (2); and

1 (ii) the personnel required under sec-
2 tion 11412(a) of the Don Young Coast
3 Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (14
4 U.S.C. 504 note).

5 (B) CONTENTS.—The notification required
6 under subparagraph (A) shall include—

7 (i) the date of publication of the hir-
8 ing opportunity for all such personnel;

9 (ii) the General Schedule grade level
10 advertised in the publication of the hiring
11 opportunity for all such personnel;

12 (iii) the number of personnel to whom
13 the Coast Guard extended an offer of em-
14 ployment in accordance with the require-
15 ments of this section and section 11412(a)
16 of the Don Young Coast Guard Authoriza-
17 tion Act of 2022 (14 U.S.C. 504 note),
18 and the number of such personnel who ac-
19 cepted or declined such offer of employ-
20 ment;

21 (iv) a summary of the efforts by the
22 Coast Guard to publicize, advertise, or oth-
23 erwise recruit qualified candidates in ac-
24 cordance with the requirements of this sec-
25 tion and section 11412(a) of such Act; and

1 (v) any recommendations and a de-
2 tailed plan to ensure full compliance with
3 the requirements of this section and sec-
4 tion 11412(a) of such Act, which may in-
5 clude special payments discussed in the re-
6 port of the Government Accountability Of-
7 fice titled “Federal Pay: Opportunities
8 Exist to Enhance Strategic Use of Special
9 Payments”, published on December 7,
10 2017 (GAO–18–91), which may be made
11 available to help ensure full compliance
12 with all such requirements in a timely
13 manner.

14 **SEC. 249. TRAVEL ALLOWANCE FOR MEMBERS OF COAST**
15 **GUARD ASSIGNED TO ALASKA.**

16 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Commandant shall im-
17 plement a policy that provides for reimbursement to eligi-
18 ble members of the Coast Guard for the cost of airfare
19 for such members to travel to a place within the United
20 States or the territories of the United States at the re-
21 quest of such member during the period specified in sub-
22 section (g).

23 (b) **ELIGIBLE MEMBERS.**—A member of the Coast
24 Guard is eligible for a reimbursement under subsection (a)
25 if—

1 (1) the member is assigned to a duty location
2 in Alaska; and

3 (2) an officer in a grade above O–5 in the chain
4 of command of the member authorizes the travel of
5 the member.

6 (c) TREATMENT OF TIME AS LEAVE.—The time dur-
7 ing which an eligible member is absent from duty for trav-
8 el reimbursable under subsection (a) shall be treated as
9 leave for purposes of section 704 of title 10, United States
10 Code.

11 (d) RESTRICTION.—The Commandant shall not deny
12 reimbursement for travel authorized under subsection
13 (b)(2) to the respective member.

14 (e) JUSTIFICATION.—If a member requests to travel
15 to a place that is not the home of record, or state of legal
16 residence, of such member, the approving official under
17 subsection (b)(2) may require a justification of the request
18 by such member and shall not unreasonably deny such re-
19 quest.

20 (f) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than February
21 1, 2027, the Commandant shall provide to the Committee
22 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate
23 and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
24 of the House of Representatives a briefing on—

1 (1) the use and effectiveness of reimbursements
2 under subsection (a);

3 (2) the calculation and use of the cost of living
4 allowance for a member assigned to a duty location
5 in Alaska; and

6 (3) the use of special pays and other allowances
7 as incentives for cold weather proficiency or duty lo-
8 cations.

9 (g) PERIOD SPECIFIED.—The period specified in this
10 subsection is the period—

11 (1) beginning on the date of enactment of this
12 Act; and

13 (2) ending on the later of—

14 (A) December 31, 2029; or

15 (B) the date on which the authority under
16 section 352 of title 37, United States Code, to
17 grant assignment or special duty pay to mem-
18 bers of the uniform services terminates under
19 subsection (g) of such section.

20 **SEC. 250. TUITION ASSISTANCE AND ADVANCED EDU-**
21 **CATION ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM.**

22 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 120 days after
23 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
24 department in which the Coast Guard is operating, acting
25 through the Commandant, shall establish a tuition assist-

1 ance pilot program for active-duty members of the Coast
2 Guard, to be known as the “Tuition Assistance and Ad-
3 vanced Education Assistance Pilot Program for Sea
4 Duty” (referred to in this section as the “pilot program”).

5 (b) FORMAL AGREEMENT.—A member of the Coast
6 Guard participating in the pilot program shall enter into
7 a formal agreement with the Secretary of the department
8 in which the Coast Guard is operating that provides that,
9 upon the successful completion of a sea duty tour by such
10 member, the Secretary of the department in which the
11 Coast Guard is operating shall, for a period equal to the
12 length of the sea duty tour, beginning on the date on
13 which the sea duty tour concludes—

14 (1) reduce by 1 year the service obligation in-
15 curred by such member as a result of participation
16 in the advanced education assistance program under
17 section 2005 of title 10, United States Code, or the
18 tuition assistance program under section 2007 of
19 such title; and

20 (2) increase the tuition assistance cost cap for
21 such member to not more than double the amount
22 of the standard tuition assistance cost cap set by the
23 Commandant for the applicable fiscal year.

24 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
25 on which the pilot program is established, and annually

1 thereafter through the date on which the pilot program
2 is terminated under subsection (d), the Commandant shall
3 submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
4 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
5 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives a report that—

7 (1) evaluates and compares—

8 (A) the Coast Guard's retention, recruit-
9 ment, and filling of sea duty billets for all mem-
10 bers of the Coast Guard; and

11 (B) the Coast Guard's retention, recruit-
12 ment, and filling of sea duty billets for all mem-
13 bers of the Coast Guard participating in the
14 pilot program;

15 (2) includes the number of participants in the
16 pilot program as of the date of the report,
17 disaggregated by officer and enlisted billet type; and

18 (3) assesses the progress made by such partici-
19 pants in their respective voluntary education pro-
20 grams, in accordance with their degree plans, during
21 the period described in subsection (b).

22 (d) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall termi-
23 nate on the date that is 6 years after the date on which
24 the pilot program is established.

1 **SEC. 251. RECRUITMENT, RELOCATION, AND RETENTION**
2 **INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR CIVILIAN FIRE-**
3 **FIGHTERS EMPLOYED BY COAST GUARD IN**
4 **REMOTE LOCATIONS.**

5 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF REMOTE LOCATIONS.—The
6 Commandant shall identify locations to be considered re-
7 mote locations for purposes of this section, which shall in-
8 clude, at a minimum, each Coast Guard fire station lo-
9 cated in an area in which members of the Coast Guard
10 and the dependents of such members are eligible for the
11 TRICARE Prime Remote program.

12 (b) INCENTIVE PROGRAM.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—To ensure uninterrupted op-
14 erations by civilian firefighters employed by the
15 Coast Guard in remote locations, the Commandant
16 shall establish an incentive program for such fire-
17 fighters consisting of—

18 (A) recruitment and relocation bonuses
19 consistent with section 5753 of title 5, United
20 States Code; and

21 (B) retention bonuses consistent with sec-
22 tion 5754 of title 5, United States Code.

23 (2) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.—The Commandant,
24 in coordination with the Director of the Office of
25 Personnel and Management, shall establish eligibility
26 criteria for the incentive program established under

1 paragraph (1), which shall include a requirement
2 that a firefighter described in paragraph (1) may
3 only be eligible for the incentive program under this
4 section if, with respect to the applicable remote loca-
5 tion, the Commandant has made a determination
6 that incentives are appropriate to address an identi-
7 fied recruitment, retention, or relocation need.

8 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not less frequently than an-
9 nually for the 5-year period beginning on the date of en-
10 actment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the
11 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
12 and the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
13 mental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Trans-
14 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
15 tives a report that—

16 (1) details the use and effectiveness of the in-
17 centive program established under this section; and

18 (2) includes—

19 (A) the number of participants in the in-
20 centive program;

21 (B) a description of the distribution of in-
22 centives under such program; and

23 (C) a description of the impact of such
24 program on civilian firefighter recruitment and

1 retention by the Coast Guard in remote loca-
2 tions.

3 **SEC. 252. NOTIFICATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall provide to
5 the appropriate committees of Congress notification as de-
6 scribed in subsection (b)—

7 (1) not later than the date that is 10 days be-
8 fore the final day of each fiscal year; or

9 (2) in the case of a continuing resolution that,
10 for a period of more than 10 days, provides appro-
11 priated funds in lieu of an appropriations Act, not
12 later than the date that is 10 days before the final
13 day of the period that such continuing resolution
14 covers.

15 (b) ELEMENTS.—Notification under subsection (a)
16 shall include—

17 (1) the status of funding for the Coast Guard
18 during the subsequent fiscal year or at the end of
19 the continuing resolution if other appropriations
20 measures are not enacted, as applicable;

21 (2) the status of the Coast Guard as a compo-
22 nent of the Armed Forces;

23 (3) the number of members currently serving
24 overseas and otherwise supporting missions related
25 to title 10, United States Code;

1 (4) the fact that members of the Armed Forces
 2 have service requirements unlike those of other Fed-
 3 eral employees, which require them to continue to
 4 serve even if unpaid;

5 (5) the impacts of historical shutdowns of the
 6 Federal Government on members of the Coast
 7 Guard; and

8 (6) other relevant matters, as determined by
 9 the Commandant.

10 (c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
 11 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
 12 tees of Congress” means—

13 (1) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
 14 Transportation of the Senate;

15 (2) the Committee on Armed Services of the
 16 Senate;

17 (3) the Committee on Transportation and In-
 18 frastructure of the House of Representatives; and

19 (4) the Committee on Armed Services of the
 20 House of Representatives.

21 **Subtitle E—Coast Guard Academy**

22 **SEC. 261. MODIFICATION OF BOARD OF VISITORS.**

23 Section 1903 of title 14, United States Code, is
 24 amended—

1 (1) by striking subsections (a) through (c) and
2 inserting the following:

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall establish
4 a Board of Visitors to the Coast Guard Academy to review
5 and make recommendations on the operation of the Acad-
6 emy.

7 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The membership of the
9 Board shall consist of the following:

10 “(A) The chairperson of the Committee on
11 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
12 Senate, or a member of such Committee des-
13 ignated by such chairperson.

14 “(B) The chairperson of the Committee on
15 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
16 of Representatives, or a member of such Com-
17 mittee designated by such chairperson.

18 “(C) 3 Senators appointed by the Vice
19 President.

20 “(D) 4 Members of the House of Rep-
21 resentatives appointed by the Speaker of the
22 House of Representatives.

23 “(E) 2 Senators appointed by the Vice
24 President, each of whom shall be selected from

1 among members of the Committee on Appro-
2 priations of the Senate.

3 “(F) 2 Members of the House of Rep-
4 resentatives appointed by the Speaker of the
5 House of Representatives, each of whom shall
6 be selected from among members of the Com-
7 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives.

9 “(G) 6 individuals designated by the Presi-
10 dent.

11 “(2) TIMING OF APPOINTMENTS OF MEM-
12 BERS.—

13 “(A) If any member of the Board de-
14 scribed in paragraph (1)(C) is not appointed by
15 the date that is 180 days after the date on
16 which the first session of each Congress con-
17 venes, the chair and ranking member of the
18 subcommittee of the Committee on Commerce,
19 Science, and Transportation of the Senate with
20 jurisdiction over the authorization of appropria-
21 tions of the Coast Guard shall be members of
22 the Board until the date on which the second
23 session of such Congress adjourns sine die.

24 “(B) If any member of the Board de-
25 scribed in paragraph (1)(D) is not appointed by

1 the date that is 180 days after the date on
2 which the first session of each Congress con-
3 venes, the chair and ranking member of the
4 subcommittee of the Committee on Transpor-
5 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives with jurisdiction over the author-
7 ization of appropriations for the Coast Guard
8 shall be members of the Board until the date on
9 which the second session of such Congress ad-
10 journs sine die.

11 “(C) If any member of the Board de-
12 scribed in paragraph (1)(E) is not appointed by
13 the date that is 180 days after the date on
14 which the first session of each Congress con-
15 venes, the chair and ranking member of the
16 subcommittee of the Committee on Appropria-
17 tions of the Senate with jurisdiction over appro-
18 priations for the Coast Guard shall be members
19 of the Board until the date on which the second
20 session of such Congress adjourns sine die.

21 “(D) If any member of the Board de-
22 scribed in paragraph (1)(F) is not appointed by
23 the date that is 180 days after the date on
24 which the first session of each Congress con-
25 venes, the chair and ranking member of the

1 subcommittee of the Committee on Appropria-
2 tions of the House of Representatives with ju-
3 risdiction over appropriations for the Coast
4 Guard shall be members of the Board until the
5 date on which the second session of such Con-
6 gress adjourns sine die.

7 “(3) CHAIRPERSON.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—On a biennial basis
9 and subject to paragraph (4), the Board shall
10 select from among the members of the Board a
11 Member of Congress to serve as the Chair of
12 the Board.

13 “(B) ROTATION.—A Member of the House
14 of Representatives and a Member of the Senate
15 shall alternately be selected as the Chair of the
16 Board.

17 “(C) TERM.—An individual may not serve
18 as Chairperson of the Board for consecutive
19 terms.

20 “(4) LENGTH OF SERVICE.—

21 “(A) MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—A Member
22 of Congress designated as a member of the
23 Board under paragraph (1) shall be designated
24 as a member in the first session of the applica-

1 ble Congress and shall serve for the duration of
2 such Congress.

3 “(B) INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY THE
4 PRESIDENT.—Each individual designated by the
5 President under paragraph (1)(G) shall serve as
6 a member of the Board for 3 years, except that
7 any such member whose term of office has ex-
8 pired shall continue to serve until a successor is
9 appointed by the President.

10 “(C) DEATH OR RESIGNATION OF A MEM-
11 BER.—If a member of the Board dies or re-
12 signs, a successor shall be designated for any
13 unexpired portion of the term of the member by
14 the official who designated the member.

15 “(c) DUTIES.—

16 “(1) ANNUAL VISIT.—The Commandant shall
17 invite each member of the Board, and any designee
18 of a member of the Board, to visit the Coast Guard
19 Academy at least once annually to review the oper-
20 ation of the Academy.

21 “(2) ADDITIONAL VISITS.—With the approval
22 of the Secretary, the Board or any members of the
23 Board in connection with the duties of the Board
24 may—

1 “(A) make visits to the Academy in addi-
2 tion to the visits described in paragraph (1); or

3 “(B) consult with—

4 “(i) the Superintendent of the Acad-
5 emy; or

6 “(ii) the faculty, staff, or cadets of the
7 Academy.

8 “(3) ACCESS.—The Commandant shall ensure
9 that the Board or any members of the Board who
10 visits the Academy under this paragraph is provided
11 reasonable access to the grounds, facilities, cadets,
12 faculty, staff, and other personnel of the Academy
13 for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the
14 Board.”;

15 (2) by striking subsections (e) through (g) and
16 inserting the following:

17 “(e) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.—

18 “(1) MEETINGS.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently
20 than annually, the Board shall meet at a loca-
21 tion chosen by the Commandant, in consulta-
22 tion with the Board, to conduct the review re-
23 quired by subsection (d).

24 “(B) CHAIRPERSON AND CHARTER.—The
25 Federal officer designated under subsection

1 (g)(1)(B) shall organize a meeting of the Board
2 for the purposes of—

3 “(i) selecting a Chairperson of the
4 Board under subsection (b)(3);

5 “(ii) adopting an official charter for
6 the Board, which shall establish the sched-
7 ule of meetings of the Board; and

8 “(iii) any other matter such des-
9 ignated Federal officer or the Board con-
10 siders appropriate.

11 “(C) SCHEDULING.—In scheduling a meet-
12 ing of the Board, such designated Federal offi-
13 cer shall coordinate, to the greatest extent prac-
14 ticable, with the members of the Board to de-
15 termine the date and time of the meeting.

16 “(D) NOTIFICATION.—Not less than 30
17 days before each scheduled meeting of the
18 Board, such designated Federal officer shall no-
19 tify each member of the Board of the time,
20 date, and location of the meeting.

21 “(2) STAFF.—

22 “(A) DESIGNATION.—The chairperson and
23 the ranking member of the Committee on Com-
24 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
25 ate and the chairperson and the ranking mem-

1 ber of the Committee on Transportation and
2 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
3 may each designate 1 staff member of each
4 such Committees.

5 “(B) ROLE.—Staff designated under sub-
6 paragraph (A)—

7 “(i) may attend and participate in vis-
8 its and carry out consultations described
9 under subsection (c)(1) and attend and
10 participate in meetings described under
11 paragraph (1); and

12 “(ii) may not otherwise carry out du-
13 ties or take actions reserved to members of
14 the Board under this section.

15 “(3) ADVISORS.—If approved by the Secretary,
16 the Board may consult with advisors in carrying out
17 the duties of the Board under this section.

18 “(4) REPORTS.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60
20 days after the date on which the Board con-
21 ducts a meeting of the Board under paragraph
22 (1), the Commandant, in consultation with the
23 Board, shall submit a report on the actions of
24 the Board during the meeting and the rec-

1 ommendations of the Board pertaining to the
2 Academy to—

3 “(i) the Secretary;

4 “(ii) the Committee on Commerce,
5 Science, and Transportation and the Com-
6 mittee on Armed Services of the Senate;
7 and

8 “(iii) the Committee on Transpor-
9 tation and Infrastructure and the Com-
10 mittee on Armed Services of the House of
11 Representatives.

12 “(B) PUBLICATION.—Each report sub-
13 mitted under this paragraph shall be published
14 on a publicly accessible website of the Coast
15 Guard.

16 “(f) DISCLOSURE.—The Commandant and the Su-
17 perintendent of the Academy shall ensure candid and com-
18 plete disclosure to the Board, consistent with applicable
19 laws relating to disclosure of information, with respect
20 to—

21 “(1) each issue described in subsection (d); and

22 “(2) any other issue the Board or the Com-
23 mandant considers appropriate.

24 “(g) COAST GUARD SUPPORT.—

25 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall—

1 “(A) provide support to the Board, as
2 Board considers necessary for the performance
3 of the duties of the Board;

4 “(B) designate a Federal officer to support
5 the performance of the duties of the Board; and

6 “(C) in cooperation with the Super-
7 intendent of the Academy, advise the Board of
8 any institutional issues, consistent with applica-
9 ble laws concerning the disclosure of informa-
10 tion.

11 “(2) REIMBURSEMENT.—Each member of the
12 Board and each advisor consulted by the Board
13 under subsection (e)(3) shall be reimbursed, to the
14 extent permitted by law, by the Coast Guard for ac-
15 tual expenses incurred while engaged in duties as a
16 member or advisor.

17 “(h) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days after
18 the date on which the first session of each Congress con-
19 venes, the Commandant shall provide to the chairperson
20 and ranking member of the Committee on Commerce,
21 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the chair-
22 person and ranking member of the Committee on Trans-
23 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
24 tives, and the President notification of the requirements
25 of this section.”.

1 **SEC. 262. STUDY ON COAST GUARD ACADEMY OVERSIGHT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in con-
4 sultation with relevant stakeholders, shall conduct a study
5 on the governance of the Coast Guard Academy, including
6 examining the roles, responsibilities, authorities, advisory
7 functions, and membership qualifications and expertise of
8 the Annual Board of Visitors established under section
9 1903 of title 14, United States Code, and Board of Trust-
10 ees established under the United States Coast Guard
11 Academy Board of Trustees Charter.

12 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-
13 section (a), the Commandant shall examine—

14 (1) the authorities regarding Coast Guard and
15 department in which the Coast Guard is operating
16 oversight of the Coast Guard Academy, including
17 considerations of how the Coast Guard and depart-
18 ment may impact accreditation review at the Acad-
19 emy;

20 (2) the roles and responsibilities of the Board
21 of Trustees and Board of Visitors of such Academy;

22 (3) the Coast Guard roles and responsibilities
23 with respect to management and facilitation of the
24 Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of such
25 Academy;

1 (4) the advisory functions of the Board of
2 Trustees and Board of Visitors of such Academy;
3 and

4 (5) the membership of the Board of Trustees
5 and Board of Visitors for the 10-year period pre-
6 ceding the date of enactment of this Act, to include
7 expertise, objectiveness, and effectiveness in con-
8 ducting oversight of such Academy.

9 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
10 of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit
11 to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
12 tation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation
13 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a re-
14 port that contains—

15 (1) the results of the study required under sub-
16 section (a); and

17 (2) recommendations to improve governance at
18 the Coast Guard Academy.

19 **SEC. 263. ELECTRONIC LOCKING MECHANISMS TO ENSURE**
20 **COAST GUARD ACADEMY CADET ROOM SECU-**
21 **RITY.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
23 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in con-
24 sultation with the Superintendent of the Coast Guard

1 Academy (referred to in this section as the “Super-
2 intendent”), shall—

3 (1) install an electronic locking mechanism for
4 each room at the Coast Guard Academy within
5 which 1 or more Coast Guard Academy cadets reside
6 overnight;

7 (2) test each such mechanism not less than
8 once every 6 months for proper function and main-
9 tained in proper working order; and

10 (3) use a system that electronically records the
11 date, time, and identity of each individual who ac-
12 cesses a cadet room using an electronic access token,
13 code, card, or other electronic means, which shall be
14 maintained in accordance with the general schedule
15 for records retention, or a period of five years,
16 whichever is later.

17 (b) ELECTRONIC LOCKING MECHANISMS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each electronic locking
19 mechanism described in subsection (a) shall be coded
20 in a manner that provides access to a room de-
21 scribed in such subsection only to—

22 (A) the 1 or more cadets assigned to the
23 room; and

24 (B) such Coast Guard Academy officers,
25 administrators, staff, or security personnel, in-

1 including personnel of the Coast Guard Investiga-
2 tive Service, as are necessary to access the
3 room in the event of an emergency.

4 (2) EXISTING MECHANISMS.—Not later than 30
5 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Su-
6 perintendent shall ensure that electronic locking
7 mechanisms installed in academic buildings of the
8 Coast Guard Academy, Chase Hall common spaces,
9 and in any other location at the Coast Guard Acad-
10 emy are maintained in proper working order.

11 (c) ACCESS POLICY INSTRUCTION.—Not later than
12 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Super-
13 intendent shall promulgate a policy regarding cadet room
14 security policies and procedures, which shall include, at
15 a minimum—

16 (1) a prohibition on sharing with any other
17 cadet, employee, or other individual electronic access
18 tokens, codes, cards, or other electronic means of ac-
19 cessing a cadet room;

20 (2) procedures for resetting electronic locking
21 mechanisms in the event of a lost, stolen, or other-
22 wise compromised electronic access token, code,
23 card, or other electronic means of accessing a cadet
24 room;

1 (3) procedures to maintain the identity of each
2 individual who accesses a cadet room using an elec-
3 tronic access token, code, card, or other electronic
4 means, while ensuring the security of personally
5 identifiable information and protecting the privacy of
6 any such individual, as appropriate;

7 (4) procedures by which cadets may report to
8 the chain of command the malfunction of an elec-
9 tronic locking mechanism; and

10 (5) a schedule of testing to ensure the proper
11 functioning of electronic locking mechanisms.

12 (d) MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.—The Su-
13 perintendent shall ensure that each Coast Guard Academy
14 cadet receives, not later than 1 day after the date of the
15 initial arrival of the cadet at the Coast Guard Academy,
16 an initial training session, and any other training the Su-
17 perintendent considers necessary, on—

18 (1) the use of electronic locking mechanisms in-
19 stalled under this section; and

20 (2) the policy promulgated under subsection (c).

21 **SEC. 264. REPORT ON EXISTING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND**
22 **WELLNESS SUPPORT SERVICES FACILITIES**
23 **AT COAST GUARD ACADEMY.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
25 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, shall sub-

1 mit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
2 portation of the Senate and the Committee on Transpor-
3 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
4 a report on existing behavioral health and wellness support
5 services facilities at the Coast Guard Academy in which
6 Coast Guard Academy cadets and officer candidates, re-
7 spectively, may receive timely and independent behavioral
8 health and wellness support services, including via tele-
9 medicine.

10 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under para-
11 graph (1) shall include—

12 (1) an identification of each building at the
13 Coast Guard Academy that contains a dormitory or
14 other overnight accommodations for cadets or officer
15 candidates; and

16 (2)(A) an identification of additional behavioral
17 health or wellness support services that would be
18 beneficial to cadets and officer candidates, such as
19 additional facilities with secure access to telemedi-
20 cine;

21 (B) a description of the benefits that such
22 services would provide to cadets and officer can-
23 didates, particularly to cadets and officer can-
24 didates who have experienced sexual assault or
25 sexual harassment; and

1 (C) a description of the resources nec-
2 essary to provide such services.

3 **SEC. 265. REQUIRED POSTING OF INFORMATION.**

4 The Commandant shall ensure that, in each building
5 at the Coast Guard Academy that contains a dormitory
6 or other overnight accommodations for cadets or officer
7 candidates, written information is posted in a visible loca-
8 tion with respect to—

9 (1) the methods and means by which a cadet or
10 officer candidate may report a crime, including har-
11 assment, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and any
12 other offense;

13 (2) the contact information for the Coast Guard
14 Investigative Service;

15 (3) external resources for—

16 (A) wellness support;

17 (B) work-life;

18 (C) medical services; and

19 (D) support relating to behavioral health,
20 civil rights, sexual assault, and sexual harass-
21 ment; and

22 (4) cadet and officer candidate rights with re-
23 spect to reporting incidents to the Coast Guard In-
24 vestigative Service, civilian authorities, the Office of
25 the Inspector General of the department in which

1 the Coast Guard is operating, and any other applica-
2 ble entity.

3 **SEC. 266. INSTALLATION OF MULTIPURPOSE MEDICAL PRI-**
4 **VACY ROOMS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
6 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the depart-
7 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating shall install
8 or construct at the Coast Guard Academy not fewer than
9 2 rooms to be used for the purpose of providing privacy
10 to cadets and officer candidates seeking medical or other
11 health-related services.

12 (b) STANDARDS OF ROOMS.—Each room installed or
13 constructed under this section shall—

14 (1) be equipped—

15 (A) in a manner that ensures the protec-
16 tion of the privacy of cadets and officer can-
17 didates, consistent with law and policy;

18 (B) with a telephone and computer to
19 allow for the provision of telehealth appoint-
20 ments or other services both virtual and in per-
21 son; and

22 (C) with an accessible and private wireless
23 internet connection for the use of personal com-
24 munications devices at the discretion of the
25 cadet or officer candidate concerned; and

1 (2) to the extent practicable and consistent with
 2 good order and discipline, be accessible to cadets
 3 and officer candidates at all times; and

4 (3) contain the written information described in
 5 section 265, which shall be posted in a visible loca-
 6 tion.

7 **SEC. 267. COAST GUARD ACADEMY ROOM REASSIGNMENT.**

8 Section 1902 of title 14, United States Code, is
 9 amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(f) ROOM REASSIGNMENT.—Coast Guard Academy
 11 cadets may request room reassignment if experiencing dis-
 12 comfort due to Coast Guard Academy rooming assign-
 13 ments, consistent with policy.”.

14 **SEC. 268. AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF COAST GUARD**
 15 **ACADEMY FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT BY**
 16 **COVERED FOUNDATIONS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 19 of title
 18 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
 19 the following:

20 **“§ 1908. Authorization for use of Coast Guard Acad-**
 21 **emy facilities and equipment by covered**
 22 **foundations**

23 “(a) AUTHORITY.—Subject to subsections (b) and
 24 (c), the Secretary, with the concurrence of the Super-
 25 intendent of the Coast Guard Academy, may authorize a

1 covered foundation to use, on a reimbursable or nonreim-
2 bursable basis as determined by the Secretary, facilities
3 or equipment of the Coast Guard Academy.

4 “(b) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary may not author-
5 ize any use of facilities or equipment under subsection (a)
6 if such use may jeopardize the health, safety, or well-being
7 of any member of the Coast Guard or cadet of the Coast
8 Guard Academy.

9 “(c) LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary may only author-
10 ize the use of facilities or equipment under subsection (a)
11 if such use—

12 “(1) is without any liability of the United
13 States to the covered foundation;

14 “(2) does not—

15 “(A) affect the ability of any official or
16 employee of the Coast Guard, or any member of
17 the armed forces, to carry out any responsibility
18 or duty in a fair and objective manner;

19 “(B) compromise the integrity or appear-
20 ance of integrity of any program of the Coast
21 Guard, or any individual involved in any such
22 program; or

23 “(C) include the participation of any cadet
24 of the Coast Guard Academy at an event of the

1 covered foundation, other than participation of
2 such a cadet in an honor guard;

3 “(3) complies with any applicable ethics regula-
4 tion; and

5 “(4) has been reviewed and approved by an at-
6 torney of the Coast Guard.

7 “(d) ISSUANCE OF POLICIES.—The Secretary shall
8 issue Coast Guard policies to carry out this section.

9 “(e) BRIEFING.—For any fiscal year in which the
10 Secretary exercises the authority under subsection (a), not
11 later than the last day of such fiscal year, the Com-
12 mandant shall provide a briefing to the Committee on
13 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and
14 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
15 the House of Representatives on the number of events or
16 activities of a covered foundation supported by such exer-
17 cise of authority during the fiscal year.

18 “(f) COVERED FOUNDATION DEFINED.—In this sec-
19 tion, the term ‘covered foundation’ means an organization
20 that—

21 “(1) is a charitable, educational, or civic non-
22 profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the
23 Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

24 “(2) the Secretary determines operates exclu-
25 sively to support—

1 “(A) recruiting activities with respect to
2 the Coast Guard Academy;

3 “(B) parent or alumni development in sup-
4 port of the Coast Guard Academy;

5 “(C) academic, leadership, or character de-
6 velopment of Coast Guard Academy cadets;

7 “(D) institutional development of the
8 Coast Guard Academy; or

9 “(E) athletics in support of the Coast
10 Guard Academy.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
12 ter 19 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended
13 by inserting after the item relating to item 1907 the fol-
14 lowing:

 “1908. Authorization for use of Coast Guard Academy facilities and equipment
 by covered foundations.”.

15 **SEC. 269. CONCURRENT JURISDICTION AT COAST GUARD**
16 **ACADEMY.**

17 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-
18 retary of the department in which the Coast Guard is op-
19 erating may establish concurrent jurisdiction between the
20 Federal Government and the State of Connecticut over the
21 lands constituting the Coast Guard Academy in New Lon-
22 don, Connecticut, as necessary to facilitate the ability of
23 the State of Connecticut and City of New London to inves-
24 tigate and prosecute any crimes cognizable under Con-

1 necticut law that are committed on such Coast Guard
2 Academy property.

3 **Subtitle F—Reports and Policies**

4 **SEC. 271. POLICY AND BRIEFING ON AVAILABILITY OF** 5 **NALOXONE TO TREAT OPIOID, INCLUDING** 6 **FENTANYL, OVERDOSES.**

7 (a) POLICY.—Not later than 1 year after the date
8 of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall update
9 the policy of the Coast Guard regarding the use of medica-
10 tion to treat drug overdoses, including the use of naloxone
11 or other similar medication to treat opioid, including
12 fentanyl, overdoses.

13 (b) AVAILABILITY.—The updated policy required
14 under subsection (a) shall require naloxone or other simi-
15 lar medication be available for members of the Coast
16 Guard—

17 (1) on all Coast Guard installations; and

18 (2) in each operational environment.

19 (c) PARTICIPATION IN TRACKING SYSTEM.—Not
20 later than 1 year after the earlier of the date of enactment
21 of this Act or the date on which the tracking system estab-
22 lished under section 706 of the National Defense Author-
23 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 1090 note)
24 is established, the Commandant shall ensure the participa-
25 tion of the Coast Guard in the such tracking system.

1 (d) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—Not later
2 than 1 year after the earlier of the date of enactment of
3 this Act or the date on which the tracking system estab-
4 lished under section 706 of the National Defense Author-
5 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 1090 note)
6 is established, the Secretary of the department in which
7 the Coast Guard is operating when not operating as a
8 service in the Navy and the Secretary of Defense shall fi-
9 nalize a memorandum of understanding to facilitate Coast
10 Guard access such tracking system.

11 (e) BRIEFING.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
13 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
14 shall provide the Committee on Commerce, Science,
15 and Transportation of the Senate and the Com-
16 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
17 House of Representatives a briefing on the use, by
18 members and personnel of the Coast Guard at Coast
19 Guard facilities, onboard Coast Guard assets, and
20 during Coast Guard operations, of—

21 (A) naloxone or other similar medication to
22 treat opioid, including fentanyl, overdoses; and

23 (B) opioids, including fentanyl.

24 (2) ELEMENTS.—The briefing required under
25 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

1 (A) A description of—

2 (i) the progress made in the imple-
3 mentation of the updated policy required
4 under subsection (a);

5 (ii) the prevalence and incidence of
6 the illegal use of fentanyl and other con-
7 trolled substances in the Coast Guard dur-
8 ing the 5-year period preceding the brief-
9 ing;

10 (iii) processes of the Coast Guard to
11 mitigate substance abuse in the Coast
12 Guard, particularly with respect to
13 fentanyl; and

14 (iv) the status of the memorandum of
15 understanding required under subsection
16 (d).

17 (B) For the 5-year period preceding the
18 briefing, a review of instances in which
19 naloxone or other similar medication was used
20 to treat opioid, including fentanyl, overdoses at
21 a Coast Guard facility, onboard a Coast Guard
22 asset, or during a Coast Guard operation.

23 (f) PRIVACY.—In carrying out the requirements of
24 this section, the Commandant shall ensure compliance
25 with all applicable privacy law, including section 552a of

1 title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the
2 “Privacy Act”), and the privacy regulations promulgated
3 under section 264(c) of the Health Insurance Portability
4 and Accountability Act (42 U.S.C. 1320d–2 note).

5 (g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—For purposes of the
6 availability requirement under subsection (b), with respect
7 to a Coast Guard installation comprised of multiple Coast
8 Guard facilities or units, naloxone or other similar medica-
9 tion available at a single Coast Guard facility within the
10 installation shall be considered to be available to all Coast
11 Guard facilities or units on the installation if appropriate
12 arrangements are in place to ensure access, at all times
13 during operations, to the naloxone or other similar medica-
14 tion contained within such single Coast Guard facility.

15 **SEC. 272. POLICY ON METHODS TO REDUCE INCENTIVES**
16 **FOR ILLICIT MARITIME DRUG TRAFFICKING.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
18 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in con-
19 sultation with the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement
20 Administration, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary
21 of Defense, shall develop a policy, consistent with the Con-
22 stitution of the United States, as well as domestic and
23 international law, to address, disincentivize, and interdict
24 illicit trafficking by sea of controlled substances (and pre-

1 cursors of controlled substances) being transported to
2 produce illicit synthetic drugs.

3 (b) ELEMENTS.—The policy required under sub-
4 section (a) shall—

5 (1) include a requirement that, to the maximum
6 extent practicable, a vessel unlawfully transporting a
7 controlled substance or precursors of a controlled
8 substance being transported to produce illicit syn-
9 thetic drugs, be seized or appropriately disposed of
10 consistent with domestic and international law, as
11 well as any international agreements to which the
12 United States is a party; and

13 (2) aim to reduce incentives for illicit maritime
14 drug trafficking on a global scale, including in the
15 Eastern Pacific Ocean, the Indo-Pacific region, the
16 Caribbean, and the Middle East.

17 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 1 year after the date
18 of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall brief the
19 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,
20 the Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee
21 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
22 Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
23 structure, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the
24 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
25 resentatives on—

1 (1) the policy developed pursuant to subsection
2 (a); and

3 (2) recommendations with respect to—

4 (A) additional methods for reducing illicit
5 drug trafficking; and

6 (B) additional resources necessary to im-
7 plement the policy required under subsection
8 (a) and methods recommended under subpara-
9 graph (A).

10 **SEC. 273. REPORT ON CONDITION OF AIDS TO NAVIGATION.**

11 (a) PROVISION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 270
12 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-
13 mandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation
14 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and
15 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
16 of the Senate a report on the condition of dayboards and
17 the placement of buoys on the Missouri River, the Coast
18 Guard Northeast District, and the Coast Guard Northwest
19 District.

20 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report under paragraph (1)
21 shall include—

22 (1) a list of the most recent date on which each
23 dayboard and buoy was serviced by the Coast Guard;

1 (2) an overview of the plan of the Coast Guard
2 to systematically service each dayboard and buoy on
3 the Missouri River;

4 (3) an overview of the plan of the Coast Guard
5 to systematically service each buoy located in the
6 Coast Guard Northeast District;

7 (4) an overview of the plan of the Coast Guard
8 to systematically service each buoy located in the
9 Coast Guard Northwest District; and

10 (5) assigned points of contact.

