

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 4275  
OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF MISSOURI**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**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:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.  
Sec. 2. Commandant defined.

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PERSONNEL OF THE COAST GUARD**

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- Sec. 217. Modification of treatment of minor construction and improvement project management.
- Sec. 218. Modification of authority for special purpose facilities.
- Sec. 219. Preparedness plans for Coast Guard properties located in tsunami inundation zones.
- Sec. 220. Additional Pribilof Island transition completion actions.
- Sec. 221. Scientific mission for USCGC Storis.
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- Sec. 247. Additional available guidance and considerations for reserve selection boards.
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- Sec. 251. Tuition Assistance and Advanced Education Assistance Pilot Program.
- Sec. 252. Recruitment, relocation, and retention incentive program for civilian firefighters employed by Coast Guard in remote locations.
- Sec. 253. Notification.

#### Subtitle E—Coast Guard Academy

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- Sec. 262. Study on Coast Guard Academy oversight.
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- Sec. 513. Development of policies on military protective orders.
- Sec. 514. Coast Guard implementation of independent review commission recommendations on addressing sexual assault and sexual harassment in the military.
- Sec. 515. Policy relating to care and support of victims of covered misconduct.
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- Sec. 521. Report on policy on whistleblower protections.
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- Sec. 524. Director of Coast Guard Investigative Service.
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- Sec. 526. Inclusion and command review of information on covered misconduct in personnel service records.
- Sec. 527. Flag officer review of, and concurrence in, separation of members who have reported sexual misconduct.
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- Sec. 529. Access to temporary separation program for victims of alleged sex-related offenses.
- Sec. 530. Policy and program to expand prevention of sexual misconduct.
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- Sec. 601. Comptroller General report on Coast Guard research, development, and innovation program.
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- Sec. 604. Comptroller General study on Coast Guard training facility infrastructure.
- Sec. 605. Comptroller General study on Coast Guard basic allowance for housing.
- Sec. 606. Comptroller General report on safety and security infrastructure at Coast Guard Academy.
- Sec. 607. Comptroller General study and report on permanent change of station process.

#### TITLE V—AMENDMENTS

Sec. 701. Amendments.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMANDANT DEFINED.**

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

4 **TITLE I—COAST GUARD**  
5 **Subtitle A—Authorization of**  
6 **Appropriations**

7 **SEC. 101. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

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

13 (2) in paragraph (1)—

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

1 “(i) \$11,287,500,000 for fiscal year  
2 2025;

3 “(ii) \$11,851,875,000 for fiscal year  
4 2026;

5 “(iii) \$13,500,000,000 for fiscal year  
6 2027;

7 “(iv) \$14,500,000,000 for fiscal year  
8 2028; and

9 “(v) \$15,500,000,000 for fiscal year  
10 2029.”;

11 (B) in subparagraph (B) by striking  
12 “\$23,456,000” and inserting “\$25,570,000”;  
13 and

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

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

20 “(i) \$3,627,600,000 for fiscal year  
21 2025;

22 “(ii) \$3,651,480,000 for fiscal year  
23 2026;

24 “(iii) \$3,700,000,000 for fiscal year  
25 2027;

1 “(iv) \$3,750,000,000 for fiscal year  
2 2028; and

3 “(v) \$3,800,000,000 for fiscal year  
4 2029.”;

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

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

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

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

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

11 and

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

13 and

14 (5) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the  
15 following:

16 “(4) For retired pay, including the payment of  
17 obligations otherwise chargeable to lapsed appropria-  
18 tions for purposes of retired pay, payments under  
19 the Retired Serviceman’s Family Protection and  
20 Survivor Benefits Plans, payment for career status  
21 bonuses, payment of continuation pay under section  
22 356 of title 37, concurrent receipts, combat-related  
23 special compensation, and payments for medical care  
24 of retired personnel and their dependents under  
25 chapter 55 of title 10—



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

2 “(B) \$1,215,000,000 for fiscal year 2027;

3 “(C) \$1,380,000,000 for fiscal year 2028;

4 and

5 “(D) \$1,650,000,000 for fiscal year

6 2029.”.

7 **SEC. 102. AUTHORIZED LEVELS OF MILITARY STRENGTH**

8 **AND TRAINING.**

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

11 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “44,500 for  
12 each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023” and inserting  
13 “50,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 and 2026,  
14 55,000 for fiscal year 2027, and 60,000 for each of  
15 fiscal years 2028 and 2029”; and

16 (2) in subsection (b)—

17 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)  
18 by striking “for each of fiscal years 2022 and  
19 2023”;

20 (B) in paragraph (1) by striking “2,500  
21 student years” and inserting “4,000 student  
22 years for each of fiscal years 2025 through  
23 2029”;

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

4 (D) in paragraph (3) by striking “385 stu-  
5 dent years” and inserting “700 student years  
6 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029”;  
7 and

8 (E) in paragraph (4) by striking “1,200  
9 student years” and inserting “1,600 student  
10 years for each of fiscal years 2025 through  
11 2029”.

12 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—In any fiscal year  
13 in which the submission required under section 1105 of  
14 title 31, United States Code, does not include a propor-  
15 tional increase in the Operations and Support funding  
16 under section 4902(1)(A) of title 14, United States Code,  
17 to support the end strengths authorized under the amend-  
18 ments made by subsection (a)—

19 (1) the end strengths shall not exceed the levels  
20 authorized in fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023;  
21 and

22 (2) the Commandant shall provide to the Com-  
23 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the  
24 House of Representatives and the Committee on  
25 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-

1       ate a report on the plan of the Coast Guard to  
2       achieve growth in the Coast Guard’s military  
3       strength to 60,000, which shall include—

4               (A) proposed missions and purposes for  
5       the growth of the Coast Guard in military  
6       strength;

7               (B) the additional estimated cost of sala-  
8       ries and benefits for each fiscal year from 2027  
9       through 2032;

10              (C) estimated recruiting resources and  
11       costs for each fiscal year from 2027 through  
12       2032; and

13              (D) estimated resources and costs required  
14       to achieve sufficient training capacity for  
15       growth in enlisted and officer corps for each fis-  
16       cal year from 2027 through 2032.

17       (c) RULE OF APPLICABILITY.—Section 517(a) of title  
18   10, United States Code, shall not apply with respect to  
19   the Coast Guard until October 1, 2027.

## 20                   **Subtitle B—Accountability**

### 21   **SEC. 111. ANNUAL REPORT ON PROGRESS OF CERTAIN** 22                   **HOMEPORTING PROJECTS.**

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

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

3           (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
4       lowing:

5       “(c) BRIEFING.—

6           “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Commandant fails to  
7       submit the report required under this section, the  
8       Commandant shall brief the Committee on Trans-  
9       portation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
10      resentatives and the Committee on Commerce,  
11      Science, and Transportation of the Senate on the  
12      steps being taken to produce the report not less than  
13      once every 30 days until the required report is pro-  
14      duced.

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

18      (b) REPORT.—

19          “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
20      after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-  
21      mandant shall submit to the Committee on Trans-  
22      portation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
23      resentatives and the Committee on Commerce,  
24      Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report  
25      on the status of shore infrastructure required to

1       homeport or station all surface and aviation assets  
2       to be delivered as part of Level 1 or Level 2 acquisi-  
3       tions that have entered the obtain phase as author-  
4       ized under section 1132(b) of title 14, United States  
5       Code.

6           (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under  
7       paragraph (1) shall include—

8           (A) a description of the current homeports  
9           and stations to which of Coast Guard cutters  
10          and aircraft are assigned;

11          (B) a description of cutters or aircrafts  
12          that are able to be located by the homeport or  
13          station to which they are assigned;

14          (C) the current number of aircraft and  
15          cutters planned for the program of record of  
16          the Coast Guard;

17          (D) a description of cutter and aircraft  
18          which are scheduled to be decommissioned or  
19          put in special commission status; and

20          (E) a description of where new cutters and  
21          aircraft being acquired as part of the program  
22          of record of the Coast Guard will be assigned,  
23          including—

1 (i) an assessment of the shoreside and  
2 infrastructure needs for such cutters and  
3 aircrafts; and

4 (ii) an assessment of whether existing  
5 facilities are adequate to support such cut-  
6 ter and aircraft, and the costs of planning,  
7 engineering, design construction, land ac-  
8 quisition, and environmental remediation.

9 (c) INITIAL REPORT.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after  
11 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant  
12 shall issue a report detailing the progress of all ap-  
13 proved Coast Guard cutter homeporting projects  
14 within Coast Guard Arctic District with respect to  
15 each of the following:

16 (A) Fast Response Cutters.

17 (B) Offshore Patrol Cutters.

18 (C) The USCGC STORIS procured pursu-  
19 ant to section 11223 of the Don Young Coast  
20 Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (14 U.S.C.  
21 561 note).

22 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under  
23 paragraph (1) shall include, with respect to each  
24 homeporting project described in such paragraph,  
25 the following:

1 (A) A description of—

2 (i) the status of funds appropriated  
3 for the project;

4 (ii) activities carried out toward com-  
5 pletion of the project; and

6 (iii) activities anticipated to be carried  
7 out during the subsequent 1-year period to  
8 advance completion of the project.

9 (B) An updated timeline, including key  
10 milestones, for the project.

11 (d) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—Not later than July 1  
12 of the first calendar year after the year in which the report  
13 required under subsection (c)(1) is submitted, and each  
14 July 1 thereafter until July 2, 2031 or the date on which  
15 all projects described in subsection (c)(1) are completed,  
16 the Commandant shall issue an updated report, with re-  
17 spect to each Coast Guard cutter homeporting project de-  
18 scribed in subsection (b)(1) (including any such project  
19 approved on a date after the date of enactment of this  
20 Act and before the submission of the applicable report),  
21 containing each element described in subsection (b)(2).

22 (c) REPORT ON CAPACITY OF COAST GUARD BASE  
23 KETCHIKAN.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after  
25 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant

1       shall complete a report detailing the cost of and time  
2       frame for expanding the industrial capacity of Coast  
3       Guard Base Ketchikan to do out of water repairs on  
4       Fast Response Cutters.

5           (2) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after  
6       the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant  
7       shall submit to the Committee on Transportation  
8       and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
9       and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
10      Transportation of the Senate the report required  
11      under paragraph (1).

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

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

17           (1) means the facility infrastructure modifica-  
18      tions, upgrades, new construction, and real property  
19      and land acquisition associated with homeporting  
20      new or modified cutters; and

21           (2) includes shoreside and waterfront facilities,  
22      cutter maintenance facilities, housing, child develop-  
23      ment facilities, and any other associated infrastruc-  
24      ture directly required as a result of homeporting new  
25      or modified cutters.



1 **SEC. 112. MAJOR ACQUISITIONS.**

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

4 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “major acquisi-  
5 tion programs” and inserting “Level 1 acquisitions  
6 or Level 2 acquisitions”;

7 (2) in subsection (b) by striking “major acquisi-  
8 tion program” and inserting “Level 1 acquisition or  
9 Level 2 acquisition”; and

10 (3) by amending subsection (f) to read as fol-  
11 lows:

12 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

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

23 **SEC. 113. QUARTERLY ACQUISITION BRIEF REQUIRE-**  
24 **MENTS.**

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

1 **“§ 5107. Quarterly acquisition reports and major ac-**  
2 **quisition program risk assessment**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 days after the  
4 end of each fiscal quarter, the Commandant shall provide  
5 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
6 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
7 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a  
8 briefing on all Level 1 and Level 2 acquisition programs,  
9 as such terms are defined in section 1171.

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

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

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

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

22 “(3) the Acquisition Review Board status, in-  
23 cluding—

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

1 “(B) the date of the most recent review;

2 and

3 “(C) whether the program has been paused

4 or is in breach status;

5 “(4) a comparison between the initial Depart-

6 ment-approved acquisition program baseline cost,

7 schedule, and performance thresholds and objectives

8 and the current such thresholds and objectives of the

9 program, if applicable;

10 “(5) the lifecycle cost estimate, adjusted for

11 comparison to the Future Coast Guard Program, in-

12 cluding—

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

14 “(B) the fiscal years included in the esti-

15 mate;

16 “(C) a breakout of the estimate for the

17 prior five years, the current year, and the budg-

18 et year;

19 “(D) a breakout of the estimate by appro-

20 priation account or other funding source; and

21 “(E) a description of and rationale for any

22 changes to the estimate as compared to the pre-

23 viously approved baseline, as applicable, and

24 during the prior fiscal year;

1           “(6) a summary of the findings of any inde-  
2           pendent verification and validation of the items to be  
3           acquired or an explanation for why no such  
4           verification and validation has been performed;

5           “(7) a table displaying the obligation of all pro-  
6           gram funds by prior fiscal year, the estimated obli-  
7           gation of funds for the current fiscal year, and an  
8           estimate for the planned carryover of funds into the  
9           subsequent fiscal year;

10          “(8) a listing of prime contractors and major  
11          subcontractors; and

12          “(9) narrative descriptions of risks to cost,  
13          schedule, or performance that could result in a pro-  
14          gram breach if not successfully mitigated, includ-  
15          ing—

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

17               “(B) any failure of such program to dem-  
18               onstrate a key performance parameter or  
19               threshold during operational test and evaluation  
20               conducted during the previous fiscal year;

21               “(C) whether there has been any decision  
22               in such fiscal year to order full-rate production  
23               before all key performance parameters or  
24               thresholds are met;

1           “(D) whether there has been any breach of  
2           major acquisition program cost (as such term is  
3           defined in the manual of the Coast Guard titled  
4           ‘Major Systems Acquisition Manual’  
5           (COMDTINST M5000.10C)) in such fiscal  
6           year; and

7           “(E) whether there has been any breach of  
8           major acquisition program schedule (as such  
9           term is defined in the manual of the Coast  
10          Guard titled ‘Major Systems Acquisition Man-  
11          ual’ (COMDTINST M5000.10C)) during such  
12          fiscal year.

13          “(d) MEMORANDUM DEADLINE.—Not later than 5  
14          business days after the date on which the Secretary ap-  
15          proves an Acquisition Decision Memorandum for pro-  
16          grams described in this section, the Commandant shall  
17          submit such memorandum to the Committee on Transpor-  
18          tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
19          and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
20          tation of the Senate.”.

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

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

1 **SEC. 114. OVERDUE REPORTS.**

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

5 **“§ 5116. Status of overdue reports**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the  
7 date of enactment of this section, and not later than  
8 March 1 of each year thereafter, the Commandant shall  
9 submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-  
10 structure of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
11 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the  
12 Senate a report on the status of reports or briefings re-  
13 quired under this chapter that have not been delivered to  
14 Congress.

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

17 “(1) The status of each required report or  
18 briefing that has not been delivered to Congress, in-  
19 cluding the date the report or briefing is due, and  
20 if applicable, the number of days the Coast Guard  
21 has exceeded the required completion date.

22 “(2) A plan and timeline for the next steps to  
23 be taken to complete such outstanding reports or  
24 briefings.

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

1 “(c) BRIEFING.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Commandant fails to  
3 submit the report required under this section, the  
4 Commandant shall brief the Committee on Trans-  
5 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
6 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce,  
7 Science, and Transportation of the Senate on the  
8 steps being taken to produce the report not less than  
9 once every 30 days until the required report is pro-  
10 duced.

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

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

“5116. Status of overdue reports.”.

17 **SEC. 115. REQUIREMENT FOR COAST GUARD TO PROVIDE**  
18 **ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES FOR AIRCRAFT.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the  
20 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall sub-  
21 mit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-  
22 ture of the House of Representatives and the Committee  
23 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate  
24 a report on the status of the implementation of the rec-  
25 ommendations contained in the report of the Government

1 Accountability Office titled “Aircraft Fleet and Aviation  
2 Workforce Assessments Needed,” and issued April 9,  
3 2024 (GAO–24–106374).

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

6 (1) An assessment of the type of helicopters the  
7 Coast Guard requires to meet the mission demands  
8 of the Coast Guard.

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

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

16 (c) LIMITATION OF AIRCRAFT EXPENSES.—No funds  
17 authorized to be appropriated under section 4902(2)(A)  
18 of title 14, United States Code, (as added by section  
19 101(3)(A)) may be obligated or expended in fiscal years  
20 2027 through 2029 for the procurement or modernization  
21 of helicopters until the Commandant submits the report  
22 required under this section.

23 (d) MINIMUM ROTARY WING FLEET.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall  
25 maintain an operational, geographically dispersed ro-



1 tary wing fleet of not less than 140 aircraft for the  
2 purpose of meeting minimum operational capabilities  
3 until the Commandant submits the report required  
4 under this section.

5 (2) REPORT.—In the event the operational ro-  
6 tary wing fleet of the Coast Guard falls below the  
7 requirements of this subsection, the Commandant  
8 shall provide to the Committee on Transportation  
9 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
10 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
11 Transportation of the Senate a notification not later  
12 than 5 business days after the inability of the Com-  
13 mandant to meet the requirement.

14 **SEC. 116. OVERSIGHT OF FUNDS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO**  
15 **PUBLIC LAW 119-21.**

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

18 (1) appropriated pursuant to Public Law 119-  
19 21 during any fiscal year in which the Commandant  
20 is not compliant with sections 5102 and 5103 (ex-  
21 cluding 5103(e)) of title 14, United States Code;  
22 and

23 (2) that are provided in Public Law 119-21  
24 until the Commandant provides the report required  
25 under section 11217 of the James M. Inhofe Na-

1        tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
2        2023 (Public Law 117–263) to the Committee on  
3        Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of  
4        Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,  
5        Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

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

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

23       (d) EXCEPTION.—If the President authorizes an ex-  
24       ception under section 1151(b) of title 14, United States  
25       Code, for any Coast Guard vessel, or the hull or super-

1 structure of such vessel for which funds are appropriated  
2 under Public Law 119–21, no such funds shall be obli-  
3 gated until the President submits to the Committee on  
4 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
5 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
6 and Transportation of the Senate a written explanation  
7 of the circumstances requiring such an exception in the  
8 national security interest, including—

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

12 (2) actions taken by the President to enable  
13 qualified United States shipyards to meet national  
14 security requirements prior to the issuance of such  
15 an exception.

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

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

22 (a) REPORT.—

23 (1) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than  
24 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
25 Commandant and the Chief of Naval Operations

1       shall submit to the Committee on Transportation  
2       and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives,  
3       the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-  
4       portation of the Senate, and the Committees on  
5       Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
6       resentatives a report on the status of acquisition of  
7       Polar Security Cutters.

8               (2) ELEMENTS.—The report under paragraph  
9       (1) shall include—

10               (A) a detailed timeline for the acquisition  
11               process of Polar Security Cutters, including ex-  
12               pected milestones and a projected commis-  
13               sioning date for the first 3 Polar Security Cut-  
14               ters;

15               (B) an accounting of the previously appro-  
16               priated funds spent to date on the Polar Secu-  
17               rity Cutter Program, updated cost projections  
18               for Polar Security Cutters, and projections for  
19               when additional funds will be required;

20               (C) potential factors and risks that could  
21               further delay or imperil the completion of Polar  
22               Security Cutters; and

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

1 (b) BRIEFINGS.—

2 (1) PROVISION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than  
3 90 days after the submission of the report under  
4 subsection (a), and not less frequently than every 90  
5 days thereafter, the Commandant and the Chief of  
6 Naval Operations shall provide to the Committee on  
7 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of  
8 Representatives, the Committee on Commerce,  
9 Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and the  
10 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and  
11 the House of Representatives a briefing on the sta-  
12 tus of the Polar Security Cutter acquisition process  
13 until Polar Security Cutter 2 achieves full oper-  
14 ational capability.

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

19 (3) ELEMENTS.—Each briefing under para-  
20 graph (1) shall include—

21 (A) a summary of acquisition progress  
22 since the most recent previous briefing con-  
23 ducted pursuant to paragraph (1);

1 (B) an updated timeline and budget esti-  
2 mate for acquisition and building of pending  
3 Polar Security Cutters; and

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

6 (c) NOTIFICATIONS.—In addition to the briefings re-  
7 quired under subsection (b), the Commandant and the  
8 Chief of Naval Operations shall notify the Committee on  
9 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
10 resentatives, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
11 Transportation of the Senate, and the Committees on  
12 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-  
13 atives within 3 business days of any significant change to  
14 the scope or funding level of the Polar Security Cutter  
15 acquisition strategy of such change.

16 **TITLE II—ORGANIZATION, AU-**  
17 **THORITIES, ACQUISITION,**  
18 **AND PERSONNEL OF THE**  
19 **COAST GUARD**

20 **Subtitle A—Organization**

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

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

24 (b) TRANSFER.—Section 888(a) of Public Law 107–  
25 296 is transferred to appear after section 101 of title 14,

1 United States Code, redesignated as section 102, and  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **“§ 102. Primary duties**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Coast Guard shall admin-  
5 ister laws, promulgate and enforce regulations, and engage  
6 in operations and activities, with due regard to the re-  
7 quirements of national defense, in support of the fol-  
8 lowing:

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

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

20 “(B) SEARCH AND RESCUE.—Respond to  
21 maritime disasters, natural or man-made, and  
22 render aid to people in distress to protect the  
23 lives and promote the safety of life and property  
24 on, under, and over the high seas and waters  
25 subject to the jurisdiction of the United States,

1 covering all matters not specifically delegated  
2 by law to some other executive department.

3 “(C) AIDS TO NAVIGATION.—Develop, es-  
4 tablish, maintain and operate aids to maritime  
5 navigation to promote the safe operation of the  
6 Marine Transportation System, pursuant to  
7 subchapter III of chapter 5, on, under, and over  
8 the high seas and waters subject to the jurisdic-  
9 tion of the United States.

10 “(D) LIVING MARINE RESOURCES (FISH-  
11 ERIES LAW ENFORCEMENT).—Safeguard fish  
12 and wildlife, including threatened and endan-  
13 gered species, from unlawful acts and environ-  
14 mental degradation under, and over the high  
15 seas and waters subject to the jurisdiction of  
16 the United States.

17 “(E) MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTEC-  
18 TION.—Safeguard United States marine re-  
19 sources and the ocean from unlawful acts and  
20 environmental degradation on, under, and over  
21 the high seas and waters subject to the jurisdic-  
22 tion of the United States.

23 “(F) ICE OPERATIONS.—Develop, estab-  
24 lish, maintain, and operate icebreaking facilities  
25 on, under, and over waters other than the high



1 seas and waters subject to the jurisdiction of  
2 the United States.

3 “(2) HOMELAND SECURITY MISSIONS.—

4 “(A) PORTS, WATERWAYS AND COASTAL  
5 SECURITY.—Conduct maritime recovery oper-  
6 ations in the aftermath of incidents of national  
7 significance to ensure the continuity of com-  
8 merce and critical port and waterway functions,  
9 protect the United States maritime domain and  
10 the Marine Transportation System, and deny  
11 the use and exploitation of the maritime domain  
12 as a means for attacks on United States terri-  
13 tory, population, vessels, and critical infrastruc-  
14 ture.

15 “(B) DRUG INTERDICTION.—Engage in  
16 maritime air surveillance or maritime interdic-  
17 tion to enforce or assist in the enforcement of  
18 laws of the United States regarding controlled  
19 substances on, under, and over the high seas  
20 and waters subject to the jurisdiction of the  
21 United States.

22 “(C) MIGRANT INTERDICTION.—Engage in  
23 maritime air surveillance or maritime interdic-  
24 tion of the maritime border and approaches to  
25 enforce or assist in the enforcement of laws of

1 the United States, including the immigration  
2 laws of the United States on, under, and over  
3 the high seas and waters subject to the jurisdic-  
4 tion of the United States.

5 “(D) DEFENSE READINESS.—Defend  
6 United States national interests in the maritime  
7 domain against hostile acts through military ac-  
8 tion, and maintain a state of readiness to assist  
9 in the defense of the United States, including  
10 when functioning as a specialized service in the  
11 Navy pursuant to section 103.

12 “(E) OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT.—En-  
13 force or assist in the enforcement of all applica-  
14 ble Federal laws on, under, and over the high  
15 seas and waters subject to the jurisdiction of  
16 the United States.

17 “(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
18 tion shall be construed to limit the powers authorized in  
19 chapter 5 of title 14, United States Code.”.

20 (c) SECTION 888.—Section 888 of Public Law 107–  
21 296 is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (d)—

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

1 (B) by inserting “, whether requested or  
2 tasked by the Department on behalf of another  
3 agency or requested by another agency,” after  
4 “Department”; and

5 (C) by striking “missions.” and inserting  
6 “such duties.”; and

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

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

11 “(A) may not substantially or significantly  
12 reduce—

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

16 “(ii) the capability of the Coast Guard  
17 to perform such duties; and

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

20 (d) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

21 (1) MEMBERS ASSERTING POST-TRAUMATIC  
22 STRESS DISORDER OR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.—  
23 Section 2516 of title 14, United States Code, is  
24 amended—

1 (A) in subsection (a) by inserting “de-  
2 scribed in section 102” after “Coast Guard op-  
3 erations”; and

4 (B) by striking subsection (d).

5 (2) CLARIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY OF MEM-  
6 BERS OF COAST GUARD FOR COMBAT-RELATED SPE-  
7 CIAL COMPENSATION.—Section 221 of the Coast  
8 Guard Authorization Act of 2016 (10 U.S.C. 1413a  
9 note) is amended by striking “section 888(a) of the  
10 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 468(a))”  
11 and inserting “section 102 of title 14, United States  
12 Code”.

13 (e) PLAN.—

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

20 (A) develop a plan on the structure, feasi-  
21 bility of the Secretary of the Coast Guard posi-  
22 tion and the reorganization and restructuring of  
23 the Coast Guard needed to incorporate the new  
24 position; and

1 (B) submit such plan to the Committee on  
2 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House  
3 of Representatives and the Committee of Com-  
4 merce, Science and Transportation of the Sen-  
5 ate.

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

8 (A) a complete organizational chart, to in-  
9 clude the creation of the Office of the Secretary  
10 of the Coast Guard and the directorates that  
11 report to the Commandant of the Coast Guard;

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

14 (C) a description of the offices and policies  
15 which each new position would be responsible  
16 for and how those offices would interact with  
17 the offices of the Commandant;

18 (D) a delineation of powers reserved for  
19 the Commandant, outside of current statutory  
20 authorizations, not previously reserved or dele-  
21 gated;

22 (E) a transition plan to ensure the con-  
23 tinuity of the execution of all Coast Guard mis-  
24 sions; and

1 (F) recommendations for statutory and  
2 legislative changes.

3 (f) REVIEW OF PLAN.—

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

7 (2) REPORT.—

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

13 (B) CONTENTS.—The report shall in-  
14 clude—

15 (i) a compilation of the responsibilities  
16 and duties assigned to the Commandant of  
17 the Coast Guard and the Secretary of the  
18 Department in which the Coast Guard is  
19 operating, and potential responsibilities  
20 and duties that can be moved to the Sec-  
21 retary of the Coast Guard;

22 (ii) a detailed list of all responsibilities  
23 and duties assigned to the Commandant  
24 and the Secretary of the Department in  
25 which the Coast Guard is operating, and

1           how those duties overlap or remain dis-  
2           tinct;

3           (iii) a detailed analysis of the respon-  
4           sibilities in clause (i) that should be reas-  
5           signed or delegated to the Secretary of the  
6           Coast Guard and the Commandant of the  
7           Coast Guard;

8           (iv) a detailed analysis of the proper  
9           separation and oversight of duties in the  
10          chain of command between the Secretary,  
11          the Secretary of the Coast Guard, and the  
12          Commandant of the Coast Guard;

13          (v) an analysis of the feasibility of the  
14          reorganization of the service in order to  
15          preserve the integrity of the military chain  
16          of command;

17          (vi) a comparison to the structure and  
18          authorities of other service Secretaries, in-  
19          cluding but not limited to the Secretary of  
20          the Navy, and whether the proposed appli-  
21          cation to the Coast Guard is appropriate;  
22          and

23          (vii) other matters deemed relevant by  
24          the Comptroller General.

1           (3) SUBMISSION.—The Comptroller General  
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 the report developed  
6       pursuant to paragraph (2).

7           (4) RESPONSES.—In addition to the plan and  
8       report, the Commandant shall provide responses to  
9       the recommendations in the report under paragraph  
10      (2) to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-  
11      structure of the House of Representatives and the  
12      Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
13      tation of the Senate to include—

14                (A) a description of the recommendations  
15                that the service intends to implement;

16                (B) a justification for each recommenda-  
17                tion that the service does not intend to imple-  
18                ment; and

19                (C) an implementation strategy and  
20                timeline.

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

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

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



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

2 “In this title, the term ‘Secretary of the Coast Guard’  
3 means the Secretary of the Coast Guard established in  
4 section 201.”; and

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

7 **“CHAPTER 2—SECRETARY OF THE COAST**  
8 **GUARD**

“201. Secretary of the Coast Guard.

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

10 “(a) SECRETARY OF THE COAST GUARD.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is a Secretary of the  
12 Coast Guard, appointed from civilian life by the  
13 President, by and with the advice and consent of the  
14 Senate.

15 “(2) NOT OPERATING AS A SERVICE IN THE  
16 NAVY.—Subject to section 103(c) of Public Law  
17 107–296 and when the Coast Guard is not operating  
18 as a service in the Navy, the Secretary of the Coast  
19 Guard shall report directly to the Secretary without  
20 being required to report through any other official of  
21 the department in which the Coast Guard is oper-  
22 ating. The Secretary of the Coast Guard shall not be  
23 required to report to any other position in the de-  
24 partment in which the Coast Guard is operating,

1 military or civilian, including any other under secre-  
2 taries, or assistant secretaries.

3 “(3) QUALIFICATION.—The Secretary of the  
4 Coast Guard shall, to the greatest extent practicable,  
5 be appointed from among persons most highly quali-  
6 fied for the position by reason of background and  
7 experience, including persons with appropriate man-  
8 agement or leadership experience.

9 “(4) DISQUALIFICATION.—A person may not be  
10 appointed as Secretary of the Coast Guard within 7  
11 years after relief from active duty as a commissioned  
12 officer of a regular component of an armed force.

13 “(b) POWERS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the authority,  
15 direction, and control of the Secretary, the Secretary  
16 of the Coast Guard shall exercise the powers of the  
17 Secretary in this title, except as may be reserved by  
18 the Secretary and reserved for the Commandant  
19 pursuant to sections 504 and 505.

20 “(2) AUTHORITY.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the  
22 Coast Guard is responsible for and has the au-  
23 thority necessary to conduct all affairs of the  
24 Coast Guard.

1                   “(B) AUTHORITIES AND FUNCTIONS.—

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

8                   “(3) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Subject to the au-  
9                   thority, direction, and control of the Secretary, the  
10                  Secretary of the Coast Guard is also responsible to  
11                  the Secretary for—

12                  “(A) the functioning and efficiency of the  
13                  Coast Guard;

14                  “(B) the formulation of policies and pro-  
15                  grams by the Coast Guard that are fully con-  
16                  sistent with national security objectives and  
17                  policies established by the President or the Sec-  
18                  retary;

19                  “(C) the effective and timely implementa-  
20                  tion of policy, program, and budget decisions  
21                  and instructions of the President or the Sec-  
22                  retary relating to the functions of the Coast  
23                  Guard;

24                  “(D) carrying out the functions of the  
25                  Coast Guard so as to fulfill the current and fu-

1           ture operational requirements of the unified and  
2           specified combatant commands;

3           “(E) effective cooperation and coordination  
4           between the Coast Guard and the other military  
5           departments and agencies of the Department of  
6           Defense with regards to defense readiness mis-  
7           sions to provide for more effective, efficient,  
8           and economical administration and to eliminate  
9           duplication;

10          “(F) the presentation and justification of  
11          the positions of the Coast Guard on the plans,  
12          programs, and policies of the Department in  
13          which the Coast Guard is operating;

14          “(G) the effective supervision and control  
15          of the intelligence activities of the Coast Guard;  
16          and

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

20          “(4) RECOMMENDATIONS.—After first inform-  
21          ing the Secretary, the Secretary of the Coast Guard  
22          may make such recommendations to appropriate  
23          congressional committees, as defined in section  
24          1171, as the Secretary of the Coast Guard considers  
25          appropriate.

1           “(5) ASSIGNMENT OF FUNCTIONS, POWERS,  
2           AND DUTIES.—

3           “(A) DELEGATION.—

4                   “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of  
5           the Coast Guard may assign such of the  
6           functions, powers, and duties as the Sec-  
7           retary of the Coast Guard considers appro-  
8           priate, to the Under Secretary of the Coast  
9           Guard, and to not more than 4 Assistant  
10          Secretaries of the Coast Guard.

11                   “(ii) APPOINTMENT.—The Under Sec-  
12          retary and the Assistant Secretaries shall  
13          be appointed from civilian life by the Presi-  
14          dent, by and with the advice and consent  
15          of the Senate.

16           “(B) SECRETARY OF THE COAST GUARD’S  
17          STAFF.—The Secretary of the Coast Guard’s  
18          staff shall be limited in the roles and respon-  
19          sibilities of such staff to the execution of the  
20          powers vested in the Secretary of the Coast  
21          Guard. The size of the Secretary of the Coast  
22          Guard’s staff may not exceed the size necessary  
23          to carry out the responsibilities of the office of  
24          the Secretary of the Coast Guard.

1           “(C) REPORTING TO SECRETARY OF THE  
2 COAST GUARD.—Officers of the Coast Guard  
3 shall, as directed by the Secretary, report on  
4 any matter to the Secretary of the Coast  
5 Guard, the Under Secretary, or any Assistant  
6 Secretary.

7           “(6) ADDITIONAL POWERS.—The Secretary of  
8 the Coast Guard may—

9           “(A) assign, detail, and prescribe the du-  
10 ties of members of the Coast Guard and civilian  
11 personnel of the Coast Guard;

12           “(B) change the title of any officer or ac-  
13 tivity of the Coast Guard not prescribed by law;  
14 and

15           “(C) prescribe regulations to carry out the  
16 functions, powers, and duties of the Secretary  
17 of the Coast Guard under this title.

18           “(7) PROHIBITIONS.—

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

23           “(B) REPORT.—The Secretary of the  
24 Coast Guard shall submit to the Committee on  
25 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House

1 of Representatives and the Committee on Com-  
2 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-  
3 ate an annual report demonstrating compliance  
4 with subparagraph (A).

5 “(c) LIMITATIONS.—No officer serving in an appoint-  
6 ment described in subsections (a) through (e) of section  
7 103 of Public Law 107–296 may perform the duties of  
8 the Secretary of the Coast Guard.

9 “(d) COMMANDANT REPORTING.—The Commandant  
10 shall report directly to the Secretary of the Coast Guard.  
11 The Commandant shall not be required to report to any  
12 other position in the department in which the Coast Guard  
13 is operating, military or civilian, including under secre-  
14 taries, or assistant secretaries.”.

15 (h) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
16 ter 1 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by strik-  
17 ing the item relating to section 106 and inserting the fol-  
18 lowing:

“106. Secretary of the Coast Guard defined.

“107. Commandant defined.”.

19 (i) CLARIFYING AMENDMENT.—Section 505 of title  
20 14, United States Code, is amended by striking “Sec-  
21 retary” and inserting “Secretary of the Coast Guard”.

22 (j) PUBLIC LAW 107–296.—Public Law 107–296 is  
23 amended—

24 (1) in section 103—

1 (A) by amending subsection (c) to read as  
2 follows:

3 “(c) SECRETARY OF THE COAST GUARD.—When the  
4 Coast Guard is operating as a service within the Depart-  
5 ment of Homeland Security, to assist the Secretary in the  
6 performance of the Secretary’s functions, there is a Sec-  
7 retary of the Coast Guard who shall be appointed as pro-  
8 vided in section 201 of title 14, United States Code, and  
9 who shall report directly to the Secretary.”; and

10 (B) in subsection (g)(1)—

11 (i) by striking “Notwithstanding” and  
12 inserting the following:

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding”;

14 (ii) by striking “the Under Secretary  
15 for Management” and inserting “the Sec-  
16 retary of the Coast Guard”; and

17 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
18 lowing:

19 “(B) UNDER SECRETARY OF MANAGE-  
20 MENT.—The Under Secretary of Management  
21 shall serve in this capacity in the event that the  
22 Secretary of the Coast Guard has transferred to  
23 the Department of the Navy.”; and

24 (2) in section 888—



1 (A) by redesignating subsections (b)  
2 through (g) as subsections (a) through (f), re-  
3 spectively; and

4 (B) in subsection (e), as so redesignated,  
5 by striking “Commandant” and inserting “the  
6 Secretary of the Coast Guard”.

