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To establish the Baltic Security Initiative for the purpose of strengthening the defensive capabilities of the Baltic countries, and for other purposes.

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Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. KING, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. GALLEGGO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To establish the Baltic Security Initiative for the purpose of strengthening the defensive capabilities of the Baltic countries, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Baltic Security Initia-
5 tive Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. BALTIC SECURITY INITIATIVE.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Pursuant to the authority
8 provided in chapter 16 of title 10, United States Code,
9 the Secretary of Defense shall establish and carry out an

1 initiative, to be known as the “Baltic Security Initiative”
2 (in this section referred to as the “Initiative”), for the
3 purpose of deepening security cooperation with the mili-
4 tary forces of the Baltic countries.

5 (b) RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING AUTHORITIES.—

6 The Initiative required by subsection (a) shall be carried
7 out pursuant to the authorities provided in title 10, United
8 States Code.

9 (c) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the Initiative
10 shall be—

11 (1) to achieve United States national security
12 objectives by—

13 (A) deterring aggression by the Russian
14 Federation; and

15 (B) implementing the North Atlantic Trea-
16 ty Organization’s new Strategic Concept, which
17 seeks to strengthen the alliance’s deterrence
18 and defense posture by denying potential adver-
19 saries any possible opportunities for aggression;

20 (2) to enhance regional planning and coopera-
21 tion among the military forces of the Baltic coun-
22 tries, particularly with respect to long-term regional
23 capability projects, including—

24 (A) long-range precision fire systems and
25 capabilities;

- 1 (B) integrated air and missile defense;
2 (C) maritime domain awareness;
3 (D) land forces development, including
4 stockpiling large caliber ammunition;
5 (E) command, control, communications,
6 computers, intelligence, surveillance, and recon-
7 naissance;
8 (F) special operations forces development;
9 (G) coordination with and security en-
10 hancements for Poland, which is a neighboring
11 North Atlantic Treaty Organization ally; and
12 (H) other military capabilities, as deter-
13 mined by the Secretary of Defense; and
14 (3) with respect to the military forces of the
15 Baltic countries, to improve cyber defenses and resil-
16 ience to hybrid threats.

17 (d) STRATEGY.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
20 retary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on
21 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
22 resentatives a report setting forth a strategy for the
23 Department of Defense to achieve the objectives de-
24 scribed in subsection (b).

1 (2) CONSIDERATIONS.—The strategy required
2 by this subsection shall include a consideration of—

3 (A) security assistance programs for the
4 Baltic countries authorized as of the date on
5 which the strategy is submitted;

6 (B) the ongoing security threats to the
7 North Atlantic Treaty Organization’s eastern
8 flank posed by Russian aggression, including as
9 a result of the Russian Federation’s 2022 inva-
10 sion of Ukraine with support from Belarus; and

11 (C) the ongoing security threats to the
12 Baltic countries posed by the presence, coercive
13 economic policies, and other malign activities of
14 the People’s Republic of China.

15 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
17 appropriated to the Secretary of Defense
18 \$350,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2026,
19 2027, and 2028 to carry out the Initiative.

20 (2) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
21 Congress that the Secretary of Defense should seek
22 to require matching funds from each of the Baltic
23 countries that participate in the Initiative in
24 amounts commensurate with amounts provided by
25 the Department of Defense for the Initiative.

1 (f) BALTIC COUNTRIES DEFINED.—In this section,
2 the term “Baltic countries” means—

- 3 (1) Estonia;
4 (2) Latvia; and
5 (3) Lithuania.

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