11 (c) LIMITATION.—Beginning on the date of enact-
12 ment of this Act, the Commandant may not remove the
13 aids to navigation covered in subsection (a), unless there
14 is an imminent threat to life or safety, until a period of
15 180 days has elapsed following the date on which the Com-
16 mandant submits the report required under subsection (a).

17 (d) STUDY ON RELIANCE ON AIDS TO NAVIGA-
18 TION.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall con-
20 duct a study on the extent to which physical aids to
21 navigation, including buoys and dayboards, are re-
22 lied upon by maritime users in the Missouri River,
23 Coast Guard Northeast District, and Coast Guard
24 Northwest District.

1 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In the study conducted
2 under paragraph (1), the Commandant shall include
3 the following:

4 (A) An analysis of the extent to which
5 physical aids to navigation serve as primary
6 navigational references for operators of vessels
7 that lack electronic or satellite-based systems,
8 including small commercial vessels, recreational
9 boats, sailboats, and skiffs.

10 (B) An assessment of the role physical aids
11 to navigation play in supporting safe vessel op-
12 eration during outages, disruptions, or inac-
13 curacies in electronic or satellite-based naviga-
14 tion systems.

15 (C) An assessment of mariner perspectives
16 on the availability, visibility, and reliability of
17 physical aids to navigation, based on input from
18 recreational boaters, commercial fishermen,
19 pilot associations, port authorities, and other
20 relevant waterway users.

21 (D) A summary of reported incidents or
22 near-miss events from the past five years in
23 which the presence or absence of physical aids
24 to navigation played a contributory role in navi-

gational outcomes, including collisions, groundings, or deviations from intended routes.

(E) Recommendations for enhancing navigational safety for mariners who rely exclusively on, or supplement electronic systems with, traditional visual aids to navigation.

(F) A cost–benefit analysis of the continued maintenance of physical aids to navigation, and the projected consequences of their removal, including—

(i) an estimate of the potential increase in maritime accidents, search and rescue operations, environmental incidents, and Coast Guard response missions that could result from the reduction or removal of physical aids to navigation;

(ii) a comparison of the anticipated costs associated with such increased Coast Guard response operations to the ongoing costs of maintaining and servicing buoys and dayboards, particularly in high-traffic areas or locations with limited access to electronic navigation systems;

(iii) an assessment of the role physical aids to navigation play in preventing inci-

1 dents involving vessels with limited or no
2 reliance on GPS or electronic systems; and
3 (iv) an assessment of the indirect
4 costs and operational impacts associated
5 with the removal of physical aids to navi-
6 gation, including increased risk of vessel
7 groundings, prolonged Coast Guard re-
8 sponse times, and diminished mariner trust
9 in navigational infrastructure.

10 (3) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
11 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act,
12 the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on
13 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
14 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
15 Science, and Transportation of the Senate the re-
16 sults of the study conducted under paragraph (1).

17 **SEC. 274. FEASIBILITY STUDY ON SUPPORTING ADDI-**
18 **TIONAL PORT VISITS AND DEPLOYMENTS IN**
19 **SUPPORT OF OPERATION BLUE PACIFIC.**

20 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
21 of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the
22 Coast Guard is operating when not operating as a service
23 in the Navy, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense,
24 shall—

1 (1) complete a study on the feasibility and ad-
2 visability of supporting additional Coast Guard port
3 visits and deployments, including the homeporting of
4 fast response cutters in the Northern Mariana Is-
5 lands, in support of Operation Blue Pacific, or any
6 successor operation oriented toward Oceania;

7 (2) include, as part of the study under para-
8 graph (1), an analysis of where any Coast Guard as-
9 sets used for port visits and deployments in support
10 of Operation Blue Pacific, or any successor oper-
11 ation oriented toward Oceania, will be transferred
12 from and any associated gaps in Coast Guard cov-
13 erage any such transfer will create; and

14 (3) submit to the Committee on Armed Services
15 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
16 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
17 Armed Services and the Committee on Transpor-
18 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Represent-
19 atives a report on the findings of such study.

20 **SEC. 275. STUDY AND GAP ANALYSIS WITH RESPECT TO**
21 **COAST GUARD AIR STATION CORPUS CHRISTI**
22 **AVIATION HANGAR.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
24 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall com-
25 mence a study and gap analysis with respect to the avia-

1 tion hangar at Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi
2 and the capacity of such hangar to accommodate the air-
3 craft currently assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Cor-
4 pus Christi and any aircraft anticipated to be so assigned
5 in the future.

6 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study and gap analysis re-
7 quired by subsection (a) shall include the following:

8 (1) An identification of hangar infrastructure
9 requirements needed—

10 (A) to meet mission requirements for all
11 aircraft currently assigned to Coast Guard Air
12 Station Corpus Christi; and

13 (B) to accommodate the assignment of an
14 additional HC-144 Ocean Sentry aircraft to
15 Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi.

16 (2) An assessment as to whether the aviation
17 hangar at Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi
18 is sufficient to accommodate all rotary-wing assets
19 assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi.

20 (3) In the case of an assessment that such
21 hangar is insufficient to accommodate all such ro-
22 tary-wing assets, a description of the facility modi-
23 fications that would be required to do so.

24 (4) An assessment of the facility modifications
25 of such hangar that would be required to accommo-

1 date all aircraft assigned to Coast Guard Air Station
2 Corpus Christi upon completion of the transition
3 from the MH-65 rotary-wing aircraft to the MH-
4 60T rotary-wing aircraft.

5 (5) An evaluation with respect to which fixed-
6 wing assets assigned to Coast Guard Air Station
7 Corpus Christi should be enclosed in such hangar so
8 as to most effectively mitigate the effects of corro-
9 sion while meeting mission requirements.

10 (6) An evaluation as to whether, and to what
11 extent, the storage of fixed-wing assets outside such
12 hangar would compromise the material condition
13 and safety of such assets.

14 (7) An evaluation of the extent to which any
15 material condition and safety issue identified under
16 paragraph (6) may be mitigated through the use of
17 gust locks, chocks, tie-downs, or related equipment.

18 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the com-
19 mencement of the study and gap analysis required under
20 subsection (a), the Commandant shall submit to the Com-
21 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
22 Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
23 structure of the House of Representatives a report on the
24 results of the study and gap analysis.

1 **SEC. 276. REPORT ON IMPACTS OF JOINT TRAVEL REGULA-**
2 **TIONS ON MEMBERS OF COAST GUARD WHO**
3 **RELY ON FERRY SYSTEMS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in coordi-
6 nation with the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel
7 and Readiness, shall submit to the appropriate committees
8 of Congress a report on the impacts of the Joint Travel
9 Regulations on members of the Coast Guard who are com-
10 muting, on permanent change of station travel, or on other
11 official travel to or from locations served by ferry systems.

12 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
13 section (a) shall include an analysis of the impacts on such
14 members of the Coast Guard of the following policies
15 under the Joint Travel Regulations:

16 (1) The one-vehicle shipping policy.

17 (2) The unavailability of reimbursement of
18 costs incurred by such members due to ferry sched-
19 ule unavailability, sailing cancellations, and other
20 sailing delays during commuting, permanent change
21 of station travel, or other official travel.

22 (3) The unavailability of local infrastructure to
23 support vehicles or goods shipped to duty stations in
24 locations outside the contiguous United States that
25 are not connected by the road system, including lo-

1 cations served by the Alaska Marine Highway Sys-
2 tem.

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
5 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
6 gress” means—

7 (A) the Committee on Armed Services and
8 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
9 Transportation of the Senate; and

10 (B) the Committee on Armed Services and
11 the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Mari-
12 time Transportation of the Committee on
13 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
14 of Representatives.

15 (2) JOINT TRAVEL REGULATIONS.—The term
16 “Joint Travel Regulations”, with respect to official
17 travel, means the terms, rates, conditions, and regu-
18 lations maintained under section 464 of title 37,
19 United States Code.

20 **SEC. 277. REPORT ON JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAIN-**
21 **ING CORPS PROGRAM.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
23 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall sub-
24 mit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
25 portation of the Senate and the Committee on Transpor-

1 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
2 a report on the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps
3 program.

4 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
5 section (a) shall include the following:

6 (1) A description of the standards and criteria
7 prescribed by the Coast Guard for educational insti-
8 tution participation in the Coast Guard Junior Re-
9 serve Officers' Training Corps program.

10 (2) With respect to each educational institution
11 offering a Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers'
12 Training Corps program—

13 (A) a description of—

14 (i) the training and course of military
15 instruction provided to students;

16 (ii) the facilities and drill areas used
17 for the program;

18 (iii) the type and amount of Coast
19 Guard Junior Reserve Officers' Training
20 Corps program resources provided by the
21 Coast Guard;

22 (iv) the type and amount of Coast
23 Guard Junior Reserve Officers' Training
24 Corps program resources provided by the
25 educational institution; and

1 (v) any other matter relating to pro-
2 gram requirements the Commandant con-
3 siders appropriate;

4 (B) an assessment as to whether the edu-
5 cational institution is located in an education-
6 ally and economically deprived area (as de-
7 scribed in section 2031 of title 10, United
8 States Code);

9 (C) beginning with the year in which the
10 program was established at the educational in-
11 stitution, the number and demographics of stu-
12 dents who have participated in the program;
13 and

14 (D) an assessment of the participants in
15 the program, including—

16 (i) the performance of the participants
17 in the program;

18 (ii) the number of participants in the
19 program who express an intent to pursue
20 a commission or enlistment in the Coast
21 Guard; and

22 (iii) a description of any other factor
23 or matter considered by the Commandant
24 to be important in assessing the success of

1 program participants at the educational in-
2 stitution.

3 (3) With respect to any unit of the Coast Guard
4 Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps suspended
5 or placed on probation pursuant to section 2031(h)
6 of title 10, United States Code—

7 (A) a description of the unit;

8 (B) the reason for such suspension or
9 placement on probation;

10 (C) the year the unit was so suspended or
11 placed on probation; and

12 (D) with respect to any unit that was rein-
13 stated after previously being suspended or
14 placed on probation, a justification for the rein-
15 statement of such unit.

16 (4) A description of the resources and personnel
17 required to maintain, implement, and provide over-
18 sight for the Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers'
19 Training Corps program at each participating edu-
20 cational institution and within the Coast Guard, in-
21 cluding the funding provided to each such edu-
22 cational institution, disaggregated by educational in-
23 stitution and year.

24 (5) A recommendation with respect to—

1 (A) whether the number of educational in-
2 stitutions participating in the Coast Guard Junior
3 Reserve Officers' Training Corps program
4 should be increased; and

5 (B) in the case of a recommendation that
6 such number should be increased, additional
7 recommendations relating to such an increase,
8 including—

9 (i) the number of additional edu-
10 cational institutions that should be in-
11 cluded in the program;

12 (ii) the locations of such institutions;

13 (iii) any additional authorities or re-
14 sources necessary for such an increase; and

15 (iv) any other matter the Com-
16 mandant considers appropriate.

17 (6) Any other matter the Commandant con-
18 siders necessary in order to provide a full assess-
19 ment of the effectiveness of the Coast Guard Junior
20 Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.

21 **SEC. 278. REPORT AND BRIEFINGS ON IMPLEMENTING SEC-**
22 **TION 564 OF TITLE 14.**

23 Section 11272(c) of the James M. Inhofe National
24 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public

1 Law 117–263) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(7) PUBLIC REPORT.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30
5 days after the date of enactment of the Coast
6 Guard Authorization Act of 2025, the Com-
7 mandant shall brief the Committee on Trans-
8 portation and Infrastructure of the House or
9 Representatives and the Committee on Com-
10 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
11 ate on the cost to the Coast Guard of meeting
12 the requirements of section 564 of title 14,
13 United States Code, in fiscal year 2024.

14 “(B) SECONDARY BRIEFINGS.—Not later
15 than November 1, 2025 and November, 1,
16 2026, the Commandant shall brief the commit-
17 tees described in subparagraph (A) on the cost
18 to the Coast Guard of meeting the requirements
19 of section 564 of title 14, United States Code,
20 in fiscal years 2025 and 2026, respectively.”.

21 **SEC. 279. REPORT ON ROLE OF COAST GUARD.**

22 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
23 of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with
24 the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard
25 is operating when it is not operating as a Service in the

1 Navy, shall prepare a report on the role the Coast Guard
2 is expected to play in the 5, 10, and 20 years after the
3 date of enactment of this Act in providing assistance to
4 the military departments in—

5 (1) working with the navies and domestic coast
6 guard of nations located in the Indo-Pacific region
7 on building capacity to protect the territorial waters
8 of such nations from incursions by other nations;

9 (2) providing a presence in the Arctic and Ant-
10 arctic to protect United States sovereign national se-
11 curity interests in the regions; and

12 (3) providing law enforcement capabilities
13 which the military departments do not possess for
14 national security, piracy, alien and drug interdiction,
15 and fishery law enforcement on the high seas.

16 **SEC. 280. REPORT ON COAST GUARD PERSONNEL SKILLS.**

17 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
18 of this Act, the Commandant, in consultation with Assist-
19 ant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), shall submit to
20 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
21 the House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
22 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
23 that includes the following:

24 (1) An analysis of the skills and experience of
25 Coast Guard personnel, particularly such personnel

1 with backgrounds in engineering, navigation, heavy
2 equipment operation, and maintenance, that are di-
3 rectly transferable to the dredging industry.

4 (2) A plan for developing and implementing tar-
5 geted outreach and recruitment strategies to connect
6 separating or retiring Coast Guard personnel with
7 employment opportunities, including registered ap-
8 prentice programs, in the dredging industry.

9 (3) An evaluation of the potential for estab-
10 lishing programs to recognize the skills of Coast
11 Guard personnel for the merchant mariner creden-
12 tials necessary for employment in the dredging in-
13 dustry.

14 (4) A description of any existing or planned co-
15 ordination with the Corps of Engineers, employers,
16 relevant labor organizations, and other relevant
17 agencies to facilitate the transition of Coast Guard
18 personnel into the dredging industry.

19 **SEC. 281. REPORT ON COAST GUARD SEARCH AND RESCUE**
20 **OPERATIONS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
22 date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
23 the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Trans-
24 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
25 tives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and

1 Transportation of the Senate a report detailing the search
2 and rescue operations at impacted Coast Guard facilities
3 that contains the following:

4 (1) The number of impacted Coast Guard facili-
5 ties.

6 (2) The number of active Coast Guard facilities
7 operating as scheduled mission stations.

8 (3) The number of active search and rescue
9 personnel at each impacted Coast Guard facility.

10 (4) The number of search and rescue personnel
11 at each impacted Coast Guard facility beginning in
12 2021 and accounted for annually thereafter.

13 (5) A description of active and past first re-
14 sponder cooperative agreements made between each
15 impacted Coast Guard facility and local law enforce-
16 ment or first responders for search and rescue oper-
17 ations.

18 (6) The average response time for all search
19 and rescue operations at each impacted Coast Guard
20 facility beginning in 2021 and accounted for annu-
21 ally thereafter.

22 (7) The number of lives lost during search and
23 rescue operations at each impacted Coast Guard fa-
24 cility beginning in 2021 and accounted for annually
25 thereafter.

1 (8) The number of vessel safety checks adminis-
2 tered by an impacted Coast Guard facility beginning
3 in 2021 and accounted for annually thereafter.

4 (9) The number of search and rescue incidents
5 in which a facility responded to a search and rescue
6 incident in an area previously covered by an im-
7 pacted Coast Guard facility but was unable to fulfill
8 the mission, including—

9 (A) the distance traveled to the destination
10 of each incident;

11 (B) the duration time traveled to reach the
12 destination of each incident;

13 (C) whether the incident resulted in a loss
14 of life;

15 (D) whether the search and rescue team
16 was able to reach the destination of the incident
17 to complete operations;

18 (E) whether the Coast Guard had to rely
19 on local authorities to address the incident due
20 to operational limitations for Coast Guard; and

21 (F) identifying the local authorities ad-
22 dressing search and rescue incidents under sub-
23 paragraph (E).

1 (10) The number of ice rescue missions taken
2 by impacted Coast Guard facilities beginning in
3 2021 and accounted for annually thereafter.

4 (11) The area of responsibility covered by each
5 impacted Coast Guard facility.

6 (12) Any other metrics determined to be rel-
7 evant by the Commandant to convey the changes to
8 search and rescue operations at impacted Coast
9 Guard facilities.

10 (b) DEFINITION OF IMPACTED COAST GUARD FACIL-
11 ITY.—In this section, the term “impacted Coast Guard fa-
12 cility” means a facility or station that was designated as
13 a schedule mission station or closed under either the As-
14 signment Year 2024 Force Alignment Initiative or the As-
15 signment Year 2025 Force Alignment Initiative.

16 **SEC. 282. REPORT ON ALTERNATIVE SITES FOR THE LOCA-**
17 **TION OF STATION ST. THOMAS.**

18 Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment
19 of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Com-
20 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
21 of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
22 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report that—

23 (1) examines alternative sites on St. Thomas,
24 Virgin Island for the location of Station St. Thomas,
25 St. Thomas, Virgin Islands;

1 (2) analyzes geographic threats and opportuni-
 2 ties on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands to Coast Guard
 3 mission objectives; and

4 (3) provides a cost estimate on the cost of ac-
 5 quiring an alternative site which meets the mission
 6 needs of Station St. Thomas, including the cost of—

7 (A) land acquisition;

8 (B) pier and shoreside facility construc-
 9 tion;

10 (C) relocation of the existing facility, per-
 11 sonnel, and equipment, including environmental
 12 remediation at the existing site; and

13 (D) impacts (both positive and negative)
 14 on Coast Guard mission readiness of a move to
 15 a new site on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

16 **SEC. 283. REPORT ON EAST ROCKAWAY INLET NAVIGATION.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
 18 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall sub-
 19 mit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-
 20 ture of the House of Representatives and the Committee
 21 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate
 22 a report of the navigable waterway of the East Rockaway
 23 Inlet located on Long Island, New York.

24 (b) CONTENTS.—The report under subsection (a)
 25 shall include—

1 (1) an evaluation of potential hazards to navi-
 2 gation present in the East Rockaway Inlet;

3 (2) a map of current and future aids to naviga-
 4 tion in the East Rockaway Inlet;

5 (3) an evaluation of the effects of the current
 6 channel hazards on commercial navigation and safe-
 7 ty;

8 (4) recommendations on addressing hazards to
 9 navigation present in the East Rockaway Inlet; and

10 (5) recommendations on updates to the nec-
 11 essary to aids navigation in order to maintain safety.

12 **TITLE III—SHIPPING AND**
 13 **NAVIGATION**
 14 **Subtitle A—Merchant Mariner**
 15 **Credentials**

16 **SECTION 301. MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIALING.**

17 (a) REDUCTION OF LENGTHS OF CERTAIN PERIODS
 18 OF SERVICE.—Section 3534 of the National Defense Au-
 19 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–
 20 31) is amended—

21 (1) by redesignating subsection (k) as sub-
 22 section (u); and

23 (2) by striking subsection (j) and inserting the
 24 following:

1 “(j) REVISING MERCHANT MARINER DECK TRAIN-
2 ING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 2101 of title 46, United
3 States Code, is amended—

4 “(1) by redesignating paragraphs (20) through
5 (56) as paragraphs (21), (22), (24), (25), (26), (27),
6 (28), (29), (30), (31), (32), (33), (34), (35), (36),
7 (37), (38), (39), (40), (41), (42), (43), (44), (45),
8 (46), (47), (48), (49), (50), (51), (52), (53), (54),
9 (55), (56), (57), and (58), respectively; and

10 “(2) by inserting after paragraph (19) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 ““(20) “merchant mariner credential” means a
13 merchant mariner license, certificate, or document
14 that the Secretary is authorized to issue pursuant to
15 this title.’; and

16 “(3) by inserting after paragraph (22), as so
17 redesignated, the following:

18 ““(23) “nautical school program” means a pro-
19 gram that—

20 ““(A) offers a comprehensive program of
21 training that includes substantial sea service on
22 nautical school vessels or merchant vessels of
23 the United States primarily to train individuals
24 for service in the merchant marine; and

1 “(B) is approved by the Secretary for
2 purposes of section 7315, in accordance with
3 regulations promulgated by the Secretary.’.

4 “(k) NONCITIZENSHIP NATIONALITY.—

5 “(1) CITIZENSHIP OR NONCITIZEN NATION-
6 ALITY.—Section 7102 of title 46, United States
7 Code, is amended—

8 “(A) in the section heading by inserting
9 ‘**or noncitizen nationality**’ after ‘**Citi-**
10 **zenship**’; and

11 “(B) by inserting ‘or noncitizen nationals
12 (as such term is described in section 308 of the
13 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
14 1408))’ after ‘citizens’.

15 “(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Section 7304 of title
17 46, United States Code, is amended—

18 “(i) in the section heading by insert-
19 ing ‘**or noncitizen nationality**’ after
20 ‘**Citizenship**’; and

21 “(ii) by inserting ‘or noncitizen na-
22 tionals (as such term is described in sec-
23 tion 308 of the Immigration and Nation-
24 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1408))’ after ‘citizens’.

1 “(B) CITIZENSHIP AND NAVY RESERVE
2 REQUIREMENTS.—Section 8103 of title 46,
3 United States Code, is amended—

4 “(i) in the section heading by insert-
5 ing ‘**or noncitizen nationality**’ after
6 ‘**Citizenship**’;

7 “(ii) in subsection (a) by inserting ‘or
8 noncitizen national’ after ‘citizen’;

9 “(iii) in subsection (b)—

10 “(I) in paragraph (1)(A)(i) by in-
11 serting ‘or noncitizen national’ after
12 ‘citizen’;

13 “(II) in paragraph (3) by insert-
14 ing ‘or noncitizen nationality’ after
15 ‘citizenship’; and

16 “(III) in paragraph (3)(C) by in-
17 serting ‘or noncitizen nationals’ after
18 ‘citizens’;

19 “(iv) in subsection (c) by inserting ‘or
20 noncitizen nationals’ after ‘citizens’;

21 “(v) in subsection (d)—

22 “(I) in paragraph (1) by insert-
23 ing ‘or noncitizen nationals’ after ‘citi-
24 zens’; and

1 “(II) in paragraph (2) by insert-
2 ing ‘or noncitizen national’ after ‘cit-
3 izen’ each place it appears;

4 “(vi) in subsection (e) by inserting ‘or
5 noncitizen national’ after ‘citizen’ each
6 place it appears;

7 “(vii) in subsection (i)(1)(A) by in-
8 serting ‘or noncitizen national’ after ‘cit-
9 izen’;

10 “(viii) in subsection (k)—

11 “(I) in paragraph (1)(A) by in-
12 serting ‘or noncitizen national’ after
13 ‘citizen’; and

14 “(II) in paragraph (2)—

15 “(aa) by striking ‘Not more
16 than’ and inserting the following:

17 “‘(A) Not more than’; and

18 “(bb) by adding at the end
19 the following:

20 “‘(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A),
21 for the period beginning on the date of enact-
22 ment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of
23 2025 and ending on December 31, 2065, not
24 more than 50 percent of the unlicensed seamen
25 on a vessel described in paragraph (1) may be

1 aliens referred to in subparagraph (B) or (C) of
2 such paragraph. ’; and

3 “(ix) by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(1) NONCITIZEN NATIONAL DEFINED.—In this sec-
6 tion, the term “noncitizen national” means an individual
7 described in section 308 of the Immigration and Nation-
8 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1408).’.

9 “(C) COMMAND OF DOCUMENTED VES-
10 SELS.—Section 12131(a) of title 46, United
11 States Code, is amended by inserting ‘or noncit-
12 izen national (as such term is described in sec-
13 tion 308 of the Immigration and Nationality
14 Act (8 U.S.C. 1408))’ after ‘citizen’.

15 “(D) INVALIDATION OF CERTIFICATES OF
16 DOCUMENTATION.—Section 12135(2) of title
17 46, United States Code, is amended by insert-
18 ing ‘or noncitizen national (as such term is de-
19 scribed in section 308 of the Immigration and
20 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1408))’ after ‘cit-
21 izen’.

22 “(3) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The analysis for chap-
24 ter 71 of title 46, United States Code, is

1 amended by striking the item relating to section
2 7102 and inserting the following:

“‘7102. Citizenship or noncitizen nationality.’.

3 “(B) SECTION 7304.—The analysis for
4 chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code, is
5 amended by striking the item relating to section
6 7304 and inserting the following:

“‘7304. Citizenship or noncitizen nationality notation on merchant mariners’
documents.’.

7 “(C) SECTION 8103.—The analysis for
8 chapter 81 of title 46, United States Code, is
9 amended by striking the item relating to section
10 8103 and inserting the following:

“‘8103. Citizenship or noncitizen nationality and Navy Reserve requirements.’.

11 “(l) EXAMINATIONS.—Section 7116 of title 46,
12 United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (c).

13 “(m) MERCHANT MARINERS DOCUMENTS.—Chapter
14 73 of title 46, United States Code is amended—

15 “(1) by amending section 7306 to read as fol-
16 lows:

17 **“§ 7306. General requirements and classifications for**
18 **members of deck departments**

19 ““(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may issue a mer-
20 chant mariner credential, to members of the deck depart-
21 ment in the following classes:

22 ““(1) Able Seaman-Unlimited.

1 “(2) Able Seaman-Limited.

2 “(3) Able Seaman-Special.

3 “(4) Able Seaman-Offshore Supply Vessels.

4 “(5) Able Seaman-Sail.

5 “(6) Able Seaman-Fishing Industry.

6 “(7) Ordinary Seaman.

7 “(b) CLASSIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS.—The Sec-
8 retary may classify the merchant mariner credential issued
9 under subsection (a) based on—

10 “(1) the tonnage and means of propulsion of
11 vessels;

12 “(2) the waters on which vessels are to be op-
13 erated; or

14 “(3) other appropriate standards.

15 “(c) QUALIFICATIONS.—To qualify for a credential
16 under this section, an applicant shall provide satisfactory
17 proof that the applicant—

18 “(1) is at least 18 years of age;

19 “(2) has the service required by the applicable
20 section of this part;

21 “(3) is qualified professionally as dem-
22 onstrated by an applicable examination or edu-
23 cational requirements;

24 “(4) is qualified as to sight, hearing, and phys-
25 ical condition to perform the seafarer’s duties; and

1 “(5) has satisfied any additional requirements
2 established by the Secretary, including career pat-
3 terns and service appropriate to the particular serv-
4 ice, industry, or job functions the individual is en-
5 gaged.’;

6 “(2) in section 7307 by striking ‘3 years’ and
7 inserting ‘18 months’;

8 “(3) in section 7308 by striking ‘18 months’
9 and inserting ‘12 months’;

10 “(4) in section 7309 by striking ‘12 months’
11 and inserting ‘6 months’;

12 “(5) in section 7313—

13 “(A) in subsection (b) by striking ‘and coal
14 passer’; and

15 “(B) by striking subsection (c) and insert-
16 ing the following:

17 “(c) CLASSIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS.—The Sec-
18 retary may classify the merchant mariner credential issued
19 under subsection (a) based on—

20 “(1) the tonnage and means of propulsion of
21 vessels;

22 “(2) the waters on which vessels are to be op-
23 erated; or

24 “(3) other appropriate standards.

1 “(d) QUALIFICATIONS.—To qualify for a credential
 2 under this section, an applicant shall provide satisfactory
 3 proof that the applicant—

4 “(1) is at least 18 years of age;

5 “(2) has a minimum of 6-months service in
 6 the related entry rating;

7 “(3) is qualified professionally as dem-
 8 onstrated by an applicable examination or edu-
 9 cational requirements; and

10 “(4) is qualified as to sight, hearing, and phys-
 11 ical condition to perform the member’s duties.’; and

12 “(6) by amending section 7315 to read as fol-
 13 lows:

14 **“§ 7315. Training**

15 “(a) NAUTICAL SCHOOL PROGRAM.—Graduation
 16 from a nautical school program may be substituted for the
 17 sea service requirements under sections 7307 through
 18 7311a and 7313 of this title.

19 “(b) OTHER APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAMS.—
 20 The satisfactory completion of a training program ap-
 21 proved by the Secretary may be substituted for not more
 22 than one-half of the sea service requirements under sec-
 23 tions 7307 through 7311a and 7313 of this title in accord-
 24 ance with subsection (c).

1 “(c) TRAINING DAYS.—For purposes of subsection
2 (b), training days undertaken in connection with training
3 programs approved by the Secretary may be substituted
4 for days of required sea service under sections 7307
5 through 7311a and 7313 of this title as follows:

6 “(1) Each shore-based training day in the
7 form of classroom lectures may be substituted for 2
8 days of sea service requirements.

9 “(2) Each training day of laboratory training,
10 practical demonstrations, and other similar training,
11 may be substituted for 4 days of sea service require-
12 ments.

13 “(3) Each training day of full mission simu-
14 lator training may be substituted for 6 days of sea
15 service requirements.

16 “(4) Each training day underway on a vessel
17 while enrolled in an approved training program may
18 be substituted for 1½ days of sea service require-
19 ments, as long as—

20 “(A) the structured training provided
21 while underway on a vessel is—

22 “(i) acceptable to the Secretary as
23 part of the approved training program; and

24 “(ii) fully completed by the indi-
25 vidual; and

1 “(B) the tonnage of such vessel is appro-
2 priate to the endorsement being sought.

3 “(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “train-
4 ing day” means a day that consists of not less than 7
5 hours of training.’.

6 “(n) IMPLEMENTATION.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the de-
8 partment in which the Coast Guard is operating
9 shall implement the requirements under subsection
10 (c) of section 7306 of title 46, United States Code
11 (as amended by this section), without regard to
12 chapters 5 and 6 of title 5, United States Code, and
13 Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 (5 U.S.C. 601
14 note).

15 “(2) SECTION 7315.—The Secretary of the de-
16 partment in which the Coast Guard is operating
17 shall implement the requirements of section 7315 of
18 title 46, United States Code, as amended by this
19 subsection, without regard to chapters 5 and 6 of
20 title 5, United States Code, and Executive Orders
21 12866 and 13563 (5 U.S.C. 601 note) and 14094
22 (88 Fed. Reg. 21879).

23 “(o) REPEAL.—Section 7314 of title 46, United
24 States Code, and the item relating to such section in the
25 analysis for chapter 73 of such title, are repealed.

1 “(p) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for
 2 chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code, is amended
 3 by striking the item relating to section 7306 and inserting
 4 the following:

 “‘7306. General requirements and classifications for members of deck departments.’.

5 “(q) AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 75.—Chapter 75 of
 6 title 46, United States Code, is amended—

7 “(1) in section 7507 by adding at the end the
 8 following:

9 ““(d) RENEWAL.—With respect to any renewal of an
 10 active merchant mariner credential issued under this part
 11 that is not an extension under subsection (a) or (b), such
 12 credential shall begin the day after the expiration of the
 13 active credential of the credential holder.’; and

14 “(2) in section 7510(c)—

15 “(A) in the subsection heading by striking
 16 ‘EXAM REVIEW’ and inserting ‘WORKING
 17 GROUP’;

18 “(B) in paragraph (1)—

19 “(i) by striking ‘90 days’ and insert-
 20 ing ‘180 days’;

21 “(ii) by striking ‘Coast Guard Author-
 22 ization Act of 2016’ and insert ‘Coast
 23 Guard Authorization Act of 2025’;

1 “(iii) by striking ‘new questions for
2 inclusion in’ and inserting ‘questions, con-
3 tent, and relevancy of’;

4 “(iv) by redesignating subparagraphs
5 (E), (F), and (G) as subparagraphs (G),
6 (H), and (I), respectively; and

7 “(v) by inserting after subparagraph
8 (D) the following:

9 ““(E) at least 2 individuals that have
10 taken and passed the examination in the 5
11 years before the commissioning of the working
12 group;

13 ““(F) at least 1 representative from the
14 United States Merchant Marine Academy; ’;

15 ““(C) in paragraph (4)—

16 ““(i) in the paragraph heading by
17 striking ‘BASELINE REVIEW’ and inserting
18 ‘REVIEW’;

19 ““(ii) in subparagraph (A)—

20 ““(I) by striking ‘Within 1 year’
21 and inserting ‘Not later than 270
22 days’;

23 ““(II) by striking ‘Coast Guard
24 Authorization Act of 2016’ and insert-

1 ing ‘Coast Guard Authorization Act of
2 2025’;

3 “(III) by striking ‘Secretary’ and
4 inserting ‘Commandant’;

5 “(IV) by redesignating clauses
6 (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) as clauses (ii),
7 (iii), (iv), and (vii), respectively;

8 “(V) in clause (iv), as so redesign-
9 nated, by striking ‘; and’ and insert-
10 ing a semicolon;

11 “(VI) by inserting before clause
12 (ii) the following:

13 “‘(i) industry standards, practices,
14 and technology to be considered in the
15 Merchant Mariner Credentialing Examina-
16 tion; ’; and

17 “(VII) by inserting after clause
18 (iv) the following:

19 “‘(v) the relevancy of examination
20 topics and contents;

21 “‘(vi) any redundancy of core com-
22 petencies between the Merchant Mariner
23 Credentialing Examination and Standards
24 of Training, Certification, and
25 Watchingkeeping competencies; and’;

1 “(iii) by striking subparagraph (B)
2 and inserting the following:

3 ““(B) REPORT TO COMMANDANT.—Upon
4 completion of the review under this paragraph,
5 a report shall be provided to the Commandant
6 which shall include findings of the review with
7 recommendations for updates to the Merchant
8 Marine Credentialling Examination. ’;

9 ““(D) by striking paragraphs (3), (5), and
10 (8);

11 ““(E) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and
12 (9) as paragraphs (5) and (8), respectively; and

13 ““(F) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
14 following:

15 ““(3) MEETING OF WORKING GROUP.—

16 ““(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant
17 shall convene the working group annually or at
18 the creation of new examination questions,
19 whichever occurs sooner.

20 ““(B) REMOTE PARTICIPATION.—The
21 Commandant shall allow any member of the
22 working group to participate remotely if the
23 member of the working group does not have the
24 means to participate in person.

1 “(4) USE OF QUESTIONS.—The Commandant
2 may not use questions developed for use in the Mer-
3 chant Mariner Credentialing Examination until such
4 questions are reviewed and approved by the working
5 group.’.

6 “(r) PLAN.—

7 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 270 days
8 after the completion of the review under paragraph
9 (4) of subsection (c), the Commandant shall develop
10 a plan to update and modernize the Merchant Mar-
11 iner Credentialing Examination and implement the
12 recommendations developed by the review under
13 such paragraph.

14 “(2) CONTENTS.—The plan developed under
15 paragraph (1) shall not diminish demonstrated com-
16 petency standards and shall include—

17 “(A) the elimination of redundant topics
18 between the Merchant Mariner Credentialing
19 Examination and other examinations required
20 to obtain a Merchant Mariner Credential;

21 “(B) the elimination or updating of out-
22 dated topics, contents, core competencies, or
23 questions covered by the Merchant Mariner
24 Credentialing Examination;

1 “(C) the modernization of testing proce-
2 dures consistent with contemporary procedures
3 for standardized testing administration and
4 evaluation; and

5 “(D) the development of methods to ana-
6 lyze examination data related to the effective-
7 ness of questions in determining competency.

8 “(3) COORDINATION.—In developing the plan
9 under paragraph (1), the Commandant shall develop
10 such plan in consultation with the working group
11 and individuals with expertise in modern best prac-
12 tices for relevant standardized testing.

13 “(4) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 1
14 year after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard
15 Authorization Act of 2025, the Coast Guard shall
16 provide to the Committee on Transportation and In-
17 frastructure of the House of Representatives and the
18 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
19 tation of the Senate a briefing on the review and
20 plan developed under this subsection.

21 “(s) AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 77.—Section
22 7702(d)(1) of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

23 “(1) in subparagraph (B) by redesignating
24 clauses (i) through (iv) as subclauses (I) through

1 (IV), respectively (and by conforming the margins
2 accordingly);

3 “(2) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and
4 (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively (and by con-
5 forming the margins accordingly);

6 “(3) by striking ‘an individual if—’ and insert-
7 ing the following: ‘an individual—

8 “‘(A) if—’;

9 “(4) in subparagraph (A)(ii)(IV), as so redesign-
10 nated, by striking the period at the end and insert-
11 ing ‘; or’; and

12 “(5) by adding at the end the following:

13 “‘(B) if there is probable cause to believe that
14 the individual has violated company policy and is a
15 security risk that poses a threat to other individuals
16 on the vessel.’.