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

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

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

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There shall be in the Coast  
14 Guard a Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard selected by  
15 the Commandant under policies established by the Sec-  
16 retary and who meets the qualifications set forth in sub-  
17 section (b).

18 “(b) QUALIFICATIONS.—The Chief Prosecutor of the  
19 Coast Guard shall be a commissioned officer of the Coast  
20 Guard who—

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

23 “(2) is a judge advocate in the grade not lower  
24 than O–7; and

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

5           “(c) DUTIES AND AUTHORITIES.—

6           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Chief Prosecutor of  
7           the Coast Guard shall carry out the duties under  
8           chapter 47 of title 10 (the Uniform Code of Military  
9           Justice) and shall perform the duties assigned as de-  
10          termined by the Secretary and consistent with the  
11          policy, regulations, or other guidance promulgated  
12          under section 824a of title 10 (article 24a of the  
13          Uniform Code of Military Justice).

14          “(2) DETERMINATION OF COVERED OFFENSE;  
15          RELATED CHARGES.—

16          “(A) AUTHORITY.—The Chief Prosecutor  
17          of the Coast Guard shall have exclusive author-  
18          ity to determine whether a reported offense is  
19          a covered offense and shall exercise authority  
20          over any such offense in accordance with chap-  
21          ter 47 of title 10 (the Uniform Code of Military  
22          Justice). Any determination to prefer or refer  
23          charges shall not act to disqualify the Chief  
24          Prosecutor of the Coast Guard as an accuser.

1 “(B) KNOWN AND RELATED OFFENSES.—

2 If the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard de-  
3 termines that a reported offense is a covered of-  
4 fense, the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard  
5 may also exercise authority over any offense  
6 that the special trial counsel determines to be  
7 related to the covered offense and any other of-  
8 fense alleged to have been committed by a per-  
9 son alleged to have committed the covered of-  
10 fense.

11 “(3) DISMISSAL; REFERRAL; PLEA BARGAINS.—

12 Subject to paragraph (5), with respect to charges  
13 and specifications alleging any offense over which  
14 the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard exercises  
15 authority, the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard  
16 shall have exclusive authority to, in accordance with  
17 this chapter and with chapter 47 of title 10 (the  
18 Uniform Code of Military Justice)—

19 “(A) on behalf of the Government, with-  
20 draw or dismiss the charges and specifications  
21 or make a motion to withdraw or dismiss the  
22 charges and specifications;

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

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

1                   “(D) determine if an authorized rehearing  
2                   is impracticable.

3                   “(4) BINDING DETERMINATION.—The deter-  
4                   mination of the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard  
5                   to refer charges and specifications to a court-martial  
6                   for trial shall be binding on any applicable convening  
7                   authority for the referral of such charges and speci-  
8                   fications.

9                   “(5) DEFERRAL TO COMMANDER OR CON-  
10                  VENING AUTHORITY.—If the Chief Prosecutor of the  
11                  Coast Guard exercises authority over an offense and  
12                  elects not to prefer charges and specifications for  
13                  such offense or, with respect to charges and speci-  
14                  fications for such offense preferred by a person  
15                  other than the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard,  
16                  elects not to refer such charges and specifications, a  
17                  commander or convening authority may exercise any  
18                  of the authorities of such commander or convening  
19                  authority under chapter 47 of title 10 (the Uniform  
20                  Code of Military Justice), with respect to such of-  
21                  fense, except that such commander or convening au-  
22                  thority may not refer charges and specifications for  
23                  a covered offense for trial by special or general  
24                  court-martial.

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

4 **“§ 325. Office of the Inspector General of the Coast**  
5 **Guard**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is in the Office of the Sec-  
7 retary of the Coast Guard an Inspector General of the  
8 Coast Guard, who shall be detailed to such position by  
9 the Secretary. The Inspector General of the Coast Guard  
10 shall be detailed from officers on the active-duty list in  
11 the line of the Coast Guard serving in grades above cap-  
12 tain. An officer may not be detailed to such position for  
13 a tour of duty of more than 4 years, except that the Sec-  
14 retary of the Coast Guard may extend such a tour of duty  
15 if the Secretary of the Coast Guard makes a special find-  
16 ing that the extension is necessary and in the public inter-  
17 est.

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

23 “(c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The Inspector General  
24 shall periodically propose programs of inspections to the  
25 Secretary of the Coast Guard and shall recommend addi-

1 tional inspections and investigations as may appear appro-  
2 priate.

3 “(d) COOPERATION.—The Inspector General shall co-  
4 operate fully with the Inspector General of the Depart-  
5 ment of Homeland Security in connection with the per-  
6 formance of any duty or function by the Inspector General  
7 of the Department of Homeland Security under section  
8 103 of Public Law 107–296 regarding the Coast Guard.

9 “(e) DUTIES.—In addition to the responsibilities de-  
10 scribed in paragraph (2), the Inspector General shall peri-  
11 odically propose programs of inspections to the Secretary  
12 of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating,  
13 the Secretary of the Coast Guard, and the appropriate  
14 committees of Congress and shall recommend additional  
15 inspections and investigations as may appear appro-  
16 priate.”.

17 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for  
18 chapter 3 of title 14, United States Code, is amend-  
19 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.”.

20 **SEC. 202. REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMANDANT.**

21 Section 302 of title 14, United States Code, is  
22 amended in the first sentence by striking “further periods  
23 of four years” and inserting “one further period of four  
24 years”.

1 **SEC. 203. SPECIAL ADVISOR TO COMMANDANT FOR TRIBAL**  
2 **AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.**

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

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
7 ter 3 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by red-  
8 ignating the items relating to sections 312 through 325  
9 as relating to sections 313 through 326, respectively.

10 (c) SPECIAL ADVISOR TO COMMANDANT FOR TRIBAL  
11 AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.—Chapter 3 of title 14,  
12 United States Code, is further amended by inserting after  
13 section 311 the following:

14 **“§ 312. Special Advisor to Commandant for Tribal**  
15 **and Native Hawaiian Affairs**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with Federal trust  
17 responsibilities and treaty obligations, laws, and policies  
18 relevant to Indian Tribes and in support of the principles  
19 of self-determination, self-governance, and co-management  
20 with respect to Indian Tribes, and to support engagement  
21 with Native Hawaiians, there shall be in the Coast Guard  
22 a Special Advisor to the Commandant for Tribal and Na-  
23 tive Hawaiian Affairs (in this section referred to as the  
24 ‘Special Advisor’), who shall—

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

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

4           “(3) to the maximum extent practicable, have  
5           expertise in legal and policy issues affecting Native  
6           Hawaiians; and

7           “(4) have an established record of distinguished  
8           service and achievement working with Indian Tribes,  
9           Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organiza-  
10          tions.

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

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

15               “(1) ensure the Federal government upholds  
16               the Federal trust responsibility and conducts con-  
17               sistent, meaningful, and timely government-to-gov-  
18               ernment consultation and engagement with Indian  
19               Tribes, which shall meet or exceed the standards of  
20               the Federal Government and the Coast Guard;

21               “(2) ensure meaningful and timely engagement  
22               with—

23                       “(A) Native Hawaiian organizations; and

24                       “(B) Tribal organizations;



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

5           “(4) work to ensure that the policies of the  
6           Federal Government regarding consultation and en-  
7           gagement with Indian Tribes and engagement with  
8           Native Hawaiian organizations and Tribal organiza-  
9           tions are implemented in a meaningful manner,  
10          working through Coast Guard leadership and across  
11          the Coast Guard, together with—

12                 “(A) liaisons located within Coast Guard  
13                 districts;

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

16                 “(C) other Coast Guard leadership and  
17                 programs and other Federal partners; and

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

21          “(d) DIRECT ACCESS TO SECRETARY AND COM-  
22          MANDANT.—No officer or employee of the Coast Guard  
23          or the Department of Homeland Security may interfere  
24          with the ability of the Special Advisor to give direct and

1 independent advice to the Secretary and the Commandant  
2 on matters related to this section.

3 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

8 “(2) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The  
9 term ‘Native Hawaiian organization’ has the mean-  
10 ing given such term in section 6207 of the Elemen-  
11 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20  
12 U.S.C. 7517) except the term includes the Depart-  
13 ment of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Office of  
14 Hawaiian Affairs.

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

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

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

22 (e) BRIEFINGS.—

23 (1) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than 120  
24 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the

1 Commandant shall brief the Committee on Com-  
2 merce, Science, and Transportation and the Com-  
3 mittee on Indian Affairs of the Senate and the Com-  
4 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the  
5 House of Representatives on the manner in which  
6 the Special Advisor for Tribal and Native Hawaiian  
7 Affairs will be incorporated into the governance  
8 structure of the Coast Guard, including a timeline  
9 for the incorporation that is completed not later  
10 than 1 year after date of enactment of this Act.

11 (2) ANNUAL BRIEFINGS ON SPECIAL ADVISOR  
12 TO THE COMMANDANT TO TRIBAL AND NATIVE HA-  
13 WAIIAN AFFAIRS.—Not later than 1 year after the  
14 date of the establishment of the position of the Spe-  
15 cial Advisor to the Commandant for Tribal and Na-  
16 tive Hawaiian Affairs under section 313 of title 14,  
17 United States Code, and annually thereafter for 2  
18 years, the Commandant shall provide the Committee  
19 on Commerce, Science, and Technology and the  
20 Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate and the  
21 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of  
22 the House of Representatives with a briefing on the  
23 duties, responsibilities, and actions of the Special  
24 Advisor to the Commandant for Tribal and Native

1 Hawaiian Affairs, including management of best  
2 practices.

3 (3) BRIEFING ON COLLABORATION WITH  
4 TRIBES ON RESEARCH CONSISTENT WITH COAST  
5 GUARD MISSION REQUIREMENTS.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year  
7 after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
8 Commandant shall provide the Committee on  
9 Commerce, Science, and Technology and the  
10 Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate and  
11 the Committee on Transportation and Infra-  
12 structure of the House of Representatives with  
13 a briefing on potential collaborations on and re-  
14 search and use of indigenous place-based knowl-  
15 edge and research.

16 (B) ELEMENT.—In providing the briefing  
17 under subparagraph (A), the Commandant shall  
18 identify current and potential future opportuni-  
19 ties to improve coordination with Indian Tribes,  
20 Native Hawaiian organizations, and Tribal or-  
21 ganizations to support—

22 (i) Coast Guard mission needs, such  
23 as the potential for research or knowledge  
24 to enhance maritime domain awareness, in-  
25 cluding opportunities through the ADAC—

1 ARCTIC Center of Excellence of the De-  
2 partment of Homeland Security; and

3 (ii) Coast Guard efforts to protect in-  
4 digenous place-based knowledge and re-  
5 search.

6 (4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

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

11 (B) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—  
12 The term “Native Hawaiian organization” has  
13 the meaning given such term in section 6207 of  
14 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act  
15 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7517) except the term in-  
16 cludes the Department of Hawaiian Home  
17 Lands and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

18 (C) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term  
19 “Tribal organization” has the meaning given  
20 the such in section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-  
21 mination and Education Assistance Act (25  
22 U.S.C. 5304).

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

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

4 (2) any government-to-government consultation.  
5 (g) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

6 (1) Section 11237 of the Don Young Coast  
7 Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–  
8 263) is amended—

9 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “section  
10 312 of title 14” and inserting “section 313 of  
11 title 14”; and

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

15 (2) Section 807(a) of the Frank LoBiondo  
16 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law  
17 115–282) is amended by striking “section 313 of  
18 title 14” and inserting “section 314 of title 14”.

19 (3) Section 3533(a) of the National Defense  
20 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law  
21 118–31) is amended by striking “section 315 of title  
22 14” and inserting “section 316 of title 14”.

23 (4) Section 311(j)(9)(D) of the Federal Water  
24 Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)(9)(D)) is  
25 amended by striking “section 323 of title 14” each

1 place it appears and inserting “section 324 of title  
2 14” each such place.

3 **SEC. 204. REINSTATEMENT OF TRAINING COURSE ON**  
4 **WORKINGS OF CONGRESS.**

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

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

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

10 “(1) TRAINING COURSE.—The Commandant,  
11 and such other individuals and organizations as the  
12 Commandant considers appropriate, shall develop a  
13 training course on the workings of Congress and  
14 offer such training course at least once each year.

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

19 “(A) the history and structure of Congress  
20 and the committee systems of the House of  
21 Representatives and the Senate, including the  
22 functions and responsibilities of the Committee  
23 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the  
24 House of Representatives and the Committee

1 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of  
2 the Senate;

3 “(B) the documents produced by Congress,  
4 including bills, resolutions, committee reports,  
5 and conference reports, and the purposes and  
6 functions of such documents;

7 “(C) the legislative processes and rules of  
8 the House of Representatives and the Senate,  
9 including similarities and differences between  
10 the 2 processes and 2 sets of rules, including—

11 “(i) the congressional budget process;

12 “(ii) the congressional authorization  
13 and appropriation processes;

14 “(iii) the Senate advice and consent  
15 process for Presidential nominees; and

16 “(iv) the Senate advice and consent  
17 process for treaty ratification;

18 “(D) the roles of Members of Congress and  
19 congressional staff in the legislative process;  
20 and

21 “(E) the concept and underlying purposes  
22 of congressional oversight within the governance  
23 framework of separation of powers.

24 “(3) LECTURERS AND PANELISTS.—



1           “(A) OUTSIDE EXPERTS.—The Com-  
2           mandant shall ensure that not less than 60 per-  
3           cent of the lecturers, panelists, and other indi-  
4           viduals providing education and instruction as  
5           part of the training course required under this  
6           section are experts on Congress and the Federal  
7           legislative process who are not employed by the  
8           executive branch of the Federal Government.

9           “(B) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT PRO BONO  
10          SERVICES.—In satisfying the requirement under  
11          paragraph (1), the Commandant shall seek, and  
12          may accept, educational and instructional serv-  
13          ices of lecturers, panelists, and other individuals  
14          and organizations provided to the Coast Guard  
15          on a pro bono basis.

16         “(4) EFFECT OF LAW.—

17                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The training required  
18                 by this section shall replace the substantially  
19                 similar training that was required by the Com-  
20                 mandant on the day before the date of enact-  
21                 ment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of  
22                 2025.

23                 “(B) PREVIOUS TRAINING RECIPIENTS.—A  
24                 Coast Guard flag officer or a Coast Guard Sen-  
25                 ior Executive Service employee who, not more

1           than 3 years before the date of the enactment  
2           of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025,  
3           completed the training that was required by the  
4           Commandant on the day before such date of en-  
5           actment, shall not be required to complete the  
6           training required by this section.

7           “(b) TRAINING FOR CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS PER-  
8   SONNEL.—

9           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall de-  
10          velop a training course, which shall be administered  
11          in person, on the workings of Congress for any  
12          member of the Coast Guard selected for a position  
13          as a fellow, liaison, counsel, or administrative staff  
14          for the Coast Guard Office of Congressional and  
15          Governmental Affairs or as any Coast Guard district  
16          or area governmental affairs officer.

17          “(2) COURSE SUBJECT MATTER.—

18                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The training course  
19                 required under this section shall provide an  
20                 overview and introduction to Congress and the  
21                 Federal legislative process, including—

22                         “(i) the congressional budget process;

23                         “(ii) the congressional appropriations  
24                         process;

1 “(iii) the congressional authorization  
2 process;

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

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

7 “(vi) the roles of Members of Con-  
8 gress and congressional staff in the legisla-  
9 tive process;

10 “(vii) the concept and underlying pur-  
11 poses of congressional oversight within the  
12 governance framework of separation of  
13 powers;

14 “(viii) the roles of Coast Guard fel-  
15 lows, liaisons, counsels, governmental af-  
16 fairs officers, the Coast Guard Office of  
17 Program Review, the Coast Guard Head-  
18 quarters program offices, and any other  
19 entity the Commandant considers relevant;  
20 and

21 “(ix) the roles and responsibilities of  
22 Coast Guard public affairs and external  
23 communications personnel with respect to  
24 Members of Congress and the staff of such  
25 Members necessary to enhance communica-

1                   tion between Coast Guard units, sectors,  
2                   and districts and Member offices and com-  
3                   mittees of jurisdiction so as to ensure visi-  
4                   bility of Coast Guard activities.

5                   “(3) DETAIL WITHIN COAST GUARD OFFICE OF  
6           BUDGET AND PROGRAMS.—

7                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—At the written request  
8                   of a receiving congressional office, the training  
9                   course required under this section shall include  
10                  a multi-day detail within the Coast Guard Of-  
11                  fice of Budget and Programs to ensure ade-  
12                  quate exposure to Coast Guard policy, over-  
13                  sight, and requests from Congress.

14                  “(B) NONCONSECUTIVE DETAIL PER-  
15                  MITTED.—A detail under this paragraph is not  
16                  required to be consecutive with the balance of  
17                  the training.

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

23                  (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
24                  ter 3 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by strik-

1 ing the item relating to section 316 and inserting the fol-  
2 lowing:

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

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

5 Section 317 of title 14, United States Code, as so  
6 redesignated, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)—

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

11 (B) in paragraph (2) by striking “on the  
12 engineering and design of a Museum.” and in-  
13 serting “on—”

14 “(A) the design of the Museum; and

15 “(B) engineering, construction administra-  
16 tion, and quality assurance services for the Mu-  
17 seum.”;

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

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

22 “(i) the Museum; and

23 “(ii) any property owned by the Asso-  
24 ciation that is adjacent to the railroad

1 tracks that are adjacent to the property on  
2 which the Museum is located; and”;

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

5 “(g) SERVICES.—With respect to the services related  
6 to the construction, maintenance, and operation of the  
7 Museum, the Commandant may, from nonprofits entities  
8 including the Association,—

9 “(1) solicit and accept services; and

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

## 12 **Subtitle B—Authorities**

### 13 **SEC. 211. ENHANCED USE PROPERTY PILOT PROGRAM.**

14 Section 504 of title 14, United States Code, is  
15 amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a)(13) by striking “five  
17 years” and inserting “30 years”; and

18 (2) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(g) ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Amounts received under  
21 subsection (a)(13) shall be—

22 “(A) in addition to amounts otherwise  
23 available for the activities described in sub-  
24 section (a)(13) for any fiscal year; and

1           “(B) available, without further appropria-  
2           tion, until expended.

3           “(2) CONSIDERATION.—

4           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
5           subparagraph (B), a person or entity entering  
6           into a contractual agreement under this section  
7           shall provide consideration for the contractual  
8           agreement at fair market value, as determined  
9           by the Commandant.

10          “(B) EXCEPTION.—In the case of a con-  
11          tractual agreement under this section between  
12          the Coast Guard and any other Federal depart-  
13          ment or agency, the Federal department or  
14          agency concerned shall provide consideration for  
15          the contractual agreement that is equal to the  
16          full cost borne by the Coast Guard in connec-  
17          tion with completing such contractual agree-  
18          ment.

19          “(C) FORMS.—Consideration under this  
20          subsection may take any of the following forms:

21                 “(i) The payment of cash.

22                 “(ii) The maintenance, construction,  
23                 modification, or improvement of existing or  
24                 new facilities on real property under the  
25                 jurisdiction of the Commandant.

1 “(iii) The use by the Coast Guard of  
2 facilities on the property concerned.

3 “(iv) The provision of services, includ-  
4 ing parking, telecommunications, and envi-  
5 ronmental remediation and restoration of  
6 real property under the jurisdiction of the  
7 Commandant.

8 “(v) Any other consideration the Com-  
9 mandant considers appropriate.

10 “(vi) A combination of any forms de-  
11 scribed in this subparagraph.

12 “(3) SUNSET.—The authority under paragraph  
13 (13) of subsection (a) shall expire on December 31,  
14 2029. The expiration under this paragraph of au-  
15 thority under paragraph (13) of subsection (a) shall  
16 not affect the validity or term of contractual agree-  
17 ments under such paragraph or the retention by the  
18 Commandant of proceeds from such agreements en-  
19 tered into under such subsection before the expira-  
20 tion of the authority.”.

21 **SEC. 212. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.**

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



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

4 (2) redesignated as section 529; and

5 (3) amended—

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

8 **“§ 529. Public availability of information”;**

9 (B) by striking “Not later than” and in-  
10 serting the following:

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than”;

12 (C) by striking “the number of migrant”  
13 and inserting “the number of drug and per-  
14 son”; and

15 (D) by adding at the end the following:

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

19 “(1) The number of incidents in which drugs  
20 were interdicted, the amount and type of drugs  
21 interdicted, and the Coast Guard sectors and geo-  
22 graphic areas of responsibility in which such inci-  
23 dents occurred.

24 “(2) The number of incidents in which persons  
25 were interdicted, the number of persons interdicted,

1 the number of those persons who were unaccom-  
2 panied minors, and the Coast Guard sectors and ge-  
3 ographic areas of responsibility in which such inci-  
4 dents occurred.

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

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

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

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

17 (2) JAMES M. INHOFE NATIONAL DEFENSE AU-  
18 THORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.—The  
19 table of contents for the James M. Inhofe National  
20 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023  
21 (Public Law 117–263) is amended by striking the  
22 item relating to section 11269.

23 (3) DON YOUNG COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION  
24 ACT OF 2022.—The table of contents for the Don

1 Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (divi-  
2 sion K of Public Law 117–263) is amended by strik-  
3 ing the item relating to section 11269.

4 **SEC. 213. TIMELY REIMBURSEMENT OF DAMAGE CLAIMS**  
5 **FOR COAST GUARD PROPERTY.**

6 Section 546 of title 14, United States Code, is  
7 amended in the second sentence by inserting “and the  
8 amounts collected shall be available until expended” after  
9 “special deposit account”.

10 **SEC. 214. UNIFORM FUNDING AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**  
11 **FOR MORALE, WELL-BEING, AND RECRE-**  
12 **ATION PROGRAMS AND COAST GUARD EX-**  
13 **CHANGE.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter IV of chapter 5 of  
15 title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
16 end the following:

17 **“§ 565. Uniform funding and management of morale,**  
18 **well-being, and recreation programs and**  
19 **Coast Guard Exchange**

20 **“(a) AUTHORITY FOR UNIFORM FUNDING AND MAN-**  
21 **AGEMENT.—**Under policies issued by the Commandant,  
22 funds appropriated to the Coast Guard and available for  
23 morale, well-being, and recreation programs and the Coast  
24 Guard Exchange may be treated as nonappropriated funds  
25 and expended in accordance with laws applicable to the

1 expenditure of nonappropriated funds. When made avail-  
2 able for morale, well-being, and recreation programs and  
3 the Coast Guard Exchange under such policies, appro-  
4 priated funds shall be considered to be nonappropriated  
5 funds for all purposes and shall remain available until ex-  
6 pended.

7 “(b) CONDITIONS ON AVAILABILITY.—Funds appro-  
8 priated to the Coast Guard and subject to a policy de-  
9 scribed in subsection (a) shall only be available in amounts  
10 that are determined by the Commandant to be consistent  
11 with—

12 “(1) Coast Guard policy; and

13 “(2) Coast Guard readiness and resources.

14 “(c) UPDATED POLICY.—Not later than 90 days  
15 after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authoriza-  
16 tion Act of 2025, the Commandant shall update the poli-  
17 cies described in subsection (a) consistent with this sec-  
18 tion.

19 “(d) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the  
20 date on which the Commandant issues the updated policies  
21 required under subsection (c), the Commandant shall pro-  
22 vide to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-  
23 portation of the Senate and the Committee on Transpor-  
24 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
25 a briefing on such policies.”.

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

“565. Uniform funding and management of morale, well-being, and recreation  
programs and Coast Guard Exchange.”.

4 **SEC. 215. COAST GUARD PROPERTY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 7 of title 14, United  
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing:

8 **“§ 722. Cooperation with eligible entities**

9 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 “(1) COAST GUARD INSTALLATION.—The term  
11 ‘Coast Guard installation’ means a base, unit, sta-  
12 tion, yard, other property under the jurisdiction of  
13 the Commandant or, in the case of property in a for-  
14 eign country, under the operational control of the  
15 Coast Guard, without regard to the duration of  
16 operational control.

17 “(2) CULTURAL RESOURCE.—The term ‘cul-  
18 tural resource’ means any of the following:

19 “(A) A building, structure, site, district, or  
20 object eligible for or included in the National  
21 Register of Historic Places maintained under  
22 section 302101 of title 54.

23 “(B) Cultural items, as that term is de-  
24 fined in section 2(3) of the Native American

1 Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25  
2 U.S.C. 3001(3)).

3 “(C) An archaeological resource, as that  
4 term is defined in section 3(1) of the Archae-  
5 ological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (16  
6 U.S.C. 470bb(1))).

7 “(D) An archaeological artifact collection  
8 and associated records covered by part 79 of  
9 title 36, Code of Federal Regulations.

10 “(E) A sacred site, as that term is defined  
11 in section 1(b) of Executive Order No. 13007  
12 (42 U.S.C. 1996 note; relating to Indian sacred  
13 sites).

14 “(F) Treaty or trust resources of an In-  
15 dian Tribe, including the habitat associated  
16 with such resources.

17 “(G) Subsistence resources of an Indian  
18 Tribe or a Native Hawaiian organization in-  
19 cluding the habitat associated with such re-  
20 sources.

21 “(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-  
22 tity’ means any the following:

23 “(A) A State, or a political subdivision of  
24 a State.

25 “(B) A local government.

1 “(C) An Indian Tribe.

2 “(D) A Native Hawaiian organization.

3 “(E) A Tribal organization.

4 “(F) A Federal department or agency.

5 “(4) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’  
6 has the meaning given that term in section 4 of the  
7 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance  
8 Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

9 “(5) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The  
10 term ‘Native Hawaiian organization’ has the mean-  
11 ing given such term in section 6207 of the Elemen-  
12 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20  
13 U.S.C. 7517) except the term includes the Depart-  
14 ment of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Office of  
15 Hawaiian Affairs.

16 “(6) NATURAL RESOURCE.—The term ‘natural  
17 resource’ means land, fish, wildlife, biota, air, water,  
18 ground water, drinking water supplies, and other  
19 such resources belonging to, managed by, held in  
20 trust by, appertaining to, or otherwise controlled by  
21 the United States (including the resources of the  
22 waters of the United States), any State or local gov-  
23 ernment, any Indian Tribe, any Native Hawaiian or-  
24 ganization, or any member of an Indian Tribe, if  
25 such resources are subject to a trust restriction on

1 alienation and have been categorized into one of the  
2 following groups:

3 “(A) Surface water resources.

4 “(B) Ground water resources.

5 “(C) Air resources.

6 “(D) Geologic resources.

7 “(E) Biological resources.

8 “(7) STATE.—The term ‘State’ includes each of  
9 the several States, the District of Columbia, the  
10 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth  
11 of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories  
12 and possessions of the United States.

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

17 “(b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR MANAGEMENT  
18 OF CULTURAL RESOURCES.—

19 “(1) AUTHORITY.—The Commandant may  
20 enter into a cooperative agreement with an eligible  
21 entity (or in the case that the eligible entity is a  
22 Federal department or agency, an interagency agree-  
23 ment) —

24 “(A) to provide for the preservation, man-  
25 agement, maintenance, and improvement of



1 natural resources and cultural resources located  
2 on a site described under paragraph (2); and

3 “(B) for the purpose of conducting re-  
4 search regarding the natural resources and cul-  
5 tural resources.

6 “(2) AUTHORIZED NATURAL AND CULTURAL  
7 RESOURCES SITES.—To be covered by a cooperative  
8 agreement under paragraph (1), the relevant natural  
9 resources or cultural resources shall be located—

10 “(A) on a Coast Guard installation; or

11 “(B) on a site outside of a Coast Guard in-  
12 stallation, but only if the cooperative agreement  
13 will directly relieve or eliminate current or an-  
14 ticipated restrictions that would or might re-  
15 strict, impede, or otherwise interfere, either di-  
16 rectly or indirectly, with current or anticipated  
17 Coast Guard training, testing, maintenance, or  
18 operations on a Coast Guard installation.

19 “(3) APPLICATION OF OTHER LAWS.—Section  
20 1535 and chapter 63 of title 31 shall not apply to  
21 an agreement entered into under paragraph (1).

22 “(c) AGREEMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS.—

23 “(1) AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED.—The Com-  
24 mandant may enter into an agreement with an eligi-  
25 ble entity, and may enter into an interagency agree-

1       ment with the head of another Federal department  
2       or agency, to address the use or development of  
3       property in the vicinity of, or ecologically related to,  
4       a Coast Guard installation for purposes of—

5               “(A) limiting any development or use of  
6       such property that would be incompatible with  
7       the mission of the Coast Guard installation;

8               “(B) preserving habitat on such property  
9       in a manner that—

10              “(i) is compatible with environmental  
11       requirements; and

12              “(ii) may eliminate or relieve current  
13       or anticipated environmental restrictions  
14       that would or might otherwise restrict, im-  
15       pede, or interfere, either directly or indi-  
16       rectly, with current or anticipated Coast  
17       Guard training or operations on the Coast  
18       Guard installation;

19              “(C) maintaining or improving Coast  
20       Guard installation resilience;

21              “(D) maintaining and improving natural  
22       resources, or benefitting natural and historic re-  
23       search, on the Coast Guard installation;

24              “(E) maintaining access to cultural re-  
25       sources and natural resources, including—

1 “(i) Tribal treaty fisheries and shell-  
2 fish harvest, and usual and accustomed  
3 fishing areas; and

4 “(ii) subsistence fisheries, or any  
5 other fishery or shellfish harvest, of an In-  
6 dian Tribe;

7 “(F) providing a means to replace or re-  
8 pair property or cultural resources of an Indian  
9 Tribe or a Native Hawaiian organization if such  
10 property is damaged by Coast Guard personnel  
11 or operations, in consultation with the affected  
12 Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization;  
13 or

14 “(G) maintaining and improving natural  
15 resources located outside a Coast Guard instal-  
16 lation, including property of an eligible entity,  
17 if the purpose of the agreement is to relieve or  
18 eliminate current or anticipated challenges that  
19 could restrict, impede, or otherwise interfere  
20 with, either directly or indirectly, current or an-  
21 ticipated Coast Guard activities.

22 “(2) INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN CONTRACT  
23 REQUIREMENTS.—Notwithstanding chapter 63 of  
24 title 31, an agreement under subsection (b)(1) that  
25 is a cooperative agreement and concerns a cultural

1 resource or a natural resource may be used to ac-  
2 quire property or services for the direct benefit or  
3 use of the Federal Government.

4 “(d)(1) An agreement under subparagraph (b)(1)  
5 shall provide for—

6 “(A) the acquisition by an eligible entity or  
7 entities of all right, title, and interest in and to  
8 any real property, or any lesser interest in the  
9 property, as may be appropriate for purposes of  
10 this subsection; and

11 “(B) the sharing by the United States and  
12 an eligible entity or entities of the acquisition  
13 costs in accordance with paragraph (3).

14 “(2) Property or interests may not be acquired pursu-  
15 ant to an agreement under subsection (b)(1) unless the  
16 owner of the property or interests consents to the acquisi-  
17 tion.

18 “(3)(A) An agreement with an eligible entity under  
19 subsection (b)(1) may provide for—

20 “(i) the management of natural resources  
21 on, and the monitoring and enforcement of any  
22 right, title, or interest in real property in which  
23 the Commandant acquires any right, title, or  
24 interest in accordance with this subsection; and

1 “(ii) for the payment by the United States  
2 of all or a portion of the costs of such manage-  
3 ment, monitoring, or enforcement if the Com-  
4 mandant determines that there is a dem-  
5 onstrated need to preserve or restore habitat for  
6 the purposes of subsection (b) or (c).

7 “(B) Any payment provided for under subpara-  
8 graph (A) may—

9 “(i) be paid in a lump sum;

10 “(ii) include an amount intended to cover  
11 the future costs of natural resource manage-  
12 ment and monitoring and enforcement; and

13 “(iii) be placed by the eligible entity in an  
14 interest-bearing account, so long as any interest  
15 is to be applied for the same purposes as the  
16 principal.

17 “(C) Any payments made under this paragraph  
18 shall be subject to periodic auditing by the Inspector  
19 General of the department in which the Coast Guard  
20 is operating.

21 “(4)(A) In entering into an agreement under sub-  
22 section (b)(1), the Commandant shall determine the ap-  
23 propriate portion of the acquisition costs to be borne by  
24 the United States in the sharing of acquisition costs of

1 real property, or an interest in real property, as required  
2 under paragraph (1)(B).

3 “(B) In lieu of, or in addition to, making a  
4 monetary contribution toward the cost of acquiring  
5 a parcel of real property, or an interest therein, pur-  
6 suant to an agreement under subsection (b)(1), the  
7 Commandant may convey real property in accord-  
8 ance with applicable law.

9 “(C) The portion of acquisition costs borne by  
10 the United States pursuant to subparagraph (A), ei-  
11 ther through the contribution of funds, excess real  
12 property, or both, may not exceed an amount equal  
13 to—

14 “(i) the fair market value of any property,  
15 or interest in property, to be transferred to the  
16 United States upon the request of the Com-  
17 mandant under paragraph (5); or

18 “(ii) the cumulative fair market value of  
19 all properties, or all interests in properties, to  
20 be transferred to the United States under para-  
21 graph (5) pursuant to an agreement under sub-  
22 section (b)(1).

23 “(D) The contribution of an eligible entity to  
24 the acquisition costs of real property, or an interest  
25 in real property, under paragraph (1)(B) may in-

1       clude, with the approval of the Commandant, the fol-  
2       lowing:

3               “(i) The provision of funds, including  
4       funds received by the eligible entity from—

5               “(I) a Federal agency outside the de-  
6       partment in which the Coast Guard is op-  
7       erating; or

8               “(II) a State or local government in  
9       connection with a Federal, State, or local  
10      program.

11              “(ii) The provision of in-kind services, in-  
12      cluding services related to the acquisition or  
13      maintenance of such real property or interest in  
14      real property.

15              “(iii) The exchange or donation of real  
16      property or any interest in real property.

17              “(iv) Any combination of clauses (i)  
18      through (iii).

19       “(5)(A) In entering into an agreement under sub-  
20      section (b)(1), each eligible entity that is a party to the  
21      agreement shall agree, as a term of the agreement, to  
22      transfer to the United States, upon request of the Com-  
23      mandant, all or a portion of the property or interest ac-  
24      quired under the agreement or a lesser interest therein,

1 except no such requirement need be included in the agree-  
2 ment if—

3 “(i) the property or interest is being trans-  
4 ferred to a State or another Federal agency, or  
5 the agreement requires the property or interest  
6 to be subsequently transferred to a State or an-  
7 other Federal agency; and

8 “(ii) the Commandant determines that the  
9 laws and regulations applicable to the future  
10 use of such property or interest provide ade-  
11 quate assurance that the property concerned  
12 will be developed and used in a manner appro-  
13 priate for purposes of this subsection.

14 “(B) The Commandant shall limit a transfer  
15 request pursuant to subparagraph (A) to the min-  
16 imum property or interests necessary to ensure that  
17 the property or interest concerned is developed and  
18 used in a manner appropriate for purposes of this  
19 subsection.

20 “(C)(i) Notwithstanding paragraph (A), If all  
21 or a portion of a property or interest acquired under  
22 an agreement under subsection (b)(1) is initially or  
23 subsequently transferred to a State or another Fed-  
24 eral agency, before that State or other Federal agen-  
25 cy may declare the property or interest in excess to



1       its needs or propose to exchange the property or in-  
2       terest, the State or other Federal agency shall give  
3       the Commandant reasonable advance notice of its in-  
4       tent to so declare.

5               “(ii) Upon receiving such reasonable ad-  
6       vance notice under clause (i), the Commandant  
7       may request, within a reasonable time period,  
8       that administrative jurisdiction over the prop-  
9       erty or interest be transferred to the Com-  
10      mandant, if the Commandant determines such  
11      transfer necessary for the preservation of the  
12      purposes of this subsection.

13              “(iii) Upon a request from the Com-  
14      mandant under clause (ii), the administrative  
15      jurisdiction over the property or interest be  
16      transferred to the Commandant at no cost.

17              “(iv) If the Commandant does not make a  
18      request under clause (ii) within a reasonable  
19      time period, all such rights of the Commandant  
20      to request transfer of administrative jurisdic-  
21      tion over the property or interest shall remain  
22      available to the Commandant with respect to  
23      future transfers or exchanges of the property or  
24      interest and shall bind all subsequent trans-  
25      ferees.

