

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 9087  
OFFERED BY MR. CASTRO OF TEXAS**

At the appropriate place, inserting the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . TRAINING FOR FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS.**

2 (a) TRAINING FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION ON DEFENSE  
3 COOPERATION AUTHORITIES.—Section 708 of the For-  
4 eign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4028), is amended  
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 “(f) TRAINING FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION ON DE-  
7 FENSE COOPERATION AUTHORITIES.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-  
9 lish a training course for chiefs of mission on the  
10 authorities, requirements, and limitations applicable  
11 to defense cooperation programs that do not fall  
12 under the authority of the chief of mission, includ-  
13 ing—

14 “(A) the authority under section 127e of  
15 title 10, United States Code, to provide support  
16 to foreign forces, irregular forces, groups, or in-  
17 dividuals engaged in supporting or facilitating  
18 ongoing military operations by United States  
19 special operations forces to combat terrorism;

1           “(B) the authority under section 127d of  
2 title 10, United States Code, to provide support  
3 to foreign forces, irregular forces, groups, or in-  
4 dividuals engaged in supporting or facilitating  
5 ongoing authorized irregular warfare operations  
6 by United States Special Operations Forces;  
7 and

8           “(C) the authority under section 333 of  
9 title 10, United States Code, to conduct pro-  
10 grams to build the capacity of foreign security  
11 forces.

12           “(2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The train-  
13 ing course required under paragraph (1) shall in-  
14 clude instruction on—

15           “(A) the role of the chief of mission in pro-  
16 viding concurrence for programs conducted  
17 under the authorities described in paragraph  
18 (1), including the scope of the chief of mission’s  
19 role and procedures to request information from  
20 the Department of Defense prior to providing  
21 or withholding such concurrence;

22           “(B) e foreign policy implications of de-  
23 fense cooperation programs, including risks of  
24 mission creep and adverse effects on bilateral  
25 relationships; and

1           “(C) the relationship between defense co-  
2           operation programs and the chief of mission’s  
3           responsibility for the direction, coordination,  
4           and supervision of all United States Govern-  
5           ment Executive branch activities, operations,  
6           and employees in the country to which such  
7           chief of mission exercises authority, pursuant to  
8           section 207.

9           “(3) PRE-ASSIGNMENT TRAINING.—Any chief of  
10          mission assigned to a post at which a defense co-  
11          operation program described in paragraph (1) is in  
12          effect or proposed, as determined by the Secretary,  
13          shall complete the training course established under  
14          paragraph (1) prior to the beginning of service at  
15          such post or, if completing such training prior to the  
16          beginning of service is not practicable, not later than  
17          180 days after beginning such service. The Secretary  
18          may waive the requirement of this paragraph for a  
19          period of 180 days with respect to a chief of mission  
20          if the Secretary certifies to the relevant congress-  
21          sional committees that the chief of mission does not  
22          have time to undergo the training before having to  
23          go to their assignment or that they have not had the  
24          time to undergo the training during their assign-  
25          ment.

1           “(4) CONSULTATION.—In developing the cur-  
2           riculum required under paragraph (2), the Secretary  
3           shall consult with—

4                   “(A) the Office of the Legal Adviser of the  
5           Department;

6                   “(B) the Bureau of Political-Military Af-  
7           fairs of the Department; and

8                   “(C) other offices and bureaus of the De-  
9           partment, as appropriate.”.

10          (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
11          in section 2 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 is amended  
12          by inserting after the item relating to section 707 the fol-  
13          lowing:

“Sec. 708. Training for foreign service officers.”.