17 “(t) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

18 “(1) TITLE 46.—Title 46, United States Code,
19 is amended—

20 “(A) in section 2101(47)(B) by striking ‘;
21 and’ and inserting ‘; or’;

22 “(B) in section 2113(3) by striking ‘sec-
23 tion 2101(53)(A)’ and inserting ‘section
24 2101(55)(A)’;

1 “(C) in section 3202(a)(1)(A) by striking
2 ‘section 2101(29)(A)’ and inserting ‘section
3 2101(31)(A)’;

4 “(D) in section 3507(k)(1) by striking
5 ‘section 2101(31)’ and inserting ‘section
6 2101(33)’;

7 “(E) in section 4105(d) by striking ‘sec-
8 tion 2101(53)(A)’ and inserting ‘section
9 2101(55)(A)’;

10 “(F) in section 12119(a)(3) by striking
11 ‘section 2101(26)’ and inserting ‘section
12 2101(28)’; and

13 “(G) in section 51706(c)(6)(C)(ii) by strik-
14 ing ‘section 2101(24)’ and inserting ‘section
15 2101(26)’.

16 “(2) OTHER LAWS.—

17 “(A) Section 3(3) of the Magnuson-Ste-
18 vens Fishery Conservation and Management
19 Act (16 U.S.C. 1802(3)) is amended by striking
20 ‘2101(30) of title 46’ and inserting ‘2101 of
21 title 46’.

22 “(B) Section 1992(d)(7) of title 18, United
23 States Code, is amended by striking ‘section
24 2101(31) of title 46’ and inserting ‘section
25 2101 of title 46’.

1 “(C) Section 311(a)(26)(D) of the Federal
 2 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
 3 1321(a)(26)(D)) is amended by striking ‘section
 4 2101(23)’ and inserting ‘section 2101’.

5 “(D) Section 1101 of title 49, United
 6 States Code, is amended by striking ‘Section
 7 2101(23)’ and inserting ‘Section 2101(24)’.”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 9 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of enactment
 10 of this Act.

11 **SEC. 302. NONOPERATING INDIVIDUAL.**

12 Section 8313(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry
 13 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
 14 (Public Law 116–283) is amended by striking “2025” and
 15 inserting “2029”.

16 **Subtitle B—Vessel Safety**

17 **SEC. 311. GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OPERATIONS OF A VESSEL.**

18 Section 2302(b) of title 46, United States Code, is
 19 amended to read as follows:

20 “(b) GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OPERATION.—

21 “(1) MISDEMEANOR.—A person operating a
 22 vessel in a grossly negligent manner that endangers
 23 the life, limb, or property of a person commits a
 24 class A misdemeanor.

1 “(2) FELONY.—A person operating a vessel in
2 a grossly negligent manner that results in serious
3 bodily injury, as defined in section 1365(h)(3) of
4 title 18—

5 “(A) commits a class E felony; and

6 “(B) may be assessed a civil penalty of not
7 more than \$35,000.”.

8 **SEC. 312. PERFORMANCE DRIVEN EXAMINATION SCHED-**
9 **ULE.**

10 (a) AMENDMENTS.—Section 3714 of title 46, United
11 States Code, is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a)(1) by striking “The Sec-
13 retary” and inserting “Except as provided in sub-
14 section (c), the Secretary”;

15 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
16 section (d); and

17 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(c) PERFORMANCE-DRIVEN EXAMINATION SCHED-
20 ULE.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to examina-
22 tions of foreign vessels to which this chapter applies,
23 and subject to paragraph (3), the Secretary may
24 adopt a performance-driven examination schedule to
25 which such vessels are to be examined and the fre-

1 frequency with which such examinations occur, includ-
2 ing the frequency of examinations for each vessel.
3 Such schedule shall be consistent with the Sec-
4 retary's assessment of the safety performance of
5 such vessels, including each vessel participating in
6 the performance-driven examination schedule, in ac-
7 cordance with paragraph (2).

8 “(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing an ex-
9 amination schedule under paragraph (1) and subject
10 to paragraph (3), with respect to each vessel in de-
11 termining eligibility to participate in the perform-
12 ance based examination schedule—

13 “(A) the Secretary shall consider—

14 “(i) certificate of compliance and ex-
15 amination history, to include those con-
16 ducted by foreign countries;

17 “(ii) history of violations, vessel deten-
18 tions, incidents, and casualties;

19 “(iii) history of notices of violation
20 issued by the Coast Guard;

21 “(iv) safety related information pro-
22 vided by the flag state of the vessel;

23 “(v) owner and operator history;

24 “(vi) historical classification society
25 data, which may include relevant surveys;

1 “(vii) cargo-specific documentation;

2 “(viii) data from port state control
3 safety exams; and

4 “(ix) relevant repair and maintenance
5 history; and

6 “(B) the Secretary may consider—

7 “(i) data from relevant vessel quality
8 assurance and risk assessment programs
9 including Quality Shipping for the 21st
10 Century (QUALSHIP 21);

11 “(ii) data from industry inspection re-
12 gimes;

13 “(iii) data from vessel self assess-
14 ments submitted to the International Mari-
15 time Organization or other maritime orga-
16 nizations; and

17 “(iv) other safety relevant data or in-
18 formation as determined by the Secretary.

19 “(3) ELIGIBILITY.—In developing an examina-
20 tion schedule under paragraph (1), the Secretary
21 shall not consider a vessel eligible to take part in a
22 performance-driven examination schedule under
23 paragraph (1) if, within the last 36 months, the ves-
24 sel has—

25 “(A) been detained by the Coast Guard;

1 “(B) a record of a violation issued by the
2 Coast Guard against the owners or operators
3 with a finding of proved; or

4 “(C) suffered a marine casualty that, as
5 determined by the Secretary, involves the safe
6 operation of the vessel and overall performance
7 of the vessel.

8 “(4) RESTRICTIONS.—The Secretary may not
9 adopt a performance-driven examination schedule
10 under paragraph (1) until the Secretary has—

11 “(A) conducted the assessment rec-
12 ommended in the Government Accountability
13 Office report submitted under section 8254(a)
14 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National
15 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
16 (Public Law 116–283);

17 “(B) concluded through such assessment
18 that a performance-driven examination schedule
19 provides not less than the level of safety pro-
20 vided by the annual examinations required
21 under subsection (a)(1); and

22 “(C) provided the results of such assess-
23 ment to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
24 and Transportation of the Senate and the Com-

1 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
2 the House of Representatives.”.

3 (b) CAREER INCENTIVE PAY FOR MARINE INSPEC-
4 TORS.—Subsection (a) of section 11237 of the James M.
5 Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
6 2023 (37 U.S.C. 352 note) is amended as follows:

7 “(a) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ASSIGNMENT PAY OR
8 SPECIAL DUTY PAY.—For the purposes of addressing an
9 identified shortage of marine inspectors, the Secretary
10 may provide assignment pay or special duty pay under sec-
11 tion 352 of title 37, United States Code, to a member of
12 the Coast Guard serving in a prevention position that—

13 “(1) is assigned in support of or is serving as
14 a marine inspector pursuant to section 312 of title
15 14, United States Code; and

16 “(2) is assigned to a billet that is difficult to fill
17 due to geographic location, requisite experience or
18 certifications, or lack of sufficient candidates, as de-
19 termined by the Commandant, in an effort to ad-
20 dress inspector workforce gaps.”.

21 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 6 months after the
22 date of enactment of this Act, and annually for 2 years
23 after the implementation of a performance-driven exam-
24 ination schedule program under section 3714(c) of title
25 46, United States Code, the Commandant shall brief the

1 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
2 the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and In-
3 frastructure of the House of Representatives on—

4 (1) the status of utilizing the performance-driv-
5 en examination schedule program, including the
6 quantity of examinations conducted and duration be-
7 tween examinations for each individual vessel exam-
8 ined under the performance-driven examination
9 schedule;

10 (2) an overview of the size of the Coast Guard
11 marine inspector workforce, including any personnel
12 shortages assessed by the Coast Guard, for inspec-
13 tors that conduct inspections under section 3714 of
14 such title; and

15 (3) recommendations for the inspection, govern-
16 ance, or oversight of vessels inspected under section
17 3714 of such title.

18 **SEC. 313. FISHING VESSEL AND FISHERMAN TRAINING**

19 **SAFETY.**

20 Section 4502 of title 46, United States Code, is
21 amended—

22 (1) in subsection (i)—

23 (A) in paragraph (1)—

24 (i) in subparagraph (A)(ii) by striking

25 “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

1 (ii) by redesignating subparagraph
2 (B) as subparagraph (C); and

3 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph
4 (A) the following:

5 “(B) to conduct safety and prevention
6 training that addresses behavioral and physical
7 health risks, to include substance use disorder
8 and worker fatigue, facing fishing vessel opera-
9 tors and crewmembers; and”;

10 (B) in paragraph (2)—

11 (i) by striking “, in consultation with
12 and based on criteria established by the
13 Commandant of the Coast Guard”; and

14 (ii) by striking “subsection on a com-
15 petitive basis” and inserting the following:

16 “subsection—

17 “(A) on a competitive basis; and

18 “(B) based on criteria developed in con-
19 sultation with the Commandant of the Coast
20 Guard”; and

21 (C) in paragraph (4) by striking
22 “\$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2023” and inserting
23 “to the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
24 ices \$6,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025,
25 and 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029”; and

1 (2) in subsection (j)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1) by inserting “, and
3 understanding and mitigating behavioral and
4 physical health risks, to include substance use
5 disorder and worker fatigue, facing members of
6 the commercial fishing industry” after “weather
7 detection”;

8 (B) in paragraph (2)—

9 (i) by striking “, in consultation with
10 and based on criteria established by the
11 Commandant of the Coast Guard,”; and

12 (ii) by striking “subsection on a com-
13 petitive basis” and inserting the following:
14 “subsection—

15 “(A) on a competitive basis; and

16 “(B) based on criteria developed in con-
17 sultation with the Commandant of the Coast
18 Guard”; and

19 (C) in paragraph (4) by striking
20 “\$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2023” and inserting
21 “to the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
22 ices \$6,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 ,
23 and 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029”.

1 **SEC. 314. DESIGNATING PILOTAGE WATERS FOR THE**
2 **STRAITS OF MACKINAC.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9302(a)(1)(A) of title 46,
4 United States Code, is amended by striking “in waters”
5 and inserting “in the Straits of Mackinac and in all other
6 waters”.

7 (b) DEFINITION OF THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC.—
8 Section 9302 of title 46, United States Code, is amended
9 by adding at the end the following:

10 “(g) DEFINITION OF THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC.—
11 In this section, the term ‘Straits of Mackinac’ includes all
12 of the United States navigable waters bounded by lon-
13 gitudes 84 degrees 20 minutes west and 85 degrees 10
14 minutes west and latitudes 45 degrees 39 minutes north
15 and 45 degrees 54 minutes north, including Gray’s Reef
16 Passage, the South Channel, and Round Island Passage,
17 and approaches thereto.”.

18 **SEC. 315. STUDY OF AMPHIBIOUS VESSELS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall conduct
20 a study to determine the applicability of current safety
21 regulations that apply to commercial amphibious vessels.

22 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study required under sub-
23 section (a) shall include the following:

24 (1) An overview and analysis that identifies
25 safety regulations that apply to commercial amphib-
26 ious vessels;

1 (2) An evaluation of whether safety gaps and
2 risks exist associated with the application of regula-
3 tions identified in subsection (b)(1) to the operation
4 of commercial amphibious vessels;

5 (3) An evaluation of whether aspects of the reg-
6 ulations established in section 11502 of the James
7 M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for
8 Fiscal Year 2023 (46 U.S.C. 3306 note) should
9 apply to amphibious commercial vessels; and

10 (4) Recommendations on potential regulations
11 that should apply to commercial amphibious vessels.

12 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
13 of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit
14 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
15 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
16 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a
17 report containing the findings, conclusions, and rec-
18 ommendations from the study required under subsection
19 (a).

20 (d) DEFINITION OF AMPHIBIOUS VESSEL.—In this
21 section, the term “amphibious vessel” means a vessel
22 which is operating as a small passenger vessel in waters
23 subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, as defined
24 in section 2.38 of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations
25 (or a successor regulation) and is operating as a motor

1 vehicle as defined in section 216 of the Clean Air Act (42
 2 U.S.C. 7550) and that is not a DUKW amphibious pas-
 3 senger vessel as defined in section 11502 of the James
 4 M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
 5 Year 2023 (46 U.S.C. 3306 note).

6 **SEC. 316. ST. LUCIE RIVER RAILROAD BRIDGE.**

7 Regarding Docket Number USCG–2022–0222, be-
 8 fore adopting a final rule, the Commandant shall conduct
 9 an independent boat traffic study at mile 7.4 of the St.
 10 Lucie River.

11 **SEC. 317. LARGE RECREATIONAL VESSEL REGULATIONS.**

12 Section 3529(a)(3) of the John S. McCain National
 13 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public
 14 Law 115–232) is amended by striking “this Act” and in-
 15 serting “the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025”.

16 **Subtitle C—Ports**

17 **SEC. 321. PORTS AND WATERWAYS SAFETY.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8343 of the William M.
 19 (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
 20 Fiscal Year 2021 (46 U.S.C. 70034 note) is amended—

21 (1) by striking “2-year pilot program” and in-
 22 serting “pilot program”;

23 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
 24 section (d); and

25 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(c) AUTHORIZATION.—The pilot program under
2 subsection (a) is authorized for fiscal years 2025, 2026,
3 2027, 2028, and 2029.”.

4 (b) WATERFRONT SAFETY.—Section 70011(a) of
5 title 46, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1) by inserting “, including
7 damage or destruction resulting from cyber inci-
8 dents, transnational organized crime, or foreign
9 state threats” after “adjacent to such waters”; and

10 (2) in paragraph (2) by inserting “or harm re-
11 sulting from cyber incidents, transnational organized
12 crime, or foreign state threats” after “loss”.

13 (c) FACILITY VISIT BY STATE SPONSOR OF TER-
14 RORISM.—Section 70011(b) of title 46, United States
15 Code, is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (3) by striking “and” at the
17 end;

18 (2) in paragraph (4) by striking the period at
19 the end and inserting “; and”; and

20 (3) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(5) prohibiting a representative of a govern-
22 ment of country that the Secretary of State has de-
23 termined has repeatedly provided support for acts of
24 international terrorism under section 620A of the
25 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371)

1 from visiting a facility for which a facility security
2 plan is required under section 70103(c).”.

3 (d) GREAT LAKES AND SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY
4 NAVIGATION.—Section 70032 of title 46, United States
5 Code, is amended to read as follows:

6 **“§ 70032. Delegation of ports and waterways authori-**
7 **ties in Saint Lawrence Seaway**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
9 (b), the authority granted to the Secretary under sections
10 70001, 70002, 70003, 70004, and 70011 may not be dele-
11 gated with respect to the Saint Lawrence Seaway to any
12 agency other than the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway
13 Development Corporation. Any other authority granted
14 the Secretary under subchapters I through III and this
15 subchapter shall be delegated by the Secretary to the
16 Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corpora-
17 tion to the extent the Secretary determines such delega-
18 tion is necessary for the proper operation of the Saint
19 Lawrence Seaway.

20 “(b) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary of the department
21 in which the Coast Guard is operating, after consultation
22 with the Secretary or the head of an agency to which the
23 Secretary has delegated the authorities in subsection (a),
24 may—

1 “(1) issue and enforce special orders in accord-
2 ance with section 70002;

3 “(2) establish water or waterfront safety zones,
4 or other measures, for limited, controlled, or condi-
5 tional access and activity when necessary for the
6 protection of any vessel structure, waters, or shore
7 area, as permitted in section 70011(b)(3); and

8 “(3) take actions for port, harbor, and coastal
9 facility security in accordance with section 70116.”.

10 (e) REGULATION OF ANCHORAGE AND MOVEMENT
11 OF VESSELS DURING NATIONAL EMERGENCY.—Section
12 70051 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by in-
13 serting “or cyber incidents, or transnational organized
14 crime, or foreign state threats,” after “threatened war, or
15 invasion, or insurrection, or subversive activity,”.

16 (f) GREAT LAKES AND SAINT LAWRENCE RIVER CO-
17 OPERATIVE VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE.—Not later than
18 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
19 retary of the department in which the Coast Guard is op-
20 erating shall issue or amend such regulations as are nec-
21 essary to address any applicable arrangements with the
22 Canadian Coast Guard regarding vessel traffic services co-
23 operation and vessel traffic management data exchanges
24 within the Saint Lawrence Seaway and the Great Lakes.

1 (g) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
2 ter 700 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by
3 striking the item relating to section 70032 and inserting
4 the following:

“70032. Delegation of ports and waterways authorities in Saint Lawrence Sea-
way.”.

5 **SEC. 322. STUDY ON BERING STRAIT VESSEL TRAFFIC PRO-**
6 **JECTIONS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE POS-**
7 **TURE AT PORTS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall seek
10 to enter into an agreement with the National Academies
11 of Science, Engineering, and Medicine, under which the
12 Marine Board of the Transportation Research Board (in
13 this section referred to as the “Board”) shall conduct a
14 study to—

15 (1) analyze commercial vessel traffic that tran-
16 sits through the Bering Strait and projections for
17 the growth of such traffic during the 10-year period
18 beginning after such date of enactment; and

19 (2) assess the adequacy of emergency response
20 capabilities and infrastructure at the Port of Point
21 Spencer, Alaska, to address navigation safety risks
22 and geographic challenges necessary to conduct
23 emergency maritime response operations in the Arc-
24 tic environment.

1 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study required under sub-
2 section (a) shall include the following:

3 (1) An analysis of the volume and types of do-
4 mestic and international commercial vessel traffic
5 through the Bering Strait and the projected growth
6 of such traffic, including a summary of—

7 (A) the sizes, ages, and flag states of ves-
8 sels; and

9 (B) the oil and product tankers that are—

10 (i) in transit to or from Russia or
11 China; or

12 (ii) owned or operated by a Russian
13 or Chinese entity.

14 (2) An assessment of the state and adequacy of
15 vessel traffic services and oil spill and emergency re-
16 sponse capabilities in the vicinity of the Bering
17 Strait, including its approaches.

18 (3) A risk assessment of the projected growth
19 in commercial vessel traffic in the Bering Strait and
20 higher probability of increased frequency in the
21 number of maritime accidents, including spill events,
22 and the potential impacts to the Arctic maritime en-
23 vironment and Native Alaskan village communities
24 in the vicinity of the Bering Strait.

1 (4) An evaluation of the ability of the Port of
2 Point Spencer, Alaska, to serve as a port of refuge
3 and as a staging, logistics, and operations center to
4 conduct and support maritime emergency and spill
5 response activities.

6 (5) Recommendations for practical actions that
7 can be taken by the Congress, Federal agencies, the
8 State of Alaska, vessel carriers and operators, the
9 marine salvage and emergency response industry,
10 and other relevant stakeholders to mitigate risks,
11 upgrade infrastructure, and improve the posture of
12 the Port of Point Spencer, Alaska, to function as a
13 strategic staging and logistics center for maritime
14 emergency and spill response operations in the Ber-
15 ing Strait region.

16 (c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study re-
17 quired under subsection (a), the Board shall consult
18 with—

19 (1) the Department of Transportation;

20 (2) the Corps of Engineers;

21 (3) the National Transportation Safety Board;

22 (4) relevant ministries of the government of
23 Canada;

24 (5) the Port Coordination Council for the Port
25 of Point Spencer; and

1 (6) non-government entities with relevant exper-
2 tise in monitoring and characterizing vessel traffic in
3 the Arctic.

4 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after initiating
5 the study under subsection (a), the Board shall submit
6 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
7 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
8 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a
9 report containing the findings and recommendations of the
10 study.

11 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) ARCTIC.—The term “Arctic” has the mean-
13 ing given such term in section 112 of the Arctic Re-
14 search and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4111).

15 (2) PORT COORDINATION COUNCIL FOR THE
16 PORT OF POINT SPENCER.—The term “Port Coordi-
17 nation Council for the Port of Point Spencer” means
18 the Council established under section 541 of the
19 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015 (Public Law
20 114–120).

21 **SEC. 323. IMPROVING VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE MONI-**
22 **TORING.**

23 (a) PROXIMITY OF ANCHORAGES TO PIPELINES.—

24 (1) IMPLEMENTATION OF RESTRUCTURING
25 PLAN.—Not later than 1 year after the date of en-

1 actment of this Act, the Commandant shall imple-
2 ment the November 2021 proposed plan of the Ves-
3 sel Traffic Service Los Angeles-Long Beach for re-
4 structuring the Federal anchorages in San Pedro
5 Bay described on page 54 of the Report of the Na-
6 tional Transportation Safety Board titled “Anchor
7 Strike of Underwater Pipeline and Eventual Crude
8 Oil Release” and issued January 2, 2024.

9 (2) STUDY.—The Secretary of the department
10 in which the Coast Guard is operating shall conduct
11 a study to identify any anchorage grounds other
12 than the San Pedro Bay Federal anchorages in
13 which the distance between the center of an ap-
14 proved anchorage ground and a pipeline is less than
15 1 mile.

16 (3) REPORT.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years
18 after the date of enactment of this Act, the
19 Commandant shall submit to the Committee on
20 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
21 of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
22 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
23 ate a report on the results of the study required
24 under paragraph (2).

1 (B) CONTENTS.—The report under sub-
2 paragraph (A) shall include—

3 (i) a list of the anchorage grounds de-
4 scribed under paragraph (2);

5 (ii) whether it is possible to move each
6 such anchorage ground to provide a min-
7 imum distance of 1 mile; and

8 (iii) a recommendation of whether to
9 move any such anchorage ground and ex-
10 planation for the recommendation.

11 (b) PROXIMITY TO PIPELINE ALERTS.—

12 (1) AUDIBLE AND VISUAL ALARMS.—The Com-
13 mandant shall consult with the providers of vessel
14 monitoring systems to add to the monitoring sys-
15 tems for vessel traffic services audible and visual
16 alarms that alert the watchstander when an an-
17 chored vessel is encroaching on a pipeline.

18 (2) NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES.—Not later
19 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act,
20 the Commandant shall develop procedures for all
21 vessel traffic services to notify pipeline and utility
22 operators following potential incursions on sub-
23 merged pipelines within the vessel traffic service
24 area of responsibility.

1 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
2 date of enactment of this Act, and annually for the
3 subsequent 3 years, the Commandant shall submit
4 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-
5 ture of the House of Representatives and the Com-
6 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
7 the Senate a report on the implementation of para-
8 graphs (1) and (2).

9 **SEC. 324. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ONBOARD VESSELS.**

10 Section 70503(a) of title 46, United States Code, is
11 amended—

12 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by
13 striking “While on board a covered vessel, an” and
14 inserting “An”;

15 (2) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-
16 lows:

17 “(1) manufacture or distribute, possess with in-
18 tent to manufacture or distribute, or place or cause
19 to be placed with intent to manufacture or distribute
20 a controlled substance on board a covered vessel;”;

21 (3) in paragraph (2) by inserting “on board a
22 covered vessel” before the semicolon; and

23 (4) in paragraph (3) by inserting “while on
24 board a covered vessel” after “such individual”.

1 **SEC. 325. CYBER-INCIDENT TRAINING.**

2 Section 70103(c) of title 46, United States Code, is
3 amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(9) The Secretary may conduct no-notice exercises
5 in Captain of the Port Zones (as described in part 3 of
6 title 33, Code of Federal Regulations as in effect on the
7 date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act
8 of 2025) involving a facility or vessel required to maintain
9 a security plan under this subsection.”.

10 **SEC. 326. NAVIGATIONAL PROTOCOLS.**

11 The Commandant, in consultation with the Undersec-
12 retary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, shall ex-
13 amine the navigational protocols used for foreign allied na-
14 tions governing port and vessel operations in fog and low
15 visibility operations and how those nations utilize ad-
16 vanced navigation technologies such as remote sensing,
17 radar, tracking, and unmanned aerial vehicles to monitor
18 visibility and manage port and vessels operations.

19 **SEC. 327. ANCHORAGES.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the department
21 in which the Coast Guard is operating shall suspend the
22 establishment of new anchorage grounds on the Hudson
23 River between Palisades, New York, and Germantown,
24 New York, under section 7 of the Rivers and Harbors Ap-
25 propriations Act of 1915 (33 U.S.C. 471) or chapter 700
26 of title 46, United States Code.

1 (b) PORT OF NEW YORK BOUNDARY POINTS.—The
2 boundary points for the Port of New York existing prior
3 to the issuance of Coast Guard Marine Safety Information
4 Bulletin 2023-001 shall remain in place for a period of
5 20 years.

6 **Subtitle D—Matters Involving**
7 **Autonomous Systems**

8 **SEC. 331. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL ADVISORY COM-**
9 **MITTEE ON AUTONOMOUS MARITIME SYS-**
10 **TEMS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 151 of title 46, United
12 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
13 lowing:

14 **“§ 15110. Establishment of National Advisory Com-**
15 **mittee on Autonomous Maritime Systems**

16 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a Na-
17 tional Advisory Committee on Autonomous Maritime Sys-
18 tems (in this section referred to as the ‘Committee’).

19 “(b) FUNCTION.—The Committee shall advise the
20 Secretary on matters relating to the regulation and use
21 of Autonomous Systems within the territorial waters of
22 the United States.

23 “(c) MEMBERSHIP.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall con-
2 sist of 15 members appointed by the Secretary in ac-
3 cordance with this section and section 15109.

4 “(2) EXPERTISE.—Each member of the Com-
5 mittee shall have particular expertise, knowledge,
6 and experience in matters relating to the function of
7 the Committee.

8 “(3) REPRESENTATION.—Each of the following
9 groups shall be represented by at least 1 member on
10 the Committee:

11 “(A) Marine safety or security entities.

12 “(B) Vessel design and construction enti-
13 ties.

14 “(C) Entities engaged in the production or
15 research of uncrewed vehicles, including drones,
16 autonomous or semi-autonomous vehicles, or
17 any other product or service integral to the pro-
18 vision, maintenance, or management of such
19 products or services.

20 “(D) Port districts, authorities, or terminal
21 operators.

22 “(E) Vessel operators.

23 “(F) National labor unions representing
24 merchant mariners.

25 “(G) Maritime pilots.

1 “(H) Commercial space transportation op-
2 erators.

3 “(I) Academic institutions.

4 “(J) National labor unions representing
5 longshore workers.”.

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The analysis for
7 chapter 151 of title 46, United States Code, is amended
8 by adding at the end the following:

 “15110. Establishment of National Advisory Committee on Autonomous Mari-
 time Systems.”.

9 (c) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after
10 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
11 department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall
12 establish the Committee under section 15110 of title 46,
13 United States Code (as added by this section).

14 **SEC. 332. PILOT PROGRAM FOR GOVERNANCE AND OVER-**
15 **SIGHT OF SMALL UNCREWED MARITIME SYS-**
16 **TEMS.**

17 (a) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
18 sion of law, for the period beginning on the date of enact-
19 ment of this Act and ending on the date that is 2 years
20 after such date of enactment, small uncrewed maritime
21 systems owned, operated, or chartered by the National
22 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or that are per-
23 forming specified oceanographic surveys on behalf of and
24 pursuant to a contract or other written agreement with

1 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,
2 shall not be subject to any vessel inspection, design, oper-
3 ations, navigation (except for chapter 551 of title 46,
4 United States Code), credentialing, or training require-
5 ment, law, or regulation, that the Assistant Administrator
6 of the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations of the
7 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration deter-
8 mines will harm real-time operational extreme weather
9 oceanographic and atmospheric data collection and pre-
10 dictions.

11 (b) OTHER AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this section
12 shall limit the authority of the Secretary of the depart-
13 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating, acting
14 through the Commandant, if there is an immediate safety
15 or security concern regarding small uncrewed maritime
16 systems.

17 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) SMALL UNCREWED MARITIME SYSTEMS.—

19 The term “small uncrewed maritime systems”
20 means unmanned maritime systems (as defined in
21 section 2 of the CENOTE Act of 2018 (33 U.S.C.
22 4101)), that—

23 (A) are not greater than 35 feet overall in
24 length;

1 (B) are operated remotely or autono-
2 mously; and

3 (C) exclusively perform oceanographic sur-
4 veys or scientific research.

5 (2) UNCREWED SYSTEM.—The term “uncrewed
6 system”—

7 (A) means an uncrewed surface, undersea,
8 or aircraft system and associated elements (in-
9 cluding communication links and the compo-
10 nents that control the uncrewed system) that
11 are required for the operator to operate the sys-
12 tem safely and efficiently; and

13 (B) includes an unmanned aircraft system
14 (as such term is defined in section 44801 of
15 title 49, United States Code).

16 **SEC. 333. COAST GUARD TRAINING COURSE.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—For the period beginning on the
18 date of enactment of this Act and ending on the date that
19 is 3 years after such date of enactment, the Commandant,
20 or such other individual or organization as the Com-
21 mandant considers appropriate, shall develop a training
22 course on small uncrewed maritime systems and offer such
23 training course at least once each year for Coast Guard
24 personnel working with or regulating small uncrewed mar-
25 itime systems.

1 (b) COURSE SUBJECT MATTER.—The training course
2 developed under subsection (a) shall—

3 (1) provide an overview and introduction to
4 small uncrewed maritime systems, including exam-
5 ples of those used by the Federal Government, in
6 academic settings, and in commercial sectors;

7 (2) address the benefits and disadvantages of
8 use of small uncrewed maritime systems;

9 (3) address safe navigation of small uncrewed
10 maritime systems, including measures to ensure col-
11 lision avoidance;

12 (4) address the ability of small uncrewed mari-
13 time systems to communicate with and alert other
14 vessels in the vicinity;

15 (5) address the ability of small uncrewed mari-
16 time systems to respond to system alarms and fail-
17 ures to ensure control commensurate with the risk
18 posed by the systems;

19 (6) provide present and future capabilities of
20 small uncrewed maritime systems; and

21 (7) provide an overview of the role of the Inter-
22 national Maritime Organization in the governance of
23 small uncrewed maritime systems.

24 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) SMALL UNCREWED MARITIME SYSTEMS.—

2 The term “small uncrewed maritime systems”
3 means unmanned maritime systems (as defined in
4 section 2 of the CENOTE Act of 2018 (33 U.S.C.
5 4101)), that—

6 (A) are not greater than 35 feet overall in
7 length;

8 (B) are operated remotely or autono-
9 mously; and

10 (C) exclusively perform oceanographic sur-
11 veys or scientific research.

12 (2) UNCREWED SYSTEM.—The term “uncrewed
13 system”—

14 (A) means an uncrewed surface, undersea,
15 or aircraft system and associated elements (in-
16 cluding communication links and the compo-
17 nents that control the uncrewed system) that
18 are required for the operator to operate the sys-
19 tem safely and efficiently; and

20 (B) includes an unmanned aircraft system
21 (as such term is defined in section 44801 of
22 title 49, United States Code).

1 **SEC. 334. NOAA MEMBERSHIP ON AUTONOMOUS VESSEL**
2 **POLICY COUNCIL.**

3 Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment
4 of this Act, the Commandant, with the concurrence of the
5 Assistant Administrator of the Office of Marine and Avia-
6 tion Operations of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
7 Administration, shall establish the permanent membership
8 of a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
9 employee to the Automated and Autonomous Vessel Policy
10 Council of the Coast Guard.

11 **SEC. 335. TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAM.**

12 Section 319(b)(1) of title 14, United States Code, is
13 amended by striking “2 or more” and inserting “up to
14 4”.

15 **SEC. 336. UNCREWED SYSTEMS CAPABILITIES REPORT.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—

17 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
18 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
19 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation
20 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
21 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
22 Transportation of the Senate a report that outlines
23 a plan for establishing an uncrewed systems capa-
24 bilities office within the Coast Guard responsible for
25 the acquisition and development of uncrewed system
26 and counter-uncrewed system technologies and to ex-

1 pand the capabilities of the Coast Guard with re-
2 spect to such technologies.

3 (2) CONTENTS.—The report required under
4 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

5 (A) A management strategy for the acqui-
6 sition, development, and deployment of
7 uncrewed system and counter-uncrewed system
8 technologies.

9 (B) A service-wide coordination strategy to
10 synchronize and integrate efforts across the
11 Coast Guard in order to—

12 (i) support the primary duties of the
13 Coast Guard pursuant to section 102 of
14 title 14, United States Code; and

15 (ii) pursue expanded research, devel-
16 opment, testing, and evaluation opportuni-
17 ties and funding to expand and accelerate
18 identification and transition of uncrewed
19 system and counter-uncrewed system tech-
20 nologies.

21 (C) The identification of contracting and
22 acquisition authorities needed to expedite the
23 development and deployment of uncrewed sys-
24 tem and counter-uncrewed system technologies.

1 (D) A detailed list of commercially avail-
2 able uncrewed system and counter-uncrewed
3 system technologies with capabilities determined
4 to be useful for the Coast Guard.

5 (E) A cross-agency collaboration plan to
6 engage with the Department of Defense and
7 other relevant agencies to identify common re-
8 quirements and opportunities to partner in ac-
9 quiring, contracting, and sustaining uncrewed
10 system and counter-uncrewed system capabili-
11 ties.

12 (F) Opportunities to obtain and share
13 uncrewed system data from government and
14 commercial sources to improve maritime do-
15 main awareness.

16 (G) The development of a concept of oper-
17 ations for a data system that supports and inte-
18 grates uncrewed system and counter-uncrewed
19 system technologies with key enablers, including
20 enterprise communications networks, data stor-
21 age and management, artificial intelligence and
22 machine learning tools, and information sharing
23 and dissemination capabilities.

24 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) COUNTER-UNCREWED SYSTEM.—The term
2 “counter-uncrewed system”—

3 (A) means a system or device capable of
4 lawfully and safely disabling, disrupting, or
5 seizing control of an uncrewed system; and

6 (B) includes a counter-UAS system (as
7 such term is defined in section 44801 of title
8 49, United States Code).

9 (2) UNCREWED SYSTEM.—The term “uncrewed
10 system”—

11 (A) means an uncrewed surface, undersea,
12 or aircraft system and associated elements (in-
13 cluding communication links and the compo-
14 nents that control the uncrewed system) that
15 are required for the operator to operate the sys-
16 tem safely and efficiently; and

17 (B) includes an unmanned aircraft system
18 (as such term is defined in section 44801 of
19 title 49, United States Code).

20 **SEC. 337. MEDIUM UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS CAPA-**
21 **BILITIES STUDY.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
23 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall con-
24 duct a study to determine the feasibility of expanding the
25 National Security Cutter’s medium unmanned aircraft

1 system capabilities to Medium Endurance Cutters and
2 Offshore Patrol Cutters.

3 (b) REPORT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
5 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
6 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation
7 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
8 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
9 Transportation of the Senate a written report that
10 contains the results of the study conducted under
11 subsection (a).

12 (2) CONTENTS.—In submitting the study under
13 paragraph (1), the Commandant shall determine—

14 (A) the feasibility of equipping Offshore
15 Patrol Cutters and Medium Endurance Cutters
16 with medium unmanned aircraft systems;

17 (B) the missions capabilities that would be
18 strengthen by the use of such systems; and

19 (V) projected procurement and operational
20 costs for acquiring such systems.

21 **SEC. 338. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON COAST**
22 **GUARD ACQUISITION AND DEPLOYMENT OF**
23 **UNMANNED SYSTEMS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after
25 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General

1 of the United States shall submit to the Committee on
2 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House and the
3 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
4 Senate the first of multiple reports of the use and acqui-
5 sition of the Coast Guard of unmanned systems, with subse-
6 quent reports submitted after the first report.

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

9 (1) An inventory of the current unmanned sys-
10 tems of the Coast Guard, including the missions and
11 assets on which such systems are deployed.

12 (2) Cost, schedule, and performance status of
13 the unmanned system acquisition programs of the
14 Coast Guard.

15 (3) The extent to which the Coast Guard has
16 assessed how the use of such systems support the
17 primary duties of the Coast Guard pursuant to sec-
18 tion 102 of title 14, United States Code.

19 (4) An evaluation of the acquisition strategy of
20 the Coast Guard for unmanned systems, including
21 the extent to which the Coast Guard has evaluated
22 the benefits and costs of acquiring—

23 (A) commercially available systems; and

24 (B) autonomous capabilities.

1 (5) An evaluation of the progress of the Coast
2 Guard in establishing an unmanned systems capa-
3 bilities office responsible for the acquisition and de-
4 velopment of unmanned system technologies, and the
5 effectiveness of such office, including the ability to—

6 (A) support the acquisition, development,
7 leasing, and deployment of unmanned systems
8 technologies, including autonomous capabilities;

9 (B) execute a service-wide coordination
10 strategy to synchronize and integrate efforts
11 across the Coast Guard;

12 (C) pursue expanded research, develop-
13 ment, experimentation, testing, and evaluation
14 opportunities and funding to expand and accel-
15 erate identification and transition of unmanned
16 system technologies; and

17 (D) execute cross-agency collaboration to
18 engage with the Department of Homeland Se-
19 curity, the Department of Defense, and other
20 relevant agencies to identify common require-
21 ments and opportunities to partner in acquir-
22 ing, contracting, and sustaining unmanned sys-
23 tem capabilities.