1           “(D) The Commandant may accept, on behalf  
2           of the United States, any property or interest to be  
3           transferred to the United States under an agreement  
4           under subsection (b)(1).

5           “(E) For purposes of the acceptance of prop-  
6           erty or interests under an agreement under sub-  
7           section (b)(1), the Commandant may accept an ap-  
8           praisal or title documents prepared or adopted by a  
9           non-Federal entity as satisfying the applicable re-  
10          quirements of section 301 of the Uniform Relocation  
11          Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies  
12          Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4651) or section 3111 of  
13          title 40 if the Commandant finds that the appraisal  
14          or title documents substantially comply with the re-  
15          quirements of such sections and is reasonably accu-  
16          rate.

17          “(e) MINIMAL CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL OF AGREE-  
18          MENTS.—The Commandant may approve a cooperative  
19          agreement under subsection (b)(1) if the Commandant de-  
20          termines that—

21                 “(1) the eligible entity has authority to carry  
22                 out the project;

23                 “(2) the project would be completed without un-  
24                 reasonable delay as determined by the Commandant;  
25                 and

1           “(3) the project cannot be effectively completed  
2       without the cooperative agreement authority under  
3       subsection (b)(1).

4       “(f) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The  
5       Commandant may require such additional terms and con-  
6       ditions in an agreement under subsection (b)(1) as the  
7       Commandant considers appropriate to protect the inter-  
8       ests of the United States, in accordance with applicable  
9       Federal law.

10       “(g) NOTIFICATION; AVAILABILITY OF AGREEMENTS  
11       TO CONGRESS.—

12           “(1) NOTIFICATION.—The Commandant shall  
13       notify the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
14       Transportation or the Committee on Homeland Se-  
15       curity and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and  
16       the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate when  
17       the eligible entity is a Tribe, Tribal Organization or  
18       Native Hawaiian organization, and the Committee  
19       on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House  
20       of Representatives in writing not later than the date  
21       that is 3 full business days prior to any day on  
22       which the Commandant intends to enter into an  
23       agreement under subsection (b)(1), and include in  
24       such notification the anticipated costs of carrying  
25       out the agreement, to the extent practicable.

1           “(2) AVAILABILITY OF AGREEMENTS.—A copy  
2           of an agreement entered into under subsection  
3           (b)(1) shall be provided to any member of the Com-  
4           mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation or  
5           the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-  
6           mental Affairs of the Senate or the Committee on  
7           Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of  
8           Representatives not later than 5 full business days  
9           after the date on which such request is submitted to  
10          the Commandant.

11          “(h) CONSULTATION.—Not later than 180 days after  
12          the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization  
13          Act of 2025, the Commandant shall consult with Indian  
14          Tribes to improve opportunities for Indian Tribe partici-  
15          pation in the development and execution of Coast Guard  
16          oil spill response and prevention activities.

17          “(i) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
18          tion may be construed to undermine the rights of any In-  
19          dian Tribe to seek full and meaningful government-to-gov-  
20          ernment consultation under this section or under any  
21          other law.”.

22          (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
23          ter 7 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by insert-  
24          ing after the item relating to section 721 the following:

“722. Cooperation with eligible entities.”.

1 **SEC. 216. CYBER COORDINATION AND SUPPORT IN FOR-**  
2 **EIGN TERRITORIES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 7 of title 14, United  
4 States Code, is further amended by inserting after section  
5 722 (as added by this Act) the following:

6 **“§ 723. Cyber coordination in foreign territories**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through  
8 the Commandant, may coordinate with a foreign entity to  
9 provide cyber prevention and response assistance related  
10 to the marine transportation systems and assets located  
11 outside the United States that have a nexus to the United  
12 States Marine Transportation System or illegal, unre-  
13 ported, and unregulated fishing.

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

17 “(c) COORDINATION.—The Secretary may provide  
18 support under subsections (a) and (b) after coordination  
19 with the Secretary of State.

20 “(d) REIMBURSEMENT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary  
21 may require reimbursement from a foreign entity for costs  
22 incurred by the Coast Guard for assistance provided under  
23 subsection (a).

24 “(e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘foreign  
25 entity’ includes foreign governments and intergovern-

1 mental organizations the Secretary considers appro-  
2 priate.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
4 ter 7 of such title is further amended by inserting after  
5 the item relating to section 722 (as added by this Act)  
6 the following:

“723. Cyber coordination in foreign territories.”.

7 **SEC. 217. MODIFICATION OF TREATMENT OF MINOR CON-**  
8 **STRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**  
9 **MANAGEMENT.**

10 Section 903(d)(1) of title 14, United States Code, is  
11 amended by striking “\$1,500,000” and inserting  
12 “\$2,000,000”.

13 **SEC. 218. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR SPECIAL**  
14 **PURPOSE FACILITIES.**

15 Section 907 of title 14, United States Code, is  
16 amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a), in the first sentence—

18 (A) by striking “20 years” and inserting  
19 “30 years”;

20 (B) by striking “or National” and insert-  
21 ing “National”; and

22 (C) by inserting before the period “, med-  
23 ical facilities, Coast Guard child development  
24 centers (as such term is defined in section

1           2921), and training facilities, including small  
2           arms firing ranges”; and  
3           (2) in subsection (b)—  
4                 (A) by striking the period and inserting a  
5           semicolon;  
6                 (B) by striking “means any facilities” and  
7           inserting “means—  
8           “(1) any facilities”; and  
9                 (C) by adding at the end the following:  
10           “(2) medical facilities;  
11           “(3) Coast Guard child development centers (as  
12           such term is defined in section 2921); and  
13           “(4) training facilities, including small arms fir-  
14           ing ranges.”.

15 **SEC. 219. PREPAREDNESS PLANS FOR COAST GUARD PROP-**  
16 **ERTIES LOCATED IN TSUNAMI INUNDATION**  
17 **ZONES.**

18         (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
19 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in con-  
20 sultation with the Administrator of the National Oceanic  
21 and Atmospheric Administration and the heads of other  
22 appropriate Federal agencies, shall develop a location-spe-  
23 cific tsunami preparedness plan for each property con-  
24 cerned.

1 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In developing each prepared-  
2 ness plan under subsection (a), the Commandant shall en-  
3 sure that the plan—

4 (1) minimizes the loss of human life;

5 (2) maximizes the ability of the Coast Guard to  
6 meet the mission of the Coast Guard;

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

10 (4) designates an evacuation route to an assem-  
11 bly area located outside the tsunami inundation  
12 zone;

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

15 (6) includes—

16 (A) maps of all applicable tsunami inunda-  
17 tion zones;

18 (B) evacuation routes and instructions for  
19 all individuals located on the property con-  
20 cerned;

21 (C) procedures to begin evacuations as ex-  
22 peditiously as possible upon detection of a seis-  
23 mic or other tsunamigenic event;

24 (D) evacuation plans for Coast Guard avia-  
25 tion and afloat assets; and



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

3 (ii) if an on-foot evacuation is not possible,  
4 an assessment of whether there is a need for  
5 vertical evacuation refuges that would allow  
6 evacuation on foot;

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

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

15 (A) exercised by each Coast Guard unit  
16 and sector located in the applicable tsunami in-  
17 undation zone;

18 (B) communicated through an annual in-  
19 person training to Coast Guard personnel and  
20 dependents located or living on the property  
21 concerned; and

22 (C) evaluated by the relevant District  
23 Commander for each Coast Guard unit and sec-  
24 tor located within the applicable tsunami inun-  
25 dation zone.

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

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

13 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

18 (2) TSUNAMIGENIC EVENT.—The term  
19 “tsunamigenic event” means any event, such as an  
20 earthquake, volcanic eruption, submarine landslide,  
21 coastal rockfall, or other event, with the magnitude  
22 to cause a tsunami.

23 (3) VERTICAL EVACUATION REFUGE.—The  
24 term “vertical evacuation refuge” means a structure  
25 or earthen mound designated as a place of refuge in

1 the event of a tsunami, with sufficient height to ele-  
2 vate evacuees above the tsunami inundation depth,  
3 designed and constructed to resist tsunami load ef-  
4 fects.

5 **SEC. 220. ADDITIONAL PRIBILOF ISLAND TRANSITION COM-**  
6 **PLETION ACTIONS.**

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

10 “(e) ADDITIONAL REPORTS ON STATUS OF USE OF  
11 FACILITIES AND HELICOPTER BASING.—Beginning with  
12 the first quarterly report required under subsection (a)  
13 submitted after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard  
14 Authorization Act of 2025, the Secretary shall include in  
15 each such report—

16 “(1) the status of the use of recently renovated  
17 Coast Guard housing facilities, food preparation fa-  
18 cilities, and maintenance and repair facilities on St.  
19 Paul Island, Alaska, including a projected date for  
20 full use and occupancy of such facilities in support  
21 of Coast Guard missions in the Bering Sea; and

22 “(2) a detailed plan for the acquisition and con-  
23 struction of a hangar in close proximity to existing  
24 St. Paul airport facilities for the prosecution of

1 Coast Guard operational missions, including plans  
2 for the use of land needed for such hangar.”.

3 **SEC. 221. SCIENTIFIC MISSION FOR USCGC STORIS.**

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

6 (1) in subsection (d)—

7 (A) in paragraph (2)—

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

10 (ii) in subparagraph (A)—

11 (I) by inserting “retrofitting,”  
12 before “maintenance”; and

13 (II) by striking “the science  
14 party” and inserting “costs described  
15 in paragraph (3)”; and

16 (B) by amending paragraph (4) to read as  
17 follows:

18 “(4) MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant—

20 “(i) shall enter into a memorandum of  
21 agreement with the Under Secretary to  
22 allow the Under Secretary to use any ves-  
23 sel acquired under this section to conduct  
24 research, and facilitate science activities,  
25 data collection, and other procedures nec-

1           essary to carry out the purposes described  
2           in subsection (c); and

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

13          “(B) PROHIBITION.—The Commandant  
14          may not charge the Under Secretary or any  
15          other entity with whom the Commandant enters  
16          into a memorandum of agreement under sub-  
17          paragraph (A) any fee related to use or oper-  
18          ation of any vessel acquired under this section.

19          “(C) RESTRICTION.—The Commandant  
20          may only allow the use of any vessel acquired  
21          under this section under any memorandum of  
22          agreement entered into under this paragraph if  
23          such use is not inconsistent with the missions  
24          of the Coast Guard.”; and

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

3 **SEC. 222. COAST GUARD ACCESS TO DEPARTMENT OF THE**  
4 **TREASURY FUND.**

5 (a) INCLUSION OF COAST GUARD AS DEPARTMENT  
6 OF THE TREASURY LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZA-  
7 TION.—Section 9705 of title 31, United States Code, is  
8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding  
10 paragraph (1) by striking “the Department of the  
11 Treasury or the United States Coast Guard” and in-  
12 serting “a Department of the Treasury law enforce-  
13 ment organization”;

14 (2) in subsection (a)(2)(B)—

15 (A) in clause (iv) by striking “and” at the  
16 end;

17 (B) in clause (v) by inserting “and” after  
18 the semicolon; and

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

20 “(vi) the United States Coast Guard  
21 with respect to any law of the United  
22 States which the Coast Guard is author-  
23 ized to enforce, assist in the enforcement  
24 of, or administer pursuant to section 102,  
25 522, or 525 of title 14;”;

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

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

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

9           (6) in subsection (h)(1) by striking “the De-  
10      partment of the Treasury” and inserting “a Depart-  
11      ment of the Treasury law enforcement organiza-  
12      tion”;

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

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

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

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

1 (1) by striking subsection (c);

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

3 (3) by redesignating subsections (d) through (o)

4 as subsections (c) through (n), respectively;

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

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

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

11 (c) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.—Section 9705 of title  
12 31, United States Code, is amended—

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

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

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

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

24 (d) UPDATES TO CROSS-REFERENCES.—



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

3 (A) in paragraph (4)(C) by striking  
4 “9705(g)(4)(A)” and inserting  
5 “9705(f)(4)(A)”; and

6 (B) in paragraph (10) by striking  
7 “9705(o)” and inserting “9705(n)”.

8 (2) TITLE 31.—Section 5340(1) of title 31,  
9 United States Code, is amended by striking  
10 “9705(o)” and inserting “9705(n)”.

11 (3) TITLE 39.—Section 2003(e)(1) of title 39,  
12 United States Code, is amended by striking  
13 “9705(o)” and inserting “9705(n)”.

## 14 **Subtitle C—Acquisition**

### 15 **SEC. 231. MODIFICATION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF** 16 **LEAD SYSTEMS INTEGRATORS.**

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

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

1 **SEC. 232. ACQUISITION IMPROVEMENTS.**

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

5 **“§ 1138. Service life extension programs**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Requirements for a Level 1 or  
7 Level 2 acquisition project or program under sections  
8 1131 through 1134 shall not apply to an acquisition by  
9 the Coast Guard that is a service life extension program.

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

16 **“§ 1139. Consideration of life-cycle cost estimates for**  
17 **acquisition and procurement**

18 “In carrying out the acquisition and procurement of  
19 vessels and aircraft, the Secretary of the department in  
20 which the Coast Guard is operating, acting through the  
21 Commandant, shall consider the life-cycle cost estimates  
22 of vessels and aircraft, as applicable, during the design  
23 and evaluation processes to the maximum extent prac-  
24 ticable.

1   **“§ 1140. Contracts that provide best value for tax-**  
2                   **payer**

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

11          “(b) SELECTION PROCEDURE.—The following proce-  
12 dures shall apply to the procurement of Level 1 or Level  
13 2 acquisition project or program under this subchapter:

14               “(1) STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATION AND  
15 PERFORMANCE.—The Commandant shall require  
16 prospective contractors to submit a statement of  
17 qualifications and performance data.

18               “(2) EVALUATION.—For each proposed project,  
19 the Commandant shall—

20                       “(A) evaluate statements of qualifications  
21 and performance submitted by firms regarding  
22 the proposed project; and

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

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

8       “(c) NEGOTIATION OF CONTRACT.—

9           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall ne-  
10      gotiate a contract for construction, design, and engi-  
11      neering services under this section at compensation  
12      which the Commandant determines is fair and rea-  
13      sonable to the Federal Government.

14          “(2) FAIR AND REASONABLE COMPENSATION.—  
15      In determining fair and reasonable compensation,  
16      the Commandant shall consider the scope, com-  
17      plexity, professional nature, and estimated value of  
18      the services to be rendered.

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

22          “(4) FURTHER NEGOTIATION.—If the Com-  
23      mandant is unable to negotiate a satisfactory con-  
24      tract with the firm under paragraph (3), the Com-  
25      mandant shall formally terminate negotiations with

such firm and undertake negotiations with the next most qualified of the selected firms, continuing the process until an agreement is reached.

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

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 11 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1137 the following:

“1138. Service life extension programs.

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

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

SEC. 233. RESTRICTION ON ACQUISITION, PROCUREMENT,  
OR CONSTRUCTION OF VESSELS IN FOREIGN  
SHIPYARDS.

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

19   **“§ 1151. Restriction on acquisition, procurement, or**  
20                   **construction of vessels in foreign ship-**  
21                   **yards**

22           “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
23   (b), the Commandant may not lease, charter, or otherwise

1 procure a vessel which contains a major component of the  
2 hull or superstructure constructed in a foreign shipyard.

3 “(b) EXCEPTIONS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The President may author-  
5 ize exceptions to the prohibition in subsection (a)  
6 when the President determines that it is in the na-  
7 tional security interest of the United States to ad-  
8 dress an immediate adverse effect on Coast Guard  
9 missions.

10 “(2) TIMING.—An exception made by the Presi-  
11 dent under paragraph (1) shall not take effect until  
12 the President submits to the Committee on Trans-  
13 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
14 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce,  
15 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a written  
16 explanation of the circumstances requiring such an  
17 exception in the national security interest, includ-  
18 ing—

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

22 “(B) actions taken by the President to en-  
23 able qualified United States shipyards to meet  
24 national security requirements prior to the  
25 issuance of such an exception”.

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

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

5 **SEC. 234. FLOATING DRYDOCK FOR UNITED STATES COAST**  
6 **GUARD YARD.**

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

10 **“§ 1159. Floating drydock for United States Coast**  
11 **Guard Yard**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
13 (b), the Commandant may not acquire, procure, or con-  
14 struct a floating dry dock for the Coast Guard Yard.

15 “(b) PERMISSIBLE ACQUISITION, PROCUREMENT, OR  
16 CONSTRUCTION METHODS.—Notwithstanding subsection  
17 (a) of this section and section 1105(a), the Commandant  
18 may—

19 “(1) provide for an entity other than the Coast  
20 Guard to contract for the acquisition, procurement,  
21 or construction of a floating drydock by contract,  
22 lease, purchase, or other agreement;

23 “(2) construct a floating drydock at the Coast  
24 Guard Yard; or

1           “(3) acquire or procure a commercially avail-  
2       able floating drydock.

3       “(c) EXEMPTIONS FROM REQUIREMENTS.—Sections  
4   1131, 1132, 1133, and 1171 shall not apply to an acquisi-  
5   tion or procurement under subsection (b).

6       “(d) DESIGN STANDARDS AND CONSTRUCTION  
7   PRACTICES.—To the extent practicable, a floating drydock  
8   acquired, procured, or constructed under this section shall  
9   reflect commercial design standards and commercial con-  
10   struction practices that are consistent with the best inter-  
11   ests of the Federal Government.

12       “(e) BERTHING REQUIREMENT.—Any floating dry-  
13   dock acquired, procured, or constructed under subsection  
14   (b) shall be berthed at the Coast Guard Yard in Balti-  
15   more, Maryland, when lifting or maintaining vessels.

16       “(f) FLOATING DRY DOCK DEFINED.—In this sec-  
17   tion, the term ‘floating dry dock’ means equipment that  
18   is—

19           “(1) constructed in the United States; and

20           “(2) capable of meeting the lifting and mainte-  
21   nance requirements of an Offshore Patrol Cutter or  
22   a National Security Cutter.”.

23       “(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
24   ter 11 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by in-



1   serting after the item relating to section 1158 the fol-  
2   lowing:

“1159. Floating drydock for United States Coast Guard Yard.”.

3   **SEC. 235. GREAT LAKES ICEBREAKING.**

4       (a) GREAT LAKES ICEBREAKER AND ICEBREAKING  
5   TUGS.—

6           (1) STRATEGY.—Not later than 90 days after  
7   the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant  
8   shall submit to the Committee on Commerce,  
9   Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the  
10   Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of  
11   the House of Representatives a strategy detailing  
12   how the Coast Guard will complete design and con-  
13   struction of a Great Lakes icebreaker at least as ca-  
14   pable as the Coast Guard cutter *Mackinaw* (WLBB-  
15   30) as expeditiously as possible after funding is pro-  
16   vided for such icebreaker, including providing a cost  
17   estimate and an estimated delivery timeline that  
18   would facilitate the expedited delivery detailed in the  
19   strategy.

20          (2) REPORT ON BAY CLASS ICEBREAKING TUG  
21   FLEET REPLACEMENT.—Not later than 1 year after  
22   the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant  
23   shall submit to the Committee on Transportation  
24   and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives

1       and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
2       Transportation of the Senate—

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

6               (B) in the case of such a strategy that re-  
7       sults in the replacement of the last Bay class  
8       icebreaking tug on a date that is more than 15  
9       years after such date of enactment, a plan to  
10      maintain the operational capabilities of the Bay  
11      class icebreaking tug fleet until the date on  
12      which such fleet is projected to be replaced; and

13              (C) in the case of such a plan that does  
14      not include the replacement of the main propul-  
15      sion engines and marine gear components of  
16      the Bay class icebreaking tug fleet, an assess-  
17      ment of the manner in which not replacing such  
18      engines and gear components will effect the fu-  
19      ture operational availability of such fleet.

20       (b) GREAT LAKES ICEBREAKER PILOT PROGRAM.—  
21   Section 11212(a) of the Don Young Coast Guard Author-  
22   ization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–263) is amended by  
23   adding at the end the following:

24               “(4) PILOT PROGRAM.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—During the 5 ice sea-  
2           sons beginning after the date of enactment of  
3           this Act, the Commandant shall conduct a pilot  
4           program to determine the extent to which the  
5           Coast Guard Great Lakes icebreaking cutter  
6           fleet is capable of maintaining tier one and tier  
7           two waterways open 95 percent of the time dur-  
8           ing an ice season.

9           “(B) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days  
10          after the end of each of the 5 ice seasons begin-  
11          ning after the date of enactment of this Act,  
12          the Commandant shall submit to the Committee  
13          on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of  
14          the Senate and the Committee on Transpor-  
15          tation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
16          resentatives a report that details—

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

19               “(ii) any relevant new performance  
20               measures implemented by the Coast  
21               Guard, including the measures described in  
22               pages 5 through 7 of the report of the  
23               Coast Guard titled ‘Domestic Icebreaking  
24               Operations’ and submitted to Congress on  
25               July 26, 2024, as required by section

1                   11212(a)(3) of the Don Young Coast  
2                   Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (Public  
3                   Law 117–263), and the results of the im-  
4                   plementation of such measures.”.

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

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 11213(f) of the Don  
9           Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022  
10          (Public Law 117–263) is amended to read as fol-  
11          lows:

12          “(f) PUBLIC REPORT.—Not later than July 1 after  
13 the first winter in which the Commandant has submitted  
14 the report required by paragraph (3) of section 11212(a),  
15 the Commandant shall publish on a publicly accessible  
16 website of the Coast Guard a report on the cost to the  
17 Coast Guard of meeting the proposed standards described  
18 in paragraph (2) of such section.”.

19          (2) PUBLIC REPORT.—Section 11272(c) of the  
20          James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization  
21          Act for Fiscal Year 2023 is amended by adding at  
22          the end the following:

23               “(7) PUBLIC REPORT.—

24               “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30  
25               days after the date of enactment of the Coast

1 Guard Authorization Act of 2025, the Com-  
2 mandant shall brief the Committee on Trans-  
3 portation and Infrastructure of the House or  
4 Representatives and the Committee on Com-  
5 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-  
6 ate on the cost to the Coast Guard of meeting  
7 the requirements of section 564 of title 14,  
8 United States Code, in fiscal year 2024.

9 “(B) SECONDARY BRIEFINGS.—Not later  
10 than November 1, 2025 and November 1,  
11 2026, the Commandant shall brief the commit-  
12 tees described in subparagraph (A) on the cost  
13 to the Coast Guard of meeting the requirements  
14 of section 564 of title 14, United States Code,  
15 in fiscal years 2025 and 2026, respectively.”.

## 16 **Subtitle D—Personnel**

### 17 **SEC. 241. FAMILY LEAVE POLICIES FOR COAST GUARD.**

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

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

22 (2) in subsection (a)—

23 (A) by striking “, United States Code,”  
24 and inserting “or, with respect to the reserve  
25 component of the Coast Guard, the Secretary of

1 Defense promulgates a new regulation for mem-  
2 bers of the reserve component of the Coast  
3 Guard pursuant to section 711 of title 10,”;

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

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

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

15 (3) in subsection (b)—

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

20 (B) by striking “and 704” and inserting “,  
21 704, and 711”;

22 (C) by striking “and enlisted members”  
23 and inserting “, enlisted members, and mem-  
24 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 engage 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, the

1 Commandant shall provide a briefing to the Com-  
2 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of  
3 the Senate and the Committee on Transportation  
4 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
5 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 enrollees,  
11 including—

12 “(i) race;

13 “(ii) ethnicity;

14 “(iii) gender;

15 “(iv) geographic origin; and

16 “(v) educational institution.”.

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

19 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

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

23 (2) The analysis for chapter 37 of title 14,  
24 United States Code, is amended by striking the item  
25 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. HOUSING.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 29 of  
9 title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
10 end the following:

11 **“§ 2948. Authorization for acquisition of existing fam-**  
12 **ily housing in lieu of construction**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In lieu of constructing any fam-  
14 ily housing units authorized by law to be constructed and  
15 subject to the availability of appropriations, the Com-  
16 mandant may acquire sole interest in existing family hous-  
17 ing units that are privately owned or that are held by the  
18 Department of Housing and Urban Development, except  
19 that in foreign countries the Commandant may acquire  
20 less than sole interest in existing family housing units.

21 “(b) ACQUISITION OF INTERESTS IN LAND.—When  
22 authority provided by law to construct Coast Guard family  
23 housing units is used to acquire existing family housing  
24 units under subsection (a), the authority includes author-  
25 ity to acquire interests in land.

1       “(c) LIMITATION ON NET FLOOR AREA.—The net  
2 floor area of a family housing unit acquired under the au-  
3 thority of this section may not exceed the applicable limi-  
4 tation specified in section 2826 of title 10. The Com-  
5 mandant may waive the limitation set forth in the pre-  
6 ceding sentence for family housing units acquired under  
7 this section during the five-year period beginning on the  
8 date of the enactment of this section.

9       **“§ 2949. Acceptance of funds to cover administrative**  
10                   **expenses relating to certain real property**  
11                   **transactions**

12       “(a) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT.—In connection with a  
13 real property transaction referred to in subsection (b) with  
14 a non-Federal person or entity, the Commandant may ac-  
15 cept amounts provided by the person or entity to cover  
16 administrative expenses incurred by the Commandant in  
17 entering into the transaction.

18       “(b) COVERED TRANSACTIONS.—Subsection (a) ap-  
19 plies to the following transactions involving real property  
20 under the control of the Commandant:

21               “(1) The exchange of real property.

22               “(2) The grant of an easement over, in, or upon  
23 real property of the United States.

24               “(3) The lease or license of real property of the  
25 United States.



1                   “(4) The disposal of real property of the United  
2           States for which the Commandant will be the dis-  
3           posal agent.

4           “(5) The conveyance of real property under sec-  
5           tion 2945.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 29 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“2948. Authorization for acquisition of existing family housing in lieu of construction.

“2949. Acceptance of funds to cover administrative expenses relating to certain real property transactions.”.

(c) REPORT ON GAO RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOUSING PROGRAM.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the status of the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Government Accountability Office titled “Coast Guard: Better Feedback Collection and Information Could Enhance Housing Program”, and issued February 5, 2024 (GAO–24–106388).

20 SEC. 249. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.

21 (a) COAST GUARD EMBEDDED BEHAVIORAL  
22 HEALTH TECHNICIAN PROGRAM.—

23 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270  
2 days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
3 the Commandant, in coordination with the As-  
4 sistant Commandant for Health, Safety, and  
5 Work Life, shall establish and conduct a pilot  
6 program, to be known as the “Coast Guard  
7 Embedded Behavioral Health Technician Pro-  
8 gram” (referred to in this section as the “Pilot  
9 Program”), to integrate behavioral health tech-  
10 nicians serving at Coast Guard units for the  
11 purposes of—

12 (i) facilitating, at the clinic level, the  
13 provision of integrated behavioral health  
14 care for members of the Coast Guard;

15 (ii) providing, as a force extender  
16 under the supervision of a licensed behav-  
17 ioral health care provider, at the clinic  
18 level—

19 (I) psychological assessment and  
20 diagnostic services, as appropriate;

21 (II) behavioral health services, as  
22 appropriate;

23 (III) education and training re-  
24 lated to promoting positive behavioral  
25 health and well-being; and

1 (IV) information and resources,  
2 including expedited referrals, to assist  
3 members of the Coast Guard in deal-  
4 ing with behavioral health concerns;

5 (iii) improving resilience and mental  
6 health care among members of the Coast  
7 Guard who respond to extraordinary calls  
8 of duty, with the ultimate goals of pre-  
9 venting crises and addressing mental  
10 health concerns before such concerns  
11 evolve into more complex issues that re-  
12 quire care at a military treatment facility;

13 (iv) increasing—

14 (I) the number of such members  
15 served by behavioral health techni-  
16 cians; and

17 (II) the proportion of such mem-  
18 bers returning to duty after seeking  
19 behavioral health care; and

20 (v) positively impacting the Coast  
21 Guard in a cost-effective manner by ex-  
22 tending behavioral health services to the  
23 workforce and improving access to care.

24 (B) BRIEFING.—Not later than 120 days  
25 after the date of enactment of this Act, the

1 Commandant shall provide the Committee on  
2 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the  
3 Senate and the Committee on Transportation  
4 and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-  
5 tives with a briefing regarding a plan to estab-  
6 lish and conduct the Pilot Program.

7 (2) SELECTION OF COAST GUARD CLINICS.—

8 The Commandant shall select, for participation in  
9 the Pilot Program, 3 or more Coast Guard clinics  
10 that support units that have significantly high oper-  
11 ational tempos or other force resiliency risks, as de-  
12 termined by the Commandant.

13 (3) PLACEMENT OF STAFF AT COAST GUARD  
14 CLINICS.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Under the Pilot Pro-  
16 gram, a Coast Guard health services technician  
17 with a grade of E-5 or higher, or an assigned  
18 civilian behavioral health specialist, shall be—

19 (i) assigned to each selected Coast  
20 Guard clinic; and

21 (ii) located at a unit with high oper-  
22 ational tempo.

23 (B) TRAINING.—

24 (i) HEALTH SERVICES TECHNI-  
25 CIANS.—Before commencing an assign-

1                   ment at a Coast Guard clinic under sub-  
2                   paragraph (A), a Coast Guard health serv-  
3                   ices technician shall complete behavioral  
4                   health technician training and independent  
5                   duty health services training.

6                   (ii) CIVILIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
7                   SPECIALISTS.—To qualify for an assign-  
8                   ment at a Coast Guard clinic under sub-  
9                   paragraph (A), a civilian behavioral health  
10                  specialist shall have at least the equivalent  
11                  behavioral health training as the training  
12                  required for a Coast Guard behavioral  
13                  health technician under clause (i).

14               (4) ADMINISTRATION.—The Commandant, in  
15               coordination with the Assistant Commandant for  
16               Health, Safety, and Work Life, shall administer the  
17               Pilot Program through the Health, Safety, and  
18               Work-Life Service Center.

19               (5) DATA COLLECTION.—

20                   (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall  
21                   collect and analyze data concerning the Pilot  
22                   Program for purposes of—

23                   (i) developing and sharing best prac-  
24                   tices for improving access to behavioral  
25                   health care; and

1 (ii) providing information to the Com-  
2 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-  
3 portation of the Senate and the Committee  
4 on Transportation and Infrastructure of  
5 the House of Representatives regarding the  
6 implementation of the Pilot Program and  
7 related policy issues.

8 (B) PLAN.—Not later than 270 days after  
9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-  
10 mandant shall submit to 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 a plan for carrying out subparagraph (A).

15 (6) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than Sep-  
16 tember 1 of each year until the date on which the  
17 Pilot Program terminates under paragraph (7), the  
18 Commandant shall submit to the Committee on  
19 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-  
20 ate and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-  
21 structure of the House of Representatives a report  
22 on the Pilot Program that includes the following:

23 (A) An overview of the implementation of  
24 the Pilot Program at each applicable Coast  
25 Guard clinic, including—

1 (i) the number of members of the  
2 Coast Guard who received services on site  
3 by a behavioral health technician assigned  
4 to such clinic;

5 (ii) feedback from all members of the  
6 Coast Guard empaneled for their medical  
7 care under the Pilot Program;

8 (iii) an assessment of the deployability  
9 and overall readiness of members of the  
10 applicable operational unit; and

11 (iv) an estimate of potential costs and  
12 impacts on other Coast Guard health care  
13 services of supporting the Pilot Program at  
14 such units and clinics.

15 (B) The data and analysis required under  
16 paragraph (5)(A).

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

20 (D) The feasibility, estimated cost, and im-  
21 pacts on other Coast Guard health care services  
22 of expanding the Pilot Program to all Coast  
23 Guard clinics, and a description of the per-  
24 sonnel, fiscal, and administrative resources that  
25 would be needed for such an expansion.

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

3           (b) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SPECIALIST.—

4           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
5     after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-  
6     mandant shall hire, train, and deploy not fewer than  
7     5 additional behavioral health specialists, in addition  
8     to the personnel required under section 11412(a) of  
9     the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of  
10    2022 (14 U.S.C. 504 note).

11          (2) REQUIREMENT.—The Commandant shall  
12    ensure that not fewer than 35 percent of behavioral  
13    health specialists required to be deployed under  
14    paragraph (1) have experience in—

15           (A) behavioral health care related to mili-  
16    tary sexual trauma; and

17           (B) behavioral health care for the purpose  
18    of supporting members of the Coast Guard with  
19    needs for mental health care and counseling  
20    services for post-traumatic stress disorder and  
21    co-occurring disorders related to military sexual  
22    trauma.

23          (3) ACCESSIBILITY.—The support provided by  
24    the behavioral health specialists hired pursuant to  
25    paragraph (1)—



1 (A) may include care delivered via tele-  
2 medicine; and

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

5 (4) NOTIFICATION.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180  
7 days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
8 the Commandant shall notify the Committee on  
9 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the  
10 Senate and the Committee on Transportation  
11 and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-  
12 tives if the Coast Guard has not completed hir-  
13 ing, training, and deploying—

14 (i) the personnel referred to in para-  
15 graphs (1) and (2); and

16 (ii) the personnel required under sec-  
17 tion 11412(a) of the Don Young Coast  
18 Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (14  
19 U.S.C. 504 note).

20 (B) CONTENTS.—The notification required  
21 under subparagraph (A) shall include—

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

1 (ii) the General Schedule grade level  
2 advertised in the publication of the hiring  
3 opportunity for all such personnel;

4 (iii) the number of personnel to whom  
5 the Coast Guard extended an offer of em-  
6 ployment in accordance with the require-  
7 ments of this section and section 11412(a)  
8 of the Don Young Coast Guard Authoriza-  
9 tion Act of 2022 (14 U.S.C. 504 note),  
10 and the number of such personnel who ac-  
11 cepted or declined such offer of employ-  
12 ment;

13 (iv) a summary of the efforts by the  
14 Coast Guard to publicize, advertise, or oth-  
15 erwise recruit qualified candidates in ac-  
16 cordance with the requirements of this sec-  
17 tion and section 11412(a) of such Act; and

18 (v) any recommendations and a de-  
19 tailed plan to ensure full compliance with  
20 the requirements of this section and sec-  
21 tion 11412(a) of such Act, which may in-  
22 clude special payments discussed in the re-  
23 port of the Government Accountability Of-  
24 fice titled “Federal Pay: Opportunities  
25 Exist to Enhance Strategic Use of Special

1                   Payments’’, published on December 7,  
2                   2017 (GAO–18–91), which may be made  
3                   available to help ensure full compliance  
4                   with all such requirements in a timely  
5                   manner.

6 **SEC. 250. TRAVEL ALLOWANCE FOR MEMBERS OF COAST**  
7 **GUARD ASSIGNED TO ALASKA.**

8           (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Commandant shall im-  
9           plement a policy that provides for reimbursement to eligi-  
10          ble members of the Coast Guard for the cost of airfare  
11          for such members to travel to a place within the United  
12          States or the territories of the United States at the re-  
13          quest of such member during the period specified in sub-  
14          section (g).

15          (b) **ELIGIBLE MEMBERS.**—A member of the Coast  
16          Guard is eligible for a reimbursement under subsection (a)  
17          if—

18               (1) the member is assigned to a duty location  
19               in Alaska; and

20               (2) an officer in a grade above O–5 in the chain  
21               of command of the member authorizes the travel of  
22               the member.

23          (c) **TREATMENT OF TIME AS LEAVE.**—The time dur-  
24          ing which an eligible member is absent from duty for trav-  
25          el reimbursable under subsection (a) shall be treated as

1 leave for purposes of section 704 of title 10, United States  
2 Code.

3 (d) RESTRICTION.—The Commandant shall not deny  
4 reimbursement for travel authorized under subsection  
5 (b)(2) to the respective member.

6 (e) JUSTIFICATION.—If a member requests to travel  
7 to a place that is not the home of record, or state of legal  
8 residence, of such member, the approving official under  
9 subsection (b)(2) may require a justification of the request  
10 by such member and shall not unreasonably deny such re-  
11 quest.

12 (f) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than February  
13 1, 2027, the Commandant shall provide to the Committee  
14 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate  
15 and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
16 of the House of Representatives a briefing on—

17 (1) the use and effectiveness of reimbursements  
18 under subsection (a);

19 (2) the calculation and use of the cost of living  
20 allowance for a member assigned to a duty location  
21 in Alaska; and

22 (3) the use of special pays and other allowances  
23 as incentives for cold weather proficiency or duty lo-  
24 cations.

