

# Chairman's Mark (Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025)

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## Subcommittee on Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

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1 SECTION 1. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE NEED FOR IN-  
2 CREASED EFFORT AND RESOURCES IN THE  
3 FIELD OF GEOMATICS.

4 It is the sense of Congress that—

5 (1) the intelligence community and the broader  
6 United States Government require professionals with  
7 advanced training in geomatics and geodesy and  
8 that the preservation of these skillsets is crucial to  
9 advancing geospatial intelligence tradecraft for the  
10 United States for national security and military op-  
11 erations;

12 (2) the intelligence community should use exist-  
13 ing authorities to engage in novel ways with aca-  
14 demic and industry partners to ensure the intel-  
15 ligence community's demand signal for geomatics  
16 and geodesy professionals is received by the largest  
17 possible number of United States citizens while also  
18 seeking to foster a culture of academic excellence

1 and research to propel the field of geomatics forward  
2 at the pace of innovation;

3 (3) by engaging with academic and industry  
4 partners the intelligence community can help speed  
5 the reversal of the current trend wherein the United  
6 States not only produces fewer geomatics scientists  
7 and engineers compared to its global competitors  
8 and potential adversaries, but such competitors and  
9 adversaries also provide them with training and ex-  
10 pertise that could be used against the United States;

11 (4) there is abundant opportunity for the intel-  
12 ligence community to advance its growing need for  
13 geomatics and geodesy professionals by partnering  
14 with American universities and researchers with  
15 proven experience in diverse fields who can lead the  
16 way to solving the United States most vexing  
17 geomatics challenges; and

18 (5) the intelligence community must balance the  
19 increasing demand for recruiting the best geomatics  
20 and geodesy talent while still ensuring a dedicated  
21 and patriotic workforce with allegiance to the Con-  
22 stitution and the United States Government.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SENIOR INTELLIGENCE**  
2 **OVERSIGHT OFFICIAL.**

3 Subchapter I of chapter 21 of title 10, United States  
4 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 **“§ 430c. Senior Intelligence Oversight Official**

6 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense,  
7 or a designee of the Secretary determined by regulations  
8 prescribed by the Secretary, shall designate a civilian em-  
9 ployee of the Department of Defense in the Senior Execu-  
10 tive Service to serve as the Senior Intelligence Oversight  
11 Official.

12 “(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Senior Intelligence  
13 Oversight Official shall exercise independent oversight of  
14 all intelligence, intelligence-related, and sensitive activities  
15 of the Department of Defense, including activities involv-  
16 ing—

17 “(1) tradecraft;

18 “(2) the operational use of an individual; or

19 “(3) clandestine operational tactics, techniques,  
20 and procedures.

21 “(c) ACCESS.—The Senior Intelligence Oversight Of-  
22 ficial shall have—

23 “(1) complete and unrestricted access to all in-  
24 formation concerning any intelligence, intelligence-  
25 related, or sensitive activity of the Department of  
26 Defense regardless of classification or

1 compartmentalization, including special access pro-  
2 grams, from any personnel or organizational entity  
3 of the Department of Defense, to the extent nec-  
4 essary to carry out the responsibilities and functions  
5 of the Senior Intelligence Oversight Official; and

6 “(2) direct access to the Secretary of Defense  
7 and the Deputy Secretary of Defense, as cir-  
8 cumstances require in the determination of the Sen-  
9 ior Intelligence Oversight Official.

10 “(d) REVIEW OF REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of  
11 Defense shall review and update Department of Defense  
12 Directive 5148.13, and any associated or successor regula-  
13 tion or directive, to conform to this section.”.

14 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT**  
15 **OF DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AND COUNTER-**  
16 **INTELLIGENCE EXPENSE AUTHORITY.**

17 Section 1057 of the National Defense Authorization  
18 Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92; 133 Stat.  
19 1593) is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “2025” and  
21 inserting “2030”;

22 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “2025” and  
23 inserting “2030”; and

24 (3) in subsection (e), by striking “\$100,000”  
25 and inserting “\$125,000”.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORITY OF ARMY COUNTERINTELLIGENCE**

2 **AGENTS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 7377 of title 10, United  
4 States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “and  
6 Army Counterintelligence Command” before the  
7 colon; and

8 (2) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-  
9 lows:

10 “(b) **AGENTS TO HAVE AUTHORITY.**—Subsection (a)  
11 applies to any employee of the Department of the Army  
12 who is—

13 “(1) a special agent of the Army Criminal In-  
14 vestigation Command (or a successor to that com-  
15 mand) whose duties include conducting, supervising,  
16 or coordinating investigations of criminal activity in  
17 programs and operations of the Department of the  
18 Army; or

19 “(2) a special agent of the Army Counterintel-  
20 ligence Command (or a successor to that command)  
21 whose duties include conducting, supervising, or co-  
22 ordinating counterintelligence investigations in pro-  
23 grams and operations of the Department of the  
24 Army.”.

25 (b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections  
26 at the beginning of chapter 747 of such title is amended

1 by striking the item relating to section 7377 and inserting  
2 the following new item:

“7377. Civilian special agents of the Criminal Investigation Command and Army  
Counterintelligence Command: authority to execute warrants  
and make arrests.”.