1 (6) Recommendations to improve the ability of
2 the Coast Guard to evaluate, acquire, and deploy un-
3 manned systems technologies.

4 (c) CONSULTATION.—In developing the report re-
5 quired under subsection (a), the Comptroller General may
6 consult with—

7 (1) the maritime and aviation industries;

8 (2) Federal Government agencies familiar with
9 the use and deployment of unmanned systems; and

10 (3) any relevant—

11 (A) federally funded research institutions;

12 (B) nongovernmental organizations; and

13 (C) manufactures of unmanned systems.

14 **SEC. 339. NATIONAL ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES REPORT ON**
15 **UNMANNED SYSTEMS AND USE OF DATA.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
17 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall seek
18 to enter into an arrangement with the National Academy
19 of Sciences under which the Academy shall prepare an as-
20 sessment of available unmanned, autonomous, or re-
21 motely-controlled maritime domain awareness technologies
22 for use by the Coast Guard.

23 (b) ASSESSMENT.—In carrying out the assessment
24 under subsection (a), the National Academy of Sciences
25 shall—

1 (1) describe the potential benefits and limita-
2 tions of current and emerging unmanned, autono-
3 mous, or remotely controlled systems used in the
4 maritime domain for—

5 (A) ocean observation;

6 (B) vessel monitoring and identification;

7 (C) weather observation;

8 (D) search and rescue operations;

9 (E) to the extent practicable for consider-
10 ation by the Academy, intelligence gathering,
11 surveillance, and reconnaissance; and

12 (F) communications;

13 (2) assess how technologies described in para-
14 graph (1) can help prioritize Federal investment by
15 examining—

16 (A) affordability, including acquisition, op-
17 erations, maintenance and lifecycle costs;

18 (B) reliability;

19 (C) versatility;

20 (D) efficiency; and

21 (E) estimated service life and persistence
22 of effort;

23 (3) analyze whether the use of new and emerg-
24 ing maritime domain awareness technologies can be
25 used to—

1 (A) effectively carry out Coast Guard mis-
2 sions at lower costs and reduced manpower
3 needs;

4 (B) expand the scope and range of Coast
5 Guard maritime domain awareness; and

6 (C) allow the Coast Guard to more effi-
7 ciently and effectively allocate Coast Guard ves-
8 sels, aircraft, and personnel;

9 (4) evaluate the extent to which such systems
10 have moved from the research and development
11 phase to effective operations since the National
12 Academy of Sciences published the study titled
13 “Leveraging Unmanned Systems for Coast Guard
14 Missions” and issued in 2020; and

15 (5) identify adjustments that would be nec-
16 essary in Coast Guard authorities, policies, proce-
17 dures, and protocols to incorporate unmanned tech-
18 nologies to enhance efficiency.

19 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year
20 after entering into an arrangement under subsection (a),
21 the National Academy of Sciences shall submit to the
22 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
23 House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
24 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate the as-
25 sessment prepared under this section.

1 (d) USE OF INFORMATION.—In formulating costs
2 pursuant to subsection (b), the National Academy of
3 Sciences may utilize information from other Coast Guard
4 reports, assessments, or analyses regarding existing Coast
5 Guard manpower requirements or other reports, assess-
6 ments, or analyses for the acquisition of unmanned, auton-
7 omous, or remotely-controlled technologies by the Federal
8 Government.

9 **SEC. 340. UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter IV of chapter 5 of
11 title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
12 end the following:

13 **“§ 565. Use of unmanned aircraft systems**

14 “With respect to any unmanned aircraft system pro-
15 cured by the Coast Guard, the Commandant shall ensure
16 that such system be used to support the primary duties
17 of the Coast Guard pursuant to section 102.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
19 ter 5 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by add-
20 ing at the end the following:

“565. Use of unmanned aircraft systems.”.

1 **Subtitle E—Other Matters**

2 **SEC. 341. INFORMATION ON TYPE APPROVAL CERTIFI-**
3 **CATES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title IX of the Frank LoBiondo
5 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–
6 282) is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 **“SEC. 904. INFORMATION ON TYPE APPROVAL CERTIFI-**
8 **CATES.**

9 “Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the Com-
10 mandant of the Coast Guard shall, upon request by any
11 State, the District of Columbia, any Indian Tribe, or any
12 territory of the United States, provide all data possessed
13 by the Coast Guard for a ballast water management sys-
14 tem with a type approval certificate approved by the Coast
15 Guard pursuant to subpart 162.060 of title 46, Code of
16 Federal Regulations, as in effect on the date of enactment
17 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025 pertaining
18 to—

19 “(1) challenge water (as defined in section
20 162.060–3 of title 46, Code of Federal Regulations,
21 as in effect on the date of enactment of the Coast
22 Guard Authorization Act of 2025) quality character-
23 istics;

24 “(2) post-treatment water quality characteris-
25 tics;

1 “(3) challenge water (as defined in section
 2 162.060–3 of title 46, Code of Federal Regulations,
 3 as in effect on the date of enactment of the Coast
 4 Guard Authorization Act of 2025) biologic organism
 5 concentrations data; and

6 “(4) post-treatment water biologic organism
 7 concentrations data.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
 9 for the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act
 10 of 2018 (Public Law 115–282) is amended by inserting
 11 after the item relating to section 903 the following:

“Sec. 904. Information on type approval certificates.”.

12 **SEC. 342. CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITIES.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5(a) of the Deepwater
 14 Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1504(a)) is amended by
 15 striking the first sentence and inserting “Notwithstanding
 16 section 888(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
 17 U.S.C. 468(b)), the Secretary shall have the authority to
 18 issue regulations to carry out the purposes and provisions
 19 of this Act, in accordance with the provisions of section
 20 553 of title 5, United States Code, without regard to sub-
 21 section (a) thereof.”.

22 (b) NEPA COMPLIANCE.—Section 5 of the Deep-
 23 water Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1504) is amended by
 24 striking subsection (f) and inserting the following:

25 “(f) NEPA COMPLIANCE.—

1 “(1) DEFINITION OF LEAD AGENCY.—In this
2 subsection, the term ‘lead agency’ has the meaning
3 given the term in section 111 of the National Envi-
4 ronmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4336e).

5 “(2) LEAD AGENCY.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For all applications,
7 the Maritime Administration shall be the Fed-
8 eral lead agency for purposes of the National
9 Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
10 4321 et seq.).

11 “(B) EFFECT OF COMPLIANCE.—Compli-
12 ance with the National Environmental Policy
13 Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) in accord-
14 ance with subparagraph (A) shall fulfill the re-
15 quirement of the Federal lead agency in car-
16 rying out the responsibilities under the National
17 Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
18 4321 et seq.) pursuant to this Act.”.

19 (c) REGULATIONS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months
21 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-
22 mandant shall transfer the authorities provided to
23 the Coast Guard in part 148 of title 33, Code of
24 Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of en-

1 actment of this Act), except as provided in para-
2 graph (2), to the Secretary of Transportation.

3 (2) RETENTION OF AUTHORITY.—The Com-
4 mandant shall retain responsibility for authorities
5 pertaining to design, construction, equipment, and
6 operation of deepwater ports and navigational safe-
7 ty.

8 (3) UPDATES TO AUTHORITY.—As soon as
9 practicable after the date of enactment of this Act,
10 the Secretary of Transportation shall issue such reg-
11 ulations as are necessary to reflect the updates to
12 authorities prescribed by this subsection.

13 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
14 tion, or the amendments made by this section, may be con-
15 strued to limit the authorities of other governmental agen-
16 cies previously delegated authorities of the Deepwater
17 Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) or any other
18 law.

19 (e) APPLICATIONS.—Nothing in this section, or the
20 amendments made by this section, shall apply to any ap-
21 plication submitted before the date of enactment of this
22 Act.

1 **SEC. 343. AMENDMENTS TO PASSENGER VESSEL SECURITY**
2 **AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.**

3 (a) MAINTENANCE OF SUPPLIES THAT PREVENT
4 SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES.—Section
5 3507(d)(1) of title 46, United States Code, is amended
6 by inserting “(taking into consideration the length of the
7 voyage and the number of passengers and crewmembers
8 that the vessel can accommodate)” after “a sexual as-
9 sault”.

10 (b) CREW ACCESS TO PASSENGER STATEROOMS;
11 PROCEDURES AND RESTRICTIONS.—Section 3507(f) of
12 title 46, United States Code, is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (1)—

14 (A) in subparagraph (A) by striking “and”
15 at the end; and

16 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (B)
17 the following:

18 “(C) a system that electronically records
19 the date, time, and identity of each crew mem-
20 ber accessing each passenger stateroom; and”;
21 and

22 (2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the
23 following:

24 “(2) ensure that the procedures and restrictions
25 are—

26 “(A) fully and properly implemented;

1 “(B) reviewed annually; and

2 “(C) updated as necessary.”.

3 **SEC. 344. EXTENSION OF PILOT PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH A**
4 **CETACEAN DESK FOR PUGET SOUND REGION.**

5 Section 11304(a)(2)(A)(i) of the Don Young Coast
6 Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (16 U.S.C. 1390 note)
7 is amended by striking “4 years” and inserting “6 years”.

8 **SEC. 345. SUSPENSION OF ENFORCEMENT OF USE OF DE-**
9 **VICES BROADCASTING ON AIS FOR PUR-**
10 **POSES OF MARKING FISHING GEAR.**

11 Section 11320 of the Don Young Coast Guard Au-
12 thorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat.
13 4092) is amended by striking “during the period” and all
14 that follows through the period at the end and inserting
15 “until December 31, 2029.”.

16 **SEC. 346. CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES.**

17 Section 3316(d) of title 46, United States Code, is
18 amended—

19 (1) by amending paragraph (2)(B)(i) to read as
20 follows:

21 “(i) the government of the foreign country in
22 which the foreign society is headquartered—

23 “(I) delegates that authority to the Amer-
24 ican Bureau of Shipping; or

1 “(II) does not delegate that authority to
2 any classification society; or”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(5) CLARIFICATION ON AUTHORITY.—Nothing
5 in this subsection authorizes the Secretary to make
6 a delegation under paragraph (2) to a classification
7 society from the People’s Republic of China.”.

8 **SEC. 347. ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSEL REMOVALS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 47 of title 46, United
10 States Code, is amended—

11 (1) in the chapter heading by striking
12 “**BARGES**” and inserting “**VESSELS**”;

13 (2) by inserting before section 4701 the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “SUBCHAPTER I—BARGES”; AND

16 (3) by adding at the end the following:

17 “SUBCHAPTER II—NON-BARGE VESSELS

18 **“§ 4710. Definitions**

19 “In this subchapter:

20 “(1) ABANDON.—The term ‘abandon’ means to
21 moor, strand, wreck, sink, or leave a covered vessel
22 unattended for longer than 45 days.

23 “(2) COVERED VESSEL.—The term ‘covered
24 vessel’ means a vessel that is not a barge to which
25 subchapter I applies.

1 “(3) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’
2 has the meaning given such term in section 4 of the
3 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
4 Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

5 “(4) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The
6 term ‘Native Hawaiian organization’ has the mean-
7 ing given such term in section 6207 of the Elemen-
8 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
9 U.S.C. 7517) except the term includes the Depart-
10 ment of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Office of
11 Hawaiian Affairs.

12 **“§ 4711. Abandonment of vessels prohibited**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An owner or operator of a cov-
14 ered vessel may not abandon such vessel on the navigable
15 waters of the United States.

16 “(b) DETERMINATION OF ABANDONMENT.—

17 “(1) NOTIFICATION.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to a cov-
19 ered vessel that appears to be abandoned, the
20 Commandant of the Coast Guard shall—

21 “(i) attempt to identify the owner
22 using the vessel registration number, hull
23 identification number, or any other infor-
24 mation that can be reasonably inferred or
25 gathered; and

1 “(ii) notify such owner—

2 “(I) of the penalty described in
3 subsection (c); and

4 “(II) that the vessel will be re-
5 moved at the expense of the owner if
6 the Commandant determines that the
7 vessel is abandoned and the owner
8 does not remove or account for the
9 vessel.

10 “(B) FORM.—The Commandant shall pro-
11 vide the notice required under subparagraph
12 (A)—

13 “(i) if the owner can be identified, via
14 certified mail or other appropriate forms
15 determined by the Commandant; or

16 “(ii) if the owner cannot be identified,
17 via an announcement in a local publication
18 and on a website maintained by the Coast
19 Guard.

20 “(2) DETERMINATION.—The Commandant
21 shall make a determination not earlier than 45 days
22 after the date on which the Commandant provides
23 the notification required under paragraph (1) of
24 whether a covered vessel described in such para-
25 graph is abandoned.

1 “(c) PENALTY.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant may as-
3 sess a civil penalty of not more than \$500 against
4 an owner or operator of a covered vessel determined
5 to be abandoned under subsection (b) for a violation
6 of subsection (a).

7 “(2) LIABILITY IN REM.—The owner or oper-
8 ator of a covered vessel shall also be liable in rem
9 for a penalty imposed under paragraph (1).

10 “(3) LIMITATION.—The Commandant shall not
11 assess a penalty if the Commandant determines the
12 vessel was abandoned due to major extenuating cir-
13 cumstances of the owner or operator of the vessel,
14 including long term medical incapacitation of the
15 owner or operator.

16 “(d) VESSELS NOT ABANDONED.—The Commandant
17 may not determine that a covered vessel is abandoned
18 under this section if—

19 “(1) such vessel is located at a federally ap-
20 proved or State approved mooring area;

21 “(2) such vessel is located on private property
22 with the permission of the owner of such property;

23 “(3) the owner or operator of such vessel pro-
24 vides a notification to the Commandant that—

25 “(A) indicates the location of the vessel;

1 “(B) indicates that the vessel is not aban-
2 doned; and

3 “(C) contains documentation proving that
4 the vessel is allowed to be in such location; or

5 “(4) the Commandant determines that such an
6 abandonment determination would not be in the
7 public interest.

8 **“§ 4712. Inventory of abandoned vessels**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
10 date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act
11 of 2025, the Commandant, in consultation with the Ad-
12 ministrators of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-
13 ministration and relevant State agencies, shall establish
14 and maintain a national inventory of covered vessels that
15 are abandoned.

16 “(b) CONTENTS.—The inventory established and
17 maintained under subsection (a) shall include data on each
18 vessel, including geographic information system data re-
19 lated to the location of each such vessel.

20 “(c) PUBLICATION.—The Commandant shall make
21 the inventory established under subsection (a) publicly
22 available on a website of the Coast Guard.

23 “(d) REPORTING OF POTENTIALLY ABANDONED
24 VESSELS.—In carrying out this section, the Commandant
25 shall develop a process by which—

1 “(1) a State, Indian Tribe, Native Hawaiian or-
2 ganization, or person may report a covered vessel
3 that may be abandoned to the Commandant for po-
4 tential inclusion in the inventory established under
5 subsection (a);

6 “(2) the Commandant shall review any such re-
7 port and add such vessel to the inventory if the
8 Commandant determines that the reported vessel is
9 abandoned pursuant to section 4711.

10 “(e) CLARIFICATION.—Except in a response action
11 carried out under section 311(j) of the Federal Water Pol-
12 lution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321) or in the case of im-
13 minent threat to life and safety, the Commandant shall
14 not be responsible for removing any covered vessels listed
15 on the inventory established and maintained under sub-
16 section (a).”.

17 (b) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary of the department
18 in which the Coast Guard is operating, in consultation
19 with the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief
20 of Engineers, and the Secretary of Commerce, acting
21 through the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere,
22 shall issue regulations with respect to the procedures for
23 determining that a vessel is abandoned for the purposes
24 of subchapter II of chapter 47 of title 46, United States
25 Code (as added by this section).

1 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 47 of title
2 46, United States Code, is amended—

3 (1) in section 4701—

4 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)
5 by striking “chapter” and inserting “sub-
6 chapter”; and

7 (B) in paragraph (2) by striking “chapter”
8 and inserting “subchapter”;

9 (2) in section 4703 by striking “chapter” and
10 inserting “subchapter”;

11 (3) in section 4704 by striking “chapter” each
12 place it appears and inserting “subchapter”; and

13 (4) in section 4705 by striking “chapter” and
14 inserting “subchapter”.

15 (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The analysis for
16 chapter 47 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

17 (1) by inserting before the item relating to sec-
18 tion 4701 the following:

“SUBCHAPTER I—BARGES”; AND

19 (2) by adding at the end the following:

“SUBCHAPTER II—NON-BARGE VESSELS

“4710. Definitions.

“4711. Abandonment of vessels prohibited.

“4712. Inventory of abandoned vessels.”.

20 **SEC. 348. OFFSHORE OPERATIONS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3702(b) of title 46,
22 United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by
2 striking “offshore drilling or production facilities in
3 the oil industry” and inserting “exploration, develop-
4 ment, or production of offshore drilling or produc-
5 tion facilities in the oil industry and non-mineral en-
6 ergy production”; and

7 (2) in paragraph (2) by striking “oil exploi-
8 tation” and inserting “exploration, development, or
9 production of offshore energy resources”.

10 (b) OIL FUEL TANK PROTECTION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
12 provision of law and not later than 60 days after the
13 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
14 shall amend section 125.115(b) of title 46, Code of
15 Federal Regulations (as in effect on such date of en-
16 actment), to reflect the amendment made in sub-
17 section (a).

18 (2) APPLICATION.—If the Commandant fails to
19 amend the section described in paragraph (1) by the
20 date that is 60 days after the date of enactment of
21 this Act, then, in lieu of the application of such sec-
22 tion, the Secretary shall allow vessels to which sec-
23 tion 3702 of title 46, United States Code, applies to
24 transfer fuel from the fuel supply tanks of such ves-
25 sel to offshore facilities in support of exploration, de-

1 velopment, or production of offshore energy re-
2 sources.

3 (c) OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF ACTIVITIES.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
5 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
6 shall amend section G6.3.a of the United States
7 Coast Guard Marine Safety Manual, Volume II ti-
8 tled “Materiel Inspection: Outer Continental Shelf
9 Activities”, issued September 20, 2021
10 (COMDTINST M16000.76) (as in effect on such
11 date of enactment), to reflect the amendment made
12 in subsection (a).

13 (2) APPLICATION.—If the Commandant fails to
14 amend the section described in paragraph (1) by the
15 date that is 60 days after the date of enactment of
16 this Act, then the Secretary shall in lieu of such sec-
17 tion not apply section 3702 of title 46, United
18 States Code, to a documented vessel transferring
19 fuel from the fuel supply tanks of such vessel to an
20 offshore facility if such vessel is not a tanker and is
21 in the service of exploration, development, or produc-
22 tion of offshore energy resources.

23 **SEC. 349. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.**

24 Section 9(b) of the Marine Debris Act (33 U.S.C.
25 1958) is amended by striking “, of which not more than

1 5 percent is authorized for each fiscal year for administra-
 2 tive costs”.

3 **SEC. 350. BRIEFING ON DEPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL PUR-**
 4 **POSE CRAFT – HEAVY WEATHER SECOND**
 5 **GENERATION (SPC-HWX II) VESSELS IN PA-**
 6 **CIFIC NORTHWEST.**

7 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
 8 of this Act, the Commandant shall provide to the Com-
 9 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
 10 Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
 11 structure of the House of Representatives a briefing on—

12 (1) the status of the acquisition and procure-
 13 ment of second-generation Special Purpose Craft –
 14 Heavy Weather (SPC–HWX II) vessels;

15 (2) the timeline for the deployment of such ves-
 16 sels to stations in the Pacific Northwest previously
 17 served by the first-generation Special Purpose Craft
 18 – Heavy Weather vessels; and

19 (3) any outstanding barriers to the timeliness of
 20 such deployment.

21 **TITLE IV—OIL POLLUTION**
 22 **RESPONSE**

23 **SEC. 401. VESSEL RESPONSE PLANS.**

24 (a) SALVAGE AND MARINE FIREFIGHTING RESPONSE
 25 CAPABILITY.—Section 311(j) of the Federal Water Pollu-

1 tion Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)) is amended by add-
2 ing at the end the following:

3 “(10) SALVAGE AND MARINE FIREFIGHTING
4 RESPONSE CAPABILITY.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The President, acting
6 through the Secretary of the department in
7 which the Coast Guard is operating unless oth-
8 erwise delegated by the President, may re-
9 quire—

10 “(i) periodic inspection of vessels and
11 salvage equipment, firefighting equipment,
12 and other major marine casualty response
13 equipment on or associated with vessels;

14 “(ii) periodic verification of capabili-
15 ties to appropriately, and in a timely man-
16 ner, respond to a marine casualty, includ-
17 ing—

18 “(I) drills, with or without prior
19 notice;

20 “(II) review of contracts and rel-
21 evant third-party agreements;

22 “(III) testing of equipment;

23 “(IV) review of training; and

24 “(V) other evaluations of marine
25 casualty response capabilities, as de-

1 terminated appropriate by the Presi-
2 dent; and

3 “(iii) carrying of appropriate response
4 equipment for responding to a marine cas-
5 ualty that employs the best technology eco-
6 nomically feasible and that is compatible
7 with the safe operation of the vessel.

8 “(B) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

9 “(i) MARINE CASUALTY.—The term
10 ‘marine casualty’ means a marine casualty
11 that is required to be reported pursuant to
12 paragraph (3), (4), or (5) of section 6101
13 of title 46, United States Code.

14 “(ii) SALVAGE EQUIPMENT.—The
15 term ‘salvage equipment’ means any equip-
16 ment that is capable of being used to assist
17 a vessel in potential or actual danger in
18 order to prevent loss of life, damage or de-
19 struction of the vessel or its cargo, or re-
20 lease of its contents into the marine envi-
21 ronment.”.

22 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days
24 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comp-
25 troller General of the United States shall submit to

1 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2 of the House of Representatives and the Committee
3 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
4 Senate a report on—

5 (A) the state of marine firefighting au-
6 thorities, jurisdiction, and plan review; and

7 (B) other considerations with respect to
8 fires at waterfront facilities (including vessel
9 fires) and vessel fires on the navigable waters
10 (as such term is defined in section 502 of the
11 Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
12 1362)).

13 (2) CONTENTS.—In carrying out paragraph (1),
14 the Comptroller General shall—

15 (A) examine—

16 (i) collaboration among Federal and
17 non-Federal entities for purposes of reduc-
18 ing the risks to local communities of fires
19 described in paragraph (1);

20 (ii) the prevalence and frequency of
21 such fires; and

22 (iii) the extent to which firefighters
23 and marine firefighters are aware of the
24 dangers of lithium-ion battery fires, includ-

1 ing lithium-ion batteries used for vehicles,
2 and how to respond to such fires;

3 (B) review methods of documenting and
4 sharing best practices throughout the maritime
5 community for responding to vessel fires; and

6 (C) make recommendations for—

7 (i) preparing for, responding to, and
8 training for such fires;

9 (ii) clarifying roles and responsibilities
10 of Federal and non-Federal entities in pre-
11 paring for, responding to, and training for
12 such fires; and

13 (iii) other topics for consideration.

14 **SEC. 402. USE OF MARINE CASUALTY INVESTIGATIONS.**

15 Section 6308 of title 46, United States Code, is
16 amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “initiated” and
18 inserting “conducted”; and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(e) For purposes of this section, an administrative
21 proceeding conducted by the United States includes pro-
22 ceedings under section 7701 and claims adjudicated under
23 section 1013 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C.
24 2713).”.

1 **SEC. 403. TIMING OF REVIEW.**

2 Section 1017 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33
3 U.S.C. 2717) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(g) **TIMING OF REVIEW.**—Before the date of com-
6 pletion of a removal action, no person may bring an action
7 under this Act, section 311 of the Federal Water Pollution
8 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321), or chapter 7 of title 5,
9 United States Code, challenging any decision relating to
10 such removal action that is made by an on-scene coordi-
11 nator appointed under the National Contingency Plan.”.

12 **SEC. 404. ONLINE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM.**

13 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 1 year after the
14 date of enactment of this Act, the National Response Cen-
15 ter shall submit to Congress a plan to design, fund, and
16 staff the National Response Center to develop and main-
17 tain a web-based application by which the National Re-
18 sponse Center may receive notifications of oil discharges
19 or releases of hazardous substances.

20 (b) **DEVELOPMENT OF APPLICATION.**—Not later
21 than 2 years after the date on which the plan is submitted
22 under subsection (a), the National Response Center
23 shall—

24 (1) complete development of the application de-
25 scribed in such subsection; and

1 (2) allow notifications described in such sub-
 2 section that are required under Federal law or regu-
 3 lation to be made online using such application.

4 (c) USE OF APPLICATION.—In carrying out sub-
 5 section (b), the National Response Center may not require
 6 the notification of an oil discharge or release of a haz-
 7 ardous substance to be made using the application devel-
 8 oped under such subsection.

9 **SEC. 405. INVESTMENT OF EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL**
 10 **COURT RECOVERY IN HIGH YIELD INVEST-**
 11 **MENTS AND MARINE RESEARCH.**

12 Section 350 of Public Law 106–113 (43 U.S.C.
 13 1474b note) is amended—

14 (1) by striking paragraph (5);

15 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), (4),
 16 (6), and (7) as subsections (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g),
 17 respectively, and indenting the subsections appro-
 18 priately;

19 (3) in paragraph (1)—

20 (A) by striking “(1) Notwithstanding any
 21 other provision of law and subject to the provi-
 22 sions of paragraphs (5) and (7)” and inserting
 23 the following:

24 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) CONSENT DECREE.—The term ‘Consent
2 Decree’ means the consent decree issued in United
3 States v. Exxon Corporation, et al. (No. A91–082
4 CIV) and State of Alaska v. Exxon Corporation, et
5 al. (No. A91–083 CIV).

6 “(2) FUND.—The term ‘Fund’ means the Nat-
7 ural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration
8 Fund established pursuant to title I of the Depart-
9 ment of the Interior and Related Agencies Appro-
10 priations Act, 1992 (43 U.S.C. 1474b).

11 “(3) OUTSIDE ACCOUNT.—The term ‘outside
12 account’ means any account outside the United
13 States Treasury.

14 “(4) TRUSTEE.—The term ‘Trustee’ means a
15 Federal or State natural resource trustee for the
16 Exxon Valdez oil spill.

17 “(b) DEPOSITS.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
19 provision of law and subject to subsection (g)’’;

20 (4) in subsection (b)(1) (as so designated)—

21 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

22 (A) by striking “issued in United States v.

23 Exxon Corporation, et al. (No. A91–082 CIV)

24 and State of Alaska v. Exxon Corporation, et

1 al. (No. A91–083 CIV) (hereafter referred to as
2 the ‘Consent Decree’),”;

3 (B) by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B)
4 and inserting the following:

5 “(A) the Fund;

6 “(B) an outside account; or”; and

7 (C) in the undesignated matter following
8 subparagraph (C)—

9 (i) by striking “the Federal and State
10 natural resource trustees for the Exxon
11 Valdez oil spill (‘trustees’)” and inserting
12 “the Trustees”; and

13 (ii) by striking “Any funds” and in-
14 serting the following:

15 “(2) REQUIREMENT FOR DEPOSITS IN OUTSIDE
16 ACCOUNTS.—Any funds”;

17 (5) in subsection (c) (as redesignated by para-
18 graph (2)) by striking “(C) Joint” and inserting the
19 following:

20 “(c) TRANSFERS.—Any joint”;

21 (6) in subsection (d) (as redesignated by para-
22 graph (2)) by striking “(D) The transfer” and in-
23 serting the following:

24 “(d) NO EFFECT ON JURISDICTION.—The transfer”;

1 (7) in subsection (e) (as redesignated by para-
2 graph (2))—

3 (A) by striking “**(E)** Nothing herein shall
4 affect” and inserting the following:

5 “(e) EFFECT ON OTHER LAW.—Nothing in this sec-
6 tion affects”; and

7 (B) by striking “trustees” and inserting
8 “Trustees”;

9 (8) in subsection (f) (as redesignated by para-
10 graph (2))—

11 (A) by striking “(F) The Federal trustees
12 and the State trustees” and inserting the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(f) GRANTS.—The Trustees”; and

15 (B) by striking “this program” and insert-
16 ing “this section, prioritizing the issuance of
17 grants to facilitate habitat protection and habi-
18 tat restoration programs”; and

19 (9) in subsection (g) (as redesignated by para-
20 graph (2))—

21 (A) in the second sentence, by striking
22 “Upon the expiration of the authorities granted
23 in this section all” and inserting the following:

24 “(2) RETURN OF FUNDS.—On expiration of the
25 authority provided in this section, all”; and

1 (B) by striking “(G) The authority” and
2 inserting the following:

3 “(g) EXPIRATION.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The authority”.

5 **SEC. 406. ADDITIONAL RESPONSE ASSETS.**

6 (a) EXEMPTION AND REQUIREMENTS.—Section 3302
7 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at
8 the end the following:

9 “(o) ADDITIONAL RESPONSE ASSETS.—

10 “(1) VESSELS EXEMPT FROM INSPECTION.—

11 Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a
12 qualified vessel engaged in a qualified oil spill re-
13 sponse shall not be subject to inspection if the quali-
14 fied vessel—

15 “(A) has—

16 “(i) an agreement by contract or
17 other approved means with an oil spill re-
18 moval organization to support a response
19 plan under section 311(j) of the Federal
20 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
21 1321(j)), including training and exercises
22 related to oil spill response activities; or

23 “(ii) been approved by the Secretary
24 to respond to a discharge of oil or to par-

1 participate in training and exercises related to
2 oil spill response activities;

3 “(B) is normally and substantially involved
4 in activities other than, and not adapted to,
5 spill response;

6 “(C) complies with all applicable laws for
7 the use of such vessel in the activities for which
8 such vessel is normally and substantially oper-
9 ated, including any inspection requirement
10 under this title for such use; and

11 “(D) has at least 1 crewmember possessing
12 certifications for, or who are in training for, ap-
13 plicable hazardous waste operations and emer-
14 gency response.

15 “(2) ALLOWANCES.—A qualified vessel under
16 paragraph (1) may—

17 “(A) unless otherwise inspected as a tow-
18 ing vessel under this title, tow only—

19 “(i) another vessel or a device, includ-
20 ing a bladder, designed to carry oil or oil
21 residues with the capacity of less than 250
22 barrels; or

23 “(ii) oil spill response equipment, in-
24 cluding boom, skimmers, or other response
25 equipment;

1 “(B) carry—

2 “(i) temporary storage containers on
3 board for recovered oil or oil-contaminated
4 materials collected during an oil spill re-
5 sponse, including bags, drums, and totes
6 as approved by the Secretary;

7 “(ii) oil spill response equipment; or

8 “(iii) no more than 6 passengers for
9 hire in support of a response plan under
10 Section 311(j) of the Federal Water Pollu-
11 tion Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)) ap-
12 proved by the Secretary unless the vessel
13 has been inspected under paragraph (4) or
14 (8) of section 3301 or is authorized by the
15 Secretary to carry more than 6 passengers
16 for hire;

17 “(C) if the qualified vessel is a tank vessel,
18 be used for storage of recovered oil only if not
19 carrying oil as cargo at the time of an oil spill
20 response; or

21 “(D) conduct any other operation, or en-
22 gage in training or exercises, in support of a re-
23 sponse plan under section 311(j) of the Federal
24 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
25 1321(j)) approved by the Secretary.

1 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

2 “(A) QUALIFIED VESSEL.—The term
3 ‘qualified vessel’ means a vessel operating in
4 any part of the area of responsibility—

5 “(i) of the Western Alaska Captain of
6 the Port Zone as in effect of the date of
7 enactment of the Coast Guard Authoriza-
8 tion Act of 2025; or

9 “(ii) the Prince William Sound Cap-
10 tain of the Port Zone as in effect of the
11 date of enactment of the Coast Guard Au-
12 thorization Act of 2025.

13 “(B) QUALIFIED OIL SPILL.—The term
14 ‘qualified oil spill’ means an oil spill occurring
15 in any part of the area of responsibility—

16 “(i) of the Western Alaska Captain of
17 the Port Zone as in effect of the date of
18 enactment of the Coast Guard Authoriza-
19 tion Act of 2025; or

20 “(ii) the Prince William Sound Cap-
21 tain of the Port Zone as in effect of the
22 date of enactment of the Coast Guard Au-
23 thorization Act of 2025.”.

1 (b) REPEAL.—Section 11316 of the James M. Inhofe
2 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023
3 (Public Law 117–263) is repealed.

4 **SEC. 407. INTERNATIONAL MARITIME OIL SPILL RESPONSE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
6 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall, in
7 coordination with the Secretary of State, review and up-
8 date the Canada-US Joint Maritime Pollution Contingency
9 Plan.

10 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out subsection (a),
11 the Commandant shall—

12 (1) review each geographic annex within the
13 contingency plan;

14 (2) analyze the vessel traffic patterns, including
15 the types of vessels transiting the area, and assess
16 the risks of a pollution incident; and

17 (3) determine if any of the areas should be ex-
18 panded or modified.

19 (c) EXERCISES.—The Commandant, in coordination
20 with the Secretary of State, shall conduct a joint training
21 exercise not less than once a year to determine emergency
22 response capabilities and identify other types of support
23 necessary to effectuate a successful oil spill response, in
24 accordance with the Canada-US Joint Maritime Pollution
25 Contingency Plan.

1 **TITLE V—SEXUAL ASSAULT AND**
2 **SEXUAL HARASSMENT RE-**
3 **SPONSE**

4 **SEC. 501. INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF COAST GUARD RE-**
5 **FORMS.**

6 (a) GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE RE-
7 PORT.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller
10 General of the United States shall report to the
11 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
12 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
13 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
14 ate on the efforts of the Coast Guard to mitigate
15 cases of sexual assault and sexual harassment within
16 the service.

17 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
18 paragraph (1) shall—

19 (A) evaluate—

20 (i) the efforts of the Commandant to
21 implement the directed actions from enclo-
22 sure 1 of the memorandum titled “Com-
23 mandant’s Directed Actions—Account-
24 ability and Transparency” dated November
25 27, 2023;

1 (ii) whether the Commandant met the
2 reporting requirements under section 5112
3 of title 14, United States Code; and

4 (iii) the effectiveness of the actions of
5 the Coast Guard, including efforts outside
6 of the actions described in the memo-
7 randum titled “Commandant’s Directed
8 Actions—Accountability and Trans-
9 parency” dated November 27, 2023, to
10 mitigate instances of sexual assault and
11 sexual harassment and improve the en-
12 forcement relating to such instances within
13 the Coast Guard, and how the Coast
14 Guard is overcoming challenges in imple-
15 menting such actions;

16 (B) make recommendations to the Com-
17 mandant for improvements to the efforts of the
18 service to mitigate instances of sexual assault
19 and sexual harassment and improve the en-
20 forcement relating to such instances within the
21 Coast Guard; and

22 (C) make recommendations to the Com-
23 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
24 the House of Representatives and the Com-
25 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-

1 tation of the Senate to mitigate instances of
2 sexual assault and sexual harassment in the
3 Coast Guard and improve the enforcement re-
4 lating to such instances within the Coast
5 Guard, including proposed changes to any legis-
6 lative authorities.

7 (b) REPORT BY COMMANDANT.—Not later than 90
8 days after the date on which the Comptroller General com-
9 pletes all actions under subsection (a), the Commandant
10 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-
11 frastructure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
12 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
13 Senate a report that includes the following:

14 (1) A plan for Coast Guard implementation, in-
15 cluding interim milestones and timeframes, of any
16 recommendation made by the Comptroller General
17 under subsection (a)(2)(B) with which the Com-
18 mandant concurs.

19 (2) With respect to any recommendation made
20 under subsection (a)(2)(B) with which the Com-
21 mandant does not concur, an explanation of the rea-
22 sons why the Commandant does not concur.

1 **SEC. 502. COMPREHENSIVE POLICY AND PROCEDURES ON**
2 **RETENTION AND ACCESS TO EVIDENCE AND**
3 **RECORDS RELATING TO SEXUAL MIS-**
4 **CONDUCT AND OTHER MISCONDUCT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 9 of title
6 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
7 the following:

8 **“§ 955. Comprehensive policy and procedures on re-**
9 **tention and access to evidence and**
10 **records relating to sexual misconduct**
11 **and other misconduct**

12 “(a) ISSUANCE OF POLICY.—Not later than 1 year
13 after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authoriza-
14 tion Act of 2025, the Secretary, in consultation with the
15 Office of the Inspector General of the department in which
16 the Coast Guard is operating and the Office of the Inspec-
17 tor General of the Department of Defense, shall issue a
18 comprehensive policy for the Coast Guard on the retention
19 of and access to evidence and records relating to covered
20 misconduct involving members of the Coast Guard.