1 (g) PERIOD SPECIFIED.—The period specified in this  
2 subsection is the period—

3 (1) beginning on the date of enactment of this  
4 Act; and

5 (2) ending on the later of—

6 (A) December 31, 2029; or

7 (B) the date on which the authority under  
8 section 352 of title 37, United States Code, to  
9 grant assignment or special duty pay to mem-  
10 bers of the uniform services terminates under  
11 subsection (g) of such section.

12 **SEC. 251. TUITION ASSISTANCE AND ADVANCED EDU-**  
13 **CATION ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM.**

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 120 days after  
15 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the  
16 department in which the Coast Guard is operating, acting  
17 through the Commandant, shall establish a tuition assist-  
18 ance pilot program for active-duty members of the Coast  
19 Guard, to be known as the “Tuition Assistance and Ad-  
20 vanced Education Assistance Pilot Program for Sea  
21 Duty” (referred to in this section as the “pilot program”).

22 (b) FORMAL AGREEMENT.—A member of the Coast  
23 Guard participating in the pilot program shall enter into  
24 a formal agreement with the Secretary of the department  
25 in which the Coast Guard is operating that provides that,

1 upon the successful completion of a sea duty tour by such  
2 member, the Secretary of the department in which the  
3 Coast Guard is operating shall, for a period equal to the  
4 length of the sea duty tour, beginning on the date on  
5 which the sea duty tour concludes—

6 (1) reduce by 1 year the service obligation in-  
7 curred by such member as a result of participation  
8 in the advanced education assistance program under  
9 section 2005 of title 10, United States Code, or the  
10 tuition assistance program under section 2007 of  
11 such title; and

12 (2) increase the tuition assistance cost cap for  
13 such member to not more than double the amount  
14 of the standard tuition assistance cost cap set by the  
15 Commandant for the applicable fiscal year.

16 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
17 on which the pilot program is established, and annually  
18 thereafter through the date on which the pilot program  
19 is terminated under subsection (d), the Commandant shall  
20 submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
21 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on  
22 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
23 resentatives a report that—

24 (1) evaluates and compares—

1 (A) the Coast Guard's retention, recruit-  
2 ment, and filling of sea duty billets for all mem-  
3 bers of the Coast Guard; and

4 (B) the Coast Guard's retention, recruit-  
5 ment, and filling of sea duty billets for all mem-  
6 bers of the Coast Guard participating in the  
7 pilot program;

8 (2) includes the number of participants in the  
9 pilot program as of the date of the report,  
10 disaggregated by officer and enlisted billet type; and

11 (3) assesses the progress made by such partici-  
12 pants in their respective voluntary education pro-  
13 grams, in accordance with their degree plans, during  
14 the period described in subsection (b).

15 (d) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall termi-  
16 nate on the date that is 6 years after the date on which  
17 the pilot program is established.

18 **SEC. 252. RECRUITMENT, RELOCATION, AND RETENTION**  
19 **INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR CIVILIAN FIRE-**  
20 **FIGHTERS EMPLOYED BY COAST GUARD IN**  
21 **REMOTE LOCATIONS.**

22 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF REMOTE LOCATIONS.—The  
23 Commandant shall identify locations to be considered re-  
24 mote locations for purposes of this section, which shall in-  
25 clude, at a minimum, each Coast Guard fire station lo-

1 cated in an area in which members of the Coast Guard  
2 and the dependents of such members are eligible for the  
3 TRICARE Prime Remote program.

4 (b) INCENTIVE PROGRAM.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—To ensure uninterrupted op-  
6 erations by civilian firefighters employed by the  
7 Coast Guard in remote locations, the Commandant  
8 shall establish an incentive program for such fire-  
9 fighters consisting of—

10 (A) recruitment and relocation bonuses  
11 consistent with section 5753 of title 5, United  
12 States Code; and

13 (B) retention bonuses consistent with sec-  
14 tion 5754 of title 5, United States Code.

15 (2) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.—The Commandant,  
16 in coordination with the Director of the Office of  
17 Personnel and Management, shall establish eligibility  
18 criteria for the incentive program established under  
19 paragraph (1), which shall include a requirement  
20 that a firefighter described in paragraph (1) may  
21 only be eligible for the incentive program under this  
22 section if, with respect to the applicable remote loca-  
23 tion, the Commandant has made a determination  
24 that incentives are appropriate to address an identi-  
25 fied recruitment, retention, or relocation need.



1       (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not less frequently than an-  
2 nually for the 5-year period beginning on the date of en-  
3 actment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the  
4 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
5 and the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-  
6 mental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Trans-  
7 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-  
8 tives a report that—

9           (1) details the use and effectiveness of the in-  
10 centive program established under this section; and

11          (2) includes—

12           (A) the number of participants in the in-  
13 centive program;

14           (B) a description of the distribution of in-  
15 centives under such program; and

16           (C) a description of the impact of such  
17 program on civilian firefighter recruitment and  
18 retention by the Coast Guard in remote loca-  
19 tions.

20 **SEC. 253. NOTIFICATION.**

21       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall provide to  
22 the appropriate committees of Congress notification as de-  
23 scribed in subsection (b)—

24           (1) not later than the date that is 10 days be-  
25 fore the final day of each fiscal year; or

1           (2) in the case of a continuing resolution that,  
2           for a period of more than 10 days, provides appro-  
3           priated funds in lieu of an appropriations Act, not  
4           later than the date that is 10 days before the final  
5           day of the period that such continuing resolution  
6           covers.

7           (b) ELEMENTS.—Notification under subsection (a)  
8           shall include—

9           (1) the status of funding for the Coast Guard  
10          during the subsequent fiscal year or at the end of  
11          the continuing resolution if other appropriations  
12          measures are not enacted, as applicable;

13          (2) the status of the Coast Guard as a compo-  
14          nent of the Armed Forces;

15          (3) the number of members currently serving  
16          overseas and otherwise supporting missions related  
17          to title 10, United States Code;

18          (4) the fact that members of the Armed Forces  
19          have service requirements unlike those of other Fed-  
20          eral employees, which require them to continue to  
21          serve even if unpaid;

22          (5) the impacts of historical shutdowns of the  
23          Federal Government on members of the Coast  
24          Guard; and

1 (6) other relevant matters, as determined by  
2 the Commandant.

3 (c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-  
4 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-  
5 tees of Congress” means—

6 (1) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
7 Transportation of the Senate;

8 (2) the Committee on Armed Services of the  
9 Senate;

10 (3) the Committee on Transportation and In-  
11 frastructure of the House of Representatives; and

12 (4) the Committee on Armed Services of the  
13 House of Representatives.

## 14 **Subtitle E—Coast Guard Academy**

### 15 **SEC. 261. MODIFICATION OF BOARD OF VISITORS.**

16 Section 1903 of title 14, United States Code, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

#### 18 **“§ 1903. Annual Board of Visitors**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall establish  
20 a Board of Visitors to the Coast Guard Academy to review  
21 and make recommendations on the operation of the Acad-  
22 emy.

23 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The membership of the  
25 Board shall consist of the following:

1           “(A) The chairperson of the Committee on  
2 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the  
3 Senate, or a member of such Committee des-  
4 ignated by such chairperson.

5           “(B) The chairperson of the Committee on  
6 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House  
7 of Representatives, or a member of such Com-  
8 mittee designated by such chairperson.

9           “(C) 3 Senators appointed by the Vice  
10 President.

11           “(D) 4 Members of the House of Rep-  
12 resentatives appointed by the Speaker of the  
13 House of Representatives.

14           “(E) 2 Senators appointed by the Vice  
15 President, each of whom shall be selected from  
16 among members of the Committee on Appro-  
17 priations of the Senate.

18           “(F) 2 Members of the House of Rep-  
19 resentatives appointed by the Speaker of the  
20 House of Representatives, each of whom shall  
21 be selected from among members of the Com-  
22 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-  
23 resentatives.

24           “(G) 6 individuals designated by the Presi-  
25 dent.

1           “(2) TIMING OF APPOINTMENTS OF MEM-  
2       BERS.—

3           “(A) If any member of the Board de-  
4       scribed in paragraph (1)(C) is not appointed by  
5       the date that is 180 days after the date on  
6       which the first session of each Congress con-  
7       venes, the chair and ranking member of the  
8       subcommittee of the Committee on Commerce,  
9       Science, and Transportation of the Senate with  
10      jurisdiction over the authorization of appropria-  
11      tions of the Coast Guard shall be members of  
12      the Board until the date on which the second  
13      session of such Congress adjourns sine die.

14          “(B) If any member of the Board de-  
15      scribed in paragraph (1)(D) is not appointed by  
16      the date that is 180 days after the date on  
17      which the first session of each Congress con-  
18      venes, the chair and ranking member of the  
19      subcommittee of the Committee on Transpor-  
20      tation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
21      resentatives with jurisdiction over the author-  
22      ization of appropriations for the Coast Guard  
23      shall be members of the Board until the date on  
24      which the second session of such Congress ad-  
25      journs sine die.

1           “(C) If any member of the Board de-  
2           scribed in paragraph (1)(E) is not appointed by  
3           the date that is 180 days after the date on  
4           which the first session of each Congress con-  
5           venes, the chair and ranking member of the  
6           subcommittee of the Committee on Appropria-  
7           tions of the Senate with jurisdiction over appro-  
8           priations for the Coast Guard shall be members  
9           of the Board until the date on which the second  
10          session of such Congress adjourns sine die.

11          “(D) If any member of the Board de-  
12          scribed in paragraph (1)(F) 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 House of Representatives with ju-  
18          risdiction over appropriations for the Coast  
19          Guard shall be members of the Board until the  
20          date on which the second session of such Con-  
21          gress adjourns sine die.

22          “(3) CHAIRPERSON.—

23          “(A) IN GENERAL.—On a biennial basis  
24          and subject to paragraph (4), the Board shall  
25          select from among the members of the Board a

1 Member of Congress to serve as the Chair of  
2 the Board.

3 “(B) ROTATION.—A Member of the House  
4 of Representatives and a Member of the Senate  
5 shall alternately be selected as the Chair of the  
6 Board.

7 “(C) TERM.—An individual may not serve  
8 as Chairperson of the Board for consecutive  
9 terms.

10 “(4) LENGTH OF SERVICE.—

11 “(A) MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—A Member  
12 of Congress designated as a member of the  
13 Board under paragraph (1) shall be designated  
14 as a member in the first session of the applica-  
15 ble Congress and shall serve for the duration of  
16 such Congress.

17 “(B) INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY THE  
18 PRESIDENT.—Each individual designated by the  
19 President under paragraph (1)(G) shall serve as  
20 a member of the Board for 3 years, except that  
21 any such member whose term of office has ex-  
22 pired shall continue to serve until a successor is  
23 appointed by the President.

24 “(C) DEATH OR RESIGNATION OF A MEM-  
25 BER.—If a member of the Board dies or re-

1 signs, a successor shall be designated for any  
2 unexpired portion of the term of the member by  
3 the official who designated the member.

4 “(c) DUTIES.—

5 “(1) ACADEMY VISITS.—

6 “(A) ANNUAL VISIT.—The Commandant  
7 shall invite each member of the Board, and any  
8 designee of a member of the Board, to visit the  
9 Coast Guard Academy at least once annually to  
10 review the operation of the Academy.

11 “(B) ADDITIONAL VISITS.—With the ap-  
12 proval of the Secretary, the Board or any mem-  
13 bers of the Board in connection with the duties  
14 of the Board may—

15 “(i) make visits to the Academy in ad-  
16 dition to the visits described in subpara-  
17 graph (A); or

18 “(ii) consult with—

19 “(I) the Superintendent of the  
20 Academy; or

21 “(II) the faculty, staff, or cadets  
22 of the Academy.

23 “(C) ACCESS.—The Commandant shall en-  
24 sure that the Board or any members of the  
25 Board who visits the Academy under this para-



1 graph is provided reasonable access to the  
2 grounds, facilities, cadets, faculty, staff, and  
3 other personnel of the Academy for the purpose  
4 of carrying out the duties of the Board.

5 “(2) OVERSIGHT REVIEW.—In conducting over-  
6 sight of the Academy under this section, the Board  
7 shall review, with respect to the Academy—

8 “(A) the state of morale and discipline, in-  
9 cluding with respect to prevention of, response  
10 to, and recovery from sexual assault and sexual  
11 harassment;

12 “(B) recruitment and retention, including  
13 diversity, inclusion, and issues regarding women  
14 specifically;

15 “(C) the curriculum;

16 “(D) instruction;

17 “(E) physical equipment, including infra-  
18 structure, living quarters, and deferred mainte-  
19 nance;

20 “(F) fiscal affairs; and

21 “(G) any other matter relating to the  
22 Academy the Board considers appropriate.

23 “(d) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.—

24 “(1) MEETINGS.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently  
2           than annually, the Board shall meet at a loca-  
3           tion chosen by the Commandant, in consulta-  
4           tion with the Board, to conduct the review re-  
5           quired by subsection (c)(2).

6           “(B) CHAIRPERSON AND CHARTER.—The  
7           Federal officer designated under subsection  
8           (f)(1)(B) shall organize a meeting of the Board  
9           for the purposes of—

10           “(i) selecting a Chairperson of the  
11           Board under subsection (b)(3);

12           “(ii) adopting an official charter for  
13           the Board, which shall establish the sched-  
14           ule of meetings of the Board; and

15           “(iii) any other matter such des-  
16           ignated Federal officer or the Board con-  
17           siders appropriate.

18           “(C) SCHEDULING.—In scheduling a meet-  
19           ing of the Board, such designated Federal offi-  
20           cer shall coordinate, to the greatest extent prac-  
21           ticable, with the members of the Board to de-  
22           termine the date and time of the meeting.

23           “(D) NOTIFICATION.—Not less than 30  
24           days before each scheduled meeting of the  
25           Board, such designated Federal officer shall no-

1           tify each member of the Board of the time,  
2           date, and location of the meeting.

3           “(2) STAFF.—

4                   “(A) DESIGNATION.—The chairperson and  
5           the ranking member of the Committee on Com-  
6           merce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-  
7           ate and the chairperson and the ranking mem-  
8           ber of the Committee on Transportation and  
9           Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
10          may each designate 1 staff member of each  
11          such Committees.

12                   “(B) ROLE.—Staff designated under sub-  
13          paragraph (A)—

14                           “(i) may attend and participate in vis-  
15                          its and carry out consultations described  
16                          under subsection (c)(1) and attend and  
17                          participate in meetings described under  
18                          paragraph (1); and

19                           “(ii) may not otherwise carry out du-  
20                          ties or take actions reserved to members of  
21                          the Board under this section.

22                   “(3) ADVISORS.—If approved by the Secretary,  
23          the Board may consult with advisors in carrying out  
24          the duties of the Board under this section.

25                   “(4) REPORTS.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60  
2           days after the date on which the Board con-  
3           ducts a meeting of the Board under paragraph  
4           (1), the Commandant, in consultation with the  
5           Board, shall submit a report on the actions of  
6           the Board during the meeting and the rec-  
7           ommendations of the Board pertaining to the  
8           Academy to—

9                   “(i) the Secretary;

10                   “(ii) the Committee on Commerce,  
11                   Science, and Transportation and the Com-  
12                   mittee on Armed Services of the Senate;  
13                   and

14                   “(iii) the Committee on Transpor-  
15                   tation and Infrastructure and the Com-  
16                   mittee on Armed Services of the House of  
17                   Representatives.

18           “(B) PUBLICATION.—Each report sub-  
19           mitted under this paragraph shall be published  
20           on a publicly accessible website of the Coast  
21           Guard.

22           “(e) DISCLOSURE.—The Commandant and the Su-  
23           perintendent of the Academy shall ensure candid and com-  
24           plete disclosure to the Board, consistent with applicable

1 laws relating to disclosure of information, with respect  
2 to—

3 “(1) each issue described in subsection (c)(2);

4 and

5 “(2) any other issue the Board or the Com-  
6 mandant considers appropriate.

7 “(f) COAST GUARD SUPPORT.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall—

9 “(A) provide support to the Board, as  
10 Board considers necessary for the performance  
11 of the duties of the Board;

12 “(B) designate a Federal officer to support  
13 the performance of the duties of the Board; and

14 “(C) in cooperation with the Super-  
15 intendent of the Academy, advise the Board of  
16 any institutional issues, consistent with applica-  
17 ble laws concerning the disclosure of informa-  
18 tion.

19 “(2) REIMBURSEMENT.—Each member of the  
20 Board and each advisor consulted by the Board  
21 under subsection (d)(3) shall be reimbursed, to the  
22 extent permitted by law, by the Coast Guard for ac-  
23 tual expenses incurred while engaged in duties as a  
24 member or advisor.

1       “(g) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days after  
2 the date on which the first session of each Congress con-  
3 venes, the Commandant shall provide to the chairperson  
4 and ranking member of the Committee on Commerce,  
5 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the chair-  
6 person and ranking member of the Committee on Trans-  
7 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-  
8 tives, and the President notification of the requirements  
9 of this section.”.

10 **SEC. 262. STUDY ON COAST GUARD ACADEMY OVERSIGHT.**

11       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the  
12 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in con-  
13 sultation with relevant stakeholders, shall conduct a study  
14 on the governance of the Coast Guard Academy, including  
15 examining the roles, responsibilities, authorities, advisory  
16 functions, and membership qualifications and expertise of  
17 the Annual Board of Visitors established under section  
18 1903 of title 14, United States Code, and Board of Trust-  
19 ees established under the United States Coast Guard  
20 Academy Board of Trustees Charter.

21       (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-  
22 section (a), the Commandant shall examine—

23               (1) the authorities regarding Coast Guard and  
24       department in which the Coast Guard is operating  
25       oversight of the Coast Guard Academy, including

1       considerations of how the Coast Guard and depart-  
2       ment may impact accreditation review at the Acad-  
3       emy;

4           (2) the roles and responsibilities of the Board  
5       of Trustees and Board of Visitors of such Academy;

6           (3) the Coast Guard roles and responsibilities  
7       with respect to management and facilitation of the  
8       Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of such  
9       Academy;

10          (4) the advisory functions of the Board of  
11       Trustees and Board of Visitors of such Academy;  
12       and

13          (5) the membership of the Board of Trustees  
14       and Board of Visitors for the 10-year period pre-  
15       ceding the date of enactment of this Act, to include  
16       expertise, objectiveness, and effectiveness in con-  
17       ducting oversight of such Academy.

18       (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
19   of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit  
20   to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
21   tation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation  
22   and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a re-  
23   port that contains—

24           (1) the results of the study required under sub-  
25       section (a); and

1           (2) recommendations to improve governance at  
2       the Coast Guard Academy.

3       **SEC. 263. ELECTRONIC LOCKING MECHANISMS TO ENSURE**  
4                       **COAST GUARD ACADEMY CADET ROOM SECU-**  
5                       **RITY.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the  
7       date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in con-  
8       sultation with the Superintendent of the Coast Guard  
9       Academy (referred to in this section as the “Super-  
10      intendent”), shall—

11           (1) install an electronic locking mechanism for  
12       each room at the Coast Guard Academy within  
13       which 1 or more Coast Guard Academy cadets reside  
14       overnight;

15           (2) test each such mechanism not less than  
16       once every 6 months for proper function and main-  
17       tained in proper working order; and

18           (3) use a system that electronically records the  
19       date, time, and identity of each individual who ac-  
20       cesses a cadet room using an electronic access token,  
21       code, card, or other electronic means, which shall be  
22       maintained in accordance with the general schedule  
23       for records retention, or a period of five years,  
24       whichever is later.

25       (b) ELECTRONIC LOCKING MECHANISMS.—



1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Each electronic locking  
2           mechanism described in subsection (a) shall be coded  
3           in a manner that provides access to a room de-  
4           scribed in such subsection only to—

5                   (A) the 1 or more cadets assigned to the  
6           room; and

7                   (B) such Coast Guard Academy officers,  
8           administrators, staff, or security personnel, in-  
9           cluding personnel of the Coast Guard Investiga-  
10          tive Service, as are necessary to access the  
11          room in the event of an emergency.

12          (2) EXISTING MECHANISMS.—Not later than 30  
13          days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Su-  
14          perintendent shall ensure that electronic locking  
15          mechanisms installed in academic buildings of the  
16          Coast Guard Academy, Chase Hall common spaces,  
17          and in any other location at the Coast Guard Acad-  
18          emy are maintained in proper working order.

19          (c) ACCESS POLICY INSTRUCTION.—Not later than  
20          1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Super-  
21          intendent shall promulgate a policy regarding cadet room  
22          security policies and procedures, which shall include, at  
23          a minimum—

24                   (1) a prohibition on sharing with any other  
25          cadet, employee, or other individual electronic access

1 tokens, codes, cards, or other electronic means of ac-  
2 cessing a cadet room;

3 (2) procedures for resetting electronic locking  
4 mechanisms in the event of a lost, stolen, or other-  
5 wise compromised electronic access token, code,  
6 card, or other electronic means of accessing a cadet  
7 room;

8 (3) procedures to maintain the identity of each  
9 individual who accesses a cadet room using an elec-  
10 tronic access token, code, card, or other electronic  
11 means, while ensuring the security of personally  
12 identifiable information and protecting the privacy of  
13 any such individual, as appropriate;

14 (4) procedures by which cadets may report to  
15 the chain of command the malfunction of an elec-  
16 tronic locking mechanism; and

17 (5) a schedule of testing to ensure the proper  
18 functioning of electronic locking mechanisms.

19 (d) MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.—The Su-  
20 perintendent shall ensure that each Coast Guard Academy  
21 cadet receives, not later than 1 day after the date of the  
22 initial arrival of the cadet at the Coast Guard Academy,  
23 an initial training session, and any other training the Su-  
24 perintendent considers necessary, on—

1 (1) the use of electronic locking mechanisms in-  
2 stalled under this section; and

3 (2) the policy promulgated under subsection (c).

4 **SEC. 264. REPORT ON EXISTING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND**  
5 **WELLNESS SUPPORT SERVICES FACILITIES**  
6 **AT COAST GUARD ACADEMY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the  
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, shall sub-  
9 mit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-  
10 portation of the Senate and the Committee on Transpor-  
11 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
12 a report on existing behavioral health and wellness support  
13 services facilities at the Coast Guard Academy in which  
14 Coast Guard Academy cadets and officer candidates, re-  
15 spectively, may receive timely and independent behavioral  
16 health and wellness support services, including via tele-  
17 medicine.

18 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under para-  
19 graph (1) shall include—

20 (1) an identification of each building at the  
21 Coast Guard Academy that contains a dormitory or  
22 other overnight accommodations for cadets or officer  
23 candidates; and

24 (2)(A) an identification of additional behavioral  
25 health or wellness support services that would be

1       beneficial to cadets and officer candidates, such as  
2       additional facilities with secure access to telemedi-  
3       cine;

4               (B) a description of the benefits that such  
5       services would provide to cadets and officer can-  
6       didates, particularly to cadets and officer can-  
7       didates who have experienced sexual assault or  
8       sexual harassment; and

9               (C) a description of the resources nec-  
10      essary to provide such services.

11 **SEC. 265. REQUIRED POSTING OF INFORMATION.**

12       The Commandant shall ensure that, in each building  
13 at the Coast Guard Academy that contains a dormitory  
14 or other overnight accommodations for cadets or officer  
15 candidates, written information is posted in a visible loca-  
16 tion with respect to—

17               (1) the methods and means by which a cadet or  
18       officer candidate may report a crime, including har-  
19       assment, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and any  
20       other offense;

21               (2) the contact information for the Coast Guard  
22       Investigative Service;

23               (3) external resources for—

24                       (A) wellness support;

25                       (B) work-life;

1 (C) medical services; and

2 (D) support relating to behavioral health,  
3 civil rights, sexual assault, and sexual harass-  
4 ment; and

5 (4) cadet and officer candidate rights with re-  
6 spect to reporting incidents to the Coast Guard In-  
7 vestigative Service, civilian authorities, the Office of  
8 the Inspector General of the department in which  
9 the Coast Guard is operating, and any other applica-  
10 ble entity.

11 **SEC. 266. INSTALLATION OF MULTIPURPOSE MEDICAL PRI-**  
12 **VACY ROOMS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the  
14 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the depart-  
15 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating shall install  
16 or construct at the Coast Guard Academy not fewer than  
17 2 rooms to be used for the purpose of providing privacy  
18 to cadets and officer candidates seeking medical or other  
19 health-related services.

20 (b) STANDARDS OF ROOMS.—Each room installed or  
21 constructed under this section shall—

22 (1) be equipped—

23 (A) in a manner that ensures the protec-  
24 tion of the privacy of cadets and officer can-  
25 didates, consistent with law and policy;

1 (B) with a telephone and computer to  
2 allow for the provision of telehealth appoint-  
3 ments or other services both virtual and in per-  
4 son; and

5 (C) with an accessible and private wireless  
6 internet connection for the use of personal com-  
7 munications devices at the discretion of the  
8 cadet or officer candidate concerned; and

9 (2) to the extent practicable and consistent with  
10 good order and discipline, be accessible to cadets  
11 and officer candidates at all times; and

12 (3) contain the written information described in  
13 section 265, which shall be posted in a visible loca-  
14 tion.

15 **SEC. 267. COAST GUARD ACADEMY ROOM REASSIGNMENT.**

16 Section 1902 of title 14, United States Code, is  
17 amended by adding at the end the following:

18 “(f) ROOM REASSIGNMENT.—Coast Guard Academy  
19 cadets may request room reassignment if experiencing dis-  
20 comfort due to Coast Guard Academy rooming assign-  
21 ments, consistent with policy.”.

1 **SEC. 268. AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF COAST GUARD**  
2 **ACADEMY FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT BY**  
3 **COVERED FOUNDATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 19 of title  
5 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end  
6 the following:

7 **“§ 1908. Authorization for use of Coast Guard Acad-**  
8 **emy facilities and equipment by covered**  
9 **foundations**

10 “(a) AUTHORITY.—Subject to subsections (b) and  
11 (c), the Secretary, with the concurrence of the Super-  
12 intendent of the Coast Guard Academy, may authorize a  
13 covered foundation to use, on a reimbursable or nonreim-  
14 bursable basis as determined by the Secretary, facilities  
15 or equipment of the Coast Guard Academy.

16 “(b) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary may not author-  
17 ize any use of facilities or equipment under subsection (a)  
18 if such use may jeopardize the health, safety, or well-being  
19 of any member of the Coast Guard or cadet of the Coast  
20 Guard Academy.

21 “(c) LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary may only author-  
22 ize the use of facilities or equipment under subsection (a)  
23 if such use—

24 “(1) is without any liability of the United  
25 States to the covered foundation;

26 “(2) does not—

1           “(A) affect the ability of any official or  
2           employee of the Coast Guard, or any member of  
3           the armed forces, to carry out any responsibility  
4           or duty in a fair and objective manner;

5           “(B) compromise the integrity or appear-  
6           ance of integrity of any program of the Coast  
7           Guard, or any individual involved in any such  
8           program; or

9           “(C) include the participation of any cadet  
10          of the Coast Guard Academy at an event of the  
11          covered foundation, other than participation of  
12          such a cadet in an honor guard;

13          “(3) complies with any applicable ethics regula-  
14          tion; and

15          “(4) has been reviewed and approved by an at-  
16          torney of the Coast Guard.

17          “(d) ISSUANCE OF POLICIES.—The Secretary shall  
18          issue Coast Guard policies to carry out this section.

19          “(e) BRIEFING.—For any fiscal year in which the  
20          Secretary exercises the authority under subsection (a), not  
21          later than the last day of such fiscal year, the Com-  
22          mandant shall provide a briefing to the Committee on  
23          Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and  
24          the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of  
25          the House of Representatives on the number of events or



1 activities of a covered foundation supported by such exer-  
2 cise of authority during the fiscal year.

3 “(f) COVERED FOUNDATION DEFINED.—In this sec-  
4 tion, the term ‘covered foundation’ means an organization  
5 that—

6 “(1) is a charitable, educational, or civic non-  
7 profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the  
8 Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

9 “(2) the Secretary determines operates exclu-  
10 sively to support—

11 “(A) recruiting activities with respect to  
12 the Coast Guard Academy;

13 “(B) parent or alumni development in sup-  
14 port of the Coast Guard Academy;

15 “(C) academic, leadership, or character de-  
16 velopment of Coast Guard Academy cadets;

17 “(D) institutional development of the  
18 Coast Guard Academy; or

19 “(E) athletics in support of the Coast  
20 Guard Academy.”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
22 ter 19 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended  
23 by inserting after the item relating to item 1907 the fol-  
24 lowing:

“1908. Authorization for use of Coast Guard Academy facilities and equipment  
by covered foundations.”.

1 **SEC. 269. CONCURRENT JURISDICTION AT COAST GUARD**  
2 **ACADEMY.**

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-  
4 retary of the department in which the Coast Guard is op-  
5 erating may establish concurrent jurisdiction between the  
6 Federal Government and the State of Connecticut over the  
7 lands constituting the Coast Guard Academy in New Lon-  
8 don, Connecticut, as necessary to facilitate the ability of  
9 the State of Connecticut and City of New London to inves-  
10 tigate and prosecute any crimes cognizable under Con-  
11 necticut law that are committed on such Coast Guard  
12 Academy property.

13 **Subtitle F—Reports and Policies**

14 **SEC. 271. POLICY AND BRIEFING ON AVAILABILITY OF**  
15 **NALOXONE TO TREAT OPIOID, INCLUDING**  
16 **FENTANYL, OVERDOSES.**

17 (a) **POLICY.**—Not later than 1 year after the date  
18 of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall update  
19 the policy of the Coast Guard regarding the use of medica-  
20 tion to treat drug overdoses, including the use of naloxone  
21 or other similar medication to treat opioid, including  
22 fentanyl, overdoses.

23 (b) **AVAILABILITY.**—The updated policy required  
24 under subsection (a) shall require naloxone or other simi-  
25 lar medication be available for members of the Coast  
26 Guard—

1 (1) on all Coast Guard installations; and

2 (2) in each operational environment.

3 (c) PARTICIPATION IN TRACKING SYSTEM.—Not  
4 later than 1 year after the earlier of the date of enactment  
5 of this Act or the date on which the tracking system estab-  
6 lished under section 706 of the National Defense Author-  
7 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 1090 note)  
8 is established, the Commandant shall ensure the partici-  
9 tion of the Coast Guard in the such tracking system.

10 (d) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—Not later  
11 than 1 year after the earlier of the date of enactment of  
12 this Act or the date on which the tracking system estab-  
13 lished under section 706 of the National Defense Author-  
14 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 1090 note)  
15 is established, the Secretary of the department in which  
16 the Coast Guard is operating when not operating as a  
17 service in the Navy and the Secretary of Defense shall fi-  
18 nalize a memorandum of understanding to facilitate Coast  
19 Guard access such tracking system.

20 (e) BRIEFING.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after  
22 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant  
23 shall provide the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
24 and Transportation of the Senate and the Com-  
25 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the

1 House of Representatives a briefing on the use, by  
2 members and personnel of the Coast Guard at Coast  
3 Guard facilities, onboard Coast Guard assets, and  
4 during Coast Guard operations, of—

5 (A) naloxone or other similar medication to  
6 treat opioid, including fentanyl, overdoses; and

7 (B) opioids, including fentanyl.

8 (2) ELEMENTS.—The briefing required under  
9 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

10 (A) A description of—

11 (i) the progress made in the imple-  
12 mentation of the updated policy required  
13 under subsection (a);

14 (ii) the prevalence and incidence of  
15 the illegal use of fentanyl and other con-  
16 trolled substances in the Coast Guard dur-  
17 ing the 5-year period preceding the brief-  
18 ing;

19 (iii) processes of the Coast Guard to  
20 mitigate substance abuse in the Coast  
21 Guard, particularly with respect to  
22 fentanyl; and

23 (iv) the status of the memorandum of  
24 understanding required under subsection  
25 (d).

1 (B) For the 5-year period preceding the  
2 briefing, a review of instances in which  
3 naloxone or other similar medication was used  
4 to treat opioid, including fentanyl, overdoses at  
5 a Coast Guard facility, onboard a Coast Guard  
6 asset, or during a Coast Guard operation.

7 (f) PRIVACY.—In carrying out the requirements of  
8 this section, the Commandant shall ensure compliance  
9 with all applicable privacy law, including section 552a of  
10 title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the  
11 “Privacy Act”), and the privacy regulations promulgated  
12 under section 264(c) of the Health Insurance Portability  
13 and Accountability Act (42 U.S.C. 1320d–2 note).

14 (g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—For purposes of the  
15 availability requirement under subsection (b), with respect  
16 to a Coast Guard installation comprised of multiple Coast  
17 Guard facilities or units, naloxone or other similar medica-  
18 tion available at a single Coast Guard facility within the  
19 installation shall be considered to be available to all Coast  
20 Guard facilities or units on the installation if appropriate  
21 arrangements are in place to ensure access, at all times  
22 during operations, to the naloxone or other similar medica-  
23 tion contained within such single Coast Guard facility.

1   **SEC. 272. POLICY ON METHODS TO REDUCE INCENTIVES**  
2                   **FOR ILLICIT MARITIME DRUG TRAFFICKING.**

3           (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
4   date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in con-  
5   sultation with the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement  
6   Administration, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary  
7   of Defense, shall develop a policy, consistent with the Con-  
8   stitution of the United States, as well as domestic and  
9   international law, to address, disincentivize, and interdict  
10   illicit trafficking by sea of controlled substances (and pre-  
11   cursors of controlled substances) being transported to  
12   produce illicit synthetic drugs.

13          (b) ELEMENTS.—The policy required under sub-  
14   section (a) shall—

15               (1) include a requirement that, to the maximum  
16               extent practicable, a vessel unlawfully transporting a  
17               controlled substance or precursors of a controlled  
18               substance being transported to produce illicit syn-  
19               thetic drugs, be seized or appropriately disposed of  
20               consistent with domestic and international law, as  
21               well as any international agreements to which the  
22               United States is a party; and

23               (2) aim to reduce incentives for illicit maritime  
24               drug trafficking on a global scale, including in the  
25               Eastern Pacific Ocean, the Indo-Pacific region, the  
26               Caribbean, and the Middle East.

1 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
2 of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall brief the  
3 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,  
4 the Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee  
5 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the  
6 Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-  
7 structure, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the  
8 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-  
9 resentatives on—

10 (1) the policy developed pursuant to subsection

11 (a); and

12 (2) recommendations with respect to—

13 (A) additional methods for reducing illicit  
14 drug trafficking; and

15 (B) additional resources necessary to im-  
16 plement the policy required under subsection  
17 (a) and methods recommended under subpara-  
18 graph (A).

19 **SEC. 273. REPORT ON CONDITION OF AIDS TO NAVIGATION.**

20 (a) PROVISION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 270  
21 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-  
22 mandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation  
23 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and  
24 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
25 of the Senate a report on the condition of dayboards and

1 the placement of buoys on the Missouri River, the Coast  
2 Guard Northeast District, and the Coast Guard Northwest  
3 District.

4 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report under paragraph (1)  
5 shall include—

6 (1) a list of the most recent date on which each  
7 dayboard and buoy was serviced by the Coast Guard;

8 (2) an overview of the plan of the Coast Guard  
9 to systematically service each dayboard and buoy on  
10 the Missouri River;

11 (3) an overview of the plan of the Coast Guard  
12 to systematically service each buoy located in the  
13 Coast Guard Northeast District;

14 (4) an overview of the plan of the Coast Guard  
15 to systematically service each buoy located in the  
16 Coast Guard Northwest District; and

17 (5) assigned points of contact.

18 (c) LIMITATION.—Beginning on the date of enact-  
19 ment of this Act, the Commandant may not remove the  
20 aids to navigation covered in subsection (a), unless there  
21 is an imminent threat to life or safety, until a period of  
22 180 days has elapsed following the date on which the Com-  
23 mandant submits the report required under subsection (a).