3 **SEC. 5. MODIFICATIONS TO NOTIFICATION ON THE PROVI-**  
4 **SION OF DEFENSE SENSITIVE SUPPORT.**

5 Section 1055 of the National Defense Authorization  
6 Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328; 10 U.S.C.  
7 113 note) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (b)—

9 (A) In paragraph (1), by striking “para-  
10 graph (3)” and inserting “paragraphs (3) and  
11 (4)”;

12 (B) By redesignating paragraphs (3)  
13 through (5) as paragraphs (4) through (6), re-  
14 spectively;

15 (C) By inserting after paragraph (2) the  
16 following new paragraph:

17 “(3) ROUTINE DEFENSE SENSITIVE SUP-  
18 PORT.—In the event that the provision of defense  
19 sensitive support is routine defense sensitive sup-  
20 port, the Secretary shall provide notification under  
21 paragraph (1) on a quarterly basis after providing  
22 the support.”;

23 (D) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated—

- 1 (i) in the paragraph heading, by in-  
2 serting “AND EXTRAORDINARY SECURITY  
3 PROTECTIONS” after “SUPPORT”;
- 4 (ii) in the matter preceding subpara-  
5 graph (A)—
- 6 (I) by inserting “or requires ex-  
7 traordinary security protections” after  
8 “time-sensitive”; and
- 9 (II) by inserting “shall” after  
10 “Secretary”;
- 11 (iii) in subparagraph (A)—
- 12 (I) by striking “may”;
- 13 (II) by inserting “or after the ac-  
14 tivity supported concludes” after  
15 “providing the support”; and
- 16 (III) by striking “; and” and in-  
17 serting “; or”; and
- 18 (iv) in subparagraph (B)—
- 19 (I) by striking “shall”; and
- 20 (II) by striking “notice as soon  
21 as practicable after providing such  
22 support, but not later than 48 hours  
23 after providing the support” and in-  
24 serting “notification simultaneously

1 with the execution of the supported  
2 activity”; and

3 (E) in paragraph (5), as so redesignated,  
4 by striking “paragraphs (1) and (3)” and in-  
5 serting “paragraphs (1), (3), and (4)”;  
6 and (2) in subsection (c)—

7 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking  
8 “DEFENSE SENSITIVE SUPPORT DEFINED”  
9 and inserting “DEFINITIONS”;

10 (B) by striking “, the term ‘defense sen-  
11 sitive support’ means support provided by the  
12 Department of Defense to a non-Department of  
13 Defense Federal department or agency that re-  
14 quires special protection from disclosure.” and  
15 inserting a colon; and

16 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
17 paragraphs:

18 “(1) The term ‘defense sensitive support’ means  
19 support provided by the Department of Defense to  
20 a non-Department of Defense Federal department or  
21 agency that requires special protection from dislo-  
22 sure.

23 “(2) The term ‘routine defense sensitive sup-  
24 port’ has the meaning given such term elsewhere in



1 the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
2 2025.”.

3 **SEC. 6. REVISION OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AUTHORITY**  
4 **TO ENGAGE IN COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES AS**  
5 **SECURITY FOR INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION**  
6 **ACTIVITIES.**

7 (a) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.—Section 431(a) of  
8 title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “De-  
9 cember 31, 2024” and inserting “December 31, 2027”.

10 (b) INTERAGENCY COORDINATION AND SUPPORT.—  
11 Section 431(b)(1) of such title is amended to read as fol-  
12 lows:

13 “(1) be pre-coordinated with the Director of the  
14 Central Intelligence Agency using procedures mutu-  
15 ally agreed upon by the Secretary of Defense and  
16 the Director, and, where appropriate, be supported  
17 by the Director; and”.

18 **SEC. 7. PROMULGATING GUIDANCE RELATED TO CERTAIN**  
19 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CONTRACTS.**

20 Not later than January 31, 2025, the Secretary of  
21 Defense shall issue guidance on the governance and over-  
22 sight of the contracts of the Department of Defense that  
23 support or enable sensitive activities.

1 **SEC. 8. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON SPACE FORCE ACQUI-**  
2 **SITION WORKFORCE.**

3 It is the sense of Congress that—

4 (1) the National Reconnaissance Office and the  
5 United States Space Force jointly benefit from a ro-  
6 bust United States Space Force military and civilian  
7 acquisition workforce that includes contracting offi-  
8 cers, acquisition program managers, engineers, and  
9 program control and finance professionals;

10 (2) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-  
11 ligence of the House of Representatives is concerned  
12 that the United States Space Force's uneven empha-  
13 sis on developing space operators and making fewer  
14 acquisition professionals available for assignments at  
15 the National Reconnaissance Office can negatively  
16 affect the procurement goals of the National Recon-  
17 naissance Office, particularly in support of United  
18 States Space Force requirements; and

19 (3) a robust United States Space Force acqui-  
20 sition workforce, that encourages assignment opportu-  
21 nities at the National Reconnaissance Office, both  
22 benefits the procurement goals of the National Re-  
23 connaissance Office and provides valuable experience  
24 that acquisition professionals can apply to future  
25 United States Space Force assignments.