21 “(b) OBJECTIVES.—The comprehensive policy re-
22 quired by subsection (a) shall revise existing policies and
23 procedures, including systems of records, as necessary to
24 ensure preservation of such evidence and records for peri-
25 ods sufficient—

1 “(1) to ensure that members of the Coast
2 Guard who were victims of covered misconduct are
3 able to pursue claims for veterans benefits;

4 “(2) to support administrative processes, criminal
5 proceedings, and civil litigation conducted by
6 military or civil authorities; and

7 “(3) for such other purposes relating to the
8 documentation of an incident of covered misconduct
9 in the Coast Guard as the Secretary considers appropriate.
10 appropriate.

11 “(c) ELEMENTS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In developing the comprehensive
13 policy required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall, at a minimum—

15 “(A) identify records relating to an incident
16 of covered misconduct that shall be retained;
17 retained;

18 “(B) with respect to records relating to
19 covered misconduct involving members of the
20 Coast Guard that are not records of the Coast
21 Guard, identify such records known to or in the
22 possession of the Coast Guard, and set forth
23 procedures for Coast Guard coordination with
24 the custodian of such records for proper retention
25 of the records;

1 “(C) set forth criteria for the collection
2 and retention of records relating to covered
3 misconduct involving members of the Coast
4 Guard;

5 “(D) identify physical evidence and non-
6 documentary forms of evidence relating to cov-
7 ered misconduct that shall be retained;

8 “(E) set forth the period for which evi-
9 dence and records relating to covered mis-
10 conduct involving members of the Coast Guard,
11 including Coast Guard Form 6095, shall be re-
12 tained, except that—

13 “(i) any physical or forensic evidence
14 relating to rape or sexual assault, as de-
15 scribed in sections 920(a) and 920(b) of
16 title 10 (articles 120(a) and 120(b) of the
17 Uniform Code of Military Justice), shall be
18 retained not less than 50 years, and for
19 other covered misconduct not less than the
20 statute of limitations of the alleged offense
21 under the Uniform Code of Military Jus-
22 tice; and

23 “(ii) documentary evidence relating to
24 rape or sexual assault, as described in sec-
25 tions 920(a) and 920(b) of title 10 (arti-

1 cles 120(a) and 120(b) of the Uniform
2 Code of Military Justice), shall be retained
3 not less than 50 years;

4 “(F) consider locations in which such
5 records shall be stored;

6 “(G) identify media and methods that may
7 be used to preserve and ensure access to such
8 records, including electronic systems of records;

9 “(H) ensure the protection of privacy of—

10 “(i) individuals named in records and
11 status of records under section 552 of title
12 5 (commonly referred to as the ‘Freedom
13 of Information Act’) and section 552a of
14 title 5 (commonly referred to as the ‘Pri-
15 vacy Act’); and

16 “(ii) individuals named in restricted
17 reporting cases;

18 “(I) designate the 1 or more positions
19 within the Coast Guard that shall have the re-
20 sponsibility for such record retention by the
21 Coast Guard;

22 “(J) require education and training for
23 members and civilian employees of the Coast
24 Guard on record retention requirements under
25 this section;

1 “(K) set forth criteria for access to such
2 records relating to covered misconduct involving
3 members of the Coast Guard, including whether
4 the consent of the victim should be required,
5 by—

6 “(i) victims of covered misconduct;

7 “(ii) law enforcement authorities;

8 “(iii) the Department of Veterans Af-
9 fairs; and

10 “(iv) other individuals and entities, in-
11 cluding alleged assailants;

12 “(L) require uniform collection of data
13 on—

14 “(i) the incidence of covered mis-
15 conduct in the Coast Guard; and

16 “(ii) disciplinary actions taken in sub-
17 stantiated cases of covered misconduct in
18 the Coast Guard; and

19 “(M) set forth standards for communica-
20 tions with, and notifications to, victims, con-
21 sistent with—

22 “(i) the requirements of any applica-
23 ble Department of Defense policy; and

1 “(ii) to the extent practicable, any ap-
2 plicable policy of the department in which
3 the Coast Guard is operating.

4 “(2) RETENTION OF CERTAIN FORMS AND EVI-
5 DENCE IN CONNECTION WITH RESTRICTED REPORTS
6 AND UNRESTRICTED REPORTS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT
7 INVOLVING MEMBERS OF THE COAST GUARD.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The comprehensive
9 policy required by subsection (a) shall require
10 all unique or original copies of Coast Guard
11 Form 6095 filed in connection with a restricted
12 or unrestricted report on an alleged incident of
13 rape or sexual assault, as described in sections
14 920(a) and 920(b) of title 10 (articles 120(a)
15 and 120(b) of the Uniform Code of Military
16 Justice), involving a member of the Coast
17 Guard to be retained for the longer of—

18 “(i) 50 years commencing on the date
19 of signature of the covered person on
20 Coast Guard Form 6095; or

21 “(ii) the time provided for the reten-
22 tion of such form in connection with unre-
23 stricted and restricted reports on incidents
24 of sexual assault involving members of the
25 Coast Guard under Coast Guard policy.

1 “(B) PROTECTION OF CONFIDEN-
2 TIALITY.—Any Coast Guard form retained
3 under subparagraph (A) shall be retained in a
4 manner that protects the confidentiality of the
5 member of the Coast Guard concerned in ac-
6 cordance with Coast Guard policy.

7 “(3) RETENTION OF CASE NOTES IN INVES-
8 TIGATIONS OF COVERED MISCONDUCT INVOLVING
9 MEMBERS OF THE COAST GUARD.—

10 “(A) REQUIRED RETENTION OF ALL IN-
11 VESTIGATIVE RECORDS.—The comprehensive
12 policy required by subsection (a) shall require,
13 for all criminal investigations relating to an al-
14 leged incident of covered misconduct involving a
15 member of the Coast Guard, the retention of all
16 elements of the case file.

17 “(B) ELEMENTS.—The elements of the
18 case file to be retained under subparagraph (A)
19 shall include, at a minimum—

20 “(i) the case activity record;

21 “(ii) the case review record;

22 “(iii) investigative plans; and

23 “(iv) all case notes made by any in-
24 vestigating agent.

1 “(C) RETENTION PERIOD.—All elements of
2 the case file shall be retained for not less than
3 50 years for cases involving rape or sexual as-
4 sault, as described in sections 920(a) and
5 920(b) of title 10 (articles 120(a) and 120(b)
6 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), and
7 not less than the statute of limitations of the
8 alleged offense under the Uniform Code of Mili-
9 tary Justice for other covered misconduct, and
10 no element of any such case file may be de-
11 stroyed until the expiration of such period.

12 “(4) RETURN OF PERSONAL PROPERTY UPON
13 COMPLETION OF RELATED PROCEEDINGS IN UNRE-
14 STRICTED REPORTING CASES.—Notwithstanding the
15 records and evidence retention requirements de-
16 scribed in paragraphs (1)(E) and (2), personal prop-
17 erty retained as evidence in connection with an inci-
18 dent of rape or sexual assault, as described in sec-
19 tions 920(a) and 920(b) of title 10 (articles 120(a)
20 and 120(b) of the Uniform Code of Military Jus-
21 tice), involving a member of the Coast Guard may
22 be returned to the rightful owner of such property
23 after the conclusion of all legal, adverse action, and
24 administrative proceedings related to such incident,
25 as determined by the Commandant.

1 “(5) RETURN OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IN RE-
2 STRICTED REPORTING CASES.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
4 prescribe procedures under which a victim who
5 files a restricted report of an incident of sexual
6 assault may request, at any time, the return of
7 any personal property of the victim obtained as
8 part of the sexual assault forensic examination.

9 “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—The procedures re-
10 quired by subparagraph (A) shall ensure that—

11 “(i) a request by a victim for the re-
12 turn of personal property described under
13 subparagraph (A) may be made on a con-
14 fidential basis and without affecting the re-
15 stricted nature of the restricted report; and

16 “(ii) at the time of the filing of the re-
17 stricted report, a Special Victims’ Counsel,
18 Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, or
19 Sexual Assault Prevention and Response
20 Victim Advocate—

21 “(I) informs the victim that the
22 victim may request the return of per-
23 sonal property as described in such
24 subparagraph; and

1 “(II) advises the victim that such
2 a request for the return of personal
3 property may negatively impact a sub-
4 sequent case adjudication if the victim
5 later decides to convert the restricted
6 report to an unrestricted report.

7 “(C) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Except
8 with respect to personal property returned to a
9 victim under this paragraph, nothing in this
10 paragraph may be construed to affect the re-
11 quirement to retain a sexual assault forensic ex-
12 amination kit for the period specified in para-
13 graph (2).

14 “(6) VICTIM ACCESS TO RECORDS.—With re-
15 spect to victim access to records after all final dis-
16 position actions and any appeals have been com-
17 pleted, as applicable, the comprehensive policy re-
18 quired by subsection (a) shall provide that, to the
19 maximum extent practicable, and in such a manner
20 that will not jeopardize an active investigation or an
21 active case—

22 “(A) a victim of covered misconduct in a
23 case in which either the victim or alleged perpe-
24 trator is a covered person shall have access to
25 all records that are directly related to the vic-

1 tim’s case, or related to the victim themselves,
2 in accordance with the policy issued under sub-
3 section (a) and subject to required protections
4 under sections 552 and 552a of title 5;

5 “(B) a victim of covered misconduct who
6 requests access to records under section 552 or
7 552a of title 5 concerning the victim’s case
8 shall be determined to have a compelling need,
9 and the records request shall be processed
10 under expedited processing procedures, if in the
11 request for such records the victim indicates
12 that the records concerned are related to the
13 covered misconduct case;

14 “(C) in applying sections 552 and 552a of
15 title 5 to the redaction of information related to
16 a records request by a victim of covered mis-
17 conduct made under such sections after all final
18 disposition actions and any appeals have been
19 completed—

20 “(i) any such redaction shall be ap-
21 plied to the minimum extent possible so as
22 to ensure the provision of the maximum
23 amount of unredacted information to the
24 victim that is permissible by law; and

1 “(ii) any such redaction shall not be
2 applied to—

3 “(I) receipt by the victim of the
4 victim’s own statement; or

5 “(II) the victim’s information
6 from an investigation; and

7 “(D) in the case of such a records request
8 for which the timelines for expedited processing
9 are not met, the Commandant shall provide to
10 the Secretary, the Committee on Commerce,
11 Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and
12 the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
13 structure of the House of Representatives a
14 briefing that explains the reasons for the denial
15 or the delay in processing, as applicable.

16 “(d) DEFINITION OF COVERED PERSON.—In this
17 section, the term ‘covered person’ includes—

18 “(1) a member of the Coast Guard on active
19 duty;

20 “(2) a member of the Coast Guard Reserve
21 with respect to crimes investigated by or reported to
22 the Secretary on any date on which such member is
23 in a military status under section 802 of title 10 (ar-
24 ticle 2 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice);

1 “(3) a former member of the Coast Guard with
2 respect to crimes investigated by or reported to the
3 Secretary; and

4 “(4) in the case of an investigation of covered
5 misconduct conducted by, or an incident of covered
6 misconduct reported to, the Coast Guard involving a
7 civilian employee of the Coast Guard, any such civil-
8 ian employee of the Coast Guard.

9 “(e) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section au-
10 thorizes or requires, or shall be construed to authorize or
11 require, the discovery, inspection, or production of reports,
12 memoranda, or other internal documents or work product
13 generated by counsel, an attorney for the Government, or
14 their assistants or representatives.”.

15 (b) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 9 of title
16 14, United States Code, is further amended by adding at
17 the end the following:

18 **“§ 956. Requirement to maintain certain records**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall maintain
20 all work product related to documenting a disposition deci-
21 sion on an investigation by the Coast Guard Investigative
22 Service or other law enforcement entity investigating a
23 Coast Guard member accused of an offense against chap-
24 ter 47 of title 10.

1 “(b) RECORD RETENTION PERIOD.—Work product
2 documents and the case action summary described in sub-
3 section (c) shall be maintained for a period of not less
4 than 7 years from the date of the disposition decision.

5 “(c) CASE ACTION SUMMARY.—Upon a final disposi-
6 tion action for cases described in subsection (a), except
7 for offenses of wrongful use or possession of a controlled
8 substance under section 912a of title 10 (article 112a of
9 the Uniform Code of Military Justice), where the member
10 accused is an officer of pay grade O–4 and below or an
11 enlisted member of pay grade E–7 and below, a convening
12 authority shall sign a case action summary that includes
13 the following:

14 “(1) The disposition actions.

15 “(2) The name and command of the referral
16 authority.

17 “(3) Records documenting when a referral au-
18 thority consulted with a staff judge advocate or spe-
19 cial trial counsel, as applicable, before a disposition
20 action was taken, to include the recommendation of
21 the staff judge advocate or special trial counsel.

22 “(4) A reference section listing the materials re-
23 viewed in making a disposition decision.

24 “(5) The Coast Guard Investigative Service re-
25 port of investigation.

1 “(6) The completed Coast Guard Investigative
2 Service report of adjudication included as an enco-
3 sure.

4 “(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘work
5 product’ includes—

6 “(1) a prosecution memorandum;

7 “(2) emails, notes, and other correspondence re-
8 lated to a disposition decision; and

9 “(3) the contents described in paragraphs (1)
10 through (6) of subsection (c).

11 “(e) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section au-
12 thorizes or requires, or shall be construed to authorize or
13 require, the discovery, inspection, or production of reports,
14 memoranda, or other internal documents or work product
15 generated by counsel, an attorney for the Government, or
16 their assistants or representatives.”.

17 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
18 ter 9 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by add-
19 ing at the end the following:

 “Sec. 955. Comprehensive policy and procedures on retention and access to evi-
 dence and records relating to sexual misconduct and other mis-
 conduct.

 “Sec. 956. Requirement to maintain certain records.”.

1 **SEC. 503. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF**
2 **A CADET AT THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY**
3 **WHO IS THE VICTIM OF A SEXUAL ASSAULT**
4 **OR RELATED OFFENSE.**

5 Section 1902 of title 14, United States Code, is fur-
6 ther amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(g) CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR TRANSFER
8 OF CADET WHO IS THE VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT OR
9 RELATED OFFENSE.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall
11 provide for timely consideration of and action on a
12 request submitted by a cadet appointed to the Coast
13 Guard Academy who is the victim of an alleged sex-
14 ual assault or other offense covered by section 920,
15 920e, or 930 of title 10 (article 120, 120e, or 130
16 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice) for transfer
17 to another military service academy or to enroll in
18 a Senior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps program
19 affiliated with another institution of higher edu-
20 cation.

21 “(2) REGULATIONS.—The Commandant, in
22 consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall es-
23 tablish policies to carry out this subsection that—

24 “(A) provide that the Superintendent shall
25 ensure that any cadet who has been appointed
26 to the Coast Guard Academy is informed of the

1 right to request a transfer pursuant to this sub-
2 section, and that any formal request submitted
3 by a cadet who alleges an offense referred to in
4 paragraph (1) is processed as expeditiously as
5 practicable through the chain of command for
6 review and action by the Superintendent;

7 “(B) direct the Superintendent, in coordi-
8 nation with the Superintendent of the military
9 service academy to which the cadet requests to
10 transfer—

11 “(i) to take action on a request for
12 transfer under this subsection not later
13 than 72 hours after receiving the formal
14 request from the cadet;

15 “(ii) to approve such request for
16 transfer unless there are exceptional cir-
17 cumstances that require denial of the re-
18 quest;

19 “(iii) upon approval of such request
20 for transfer, to take all necessary and ap-
21 propriate action to effectuate the transfer
22 of the cadet to the military service acad-
23 emy concerned as expeditiously as possible,
24 subject to the considerations described in
25 clause (iv); and

1 “(iv) in determining the transfer date
2 of the cadet to the military service acad-
3 emy concerned, to take into account—

4 “(I) the preferences of the cadet,
5 including any preference to delay
6 transfer until the completion of any
7 academic course in which the cadet is
8 enrolled at the time of the request for
9 transfer; and

10 “(II) the well-being of the cadet;
11 and

12 “(C) direct the Superintendent of the
13 Coast Guard Academy, in coordination with the
14 Secretary of the military department that spon-
15 sors the Senior Reserve Officers’ Training
16 Corps program at the institution of higher edu-
17 cation to which the cadet requests to transfer—

18 “(i) to take action on a request for
19 transfer under this subsection not later
20 than 72 hours after receiving the formal
21 request from the cadet;

22 “(ii) subject to the cadet’s acceptance
23 for admission to the institution of higher
24 education to which the cadet wishes to
25 transfer, to approve such request for trans-

1 fer unless there are exceptional cir-
2 cumstances that require denial of the re-
3 quest;

4 “(iii) to take all necessary and appro-
5 priate action to effectuate the cadet’s en-
6 rollment in the institution of higher edu-
7 cation to which the cadet wishes to trans-
8 fer and to process the cadet for participa-
9 tion in the relevant Senior Reserve Offi-
10 cers’ Training Corps program as expedi-
11 tiously as possible, subject to the consider-
12 ations described in clause (iv); and

13 “(iv) in determining the transfer date
14 of the cadet to the institution of higher
15 education to which the cadet wishes to
16 transfer, to take into account—

17 “(I) the preferences of the cadet,
18 including any preference to delay
19 transfer until the completion of any
20 academic course in which the cadet is
21 enrolled at the time of the request for
22 transfer; and

23 “(II) the well-being of the cadet.

24 “(3) REVIEW.—If the Superintendent denies a
25 request for transfer under this subsection, the cadet

1 may request review of the denial by the Secretary,
2 who shall take action on such request for review not
3 later than 72 hours after receipt of such request.

4 “(4) CONFIDENTIALITY.—The Secretary shall
5 ensure that all records of any request, determina-
6 tion, transfer, or other action under this subsection
7 remain confidential, consistent with applicable law
8 and regulation.

9 “(5) EFFECT OF OTHER LAW.—A cadet who
10 transfers under this subsection may retain the ca-
11 det’s appointment to the Coast Guard Academy or
12 may be appointed to the military service academy to
13 which the cadet transfers without regard to the limi-
14 tations and requirements set forth in sections 7442,
15 8454, and 9442 of title 10.

16 “(6) COMMISSION AS OFFICER IN THE COAST
17 GUARD.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Upon graduation, a
19 graduate of the United States Military Acad-
20 emy, the United States Air Force Academy, or
21 the United States Naval Academy who trans-
22 ferred to that academy under this subsection is
23 entitled to be accepted for appointment as a
24 permanent commissioned officer in the Regular
25 Coast Guard in the same manner as graduates

1 of the Coast Guard Academy, as set forth in
2 section 2101 of this title.

3 “(B) COMMISSION AS OFFICER IN OTHER
4 ARMED FORCE.—

5 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A cadet who
6 transfers under this subsection to the
7 United States Military Academy, the
8 United States Air Force Academy, or the
9 United States Naval Academy and indi-
10 cates a preference pursuant to clause (ii)
11 may be appointed as a commissioned offi-
12 cer in an armed force associated with the
13 academy from which the cadet graduated.

14 “(ii) STATEMENT OF PREFERENCE.—
15 A cadet seeking appointment as a commis-
16 sioned officer in an armed force associated
17 with the academy from which the cadet
18 graduated under clause (i) shall, before
19 graduating from that academy, indicate to
20 the Commandant that the cadet has a
21 preference for appointment to that armed
22 force.

23 “(iii) CONSIDERATION BY COAST
24 GUARD.—The Commandant shall consider
25 a preference of a cadet indicated pursuant

1 to clause (ii), but may require the cadet to
2 serve as a permanent commissioned officer
3 in the Regular Coast Guard instead of
4 being appointed as a commissioned officer
5 in an armed force associated with the
6 academy from which the cadet graduated.

7 “(iv) TREATMENT OF SERVICE
8 AGREEMENT.—With respect to a service
9 agreement entered into under section 1925
10 of this title by a cadet who transfers under
11 this subsection to the United States Mili-
12 tary Academy, the United States Air Force
13 Academy, or the United States Naval
14 Academy and is appointed as a commis-
15 sioned officer in an armed force associated
16 with that academy, the service obligation
17 undertaken under such agreement shall be
18 considered to be satisfied upon the comple-
19 tion of 5 years of active duty service in the
20 service of such armed force.

21 “(C) SENIOR RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAIN-
22 ING CORPS PROGRAM.—A cadet who transfers
23 under this subsection to a Senior Reserve Offi-
24 cers’ Training Corps program affiliated with
25 another institution of higher education is enti-

1 tled upon graduation from the Senior Reserve
 2 Officers' Training program to commission into
 3 the Coast Guard, as set forth in section 3738a
 4 of this title.”.

5 **SEC. 504. DESIGNATION OF OFFICERS WITH PARTICULAR**
 6 **EXPERTISE IN MILITARY JUSTICE OR**
 7 **HEALTHCARE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 21 of title
 9 14, United States Code is amended by adding at the end
 10 the following:

11 **“§ 2132. Designation of officers with particular exper-**
 12 **tise in military justice or healthcare**

13 “(a) SECRETARY DESIGNATION.—The Secretary may
 14 designate a limited number of officers of the Coast Guard
 15 as having particular expertise in—

16 “(1) military justice; or

17 “(2) healthcare.

18 “(b) PROMOTION AND GRADE.—An individual des-
 19 ignated under this section—

20 “(1) shall not be included on the active duty
 21 promotion list;

22 “(2) shall be promoted under section 2126; and

23 “(3) may not be promoted to a grade higher
 24 than captain.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
2 ter 21 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by in-
3 serting after the item relating to section 2131 the fol-
4 lowing:

“2132. Designation of officers with particular expertise in military justice or
healthcare.”.

5 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

6 (1) Section 2102(a) of title 14, United States
7 Code, is amended, in the second sentence by striking
8 “and officers of the permanent commissioned teach-
9 ing staff of the Coast Guard Academy” and insert-
10 ing “officers of the permanent commissioned teach-
11 ing staff of the Coast Guard Academy, and officers
12 designated by the Secretary pursuant this section”.

13 (2) Subsection (e) of section 2103 of title 14,
14 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:
15 “(e) SECRETARY TO PRESCRIBE NUMBERS FOR CER-
16 TAIN OFFICERS.—The Secretary shall prescribe the num-
17 ber of officers authorized to be serving on active duty in
18 each grade of—

19 “(1) the permanent commissioned teaching
20 staff of the Coast Guard Academy;

21 “(2) the officers designated by the Secretary
22 pursuant to this section; and

1 “(3) the officers of the Reserve serving in con-
2 nection with organizing, administering, recruiting,
3 instructing, or training the reserve components.”.

4 (3) Section 2126 of title 14, United States
5 Code, is amended, in the second sentence, by insert-
6 ing “and as to officers designated by the Secretary
7 pursuant to this section” after “reserve compo-
8 nents”.

9 (4) Section 3736(a) of title 14, United States
10 Code, is amended—

11 (A) in the first sentence by striking “pro-
12 motion list and the” and inserting “promotion
13 list, officers designated by the Secretary pursu-
14 ant to this section, and the officers on the”;
15 and

16 (B) in the second sentence by striking
17 “promotion list or the” and inserting “pro-
18 motion list, officers designated by the Secretary
19 pursuant to this section, or the officers on the”.

20 **SEC. 505. SAFE-TO-REPORT POLICY FOR COAST GUARD.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 19 of title
22 14, United States Code, is further amended by adding at
23 the end the following:

1 **“§ 1909. Safe-to-Report policy for Coast Guard**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
3 date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act
4 of 2025, the Commandant shall, in consultation with the
5 Secretaries of the military departments, establish and
6 maintain a safe-to-report policy described in subsection (b)
7 that applies with respect to all members of the Coast
8 Guard (including members of the reserve and auxiliary
9 components of the Coast Guard), cadets at the Coast
10 Guard Academy, and any other individual undergoing
11 training at an accession point of the Coast Guard.

12 “(b) SAFE-TO-REPORT POLICY.—The safe-to-report
13 policy described in this subsection is a policy that—

14 “(1) prescribes the handling of minor collateral
15 misconduct, involving a member of the Coast Guard
16 who is the alleged victim or reporting witness of a
17 sexual assault; and

18 “(2) applies to all such individuals, regardless
19 of—

20 “(A) to whom the victim makes the allega-
21 tion or who receives the victim’s report of sex-
22 ual assault; or

23 “(B) whether the report, investigation, or
24 prosecution is handled by military or civilian
25 authorities.

1 “(c) MITIGATING AND AGGRAVATING CIR-
2 CUMSTANCES.—In issuing the policy under subsection (a),
3 the Commandant shall specify mitigating circumstances
4 that decrease the gravity of minor collateral misconduct
5 or the impact of such misconduct on good order and dis-
6 cipline and aggravating circumstances that increase the
7 gravity of minor collateral misconduct or the impact of
8 such misconduct on good order and discipline for purposes
9 of the safe-to-report policy.

10 “(d) TRACKING OF COLLATERAL MISCONDUCT INCI-
11 DENTS.—In conjunction with the issuance of the policy
12 under subsection (a), the Commandant shall develop and
13 implement a process to anonymously track incidents of
14 minor collateral misconduct that are subject to the safe-
15 to-report policy.

16 “(e) MINOR COLLATERAL MISCONDUCT DEFINED.—
17 In this section, the term ‘minor collateral misconduct’
18 means any minor misconduct that is potentially punish-
19 able under chapter 47 of title 10 that—

20 “(1) is committed close in time to or during a
21 sexual assault and directly related to the incident
22 that formed the basis of the allegation of sexual as-
23 sault allegation;

1 “(2) is discovered as a direct result of the re-
 2 port of sexual assault or the ensuing investigation
 3 into such sexual assault; and

4 “(3) does not involve aggravating circumstances
 5 (as specified in the policy issued under subsection
 6 (a)) that increase the gravity of the minor mis-
 7 conduct or the impact of such misconduct on good
 8 order and discipline.”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 10 ter 19 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended
 11 by inserting after the item relating to section 1908 (as
 12 added by this Act) the following:

 “1909. Safe-to-Report policy for Coast Guard.”.

13 **SEC. 506. MODIFICATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**
 14 **ON COVERED MISCONDUCT IN COAST GUARD.**

15 (a) ASSESSMENT OF POLICY ON COVERED MIS-
 16 CONDUCT.—Section 1902 of title 14, United States Code,
 17 is further amended—

18 (1) in the section heading by striking “**Policy**
 19 **on sexual harassment and sexual vio-**
 20 **lence**” and inserting “**Academy policy and**
 21 **report on covered misconduct**”; and

22 (2) by striking subsections (c) through (e) and
 23 inserting the following:

24 “(c) ASSESSMENT.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall di-
2 rect the Superintendent of the Coast Guard Acad-
3 emy to conduct at the Coast Guard Academy during
4 each Academy program year an assessment to deter-
5 mine the effectiveness of the policies of the Academy
6 with respect to covered misconduct involving cadets
7 or other military or civilian personnel of the Acad-
8 emy.

9 “(2) BIENNIAL SURVEY.—For the assessment
10 at the Academy under paragraph (1) with respect to
11 an Academy program year that begins in an odd-
12 numbered calendar year, the Superintendent shall
13 conduct a survey of cadets and other military and ci-
14 vilian personnel of the Academy—

15 “(A) to measure the incidence, during such
16 program year—

17 “(i) of covered misconduct events, on
18 or off the Academy campus, that have been
19 reported to an official of the Academy;

20 “(ii) of covered misconduct events, on
21 or off the Academy campus, that have not
22 been reported to an official of the Acad-
23 emy; and

1 “(iii) of retaliation related to a report
2 of a covered misconduct event, on or off
3 the Academy campus; and

4 “(B) to assess the perceptions of the ca-
5 dets and other military and civilian personnel of
6 the Academy with respect to—

7 “(i) the Academy’s policies, training,
8 and procedures on covered misconduct in-
9 volving cadets and other military and civil-
10 ian personnel of the Academy;

11 “(ii) the enforcement of such policies;

12 “(iii) the incidence of covered mis-
13 conduct involving cadets and other military
14 and civilian personnel of the Academy; and

15 “(iv) any other issues relating to cov-
16 ered misconduct involving cadets and other
17 military and civilian personnel of the Acad-
18 emy.

19 “(d) REPORT.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not earlier than 1 year
21 after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Au-
22 thorization Act of 2025, and each March 1 there-
23 after through March 1, 2031, the Commandant shall
24 direct the Superintendent to submit to the Com-
25 mandant a report on incidents of covered misconduct

1 and retaliation for reporting of covered misconduct
2 involving cadets or other military and civilian per-
3 sonnel of the Academy.

4 “(2) ELEMENTS.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each report required
6 under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

7 “(i) Information and data on all inci-
8 dents of covered misconduct and retaliation
9 described in paragraph (1) reported to the
10 Superintendent or any other official of the
11 Academy during the preceding Academy
12 program year (referred to in this sub-
13 section as a ‘reported incident’),

14 “(ii) The number of reported incidents
15 committed against a cadet or any other
16 military or civilian personnel of the Acad-
17 emy.

18 “(iii) The number of reported inci-
19 dents committed by a cadet or any other
20 military or civilian personnel of the Acad-
21 emy.

22 “(iv) Information on reported inci-
23 dents, in accordance with the policy pre-
24 scribed under section 549G(b) of the Na-
25 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal

1 Year 2022 (10 U.S.C. 1561 note), to the
2 maximum extent practicable.

3 “(v) The number of reported incidents
4 that were entered into the Catch a Serial
5 Offender system, including the number of
6 such incidents that resulted in the identi-
7 fication of a potential or confirmed match.

8 “(vi) The number of reported inci-
9 dents that were substantiated (referred to
10 in this subsection as a ‘substantiated re-
11 ported incident’).

12 “(vii) A synopsis of each substan-
13 tiated reported incident that includes—

14 “(I) a brief description of the na-
15 ture of the incident;

16 “(II) whether the accused cadet
17 or other military or civilian personnel
18 of the Academy had previously been
19 convicted of sexual assault; and

20 “(III) whether alcohol or other
21 controlled or prohibited substances
22 were involved in the incident, and a
23 description of the involvement.

1 “(viii) The type of case disposition as-
2 sociated with each substantiated reported
3 incident, such as—

4 “(I) conviction and sentence by
5 court-martial, including charges and
6 specifications for which convicted;

7 “(II) acquittal of all charges at
8 court-martial;

9 “(III) as appropriate, imposition
10 of a nonjudicial punishment under
11 section 815 of title 10 (article 15 of
12 the Uniform Code of Military Jus-
13 tice);

14 “(IV) as appropriate, administra-
15 tive action taken, including a descrip-
16 tion of each type of such action im-
17 posed;

18 “(V) dismissal of all charges, in-
19 cluding a description of each reason
20 for dismissal and the stage at which
21 dismissal occurred; and

22 “(VI) whether the accused cadet
23 or other military or civilian personnel
24 of the Academy was administratively
25 separated or, in the case of an officer,

1 allowed to resign in lieu of court mar-
2 tial, and the characterization (honor-
3 able, general, or other than honorable)
4 of the service of the military member
5 upon separation or resignation.

6 “(ix) With respect to any incident of
7 covered misconduct involving cadets or
8 other military and civilian personnel of the
9 Academy reported to the Superintendent
10 or any other official of the Academy during
11 the preceding Academy program year that
12 involves a report of retaliation relating to
13 the incident—

14 “(I) a narrative description of
15 the retaliation claim;

16 “(II) the nature of the relation-
17 ship between the complainant and the
18 individual accused of committing the
19 retaliation; and

20 “(III) the nature of the relation-
21 ship between the individual accused of
22 committing the covered misconduct
23 and the individual accused of commit-
24 ting the retaliation.

1 “(x) With respect to any investigation
2 of a reported incident—

3 “(I) whether the investigation is
4 in open or completed status;

5 “(II) an identification of the in-
6 vestigating entity;

7 “(III) whether a referral has
8 been made to outside law enforcement
9 entities;

10 “(IV) in the case of an investiga-
11 tion that is complete, a description of
12 the results of such an investigation
13 and information with respect to
14 whether the results of the investiga-
15 tion were provided to the complainant;
16 and

17 “(V) whether the investigation
18 substantiated an offense under chap-
19 ter 47 of title 10 (the Uniform Code
20 of Military Justice).

21 “(B) FORMAT.—With respect to the infor-
22 mation and data required under subparagraph
23 (A), the Commandant shall report such infor-
24 mation and data separately for each type of
25 covered misconduct offense, and shall not ag-

1 gregate the information and data for multiple
2 types of covered misconduct offenses.

3 “(3) TRENDS.—Subject to subsection (f), begin-
4 ning on the date of enactment of the Coast Guard
5 Authorization Act of 2025, each report required
6 under paragraph (1) shall include an analysis of
7 trends in incidents described in paragraph (1), as
8 applicable, since the date of enactment of the Coast
9 Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2012
10 (Public Law 112–213).

11 “(4) RESPONSE.—Each report required under
12 paragraph (1) shall include, for the preceding Acad-
13 emy program year, a description of the policies, pro-
14 cedures, processes, initiatives, investigations (includ-
15 ing overarching investigations), research, or studies
16 implemented by the Commandant in response to any
17 incident described in paragraph (1) involving a cadet
18 or any other military or civilian personnel of the
19 Academy.

20 “(5) PLAN.—Each report required under para-
21 graph (1) shall include a plan for actions to be taken
22 during the year following the Academy program year
23 covered by the report to enhance the prevention of
24 and response to incidents of covered misconduct and
25 retaliation for reporting of covered misconduct in-

1 volving cadets or other military or civilian personnel
2 of the Academy.

3 “(6) COVERED MISCONDUCT PREVENTION AND
4 RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.—Each report required under
5 paragraph (1) shall include an assessment of the
6 adequacy of covered misconduct prevention and re-
7 sponse carried out by the Academy during the pre-
8 ceding Academy program year.

9 “(7) CONTRIBUTING FACTORS.—Each report
10 required under paragraph (1) shall include, for inci-
11 dents of covered misconduct and retaliation for re-
12 porting of covered misconduct involving cadets or
13 other military or civilian personnel of the Acad-
14 emy—

15 “(A) an analysis of the factors that may
16 have contributed to such incidents;

17 “(B) an assessment of the role of such fac-
18 tors in contributing to such incidents during
19 such Academy program year; and

20 “(C) recommendations for mechanisms to
21 eliminate or reduce such contributing factors.

22 “(8) BIENNIAL SURVEY.—Each report under
23 paragraph (1) for an Academy program year that
24 begins in an odd-numbered calendar year shall in-

1 include the results of the survey conducted under sub-
2 section (c)(2) in such Academy program year.

3 “(9) FOCUS GROUPS.—For each Academy pro-
4 gram year with respect to which the Superintendent
5 is not required to conduct a survey at the Academy
6 under subsection (c)(2), the Commandant shall re-
7 quire focus groups to be conducted at the Academy
8 for the purpose of ascertaining information relating
9 to covered misconduct issues at the Academy.

10 “(10) SUBMISSION OF REPORT; BRIEFING.—

11 “(A) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 270
12 days after the date on which the Commandant
13 receives a report from the Superintendent
14 under paragraph (1), the Commandant shall
15 submit to the Committee on Commerce,
16 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and
17 the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
18 structure of the House of Representatives, as
19 an enclosure or appendix to the report required
20 by section 5112—

21 “(i) the report of the Superintendent;

22 “(ii) the comments of the Com-
23 mandant with respect to the report; and

24 “(iii) relevant information gathered
25 during a focus group under subparagraph

1 (A) during the Academy program year cov-
2 ered by the report, as applicable.

3 “(B) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days
4 after the date on which the Commandant sub-
5 mits a report under subparagraph (A), the
6 Commandant shall provide a briefing on the re-
7 port submitted under subparagraph (A) to—

8 “(i) the Committee on Commerce,
9 Science, and Transportation of the Senate
10 and the Committee on Transportation and
11 Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
12 tives; and

13 “(ii) the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
14 rity.

15 “(e) VICTIM CONFIDENTIALITY.—To the extent that
16 information collected or reported under the authority of
17 this section, such information shall be provided in a form
18 that is consistent with applicable privacy protections under
19 Federal law and does not jeopardize the confidentiality of
20 victims.

21 “(f) CONTINUITY OF DATA AND REPORTING.—In
22 carrying out this section, the Commandant shall ensure
23 the continuity of data collection and reporting such that
24 the ability to analyze trends is not compromised.”.