1 **SEC. 274. FEASIBILITY STUDY ON SUPPORTING ADDI-**  
2 **TIONAL PORT VISITS AND DEPLOYMENTS IN**  
3 **SUPPORT OF OPERATION BLUE PACIFIC.**

4 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment  
5 of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the  
6 Coast Guard is operating when not operating as a service  
7 in the Navy, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense,  
8 shall—

9 (1) complete a study on the feasibility and ad-  
10 visability of supporting additional Coast Guard port  
11 visits and deployments, including the homeporting of  
12 fast response cutters in the Northern Mariana Is-  
13 lands, in support of Operation Blue Pacific, or any  
14 successor operation oriented toward Oceania;

15 (2) include, as part of the study under para-  
16 graph (1), an analysis of where any Coast Guard as-  
17 sets used for port visits and deployments in support  
18 of Operation Blue Pacific, or any successor oper-  
19 ation oriented toward Oceania, will be transferred  
20 from and any associated gaps in Coast Guard cov-  
21 erage any such transfer will create; and

22 (3) submit to the Committee on Armed Services  
23 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
24 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on  
25 Armed Services and the Committee on Transpor-

1       tation and Infrastructure of the House of Represent-  
2       atives a report on the findings of such study.

3   **SEC. 275. STUDY AND GAP ANALYSIS WITH RESPECT TO**  
4               **COAST GUARD AIR STATION CORPUS CHRISTI**  
5               **AVIATION HANGAR.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
7       date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall com-  
8       mence a study and gap analysis with respect to the avia-  
9       tion hangar at Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi  
10      and the capacity of such hangar to accommodate the air-  
11      craft currently assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Cor-  
12      pus Christi and any aircraft anticipated to be so assigned  
13      in the future.

14      (b) ELEMENTS.—The study and gap analysis re-  
15      quired by subsection (a) shall include the following:

16           (1) An identification of hangar infrastructure  
17      requirements needed—

18               (A) to meet mission requirements for all  
19               aircraft currently assigned to Coast Guard Air  
20               Station Corpus Christi; and

21               (B) to accommodate the assignment of an  
22               additional HC-144 Ocean Sentry aircraft to  
23               Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi.

24           (2) An assessment as to whether the aviation  
25      hangar at Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi

1 is sufficient to accommodate all rotary-wing assets  
2 assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi.

3 (3) In the case of an assessment that such  
4 hangar is insufficient to accommodate all such ro-  
5 tary-wing assets, a description of the facility modi-  
6 fications that would be required to do so.

7 (4) An assessment of the facility modifications  
8 of such hangar that would be required to accommo-  
9 date all aircraft assigned to Coast Guard Air Station  
10 Corpus Christi upon completion of the transition  
11 from the MH-65 rotary-wing aircraft to the MH-  
12 60T rotary-wing aircraft.

13 (5) An evaluation with respect to which fixed-  
14 wing assets assigned to Coast Guard Air Station  
15 Corpus Christi should be enclosed in such hangar so  
16 as to most effectively mitigate the effects of corro-  
17 sion while meeting mission requirements.

18 (6) An evaluation as to whether, and to what  
19 extent, the storage of fixed-wing assets outside such  
20 hangar would compromise the material condition  
21 and safety of such assets.

22 (7) An evaluation of the extent to which any  
23 material condition and safety issue identified under  
24 paragraph (6) may be mitigated through the use of  
25 gust locks, chocks, tie-downs, or related equipment.

1 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the com-  
2 mencement of the study and gap analysis required under  
3 subsection (a), the Commandant shall submit to the Com-  
4 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the  
5 Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-  
6 structure of the House of Representatives a report on the  
7 results of the study and gap analysis.

8 **SEC. 276. REPORT ON IMPACTS OF JOINT TRAVEL REGULA-**  
9 **TIONS ON MEMBERS OF COAST GUARD WHO**  
10 **RELY ON FERRY SYSTEMS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
12 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in coordi-  
13 nation with the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel  
14 and Readiness, shall submit to the appropriate committees  
15 of Congress a report on the impacts of the Joint Travel  
16 Regulations on members of the Coast Guard who are com-  
17 muting, on permanent change of station travel, or on other  
18 official travel to or from locations served by ferry systems.

19 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-  
20 section (a) shall include an analysis of the impacts on such  
21 members of the Coast Guard of the following policies  
22 under the Joint Travel Regulations:

23 (1) The one-vehicle shipping policy.

24 (2) The unavailability of reimbursement of  
25 costs incurred by such members due to ferry sched-

1       ule unavailability, sailing cancellations, and other  
2       sailing delays during commuting, permanent change  
3       of station travel, or other official travel.

4           (3) The unavailability of local infrastructure to  
5       support vehicles or goods shipped to duty stations in  
6       locations outside the contiguous United States that  
7       are not connected by the road system, including lo-  
8       cations served by the Alaska Marine Highway Sys-  
9       tem.

10       (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11           (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-  
12       GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-  
13       gress” means—

14           (A) the Committee on Armed Services and  
15       the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
16       Transportation of the Senate; and

17           (B) the Committee on Armed Services and  
18       the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Mari-  
19       time Transportation of the Committee on  
20       Transportation and Infrastructure of the House  
21       of Representatives.

22           (2) JOINT TRAVEL REGULATIONS.—The term  
23       “Joint Travel Regulations”, with respect to official  
24       travel, means the terms, rates, conditions, and regu-

1       lations maintained under section 464 of title 37,  
2       United States Code.

3       **SEC. 277. REPORT ON JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAIN-**  
4       **ING CORPS PROGRAM.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
6       date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall sub-  
7       mit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-  
8       portation of the Senate and the Committee on Transpor-  
9       tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
10      a report on the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps  
11      program.

12      (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-  
13      section (a) shall include the following:

14           (1) A description of the standards and criteria  
15           prescribed by the Coast Guard for educational insti-  
16           tution participation in the Coast Guard Junior Re-  
17           serve Officers' Training Corps program.

18           (2) With respect to each educational institution  
19           offering a Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers'  
20           Training Corps program—

21                   (A) a description of—

22                           (i) the training and course of military  
23                           instruction provided to students;

24                           (ii) the facilities and drill areas used  
25                           for the program;

1 (iii) the type and amount of Coast  
2 Guard Junior Reserve Officers' Training  
3 Corps program resources provided by the  
4 Coast Guard;

5 (iv) the type and amount of Coast  
6 Guard Junior Reserve Officers' Training  
7 Corps program resources provided by the  
8 educational institution; and

9 (v) any other matter relating to pro-  
10 gram requirements the Commandant con-  
11 siders appropriate;

12 (B) an assessment as to whether the edu-  
13 cational institution is located in an education-  
14 ally and economically deprived area (as de-  
15 scribed in section 2031 of title 10, United  
16 States Code);

17 (C) beginning with the year in which the  
18 program was established at the educational in-  
19 stitution, the number of students who have par-  
20 ticipated in the program, disaggregated by gen-  
21 der, race, and grade of student participants;  
22 and

23 (D) an assessment of the participants in  
24 the program, including—

1 (i) the performance of the participants  
2 in the program;

3 (ii) the number of participants in the  
4 program who express an intent to pursue  
5 a commission or enlistment in the Coast  
6 Guard; and

7 (iii) a description of any other factor  
8 or matter considered by the Commandant  
9 to be important in assessing the success of  
10 program participants at the educational in-  
11 stitution.

12 (3) With respect to any unit of the Coast Guard  
13 Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps suspended  
14 or placed on probation pursuant to section 2031(h)  
15 of title 10, United States Code—

16 (A) a description of the unit;

17 (B) the reason for such suspension or  
18 placement on probation;

19 (C) the year the unit was so suspended or  
20 placed on probation; and

21 (D) with respect to any unit that was rein-  
22 stated after previously being suspended or  
23 placed on probation, a justification for the rein-  
24 statement of such unit.



1           (4) A description of the resources and personnel  
2           required to maintain, implement, and provide over-  
3           sight for the Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers'  
4           Training Corps program at each participating edu-  
5           cational institution and within the Coast Guard, in-  
6           cluding the funding provided to each such edu-  
7           cational institution, disaggregated by educational in-  
8           stitution and year.

9           (5) A recommendation with respect to—

10                 (A) whether the number of educational in-  
11                 stitutions participating in the Coast Guard Jun-  
12                 ior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program  
13                 should be increased; and

14                 (B) in the case of a recommendation that  
15                 such number should be increased, additional  
16                 recommendations relating to such an increase,  
17                 including—

18                         (i) the number of additional edu-  
19                         cational institutions that should be in-  
20                         cluded in the program;

21                         (ii) the locations of such institutions;

22                         (iii) any additional authorities or re-  
23                         sources necessary for such an increase; and

24                         (iv) any other matter the Com-  
25                         mandant considers appropriate.

1           (6) Any other matter the Commandant con-  
2           siders necessary in order to provide a full assess-  
3           ment of the effectiveness of the Coast Guard Junior  
4           Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.

5   **SEC. 278. REPORT AND BRIEFINGS ON IMPLEMENTING SEC-**  
6                   **TION 564 OF TITLE 14.**

7           Section 11272(c) of the James M. Inhofe National  
8   Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public  
9   Law 117–263) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
10   lowing:

11           “(7) PUBLIC REPORT.—

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

22                   “(B) SECONDARY BRIEFINGS.—Not later  
23           than November 1, 2025 and November 1,  
24           2026, the Commandant shall brief the commit-  
25           tees described in subparagraph (A) on the cost

1 to the Coast Guard of meeting the requirements  
2 of section 564 of title 14, United States Code,  
3 in fiscal years 2025 and 2026, respectively.”.

4 **SEC. 279. REPORT ON ROLE OF COAST GUARD.**

5 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment  
6 of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with  
7 the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard  
8 is operating when it is not operating as a Service in the  
9 Navy, shall prepare a report on the role the Coast Guard  
10 is expected to play in the 5, 10, and 20 years after the  
11 date of enactment of this Act in providing assistance to  
12 the military departments in—

13 (1) working with the navies and domestic coast  
14 guard of nations located in the Indo-Pacific region  
15 on building capacity to protect the territorial waters  
16 of such nations from incursions by other nations;

17 (2) providing a presence in the Arctic and Ant-  
18 arctic to protect United States sovereign national se-  
19 curity interests in the regions; and

20 (3) providing law enforcement capabilities  
21 which the military departments do not possess for  
22 national security, piracy, alien and drug interdiction,  
23 and fishery law enforcement on the high seas.

1 **SEC. 280. REPORT ON COAST GUARD PERSONNEL SKILLS.**

2 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment  
3 of this Act, the Commandant, in consultation with Assist-  
4 ant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), shall submit to  
5 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of  
6 the House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-  
7 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report  
8 that includes the following:

9 (1) An analysis of the skills and experience of  
10 Coast Guard personnel, particularly such personnel  
11 with backgrounds in engineering, navigation, heavy  
12 equipment operation, and maintenance, that are di-  
13 rectly transferable to the dredging industry.

14 (2) A plan for developing and implementing tar-  
15 geted outreach and recruitment strategies to connect  
16 separating or retiring Coast Guard personnel with  
17 employment opportunities, including registered ap-  
18 prentice programs, in the dredging industry.

19 (3) An evaluation of the potential for estab-  
20 lishing programs to recognize the skills of Coast  
21 Guard personnel for the merchant mariner creden-  
22 tials necessary for employment in the dredging in-  
23 dustry.

24 (4) A description of any existing or planned co-  
25 ordination with the Corps of Engineers, employers,  
26 relevant labor organizations, and other relevant

1 agencies to facilitate the transition of Coast Guard  
2 personnel into the dredging industry.

3 **SEC. 281. REPORT ON COAST GUARD SEARCH AND RESCUE**  
4 **OPERATIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
6 date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,  
7 the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Trans-  
8 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-  
9 tives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
10 Transportation of the Senate a report detailing the search  
11 and rescue operations at impacted Coast Guard facilities  
12 that contains the following:

13 (1) The number of impacted Coast Guard facili-  
14 ties.

15 (2) The number of active Coast Guard facilities  
16 operating as scheduled mission stations.

17 (3) The number of active search and rescue  
18 personnel at each impacted Coast Guard facility.

19 (4) The number of search and rescue personnel  
20 at each impacted Coast Guard facility beginning in  
21 2021 and accounted for annually thereafter.

22 (5) A description of active and past first re-  
23 sponder cooperative agreements made between each  
24 impacted Coast Guard facility and local law enforce-

1       ment or first responders for search and rescue oper-  
2       ations.

3           (6) The average response time for all search  
4       and rescue operations at each impacted Coast Guard  
5       facility beginning in 2021 and accounted for annu-  
6       ally thereafter.

7           (7) The number of lives lost during search and  
8       rescue operations at each impacted Coast Guard fa-  
9       cility beginning in 2021 and accounted for annually  
10      thereafter.

11          (8) The number of vessel safety checks adminis-  
12      tered by an impacted Coast Guard facility beginning  
13      in 2021 and accounted for annually thereafter.

14          (9) The number of search and rescue incidents  
15      in which a facility responded to a search and rescue  
16      incident in an area previously covered by an im-  
17      pacted Coast Guard facility but was unable to fulfill  
18      the mission, including—

19           (A) the distance traveled to the destination  
20      of each incident;

21           (B) the duration time traveled to reach the  
22      destination of each incident;

23           (C) whether the incident resulted in a loss  
24      of life;

1 (D) whether the search and rescue team  
2 was able to reach the destination of the incident  
3 to complete operations;

4 (E) whether the Coast Guard had to rely  
5 on local authorities to address the incident due  
6 to operational limitations for Coast Guard; and

7 (F) identifying the local authorities ad-  
8 dressing search and rescue incidents under sub-  
9 paragraph (E).

10 (10) The number of ice rescue missions taken  
11 by impacted Coast Guard facilities beginning in  
12 2021 and accounted for annually thereafter.

13 (11) The area of responsibility covered by each  
14 impacted Coast Guard facility.

15 (12) Any other metrics determined to be rel-  
16 evant by the Commandant to convey the changes to  
17 search and rescue operations at impacted Coast  
18 Guard facilities.

19 (b) DEFINITION OF IMPACTED COAST GUARD FACIL-  
20 ITY.—In this section, the term “impacted Coast Guard fa-  
21 cility” means a facility or station that was designated as  
22 a schedule mission station or closed under either the As-  
23 signment Year 2024 Force Alignment Initiative or the As-  
24 signment Year 2025 Force Alignment Initiative.

1   **SEC. 282. REPORT ON ALTERNATIVE SITES FOR THE LOCA-**  
2                   **TION OF STATION ST. THOMAS.**

3           Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment  
4 of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Com-  
5 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House  
6 of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,  
7 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report that—

8           (1) examines alternative sites on St. Thomas,  
9           Virgin Island for the location of Station St. Thomas,  
10          St. Thomas, Virgin Islands;

11          (2) analyzes geographic threats and opportuni-  
12          ties on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands to Coast Guard  
13          mission objectives; and

14          (3) provides a cost estimate on the cost of ac-  
15          quiring an alternative site which meets the mission  
16          needs of Station St. Thomas, including the cost of—

17                  (A) land acquisition;

18                  (B) pier and shoreside facility construc-  
19          tion;

20                  (C) relocation of the existing facility, per-  
21          sonnel, and equipment, including environmental  
22          remediation at the existing site; and

23                  (D) impacts (both positive and negative)  
24          on Coast Guard mission readiness of a move to  
25          a new site on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.



1                   **TITLE I—SHIPPING AND**  
2                               **NAVIGATION**  
3           **Subtitle A—Merchant Mariner**  
4                               **Credentials**

5   **SECTION 301. MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIALING.**

6           (a) REDUCTION OF LENGTHS OF CERTAIN PERIODS  
7   OF SERVICE.—Section 3534 of the National Defense Au-  
8   thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–  
9   31) is amended—

10               (1) by redesignating subsection (k) as sub-  
11               section (u); and

12               (2) by striking subsection (j) and inserting the  
13               following:

14           “(j) REVISING MERCHANT MARINER DECK TRAIN-  
15   ING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 2101 of title 46, United  
16   States Code, is amended—

17               “(1) by redesignating paragraphs (20) through  
18               (56) as paragraphs (21), (22), (24), (25), (26), (27),  
19               (28), (29), (30), (31), (32), (33), (34), (35), (36),  
20               (37), (38), (39), (40), (41), (42), (43), (44), (45),  
21               (46), (47), (48), (49), (50), (51), (52), (53), (54),  
22               (55), (56), (57), and (58), respectively; and

23               “(2) by inserting after paragraph (19) the fol-  
24               lowing:

1           “(20) “merchant mariner credential” means a  
2           merchant mariner license, certificate, or document  
3           that the Secretary is authorized to issue pursuant to  
4           this title.’; and

5           “(3) by inserting after paragraph (22), as so  
6           redesignated, the following:

7           “(23) “nautical school program” means a pro-  
8           gram that—

9           “(A) offers a comprehensive program of  
10          training that includes substantial sea service on  
11          nautical school vessels or merchant vessels of  
12          the United States primarily to train individuals  
13          for service in the merchant marine; and

14          “(B) is approved by the Secretary for  
15          purposes of section 7315, in accordance with  
16          regulations promulgated by the Secretary.’.

17       “(k) NONCITIZENSHIP NATIONALITY.—

18           “(1) CITIZENSHIP OR NONCITIZEN NATION-  
19          ALITY.—Section 7102 of title 46, United States  
20          Code, is amended—

21           “(A) in the section heading by inserting  
22           ‘**or noncitizen nationality**’ after ‘**Citi-**  
23           **zenship**’; and

24           “(B) by inserting ‘or noncitizen nationals  
25          (as such term is described in section 308 of the

1 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
2 1408))’ after ‘citizens’.

3 “(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Section 7304 of title  
5 46, United States Code, is amended—

6 “(i) in the section heading by insert-  
7 ing ‘**or noncitizen nationality**’ after  
8 ‘**Citizenship**’; and

9 “(ii) by inserting ‘or noncitizen na-  
10 tionals (as such term is described in sec-  
11 tion 308 of the Immigration and Nation-  
12 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1408))’ after ‘citizens’.

13 “(B) CITIZENSHIP AND NAVY RESERVE  
14 REQUIREMENTS.—Section 8103 of title 46,  
15 United States Code, is amended—

16 “(i) in the section heading by insert-  
17 ing ‘**or noncitizen nationality**’ after  
18 ‘**Citizenship**’;

19 “(ii) in subsection (a) by inserting ‘or  
20 noncitizen national’ after ‘citizen’;

21 “(iii) in subsection (b)—

22 “(I) in paragraph (1)(A)(i) by in-  
23 serting ‘or noncitizen national’ after  
24 ‘citizen’;

1 “(II) in paragraph (3) by insert-  
2 ing ‘or noncitizen nationality’ after  
3 ‘citizenship’; and

4 “(III) in paragraph (3)(C) by in-  
5 serting ‘or noncitizen nationals’ after  
6 ‘citizens’;

7 “(iv) in subsection (c) by inserting ‘or  
8 noncitizen nationals’ after ‘citizens’;

9 “(v) in subsection (d)—

10 “(I) in paragraph (1) by insert-  
11 ing ‘or noncitizen nationals’ after ‘citi-  
12 zens’; and

13 “(II) in paragraph (2) by insert-  
14 ing ‘or noncitizen national’ after ‘cit-  
15 izen’ each place it appears;

16 “(vi) in subsection (e) by inserting ‘or  
17 noncitizen national’ after ‘citizen’ each  
18 place it appears;

19 “(vii) in subsection (i)(1)(A) by in-  
20 serting ‘or noncitizen national’ after ‘cit-  
21 izen’;

22 “(viii) in subsection (k)—

23 “(I) in paragraph (1)(A) by in-  
24 serting ‘or noncitizen national’ after  
25 ‘citizen’; and

1 “(II) in paragraph (2)—

2 “(aa) by striking ‘Not more  
3 than’ and inserting the following:

4 “‘(A) Not more than’; and

5 “(bb) by adding at the end  
6 the following:

7 “‘(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A),  
8 for the period beginning on the date of enact-  
9 ment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of  
10 2025 and ending on December 31, 2065, not  
11 more than 50 percent of the unlicensed seamen  
12 on a vessel described in paragraph (1) may be  
13 aliens referred to in subparagraph (B) or (C) of  
14 such paragraph.’; and

15 “(ix) by adding at the end the fol-  
16 lowing:

17 “‘(I) NONCITIZEN NATIONAL DEFINED.—In this sec-  
18 tion, the term “noncitizen national” means an individual  
19 described in section 308 of the Immigration and Nation-  
20 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1408).’.

21 “(C) COMMAND OF DOCUMENTED VES-  
22 SELS.—Section 12131(a) of title 46, United  
23 States Code, is amended by inserting ‘or noncit-  
24 izen national (as such term is described in sec-

1           tion 308 of the Immigration and Nationality  
2           Act (8 U.S.C. 1408))’ after ‘citizen’.

3           “(D) INVALIDATION OF CERTIFICATES OF  
4           DOCUMENTATION.—Section 12135(2) of title  
5           46, United States Code, is amended by insert-  
6           ing ‘or noncitizen national (as such term is de-  
7           scribed in section 308 of the Immigration and  
8           Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1408))’ after ‘cit-  
9           izen’.

10          “(3) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

11               “(A) IN GENERAL.—The analysis for chap-  
12           ter 71 of title 46, United States Code, is  
13           amended by striking the item relating to section  
14           7102 and inserting the following:

          “‘7102. Citizenship or noncitizen nationality.’.

15               “(B) SECTION 7304.—The analysis for  
16           chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code, is  
17           amended by striking the item relating to section  
18           7304 and inserting the following:

          “‘7304. Citizenship or noncitizen nationality notation on merchant mariners’  
          documents.’.

19               “(C) SECTION 8103.—The analysis for  
20           chapter 81 of title 46, United States Code, is  
21           amended by striking the item relating to section  
22           8103 and inserting the following:

          “‘8103. Citizenship or noncitizen nationality and Navy Reserve requirements.’.

1       “(l) EXAMINATIONS.—Section 7116 of title 46,  
2 United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (c).

3       “(m) MERCHANT MARINERS DOCUMENTS.—Chapter  
4 73 of title 46, United States Code is amended—

5           “(1) by amending section 7306 to read as fol-  
6 lows:

7       **“§ 7306. General requirements and classifications for**  
8           **members of deck departments**

9       “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may issue a mer-  
10 chant mariner credential, to members of the deck depart-  
11 ment in the following classes:

12           “(1) Able Seaman-Unlimited.

13           “(2) Able Seaman-Limited.

14           “(3) Able Seaman-Special.

15           “(4) Able Seaman-Offshore Supply Vessels.

16           “(5) Able Seaman-Sail.

17           “(6) Able Seaman-Fishing Industry.

18           “(7) Ordinary Seaman.

19       “(b) CLASSIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS.—The Sec-  
20 retary may classify the merchant mariner credential issued  
21 under subsection (a) based on—

22           “(1) the tonnage and means of propulsion of  
23 vessels;

24           “(2) the waters on which vessels are to be op-  
25 erated; or

1           “(3) other appropriate standards.

2           “(c) QUALIFICATIONS.—To qualify for a credential  
3 under this section, an applicant shall provide satisfactory  
4 proof that the applicant—

5           “(1) is at least 18 years of age;

6           “(2) has the service required by the applicable  
7 section of this part;

8           “(3) is qualified professionally as dem-  
9 onstrated by an applicable examination or edu-  
10 cational requirements;

11           “(4) is qualified as to sight, hearing, and phys-  
12 ical condition to perform the seafarer’s duties; and

13           “(5) has satisfied any additional requirements  
14 established by the Secretary, including career pat-  
15 terns and service appropriate to the particular serv-  
16 ice, industry, or job functions the individual is en-  
17 gaged.’;

18           “(2) in section 7307 by striking ‘3 years’ and  
19 inserting ‘18 months’;

20           “(3) in section 7308 by striking ‘18 months’  
21 and inserting ‘12 months’;

22           “(4) in section 7309 by striking ‘12 months’  
23 and inserting ‘6 months’;

24           “(5) in section 7313—



1                   “(A) in subsection (b) by striking ‘and coal  
2                   passer’; and

3                   “(B) by striking subsection (c) and insert-  
4                   ing the following:

5           “(c) CLASSIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS.—The Sec-  
6   retary may classify the merchant mariner credential issued  
7   under subsection (a) based on—

8           “(1) the tonnage and means of propulsion of  
9   vessels;

10           “(2) the waters on which vessels are to be op-  
11   erated; or

12           “(3) other appropriate standards.

13           “(d) QUALIFICATIONS.—To qualify for a credential  
14   under this section, an applicant shall provide satisfactory  
15   proof that the applicant—

16           “(1) is at least 18 years of age;

17           “(2) has a minimum of 6-months service in  
18   the related entry rating;

19           “(3) is qualified professionally as dem-  
20   onstrated by an applicable examination or edu-  
21   cational requirements; and

22           “(4) is qualified as to sight, hearing, and phys-  
23   ical condition to perform the member’s duties.’; and

24           “(6) by amending section 7315 to read as fol-  
25   lows:

1   **“§ 7315. Training**

2           “(a) NAUTICAL SCHOOL PROGRAM.—Graduation  
3 from a nautical school program may be substituted for the  
4 sea service requirements under sections 7307 through  
5 7311a and 7313 of this title.

6           “(b) OTHER APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAMS.—  
7 The satisfactory completion of a training program ap-  
8 proved by the Secretary may be substituted for not more  
9 than one-half of the sea service requirements under sec-  
10 tions 7307 through 7311a and 7313 of this title in accord-  
11 ance with subsection (c).

12           “(c) TRAINING DAYS.—For purposes of subsection  
13 (b), training days undertaken in connection with training  
14 programs approved by the Secretary may be substituted  
15 for days of required sea service under sections 7307  
16 through 7311a and 7313 of this title as follows:

17           “(1) Each shore-based training day in the  
18 form of classroom lectures may be substituted for 2  
19 days of sea service requirements.

20           “(2) Each training day of laboratory training,  
21 practical demonstrations, and other similar training,  
22 may be substituted for 4 days of sea service require-  
23 ments.

24           “(3) Each training day of full mission simu-  
25 lator training may be substituted for 6 days of sea  
26 service requirements.

1           “(4) Each training day underway on a vessel  
2           while enrolled in an approved training program may  
3           be substituted for 1½ days of sea service require-  
4           ments, as long as—

5                 “(A) the structured training provided  
6                 while underway on a vessel is—

7                         “(i) acceptable to the Secretary as  
8                         part of the approved training program; and

9                         “(ii) fully completed by the indi-  
10                        vidual; and

11                       “(B) the tonnage of such vessel is appro-  
12                        priate to the endorsement being sought.

13           “(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “train-  
14           ing day” means a day that consists of not less than 7  
15           hours of training.’.

16           “(n) IMPLEMENTATION.—

17                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the de-  
18                 partment in which the Coast Guard is operating  
19                 shall implement the requirements under subsection  
20                 (c) of section 7306 of title 46, United States Code  
21                 (as amended by this section), without regard to  
22                 chapters 5 and 6 of title 5, United States Code, and  
23                 Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 (5 U.S.C. 601  
24                 note).

1           “(2) SECTION 7315.—The Secretary of the de-  
2       partment in which the Coast Guard is operating  
3       shall implement the requirements of section 7315 of  
4       title 46, United States Code, as amended by this  
5       subsection, without regard to chapters 5 and 6 of  
6       title 5, United States Code, and Executive Orders  
7       12866 and 13563 (5 U.S.C. 601 note) and 14094  
8       (88 Fed. Reg. 21879).

9       “(o) REPEAL.—Section 7314 of title 46, United  
10      States Code, and the item relating to such section in the  
11      analysis for chapter 73 of such title, are repealed.

12      “(p) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for  
13      chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code, is amended  
14      by striking the item relating to section 7306 and inserting  
15      the following:

        “‘7306. General requirements and classifications for members of deck depart-  
            ments.’.

16      “(q) AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 75.—Chapter 75 of  
17      title 46, United States Code, is amended—

18           “(1) in section 7507 by adding at the end the  
19      following:

20      ““(d) RENEWAL.—With respect to any renewal of an  
21      active merchant mariner credential issued under this part  
22      that is not an extension under subsection (a) or (b), such  
23      credential shall begin the day after the expiration of the  
24      active credential of the credential holder.’; and

1 “(2) in section 7510(c)—

2 “(A) in the subsection heading by striking  
3 ‘EXAM REVIEW’ and inserting ‘WORKING  
4 GROUP’;

5 “(B) in paragraph (1)—

6 “(i) by striking ‘90 days’ and insert-  
7 ing ‘180 days’;

8 “(ii) by striking ‘Coast Guard Author-  
9 ization Act of 2016’ and insert ‘Coast  
10 Guard Authorization Act of 2025’;

11 “(iii) by striking ‘new questions for  
12 inclusion in’ and inserting ‘questions, con-  
13 tent, and relevancy of’;

14 “(iv) by redesignating subparagraphs  
15 (E), (F), and (G) as subparagraphs (G),  
16 (H), and (I), respectively; and

17 “(v) by inserting after subparagraph  
18 (D) the following:

19 ““(E) at least 2 individuals that have  
20 taken and passed the examination in the 5  
21 years before the commissioning of the working  
22 group;

23 ““(F) at least 1 representative from the  
24 United States Merchant Marine Academy; ’;

25 “(C) in paragraph (4)—

1 “(i) in the paragraph heading by  
2 striking ‘BASELINE REVIEW’ and inserting  
3 ‘REVIEW’;

4 “(ii) in subparagraph (A)—

5 “(I) by striking ‘Within 1 year’  
6 and inserting ‘Not later than 270  
7 days’;

8 “(II) by striking ‘Coast Guard  
9 Authorization Act of 2016’ and insert-  
10 ing ‘Coast Guard Authorization Act of  
11 2025’;

12 “(III) by striking ‘Secretary’ and  
13 inserting ‘Commandant’;

14 “(IV) by redesignating clauses  
15 (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) as clauses (ii),  
16 (iii), (iv), and (vii), respectively;

17 “(V) in clause (iv), as so redesign-  
18 ated, by striking ‘; and’ and insert-  
19 ing a semicolon;

20 “(VI) by inserting before clause  
21 (ii) the following:

22 ““(i) industry standards, practices,  
23 and technology to be considered in the  
24 Merchant Mariner Credentialing Examina-  
25 tion; ’; and

1 “(VII) by inserting after clause  
2 (iv) the following:

3 “(v) the relevancy of examination  
4 topics and contents;

5 “(vi) any redundancy of core com-  
6 petencies between the Merchant Mariner  
7 Credentialing Examination and Standards  
8 of Training, Certification, and  
9 Watchingkeeping competencies; and’;

10 “(iii) by striking subparagraph (B)  
11 and inserting the following:

12 “(B) REPORT TO COMMANDANT.—Upon  
13 completion of the review under this paragraph,  
14 a report shall be provided to the Commandant  
15 which shall include findings of the review with  
16 recommendations for updates to the Merchant  
17 Marine Credentialing Examination. ’;

18 “(D) by striking paragraphs (3), (5), and  
19 (8);

20 “(E) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and  
21 (9) as paragraphs (5) and (8), respectively; and

22 “(F) by inserting after paragraph (2) the  
23 following:

24 “(3) MEETING OF WORKING GROUP.—

1                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant  
2                   shall convene the working group annually or at  
3                   the creation of new examination questions,  
4                   whichever occurs sooner.

5                   “(B) REMOTE PARTICIPATION.—The  
6                   Commandant shall allow any member of the  
7                   working group to participate remotely if the  
8                   member of the working group does not have the  
9                   means to participate in person.

10                  “(4) USE OF QUESTIONS.—The Commandant  
11                  may not use questions developed for use in the Mer-  
12                  chant Mariner Credentialing Examination until such  
13                  questions are reviewed and approved by the working  
14                  group.’.

15                  “(r) PLAN.—

16                  “(1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 270 days  
17                  after the completion of the review under paragraph  
18                  (4) of subsection (c), the Commandant shall develop  
19                  a plan to update and modernize the Merchant Mar-  
20                  iner Credentialing Examination and implement the  
21                  recommendations developed by the review under  
22                  such paragraph.

23                  “(2) CONTENTS.—The plan developed under  
24                  paragraph (1) shall not diminish demonstrated com-  
25                  petency standards and shall include—



1           “(A) the elimination of redundant topics  
2           between the Merchant Mariner Credentialing  
3           Examination and other examinations required  
4           to obtain a Merchant Mariner Credential;

5           “(B) the elimination or updating of out-  
6           dated topics, contents, core competencies, or  
7           questions covered by the Merchant Mariner  
8           Credentialing Examination;

9           “(C) the modernization of testing proce-  
10          dures consistent with contemporary procedures  
11          for standardized testing administration and  
12          evaluation; and

13          “(D) the development of methods to ana-  
14          lyze examination data related to the effective-  
15          ness of questions in determining competency.

16          “(3) COORDINATION.—In developing the plan  
17          under paragraph (1), the Commandant shall develop  
18          such plan in consultation with the working group  
19          and individuals with expertise in modern best prac-  
20          tices for relevant standardized testing.

21          “(4) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 1  
22          year after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard  
23          Authorization Act of 2025, the Coast Guard shall  
24          provide to the Committee on Transportation and In-  
25          frastructure of the House of Representatives and the

1 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
2 tation of the Senate a briefing on the review and  
3 plan developed under this subsection.

4 “(s) AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 77.—Section  
5 7702(d)(1) of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

6 “(1) in subparagraph (B) by redesignating  
7 clauses (i) through (iv) as subclauses (I) through  
8 (IV), respectively (and by conforming the margins  
9 accordingly);

10 “(2) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and  
11 (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively (and by con-  
12 forming the margins accordingly);

13 “(3) by striking ‘an individual if—’ and insert-  
14 ing the following: ‘an individual—

15 “‘(A) if—’;

16 “(4) in subparagraph (A)(ii)(IV), as so redesign-  
17 ated, by striking the period at the end and insert-  
18 ing ‘; or’; and

19 “(5) by adding at the end the following:

20 “‘(B) if there is probable cause to believe that  
21 the individual has violated company policy and is a  
22 security risk that poses a threat to other individuals  
23 on the vessel.’.

24 “(t) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

1           “(1) TITLE 46.—Title 46, United States Code,  
2       is amended—

3           “(A) in section 2101(47)(B) by striking ‘;  
4       and’ and inserting ‘; or’;

5           “(B) in section 2113(3) by striking ‘sec-  
6       tion 2101(53)(A)’ and inserting ‘section  
7       2101(55)(A)’;

8           “(C) in section 3202(a)(1)(A) by striking  
9       ‘section 2101(29)(A)’ and inserting ‘section  
10      2101(31)(A)’;

11          “(D) in section 3507(k)(1) by striking  
12      ‘section 2101(31)’ and inserting ‘section  
13      2101(33)’;

14          “(E) in section 4105(d) by striking ‘sec-  
15      tion 2101(53)(A)’ and inserting ‘section  
16      2101(55)(A)’;

17          “(F) in section 12119(a)(3) by striking  
18      ‘section 2101(26)’ and inserting ‘section  
19      2101(28)’; and

20          “(G) in section 51706(c)(6)(C)(ii) by strik-  
21      ing ‘section 2101(24)’ and inserting ‘section  
22      2101(26)’.

23          “(2) OTHER LAWS.—

24          “(A) Section 3(3) of the Magnuson-Ste-  
25      vens Fishery Conservation and Management

1 Act (16 U.S.C. 1802(3)) is amended by striking  
2 ‘2101(30) of title 46’ and inserting ‘2101 of  
3 title 46’.

4 “(B) Section 1992(d)(7) of title 18, United  
5 States Code, is amended by striking ‘section  
6 2101(31) of title 46’ and inserting ‘section  
7 2101 of title 46’.

8 “(C) Section 311(a)(26)(D) of the Federal  
9 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.  
10 1321(a)(26)(D)) is amended by striking ‘section  
11 2101(23)’ and inserting ‘section 2101’.

12 “(D) Section 1101 of title 49, United  
13 States Code, is amended by striking ‘Section  
14 2101(23)’ and inserting ‘Section 2101(24)’.”.

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
16 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of enactment  
17 of this Act.

18 **SEC. 302. NONOPERATING INDIVIDUAL.**

19 Section 8313(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry  
20 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021  
21 (Public Law 116–283) is amended by striking “2025” and  
22 inserting “2029”.

1                   **Subtitle B—Vessel Safety**

2   **SEC. 311. GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OPERATIONS OF A VESSEL.**

3           Section 2302(b) of title 46, United States Code, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5           “(b) GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OPERATION.—

6                   “(1) MISDEMEANOR.—A person operating a  
7 vessel in a grossly negligent manner that endangers  
8 the life, limb, or property of a person commits a  
9 class A misdemeanor.