1 (b) COVERED MISCONDUCT IN COAST GUARD.—Sec-
2 tion 5112 of title 14, United States Code, is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 **“§ 5112. Covered misconduct in Coast Guard**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1 each
6 year, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on
7 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and
8 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
9 the House of Representatives a report on incidents of cov-
10 ered misconduct involving members of the Coast Guard,
11 including recruits and officer candidates, and claims of re-
12 taliation related to the reporting of any such incident.

13 “(b) CONTINUITY OF DATA AND REPORTING.—In
14 carrying out this section, the Commandant shall ensure
15 the continuity of data collection and reporting such that
16 the ability to analyze trends is not compromised.

17 “(c) CONTENTS.—

18 “(1) INCIDENTS INVOLVING MEMBERS.—

19 “(A) INFORMATION AND DATA.—

20 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Each report re-
21 quired under subsection (a) shall include,
22 for the preceding calendar year, informa-
23 tion and data on—

24 “(I) incidents of covered mis-
25 conduct; and

1 “(II) incidents of retaliation
2 against a member of the Coast Guard
3 related to the reporting of covered
4 misconduct, disaggregated by type of
5 retaliation claim.

6 “(ii) INCLUSIONS.—The information
7 and data on the incidents described in
8 clause (i) shall include the following:

9 “(I) All incidents of covered mis-
10 conduct and retaliation described in
11 clause (i) reported to the Com-
12 mandant or any other official of the
13 Coast Guard during the preceding cal-
14 endar year (referred to in this sub-
15 section as a ‘reported incident’).

16 “(II) The number of reported in-
17 cidents committed against members of
18 the Coast Guard.

19 “(III) The number of reported
20 incidents committed by members of
21 the Coast Guard.

22 “(IV) Information on reported
23 incidents, in accordance with the pol-
24 icy prescribed under section 549G(b)
25 of the National Defense Authorization

1 Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (10 U.S.C.
2 1561 note), to the maximum extent
3 practicable.

4 “(V) The number of reported in-
5 cidents that were entered into the
6 Catch a Serial Offender system, in-
7 cluding the number of such incidents
8 that resulted in the identification of a
9 potential or confirmed match.

10 “(VI) The number of reported in-
11 cidents that were substantiated (re-
12 ferred to in this subsection as a ‘sub-
13 substantiated reported incident’).

14 “(VII) A synopsis of each sub-
15 substantiated reported incident that in-
16 cludes—

17 “(aa) a brief description of
18 the nature of the incident;

19 “(bb) whether the accused
20 member has previously been con-
21 victed of sexual assault; and

22 “(cc) whether alcohol or
23 other controlled or prohibited
24 substances were involved in the

1 incident, and a description of the
2 involvement.

3 “(VIII) The type of case disposi-
4 tion associated with each substan-
5 tiated reported incident, such as—

6 “(aa) conviction and sen-
7 tence by court-martial, including
8 charges and specifications for
9 which convicted;

10 “(bb) acquittal of all charges
11 at court-martial;

12 “(cc) as appropriate, imposi-
13 tion of a nonjudicial punishment
14 under section 815 of title 10 (ar-
15 ticle 15 of the Uniform Code of
16 Military Justice);

17 “(dd) as appropriate, admin-
18 istrative action taken, including a
19 description of each type of such
20 action imposed;

21 “(ee) dismissal of all
22 charges, including a description
23 of each reason for dismissal and
24 the stage at which dismissal oc-
25 curred; and

1 “(ff) whether the accused
2 member was administratively sep-
3 arated or, in the case of an offi-
4 cer, allowed to resign in lieu of
5 court-martial, and the character-
6 ization (honorable, general, or
7 other than honorable) of the
8 service of the member upon sepa-
9 ration or resignation.

10 “(IX) With respect to any inci-
11 dent of covered misconduct reported
12 to the Commandant or any other offi-
13 cial of the Coast Guard during the
14 preceding calendar year that involves
15 a report of retaliation relating to the
16 incident—

17 “(aa) a narrative description
18 of the retaliation claim;

19 “(bb) the nature of the rela-
20 tionship between the complainant
21 and the individual accused of
22 committing the retaliation; and

23 “(cc) the nature of the rela-
24 tionship between the individual
25 accused of committing the cov-

1 ered misconduct and the indi-
2 vidual accused of committing the
3 retaliation.

4 “(X) The disposition of or action
5 taken by the Coast Guard or any
6 other Federal, State, local, or Tribal
7 entity with respect to a substantiated
8 reported incident.

9 “(XI) With respect to any inves-
10 tigation of a reported incident—

11 “(aa) the status of the in-
12 vestigation or information relat-
13 ing to any referral to outside law
14 enforcement entities;

15 “(bb) the official or office of
16 the Coast Guard that received
17 the complaint;

18 “(cc) a description of the re-
19 sults of such an investigation or
20 information with respect to
21 whether the results of the inves-
22 tigation were provided to the
23 complainant; or

24 “(dd) whether the investiga-
25 tion substantiated an offense

1 under chapter 47 of title 10 (the
2 Uniform Code of Military Jus-
3 tice).

4 “(iii) FORMAT.—With respect to the
5 information and data required under
6 clause (i), the Commandant shall report
7 such information and data separately for
8 each type of covered misconduct offense,
9 and shall not aggregate the information
10 and data for multiple types of covered mis-
11 conduct offenses.

12 “(B) TRENDS.—Subject to subsection (b),
13 beginning on the date of enactment of the
14 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, each
15 report required by subsection (a) shall include,
16 for the preceding calendar year, an analysis or
17 assessment of trends in the occurrence, as ap-
18 plicable, of incidents described in subparagraph
19 (A)(i), since the date of enactment of the Coast
20 Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of
21 2012 (Public Law 112–213).

22 “(C) RESPONSE.—Each report required
23 under subsection (a) shall include, for the pre-
24 ceding calendar year, a description of the poli-
25 cies, procedures, processes, initiatives, investiga-

1 tions (including overarching investigations), re-
2 search, or studies implemented by the Com-
3 mandant in response to any incident described
4 in subparagraph (A)(i) involving a member of
5 the Coast Guard.

6 “(D) PLAN.—Each report required under
7 subsection (a) shall include a plan for actions to
8 be taken during the year following the year cov-
9 ered by the report to enhance the prevention of
10 and response to incidents described in subpara-
11 graph (A)(i) involving members of the Coast
12 Guard.

13 “(E) COVERED MISCONDUCT PREVENTION
14 AND RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.—Each report re-
15 quired under subsection (a) shall include an as-
16 sessment of the adequacy of covered misconduct
17 prevention and response activities related to in-
18 cidents described in subparagraph (A)(i) carried
19 out by the Coast Guard during the preceding
20 calendar year.

21 “(F) CONTRIBUTING FACTORS.—Each re-
22 port required under subsection (a) shall include,
23 for incidents described in subparagraph
24 (A)(i)—

1 “(i) an analysis of the factors that
2 may have contributed to such incidents;

3 “(ii) an assessment of the role of such
4 factors in contributing to such incidents
5 during such year; and

6 “(iii) recommendations for mecha-
7 nisms to eliminate or reduce such contrib-
8 uting factors.

9 “(2) INCIDENTS INVOLVING RECRUITS AND OF-
10 FICER CANDIDATES.—

11 “(A) INFORMATION AND DATA.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to sub-
13 section (b), each report required under
14 subsection (a) shall include, as a separate
15 appendix or enclosure, for the preceding
16 calendar year, information and data on—

17 “(I) incidents of covered mis-
18 conduct involving a recruit of the
19 Coast Guard at Training Center Cape
20 May or an officer candidate at the
21 Coast Guard Officer Candidate
22 School; and

23 “(II) incidents of retaliation
24 against such a recruit or officer can-
25 didate related to the reporting of cov-

1 ered misconduct, disaggregated by
2 type of retaliation claim.

3 “(ii) INCLUSIONS.—

4 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The informa-
5 tion and data on the incidents de-
6 scribed in clause (i) shall include the
7 following:

8 “(aa) All incidents of cov-
9 ered misconduct and retaliation
10 described in clause (i) reported to
11 the Commandant or any other of-
12 ficial of the Coast Guard during
13 the preceding calendar year (re-
14 ferred to in this subsection as a
15 ‘reported incident’).

16 “(bb) The number of re-
17 ported incidents committed
18 against recruits and officer can-
19 didates described in clause (i)(I).

20 “(cc) The number of re-
21 ported incidents committed by
22 such recruits and officer can-
23 didates.

24 “(dd) Information on re-
25 ported incidents, in accordance

1 with the policy prescribed under
2 section 549G(b) of the National
3 Defense Authorization Act for
4 Fiscal Year 2022 (10 U.S.C.
5 1561 note), to the maximum ex-
6 tent practicable.

7 “(ee)(AA) The number of
8 reported incidents that were en-
9 tered into the Catch a Serial Of-
10 fender system.

11 “(BB) Of such reported
12 incidents entered into such
13 system, the number that re-
14 sulted in the identification of
15 a potential or confirmed
16 match.

17 “(ff) The number of re-
18 ported incidents that were sub-
19 stantiated (referred to in this
20 subsection as a ‘substantiated re-
21 ported incident’).

22 “(gg) A synopsis of each
23 substantiated reported incident
24 that includes—

1 “(AA) a brief descrip-
2 tion of the nature of the in-
3 cident; and

4 “(BB) whether alcohol
5 or other controlled or pro-
6 hibited substances were in-
7 volved in the incident, and a
8 description of the involve-
9 ment.

10 “(hh) The type of case dis-
11 position associated with each sub-
12 stantiated reported incident, such
13 as—

14 “(AA) conviction and
15 sentence by court-martial,
16 including charges and speci-
17 fications for which convicted;

18 “(BB) acquittal of all
19 charges at court-martial;

20 “(CC) as appropriate,
21 imposition of a nonjudicial
22 punishment under section
23 815 of title 10 (article 15 of
24 the Uniform Code of Mili-
25 tary Justice);

1 “(DD) as appropriate,
2 administrative action taken,
3 including a description of
4 each type of such action im-
5 posed;

6 “(EE) dismissal of all
7 charges, including a descrip-
8 tion of each reason for dis-
9 missal and the stage at
10 which dismissal occurred;
11 and

12 “(FF) whether the ac-
13 cused member was adminis-
14 tratively separated or, in the
15 case of an officer, allowed to
16 resign in lieu of court-mar-
17 tial, and the characterization
18 (honorable, general, or other
19 than honorable) of the serv-
20 ice of the member upon sep-
21 aration or resignation.

22 “(ii) With respect to any in-
23 cident of covered misconduct in-
24 volving recruits or officer can-
25 didates reported to the Com-

1 mandant or any other official of
2 the Coast Guard during the pre-
3 ceding calendar year that in-
4 volves a report of retaliation re-
5 lating to the incident—

6 “(AA) a narrative de-
7 scription of the retaliation
8 claim;

9 “(BB) the nature of the
10 relationship between the
11 complainant and the indi-
12 vidual accused of commit-
13 ting the retaliation; and

14 “(CC) the nature of the
15 relationship between the in-
16 dividual accused of commit-
17 ting the covered misconduct
18 and the individual accused
19 of committing the retalia-
20 tion.

21 “(jj) The disposition of or
22 action taken by the Coast Guard
23 or any other Federal, State,
24 local, or Tribal entity with re-

1 spect to a substantiated reported
2 incident.

3 “(kk) With respect to any
4 investigation of a reported inci-
5 dent—

6 “(AA) the status of the
7 investigation or information
8 relating to any referral to
9 outside law enforcement en-
10 tities;

11 “(BB) the official or of-
12 fice of the Coast Guard that
13 received the complaint;

14 “(CC) a description of
15 the results of such an inves-
16 tigation or information with
17 respect to whether the re-
18 sults of the investigation
19 were provided to the com-
20 plainant; or

21 “(DD) whether the in-
22 vestigation substantiated an
23 offense under chapter 47 of
24 title 10 (the Uniform Code
25 of Military Justice).

1 “(II) FORMAT.—With respect to
2 the information and data required
3 under clause (i), the Commandant
4 shall report such information and
5 data separately for each type of cov-
6 ered misconduct offense, and shall not
7 aggregate the information and data
8 for multiple types of covered mis-
9 conduct offenses.

10 “(B) TRENDS.—Subject to subsection (b),
11 beginning on the date of enactment of Coast
12 Guard Authorization Act of 2025, each report
13 required by subsection (a) shall include, for the
14 preceding calendar year, an analysis or assess-
15 ment of trends in the occurrence, as applicable,
16 of incidents described in subparagraph (A)(i),
17 since the date of enactment of the Coast Guard
18 and Maritime Transportation Act of 2012
19 (Public Law 112–213).

20 “(C) RESPONSE.—Each report required
21 under subsection (a) shall include, for the pre-
22 ceding calendar year, a description of the poli-
23 cies, procedures, processes, initiatives, investiga-
24 tions (including overarching investigations), re-
25 search, or studies implemented by the Com-

mandant in response to any incident described
in subparagraph (A)(i) involving—

“(i) a recruit of the Coast Guard at
Training Center Cape May; or

“(ii) an officer candidate at the Coast
Guard Officer Candidate School.

“(D) PLAN.—Each report required under
subsection (a) shall include a plan for actions to
be taken during the year following the year cov-
ered by the report to enhance the prevention of
and response to incidents described in subpara-
graph (A)(i) involving a recruit of the Coast
Guard at Training Center Cape May or an offi-
cer candidate at the Coast Guard Officer Can-
didate School.

“(E) COVERED MISCONDUCT PREVENTION
AND RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.—Each report re-
quired under subsection (a) shall include an as-
sessment of the adequacy of covered misconduct
prevention and response activities related to in-
cidents described in subparagraph (A)(i) of this
paragraph carried out by the Coast Guard dur-
ing the preceding calendar year.

“(F) CONTRIBUTING FACTORS.—Each re-
port required under subsection (a) shall include,

for incidents described in subparagraph
(A)(i)—

“(i) an analysis of the factors that
may have contributed to such incidents;

“(ii) an assessment of the role of such
factors in contributing to such incidents
during such year; and

“(iii) recommendations for mecha-
nisms to eliminate or reduce such contrib-
uting factors.

“(3) IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF ACCOUNT-
ABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY REVIEW DIRECTED AC-
TIONS.—Each report required under subsection (a)
submitted during the 5-year period beginning on
March 1, 2025, shall include information on the im-
plementation by the Commandant of the directed ac-
tions described in the memorandum of the Coast
Guard titled ‘Commandant’s Directed Actions—Ac-
countability and Transparency’, issued on November
27, 2023, including—

“(A) a description of actions taken to ad-
dress each directed action during the year cov-
ered by the report;

“(B) the implementation status of each di-
rected action;

1 “(C) in the case of any directed action that
2 has not been implemented—

3 “(i) a detailed action plan for imple-
4 mentation of the recommendation;

5 “(ii) an estimated timeline for imple-
6 mentation of the recommendation;

7 “(iii) description of changes the Com-
8 mandant intends to make to associated
9 Coast Guard policies so as to enable the
10 implementation of the recommendation;
11 and

12 “(iv) any other information the Com-
13 mandant considers appropriate;

14 “(D) a description of the metrics and mile-
15 stones used to measure completion, account-
16 ability, and effectiveness of each directed ac-
17 tion;

18 “(E) a description of any additional ac-
19 tions the Commandant is taking to mitigate in-
20 stances of covered misconduct within the Coast
21 Guard;

22 “(F) any legislative change proposal nec-
23 essary to implement the directed actions; and

24 “(G) a detailed list of funding necessary to
25 implement the directed actions in a timely and

1 effective manner, including a list of personnel
2 needed for such implementation.

3 “(d) VICTIM CONFIDENTIALITY.—To the extent that
4 information collected under the authority of this section
5 is reported or otherwise made available to the public, such
6 information shall be provided in a form that is consistent
7 with applicable privacy protections under Federal law and
8 does not jeopardize the confidentiality of victims.

9 “(e) SUBSTANTIATED DEFINED.—In this section, the
10 term ‘substantiated’ has the meaning given the term
11 under section 1631(c) of the Ike Skelton National Defense
12 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (10 U.S.C. 1561
13 note).”.

14 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

15 (1) CHAPTER 19.—The analysis for chapter 19
16 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by strik-
17 ing the item relating to section 1902 and inserting
18 the following:

“1902. Academy policy and report on covered misconduct.”.

19 (2) CHAPTER 51.—The analysis for chapter 51
20 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by strik-
21 ing the item relating to section 5112 and inserting
22 the following:

“5112. Covered misconduct in the Coast Guard.”.

1 **SEC. 507. MODIFICATIONS TO THE OFFICER INVOLUNTARY**
2 **SEPARATION PROCESS.**

3 (a) REVIEW OF RECORDS.—Section 2158 of title 14,
4 United States Code, is amended in the matter preceding
5 paragraph (1) by striking “may at any time convene a
6 board of officers” and inserting “shall prescribe, by regu-
7 lation, procedures”.

8 (b) BOARDS OF INQUIRY.—Section 2159(c) of title
9 14, United States Code, is amended by striking “send the
10 record of its proceedings to a board of review” and insert-
11 ing “recommend to the Secretary that the officer not be
12 retained on active duty”.

13 (c) REPEAL OF BOARDS OF REVIEW.—Section 2160
14 of title 14, United States Code, is repealed.

15 (d) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

16 (1) Title 14, United States Code, is amended—

17 (A) in section 2161 by striking “section
18 2158, 2159, or 2160” each place it appears and
19 inserting “section 2158 or 2159”;

20 (B) in section 2163, in the first sentence
21 by striking “board of review under section 2160
22 of this title” and inserting “board of inquiry
23 under section 2159 of this title”; and

24 (C) in section 2164(a), in the matter pre-
25 ceding paragraph (1), by striking “or 2160”.

1 (2) The analysis at the beginning of chapter 21
2 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by strik-
3 ing the item relating to section 2160.

4 **SEC. 508. REVIEW OF DISCHARGE CHARACTERIZATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 25 of title
6 14, United States Code, is further amended by adding at
7 the end the following:

8 **“§ 2519. Review of discharge characterization**

9 “(a) DOWNGRADE.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The decision to conduct a
11 case review under this section shall be at the discre-
12 tion of the Secretary of the department in which the
13 Coast Guard is operating.

14 “(2) BOARD OF REVIEW.—In addition to the
15 requirements of section 1553 of title 10, a board of
16 review for a former member of the Coast Guard es-
17 tablished pursuant to such section and under part
18 51 of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations (as in ef-
19 fect on the date of enactment of the Coast Guard
20 Authorization Act of 2025), may upon a motion of
21 the board and subject to review by the Secretary of
22 the department in which the Coast Guard is oper-
23 ating, downgrade an honorable discharge to a gen-
24 eral (under honorable conditions) discharge upon a
25 finding that a former member of the Coast Guard,

1 while serving on active duty as a member of the
2 armed forces, committed sexual assault or sexual
3 harassment in violation of section 920, 920b, or 934
4 of title 10 (article 120, 120b, or 134 of the Uniform
5 Code of Military Justice).

6 “(3) EVIDENCE.—Any downgrade under para-
7 graph (2) shall be supported by clear and convincing
8 evidence.

9 “(4) LIMITATION.—The review board under
10 paragraph (2) may not downgrade a discharge of a
11 former member of the Coast Guard if the same ac-
12 tion described in paragraph (2) was considered prior
13 to separation from active duty by an administrative
14 board in determining the characterization of dis-
15 charge as otherwise provided by law and in accord-
16 ance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of
17 the department in which the Coast Guard is oper-
18 ating.

19 “(b) PROCEDURAL RIGHTS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A review by a board estab-
21 lished under section 1553 of title 10 and under part
22 51 of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations (as in ef-
23 fect on the date of enactment of the Coast Guard
24 Authorization Act of 2025), shall be based on the
25 records of the Coast Guard, and with respect to a

1 member who also served in another one of the armed
2 forces, the records of the armed forces concerned
3 and such other evidence as may be presented to the
4 board.

5 “(2) EVIDENCE BY WITNESS.—A witness may
6 present evidence to the board in person or by affi-
7 davit.

8 “(3) APPEARANCE BEFORE BOARD.—A person
9 who requests a review under this section may appear
10 before the board in person or by counsel or an ac-
11 credited representative of an organization recognized
12 by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under chapter
13 59 of title 38.

14 “(4) NOTIFICATION.—A former member of the
15 Coast Guard who is subject to a downgrade in dis-
16 charge characterization review under subsection (a)
17 shall be notified in writing of such proceedings, af-
18 farded the right to obtain copies of records and doc-
19 uments relevant to the proceedings, and the right to
20 appear before the board in person or by counsel or
21 an accredited representative of an organization rec-
22 ognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under
23 chapter 59 of title 38.”.

24 (b) RULEMAKING.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
3 shall initiate a rulemaking to implement this section.

4 (2) DEADLINE FOR REGULATIONS.—The regu-
5 lations issued under paragraph (1) shall take effect
6 not later than 180 days after the date on which the
7 Commandant promulgates a final rule pursuant to
8 such paragraph.

9 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
10 ter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended
11 by adding at the end the following:

“2519. Review of discharge characterization.”.

12 **SEC. 509. CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER AS GROUNDS FOR**
13 **DENIAL.**

14 Section 7511(a) of title 46, United States Code, is
15 amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (1) by striking “or”;

17 (2) in paragraph (2) by striking “State, local,
18 or Tribal law” and inserting “Federal, State, local,
19 or Tribal law”;

20 (3) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-
21 graph (3); and

22 (4) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
23 lowing:

1 “(2) section 920 or 920b of title 10 (article 120
2 and 120b of the Uniform Code of Military Justice);
3 or”.

4 **SEC. 510. DEFINITION OF COVERED MISCONDUCT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 25 of title
6 14, United States Code, is further amended by adding at
7 the end the following:

8 **“§ 2520. Covered misconduct defined**

9 “In this title, the term ‘covered misconduct’ means—

10 “(1) rape and sexual assault, as described in
11 sections 920(a) and 920(b) of title 10 (articles
12 120(a) and 120(b) of the Uniform Code of Military
13 Justice);

14 “(2) sexual harassment, as described in Execu-
15 tive Order 14062 dated January 26, 2022, and enu-
16 merated under section 934 of title 10 (article 134 of
17 the Uniform Code of Military Justice);

18 “(3) abusive sexual contact and aggravated sex-
19 ual contact, as described in sections 920(c) and
20 920(d) of title 10 (articles 120(c) and 120(d) of the
21 Uniform Code of Military Justice);

22 “(4) wrongful broadcast, dissemination, or cre-
23 ation of content as described in sections 917 and
24 920e of title 10 (articles 117a and 120e of the Uni-
25 form Code of Military Justice);

1 “(5) the child pornography offenses as de-
2 scribed in section 934 of title 10 (article 134 of the
3 Uniform Code of Military Justice);

4 “(6) rape and sexual assault of a child, other
5 sexual misconduct, and stalking, as described in sec-
6 tions 920b, 920c(a), and 930 of title 10 (articles
7 120b, 120c, and 130 of the Uniform Code of Mili-
8 tary Justice); and

9 “(7) domestic violence, as described in section
10 928b of title 10 (article 128b of the Uniform Code
11 of Military Justice).”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
13 ter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended
14 by adding at the end the following:

“2520. Covered misconduct defined.”.

15 **SEC. 511. NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO UNIFORM CODE**
16 **OF MILITARY JUSTICE OR MANUAL FOR**
17 **COURTS MARTIAL RELATING TO COVERED**
18 **MISCONDUCT.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 51 of title 14, United
20 States Code, is further amended by adding at the end the
21 following:

1 **“§ 5117. Notification of changes to Uniform Code of**
2 **Military Justice or Manual for Courts**
3 **Martial relating to covered misconduct**

4 “Beginning on March 30, 2026, and annually there-
5 after, the Commandant shall notify the Committee on
6 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and
7 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
8 the House of Representatives with respect to each of the
9 following:

10 “(1) Whether the Uniform Code of Military
11 Justice (chapter 47 of title 10) has been amended—

12 “(A) to add any sex-related offense as a
13 new article; or

14 “(B) to remove an article relating to cov-
15 ered misconduct described in any of paragraphs
16 (1) through (7) of section 301.

17 “(2) Whether the Manual for Courts Martial
18 has been modified—

19 “(A) to add any sex-related offense as an
20 offense described under an article of the Uni-
21 form Code of Military Justice; or

22 “(B) to remove as an offense described
23 under an article of the Uniform Code of Mili-
24 tary Justice covered misconduct described in
25 any of paragraphs (1) through (7) of section
26 301.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 2 ter 51 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by add-
 3 ing at the end the following:

“5117. Notification of changes to Uniform Code of Military Justice Or Manual
 for Courts Martial relating to covered misconduct.”.

4 **SEC. 512. COMPLAINTS OF RETALIATION BY VICTIMS OF**
 5 **SEXUAL ASSAULT OR SEXUAL HARASSMENT**
 6 **AND RELATED PERSONS.**

7 Section 1562a of title 10, United States Code, is
 8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)—

10 (A) by striking “The Secretary of Defense
 11 shall” and inserting the following:

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
 13 shall”; and

14 (B) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(2) COAST GUARD.—The Secretary of the de-
 16 partment in which the Coast Guard is operating
 17 shall designate the Commandant of the Coast Guard
 18 to be responsible for carrying out the requirements
 19 of this section with respect to members of the Coast
 20 Guard when the Coast Guard is not operating as a
 21 service in the Navy.”;

22 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)
 2 by inserting “and the Commandant of the
 3 Coast Guard” after “Secretary”;

4 (B) in paragraph (8) by inserting before
 5 the period at the end “or with respect to the
 6 Coast Guard, the component designated by the
 7 Commandant of the Coast Guard”; and

8 (C) in paragraph (4) by striking “Depart-
 9 ment of Defense”; and
 10 (3) in subsection (c)(2)—

11 (A) in subparagraph (A) by inserting “,
 12 the Inspector General of the Department of
 13 Homeland Security,” before “or any other in-
 14 spector general”;

15 (B) in subparagraph (D) by striking “mili-
 16 tary” and inserting “armed force”; and

17 (C) in subparagraph (E) by inserting “or
 18 department in which the Coast Guard is oper-
 19 ating when not operating as a service in the
 20 Navy for members of the Coast Guard” after
 21 “Department of Defense”.

22 **SEC. 513. DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES ON MILITARY PRO-**
 23 **TECTIVE ORDERS.**

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
 25 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-

1 mandant shall issue updated policies of the Coast
2 Guard relating to military protective orders that are
3 consistent with the law and policies of the Depart-
4 ment of Defense.

5 (2) ELEMENTS.—The policies developed under
6 paragraph (1) shall require—

7 (A) that any denial of a request for a mili-
8 tary protective order shall include a written ex-
9 planation for the denial, which shall be—

10 (i) forwarded to the next flag officer
11 in the chain of command of the com-
12 manding officer or other approving author-
13 ity who denied the request; and

14 (ii) provided to the member who sub-
15 mitted the request; and

16 (B) the recusal of an approving authority
17 from participating in the granting or denying of
18 a military protective order, if such authority
19 was, at any time—

20 (i) the subject of a complaint of any
21 form of assault, harassment, or retaliation
22 filed by the member requesting the mili-
23 tary protective order or the member who is
24 the subject of the military protective order;
25 or

1 (ii) associated with the member re-
2 questing the military protective order or
3 the member who is the subject of the mili-
4 tary protective order in a manner that pre-
5 sents as an actual or apparent conflict of
6 interest.

7 (3) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—The Com-
8 mandant shall develop a policy to ensure that sexual
9 assault response coordinators, victim advocates, and
10 other appropriate personnel shall inform victims of
11 the process by which the victim may request an ex-
12 pedited transfer, a no-contact order, or a military or
13 civilian protective order.

14 **SEC. 514. COAST GUARD IMPLEMENTATION OF INDE-**
15 **PENDENT REVIEW COMMISSION REC-**
16 **COMMENDATIONS ON ADDRESSING SEXUAL**
17 **ASSAULT AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE**
18 **MILITARY.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
20 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall re-
21 view the report of the Independent Review Commission ti-
22 tled “Hard Truths and the Duty to Change: Recommenda-
23 tions from the Independent Review Commission on Sexual
24 Assault in the Military” referred to in the memorandum
25 of the Department of Defense titled “Memorandum for

1 Senior Pentagon Leadership Commanders of the Combat-
2 ant Commands Defense Agency and DoD Field Activity
3 Directors”, dated September 22, 2021, (relating to com-
4 mencing Department of Defense actions and implementa-
5 tion of the recommendations of the Independent Review
6 Commission to address sexual assault and sexual harass-
7 ment in the military).

8 (b) STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN.—On completion
9 of the review required under subsection (a), and not later
10 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the
11 Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Com-
12 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the
13 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
14 House of Representatives a strategy and action plan
15 that—

16 (1)(A) identifies any recommendation set forth
17 in the report by the Independent Review Commis-
18 sion described in subsection (a) that addresses a
19 matter that is not within the jurisdiction of the
20 Coast Guard, does not apply to the Coast Guard, or
21 otherwise would not be beneficial to members of the
22 Coast Guard, as determined by the Commandant;
23 and

24 (B) includes a brief rationale for such de-
25 termination; and

1 (2) with respect to each recommendation set
2 forth in such report that is not identified under
3 paragraph (1), includes—

4 (A)(i) a detailed action plan for implemen-
5 tation of the recommendation;

6 (ii) a description of changes the Com-
7 mandant will make to associated Coast
8 Guard policies so as to enable the imple-
9 mentation of the recommendation;

10 (iii) an estimated timeline for imple-
11 mentation of the recommendation;

12 (iv) the estimated cost of the imple-
13 mentation;

14 (v) legislative proposals for such im-
15 plementation, as appropriate; and

16 (vi) any other information the Com-
17 mandant considers appropriate; or

18 (B) in the case of such a recommendation
19 that the Commandant is unable to implement,
20 an explanation of the reason the recommenda-
21 tion cannot be implemented.

22 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days after the date
23 of enactment of this Act, and every 180 days thereafter
24 through 2028, the Commandant shall provide the Com-
25 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the

1 Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
2 structure of the House of Representatives with a briefing
3 on the status of the implementation of this section and
4 any modification to the strategy and plan submitted under
5 subsection (b).

6 **SEC. 515. POLICY RELATING TO CARE AND SUPPORT OF**
7 **VICTIMS OF COVERED MISCONDUCT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall issue
10 Coast Guard policy relating to the care and support of
11 members of the Coast Guard who are alleged victims cov-
12 ered misconduct.

13 (b) ELEMENTS.—The policy required by subsection
14 (a) shall require, to the maximum extent practicable,
15 that—

16 (1) a member of the Coast Guard who is an al-
17 leged victim of covered misconduct and discloses
18 such covered misconduct to the appropriate indi-
19 vidual of the Coast Guard responsible for providing
20 victim care and support—

21 (A) shall receive care and support from
22 such individual; and

23 (B) such individual shall not deny or un-
24 reasonably delay providing care and support;
25 and

1 (2) in the case of such an alleged victim to
2 whom care and support cannot be provided by the
3 appropriate individual contacted by the alleged vic-
4 tim based on programmatic eligibility criteria or any
5 other reason that affects the ability of such appro-
6 priate individual to provide care and support (such
7 as being stationed at a remote unit or serving on a
8 vessel currently underway) the alleged victim shall
9 receive, with the permission of the alleged victim—

10 (A) an in-person introduction to appro-
11 priate service providers, for which the alleged
12 victim is physically present, which shall occur at
13 the discretion of the alleged victim; and

14 (B) access to follow-up services from the
15 appropriate 1 or more service providers.

16 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The policy issued under sub-
17 section (a) shall apply to—

18 (1) all Coast Guard personnel responsible for
19 the care and support of victims of covered mis-
20 conduct; and

21 (2) any other Coast Guard personnel the Com-
22 mandant considers appropriate.

23 (d) REVISION OF POLICY RELATING TO DOMESTIC
24 ABUSE.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enact-
25 ment of this Act, the Commandant shall issue or revise

1 any Coast Guard policy or process relating to domestic
2 abuse so as to define the term “intimate partner” to have
3 the meaning given such term in section 930 of title 10,
4 United States Code.

5 (e) TRAINING.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—All Coast Guard personnel
7 responsible for the care and support of members of
8 the Coast Guard who are alleged victims of covered
9 misconduct shall receive training in accordance with
10 professional standards of practice to ensure that
11 such alleged victims receive adequate care that is
12 consistent with the policy issued under subsection
13 (a).

14 (2) ELEMENTS.—The training required by
15 paragraph (1)—

16 (A) shall include—

17 (i) instructions on specific procedures
18 for implementing the policy issued under
19 subsection (a); and

20 (ii) information on resources and per-
21 sonnel critical for the implementation of
22 such policy; and

23 (B) to the maximum extent practicable,
24 shall be provided in person.

1 (f) COVERED MISCONDUCT.—In this section, the
2 term “covered misconduct” shall have the meaning given
3 such term in section 2519 of title 14, United States Code
4 (as added by this Act).

5 **SEC. 516. ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL VICTIM CAPABILI-**
6 **TIES TO RESPOND TO ALLEGATIONS OF CER-**
7 **TAIN SPECIAL VICTIM OFFENSES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 573 of the National De-
9 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (10 U.S.C.
10 1561 note) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a)—

12 (A) by inserting “or the Secretary of the
13 department in which the Coast Guard is oper-
14 ating when not operating as a service in the
15 Navy” after “Secretary of Defense”; and

16 (B) by striking “Secretary of each military
17 department” and inserting “Secretary con-
18 cerned”;

19 (2) in subsection (b) by striking “or Air Force
20 Office of Special Investigations” and inserting “, Air
21 Force Office of Special Investigations, or Coast
22 Guard Investigative Services”;

23 (3) in subsection (c) by inserting “or the Sec-
24 retary of the department in which the Coast Guard

1 is operating when not operating as a service in the
2 Navy” after “Secretary of Defense”;

3 (4) in subsection (d)—

4 (A) in paragraph (1)—

5 (i) by inserting “or the Commandant
6 of the Coast Guard” after “Secretary of a
7 military department”; and

8 (ii) by inserting “or the Coast Guard”
9 after “within the military department”;

10 (B) in paragraph (2) by inserting “or the
11 Coast Guard” after “within a military depart-
12 ment”; and

13 (5) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(h) TIME FOR ESTABLISHMENT FOR COAST
15 GUARD.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enact-
16 ment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, the
17 Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is
18 operating, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
19 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and
20 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
21 the House of Representatives a report containing all the
22 items described in subsections (e) and (f) as applied to
23 the Coast Guard.”.

24 (b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 270 days after the
25 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall pro-

1 vide the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
2 tation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation
3 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives with
4 a briefing on the Commandant's assessment and imple-
5 mentation, as appropriate, of the recommendations in-
6 cluded in the Center for Naval Analyses report titled "As-
7 sessing the USCG's Special Victims' Counsel Program",
8 issued in June 2024, including—

9 (1) the implementation status of each adopted
10 recommendation, as appropriate;

11 (2) for each adopted recommendation, a de-
12 scription of actions taken to implement such rec-
13 ommendation;

14 (3) in the case of an adopted recommendation
15 that has not been fully implemented—

16 (A) a description of actions taken or
17 planned to address such recommendation;

18 (B) an estimated completion date; and

19 (C) a description of the milestones nec-
20 essary to complete the recommendation;

21 (4) a description of any recommendation that
22 will not be adopted and an explanation of the reason
23 the recommendation will not be adopted;

1 (5) a description of the metrics and milestones
2 used to ensure completion and effectiveness of each
3 adopted recommendation;

4 (6) a description of any additional actions the
5 Commandant is taking to improve the efficiency and
6 effectiveness of the Special Victims' Counsel pro-
7 gram of the Coast Guard;

8 (7) any legislative change proposal necessary to
9 implement the adopted recommendations; and

10 (8) an overview of any funding or resource nec-
11 essary to implement each adopted recommendation
12 in a timely and effective manner, including a list of
13 personnel needed for such implementation.

14 **SEC. 517. MEMBERS ASSERTING POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS**
15 **DISORDER, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR TRAUMATIC**
16 **BRAIN INJURY.**

17 Section 2516 of title 14, United States Code, is
18 amended—

19 (1) in subsection (a)—

20 (A) in paragraph (1)—

21 (i) by striking “or has been sexually
22 assaulted during the preceding 2-year pe-
23 riod”; and

1 (ii) by striking “or based on such sex-
2 ual assault, the influence of” and inserting
3 “the signs and symptoms of either”;

4 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2)
5 through (4) as paragraphs (3) through (5), re-
6 spectively;

7 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
8 following:

9 “(2) MENTAL, BEHAVIORAL, OR EMOTIONAL
10 DISORDER.—A member of the Coast Guard who has
11 been sexually assaulted during the preceding 5-year
12 period and who alleges, based on such sexual as-
13 sault, the signs and symptoms of a diagnosable men-
14 tal, behavioral, or emotional disorder described with-
15 in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Sta-
16 tistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the
17 American Psychiatric Association—

18 “(A) is provided the opportunity to request
19 a medical examination to clinically evaluate
20 such signs and symptoms; and

21 “(B) receives such a medical examination
22 to evaluate a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress
23 disorder, traumatic brain injury, or diagnosable
24 mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder de-
25 scribed within the most recent edition of the Di-

1 agnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Dis-
2 orders published by the American Psychiatric
3 Association.”;

4 (D) in paragraph (3) by striking “para-
5 graph (1)” and inserting “this subsection”; and

6 (E) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated—

7 (i) by inserting “or a diagnosable
8 mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder”
9 before “under this subsection”;

10 (ii) by inserting “performed by” after
11 “shall be”; and

12 (iii) by striking subparagraphs (A)
13 and (B) and inserting the following:

14 “(A) a board-certified psychiatrist;

15 “(B) a licensed doctorate-level psycholo-
16 gist;

17 “(C) any other appropriate licensed or cer-
18 tified healthcare professional designated by the
19 Commandant; or

20 “(D) a psychiatry resident or board-eligible
21 psychologist who—

22 “(i) has completed a 1-year internship
23 or residency; and

1 “(ii) is under the close supervision of
2 a board-certified psychiatrist or licensed
3 doctorate-level psychologist.”;

4 (2) in subsection (b) by inserting “or a
5 diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional dis-
6 order” after “traumatic brain injury”; and

7 (3) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(e) NOTIFICATION OF RIGHT TO REQUEST MED-
9 ICAL EXAMINATION.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any member of the Coast
11 Guard who receives a notice of involuntary adminis-
12 trative separation shall be advised at the time of
13 such notice of the right of the member to request a
14 medical examination under subsection (a) if any con-
15 dition described in such subsection applies to the
16 member.

17 “(2) POLICY.—The Commandant shall—

18 “(A) develop and issue a clear policy for
19 carrying out the notification required under
20 paragraph (1) with respect to any member of
21 the Coast Guard described in that paragraph
22 who has made an unrestricted report of sexual
23 assault; and

24 “(B) provide information on such policy to
25 sexual assault response coordinators of the

1 Coast Guard for the purpose of ensuring that
2 such policy is communicated to members of the
3 Coast Guard who may be eligible for a medical
4 examination under this section.”.

5 **SEC. 518. PARTICIPATION IN CATCH A SERIAL OFFENDER**
6 **PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the department
8 in which the Coast Guard is operating when not operating
9 as a service in the Navy, acting through the Commandant,
10 shall ensure the participation of the Coast Guard in the
11 Catch a Serial Offender program (referred to in this sec-
12 tion as the “CATCH program”) of the Department of De-
13 fense established in accordance with section 543 of the
14 Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National De-
15 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law
16 113–291).

17 (b) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—Not later
18 than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
19 Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is
20 operating and the Secretary of Defense shall finalize a
21 memorandum of agreement to facilitate Coast Guard ac-
22 cess to and participation in the CATCH program.

1 **SEC. 519. ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY RELAT-**
2 **ING TO ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT**
3 **AGAINST SENIOR LEADERS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 25 of
5 title 14, United States Code, is amended by redesignating
6 section 2521 as section 2531.

7 (b) ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY RELAT-
8 ING TO ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT AGAINST SENIOR
9 LEADERS.—Subchapter I of chapter 25 of title 14, United
10 States Code, is further amended by adding at the end the
11 following:

12 **“§ 2521. Accountability and transparency relating to**
13 **allegations of misconduct against senior**
14 **leaders**

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
16 date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act
17 of 2025, the Secretary shall establish a policy to improve
18 oversight, investigations, accountability, and public trans-
19 parency regarding alleged misconduct of senior leaders of
20 the Coast Guard.

21 “(b) ELEMENTS.—The policy required by subsection
22 (a)—

23 “(1) shall require that—

24 “(A) any allegation of alleged misconduct
25 made against a senior leader of the Coast
26 Guard shall be reported to the Office of the In-

1 specter General of the department in which the
2 Coast Guard is operating not later than 72
3 hours after the allegation is reported to the
4 Coast Guard or the department in which the
5 Coast Guard is operating; and

6 “(B) the Inspector General of the depart-
7 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating
8 shall notify the head of the Coast Guard office
9 in which the senior leader is serving with re-
10 spect to the receipt of such allegation, or, in a
11 case where the senior leader is the head of such
12 Coast Guard office, the next in the chain of
13 command, as appropriate, except in a case in
14 which the Inspector General determines that
15 such notification would risk impairing an ongoing
16 investigation, would unnecessarily compromise
17 the anonymity of the individual making
18 the allegation, or would otherwise be inappropriate; and

19 “(2) to the extent practicable, shall be consistent
20 with Department of Defense directives, including
21 Department of Defense Directive 5505.06.

22 “(c) FIRST RIGHT TO EXCLUSIVE INVESTIGATION.—
23 The Inspector General of the department in which the
24 Coast Guard is operating—
25

1 “(1) shall have the first right to investigate an
2 allegation described in subsection (b)(1)(A); and

3 “(2) in cases with concurrent jurisdiction in-
4 volving an allegation described in subsection
5 (b)(1)(A), may investigate such an allegation to the
6 exclusion of any other Coast Guard criminal or ad-
7 ministrative investigation if the Inspector General
8 determines that an exclusive investigation is nec-
9 essary to maintain the integrity of the investigation.

10 “(d) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY AND BROAD DISSEMINA-
11 TION.—The policy established under subsection (a) shall
12 be made available to the public and incorporated into
13 training and curricula across the Coast Guard at all levels
14 to ensure broad understanding of the policy among mem-
15 bers and personnel of the Coast Guard.

16 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 “(1) ALLEGED MISCONDUCT.—The term ‘al-
18 leged misconduct’—

19 “(A) means a credible allegation that, if
20 proven, would constitute a violation of—

21 “(i) a provision of criminal law, in-
22 cluding the Uniform Code of Military Jus-
23 tice (chapter 47 of title 10); or

24 “(ii) a recognized standard, such as
25 the Department of Defense Joint Ethics

1 Regulation or other Federal regulation, in-
2 cluding any other Department of Defense
3 regulation and any Department of Home-
4 land Security regulation; or

5 “(B) could reasonably be expected to be of
6 significance to the Secretary or the Inspector
7 General of the department in which the Coast
8 Guard is operating, particularly in a case in
9 which there is an element of misuse of position
10 or of unauthorized personal benefit to the sen-
11 ior official, a family member, or an associate.

12 “(2) SENIOR LEADER OF THE COAST GUARD.—
13 The term ‘senior leader of the Coast Guard’
14 means—

15 “(A) an active duty, retired, or reserve of-
16 ficer of the Coast Guard in the grade of O–7
17 or higher;

18 “(B) an officer of the Coast Guard selected
19 for promotion to the grade of O–7;

20 “(C) a current or former civilian member
21 of the Senior Executive Service employed by the
22 Coast Guard; or

23 “(D) any civilian member of the Coast
24 Guard whose position is deemed equivalent to
25 that of a member of the Senior Executive Serv-

1 ice, as determined by the Office of the Inspector
 2 General of the department in which the Coast
 3 Guard is operating, in concurrence with the
 4 Secretary acting through the Commandant.”.

5 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 6 ter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is further amend-
 7 ed—

8 (1) by striking the item relating to section 2521
 9 and inserting the following:

“2531. Advisory Board on Women in the Coast Guard.”; and

10 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
 11 tion 2520 (as added by this Act) the following:

“2521. Accountability and transparency relating to allegations of misconduct
 against senior leaders.”.

12 **SEC. 520. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING OF SEXUAL HARASS-**
 13 **MENT.**

14 Section 1561b of title 10, United States Code, is
 15 amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a)—

17 (A) by inserting “and the Secretary of the
 18 department in which the Coast Guard is oper-
 19 ating when not operating as a service in the
 20 Navy” after “Secretary of Defense”; and

21 (B) by inserting “or the Commandant”
 22 after “Secretary of a military department”;

23 (2) in subsection (c)—

1 (A) by inserting “or the Secretary of the
2 department in which the Coast Guard is oper-
3 ating when not operating as a service in the
4 Navy” after “Secretary of Defense”; and

5 (B) in paragraph (1) by inserting “depart-
6 ments or the Commandant” after “Secretaries
7 of the military”; and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(e) REPORTS FOR THE COAST GUARD.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 30,
11 2025, and April 30 every 2 years thereafter, the
12 Secretary of the department in which the Coast
13 Guard is operating shall submit to the Committee on
14 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
15 ate and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
16 structure of the House of Representatives a report
17 containing data on the complaints of sexual harass-
18 ment alleged pursuant to the process under sub-
19 section (a) during the previous 2 calendar years.

20 “(2) PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMA-
21 TION.—Any data on complaints described in para-
22 graph (1) shall not contain any personally identifi-
23 able information.”.

1 **SEC. 521. REPORT ON POLICY ON WHISTLEBLOWER PRO-**
2 **TECTIONS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall sub-
5 mit to the Committees on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
6 portation and Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
7 fairs of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation
8 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a re-
9 port on the policy of the Coast Guard on whistleblower
10 protections.

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

13 (1) A discussion of the policy of the Coast
14 Guard as of the date of enactment of this Act with
15 respect to—

16 (A) whistleblower protections;

17 (B) accountability measures for reprisal
18 against whistleblowers;

19 (C) the applicable professional standards
20 and potential types of support provided to whis-
21 tleblowers by members of the Coast Guard per-
22 sonnel, such as the members in the Coast
23 Guard Investigative Service; and

24 (D) the content and frequency of training
25 provided to members of the Coast Guard on ac-
26 tive duty, members of the Coast Guard Reserve,

1 and civilian personnel of the Coast Guard with
2 respect to the applicable professional standards
3 and potential types of support offered to whis-
4 tleblowers.

5 (2) A description of the responsibilities of com-
6 manders and equivalent civilian supervisors with re-
7 spect to whistleblower complaints and measures used
8 by the Coast Guard to ensure compliance with such
9 responsibilities, such as—

10 (A) the mechanisms to ensure that—

11 (i) any such commander complies with
12 section 1034 of title 10, United States
13 Code, including subsection (a)(1) of that
14 section;

15 (ii) any such equivalent civilian super-
16 visor complies with section 2302 of title 5,
17 United States Code; and

18 (iii) any such commander or super-
19 visor protects the constitutional right of
20 whistleblowers to speak with Members of
21 Congress;

22 (B) actions to be taken against any a com-
23 mander or equivalent civilian supervisor who
24 fails to act on a whistleblower complaint or im-
25 properly interferes with a whistleblower after a

1 complaint is filed or during the preparation of
2 a complaint;

3 (C) the role of Coast Guard attorneys in
4 ensuring that such commanders comply with re-
5 sponsibilities under section 1034 of title 10,
6 United States Code; and

7 (D) the role of Coast Guard civilian attor-
8 neys and administrative law judges in ensuring
9 that such civilian supervisors comply with re-
10 sponsibilities under section 2302 of title 5,
11 United States Code.

12 (3) A discussion of the availability of Coast
13 Guard staff, including civilian staff, assigned to pro-
14 viding, in accordance with professional standards or
15 practice, behavioral health care to whistleblowers, in-
16 cluding—

17 (A) the number and type of such staff;

18 (B) a description of the specific care re-
19 sponsibilities of such staff;

20 (C) an identification of any limitation ex-
21 isting as of the date of enactment of this Act
22 to the provision of such care;

23 (D) a description of any plan to increase
24 capacity of such staff to provide such care, as
25 applicable; and

1 (E) a description of any additional re-
2 sources necessary to provide such care.

3 (4) An assessment of the manner in which the
4 policies discussed in paragraph (1), the responsibil-
5 ities of commanders and civilian supervisors de-
6 scribed in paragraph (2), and the availability of
7 Coast Guard staff as discussed in paragraph (3)
8 apply specifically to cadets and leadership at the
9 Coast Guard Academy.

10 (5) Recommendations (including, as appro-
11 priate, proposed legislative changes and a plan to
12 publish in the Federal Register not later than 180
13 days after the date of enactment of this Act a re-
14 quest for information seeking public comment and
15 recommendations) of the Commandant regarding
16 manners in which Coast Guard policies and proce-
17 dures may be strengthened—

18 (A) to prevent whistleblower discrimination
19 and harassment;

20 (B) to better enforce prohibitions on retal-
21 iation, including reprisal, restriction, ostracism,
22 and maltreatment, set forth in section 1034 of
23 title 10, United States Code, and section 2302
24 of title 5, United States Code; and

1 (C) to hold commanding officers and civil-
2 ian supervisors accountable for enforcing and
3 complying with prohibitions on any form of re-
4 taliation described in such section.

5 **SEC. 522. REVIEW AND MODIFICATION OF COAST GUARD**
6 **ACADEMY POLICY ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT**
7 **AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Superintendent of the Coast
9 Guard Academy (referred to in this section as the “Super-
10 intendent”) shall—

11 (1) not later than 60 days after the date of en-
12 actment of this Act, commence a review of the Coast
13 Guard Academy policy on sexual harassment and
14 sexual violence established in accordance with sec-
15 tion 1902 of title 14, United States Code, that in-
16 cludes an evaluation as to whether any long-standing
17 Coast Guard Academy tradition, system, process, or
18 internal policy impedes the implementation of nec-
19 essary evidence-informed best practices followed by
20 other military service academies in prevention, re-
21 sponse, and recovery relating to sexual harassment
22 and sexual violence; and

23 (2) not later than 180 days after the date of
24 enactment of this Act—

25 (A) complete such review; and

1 (B) modify such policy in accordance with
2 subsection (b).

3 (b) MODIFICATIONS TO POLICY.—In modifying the
4 Coast Guard Academy policy on sexual harassment and
5 sexual violence referred to in subsection (a), the Super-
6 intendent shall ensure that such policy includes the fol-
7 lowing:

8 (1) Each matter required to be specified by sec-
9 tion 1902(b) of title 14, United States Code.

10 (2) Updates to achieve compliance with chapter
11 47 of title 10, United States Code (Uniform Code of
12 Military Justice).

13 (3) A description of the roles and responsibil-
14 ities of staff of the Coast Guard Academy Sexual
15 Assault Prevention, Response, and Recovery pro-
16 gram, including—

17 (A) the Sexual Assault Response Coordi-
18 nator;

19 (B) the Victim Advocate Program Spe-
20 cialist;

21 (C) the Volunteer Victim Advocate; and

22 (D) the Primary Prevention Specialist, as
23 established under subsection (c).

24 (4) A description of the role of the Coast Guard
25 Investigative Service with respect to sexual harass-

1 ment and sexual violence prevention, response, and
2 recovery at the Coast Guard Academy.

3 (5) A description of the role of support staff at
4 the Coast Guard Academy, including chaplains, with
5 respect to sexual harassment and sexual violence
6 prevention, response, and recovery.

7 (6) Measures to promote awareness of dating
8 violence.

9 (7) A delineation of the relationship between—
10 (A) cadet advocacy groups organized for
11 the prevention of, response to, and recovery
12 from sexual harassment and sexual violence, in-
13 cluding Cadets Against Sexual Assault; and

14 (B) the staff of the Coast Guard Academy
15 Sexual Assault Prevention, Response, and Re-
16 covery program.

17 (8) A provision that requires cadets and Coast
18 Guard Academy personnel to participate in not
19 fewer than one in-person training each academic
20 year on the prevention of, responses to, and re-
21 sources relating to incidents of sexual harassment
22 and sexual violence, to be provided by the staff of
23 the Coast Guard Academy Sexual Assault Preven-
24 tion, Response, and Recovery program.

1 (9) The establishment, revision, or expansion,
2 as necessary, of an anti-retaliation Superintendent's
3 Instruction for cadets who—

4 (A) report incidents of sexual harassment
5 or sexual violence;

6 (B) participate in cadet advocacy groups
7 that advocate for the prevention of, response to,
8 and recovery from sexual harassment and sex-
9 ual violence; or

10 (C) seek assistance from a company offi-
11 cer, company senior enlisted leader, athletic
12 coach, or other Coast Guard Academy staff
13 member with respect to a mental health or
14 other medical emergency.

15 (10) A provision that explains the purpose of
16 and process for issuance of a no-contact order at the
17 Coast Guard Academy, including a description of the
18 manner in which such an order shall be enforced.

19 (11) A provision that explains the purpose of
20 and process for issuance of a military protective
21 order at the Coast Guard Academy, including a de-
22 scription of—

23 (A) the manner in which such an order
24 shall be enforced; and

1 (B) the associated requirement to notify
2 the National Criminal Information Center of
3 the issuance of such an order.

4 (c) PRIMARY PREVENTION SPECIALIST.—Not later
5 than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
6 the Superintendent shall hire a Primary Prevention Spe-
7 cialist, to be located and serve at the Coast Guard Acad-
8 emy.

9 (d) TEMPORARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO RECEIVE
10 MEDICAL SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH AND RE-
11 LATED SUPPORT SERVICES.—The Superintendent shall
12 ensure that the Academy’s policy regarding a cadet who
13 has made a restricted or unrestricted report of sexual har-
14 assment to request a leave of absence from the Coast
15 Guard Academy is consistent with other military service
16 academies.

17 (e) BOARD OF VISITORS.—The Board of Visitors of
18 the Coast Guard Academy shall regularly review—

19 (1) the implementation of this section; and
20 (2) the state of morale and discipline at the
21 Coast Guard Academy, including with respect to
22 prevention of, response to, and recovery from sexual
23 assault and sexual harassment.

1 **SEC. 523. COAST GUARD AND COAST GUARD ACADEMY AC-**
2 **CESS TO DEFENSE SEXUAL ASSAULT INCI-**
3 **DENT DATABASE.**

4 (a) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—Not later
5 than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
6 the Commandant, in consultation with the Secretary of
7 Defense, shall enter into a memorandum of understanding
8 to enable the criminal offender case management and ana-
9 lytics database of the Coast Guard to have system inter-
10 face access with the Defense Sexual Assault Incident
11 Database (referred to in this section as the “Database”)
12 established by section 563 of the Duncan Hunter National
13 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (10
14 U.S.C. 1561 note).

15 (b) PLAN.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
17 entering into the memorandum of understanding re-
18 quired under subsection (a), the Commandant, in
19 consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall
20 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a
21 plan to carry out the terms of such memorandum.

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

24 (A) Measures to ensure that authorized
25 staff of the Coast Guard have system interface

1 access to the Database, and a description of
2 any barrier to such access.

3 (B) Measures to ensure that authorized
4 staff of the Coast Guard Academy have system
5 interface access to the Database, and a descrip-
6 tion of any barrier to such access that is unique
7 to the Coast Guard Academy.

8 (C) Measures to facilitate formal or infor-
9 mal communication between the Coast Guard
10 and the Sexual Assault Prevention and Re-
11 sponse Office of the Department of Defense, or
12 any other relevant Department of Defense com-
13 ponent, to identify or seek a resolution to bar-
14 riers to Database access.

15 (D) A description of the steps, measures,
16 and improvements necessary to remove any bar-
17 rier encountered by staff of the Coast Guard or
18 the Coast Guard Academy in accessing the
19 Database, including any failure of system inter-
20 face access necessitating manual entry of inves-
21 tigative data.

22 (E) An assessment of the technical chal-
23 lenges, timeframes, and costs associated with
24 providing authorized staff of the Coast Guard
25 and the Coast Guard Academy with system

1 interface access for the Database that is sub-
2 stantially similar to such system interface ac-
3 cess possessed by other branches of the Armed
4 Forces.

5 (3) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS
6 DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “appro-
7 priate committees of Congress” means—

8 (A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
9 and Transportation and the Committee on
10 Armed Services of the Senate; and

11 (B) the Committee on Transportation and
12 Infrastructure and the Committee on Armed
13 Services of the House of Representatives.

14 **SEC. 524. DIRECTOR OF COAST GUARD INVESTIGATIVE**
15 **SERVICE.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 14, United
17 States Code, is further amended by adding at the end the
18 following:

19 **“§ 327. Director of Coast Guard Investigative Service**

20 **“(a) IN GENERAL.—There shall be a Director of the**
21 **Coast Guard Investigative Service.**

22 **“(b) CHAIN OF COMMAND.—The Director of the**
23 **Coast Guard Investigative Service shall report directly to**
24 **and be under the general supervision of the Commandant,**

1 acting through the Vice Commandant of the Coast
2 Guard.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for Chap-
4 ter 3 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended
5 by inserting after the item relating to section 326 the fol-
6 lowing:

“327. Director of Coast Guard Investigative Service.”.

7 **SEC. 525. MODIFICATIONS AND REVISIONS RELATING TO**
8 **REOPENING RETIRED GRADE DETERMINA-**
9 **TIONS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2501(d)(2) of title 14,
11 United States Code, is amended—

12 (1) in subparagraph (B) by inserting “a” before
13 “competent authority”;

14 (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) through
15 (E) as subparagraphs (F) through (H), respectively;
16 and

17 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(C) substantial evidence comes to light
20 that, during the commissioned service of the of-
21 ficer, the officer failed to carry out applicable
22 laws, with an intent to deceive or defraud;

23 “(D) substantial evidence comes to light
24 after the retirement that the officer committed
25 rape or sexual assault, as described in sections

1 920(a) and 920(b) of title 10 (articles 120(a)
2 and 120(b) of the Uniform Code of Military
3 Justice) at any time during the commissioned
4 service of the officer;

5 “(E) substantial evidence comes to light
6 after the retirement that the commissioned offi-
7 cer knew of and failed to report through proper
8 channels, in accordance with existing law at the
9 time of the alleged incident, any known in-
10 stances of sexual assault by a member of the
11 Coast Guard under the command of the officer
12 during the officer’s service;”.

13 (b) ISSUANCE AND REVISION OF REGULATIONS RE-
14 LATING TO GOOD CAUSE TO REOPEN RETIRED GRADE
15 DETERMINATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the
16 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the depart-
17 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating shall issue
18 or revise, as applicable, and at the discretion of the Sec-
19 retary consistent with this section, regulations of the
20 Coast Guard to do the following:

21 (1) Define what constitutes good cause to re-
22 open a retired grade determination referred to in
23 subparagraph (H) of section 2501(d)(2) of title 14,
24 United States Code, as redesignated by subsection

1 (a), to ensure that the following shall be considered
2 good cause for such a reopening:

3 (A) Circumstances that constitute a failure
4 to carry out applicable laws regarding a report
5 of sexual assault with an intent to deceive by a
6 commissioned officer, that relate to a response
7 made to a report of sexual assault, during the
8 commissioned service of the officer.

9 (B) Substantial evidence of sexual assault
10 by the commissioned officer concerned, at any
11 time during the commissioned service of such
12 officer, or such evidence that was not consid-
13 ered by the Coast Guard in a manner consistent
14 with law.

15 (2) Identify the standard for making, and the
16 evidentiary showing required to support, an adverse
17 determination on the retired grade of a commis-
18 sioned officer.

19 (c) REVISION OF LIMITATIONS ON REOPENING RE-
20 Tired Grade Determinations.—Not later than 180
21 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
22 of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating
23 shall revise applicable guidance in section K.10 of chapter
24 3 of Commandant Instruction 1000.4A to remove any re-

1 striction that limits the ability to reopen the retired grade
 2 of a commissioned officer based on—

3 (1) whether new evidence is discovered contem-
 4 poraneously with or within a short time period after
 5 the date of retirement of the officer concerned; and

6 (2) whether the misconduct concerned was not
 7 discoverable through due diligence.

8 (d) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—No provision of this section
 9 or the amendments made by this section shall be construed
 10 to permit a review of conduct that was not in violation
 11 of law or policy at the time of the alleged conduct.

12 **SEC. 526. INCLUSION AND COMMAND REVIEW OF INFORMA-**
 13 **TION ON COVERED MISCONDUCT IN PER-**
 14 **SONNEL SERVICE RECORDS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 25 of title
 16 14, United States Code, is further amended by adding at
 17 the end the following:

18 **“§ 2522. Inclusion and command review of informa-**
 19 **tion on covered misconduct in personnel**
 20 **service records**

21 **“(a) INFORMATION ON REPORTS ON COVERED MIS-**
 22 **CONDUCT.—**

23 **“(1) IN GENERAL.—**If a complaint of covered
 24 misconduct is made against a member of the Coast
 25 Guard and the member is convicted by court-martial

1 or receives nonjudicial punishment or punitive ad-
2 ministrative action for such covered misconduct, a
3 notation to that effect shall be placed in the per-
4 sonnel service record of the member, regardless of
5 the grade of the member.

6 “(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the inclusion
7 of information in personnel service records under
8 paragraph (1) is to alert supervisors and com-
9 manders to any member of their command who has
10 received a court-martial conviction, nonjudicial pun-
11 ishment, or punitive administrative action for cov-
12 ered misconduct in order—

13 “(A) to reduce the likelihood that repeat
14 offenses will escape the notice of supervisors
15 and commanders; and

16 “(B) to help inform commissioning or
17 promotability of the member;

18 “(3) LIMITATION ON PLACEMENT.—A notation
19 under paragraph (1) may not be placed in the re-
20 stricted section of the personnel service record of a
21 member.

22 “(4) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sub-
23 section may be construed to prohibit or limit the ca-
24 pacity of a member of the Coast Guard to challenge
25 or appeal the placement of a notation, or location of

1 placement of a notation, in the personnel service
2 record of the member in accordance with procedures
3 otherwise applicable to such challenges or appeals.

4 “(b) COMMAND REVIEW OF HISTORY OF COVERED
5 MISCONDUCT.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Under policy to be pre-
7 scribed by the Secretary, the commanding officer of
8 a unit or facility to which a covered member is as-
9 signed or transferred shall review the history of cov-
10 ered misconduct as documented in the personnel
11 service record of a covered member in order to be-
12 come familiar with such history of the covered mem-
13 ber.

14 “(2) COVERED MEMBER DEFINED.—In this
15 subsection, the term ‘covered member’ means a
16 member of the Coast Guard who, at the time of as-
17 signment or transfer as described in paragraph (1),
18 has a history of 1 or more covered misconduct of-
19 fenses as documented in the personnel service record
20 of such member or such other records or files as the
21 Commandant shall specify in the policy prescribed
22 under subparagraph (A).

23 “(c) REVIEW OF PERSONNEL SERVICE RECORD TO
24 DETERMINE SUITABILITY FOR CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.—
25 Under policy to be prescribed by the Secretary, the Com-

1 mandant shall establish procedures that are consistent
 2 with the law, policies, and practices of the Department of
 3 Defense in effect on the date of enactment of the Coast
 4 Guard Authorization Act of 2025 to consider and review
 5 the personnel service record of a former member of the
 6 Armed Forces to determine the suitability of the individual
 7 for civilian employment in the Coast Guard.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 9 ter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by in-
 10 serting after the item relating to section 2521 (as added
 11 by this Act) the following:

“2522. Inclusion and command review of information on covered misconduct in
 personnel service records.”.

12 **SEC. 527. FLAG OFFICER REVIEW OF, AND CONCURRENCE**
 13 **IN, SEPARATION OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE RE-**
 14 **PORTED SEXUAL MISCONDUCT.**

15 (a) POLICY TO REQUIRE REVIEW OF CERTAIN PRO-
 16 POSED INVOLUNTARY SEPARATIONS.—Not later than 120
 17 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-
 18 mandant shall establish, with respect to any proposed in-
 19 voluntary separation under chapter 59 of title 10, United
 20 States Code, a Coast Guard policy to review the cir-
 21 cumstances of, and grounds for, such a proposed involun-
 22 tary separation of any member of the Coast Guard who—

1 (1) made a restricted or unrestricted report of
2 covered misconduct (as such term is defined in sec-
3 tion 2519 of title 14, United States Code);

4 (2) within 2 years after making such a report,
5 is recommended for involuntary separation from the
6 Coast Guard; and

7 (3) requests the review on the grounds that the
8 member believes the recommendation for involuntary
9 separation from the Coast Guard was initiated in re-
10 taliation for making the report.

11 (b) RECUSAL.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The policy established under
13 subsection (a) shall set forth a process for the
14 recusal of commanding officers and the flag officer
15 described in subsection (c)(2) from making initial or
16 subsequent decisions on proposed separations or
17 from reviewing proposed separations.

18 (2) CRITERIA.—The recusal process established
19 under paragraph (1) shall specify criteria for
20 recusal, including mandatory recusal from making a
21 decision on a proposed separation, and from review-
22 ing a proposed separation, if the commanding officer
23 or the flag officer described in subsection (c)(2) was,
24 at any time—

1 (A) the subject of a complaint of any form
2 of assault, harassment, or retaliation, filed by
3 the member of the Coast Guard described in
4 subsection (a) who is the subject of a proposed
5 involuntary separation or whose proposed sepa-
6 ration is under review; or

7 (B) associated with the individual sus-
8 pected or accused of perpetrating the incident
9 of covered misconduct reported by such mem-
10 ber.

11 (c) CONCURRENCE OF FLAG OFFICER REQUIRED.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The policy established under
13 subsection (a) shall require the concurrence of the
14 flag officer described in paragraph (2) in order to
15 separate the member of the Coast Guard described
16 in such subsection.

17 (2) FLAG OFFICER DESCRIBED.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
19 subparagraph (B), the flag officer described in
20 this paragraph is—

21 (i) the Commandant; or

22 (ii) a designee of the Commandant
23 who is in a grade not lower than O-7.

24 (B) CHAIN OF COMMAND EXCEPTION.—In
25 the case of a member of the Coast Guard de-

1 scribed in subsection (a) who is in the imme-
2 diate chain of command of the Commandant or
3 the designee of the Commandant that oversees
4 personnel policy, the flag officer described in
5 this paragraph is a flag officer outside the
6 chain of command of such member, as deter-
7 mined by the Commandant consistent with the
8 policy established under subsection (a).

9 (d) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—Any member of the
10 Coast Guard who has made a report of covered misconduct
11 and who receives a proposal for involuntary separation
12 shall be notified at the time of such proposal of the right
13 of the member to a review under this section.

14 **SEC. 528. EXPEDITED TRANSFER IN CASES OF SEXUAL MIS-**
15 **CONDUCT OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.**

16 (a) EXPEDITED TRANSFER POLICY UPDATE.—Not
17 later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this
18 Act, the Commandant shall update Coast Guard policy as
19 necessary to implement—

20 (1) an expedited transfer process for covered in-
21 dividuals consistent with—

22 (A) Department of Defense policy on expe-
23 dited transfers of victims of sexual assault or
24 domestic violence in place on the date of enact-
25 ment of this Act; and

1 (B) subsection (b); and

2 (2) a process by which—

3 (A) a covered individual, the commanding
4 officer of a covered individual, or any other
5 Coast Guard official may initiate a request that
6 a subject be administratively assigned to an-
7 other unit in accordance with military assign-
8 ments and authorized absence policy for the du-
9 ration of the investigation and, if applicable,
10 prosecution of such subject;

11 (B) the Coast Guard shall ensure that any
12 administrative assignment action in response to
13 a request under subparagraph (A) will be taken
14 not as a punitive measure, but solely for the
15 purpose of maintaining good order and dis-
16 cipline within the unit of the covered individual
17 or the subject; and

18 (C) protection of due process for the sub-
19 ject is preserved.

20 (b) RECUSAL.—The expedited transfer process imple-
21 mented under this section shall require the recusal of any
22 official involved in the approval or denial of an expedited
23 transfer request if the official was, at any time—

1 (1) the subject of a complaint of any form of
2 assault, harassment, or retaliation, or any other type
3 of complaint, filed by the covered individual; or

4 (2) associated, beyond workplace interactions,
5 with the subject in a manner that may present an
6 actual or apparent conflict of interest.

7 (c) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—With respect to
8 a member of the Coast Guard who makes an unrestricted
9 report of sexual assault or a report of domestic violence,
10 the updated policy required under subsection (a) shall
11 specify the appropriate officials of the Coast Guard who
12 shall provide such member with information regarding ex-
13 pedited transfer authority.

14 (d) REPORT.—

15 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than March 1
16 of the year that is not less than 1 year after the
17 date on which the updates required under subsection
18 (a) are completed, the Commandant shall submit to
19 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
20 portation of the Senate and the Committee on
21 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
22 Representatives, as an enclosure or appendix to the
23 report required by section 5112 of title 14, United
24 States Code, a report on such updates that in-
25 cludes—

1 (A) a copy of the updated policies of the
2 Coast Guard relating to expedited transfers;

3 (B) a summary of such updated policies;

4 (C) for the preceding year, the number of
5 covered individuals who have requested an expedited
6 transfer, disaggregated by gender of the
7 requester and whether the request was granted
8 or denied;

9 (D) for each denial of an expedited transfer
10 request during the preceding year, a description
11 of the rationale for the denial; and

12 (E) any other matter the Commandant
13 considers appropriate.

14 (2) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—Not later than 1
15 year after the Commandant submits the report required
16 under paragraph (1), and annually thereafter
17 for 3 years, the Commandant shall submit to the
18 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
19 of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation
20 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives,
21 as an enclosure or appendix to the report
22 required by section 5112 of title 14, United
23 States Code, a report on the updates required under
24 subsection (a) that includes—

1 (A) any policies of the Coast Guard relat-
2 ing to expedited transfers that have been up-
3 dated since the previous report submitted under
4 this subsection;

5 (B) a summary of any such updated poli-
6 cies; and

7 (C) the information described under sub-
8 paragraphs (C) through (E) of paragraph (1).

9 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “covered
11 individual” means—

12 (A) a member of the Coast Guard who is
13 a victim of sexual assault in a case handled
14 under the Sexual Assault Prevention, Response,
15 and Recovery Program or the Family Advocacy
16 Program;

17 (B) a member of the Coast Guard who is
18 a victim of domestic violence (as defined by the
19 Secretary of the department in which the Coast
20 Guard is operating in the policies prescribed
21 under this section) committed by the spouse or
22 intimate partner of the member, regardless of
23 whether the spouse or intimate partner is a
24 member of the Coast Guard; and

1 (C) a member of the Coast Guard whose
2 dependent is a victim of sexual assault or do-
3 mestic violence.

4 (2) SUBJECT.—The term “subject” means a
5 member of the Coast Guard who is the subject of an
6 investigation related to alleged incidents of sexual
7 assault or domestic violence and is stationed at the
8 same installation as, or in close proximity to, the
9 covered individual involved.

10 **SEC. 529. ACCESS TO TEMPORARY SEPARATION PROGRAM**
11 **FOR VICTIMS OF ALLEGED SEX-RELATED OF-**
12 **FENSES.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
14 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall up-
15 date the Coast Guard policy relating to temporary separa-
16 tion of members of the Coast Guard who are victims of
17 alleged sex-related offenses as required under subsection
18 (b).

19 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—The updated policy required under
20 subsection (a) shall include—

21 (1) a provision that allows a member of the
22 Coast Guard to request to participate in the tem-
23 porary separation program if the member has re-
24 ported, in an unrestricted format or to the greatest
25 extent practicable, a restricted format, being the vic-

1 tim of an alleged sex-related offense on a date that
2 is during—

3 (A) the 5-year period preceding the re-
4 quested date of separation; and

5 (B) the military service of the member;

6 (2) a provision that provides eligibility for a
7 member of the Coast Guard to request temporary
8 separation if the member has reported being the vic-
9 tim of an alleged sex-related offense, even if—

10 (A) the member has had a previous tem-
11 porary separation including a previous tem-
12 porary separation as the victim of a previous
13 unrelated alleged sex-related offense; or

14 (B) the enlistment period of the member is
15 not nearing expiration or the tour or contract
16 of the member is not nearing completion;

17 (3) an updated standard of review consistent
18 with the application of, and purposes of, this section;
19 and

20 (4) the establishment of a process—

21 (A) for eligible members to make requests
22 for temporary separation under this section;
23 and

24 (B) that allows the Commandant to con-
25 sider whether to allow a member granted tem-

1 porary separation under this section to fulfill
 2 the enlistment period or tour or contract obliga-
 3 tion of the member after the end of the tem-
 4 porary separation period.

5 (c) EXCEPTION FROM REPAYMENT OF BONUSES, IN-
 6 CENTIVE PAY, OR SIMILAR BENEFITS AND TERMINATION
 7 OF REMAINING PAYMENTS.—For any temporary separa-
 8 tion granted under the updated policy required under sub-
 9 section (a), the Secretary concerned may conduct a review
 10 to determine whether to exercise discretion in accordance
 11 with section 373(b)(1) of title 37, United States Code.