10                   “(2) FELONY.—A person operating a vessel in  
11 a grossly negligent manner that results in serious  
12 bodily injury, as defined in section 1365(h)(3) of  
13 title 18—

14                           “(A) commits a class E felony; and

15                           “(B) may be assessed a civil penalty of not  
16 more than \$35,000.”.

17   **SEC. 312. PERFORMANCE DRIVEN EXAMINATION SCHED-**  
18                   **ULE.**

19           (a) AMENDMENTS.—Section 3714 of title 46, United  
20 States Code, is amended—

21                   (1) in subsection (a)(1) by striking “The Sec-  
22 retary” and inserting “Except as provided in sub-  
23 section (c), the Secretary”;

24                   (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-  
25 section (d); and

1           (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
2       lowing:

3       “(c) PERFORMANCE-DRIVEN EXAMINATION SCHED-  
4       ULE.—

5           “(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to examina-  
6       tions of foreign vessels to which this chapter applies,  
7       and subject to paragraph (3), the Secretary may  
8       adopt a performance-driven examination schedule to  
9       which such vessels are to be examined and the fre-  
10      quency with which such examinations occur, includ-  
11      ing the frequency of examinations for each vessel.  
12      Such schedule shall be consistent with the Sec-  
13      retary’s assessment of the safety performance of  
14      such vessels, including each vessel participating in  
15      the performance-driven examination schedule, in ac-  
16      cordance with paragraph (2).

17           “(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing an ex-  
18      amination schedule under paragraph (1) and subject  
19      to paragraph (3), with respect to each vessel in de-  
20      termining eligibility to participate in the perform-  
21      ance based examination schedule—

22           “(A) the Secretary shall consider—

23                   “(i) certificate of compliance and ex-  
24                   amination history, to include those con-  
25                   ducted by foreign countries;

1 “(ii) history of violations, vessel deten-  
2 tions, incidents, and casualties;

3 “(iii) history of notices of violation  
4 issued by the Coast Guard;

5 “(iv) safety related information pro-  
6 vided by the flag state of the vessel;

7 “(v) owner and operator history;

8 “(vi) historical classification society  
9 data, which may include relevant surveys;

10 “(vii) cargo-specific documentation;

11 “(viii) data from port state control  
12 safety exams; and

13 “(ix) relevant repair and maintenance  
14 history; and

15 “(B) the Secretary may consider—

16 “(i) data from relevant vessel quality  
17 assurance and risk assessment programs  
18 including Quality Shipping for the 21st  
19 Century (QUALSHIP 21);

20 “(ii) data from industry inspection re-  
21 gimes;

22 “(iii) data from vessel self assess-  
23 ments submitted to the International Mari-  
24 time Organization or other maritime orga-  
25 nizations; and

1 “(iv) other safety relevant data or in-  
2 formation as determined by the Secretary.

3 “(3) ELIGIBILITY.—In developing an examina-  
4 tion schedule under paragraph (1), the Secretary  
5 shall not consider a vessel eligible to take part in a  
6 performance-driven examination schedule under  
7 paragraph (1) if, within the last 36 months, the ves-  
8 sel has—

9 “(A) been detained by the Coast Guard;

10 “(B) a record of a violation issued by the  
11 Coast Guard against the owners or operators  
12 with a finding of proved; or

13 “(C) suffered a marine casualty that, as  
14 determined by the Secretary, involves the safe  
15 operation of the vessel and overall performance  
16 of the vessel.

17 “(4) RESTRICTIONS.—The Secretary may not  
18 adopt a performance-driven examination schedule  
19 under paragraph (1) until the Secretary has—

20 “(A) conducted the assessment rec-  
21 ommended in the Government Accountability  
22 Office report submitted under section 8254(a)  
23 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National  
24 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021  
25 (Public Law 116–283);



1           “(B) concluded through such assessment  
2           that a performance-driven examination schedule  
3           provides not less than the level of safety pro-  
4           vided by the annual examinations required  
5           under subsection (a)(1); and

6           “(C) provided the results of such assess-  
7           ment to the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
8           and Transportation of the Senate and the Com-  
9           mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of  
10          the House of Representatives.”.

11          (b) CAREER INCENTIVE PAY FOR MARINE INSPEC-  
12          TORS.—Subsection (a) of section 11237 of the James M.  
13          Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
14          2023 (37 U.S.C. 352 note) is amended as follows:

15          “(a) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ASSIGNMENT PAY OR  
16          SPECIAL DUTY PAY.—For the purposes of addressing an  
17          identified shortage of marine inspectors, the Secretary  
18          may provide assignment pay or special duty pay under sec-  
19          tion 352 of title 37, United States Code, to a member of  
20          the Coast Guard serving in a prevention position that—

21                 “(1) is assigned in support of or is serving as  
22                 a marine inspector pursuant to section 312 of title  
23                 14, United States Code; and

24                 “(2) is assigned to a billet that is difficult to fill  
25                 due to geographic location, requisite experience or

1       certifications, or lack of sufficient candidates, as de-  
2       termined by the Commandant, in an effort to ad-  
3       dress inspector workforce gaps.”.

4       (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 6 months after the  
5       date of enactment of this Act, and annually for 2 years  
6       after the implementation of a performance-driven exam-  
7       ination schedule program under section 3714(c) of title  
8       46, United States Code, the Commandant shall brief the  
9       Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of  
10      the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and In-  
11      frastructure of the House of Representatives on—

12           (1) the status of utilizing the performance-driv-  
13      en examination schedule program, including the  
14      quantity of examinations conducted and duration be-  
15      tween examinations for each individual vessel exam-  
16      ined under the performance-driven examination  
17      schedule;

18           (2) an overview of the size of the Coast Guard  
19      marine inspector workforce, including any personnel  
20      shortages assessed by the Coast Guard, for inspec-  
21      tors that conduct inspections under section 3714 of  
22      such title; and

23           (3) recommendations for the inspection, govern-  
24      ance, or oversight of vessels inspected under section  
25      3714 of such title.

1 **SEC. 313. FISHING VESSEL AND FISHERMAN TRAINING**  
2 **SAFETY.**

3 Section 4502 of title 46, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (i)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1)—

7 (i) in subparagraph (A)(ii) by striking  
8 “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

9 (ii) by redesignating subparagraph  
10 (B) as subparagraph (C); and

11 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph  
12 (A) the following:

13 “(B) to conduct safety and prevention  
14 training that addresses behavioral and physical  
15 health risks, to include substance use disorder  
16 and worker fatigue, facing fishing vessel opera-  
17 tors and crewmembers; and”;

18 (B) in paragraph (2)—

19 (i) by striking “, in consultation with  
20 and based on criteria established by the  
21 Commandant of the Coast Guard”; and

22 (ii) by striking “subsection on a com-  
23 petitive basis” and inserting the following:

24 “subsection—

25 “(A) on a competitive basis; and

1           “(B) based on criteria developed in con-  
2           sultation with the Commandant of the Coast  
3           Guard”; and

4           (C) in paragraph (4) by striking  
5           “\$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2023” and inserting  
6           “to the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
7           ices \$6,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025,  
8           and 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029”; and  
9           (2) in subsection (j)—

10           (A) in paragraph (1) by inserting “, and  
11           understanding and mitigating behavioral and  
12           physical health risks, to include substance use  
13           disorder and worker fatigue, facing members of  
14           the commercial fishing industry” after “weather  
15           detection”;

16           (B) in paragraph (2)—

17           (i) by striking “, in consultation with  
18           and based on criteria established by the  
19           Commandant of the Coast Guard,”; and

20           (ii) by striking “subsection on a com-  
21           petitive basis” and inserting the following:  
22           “subsection—

23           “(A) on a competitive basis; and

1 “(B) based on criteria developed in con-  
2 sultation with the Commandant of the Coast  
3 Guard”; and

4 (C) in paragraph (4) by striking  
5 “\$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2023” and inserting  
6 “to the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
7 ices \$6,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 ,  
8 and 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029”.

9 **SEC. 314. DESIGNATING PILOTAGE WATERS FOR THE**  
10 **STRAITS OF MACKINAC.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9302(a)(1)(A) of title 46,  
12 United States Code, is amended by striking “in waters”  
13 and inserting “in the Straits of Mackinac and in all other  
14 waters”.

15 (b) DEFINITION OF THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC.—  
16 Section 9302 of title 46, United States Code, is amended  
17 by adding at the end the following:

18 “(g) DEFINITION OF THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC.—  
19 In this section, the term ‘Straits of Mackinac’ includes all  
20 of the United States navigable waters bounded by lon-  
21 gitudes 84 degrees 20 minutes west and 85 degrees 10  
22 minutes west and latitudes 45 degrees 39 minutes north  
23 and 45 degrees 54 minutes north, including Gray’s Reef  
24 Passage, the South Channel, and Round Island Passage,  
25 and approaches thereto.”.

1 **SEC. 315. RECEIPTS; INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS FOR**  
2 **ICE PATROL SERVICES.**

3 Section 80301(c) of title 46, United States Code, is  
4 amended by striking the period at the end and inserting  
5 “and shall remain available until expended for the purpose  
6 of the Coast Guard international ice patrol program under  
7 this chapter.”.

8 **SEC. 316. STUDY OF AMPHIBIOUS VESSELS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall conduct  
10 a study to determine the applicability of current safety  
11 regulations that apply to commercial amphibious vessels.

12 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study required under sub-  
13 section (a) shall include the following:

14 (1) An overview and analysis that identifies  
15 safety regulations that apply to commercial amphib-  
16 ious vessels;

17 (2) An evaluation of whether safety gaps and  
18 risks exist associated with the application of regula-  
19 tions identified in subsection (b)(1) to the operation  
20 of commercial amphibious vessels;

21 (3) An evaluation of whether aspects of the reg-  
22 ulations established in section 11502 of the James  
23 M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for  
24 Fiscal Year 2023 (46 U.S.C. 3306 note) should  
25 apply to amphibious commercial vessels; and

1           (4) Recommendations on potential regulations  
2           that should apply to commercial amphibious vessels.

3           (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
4 of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit  
5 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
6 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
7 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a  
8 report containing the findings, conclusions, and rec-  
9 ommendations from the study required under subsection  
10 (a).

11          (d) DEFINITION OF AMPHIBIOUS VESSEL.—In this  
12 section, the term “amphibious vessel” means a vessel  
13 which is operating as a small passenger vessel in waters  
14 subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, as defined  
15 in section 2.38 of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations  
16 (or a successor regulation) and is operating as a motor  
17 vehicle as defined in section 216 of the Clean Air Act (42  
18 U.S.C. 7550) and that is not a DUKW amphibious pas-  
19 senger vessel as defined in section 11502 of the James  
20 M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
21 Year 2023 (46 U.S.C. 3306 note).

22 **SEC. 317. ST. LUCIE RIVER RAILROAD BRIDGE.**

23          Regarding Docket Number USCG–2022–0222, be-  
24 fore adopting a final rule, the Commandant shall conduct

1 an independent boat traffic study at mile 7.4 of the St.  
2 Lucie River.

3 **SEC. 318. LARGE RECREATIONAL VESSEL REGULATIONS.**

4 Section 3529(a)(3) of the John S. McCain National  
5 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public  
6 Law 115–232) is amended by striking “this Act” and in-  
7 serting “the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025”.

8 **Subtitle C—Ports**

9 **SEC. 321. PORTS AND WATERWAYS SAFETY.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8343 of the William M.  
11 (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for  
12 Fiscal Year 2021 (46 U.S.C. 70034 note) is amended—

13 (1) by striking “2-year pilot program” and in-  
14 serting “pilot program”;

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

17 (3) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(c) AUTHORIZATION.—The pilot program under  
19 subsection (a) is authorized for fiscal years 2025, 2026,  
20 2027, 2028, and 2029.”.

21 (b) WATERFRONT SAFETY.—Section 70011(a) of  
22 title 46, United States Code, is amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (1) by inserting “, including  
24 damage or destruction resulting from cyber inci-



1       dents, transnational organized crime, or foreign  
2       state threats” after “adjacent to such waters”; and

3           (2) in paragraph (2) by inserting “or harm re-  
4       sulting from cyber incidents, transnational organized  
5       crime, or foreign state threats” after “loss”.

6       (c) FACILITY VISIT BY STATE SPONSOR OF TER-  
7       RORISM.—Section 70011(b) of title 46, United States  
8       Code, is amended—

9           (1) in paragraph (3) by striking “and” at the  
10       end;

11          (2) in paragraph (4) by striking the period at  
12       the end and inserting “; and”; and

13          (3) by adding at the end the following:

14           “(5) prohibiting a representative of a govern-  
15       ment of country that the Secretary of State has de-  
16       termined has repeatedly provided support for acts of  
17       international terrorism under section 620A of the  
18       Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371)  
19       from visiting a facility for which a facility security  
20       plan is required under section 70103(c).”.

21       (d) GREAT LAKES AND SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY  
22       NAVIGATION.—Section 70032 of title 46, United States  
23       Code, is amended to read as follows:

1   **“§ 70032. Delegation of ports and waterways authori-**  
2                   **ties in Saint Lawrence Seaway**

3           “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
4 (b), the authority granted to the Secretary under sections  
5 70001, 70002, 70003, 70004, and 70011 may not be dele-  
6 gated with respect to the Saint Lawrence Seaway to any  
7 agency other than the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway  
8 Development Corporation. Any other authority granted  
9 the Secretary under subchapters I through III and this  
10 subchapter shall be delegated by the Secretary to the  
11 Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corpora-  
12 tion to the extent the Secretary determines such delega-  
13 tion is necessary for the proper operation of the Saint  
14 Lawrence Seaway.

15           “(b) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary of the department  
16 in which the Coast Guard is operating, after consultation  
17 with the Secretary or the head of an agency to which the  
18 Secretary has delegated the authorities in subsection (a),  
19 may—

20                   “(1) issue and enforce special orders in accord-  
21           ance with section 70002;

22                   “(2) establish water or waterfront safety zones,  
23           or other measures, for limited, controlled, or condi-  
24           tional access and activity when necessary for the  
25           protection of any vessel structure, waters, or shore  
26           area, as permitted in section 70011(b)(3); and

1           “(3) take actions for port, harbor, and coastal  
2           facility security in accordance with section 70116.”.

3           (e) REGULATION OF ANCHORAGE AND MOVEMENT  
4 OF VESSELS DURING NATIONAL EMERGENCY.—Section  
5 70051 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by in-  
6 serting “or cyber incidents, or transnational organized  
7 crime, or foreign state threats,” after “threatened war, or  
8 invasion, or insurrection, or subversive activity,”.

9           (f) GREAT LAKES AND SAINT LAWRENCE RIVER CO-  
10 OPERATIVE VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE.—Not later than  
11 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
12 retary of the department in which the Coast Guard is op-  
13 erating shall issue or amend such regulations as are nec-  
14 essary to address any applicable arrangements with the  
15 Canadian Coast Guard regarding vessel traffic services co-  
16 operation and vessel traffic management data exchanges  
17 within the Saint Lawrence Seaway and the Great Lakes.

18           (g) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The analysis for  
19 chapter 700 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

20           (1) by inserting after the item relating to sec-  
21 tion 70007 the following:

“70008. Special activities in exclusive economic zone.”; and

22           (2) by striking the item relating to section  
23 70032 and inserting the following:

“70032. Delegation of ports and waterways authorities in Saint Lawrence Sea-  
way.”.

1   **SEC. 322. STUDY ON BERING STRAIT VESSEL TRAFFIC PRO-**  
2                   **JECTIONS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE POS-**  
3                   **TURE AT PORTS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

4           (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
5   date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall seek  
6   to enter into an agreement with the National Academies  
7   of Science, Engineering, and Medicine, under which the  
8   Marine Board of the Transportation Research Board (in  
9   this section referred to as the “Board”) shall conduct a  
10   study to—

11           (1) analyze commercial vessel traffic that tran-  
12       sits through the Bering Strait and projections for  
13       the growth of such traffic during the 10-year period  
14       beginning after such date of enactment; and

15           (2) assess the adequacy of emergency response  
16       capabilities and infrastructure at the Port of Point  
17       Spencer, Alaska, to address navigation safety risks  
18       and geographic challenges necessary to conduct  
19       emergency maritime response operations in the Arc-  
20       tic environment.

21       (b) ELEMENTS.—The study required under sub-  
22   section (a) shall include the following:

23           (1) An analysis of the volume and types of do-  
24       mestic and international commercial vessel traffic  
25       through the Bering Strait and the projected growth  
26       of such traffic, including a summary of—

1 (A) the sizes, ages, and flag states of ves-  
2 sels; and

3 (B) the oil and product tankers that are—

4 (i) in transit to or from Russia or  
5 China; or

6 (ii) owned or operated by a Russian  
7 or Chinese entity.

8 (2) An assessment of the state and adequacy of  
9 vessel traffic services and oil spill and emergency re-  
10 sponse capabilities in the vicinity of the Bering  
11 Strait, including its approaches.

12 (3) A risk assessment of the projected growth  
13 in commercial vessel traffic in the Bering Strait and  
14 higher probability of increased frequency in the  
15 number of maritime accidents, including spill events,  
16 and the potential impacts to the Arctic maritime en-  
17 vironment and Native Alaskan village communities  
18 in the vicinity of the Bering Strait.

19 (4) An evaluation of the ability of the Port of  
20 Point Spencer, Alaska, to serve as a port of refuge  
21 and as a staging, logistics, and operations center to  
22 conduct and support maritime emergency and spill  
23 response activities.

24 (5) Recommendations for practical actions that  
25 can be taken by the Congress, Federal agencies, the

1 State of Alaska, vessel carriers and operators, the  
2 marine salvage and emergency response industry,  
3 and other relevant stakeholders to mitigate risks,  
4 upgrade infrastructure, and improve the posture of  
5 the Port of Point Spencer, Alaska, to function as a  
6 strategic staging and logistics center for maritime  
7 emergency and spill response operations in the Ber-  
8 ing Strait region.

9 (c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study re-  
10 quired under subsection (a), the Board shall consult  
11 with—

- 12 (1) the Department of Transportation;
- 13 (2) the Corps of Engineers;
- 14 (3) the National Transportation Safety Board;
- 15 (4) relevant ministries of the government of  
16 Canada;
- 17 (5) the Port Coordination Council for the Port  
18 of Point Spencer; and
- 19 (6) non-government entities with relevant exper-  
20 tise in monitoring and characterizing vessel traffic in  
21 the Arctic.

22 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after initiating  
23 the study under subsection (a), the Board shall submit  
24 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
25 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on

1 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a  
2 report containing the findings and recommendations of the  
3 study.

4 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) ARCTIC.—The term “Arctic” has the mean-  
6 ing given such term in section 112 of the Arctic Re-  
7 search and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4111).

8 (2) PORT COORDINATION COUNCIL FOR THE  
9 PORT OF POINT SPENCER.—The term “Port Coordi-  
10 nation Council for the Port of Point Spencer” means  
11 the Council established under section 541 of the  
12 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015 (Public Law  
13 114–120).

14 **SEC. 323. IMPROVING VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE MONI-**  
15 **TORING.**

16 (a) PROXIMITY OF ANCHORAGES TO PIPELINES.—

17 (1) IMPLEMENTATION OF RESTRUCTURING  
18 PLAN.—Not later than 1 year after the date of en-  
19 actment of this Act, the Commandant shall imple-  
20 ment the November 2021 proposed plan of the Ves-  
21 sel Traffic Service Los Angeles-Long Beach for re-  
22 structuring the Federal anchorages in San Pedro  
23 Bay described on page 54 of the Report of the Na-  
24 tional Transportation Safety Board titled “Anchor

1       Strike of Underwater Pipeline and Eventual Crude  
2       Oil Release” and issued January 2, 2024.

3           (2) STUDY.—The Secretary of the department  
4       in which the Coast Guard is operating shall conduct  
5       a study to identify any anchorage grounds other  
6       than the San Pedro Bay Federal anchorages in  
7       which the distance between the center of an ap-  
8       proved anchorage ground and a pipeline is less than  
9       1 mile.

10          (3) REPORT.—

11           (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years  
12       after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
13       Commandant 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 a report on the results of the study required  
18       under paragraph (2).

19           (B) CONTENTS.—The report under sub-  
20       paragraph (A) shall include—

21           (i) a list of the anchorage grounds de-  
22       scribed under paragraph (2);

23           (ii) whether it is possible to move each  
24       such anchorage ground to provide a min-  
25       imum distance of 1 mile; and



1 (iii) a recommendation of whether to  
2 move any such anchorage ground and ex-  
3 planation for the recommendation.

4 (b) PROXIMITY TO PIPELINE ALERTS.—

5 (1) AUDIBLE AND VISUAL ALARMS.—The Com-  
6 mandant shall consult with the providers of vessel  
7 monitoring systems to add to the monitoring sys-  
8 tems for vessel traffic services audible and visual  
9 alarms that alert the watchstander when an an-  
10 chored vessel is encroaching on a pipeline.

11 (2) NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES.—Not later  
12 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act,  
13 the Commandant shall develop procedures for all  
14 vessel traffic services to notify pipeline and utility  
15 operators following potential incursions on sub-  
16 merged pipelines within the vessel traffic service  
17 area of responsibility.

18 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the  
19 date of enactment of this Act, and annually for the  
20 subsequent 3 years, the Commandant shall submit  
21 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-  
22 ture of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
23 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of  
24 the Senate a report on the implementation of para-  
25 graphs (1) and (2).

1 **SEC. 324. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ONBOARD VESSELS.**

2 Section 70503(a) of title 46, United States Code, is  
3 amended—

4 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by  
5 striking “While on board a covered vessel, an” and  
6 inserting “An”;

7 (2) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-  
8 lows:

9 “(1) manufacture or distribute, possess with in-  
10 tent to manufacture or distribute, or place or cause  
11 to be placed with intent to manufacture or distribute  
12 a controlled substance on board a covered vessel;”;

13 (3) in paragraph (2) by inserting “on board a  
14 covered vessel” before the semicolon; and

15 (4) in paragraph (3) by inserting “while on  
16 board a covered vessel” after “such individual”.

17 **SEC. 325. CYBER-INCIDENT TRAINING.**

18 Section 70103(c) of title 46, United States Code, is  
19 amended by adding at the end the following:

20 “(9) The Secretary may conduct no-notice exercises  
21 in Captain of the Port Zones (as described in part 3 of  
22 title 33, Code of Federal Regulations as in effect on the  
23 date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act  
24 of 2025) involving a facility or vessel required to maintain  
25 a security plan under this subsection.”.

1 **SEC. 326. NAVIGATIONAL PROTOCOLS.**

2       The Commandant, in consultation with the Undersec-  
3 retary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, shall ex-  
4 amine the navigational protocols used for foreign allied na-  
5 tions governing port and vessel operations in fog and low  
6 visibility operations and how those nations utilize ad-  
7 vanced navigation technologies such as remote sensing,  
8 radar, tracking, and unmanned aerial vehicles to monitor  
9 visibility and manage port and vessels operations.

10       **Subtitle D—Matters Involving**  
11       **Autonomous Systems**

12 **SEC. 331. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL ADVISORY COM-**  
13       **MITTEE ON AUTONOMOUS MARITIME SYS-**  
14       **TEMS.**

15       (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 151 of title 46, United  
16 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
17 lowing:

18 **“§ 15110. Establishment of National Advisory Com-**  
19       **mittee on Autonomous Maritime Systems**

20       “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a Na-  
21 tional Advisory Committee on Autonomous Maritime Sys-  
22 tems (in this section referred to as the ‘Committee’).

23       “(b) FUNCTION.—The Committee shall advise the  
24 Secretary on matters relating to the regulation and use  
25 of Autonomous Systems within the territorial waters of  
26 the United States.

1 “(c) MEMBERSHIP.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall con-  
3 sist of 15 members appointed by the Secretary in ac-  
4 cordance with this section and section 15109.

5 “(2) EXPERTISE.—Each member of the Com-  
6 mittee shall have particular expertise, knowledge,  
7 and experience in matters relating to the function of  
8 the Committee.

9 “(3) REPRESENTATION.—Each of the following  
10 groups shall be represented by at least 1 member on  
11 the Committee:

12 “(A) Marine safety or security entities.

13 “(B) Vessel design and construction enti-  
14 ties.

15 “(C) Entities engaged in the production or  
16 research of uncrewed vehicles, including drones,  
17 autonomous or semi-autonomous vehicles, or  
18 any other product or service integral to the pro-  
19 vision, maintenance, or management of such  
20 products or services.

21 “(D) Port districts, authorities, or terminal  
22 operators.

23 “(E) Vessel operators.

24 “(F) National labor unions representing  
25 merchant mariners.

1 “(G) Maritime pilots.

2 “(H) Commercial space transportation op-  
3 erators.

4 “(I) Academic institutions.”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The analysis for  
6 chapter 151 of title 46, United States Code, is amended  
7 by adding at the end the following:

“15110. Establishment of National Advisory Committee on Autonomous Mari-  
time Systems.”.

8 (c) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after  
9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the  
10 department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall  
11 establish the Committee under section 15110 of title 46,  
12 United States Code (as added by this section).

13 **SEC. 332. PILOT PROGRAM FOR GOVERNANCE AND OVER-**  
14 **SIGHT OF SMALL UNCREWED MARITIME SYS-**  
15 **TEMS.**

16 (a) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
17 sion of law, for the period beginning on the date of enact-  
18 ment of this Act and ending on the date that is 2 years  
19 after such date of enactment, small uncrewed maritime  
20 systems owned, operated, or chartered by the National  
21 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or that are per-  
22 forming specified oceanographic surveys on behalf of and  
23 pursuant to a contract or other written agreement with  
24 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,

1 shall not be subject to any vessel inspection, design, oper-  
2 ations, navigation (except for chapter 551 of title 46,  
3 United States Code), credentialing, or training require-  
4 ment, law, or regulation, that the Assistant Administrator  
5 of the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations of the  
6 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration deter-  
7 mines will harm real-time operational extreme weather  
8 oceanographic and atmospheric data collection and pre-  
9 dictions.

10 (b) OTHER AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this section  
11 shall limit the authority of the Secretary of the depart-  
12 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating, acting  
13 through the Commandant, if there is an immediate safety  
14 or security concern regarding small uncrewed maritime  
15 systems.

16 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) SMALL UNCREWED MARITIME SYSTEMS.—

18 The term “small uncrewed maritime systems”  
19 means unmanned maritime systems (as defined in  
20 section 2 of the CENOTE Act of 2018 (33 U.S.C.  
21 4101)), that—

22 (A) are not greater than 35 feet overall in  
23 length;

24 (B) are operated remotely or autono-  
25 mously; and

1 (C) exclusively perform oceanographic sur-  
2 veys or scientific research.

3 (2) UNCREWED SYSTEM.—The term “uncrewed  
4 system”—

5 (A) means an uncrewed surface, undersea,  
6 or aircraft system and associated elements (in-  
7 cluding communication links and the compo-  
8 nents that control the uncrewed system) that  
9 are required for the operator to operate the sys-  
10 tem safely and efficiently; and

11 (B) includes an unmanned aircraft system  
12 (as such term is defined in section 44801 of  
13 title 49, United States Code).

14 **SEC. 333. COAST GUARD TRAINING COURSE.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—For the period beginning on the  
16 date of enactment of this Act and ending on the date that  
17 is 3 years after such date of enactment, the Commandant,  
18 or such other individual or organization as the Com-  
19 mandant considers appropriate, shall develop a training  
20 course on small uncrewed maritime systems and offer such  
21 training course at least once each year for Coast Guard  
22 personnel working with or regulating small uncrewed mar-  
23 itime systems.

24 (b) COURSE SUBJECT MATTER.—The training course  
25 developed under subsection (a) shall—

1           (1) provide an overview and introduction to  
2           small uncrewed maritime systems, including exam-  
3           ples of those used by the Federal Government, in  
4           academic settings, and in commercial sectors;

5           (2) address the benefits and disadvantages of  
6           use of small uncrewed maritime systems;

7           (3) address safe navigation of small uncrewed  
8           maritime systems, including measures to ensure col-  
9           lision avoidance;

10          (4) address the ability of small uncrewed mari-  
11          time systems to communicate with and alert other  
12          vessels in the vicinity;

13          (5) address the ability of small uncrewed mari-  
14          time systems to respond to system alarms and fail-  
15          ures to ensure control commensurate with the risk  
16          posed by the systems;

17          (6) provide present and future capabilities of  
18          small uncrewed maritime systems; and

19          (7) provide an overview of the role of the Inter-  
20          national Maritime Organization in the governance of  
21          small uncrewed maritime systems.

22          (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23                 (1) SMALL UNCREWED MARITIME SYSTEMS.—  
24                 The term “small uncrewed maritime systems”  
25                 means unmanned maritime systems (as defined in



1 section 2 of the CENOTE Act of 2018 (33 U.S.C.  
2 4101)), that—

3 (A) are not greater than 35 feet overall in  
4 length;

5 (B) are operated remotely or autono-  
6 mously; and

7 (C) exclusively perform oceanographic sur-  
8 veys or scientific research.

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. 334. NOAA MEMBERSHIP ON AUTONOMOUS VESSEL**  
21 **POLICY COUNCIL.**

22 Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment  
23 of this Act, the Commandant, with the concurrence of the  
24 Assistant Administrator of the Office of Marine and Avia-  
25 tion Operations of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric

1 Administration, shall establish the permanent membership  
2 of a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
3 employee to the Automated and Autonomous Vessel Policy  
4 Council of the Coast Guard.

5 **SEC. 335. TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAM.**

6 Section 319(b)(1) of title 14, United States Code, is  
7 amended by striking “2 or more” and inserting “up to  
8 4”.

9 **SEC. 336. UNCREWED SYSTEMS CAPABILITIES REPORT.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—

11 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the  
12 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant  
13 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation  
14 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
15 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
16 Transportation of the Senate a report that outlines  
17 a plan for establishing an uncrewed systems capa-  
18 bilities office within the Coast Guard responsible for  
19 the acquisition and development of uncrewed system  
20 and counter-uncrewed system technologies and to ex-  
21 pand the capabilities of the Coast Guard with re-  
22 spect to such technologies.

23 (2) CONTENTS.—The report required under  
24 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

1           (A) A management strategy for the acqui-  
2           sition, development, and deployment of  
3           uncrewed system and counter-uncrewed system  
4           technologies.

5           (B) A service-wide coordination strategy to  
6           synchronize and integrate efforts across the  
7           Coast Guard in order to—

8                 (i) support the primary duties of the  
9                 Coast Guard pursuant to section 102 of  
10                title 14, United States Code; and

11               (ii) pursue expanded research, devel-  
12               opment, testing, and evaluation opportuni-  
13               ties and funding to expand and accelerate  
14               identification and transition of uncrewed  
15               system and counter-uncrewed system tech-  
16               nologies.

17           (C) The identification of contracting and  
18           acquisition authorities needed to expedite the  
19           development and deployment of uncrewed sys-  
20           tem and counter-uncrewed system technologies.

21           (D) A detailed list of commercially avail-  
22           able uncrewed system and counter-uncrewed  
23           system technologies with capabilities determined  
24           to be useful for the Coast Guard.

1 (E) A cross-agency collaboration plan to  
2 engage with the Department of Defense and  
3 other relevant agencies to identify common re-  
4 quirements and opportunities to partner in ac-  
5 quiring, contracting, and sustaining uncrewed  
6 system and counter-uncrewed system capabili-  
7 ties.

8 (F) Opportunities to obtain and share  
9 uncrewed system data from government and  
10 commercial sources to improve maritime do-  
11 main awareness.

12 (G) The development of a concept of oper-  
13 ations for a data system that supports and inte-  
14 grates uncrewed system and counter-uncrewed  
15 system technologies with key enablers, including  
16 enterprise communications networks, data stor-  
17 age and management, artificial intelligence and  
18 machine learning tools, and information sharing  
19 and dissemination capabilities.

20 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) COUNTER-UNCREWED SYSTEM.—The term  
22 “counter-uncrewed system”—

23 (A) means a system or device capable of  
24 lawfully and safely disabling, disrupting, or  
25 seizing control of an uncrewed system; and

1 (B) includes a counter-UAS system (as  
2 such term is defined in section 44801 of title  
3 49, United States Code).

4 (2) UNCREWED SYSTEM.—The term “uncrewed  
5 system”—

6 (A) means an uncrewed surface, undersea,  
7 or aircraft system and associated elements (in-  
8 cluding communication links and the compo-  
9 nents that control the uncrewed system) that  
10 are required for the operator to operate the sys-  
11 tem safely and efficiently; and

12 (B) includes an unmanned aircraft system  
13 (as such term is defined in section 44801 of  
14 title 49, United States Code).

15 **SEC. 337. MEDIUM UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS CAPA-**  
16 **BILITIES STUDY.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
18 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall con-  
19 duct a study to determine the feasibility of expanding the  
20 National Security Cutter’s medium unmanned aircraft  
21 system capabilities to Medium Endurance Cutters and  
22 Offshore Patrol Cutters.

23 (b) REPORT.—

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

1       shall submit to the Committee on Transportation  
2       and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
3       and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
4       Transportation of the Senate a written report that  
5       contains the results of the study conducted under  
6       subsection (a).

7               (2) CONTENTS.—In submitting the study under  
8       paragraph (1), the Commandant shall determine—

9               (A) the feasibility of equipping Offshore  
10       Patrol Cutters and Medium Endurance Cutters  
11       with medium unmanned aircraft systems;

12              (B) the missions capabilities that would be  
13       strengthen by the use of such systems; and

14              (V) projected procurement and operational  
15       costs for acquiring such systems.

16 **SEC. 338. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON COAST**  
17 **GUARD ACQUISITION AND DEPLOYMENT OF**  
18 **UNMANNED SYSTEMS.**

19       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after  
20       the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
21       of the United States shall submit to the Committee on  
22       Transportation and Infrastructure of the House and the  
23       Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the  
24       Senate the first of multiple reports of the use and acquisi-

1 tion of the Coast Guard of unmanned systems, with subse-  
2 quent reports submitted after the first report.

3 (b) ELEMENTS.—The reports required by subsection  
4 (a) shall include the following:

5 (1) An inventory of the current unmanned sys-  
6 tems of the Coast Guard, including the missions and  
7 assets on which such systems are deployed.

8 (2) Cost, schedule, and performance status of  
9 the unmanned system acquisition programs of the  
10 Coast Guard.

11 (3) The extent to which the Coast Guard has  
12 assessed how the use of such systems support the  
13 primary duties of the Coast Guard pursuant to sec-  
14 tion 102 of title 14, United States Code.

15 (4) An evaluation of the acquisition strategy of  
16 the Coast Guard for unmanned systems, including  
17 the extent to which the Coast Guard has evaluated  
18 the benefits and costs of acquiring—

19 (A) commercially available systems; and

20 (B) autonomous capabilities.

21 (5) An evaluation of the progress of the Coast  
22 Guard in establishing an unmanned systems capa-  
23 bilities office responsible for the acquisition and de-  
24 velopment of unmanned system technologies, and the  
25 effectiveness of such office, including the ability to—

1 (A) support the acquisition, development,  
2 leasing, and deployment of unmanned systems  
3 technologies, including autonomous capabilities;

4 (B) execute a service-wide coordination  
5 strategy to synchronize and integrate efforts  
6 across the Coast Guard;

7 (C) pursue expanded research, develop-  
8 ment, experimentation, testing, and evaluation  
9 opportunities and funding to expand and accel-  
10 erate identification and transition of unmanned  
11 system technologies; and

12 (D) execute cross-agency collaboration to  
13 engage with the Department of Homeland Se-  
14 curity, the Department of Defense, and other  
15 relevant agencies to identify common require-  
16 ments and opportunities to partner in acquir-  
17 ing, contracting, and sustaining unmanned sys-  
18 tem capabilities.

19 (6) Recommendations to improve the ability of  
20 the Coast Guard to evaluate, acquire, and deploy un-  
21 manned systems technologies.

22 (c) CONSULTATION.—In developing the report re-  
23 quired under subsection (a), the Comptroller General may  
24 consult with—

25 (1) the maritime and aviation industries;



1           (2) Federal Government agencies familiar with  
2           the use and deployment of unmanned systems; and

3           (3) any relevant—

4                   (A) federally funded research institutions;

5                   (B) nongovernmental organizations; and

6                   (C) manufactures of unmanned systems.