12 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
 14 retary concerned” has the meaning given such term
 15 in section 101 of title 37, United States Code.

16 (2) SEX-RELATED OFFENSE.—The term “sex-
 17 related offense” has the meaning given such term in
 18 section 1044e(h) of title 10, United States Code.

19 **SEC. 530. POLICY AND PROGRAM TO EXPAND PREVENTION**
 20 **OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
 22 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall de-
 23 velop and issue a comprehensive policy for the Coast
 24 Guard to reinvigorate the prevention of misconduct involv-
 25 ing members and civilians of the Coast Guard that con-

1 tains the policy elements described in section 1561 of title
2 10, United States Code.

3 (b) PROGRAMS REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
4 after the issuance of the policy required under paragraph
5 (1), the Commandant shall develop and implement for the
6 Coast Guard a program to reinvigorate the prevention of
7 misconduct involving members and civilians of the Coast
8 Guard.

9 **SEC. 531. CONTINUOUS VETTING OF SECURITY CLEAR-**
10 **ANCES.**

11 Section 1564(c) of title 10, United States Code, is
12 amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (1)—

14 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

15 (A) by inserting “, and the Secretary of Home-
16 land Security shall conduct an investigation or
17 adjudication under subsection (a) of any indi-
18 vidual described in paragraph (3),” after “para-
19 graph (2)”; and

20 (B) in subparagraph (A)(iv) by striking
21 “the Secretary” and inserting “the Secretary of
22 Defense or the Secretary of Homeland Security,
23 as the case may be,”;

1 (2) in paragraph (2) by inserting “(other than
2 an individual described in paragraph (3))” after “is
3 an individual”;

4 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as
5 paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively;

6 (4) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
7 lowing new paragraph:

8 “(3) An individual described in this paragraph is an
9 individual who has a security clearance and is—

10 “(A) a flag officer of the Coast Guard; or

11 “(B) an employee of the Coast Guard in the
12 Senior Executive Service.”; and

13 (5) in paragraph (4), as redesignated by para-
14 graph (3), by striking “Secretary” and all that fol-
15 lows through “paragraph (2)” and inserting the fol-
16 lowing: “Secretary of Defense, in the case of an indi-
17 vidual described in paragraph (2), and the Secretary
18 of Homeland Security, in the case of an individual
19 described in paragraph (3), shall ensure that rel-
20 evant information on the conviction or determination
21 described in paragraph (1) of such an individual”.

22 **SEC. 532. TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR COV-**
23 **ERED MISCONDUCT PREVENTION AND RE-**
24 **SPONSE.**

25 (a) MODIFICATION OF CURRICULUM.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
3 shall revise the curriculum of the Coast Guard with
4 respect to covered misconduct prevention and re-
5 sponse training—

6 (A) to include—

7 (i) information on procedures and re-
8 sponsibilities with respect to reporting re-
9 quirements, investigations, survivor health
10 and safety (including expedited transfers,
11 no-contact orders, military and civilian
12 protective orders, and temporary separa-
13 tions), and whistleblower protections;

14 (ii) information on Department of
15 Veterans Affairs resources available to vet-
16 erans, active-duty personnel, and reserve
17 personnel;

18 (iii) information on the right of any
19 member of the Coast Guard to seek legal
20 resources outside the Coast Guard;

21 (iv) general information regarding the
22 availability of legal resources provided by
23 civilian legal services organizations, pre-
24 sented in an organized and consistent

1 manner that does not endorse any par-
2 ticular legal services organization; and

3 (v) information on the capability, op-
4 erations, reporting structure, and require-
5 ments with respect to the Chief Prosecutor
6 of the Coast Guard; and

7 (B) to address the workforce training rec-
8 ommendations set forth in the memorandum of
9 the Coast Guard titled “Commandant’s Di-
10 rected Actions—Accountability and Trans-
11 parency”, issued on November 27, 2023.

12 (2) COLLABORATION.—In revising the cur-
13 riculum under this subsection, the Commandant
14 shall solicit input from individuals outside the Coast
15 Guard who are experts in sexual assault and sexual
16 harassment prevention and response training.

17 (b) COVERED MISCONDUCT PREVENTION AND RE-
18 SPONSE TRAINING AND EDUCATION.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
20 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
21 shall ensure that all members and civilian employees
22 of the Coast Guard are provided with annual covered
23 misconduct prevention and response training and
24 education for the purpose of strengthening indi-

vidual knowledge, skills, and capacity relating to the prevention of and response to covered misconduct.

(2) SCOPE.—The training and education referred to in paragraph (1)—

(A) shall be provided as part of—

(i) initial entry and accession training;

(ii) annual refresher training;

(iii) initial and recurring training courses for covered first responders;

(iv) new and prospective commanding officer and executive officer training; and

(v) specialized leadership training; and

(B) shall be tailored for specific leadership levels, positions, pay grades, and roles.

(3) CONTENT.—The training and education referred to in paragraph (1) shall include the information described in subsection (a)(1)(A).

(c) COVERED FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall ensure that—

(A) training for covered first responders includes the covered misconduct prevention and response training described in subsection (b); and

1 (B) such covered misconduct prevention
2 and response training is provided to covered
3 first responders on a recurring basis.

4 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In addition to the infor-
5 mation described in subsection (a)(1)(A), the initial
6 and recurring covered misconduct prevention and re-
7 sponse training for covered first responders shall in-
8 clude information on procedures and responsibilities
9 with respect to—

10 (A) the provision of care to a victim of cov-
11 ered misconduct, in accordance with profes-
12 sional standards or practice, that accounts for
13 trauma experienced by the victim and associ-
14 ated symptoms or events that may exacerbate
15 such trauma; and

16 (B) the manner in which such a victim
17 may receive such care.

18 (d) TRAINING FOR PROSPECTIVE COMMANDING OF-
19 FICERS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months
21 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-
22 mandant shall ensure that training for prospective
23 commanders and executive officers at all levels of
24 command includes the covered misconduct preven-

tion and response training described in subsection (b).

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—In addition to the information described in subsection (a)(1)(A), the covered misconduct prevention and response training for prospective commanding officers and executive officers shall be—

(A) tailored to the responsibilities and leadership requirements of members of the Coast Guard as they are assigned to command positions; and

(B) revised, as necessary, to include information on—

(i) fostering a command climate—

(I) that does not tolerate covered misconduct;

(II) in which individuals assigned to the command are encouraged to intervene to prevent potential incidents of covered misconduct; and

(III) that encourages victims of covered misconduct to report any incident of covered misconduct;

1 (ii) the possible variations in the ef-
2 fect of trauma on individuals who have ex-
3 perience covered misconduct;

4 (iii) potential differences in the proce-
5 dures and responsibilities, Department of
6 Veterans Affairs resources, and legal re-
7 sources described in subsection (a)(1)(A)
8 depending on the operating environment in
9 which an incident of covered misconduct
10 occurred;

11 (iv) the investigation of alleged inci-
12 dents of covered misconduct, including
13 training on understanding evidentiary
14 standards;

15 (v) available disciplinary options, in-
16 cluding administrative action and deferral
17 of discipline for collateral misconduct, and
18 examples of disciplinary options in civilian
19 jurisdictions; and

20 (vi) the capability, operations, report-
21 ing structure, and requirements with re-
22 spect to the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast
23 Guard.

24 (e) ENTRY AND ACCESSION TRAININGS.—

25 (1) INITIAL TRAINING.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year
2 after the date of enactment of this Act, the
3 Commandant shall provide for the inclusion of
4 an initial covered misconduct prevention and re-
5 sponse training module in the training for each
6 new member of the Coast Guard, which shall be
7 provided not later than 14 duty days after the
8 date of accession.

9 (B) REQUIREMENT.—In addition to the in-
10 formation described in subsection (a)(1)(A), the
11 initial training module referred to in subpara-
12 graph (A) shall include a comprehensive expla-
13 nation of Coast Guard—

14 (i) policy with respect to covered mis-
15 conduct; and

16 (ii) procedures for reporting covered
17 misconduct.

18 (2) SUBSEQUENT TRAINING.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall
20 provide for the inclusion of a detailed covered
21 misconduct prevention and response training
22 module in the training for each new member of
23 the Coast Guard, which shall be provided not
24 later than 60 duty days after the date on which

1 the initial training module described in para-
2 graph (1)(A) is provided.

3 (B) CONTENT.—The detailed training
4 module referred to in subparagraph (A) shall
5 include the information described in subsection
6 (a)(1)(A).

7 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) COVERED FIRST RESPONDER.—The term
9 “covered first responder” includes sexual assault re-
10 sponse coordinators, victim advocates, Coast Guard
11 medical officers, Coast Guard security forces, Coast
12 Guard Investigative Service agents, judge advocates,
13 special victims’ counsel, chaplains, and related per-
14 sonnel.

15 (2) COVERED MISCONDUCT.—The term “cov-
16 ered misconduct” has the meaning given such term
17 in section 2519 of title 14, United States Code.

18 **SEC. 533. REQUIREMENT TO REPORT SEXUAL OFFENSES.**

19 Section 10104 of title 46, United States Code, is
20 amended—

21 (1) in subsection (a)(1) by striking “harass-
22 ment, sexual harassment, or sexual assault in viola-
23 tion of employer policy or law” and inserting “sexual
24 harassment or sexual assault in violation of employer
25 policy or law and harassment”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(h) HARASSMENT DEFINED.—In this section, the
3 term ‘harassment’ means—

4 “(1) unwelcome remarks about an individual’s
5 characteristics as protected in title VII of the Civil
6 Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Em-
7 ployment Act of 1967, the Rehabilitation Act of
8 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and
9 the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, or other unwel-
10 come verbal or physical conduct based on 1 or more
11 of these categories, if—

12 “(A) submission to such remarks or con-
13 duct is made either explicitly or implicitly a
14 term or condition of employment, pay, career,
15 benefits, or entitlements of the individual;

16 “(B) submission to or rejection of such re-
17 marks or conduct by an individual is used as
18 the basis for decisions affecting that individ-
19 ual’s job, pay, career, benefits, or entitlements;
20 or

21 “(C) such remarks or conduct has the pur-
22 pose or effect of unreasonably interfering with
23 an individual’s work performance; and

24 “(2) such remarks or conduct is so severe or
25 pervasive that a reasonable person would perceive,

1 and the individual does perceive, the work environ-
2 ment as hostile, intimidating or abusive.

3 “(i) RESPONSE TO INCIDENTS.—Nothing in this sec-
4 tion shall be construed to impede the ability of the respon-
5 sible entity of the vessel to take immediate personnel ac-
6 tion in response to an incident described in subsection
7 (a)(1) to preserve the safety and security of individuals
8 on the vessel.”.

9 **TITLE VI—COMPTROLLER**
10 **GENERAL REPORTS**

11 **SEC. 601. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON COAST**
12 **GUARD RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND IN-**
13 **NOVATION PROGRAM.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after
15 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
16 of the United States shall submit to the Committee on
17 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and
18 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
19 the House of Representatives a report on the state of the
20 research, development, and innovation program of the
21 Coast Guard during the 5-year period ending on such date
22 of enactment.

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

1 (1) An evaluation and description of the process
2 for selecting projects to be carried out under the re-
3 search, development, and innovation program of the
4 Coast Guard.

5 (2) An analysis of the manner in which funding
6 needs are determined and requested for such pro-
7 gram, and for the activities and projects of such pro-
8 gram, in alignment with the appropriate fiscal year.

9 (3) An assessment of the manner in which the
10 Coast Guard determines desired outcomes, and
11 measures the impact, of successful projects on the
12 execution of the operations and mission of the Coast
13 Guard.

14 (4) An assessment of the manner in which the
15 Coast Guard evaluates impacts and benefits of part-
16 nerships between the Coast Guard and the Depart-
17 ment of Defense and other entities, and a descrip-
18 tion of the extent to which and manner in which the
19 Coast Guard is leveraging such benefits and identi-
20 fying and managing any potential challenge.

21 (5) An analysis of the manner in which the
22 Commandant is working with partners to accelerate
23 project transition from research, testing, evaluation,
24 and prototype to production.

1 (6) An assessment of the manner in which the
2 authority to enter into transactions other than con-
3 tracts and grants pursuant to sections 719 and 1158
4 of title 14, United States Code, has been exercised
5 by the Commandant, and a description of any train-
6 ing or resources necessary (including additional
7 agreements for officers and training) to more fully
8 exercise such authority.

9 (7) An evaluation of the role of the Blue Tech
10 Center of Expertise established in section 302 of the
11 Coast Guard Blue Technology Center of Expertise
12 Act (Public Law 115–265).

13 (8) Recommendations regarding authorization,
14 personnel, infrastructure, and other requirements
15 necessary for the expeditious transition of tech-
16 nologies developed under such program from proto-
17 type to production in the field.

18 (c) CONSULTATION.—In developing the report re-
19 quired under subsection (a), the Comptroller General may
20 consult with—

- 21 (1) the maritime and aviation industries;
- 22 (2) the Secretary of Defense;
- 23 (3) the intelligence community; and
- 24 (4) any relevant—

25 (A) federally funded research institutions;

- 1 (B) nongovernmental organizations; and
- 2 (C) institutions of higher education.

3 **SEC. 602. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW OF QUALITY**
4 **AND AVAILABILITY OF COAST GUARD BEHAV-**
5 **IORAL HEALTH CARE AND RESOURCES FOR**
6 **PERSONNEL WELLNESS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
9 of the United States shall commence a review of the qual-
10 ity and availability of behavioral health care and related
11 resources for Coast Guard personnel at the locations de-
12 scribed in subsection (b).

13 (b) LOCATIONS TO BE REVIEWED.—In conducting
14 the review under subsection (a), the Comptroller General
15 shall—

16 (1) first review the practices and policies relat-
17 ing to the availability of behavioral health care and
18 related resources at Training Center Cape May; and

19 (2) review such practices and policies at—

20 (A) the Coast Guard Academy, including
21 Officer Candidate School; and

22 (B) other Coast Guard training locations,
23 as applicable.

24 (c) ELEMENTS.—The review conducted under sub-
25 section (a) shall include, for each location described in

1 subsection (b), an assessment, and a description of avail-
2 able trend information (as applicable) for the 10-year pe-
3 riod preceding the date of the review, with respect to each
4 of the following:

5 (1) The nature of Coast Guard resources di-
6 rected toward behavioral health services at the loca-
7 tion.

8 (2) The manner in which the Coast Guard has
9 managed treatment for recruits, cadets, officer can-
10 didates, or other personnel who may be experiencing
11 a behavioral health crisis at the location (including
12 individuals who have transferred to other buildings
13 or facilities within the location).

14 (3) The extent to which the Coast Guard has
15 identified the resources, such as physical spaces and
16 facilities, necessary to manage behavioral health
17 challenges and crises that Coast Guard personnel
18 may face at the location.

19 (4) The behavioral health screenings required
20 by the Coast Guard for recruits, cadets, officer can-
21 didates, or other personnel at the location, and the
22 manner in which such screenings compare with
23 screenings required by the Department of Defense
24 for military recruits, service academy cadets, officer

1 candidates, or other personnel at military service ac-
2 cession points.

3 (5) Whether the Coast Guard has assessed the
4 adequacy of behavioral health resources and services
5 for recruits, cadets, officer candidates, and other
6 personnel at the location, and if so, the additional
7 services and resources (such as resilience and life
8 skills coaching), if any, needed to address any poten-
9 tial gaps.

10 (6) The manner in which the Coast Guard man-
11 ages care transfers related to behavior health at the
12 location, including command and other management
13 input and privacy policies.

14 (7) The extent to which the Coast Guard has
15 evaluated contributing factors or reasons for behav-
16 ioral health crises experienced by newly enlisted per-
17 sonnel, cadets, officer candidates, or other personnel
18 at the location.

19 (8) The extent to which the Coast Guard has
20 addressed, at the location, provider care staffing
21 standards and credentialing deficiencies identified in
22 the report of the Comptroller General titled “Coast
23 Guard Health Care: Improvements Needed for De-
24 termining Staffing Needs and Monitoring Access to
25 Care”, issued on February 4, 2022.

1 (d) REPORTS.—The Comptroller General shall sub-
2 mit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
3 portation of the Senate and the Committee on Transpor-
4 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
5 tives—

6 (1) as soon as practicable but not later than 1
7 year after the date of enactment of this Act, a re-
8 port relating to the results of the review conducted
9 under subsection (a) relating to Training Center
10 Cape May, including any recommendations the
11 Comptroller General considers appropriate; and

12 (2) not later than 1 year after the date of en-
13 actment of this Act—

14 (A) a report on the results of the review
15 conducted under subsection (a) relating to—

16 (i) the Coast Guard Academy, includ-
17 ing Officer Candidate School; and

18 (ii) other Coast Guard training loca-
19 tions, as applicable; and

20 (B) any recommendations the Comptroller
21 General considers appropriate.

1 **SEC. 603. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON COAST**
2 **GUARD EFFORTS TO REDUCE PREVALENCE**
3 **OF MISSING OR INCOMPLETE MEDICAL**
4 **RECORDS AND SHARING OF MEDICAL DATA**
5 **WITH DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
6 **AND OTHER ENTITIES.**

7 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of
8 enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the
9 United States shall commence a study assessing the ef-
10 forts of the Commandant—

11 (1) to reduce the prevalence of missing or in-
12 complete medical records;

13 (2) to share medical data of members of the
14 Coast Guard with the Department of Veterans Af-
15 fairs; and

16 (3) to ensure that electronic health records are
17 provided in a format that is user friendly and easy
18 to access.

19 (b) ELEMENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-
20 section (a), the Comptroller General shall review the fol-
21 lowing:

22 (1) The steps the Commandant has taken to re-
23 duce the prevalence of missing or incomplete medical
24 records of members of the Coast Guard.

25 (2) How implementation of an electronic health
26 record system has affected the ability of the Com-

1 mandant to manage health records of members of
2 the Coast Guard, including—

3 (A) how the Commandant adds records
4 from private medical providers to the electronic
5 health record system;

6 (B) the progress of the Commandant to-
7 ward implementing the electronic health record
8 system in shipboard sick bays of the Coast
9 Guard;

10 (C) how the Coast Guard shares medical
11 records with the Department of Veterans Af-
12 fairs; and

13 (D) any other matter the Comptroller Gen-
14 eral considers appropriate with respect to med-
15 ical record storage, use, and sharing and the
16 associated consequences for member health and
17 well-being.

18 (3) The ability of members of the Coast Guard,
19 medical professionals of the Coast Guard and of the
20 Department of Defense, personnel of the Depart-
21 ment of Veterans Affairs, and other personnel to ac-
22 cess and search, as appropriate, the electronic health
23 records of individuals, including the ability to search
24 or quickly find information within electronic health
25 records.

1 (c) REPORT.—Upon completion of the study under
2 subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall submit to the
3 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
4 the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and In-
5 frastructure of the House of Representatives a report con-
6 taining the results of the study under subsection (a).

7 **SEC. 604. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON COAST**
8 **GUARD TRAINING FACILITY INFRASTRUC-**
9 **TURE.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
11 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
12 of the United States shall commence a study on Coast
13 Guard training facility infrastructure, including the spe-
14 cific needs of the Coast Guard training facilities described
15 in subsection (c).

16 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study required under sub-
17 section (a) shall include the following:

18 (1) With respect to each Coast Guard training
19 facility described in subsection (c)—

20 (A) a summary of capital needs, including
21 construction and repair;

22 (B) a summary of equipment upgrade
23 backlogs;

24 (C) an assessment of necessary improve-
25 ments, including improvements to essential

1 training equipment (including swimming pools,
2 operational simulators, and marksmanship
3 training ranges) to enable the Coast Guard to
4 achieve all operational training objectives;

5 (D) a description of the resources nec-
6 essary to fully address all training needs;

7 (E) an assessment of any security defi-
8 ciency, including with respect to base access,
9 training facility access, and trainee berthing
10 area access;

11 (F) an identification of any exposed hazard
12 that does not serve a training purpose;

13 (G) an identification of the presence of
14 hazardous or toxic materials, including—

15 (i) lead-based paint;

16 (ii) asbestos or products that contain
17 asbestos;

18 (iii) black mold;

19 (iv) radon; and

20 (v) contaminated drinking water; and

21 (H) an assessment of the need for, and es-
22 timated cost of, remediation of such toxic mate-
23 rials.

1 (2) An evaluation of the process used by the
2 Coast Guard to identify, monitor, and construct
3 Coast Guard training facilities.

4 (c) COAST GUARD TRAINING FACILITIES DE-
5 SCRIBED.—The Coast Guard training facilities described
6 in this subsection are the following:

7 (1) The Coast Guard Academy in New London,
8 Connecticut.

9 (2) The Leadership Development Center in
10 New London, Connecticut.

11 (3) Training Center Cape May, New Jersey.

12 (4) Training Center Petaluma, California.

13 (5) Training Center Yorktown, Virginia.

14 (6) The Maritime Law Enforcement Academy
15 in Charleston, South Carolina.

16 (7) The Special Missions Training Center at
17 Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

18 (8) The Gulf Regional Fisheries Training Cen-
19 ter (GRFTC) in New Orleans, Louisiana.

20 (9) The North Pacific Regional Fisheries
21 Training Center (NPRFTC) in Kodiak, Alaska.

22 (10) The Northeast Regional Fisheries Train-
23 ing Center (NRFTC) at Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

24 (11) The Southeast Regional Fisheries Training
25 Center (SRFTC) in Charleston, South Carolina.

1 (12) The Pacific Regional Fisheries Training
2 Center (PRFTC) in Alameda, California.

3 (13) The National Motor Lifeboat School at
4 Cape Disappointment, Washington.

5 (14) The Aviation Technical Training Center in
6 Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

7 (15) The Aviation Training Center in Mobile,
8 Alabama.

9 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after com-
10 mencing the study required under subsection (a), the
11 Comptroller General shall submit to the Committee on
12 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and
13 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
14 the House of Representatives a report on the findings of
15 the study.

16 **SEC. 605. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON COAST**
17 **GUARD BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
19 date on which the Department of Defense issues the re-
20 port on the Fourteenth Quadrennial Review of Military
21 Compensation, the Comptroller General of the United
22 States shall commence a study of Coast Guard involve-
23 ment in, and efforts to support, the determination of the
24 cost of adequate housing and the calculation of the basic

1 allowance for housing under section 403 of title 37, United
2 States Code.

3 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study required under sub-
4 section (a) shall include, to the extent practicable, the fol-
5 lowing:

6 (1) An identification of Coast Guard duty loca-
7 tions in which there is a misalignment between the
8 basic allowance for housing rate and the prevailing
9 housing cost for members of the Coast Guard such
10 that the basic allowance for housing is less than 95
11 percent of the monthly cost of adequate housing for
12 such members in the corresponding military housing
13 area.

14 (2) An analysis of each of the following:

15 (A) Anchor points, including—

16 (i) the methodology for the establish-
17 ment of anchor points; and

18 (ii) with respect to housing provided
19 as part of a public-private venture and
20 Government-owned and Government-leased
21 housing, the disparities between estab-
22 lished anchor points and housing standards
23 across the armed forces (as such term is
24 defined in section 101 of title 10, United
25 States Code).

1 (B) Existing military housing boundary
2 areas that affect the Coast Guard.

3 (C) Actions taken by the Commandant to
4 comprehensively monitor basic allowance for
5 housing rates for Coast Guard duty locations.

6 (D) The frequency of reviews conducted by
7 the Commandant of the site visits used by the
8 Department of Defense to inform military hous-
9 ing area boundaries.

10 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
11 on which the study required under subsection (a) com-
12 mences, the Comptroller General shall submit to the Com-
13 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
14 Senate, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-
15 ture of the House of Representatives, and the Com-
16 mandant a report on the findings of the study, including
17 any recommendation the Comptroller General considers
18 appropriate.

19 (d) PLAN.—Not later than 1 year after the date on
20 which the report required by subsection (c) is submitted
21 to the Commandant, the Commandant shall submit to the
22 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
23 the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and In-
24 frastructure of the House of Representatives—

1 (1) an implementation plan, including time-
 2 frames and milestones, addressing any recommenda-
 3 tion made by the Comptroller General in such re-
 4 port, as the Commandant considers appropriate; and

5 (2) with respect to any recommendation set
 6 forth in such report that the Commandant declines
 7 to implement, a written justification for the decision.

8 (e) ANCHOR POINT DEFINED.—In this section, the
 9 term “anchor point”—

10 (1) means the minimum housing standard ref-
 11 erence benchmark used to establish the basic allow-
 12 ance for housing under section 403 of title 37,
 13 United States Code; and

14 (2) includes housing type and size based on pay
 15 grade and dependent status.

16 **SEC. 606. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON SAFETY**
 17 **AND SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE AT COAST**
 18 **GUARD ACADEMY.**

19 (a) GAO REPORT.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
 21 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller
 22 General of the United States shall submit to the
 23 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
 24 tation of the Senate and the Committee on Trans-
 25 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-

1 representatives a report on the safety and security in-
2 frastructure at the Coast Guard Academy.

3 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
4 paragraph (1) shall include an assessment of each of
5 the following:

6 (A) Existing security infrastructure for the
7 grounds, buildings, athletic facilities, and any
8 other facility of the Coast Guard Academy, in-
9 cluding access points, locks, surveillance, and
10 other security methods, as appropriate.

11 (B) Coast Guard policies with respect to
12 the management, data storage and access, and
13 operational capacity of the security infrastruc-
14 ture and methods evaluated under subpara-
15 graph (A).

16 (C) Special security needs relating to
17 events at the Coast Guard Academy, such as
18 large athletic events and other widely attended
19 events.

20 (D) Coast Guard policies and procedures
21 with respect to access to Coast Guard Academy
22 grounds by—

23 (i) current or former members of the
24 Coast Guard;

1 (ii) current or former civilian employ-
2 ees of the Coast Guard;

3 (iii) Coast Guard personnel that re-
4 side at the Academy and families of cadets;
5 and

6 (iv) members of the public.

7 (E) Existing processes by which the Com-
8 mandant, the Superintendent of the Coast
9 Guard Academy, or a designated individual may
10 prohibit or restrict access to Coast Guard Acad-
11 emy grounds by any current or former member
12 or civilian employee of the Coast Guard who—

13 (i) has been subject to court-martial
14 under the Uniform Code of Military Jus-
15 tice for sexual misconduct; or

16 (ii) has been administratively dis-
17 ciplined for sexual misconduct.

18 (F) Enforcement processes regarding ac-
19 cess to Coast Guard Academy grounds for indi-
20 viduals (including current and former cadets,
21 members, and civilian employees of the Coast
22 Guard) who are or have been subject to a no-
23 contact order relating to—

24 (i) a cadet or member of the faculty
25 of the Academy; or

1 (ii) any other individual with access to
2 Academy grounds.

3 (G) Recommendations to improve—

4 (i) the security of the Coast Guard
5 Academy; and

6 (ii) the safety of—

7 (I) cadets at the Coast Guard
8 Academy; and

9 (II) members of the Coast Guard
10 stationed at, and civilian employees
11 of, the Coast Guard Academy.

12 (b) ACTIONS BY COMMANDANT.—

13 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
14 the date on which the Comptroller General submits
15 the report required under subsection (a), the Com-
16 mandant shall submit to the Committee on Com-
17 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate
18 and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
19 structure of the House of Representatives a report
20 that includes—

21 (A) a detailed plan to improve the security
22 of, and the safety of cadets at, the Coast Guard
23 Academy; and

24 (B) a detailed timeline for implementation
25 of—

1 (i) the recommendations made by the
2 Comptroller General in such report; and

3 (ii) any other safety improvement the
4 Commandant considers appropriate.

5 (2) POLICY.—Not later than 30 days after the
6 date on which the Comptroller General submits the
7 report required under subsection (a), the Com-
8 mandant, in a manner that maintains good order
9 and discipline, shall update Coast Guard policy re-
10 lating to access to the Coast Guard Academy
11 grounds to include procedures by which individuals
12 may be prohibited from accessing the Coast Guard
13 Academy—

14 (A) as the Commandant considers appro-
15 priate; and

16 (B) consistent with the recommendations
17 made by the Comptroller General in such re-
18 port.

19 **SEC. 607. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY AND REPORT ON**
20 **PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION PROCESS.**

21 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of
22 enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the
23 United States shall commence a study to evaluate the ef-
24 fectiveness of the permanent change of station process of
25 the Coast Guard.

1 (b) REPORT.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
3 commencing the study required by subsection (a),
4 the Comptroller General shall submit to the Com-
5 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
6 the Senate and the Committee on Transportation
7 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
8 a report on the findings of the study.

9 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
10 graph (1) shall include the following:

11 (A) A description of the permanent change
12 of station policies of the Coast Guard.

13 (B) A description of Coast Guard spending
14 on permanent change of station moves and as-
15 sociated support costs.

16 (C) An evaluation of the effectiveness of
17 using contracted movers for permanent change
18 of station moves, including the estimated costs
19 associated with—

20 (i) lost or damaged personal property
21 of members of the Coast Guard;

22 (ii) delays in scheduling such a move
23 through a contracted mover;

24 (iii) delayed delivery of household
25 goods; and

1 (iv) other related challenges.

2 (D) A review of changes to permanent
3 change of station policies implemented during
4 the 10-year period ending on the date of enact-
5 ment of this Act, and the costs or savings to
6 the Coast Guard directly associated with such
7 changes.

8 (E) Recommendations to improve the per-
9 manent change of station process of the Coast
10 Guard.

11 (F) Any additional information or related
12 matter arising from the study, as the Comp-
13 troller General considers appropriate.

14 **TITLE VII—AMENDMENTS**

15 **SEC. 701. AMENDMENTS.**

16 (a) PROHIBITION ON ENTRY AND OPERATION.—Sec-
17 tion 70022(b)(1) of title 46, United States Code, is
18 amended by striking “Federal Register” and inserting
19 “the Federal Register”.

20 (b) PORT, HARBOR, AND COASTAL FACILITY SECU-
21 RITY.—Section 70116(b) of title 46, United States Code,
22 is amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (1) by striking “terrorism
24 cyber” and inserting “terrorism, cyber”; and

1 (2) in paragraph (2) by inserting a comma
2 after “acts of terrorism”.

3 (c) ENFORCEMENT BY STATE AND LOCAL OFFI-
4 CERS.—Section 70118(a) of title 46, United States Code,
5 is amended—

6 (1) by striking “section 1 of title II of the Act
7 of June 15, 1917 (chapter 30; 50 U.S.C. 191)” and
8 inserting “section 70051”; and

9 (2) by striking “section 7(b) of the Ports and
10 Waterways Safety Act (33 U.S.C. 1226(b))” and in-
11 serting “section 70116(b)”.

12 (d) CHAPTER 701 DEFINITIONS.—Section 70131(2)
13 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

14 (1) by striking “section 1 of title II of the Act
15 of June 15, 1917 (50 U.S.C. 191)” and inserting
16 “section 70051”; and

17 (2) by striking “section 7(b) of the Ports and
18 Waterways Safety Act (33 U.S.C. 1226(b))” and in-
19 serting “section 70116(b)”.

20 (e) NOTICE OF ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS FOR VES-
21 SELS ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.—

22 (1) PREPARATORY CONFORMING AMEND-
23 MENT.—Section 70001 of title 46, United States
24 Code, is amended by redesignating subsections (l)
25 and (m) as subsections (m) and (n), respectively.

1 (2) TRANSFER OF PROVISION.—Section 704 of
2 the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act
3 2012 (Public Law 112–213; 46 U.S.C. 70001 note)
4 is—

5 (A) amended by striking “of title 46,
6 United States Code,”;

7 (B) amended by striking “(33 U.S.C. 1223
8 note)” and inserting “(46 U.S.C. 70001 note)”;

9 (C) transferred to appear after 70001(k)
10 of title 46, United States Code; and

11 (D) redesignated as subsection (l).

12 (f) TITLE 46.—Title 46, United States Code, is
13 amended as follows:

14 (1) Section 2101(2) is amended by striking
15 “section 1” and inserting “section 101”.

16 (2) Section 2116(b)(1)(D) is amended by strik-
17 ing “section 93(c)” and inserting “section 504(c)”.

18 (3) In the analysis for subtitle VII by striking
19 the period after “70001” in the item relating to
20 chapter 700.

21 (4) In the analysis for chapter 700 by striking
22 the item relating to section 70006 and inserting the
23 following:

“70006. Establishment by Secretary of the department in which the Coast
Guard is operating of anchorage grounds and regulations gener-
ally.”.

1 (5) In the heading for subchapter IV in the
2 analysis for chapter 700 by inserting a comma after
3 “DEFINITIONS”.

4 (6) In the heading for subchapter VI in the
5 analysis for chapter 700 by striking “OF THE
6 UNITED” and inserting “OF UNITED”.

7 (7) Section 70052(e)(1) is amended by striking
8 “section 4197 of the Revised Statutes of the United
9 States (46 U.S.C. App. 91)” and inserting “section
10 60105”.

11 (g) OIL POLLUTION ACT OF 1990.—The Oil Pollu-
12 tion Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) is amended as
13 follows:

14 (1) Section 1001 (33 U.S.C. 2701) is amend-
15 ed—

16 (A) in paragraph (32)(G) by striking
17 “pipeline” and all that follows through “off-
18 shore facility” and inserting “pipeline, offshore
19 facility”;

20 (B) in paragraph (39) by striking “section
21 101(20)(G)(i)” and inserting “section
22 101(20)(H)(i)”;

23 (C) in paragraph (40) by striking “section
24 101(20)(G)(ii)” and inserting “section
25 101(20)(H)(ii)”;

1 (D)) in paragraph (41) by striking “sec-
2 tion 101(20)(G)(iii)” and inserting “section
3 101(20)(H)(iii)”;

4 (E) in paragraph (42) by striking “section
5 101(20)(G)(iv)” and inserting “section
6 101(20)(H)(iv)”;

7 (F) in paragraph (43) by striking “section
8 101(20)(G)(v)” and inserting “section
9 101(20)(H)(v)”;

10 (G) in paragraph (44) by striking “section
11 101(20)(G)(vi)” and inserting “section
12 101(20)(H)(vi)”.

13 (2) Section 1003(d)(6) (33 U.S.C. 2703(d)(6))
14 is amended by striking “this paragraph” and insert-
15 ing “this subsection”.

16 (3) Section 1016 (33 U.S.C. 2716) is amend-
17 ed—

18 (A) by redesignating subsections (e)
19 through (i) as subsections (d) through (h), re-
20 spectively; and

21 (B) in subsection (e)(1)(B), as redesign-
22 nated by subparagraph (A), by striking “sub-
23 section (e)” and inserting “subsection (d)”.

1 (4) Section 1012(b)(2) (33 U.S.C. 2712(b)(2))
 2 is amended by striking “section 1016(f)(1)” and in-
 3 serting “section 1016(e)(1)”.

4 (5) Section 1005(b)(5)(B) (33 U.S.C.
 5 2716(b)(5)(B)) is amended by striking “section
 6 1016(g)” and inserting “section 2716(f)”.

7 (6) Section 1018(c) (33 U.S.C. 2718(c)) is
 8 amended by striking “the Act of March 3, 1851 (46
 9 U.S.C. 183 et seq.)” and inserting “chapter 305 of
 10 title 46, United States Code”.

11 (7) Section 7001(h)(1) (33 U.S.C. 2761(h)(1))
 12 is amended by striking “subsection (c)(4)” and in-
 13 serting “subsection (e)(4)”.

14 (h) HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES IMPROVEMENT ACT
 15 OF 1998.—Section 303 of the Hydrographic Services Im-
 16 provement Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892a) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “this Act” and
 18 inserting “this title”; and

19 (2) in subsection (b)—

20 (A) by striking “this Act” and inserting
 21 “this title”; and

22 (B) by striking “subchapter VI of chapter
 23 10” and inserting “chapter 11”.

24 (i) CHAPTER 5.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 5 of title 14, United
2 States Code, is amended by redesignating the second
3 section 548 (relating to Marking anchorage grounds
4 by Commandant of the Coast Guard) as section 551.

5 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for
6 chapter 5 of title 14, United States Code, is amend-
7 ed by inserting after the item relating to section 550
8 the following:

“551. Marking anchorage grounds by Commandant of the Coast Guard.”.

9 (j) SECTION 807.—Section 807 of the Frank Lobi-
10 ondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (14 U.S.C.
11 313 note) is amended by striking “District 9” and insert-
12 ing “Great Lakes District”.

13 (k) SECTION 324.—Section 324 of title 14, United
14 States Code, as so redesignated, by striking “Seventeenth
15 Coast Guard District” and inserting “Coast Guard Arctic
16 District” each place it appears.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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