7   **SEC. 339. NATIONAL ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES REPORT ON**  
8                   **UNMANNED SYSTEMS AND USE OF DATA.**

9           (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the  
10          date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall seek  
11          to enter into an arrangement with the National Academy  
12          of Sciences under which the Academy shall prepare an as-  
13          sessment of available unmanned, autonomous, or re-  
14          motely-controlled maritime domain awareness technologies  
15          for use by the Coast Guard.

16          (b) ASSESSMENT.—In carrying out the assessment  
17          under subsection (a), the National Academy of Sciences  
18          shall—

19                   (1) describe the potential benefits and limita-  
20                   tions of current and emerging unmanned, autono-  
21                   mous, or remotely controlled systems used in the  
22                   maritime domain for—

23                           (A) ocean observation;

24                           (B) vessel monitoring and identification;

25                           (C) weather observation;

1 (D) search and rescue operations;

2 (E) to the extent practicable for consider-  
3 ation by the Academy, intelligence gathering,  
4 surveillance, and reconnaissance; and

5 (F) communications;

6 (2) assess how technologies described in para-  
7 graph (1) can help prioritize Federal investment by  
8 examining—

9 (A) affordability, including acquisition, op-  
10 erations, maintenance and lifecycle costs;

11 (B) reliability;

12 (C) versatility;

13 (D) efficiency; and

14 (E) estimated service life and persistence  
15 of effort;

16 (3) analyze whether the use of new and emerg-  
17 ing maritime domain awareness technologies can be  
18 used to—

19 (A) effectively carry out Coast Guard mis-  
20 sions at lower costs and reduced manpower  
21 needs;

22 (B) expand the scope and range of Coast  
23 Guard maritime domain awareness; and

1 (C) allow the Coast Guard to more effi-  
2 ciently and effectively allocate Coast Guard ves-  
3 sels, aircraft, and personnel;

4 (4) evaluate the extent to which such systems  
5 have moved from the research and development  
6 phase to effective operations since the National  
7 Academy of Sciences published the study titled  
8 “Leveraging Unmanned Systems for Coast Guard  
9 Missions” and issued in 2020; and

10 (5) identify adjustments that would be nec-  
11 essary in Coast Guard authorities, policies, proce-  
12 dures, and protocols to incorporate unmanned tech-  
13 nologies to enhance efficiency.

14 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year  
15 after entering into an arrangement under subsection (a),  
16 the National Academy of Sciences shall submit to the  
17 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the  
18 House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-  
19 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate the as-  
20 sessment prepared under this section.

21 (d) USE OF INFORMATION.—In formulating costs  
22 pursuant to subsection (b), the National Academy of  
23 Sciences may utilize information from other Coast Guard  
24 reports, assessments, or analyses regarding existing Coast  
25 Guard manpower requirements or other reports, assess-

ments, or analyses for the acquisition of unmanned, autonomous, or remotely-controlled technologies by the Federal Government.

**SEC. 340. UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter IV of chapter 5 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

**“§ 566. Use of unmanned aircraft systems**

“With respect to any unmanned aircraft system procured by the Coast Guard, the Commandant shall ensure that such system be used to support the primary duties of the Coast Guard pursuant to section 102.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 5 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“566. Use of unmanned aircraft systems.”.

**Subtitle E—Other Matters**

**SEC. 341. INFORMATION ON TYPE APPROVAL CERTIFICATES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title IX of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–282) is amended by adding at the end the following:

**“SEC. 904. INFORMATION ON TYPE APPROVAL CERTIFICATES.**

“Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall, upon request by any

1 State, the District of Columbia, any Indian Tribe, or any  
2 territory of the United States, provide all data possessed  
3 by the Coast Guard for a ballast water management sys-  
4 tem with a type approval certificate approved by the Coast  
5 Guard pursuant to subpart 162.060 of title 46, Code of  
6 Federal Regulations, as in effect on the date of enactment  
7 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025 pertaining  
8 to—

9 “(1) challenge water (as defined in section  
10 162.060–3 of title 46, Code of Federal Regulations,  
11 as in effect on the date of enactment of the Coast  
12 Guard Authorization Act of 2025) quality character-  
13 istics;

14 “(2) post-treatment water quality characteris-  
15 tics;

16 “(3) challenge water (as defined in section  
17 162.060–3 of title 46, Code of Federal Regulations,  
18 as in effect on the date of enactment of the Coast  
19 Guard Authorization Act of 2025) biologic organism  
20 concentrations data; and

21 “(4) post-treatment water biologic organism  
22 concentrations data.”.

23 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
24 for the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act

1 of 2018 (Public Law 115–282) is amended by inserting  
2 after the item relating to section 903 the following:

“Sec. 904. Information on type approval certificates.”.

3 **SEC. 342. CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5(a) of the Deepwater  
5 Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1504(a)) is amended by  
6 striking the first sentence and inserting “Notwithstanding  
7 section 888(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6  
8 U.S.C. 468(b)), the Secretary shall have the authority to  
9 issue regulations to carry out the purposes and provisions  
10 of this Act, in accordance with the provisions of section  
11 553 of title 5, United States Code, without regard to sub-  
12 section (a) thereof.”.

13 (b) NEPA COMPLIANCE.—Section 5 of the Deep-  
14 water Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1504) is amended by  
15 striking subsection (f) and inserting the following:

16 “(f) NEPA COMPLIANCE.—

17 “(1) DEFINITION OF LEAD AGENCY.—In this  
18 subsection, the term ‘lead agency’ has the meaning  
19 given the term in section 111 of the National Envi-  
20 ronmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4336e).

21 “(2) LEAD AGENCY.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For all applications,  
23 the Maritime Administration shall be the Fed-  
24 eral lead agency for purposes of the National

1 Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.  
2 4321 et seq.).

3 “(B) EFFECT OF COMPLIANCE.—Compli-  
4 ance with the National Environmental Policy  
5 Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) in accord-  
6 ance with subparagraph (A) shall fulfill the re-  
7 quirement of the Federal lead agency in car-  
8 rying out the responsibilities under the National  
9 Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.  
10 4321 et seq.) pursuant to this Act.”.

11 (c) REGULATIONS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months  
13 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-  
14 mandant shall transfer the authorities provided to  
15 the Coast Guard in part 148 of title 33, Code of  
16 Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of en-  
17 actment of this Act), except as provided in para-  
18 graph (2), to the Secretary of Transportation.

19 (2) RETENTION OF AUTHORITY.—The Com-  
20 mandant shall retain responsibility for authorities  
21 pertaining to design, construction, equipment, and  
22 operation of deepwater ports and navigational safe-  
23 ty.

24 (3) UPDATES TO AUTHORITY.—As soon as  
25 practicable after the date of enactment of this Act,

1 the Secretary of Transportation shall issue such reg-  
2 ulations as are necessary to reflect the updates to  
3 authorities prescribed by this subsection.

4 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
5 tion, or the amendments made by this section, may be con-  
6 strued to limit the authorities of other governmental agen-  
7 cies previously delegated authorities of the Deepwater  
8 Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) or any other  
9 law.

10 (e) APPLICATIONS.—Nothing in this section, or the  
11 amendments made by this section, shall apply to any ap-  
12 plication submitted before the date of enactment of this  
13 Act.

14 **SEC. 343. AMENDMENTS TO PASSENGER VESSEL SECURITY**  
15 **AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.**

16 (a) MAINTENANCE OF SUPPLIES THAT PREVENT  
17 SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES.—Section  
18 3507(d)(1) of title 46, United States Code, is amended  
19 by inserting “(taking into consideration the length of the  
20 voyage and the number of passengers and crewmembers  
21 that the vessel can accommodate)” after “a sexual as-  
22 sault”.

23 (b) CREW ACCESS TO PASSENGER STATEROOMS;  
24 PROCEDURES AND RESTRICTIONS.—Section 3507(f) of  
25 title 46, United States Code, is amended—



1 (1) in paragraph (1)—

2 (A) in subparagraph (A) by striking “and”

3 at the end; and

4 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (B)

5 the following:

6 “(C) a system that electronically records

7 the date, time, and identity of each crew mem-

8 ber accessing each passenger stateroom; and”;

9 and

10 (2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the

11 following:

12 “(2) ensure that the procedures and restrictions

13 are—

14 “(A) fully and properly implemented;

15 “(B) reviewed annually; and

16 “(C) updated as necessary.”.

17 **SEC. 344. EXTENSION OF PILOT PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH A**

18 **CETACEAN DESK FOR PUGET SOUND REGION.**

19 Section 11304(a)(2)(A)(i) of the Don Young Coast

20 Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (16 U.S.C. 1390 note)

21 is amended by striking “4 years” and inserting “6 years”.

1 **SEC. 345. SUSPENSION OF ENFORCEMENT OF USE OF DE-**  
2 **VICES BROADCASTING ON AIS FOR PUR-**  
3 **POSES OF MARKING FISHING GEAR.**

4 Section 11320 of the Don Young Coast Guard Au-  
5 thorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat.  
6 4092) is amended by striking “during the period” and all  
7 that follows through the period at the end and inserting  
8 “until December 31, 2029.”.

9 **SEC. 346. CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES.**

10 Section 3316(d) of title 46, United States Code, is  
11 amended—

12 (1) by amending paragraph (2)(B)(i) to read as  
13 follows:

14 “(i) the government of the foreign country in  
15 which the foreign society is headquartered—

16 “(I) delegates that authority to the Amer-  
17 ican Bureau of Shipping; or

18 “(II) does not delegate that authority to  
19 any classification society; or”; and

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

21 “(5) CLARIFICATION ON AUTHORITY.—Nothing  
22 in this subsection authorizes the Secretary to make  
23 a delegation under paragraph (2) to a classification  
24 society from the People’s Republic of China.”.

1 **SEC. 347. ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSEL REMOVALS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 47 of title 46, United  
3 States Code, is amended—

4 (1) in the chapter heading by striking  
5 “**BARGES**” and inserting “**VESSELS**”;

6 (2) by inserting before section 4701 the fol-  
7 lowing:

8 “SUBCHAPTER I—BARGES”; AND

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “SUBCHAPTER II—NON-BARGE VESSELS

11 “§ 4710. Definitions

12 “In this subchapter:

13 “(1) ABANDON.—The term ‘abandon’ means to  
14 moor, strand, wreck, sink, or leave a covered vessel  
15 unattended for longer than 45 days.

16 “(2) COVERED VESSEL.—The term ‘covered  
17 vessel’ means a vessel that is not a barge to which  
18 subchapter I applies.

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

23 “(4) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The  
24 term ‘Native Hawaiian organization’ has the mean-  
25 ing given such term in section 6207 of the Elemen-  
26 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20

1 U.S.C. 7517) except the term includes the Depart-  
2 ment of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Office of  
3 Hawaiian Affairs.

4 **“§ 4711. Abandonment of vessels prohibited**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An owner or operator of a cov-  
6 ered vessel may not abandon such vessel on the navigable  
7 waters of the United States.

8 “(b) DETERMINATION OF ABANDONMENT.—

9 “(1) NOTIFICATION.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to a cov-  
11 ered vessel that appears to be abandoned, the  
12 Commandant of the Coast Guard shall—

13 “(i) attempt to identify the owner  
14 using the vessel registration number, hull  
15 identification number, or any other infor-  
16 mation that can be reasonably inferred or  
17 gathered; and

18 “(ii) notify such owner—

19 “(I) of the penalty described in  
20 subsection (c); and

21 “(II) that the vessel will be re-  
22 moved at the expense of the owner if  
23 the Commandant determines that the  
24 vessel is abandoned and the owner

1 does not remove or account for the  
2 vessel.

3 “(B) FORM.—The Commandant shall pro-  
4 vide the notice required under subparagraph  
5 (A)—

6 “(i) if the owner can be identified, via  
7 certified mail or other appropriate forms  
8 determined by the Commandant; or

9 “(ii) if the owner cannot be identified,  
10 via an announcement in a local publication  
11 and on a website maintained by the Coast  
12 Guard.

13 “(2) DETERMINATION.—The Commandant  
14 shall make a determination not earlier than 45 days  
15 after the date on which the Commandant provides  
16 the notification required under paragraph (1) of  
17 whether a covered vessel described in such para-  
18 graph is abandoned.

19 “(c) PENALTY.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant may as-  
21 sess a civil penalty of not more than \$500 against  
22 an owner or operator of a covered vessel determined  
23 to be abandoned under subsection (b) for a violation  
24 of subsection (a).

1           “(2) LIABILITY IN REM.—The owner or oper-  
2           ator of a covered vessel shall also be liable in rem  
3           for a penalty imposed under paragraph (1).

4           “(3) LIMITATION.—The Commandant shall not  
5           assess a penalty if the Commandant determines the  
6           vessel was abandoned due to major extenuating cir-  
7           cumstances of the owner or operator of the vessel,  
8           including long term medical incapacitation of the  
9           owner or operator.

10          “(d) VESSELS NOT ABANDONED.—The Commandant  
11          may not determine that a covered vessel is abandoned  
12          under this section if—

13               “(1) such vessel is located at a federally ap-  
14               proved or State approved mooring area;

15               “(2) such vessel is located on private property  
16               with the permission of the owner of such property;

17               “(3) the owner or operator of such vessel pro-  
18               vides a notification to the Commandant that—

19                       “(A) indicates the location of the vessel;

20                       “(B) indicates that the vessel is not aban-  
21                       doned; and

22                       “(C) contains documentation proving that  
23                       the vessel is allowed to be in such location; or

1           “(4) the Commandant determines that such an  
2           abandonment determination would not be in the  
3           public interest.

4   **“§ 4712. Inventory of abandoned vessels**

5           “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
6           date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act  
7           of 2025, the Commandant, in consultation with the Ad-  
8           ministrators of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-  
9           ministration and relevant State agencies, shall establish  
10          and maintain a national inventory of covered vessels that  
11          are abandoned.

12          “(b) CONTENTS.—The inventory established and  
13          maintained under subsection (a) shall include data on each  
14          vessel, including geographic information system data re-  
15          lated to the location of each such vessel.

16          “(c) PUBLICATION.—The Commandant shall make  
17          the inventory established under subsection (a) publicly  
18          available on a website of the Coast Guard.

19          “(d) REPORTING OF POTENTIALLY ABANDONED  
20          VESSELS.—In carrying out this section, the Commandant  
21          shall develop a process by which—

22                 “(1) a State, Indian Tribe, Native Hawaiian or-  
23                 ganization, or person may report a covered vessel  
24                 that may be abandoned to the Commandant for po-

1        tential inclusion in the inventory established under  
2        subsection (a);

3            “(2) the Commandant shall review any such re-  
4        port and add such vessel to the inventory if the  
5        Commandant determines that the reported vessel is  
6        abandoned pursuant to section 4711.

7        “(e) CLARIFICATION.—Except in a response action  
8        carried out under section 311(j) of the Federal Water Pol-  
9        lution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321) or in the case of im-  
10       minent threat to life and safety, the Commandant shall  
11       not be responsible for removing any covered vessels listed  
12       on the inventory established and maintained under sub-  
13       section (a).”.

14        (b) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary of the department  
15       in which the Coast Guard is operating, in consultation  
16       with the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief  
17       of Engineers, and the Secretary of Commerce, acting  
18       through the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere,  
19       shall issue regulations with respect to the procedures for  
20       determining that a vessel is abandoned for the purposes  
21       of subchapter II of chapter 47 of title 46, United States  
22       Code (as added by this section).

23        (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 47 of title  
24       46, United States Code, is amended—

25            (1) in section 4701—



1 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)  
2 by striking “chapter” and inserting “sub-  
3 chapter”; and

4 (B) in paragraph (2) by striking “chapter”  
5 and inserting “subchapter”;

6 (2) in section 4703 by striking “chapter” and  
7 inserting “subchapter”;

8 (3) in section 4704 by striking “chapter” each  
9 place it appears and inserting “subchapter”; and

10 (4) in section 4705 by striking “chapter” and  
11 inserting “subchapter”.

12 (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The analysis for  
13 chapter 47 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

14 (1) by inserting before the item relating to sec-  
15 tion 4701 the following:

“SUBCHAPTER I—BARGES”; AND

16 (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.”.

17 **SEC. 348. REPORT ON CERTAIN COAST GUARD REQUIRE-**  
18 **MENTS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
20 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall pre-  
21 pare and submit to the Committee on Transportation and  
22 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the

1 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of  
2 the Senate a report that provides legislative and regu-  
3 latory recommendations to ensure the safe operation of  
4 vessels.

5 (b) CONTENTS.—The report under subsection (a)  
6 shall include recommendations—

7 (1) to ensure that if cases of harassment re-  
8 quired to be reported under section 10104 of title  
9 46, United States Code, are not the result of the  
10 policies and procedures of the responsible entity of  
11 a vessel, the Commandant shall not take administra-  
12 tive action against the responsible entity of a vessel  
13 as a result of the reporting of such cases;

14 (2) to ensure that the Coast Guard’s delibera-  
15 tive process for determining whether or not acts are  
16 harassment does not prevent the responsible entity  
17 of a vessel from immediately acting after learning of  
18 a potential incident of harassment; and

19 (3) to clarify for mariners and the responsible  
20 entity of a vessel the types of behaviors that shall  
21 be reported to the Coast Guard.

22 **SEC. 349. OFFSHORE OPERATIONS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3702(b) of title 46,  
24 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. 350. 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 **Subtitle F—American Offshore**  
4 **Workers Fairness**

5 **SEC. 361. MANNING AND CREWING REQUIREMENTS FOR**  
6 **CERTAIN OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF VES-**  
7 **SELS, VEHICLES, AND STRUCTURES.**

8 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF LIMITED EXEMPTIONS  
9 FROM MANNING AND CREW REQUIREMENT.—Section  
10 30(c) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43  
11 U.S.C. 1356(c)) is amended—

12 (1) by striking “(c) The regulations issued  
13 under” and all that follows through “to any vessel”  
14 in paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

15 “(c) EXEMPTIONS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The regulations issued  
17 under subsection (a)(3) shall not apply to any ves-  
18 sel”;

19 (2) in paragraph (1)(C) by striking “; and” and  
20 inserting a period; and

21 (3) in paragraph (2)—

22 (A) by striking “(2) to any vessel” and in-  
23 serting the following:

1           “(2) EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN FOREIGN-  
2           OWNED VESSELS, RIGS, PLATFORMS, AND OTHER  
3           VEHICLES OR STRUCTURES.—

4           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the re-  
5           quirements of this paragraph, the regulations  
6           issued under subsection (a)(3) shall not apply  
7           to any vessel”; and

8           (B) by adding at the end the following:

9           “(B) REQUIREMENT.—

10           “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clauses  
11           (ii) and (iii), an exemption under subpara-  
12           graph (A) shall require that each indi-  
13           vidual who is manning or crewing the ves-  
14           sel, rig, platform, or other vehicle or struc-  
15           ture is—

16           “(I) a citizen of the United  
17           States;

18           “(II) an alien lawfully admitted  
19           to the United States for permanent  
20           residence; or

21           “(III) a citizen of the nation  
22           under the laws of which the vessel,  
23           rig, platform, or other vehicle or  
24           structure is documented.

25           “(ii) TIMELINE FOR APPLICATION.—

1                   “(I) IN GENERAL.—Except as  
2                   provided in subclause (II), beginning  
3                   on the date of enactment of the Coast  
4                   Guard Authorization Act of 2025, the  
5                   condition described in clause (i) shall  
6                   apply to all activities pursuant to this  
7                   Act on the outer Continental Shelf.

8                   “(II) EXPORT CABLE LAY,  
9                   INTER-ARRAY CABLE LAY, UMBILICAL  
10                  CABLE LAY, AND PIPE LAY ACTIVI-  
11                  TIES.—Beginning on the date that is  
12                  3 years after the date of enactment of  
13                  the Coast Guard Authorization Act of  
14                  2025, the requirement described in  
15                  clause (i) shall apply, except as pro-  
16                  vided in section 30A, to any vessel  
17                  paying out—

18                               “(aa) export cables;

19                               “(bb) inter-array cables;

20                               “(cc) umbilical cables; or

21                               “(dd) pipes.

22                   “(iii) PAYING OUT DEFINED.—In this  
23                  subparagraph:

24                               “(I) IN GENERAL.—The term  
25                  ‘paying out’, with respect to pipe or

1 cable, means the specific act of paying  
2 out pipe, export cable, inter-array  
3 cable, or umbilical cable.

4 “(II) EXCLUSIONS.—The term  
5 ‘paying out’ does not include repair or  
6 other activities incidental to the pay-  
7 ing out of pipe, export cable, inter-  
8 array cable, or umbilical cable, such  
9 as—

10 “(aa) site clearance;

11 “(bb) trenching;

12 “(cc) dredging;

13 “(dd) mattress installation;

14 “(ee) cable tie-ins;

15 “(ff) installation of pipeline  
16 end terminations or pipeline end  
17 manifolds;

18 “(gg) the setting or moving  
19 of any anchors associated with  
20 the cable or pipe;

21 “(hh) offshore cable or pipe  
22 burial; and

23 “(ii) other activities that are  
24 not the actual paying of the pipe  
25 or cable.



1                   “(C)    REQUIREMENTS.—An    exemption  
2                   under subparagraph (A)—

3                   “(i) shall provide that the number of  
4                   individuals manning or crewing the vessel,  
5                   rig, platform, or other vehicle or structure  
6                   who are individuals described in subclause  
7                   (II) or (III) of subparagraph (B)(i) may  
8                   not exceed 2.5 times the number of indi-  
9                   viduals required to man or crew the vessel,  
10                  rig, platform, or other vehicle or structure  
11                  under the laws of the nation in which the  
12                  vessel, rig, platform, or other vehicle or  
13                  structure is documented; and

14                  “(ii) subject to subparagraph (D),  
15                  shall be effective for not more than 1 year.

16                  “(D) APPLICATION.—

17                  “(i) IN GENERAL.—The owner or op-  
18                  erator of a vessel, rig, platform, or other  
19                  vehicle or structure described in subpara-  
20                  graph (A) may submit to the Secretary of  
21                  the department in which the Coast Guard  
22                  is operating an application for an exemp-  
23                  tion or a renewal or extension of an ex-  
24                  emption under that subparagraph.

1                   “(ii) CONTENTS.—An application  
2                   under clause (i) shall include a sworn  
3                   statement by the applicant of all informa-  
4                   tion required by the Secretary of the de-  
5                   partment in which the Coast Guard is op-  
6                   erating for the issuance of the exemption  
7                   or renewal or extension.

8                   “(E) REVOCATIONS.—

9                   “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of  
10                  the department in which the Coast Guard  
11                  is operating may revoke an exemption for  
12                  a vessel, rig, platform, or other vehicle or  
13                  structure under subparagraph (A) if the  
14                  Secretary of the department in which the  
15                  Coast Guard is operating determines that  
16                  information provided in the application for  
17                  the exemption or renewal or extension of  
18                  such an exemption—

19                         “(I) was false or incomplete; or

20                         “(II) is no longer true or com-  
21                         plete.

22                   “(ii) MANNING OR CREWING VIOLA-  
23                  TION.—The Secretary of the department in  
24                  which the Coast Guard is operating shall  
25                  immediately revoke an exemption for a ves-

1 sel, rig, platform, or other vehicle or struc-  
2 ture under subparagraph (A) if the Sec-  
3 retary of the department in which the  
4 Coast Guard is operating determines that,  
5 during the effective period of the exemp-  
6 tion, the vessel, rig, platform, or other ve-  
7 hicle or structure was manned or crewed in  
8 a manner that—

9 “(I) was not authorized by the  
10 exemption; or

11 “(II) does not otherwise comply  
12 with this paragraph.

13 “(iii) NOTICE.—The Secretary of the  
14 department in which the Coast Guard is  
15 operating shall provide notice of a deter-  
16 mination and revocation under clause (i) or  
17 (ii) to the owner, operator, agent, or mas-  
18 ter of the vessel, rig, platform, or other ve-  
19 hicle or structure.

20 “(F) REVIEW OF COMPLIANCE.—

21 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of  
22 the department in which the Coast Guard  
23 is operating shall periodically, but not less  
24 frequently than annually, inspect each ves-  
25 sel, rig, platform, or other vehicle or struc-

1                   ture for which an exemption under sub-  
2                   paragraph (A) has been granted to verify  
3                   the compliance of the vessel, rig, platform,  
4                   or other vehicle or structure with this  
5                   paragraph.

6                   “(ii) REQUIREMENT.—During each  
7                   inspection of a vessel, rig, platform, or  
8                   other vehicle or structure under clause (i),  
9                   the Secretary of the department in which  
10                  the Coast Guard is operating shall require  
11                  all individuals who are manning or crewing  
12                  the vessel, rig, platform, or other vehicle or  
13                  structure to hold a valid Transportation  
14                  Worker Identification Credential.

15                 “(G) CIVIL PENALTIES.—The Secretary of  
16                  the department in which the Coast Guard is op-  
17                  erating may impose on the owner or operator of  
18                  a vessel, rig, platform, or other vehicle or struc-  
19                  ture for which an exemption under subpara-  
20                  graph (A) has been granted a civil penalty of  
21                  \$10,000 per day for each day the vessel, rig,  
22                  platform, or other vehicle or structure—

23                         “(i) is manned or crewed in violation  
24                         of this paragraph; or

1 “(ii) operates under the exemption, if  
2 the Secretary of the department in which  
3 the Coast Guard is operating determines  
4 that—

5 “(I) the exemption was not val-  
6 idly obtained; or

7 “(II) information provided in the  
8 application for the exemption was  
9 false or incomplete.

10 “(H) NOTIFICATION TO SECRETARY OF  
11 STATE.—The Secretary of the department in  
12 which the Coast Guard is operating shall notify  
13 the Secretary of State of each exemption issued  
14 under this subsection, including information on  
15 the effective period of the exemption.”.

16 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
18 the date of enactment of this Act, and annually  
19 thereafter, the Secretary of the department in which  
20 the Coast Guard is operating shall submit to Con-  
21 gress a report that describes the number of exemp-  
22 tions granted under subsection (c)(2)(A) of section  
23 30 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43  
24 U.S.C. 1356) (as amended by this Act) during the  
25 year preceding the report.

1           (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Each report under para-  
2       graph (1) shall include a list of, with respect to each  
3       vessel, rig, platform, or other vehicle or structure  
4       granted an exemption during the period covered by  
5       the report, the following:

6           (A) The name and International Maritime  
7       Organization number of the vessel, rig, plat-  
8       form, or other vehicle or structure.

9           (B) The nation in which the vessel, rig,  
10      platform, or other vehicle or structure is docu-  
11      mented.

12          (C) The nationality of each owner of the  
13      vessel, rig, platform, or other vehicle or struc-  
14      ture.

15          (D) Any changes to the information de-  
16      scribed in subparagraphs (A) through (C) appli-  
17      cable to the vessel, rig, platform, or other vehi-  
18      cle or structure if the vessel, rig, platform, or  
19      other vehicle or structure has received a prior  
20      exemption under subsection (c)(2)(A) or sub-  
21      section (c)(2)(as in effect on the day before the  
22      date of enactment of this Act).

23      (c) PIPE, INTER-ARRAY CABLE, UMBILICAL CABLE,  
24      OR EXPORT CABLE LAY VESSELS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Outer Continental Shelf  
2       Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.) is amended by  
3       inserting after section 30 of such Act (43 U.S.C.  
4       1356) the following:

5       **“SEC. 30A. PIPE, INTER-ARRAY CABLE, UMBILICAL CABLE,**  
6               **OR EXPORT CABLE LAY PROJECTS.**

7       “(a) INITIAL DETERMINATION.—

8           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not prior to 180 days be-  
9       fore the date on which subclause (II) of section  
10      30(c)(2)(B)(ii) takes effect, the Secretary shall de-  
11      termine for each category of vessel described in  
12      paragraph (2) whether there exists a coastwise-en-  
13      dorsed vessel.

14      “(2) CATEGORIES.—The categories of vessels  
15      described in this paragraph are the following:

16           “(A) Pipe lay vessels.

17           “(B) Inter-array cable lay vessels.

18           “(C) Umbilical cable lay vessels.

19           “(D) Export cable lay vessels.

20      “(b) APPLICATION.—In the case the Secretary deter-  
21      mines under subsection (a) that a coastwise-endorsed ves-  
22      sel does not exist for a category of vessels described in  
23      subsection (a)(2), a vessel in such category shall, begin-  
24      ning on the date on which the Secretary makes such deter-

1 mination, be exempt from the condition under section  
2 30(c)(2)(B) with respect to an applicable project.

3 “(c) REQUESTS FOR DETERMINATIONS OF COAST-  
4 WISE-ENDORSED VESSELS.—

5 “(1) NEW DETERMINATIONS.—After the date  
6 on which the determination is made under sub-  
7 section (a), the owner or operator of a vessel in the  
8 applicable category may seek a new determination  
9 from the Secretary that a coastwise-endorsed vessel  
10 for such category exists.

11 “(2) APPLICATION TO NON-COASTWISE-EN-  
12 DORSED VESSELS.—If the Secretary makes a deter-  
13 mination under paragraph (1) that a coastwise-en-  
14 dorsed vessel for the applicable category exists, then  
15 the owner or operator of a vessel in such category  
16 that is not coastwise-endorsed shall seek a deter-  
17 mination under paragraph (3) of the availability of  
18 a coastwise-endorsed vessel in such category for an  
19 applicable project before engaging in any such appli-  
20 cable project that has not commenced or resumed  
21 prior to such determination under paragraph (1)  
22 that a coastwise-endorsed vessel for the applicable  
23 category exists.

24 “(3) DETERMINATION OF AVAILABILITY.—



1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable  
2           in accordance with this paragraph, the Sec-  
3           retary shall determine whether a coastwise-en-  
4           dorsed vessel in the applicable category is avail-  
5           able for the applicable project that is the sub-  
6           ject of a request under paragraph (2). The Sec-  
7           retary shall determine that a coastwise-endorsed  
8           vessel in the applicable category is not available  
9           for such applicable project if—

10           “(i) the owner or operator of the non-  
11           coastwise endorsed vessel making such re-  
12           quest submits to the Secretary an applica-  
13           tion for the use of such vessel for such ap-  
14           plicable project that includes all relevant  
15           information and requirements for such ap-  
16           plicable project, including engineering de-  
17           tails and timing requirements;

18           “(ii) not later than 30 days after re-  
19           ceiving such an application, the Secretary  
20           provides a copy of the application to the  
21           owner of each coastwise-endorsed vessel in  
22           the applicable category that is listed in the  
23           inventory under section 12138(b) of title  
24           46, United States Code, and promptly pub-  
25           lishes in the Federal Register a notice—

1 “(I) describing such applicable  
2 project;

3 “(II) advising that all relevant  
4 information reasonably needed to as-  
5 sess the transportation and installa-  
6 tion requirements for the pipe, inter-  
7 array cables, umbilical cables, or ex-  
8 port cables, as applicable, used in  
9 such applicable project will be made  
10 available to an interested person upon  
11 request; and

12 “(III) requesting that informa-  
13 tion on the availability for such appli-  
14 cable project of coastwise-endorsed  
15 vessels in the applicable category be  
16 submitted within the 30-day period  
17 beginning on the date of such publica-  
18 tion; and

19 “(iii)(I) within such 30-day period, no  
20 information is submitted to the Secretary  
21 from owners or operators of coastwise-en-  
22 dored vessels in the applicable category to  
23 meet the requirements of the applicable  
24 project described in the application sub-  
25 mitted under clause (i); or

1                   “(II) the owner or operator of a  
2                   coastwise-endorsed vessel in the appli-  
3                   cable category submits information to  
4                   the Secretary asserting that the owner  
5                   or operator has a suitable coastwise-  
6                   endorsed vessel in the applicable cat-  
7                   egory to meet the requirements of the  
8                   applicable project described in such  
9                   application, but the Secretary deter-  
10                  mines, in consultation with the Com-  
11                  mandant of the Coast Guard, within  
12                  90 days after the notice is first pub-  
13                  lished, that such vessel is not suitable  
14                  or reasonably available for the trans-  
15                  portation required for such applicable  
16                  project and no other vessel for which  
17                  such information has been so sub-  
18                  mitted is so suitable and reasonably  
19                  available for such transportation.

20                  “(B) GUIDANCE.—For the purpose of pro-  
21                  viding guidance on making determinations re-  
22                  garding suitability or availability under this  
23                  paragraph, the Secretary, to the maximum ex-  
24                  tent practicable, shall contract with the Amer-  
25                  ican Bureau of Shipping or another classifica-

1           tion society recognized by the Secretary as  
2           meeting acceptable standards to provide such  
3           guidance.

4           “(4) IMPACT OF DETERMINATION.—

5                 “(A)     COASTWISE-ENDORSED     VESSEL  
6           AVAILABILITY.—After the date on which a de-  
7           termination is made under paragraph (3) that  
8           a coastwise-endorsed vessel in the applicable  
9           category is available for an applicable project,  
10          the owner or operator of a vessel in the applica-  
11          ble category that is not coastwise-endorsed—

12                 “(i) shall engage only in the applica-  
13           ble project for which the vessel began or  
14           resumed prior to the date of the deter-  
15           mination under paragraph (1) that a  
16           coastwise-endorsed vessel in the applicable  
17           category exists and pursuant to the exemp-  
18           tion under subsection (b); and

19                 “(ii) may not engage or resume in any  
20           further applicable projects until the vessel  
21           is in compliance with the condition under  
22           section 30(c)(2)(B).

23                 “(B)     NO COASTWISE-ENDORSED VESSEL  
24           AVAILABILITY.—After the date on which a de-  
25           termination is made under paragraph (3) that

1 a coastwise-endorsed vessel in the applicable  
2 category is not available for an applicable  
3 project, the owner or operator of the vessel in  
4 the applicable category that is not coastwise-en-  
5 dored shall be permitted to engage in the ap-  
6 plicable project as authorized under subsection  
7 (b) without regard to whether such applicable  
8 project has commenced or resumed prior to the  
9 date of the determination under paragraph (1)  
10 that a coastwise-endorsed vessel in the applica-  
11 ble category exists.

12 “(5) TIME PERIODS.—The Secretary shall not  
13 extend any period under paragraph (3)(A) beyond  
14 the period as required under such paragraph.

15 “(6) DEEMED APPROVAL.—If the Secretary has  
16 failed to take an action required of the Secretary  
17 under paragraph (3)(A) within the period required  
18 for such action under such paragraph with respect  
19 to an application submitted under clause (i) of such  
20 paragraph, the owner or operator who submitted  
21 such application shall be deemed permitted under  
22 paragraph (4)(B) to engage in the applicable project  
23 that is the subject of such application.

24 “(d) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall coordi-  
25 nate with the Secretary of the department in which the

1 Coast Guard is operating in order to apply an exemption  
2 determined under this section to the condition under sec-  
3 tion 30(e)(2)(B) with respect to an applicable project.

4 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 “(1) APPLICABLE CATEGORY.—The term ‘applicable  
6 cable category’, with respect to a vessel for which a  
7 determination is made under subsection (a), means  
8 the category of such vessel as described in para-  
9 graph (2) of such subsection.

10 “(2) APPLICABLE PROJECT.—The term ‘applicable  
11 cable project’—

12 “(A) with respect to a pipe lay vessel,  
13 means a project paying out pipe;

14 “(B) with respect to an inter-array cable  
15 lay vessel, means a project paying out inter-  
16 array cables;

17 “(C) with respect to an umbilical cable lay  
18 vessel, means a project paying out umbilical ca-  
19 bles; and

20 “(D) with respect to an export cable lay  
21 vessel, means a project paying out export ca-  
22 bles.

23 “(3) COASTWISE-ENDORSED.—The term ‘coast-  
24 wise-endorsed’, with respect to a vessel, means that  
25 the vessel has been issued a certificate of docu-

1       mentation with a coastwise endorsement under chap-  
2       ter 121 of title 46, United States Code.

3           “(4) INTER-ARRAY CABLE LAY VESSEL.—The  
4       term ‘inter-array cable lay vessel’ means a vessel  
5       paying out inter-array cables to which section  
6       30(c)(2)(B)(ii)(II) applies, including paying out a  
7       submarine inter-array cable described in section  
8       12138(b) of title 46, United States Code.

9           “(5) EXPORT CABLE LAY VESSEL.—The term  
10      ‘export cable lay vessel’ means a vessel paying out  
11      export cables to which section 30(c)(2)(B)(ii)(II) ap-  
12      plies, including paying out a submarine export cable  
13      described in section 12138(b) of title 46, United  
14      States Code.

15          “(6) PIPE LAY VESSEL.—The term ‘pipe lay  
16      vessel’ means a vessel paying out pipe to which sec-  
17      tion 30(c)(2)(B)(ii)(II) applies, including paying out  
18      a submarine pipe described in such section  
19      12138(b).

20          “(7) UMBILICAL CABLE LAY VESSEL.—The  
21      term ‘umbilical cable lay vessel’ means a vessel pay-  
22      ing out umbilical cables to which section  
23      30(c)(2)(B)(ii)(II) applies, including paying out a  
24      submarine umbilical cable described in such section  
25      12138(b).

1           “(8) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means  
2           the Secretary of Transportation.”.

3           (2) INVENTORY.—Section 12138(b) of title 46,  
4           United States Code, is amended—

5                   (A) in the heading by striking “VESSELS  
6                   FOR CABLE LAYING, MAINTENANCE, AND RE-  
7                   PAIR” and inserting “VESSELS FOR PAYING  
8                   OUT PIPE, INTER-ARRAY CABLES, UMBILICAL  
9                   CABLES, OR EXPORT CABLES, MAINTENANCE,  
10                  AND REPAIR”;

11                  (B) by amending paragraph (1) to read as  
12                  follows:

13           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transpor-  
14           tation shall develop, maintain, and periodically up-  
15           date an inventory of vessels that—

16                   “(A) are documented under this chapter;

17                   “(B) are at least 200 feet in length; and

18                   “(C) have the capability to pay out, main-  
19                   tain, or repair a submarine export cable, inter-  
20                   array cable, umbilical cable, or pipe without re-  
21                   gard to whether a particular vessel is classed as  
22                   a cable or pipe lay ship or cable or pipe lay ves-  
23                   sel.”;

24                  (C) by amending paragraph (2)(B) to read  
25                  as follows:



1           “(B) the abilities and limitations of the  
2           vessel with respect to paying out, maintaining,  
3           and repairing a submarine export, inter-array,  
4           or umbilical cable or submarine pipeline; and”;  
5           and

6           (D) by adding at the end the following:

7           “(4) CATEGORIES.—For purposes of subsection  
8           (c)(3)(A)(ii) of section 30A of the Outer Continental  
9           Shelf Lands Act, the Secretary of Transportation  
10          shall note the category of each vessel included in the  
11          inventory under this subsection in accordance with  
12          the categories described in subsection (a)(2) of such  
13          section 30A.”.

14          (d) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 1 year after the  
15          date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the depart-  
16          ment in which the Coast Guard is operating shall issue  
17          regulations that specify the application requirements for  
18          an exemption under subsection (c)(2)(A) of section 30 of  
19          the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.  
20          1356(c)(2)(A)) (as amended by this Act).

21          (e) EXISTING EXEMPTIONS.—

22               (1) IN GENERAL.—Each exemption granted to  
23          a vessel before the date of enactment of this Act  
24          under section 30(c)(2) of the Outer Continental  
25          Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1356(c)(2)) (as in effect

1 on the day before such effective date) shall remain  
2 in effect until the applicable date described in sec-  
3 tion 30(c)(2)(B) of the Outer Continental Shelf  
4 Lands Act (43 U.S.C.1356(c)(2)(B)) (as amended  
5 by this Act) based on the activity of the vessel.

6 (2) TERMINATION.—On the day after the last  
7 day of the period described in paragraph (1), each  
8 exemption described in that paragraph shall termi-  
9 nate, except to the extent the exemption is continued  
10 for certain vessels under section 30A of the Outer  
11 Continental Shelf Lands Act (as added by this Act).

12 (3) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 90 days  
13 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
14 retary of the department in which the Coast Guard  
15 is operating shall notify all persons that hold an ex-  
16 emption described in paragraph (1) that the exemp-  
17 tion will terminate in accordance with paragraph  
18 (2).

19 (f) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section or  
21 the amendments made by this section shall authorize  
22 a pipe lay vessel, inter-array cable lay vessel, umbil-  
23 ical cable lay vessel, or export cable lay vessel that  
24 is not coastwise-endorsed to engage in the transpor-  
25 tation of merchandise in coastwise trade.

1 (2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

2 (A) COASTWISE-ENDORSED.—The term  
3 “coastwise-endorsed” has the meaning given the  
4 term in section 30A(e) of the Outer Continental  
5 Shelf Lands Act (as added by this Act).

6 (B) EXPORT CABLE LAY VESSEL; INTER-  
7 ARRAY CABLE LAY VESSEL; PIPE LAY VESSEL;  
8 AND UMBILICAL CABLE LAY VESSEL.—The  
9 terms “export cable lay vessel”, “inter-array  
10 cable lay vessel”, “pipe lay vessel”, and “umbil-  
11 ical cable lay vessel” have the meanings given  
12 such terms in section 30A(e) of the Outer Con-  
13 tinental Shelf Lands Act (as added by this  
14 Act).

15 (g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
16 tion or an amendment made by this section shall be con-  
17 strued as adopting any agency interpretations of any pro-  
18 visions of, or terms within, chapter 551 of title 46, United  
19 States Code.

20 **SEC. 362. OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.**

21 (a) AMENDMENT TO EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN FOR-  
22 EIGN-OWNED VESSELS, RIGS, PLATFORMS, AND OTHER  
23 VEHICLES OR STRUCTURES.—Section 30(c)(2)(A) of the  
24 Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.  
25 1356(c)(2)(A)), as so designated by this Act, is further

1 amended by striking “the exploration, development, or  
2 production of oil and gas” and inserting “exploring for,  
3 developing, or producing resources, including nonmineral  
4 energy resources,”.

5 (b) IMPLEMENTATION OF AMENDMENT TO JURISDIC-  
6 TION OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE OUTER CONTI-  
7 NENTAL SHELF.—Not later than 90 days after the date  
8 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the department  
9 in which the Coast Guard is operating shall issue regula-  
10 tions to implement the amendment made by section 9503  
11 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Au-  
12 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–  
13 283; 134 Stat. 4822) to section 4(a)(1) of the Outer Con-  
14 tinental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1333(a)(1)) with re-  
15 spect to laws administered by such Secretary.

16 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act  
17 or the amendments made by this Act may be construed  
18 to nullify or supersede any other provision of law relating  
19 to the outer Continental Shelf (as such term is defined  
20 in section 2 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43  
21 U.S.C. 1331)), except as expressly provided in this Act  
22 or an amendment made by this Act.

1   **SEC. 363. FOREIGN VESSEL NOTIFICATIONS.**

2           (a) PUBLICATION OF PENALTIES.—Section 55102 of  
3 title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
4 end the following:

5           “(d) PUBLICATION OF PENALTIES.—

6                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 7 days after  
7 a final agency action regarding a violation of this  
8 section by a vessel that does not have a coastwise  
9 endorsement under chapter 121 of this title or is not  
10 otherwise authorized to engage in the coastwise  
11 trade, the Secretary of the department in which the  
12 Coast Guard is operating shall publish in the Cus-  
13 toms Bulletin and Decisions a notification pursuant  
14 to paragraph (2) with respect to the violation.

15                   “(2) CONTENTS.—The notification under para-  
16 graph (1) shall include—

17                           “(A) the name of the vessel involved in the  
18 violation;

19                           “(B) the name of the owner of such vessel;

20                           “(C) the amount of the fine imposed, or  
21 value of merchandise seized, pursuant to sub-  
22 section (c) as a result of the violation; and

23                           “(D) a summary of the misconduct com-  
24 prising the violation; and

1           “(E) justification for imposing a penalty,  
2           as identified in the final agency action with re-  
3           spect to the violation.

4           “(e) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 90 days after  
5 the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization  
6 Act of 2025, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall  
7 prescribe regulations implementing subsection (d), which  
8 may include amending regulations relating to penalties  
9 issued by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, particu-  
10 larly with respect to the information to be contained in  
11 the notification under such subsection.”.

12           (b) INTERPRETIVE RULING PROCESS.—Chapter 551  
13 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at  
14 the end the following:

15   **“§ 55124. Interpretive ruling process**

16           “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17           “(1) COASTWISE QUALIFIED VESSEL.—The  
18           term ‘coastwise qualified vessel’ has the meaning  
19           given the term in section 55108 of this title.

20           “(2) INTERESTED PARTY.—The term ‘inter-  
21           ested party’ means—

22           “(A) the owner or operator of a vessel en-  
23           gaged in coastwise trade;

24           “(B) a manufacturer of coastwise qualified  
25           vessels;

1           “(C) a certified labor organization, recog-  
2           nized labor organization, or group of workers or  
3           mariners which is representative of an industry  
4           engaged or employed in—

5                   “(i) the coastwise trade; or

6                   “(ii) coastwise qualified vessel con-  
7           struction;

8           “(D) a trade or business association, a ma-  
9           jority of whose members are—

10                   “(i) owners or operators of vessels en-  
11           gaged in coastwise trade; or

12                   “(ii) manufacturers of coastwise quali-  
13           fied vessels; or

14           “(E) an association, a majority of whose  
15           members are composed of persons described in  
16           subparagraphs (A) through (D).

17           “(3) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means  
18           the Secretary of the department in which the Coast  
19           Guard is operating.

20           “(b) INTERPRETIVE RULINGS PROCESS.—Upon writ-  
21           ten request by an interested party, the Secretary shall fur-  
22           nish, by not later than 60 days after such request, an in-  
23           terpretive ruling regarding a non-coastwise qualified ves-  
24           sel’s activities and compliance with United States laws in  
25           the internal waters of the United States, the territorial

1 sea, and the waters of the outer Continental Shelf, includ-  
2 ing the vessel's compliance with sections 50503 and 55101  
3 through 55121 of this title.

4 “(c) PETITION.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—After the Secretary fur-  
6 nishes an interpretive ruling requested under sub-  
7 section (b) or any other interpretive ruling regarding  
8 the interpretation, application, or enforcement of the  
9 coastwise laws, an interested party that believes the  
10 ruling is incorrect may file a petition with the Sec-  
11 retary setting forth—

12 “(A) the interested party's understanding  
13 of the factual scenario;

14 “(B) the outcome of the decision that the  
15 interested party believes to be proper in the  
16 provided factual scenario; and

17 “(C) the reasons for the belief of the inter-  
18 ested party.

19 “(2) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall pub-  
20 lish online—

21 “(A) the name of an interested party filing  
22 a petition under paragraph (1); and

23 “(B) the ruling that such party believes is  
24 incorrect.

25 “(d) DETERMINATION ON PETITION.—



1           “(1) CORRECTION OF INTERPRETIVE RUL-  
2           ING.—If, after receipt and consideration of a peti-  
3           tion filed under subsection (c) by an interested  
4           party, the Secretary determines that the conclusion  
5           reached in the contested interpretive ruling is not  
6           correct, the Secretary shall, by not later than 60  
7           days after such receipt, determine the proper out-  
8           come and notify the interested party of the deter-  
9           minations of the Secretary.

10           “(2) CONTEST BY PETITIONER.—

11           “(A) DETERMINATION.—If after receipt  
12           and consideration of a petition filed under sub-  
13           section (c) by an interested party, the Secretary  
14           determines that the contested interpretive rul-  
15           ing under subsection (b) is correct, the Sec-  
16           retary shall, not later than 30 days after such  
17           receipt, notify the interested party.

18           “(B) APPEAL.—An interested party that  
19           receives a notice under subparagraph (A) may  
20           file an appeal to contest the ruling by not later  
21           than 30 days after the date of the notification.

22           “(C) DETERMINATION IN RESPONSE TO  
23           APPEAL.— Not later than 7 days after the re-  
24           ceipt of an appeal from the interested party  
25           under subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall

1           make a determination of the interpretive ruling  
2           contested in the original ruling under sub-  
3           section (b).

4           “(3) PUBLICATION.—Not later than 3 days  
5           after making a determination under paragraph (1)  
6           or (2), the Secretary shall publish such determina-  
7           tion on a website of the Coast Guard.

8           “(e) REVIEW OF INTERPRETIVE RULING.—Not later  
9           than 90 days after the Secretary makes a determination  
10          regarding an interpretive ruling under subsection  
11          (d)(2)(B), any interested party may commence an action  
12          in any district court of the United States, subject to the  
13          venue requirements of section 1391 of title 28, by filing  
14          concurrently a summons and complaint, each with the con-  
15          tent and in the form, manner, and style prescribed by the  
16          rules of such court, contesting any legal conclusions of the  
17          Secretary.

18          “(f) REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING REQUIRED PRO-  
19          CEDURES.—Not later than 90 days after the date of en-  
20          actment of this section, the Secretary shall prescribe regu-  
21          lations to carry out this section.”.

22          “(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
23          tions for chapter 551 of title 46, United States Code, is  
24          amended by inserting after the item relating to section  
25          55123 the following:

“Sec. 55124. Interpretive ruling process.”.

1 (d) RULING LETTERS.—Nothing in this Act or the  
2 amendments made by this Act may be construed as con-  
3 gressional validation of a ruling letter, interpretative guid-  
4 ance, or doctrine issued, or other action taken, by the Sec-  
5 retary of Homeland Security.

6 (e) FOREIGN VESSEL NOTIFICATIONS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 700  
8 of title 46, United States Code, is further amended  
9 by adding at the end the following:

10 **“§ 70009. Foreign vessel notifications**

11 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 “(1) OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.—The term  
13 ‘outer Continental Shelf’ has the meaning given such  
14 term in section 2 of the Outer Continental Shelf  
15 Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331).

16 “(2) RULING LETTER.—The term ‘ruling letter’  
17 means any ruling letter or headquarters ruling letter  
18 relating to the enforcement of chapters 121 and 551  
19 (commonly referred to as the ‘Jones Act’), issued by  
20 the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Pro-  
21 tection pursuant to section 502(a) or 625 of the  
22 Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1502(a), 1625).

23 “(3) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means  
24 the Secretary of the department in which the United  
25 States Customs and Border Protection is operating,

1 acting through the Commissioner of U.S. Customs  
2 and Border Protection.

3 “(b) NOTIFICATION.—

4 “(1) ADVANCE NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—

5 Prior to engaging in any activity or operation on the  
6 outer Continental Shelf, the operator of a foreign  
7 vessel used in such activity or operations shall file  
8 with the Secretary a notification describing all ac-  
9 tivities and operations to be performed by the oper-  
10 ator on the outer Continental Shelf and, if applica-  
11 ble, an identification of each applicable ruling letter  
12 issued by such Secretary to approve the use of a for-  
13 eign vessel in an identical activity or operation.

14 “(2) PUBLICATION OF NOTICES.—Not later  
15 than 14 days after the receipt of a notification under  
16 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

17 “(A) if necessary, redact any information  
18 exempt from public disclosure under section  
19 552 of title 5; and

20 “(B) publish the notification, as so re-  
21 dacted, in the Customs Bulletin and Decisions.

22 “(3) EXCEPTIONS.—This subsection shall not  
23 apply to—

24 “(A) any vessel that—

1 “(i) is performing an offshore lift, as  
2 defined in section 30(c)(2)(B)(iv)(I) of the  
3 Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43  
4 U.S.C. 1356(c)(2)(B)(iv)(I)); and

5 “(ii) has a crane height capability of  
6 180 meters; and

7 “(B) any rig or unit described in section  
8 30(d) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act  
9 (43 U.S.C. 1356(d)).”.

10 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for  
11 chapter 700 of title 46, United States Code, is  
12 amended by adding at the end the following:

“70009. Foreign vessel notifications.”.

13 **SEC. 364. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14 Sections 361, 362, and 363, and the amendments  
15 made by sections 361, 362, and 363, shall take effect on  
16 the day that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this  
17 Act.

18 **SEC. 365. ANCHOR HANDLING ACTIVITIES.**

19 Section 12111(d) of title 46, United States Code, is  
20 amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (1)—

22 (A) in subparagraph (A) by inserting “or  
23 other energy production or transmission facility,  
24 or vessel engaged in the launch, recovery, or  
25 support of commercial space transportation or

1 space exploration activities” after “drilling  
2 unit”; and

3 (B) in subparagraph (B) by inserting “or  
4 other energy production or transmission facility,  
5 or vessel engaged in the launch, recovery, or  
6 support of commercial space transportation or  
7 space exploration activities” after “drilling  
8 unit”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(3) ENERGY PRODUCTION OR TRANSMISSION  
11 FACILITY DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term  
12 ‘energy production or transmission facility’ means a  
13 floating offshore facility that is—

14 “(A) not a vessel;

15 “(B) securely and substantially moored to  
16 the seabed; and

17 “(C) equipped with wind turbines which  
18 are used for the generation and transmission of  
19 non-mineral energy resources.”.

## 20 **TITLE II—OIL POLLUTION** 21 **RESPONSE**

### 22 **SEC. 401. VESSEL RESPONSE PLANS.**

23 (a) SALVAGE AND MARINE FIREFIGHTING RESPONSE  
24 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 III—SEXUAL ASSAULT**  
2 **AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT**  
3 **RESPONSE**

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 of covered  
16       misconduct that shall be retained;  
17       retained;

18           “(B) with respect to records relating to covered misconduct  
19       involving members of the Coast Guard that are not records of the Coast  
20       Guard, identify such records known to or in the possession of the Coast  
21       Guard, identify such records known to or in the possession of the Coast  
22       Guard, and set forth procedures for Coast Guard coordination with  
23       the custodian of such records for proper retention of the records;  
24       the custodian of such records for proper retention of the records;  
25       tion 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       clude 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-

1 mandant in response to any incident described  
2 in subparagraph (A)(i) involving—

3 “(i) a recruit of the Coast Guard at  
4 Training Center Cape May; or

5 “(ii) an officer candidate at the Coast  
6 Guard Officer Candidate School.

7 “(D) PLAN.—Each report required under  
8 subsection (a) shall include a plan for actions to  
9 be taken during the year following the year cov-  
10 ered by the report to enhance the prevention of  
11 and response to incidents described in subpara-  
12 graph (A)(i) involving a recruit of the Coast  
13 Guard at Training Center Cape May or an offi-  
14 cer candidate at the Coast Guard Officer Can-  
15 didate School.

16 “(E) COVERED MISCONDUCT PREVENTION  
17 AND RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.—Each report re-  
18 quired under subsection (a) shall include an as-  
19 sessment of the adequacy of covered misconduct  
20 prevention and response activities related to in-  
21 cidents described in subparagraph (A)(i) of this  
22 paragraph carried out by the Coast Guard dur-  
23 ing the preceding calendar year.

24 “(F) CONTRIBUTING FACTORS.—Each re-  
25 port required under subsection (a) shall include,

1           for incidents described in subparagraph  
2           (A)(i)—

3                   “(i) an analysis of the factors that  
4                   may have contributed to such incidents;

5                   “(ii) an assessment of the role of such  
6                   factors in contributing to such incidents  
7                   during such year; and

8                   “(iii) recommendations for mecha-  
9                   nisms to eliminate or reduce such contrib-  
10                  uting factors.

11           “(3) IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF ACCOUNT-  
12           ABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY REVIEW DIRECTED AC-  
13           TIONS.—Each report required under subsection (a)  
14           submitted during the 5-year period beginning on  
15           March 1, 2025, shall include information on the im-  
16           plementation by the Commandant of the directed ac-  
17           tions described in the memorandum of the Coast  
18           Guard titled ‘Commandant’s Directed Actions—Ac-  
19           countability and Transparency’, issued on November  
20           27, 2023, including—

21                   “(A) a description of actions taken to ad-  
22                   dress each directed action during the year cov-  
23                   ered by the report;

24                   “(B) the implementation status of each di-  
25                   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 **OMMENDATIONS 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           spector 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 **SEC. 523. COAST GUARD AND COAST GUARD ACADEMY AC-**  
18 **CESS TO DEFENSE SEXUAL ASSAULT INCI-**  
19 **DENT DATABASE.**

20 (a) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—Not later  
21 than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
22 the Commandant, in consultation with the Secretary of  
23 Defense, shall enter into a memorandum of understanding  
24 to enable the criminal offender case management and ana-  
25 lytics database of the Coast Guard to have system inter-

1 face access with the Defense Sexual Assault Incident  
2 Database (referred to in this section as the “Database”)  
3 established by section 563 of the Duncan Hunter National  
4 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (10  
5 U.S.C. 1561 note).

6 (b) PLAN.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after  
8 entering into the memorandum of understanding re-  
9 quired under subsection (a), the Commandant, in  
10 consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall  
11 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a  
12 plan to carry out the terms of such memorandum.

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

15 (A) Measures to ensure that authorized  
16 staff of the Coast Guard have system interface  
17 access to the Database, and a description of  
18 any barrier to such access.

19 (B) Measures to ensure that authorized  
20 staff of the Coast Guard Academy have system  
21 interface access to the Database, and a descrip-  
22 tion of any barrier to such access that is unique  
23 to the Coast Guard Academy.

24 (C) Measures to facilitate formal or infor-  
25 mal communication between the Coast Guard

1 and the Sexual Assault Prevention and Re-  
2 sponse Office of the Department of Defense, or  
3 any other relevant Department of Defense com-  
4 ponent, to identify or seek a resolution to bar-  
5 riers to Database access.

6 (D) A description of the steps, measures,  
7 and improvements necessary to remove any bar-  
8 rier encountered by staff of the Coast Guard or  
9 the Coast Guard Academy in accessing the  
10 Database, including any failure of system inter-  
11 face access necessitating manual entry of inves-  
12 tigative data.

13 (E) An assessment of the technical chal-  
14 lenges, timeframes, and costs associated with  
15 providing authorized staff of the Coast Guard  
16 and the Coast Guard Academy with system  
17 interface access for the Database that is sub-  
18 stantially similar to such system interface ac-  
19 cess possessed by other branches of the Armed  
20 Forces.

21 (3) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS  
22 DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “appro-  
23 priate committees of Congress” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
2 and Transportation and the Committee on  
3 Armed Services of the Senate; and

4 (B) the Committee on Transportation and  
5 Infrastructure and the Committee on Armed  
6 Services of the House of Representatives.

7 **SEC. 524. DIRECTOR OF COAST GUARD INVESTIGATIVE**  
8 **SERVICE.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 14, United  
10 States Code, is further amended by adding at the end the  
11 following:

12 **“§ 327. Director of Coast Guard Investigative Service**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There shall be a Director of the  
14 Coast Guard Investigative Service.

15 “(b) CHAIN OF COMMAND.—The Director of the  
16 Coast Guard Investigative Service shall report directly to  
17 and be under the general supervision of the Commandant,  
18 acting through the Vice Commandant of the Coast  
19 Guard.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for Chap-  
21 ter 3 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended  
22 by inserting after the item relating to section 326 the fol-  
23 lowing:

“327. Director of Coast Guard Investigative Service.”.

1 **SEC. 525. MODIFICATIONS AND REVISIONS RELATING TO**  
2 **REOPENING RETIRED GRADE DETERMINA-**  
3 **TIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2501(d)(2) of title 14,  
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (B) by inserting “a” before  
7 “competent authority”;

8 (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) through  
9 (E) as subparagraphs (F) through (H), respectively;  
10 and

11 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-  
12 lowing:

13 “(C) substantial evidence comes to light  
14 that, during the commissioned service of the of-  
15 ficer, the officer failed to carry out applicable  
16 laws, with an intent to deceive or defraud;

17 “(D) substantial evidence comes to light  
18 after the retirement that the officer committed  
19 rape or sexual assault, as described in sections  
20 920(a) and 920(b) of title 10 (articles 120(a)  
21 and 120(b) of the Uniform Code of Military  
22 Justice) at any time during the commissioned  
23 service of the officer;

24 “(E) substantial evidence comes to light  
25 after the retirement that the commissioned offi-  
26 cer knew of and failed to report through proper

1 channels, in accordance with existing law at the  
2 time of the alleged incident, any known in-  
3 stances of sexual assault by a member of the  
4 Coast Guard under the command of the officer  
5 during the officer's service;”.

6 (b) ISSUANCE AND REVISION OF REGULATIONS RE-  
7 LATING TO GOOD CAUSE TO REOPEN RETIRED GRADE  
8 DETERMINATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the  
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the depart-  
10 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating shall issue  
11 or revise, as applicable, and at the discretion of the Sec-  
12 retary consistent with this section, regulations of the  
13 Coast Guard to do the following:

14 (1) Define what constitutes good cause to re-  
15 open a retired grade determination referred to in  
16 subparagraph (H) of section 2501(d)(2) of title 14,  
17 United States Code, as redesignated by subsection  
18 (a), to ensure that the following shall be considered  
19 good cause for such a reopening:

20 (A) Circumstances that constitute a failure  
21 to carry out applicable laws regarding a report  
22 of sexual assault with an intent to deceive by a  
23 commissioned officer, that relate to a response  
24 made to a report of sexual assault, during the  
25 commissioned service of the officer.

1 (B) Substantial evidence of sexual assault  
2 by the commissioned officer concerned, at any  
3 time during the commissioned service of such  
4 officer, or such evidence that was not consid-  
5 ered by the Coast Guard in a manner consistent  
6 with law.

7 (2) Identify the standard for making, and the  
8 evidentiary showing required to support, an adverse  
9 determination on the retired grade of a commis-  
10 sioned officer.

11 (c) REVISION OF LIMITATIONS ON REOPENING RE-  
12 TIRED GRADE DETERMINATIONS.—Not later than 180  
13 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
14 of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating  
15 shall revise applicable guidance in section K.10 of chapter  
16 3 of Commandant Instruction 1000.4A to remove any re-  
17 striction that limits the ability to reopen the retired grade  
18 of a commissioned officer based on—

19 (1) whether new evidence is discovered contem-  
20 poraneously with or within a short time period after  
21 the date of retirement of the officer concerned; and

22 (2) whether the misconduct concerned was not  
23 discoverable through due diligence.

24 (d) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—No provision of this section  
25 or the amendments made by this section shall be construed



1 to permit a review of conduct that was not in violation  
2 of law or policy at the time of the alleged conduct.

3 **SEC. 526. INCLUSION AND COMMAND REVIEW OF INFORMA-**  
4 **TION ON COVERED MISCONDUCT IN PER-**  
5 **SONNEL SERVICE RECORDS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 25 of title  
7 14, United States Code, is further amended by adding at  
8 the end the following:

9 **“§ 2522. Inclusion and command review of informa-**  
10 **tion on covered misconduct in personnel**  
11 **service records**

12 “(a) INFORMATION ON REPORTS ON COVERED MIS-  
13 CONDUCT.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If a complaint of covered  
15 misconduct is made against a member of the Coast  
16 Guard and the member is convicted by court-martial  
17 or receives nonjudicial punishment or punitive ad-  
18 ministrative action for such covered misconduct, a  
19 notation to that effect shall be placed in the per-  
20 sonnel service record of the member, regardless of  
21 the grade of the member.

22 “(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the inclusion  
23 of information in personnel service records under  
24 paragraph (1) is to alert supervisors and com-  
25 manders to any member of their command who has

1 received a court-martial conviction, nonjudicial pun-  
2 ishment, or punitive administrative action for cov-  
3 ered misconduct in order—

4 “(A) to reduce the likelihood that repeat  
5 offenses will escape the notice of supervisors  
6 and commanders; and

7 “(B) to help inform commissioning or  
8 promotability of the member;

9 “(3) LIMITATION ON PLACEMENT.—A notation  
10 under paragraph (1) may not be placed in the re-  
11 stricted section of the personnel service record of a  
12 member.

13 “(4) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sub-  
14 section may be construed to prohibit or limit the ca-  
15 pacity of a member of the Coast Guard to challenge  
16 or appeal the placement of a notation, or location of  
17 placement of a notation, in the personnel service  
18 record of the member in accordance with procedures  
19 otherwise applicable to such challenges or appeals.

20 “(b) COMMAND REVIEW OF HISTORY OF COVERED  
21 MISCONDUCT.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Under policy to be pre-  
23 scribed by the Secretary, the commanding officer of  
24 a unit or facility to which a covered member is as-  
25 signed or transferred shall review the history of cov-

1       ered misconduct as documented in the personnel  
2       service record of a covered member in order to be-  
3       come familiar with such history of the covered mem-  
4       ber.

5           “(2) COVERED MEMBER DEFINED.—In this  
6       subsection, the term ‘covered member’ means a  
7       member of the Coast Guard who, at the time of as-  
8       signment or transfer as described in paragraph (1),  
9       has a history of 1 or more covered misconduct of-  
10      fenses as documented in the personnel service record  
11      of such member or such other records or files as the  
12      Commandant shall specify in the policy prescribed  
13      under subparagraph (A).

14       “(c) REVIEW OF PERSONNEL SERVICE RECORD TO  
15      DETERMINE SUITABILITY FOR CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.—  
16      Under policy to be prescribed by the Secretary, the Com-  
17      mandant shall establish procedures that are consistent  
18      with the law, policies, and practices of the Department of  
19      Defense in effect on the date of enactment of the Coast  
20      Guard Authorization Act of 2025 to consider and review  
21      the personnel service record of a former member of the  
22      Armed Forces to determine the suitability of the individual  
23      for civilian employment in the Coast Guard.”.

24       (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
25      ter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by in-

1 setting after the item relating to section 2521 (as added  
2 by this Act) the following:

“2522. Inclusion and command review of information on covered misconduct in  
personnel service records.”.

3 **SEC. 527. FLAG OFFICER REVIEW OF, AND CONCURRENCE**  
4 **IN, SEPARATION OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE RE-**  
5 **PORTED SEXUAL MISCONDUCT.**

6 (a) POLICY TO REQUIRE REVIEW OF CERTAIN PRO-  
7 POSED INVOLUNTARY SEPARATIONS.—Not later than 120  
8 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-  
9 mandant shall establish, with respect to any proposed in-  
10 voluntary separation under chapter 59 of title 10, United  
11 States Code, a Coast Guard policy to review the cir-  
12 cumstances of, and grounds for, such a proposed involun-  
13 tary separation of any member of the Coast Guard who—

14 (1) made a restricted or unrestricted report of  
15 covered misconduct (as such term is defined in sec-  
16 tion 2519 of title 14, United States Code);

17 (2) within 2 years after making such a report,  
18 is recommended for involuntary separation from the  
19 Coast Guard; and

20 (3) requests the review on the grounds that the  
21 member believes the recommendation for involuntary  
22 separation from the Coast Guard was initiated in re-  
23 taliation for making the report.

24 (b) RECUSAL.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The policy established under  
2       subsection (a) shall set forth a process for the  
3       recusal of commanding officers and the flag officer  
4       described in subsection (c)(2) from making initial or  
5       subsequent decisions on proposed separations or  
6       from reviewing proposed separations.

7           (2) CRITERIA.—The recusal process established  
8       under paragraph (1) shall specify criteria for  
9       recusal, including mandatory recusal from making a  
10      decision on a proposed separation, and from review-  
11      ing a proposed separation, if the commanding officer  
12      or the flag officer described in subsection (c)(2) was,  
13      at any time—

14           (A) the subject of a complaint of any form  
15      of assault, harassment, or retaliation, filed by  
16      the member of the Coast Guard described in  
17      subsection (a) who is the subject of a proposed  
18      involuntary separation or whose proposed sepa-  
19      ration is under review; or

20           (B) associated with the individual sus-  
21      pected or accused of perpetrating the incident  
22      of covered misconduct reported by such mem-  
23      ber.

24      (c) CONCURRENCE OF FLAG OFFICER REQUIRED.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The policy established under  
2       subsection (a) shall require the concurrence of the  
3       flag officer described in paragraph (2) in order to  
4       separate the member of the Coast Guard described  
5       in such subsection.

6           (2) FLAG OFFICER DESCRIBED.—

7           (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
8       subparagraph (B), the flag officer described in  
9       this paragraph is—

10               (i) the Commandant; or

11               (ii) a designee of the Commandant  
12       who is in a grade not lower than O-7.

13           (B) CHAIN OF COMMAND EXCEPTION.—In  
14       the case of a member of the Coast Guard de-  
15       scribed in subsection (a) who is in the imme-  
16       diate chain of command of the Commandant or  
17       the designee of the Commandant that oversees  
18       personnel policy, the flag officer described in  
19       this paragraph is a flag officer outside the  
20       chain of command of such member, as deter-  
21       mined by the Commandant consistent with the  
22       policy established under subsection (a).

23           (d) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—Any member of the  
24       Coast Guard who has made a report of covered misconduct  
25       and who receives a proposal for involuntary separation

1 shall be notified at the time of such proposal of the right  
2 of the member to a review under this section.

3 **SEC. 528. EXPEDITED TRANSFER IN CASES OF SEXUAL MIS-**  
4 **CONDUCT OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.**

5 (a) EXPEDITED TRANSFER POLICY UPDATE.—Not  
6 later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this  
7 Act, the Commandant shall update Coast Guard policy as  
8 necessary to implement—

9 (1) an expedited transfer process for covered in-  
10 dividuals consistent with—

11 (A) Department of Defense policy on expe-  
12 dited transfers of victims of sexual assault or  
13 domestic violence in place on the date of enact-  
14 ment of this Act; and

15 (B) subsection (b); and

16 (2) a process by which—

17 (A) a covered individual, the commanding  
18 officer of a covered individual, or any other  
19 Coast Guard official may initiate a request that  
20 a subject be administratively assigned to an-  
21 other unit in accordance with military assign-  
22 ments and authorized absence policy for the du-  
23 ration of the investigation and, if applicable,  
24 prosecution of such subject;

1 (B) the Coast Guard shall ensure that any  
2 administrative assignment action in response to  
3 a request under subparagraph (A) will be taken  
4 not as a punitive measure, but solely for the  
5 purpose of maintaining good order and dis-  
6 cipline within the unit of the covered individual  
7 or the subject; and

8 (C) protection of due process for the sub-  
9 ject is preserved.

10 (b) RECUSAL.—The expedited transfer process imple-  
11 mented under this section shall require the recusal of any  
12 official involved in the approval or denial of an expedited  
13 transfer request if the official was, at any time—

14 (1) the subject of a complaint of any form of  
15 assault, harassment, or retaliation, or any other type  
16 of complaint, filed by the covered individual; or

17 (2) associated, beyond workplace interactions,  
18 with the subject in a manner that may present an  
19 actual or apparent conflict of interest.

20 (c) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—With respect to  
21 a member of the Coast Guard who makes an unrestricted  
22 report of sexual assault or a report of domestic violence,  
23 the updated policy required under subsection (a) shall  
24 specify the appropriate officials of the Coast Guard who



1 shall provide such member with information regarding ex-  
2 pedited transfer authority.

3 (d) REPORT.—

4 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than March 1  
5 of the year that is not less than 1 year after the  
6 date on which the updates required under subsection  
7 (a) are completed, the Commandant shall submit to  
8 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-  
9 portation of the Senate and the Committee on  
10 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of  
11 Representatives, as an enclosure or appendix to the  
12 report required by section 5112 of title 14, United  
13 States Code, a report on such updates that in-  
14 cludes—

15 (A) a copy of the updated policies of the  
16 Coast Guard relating to expedited transfers;

17 (B) a summary of such updated policies;

18 (C) for the preceding year, the number of  
19 covered individuals who have requested an expe-  
20 dited transfer, disaggregated by gender of the  
21 requester and whether the request was granted  
22 or denied;

23 (D) for each denial of an expedited trans-  
24 fer request during the preceding year, a de-  
25 scription of the rationale for the denial; and

1 (E) any other matter the Commandant  
2 considers appropriate.

3 (2) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—Not later than 1  
4 year after the Commandant submits the report re-  
5 quired under paragraph (1), and annually thereafter  
6 for 3 years, the Commandant shall submit to the  
7 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
8 tation of the Senate and the Committee on Trans-  
9 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
10 resentatives, as an enclosure or appendix to the re-  
11 port required by section 5112 of title 14, United  
12 States Code, a report on the updates required under  
13 subsection (a) that includes—

14 (A) any policies of the Coast Guard relat-  
15 ing to expedited transfers that have been up-  
16 dated since the previous report submitted under  
17 this subsection;

18 (B) a summary of any such updated poli-  
19 cies; and

20 (C) the information described under sub-  
21 paragraphs (C) through (E) of paragraph (1).

22 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “covered  
24 individual” means—

1 (A) a member of the Coast Guard who is  
2 a victim of sexual assault in a case handled  
3 under the Sexual Assault Prevention, Response,  
4 and Recovery Program or the Family Advocacy  
5 Program;

6 (B) a member of the Coast Guard who is  
7 a victim of domestic violence (as defined by the  
8 Secretary of the department in which the Coast  
9 Guard is operating in the policies prescribed  
10 under this section) committed by the spouse or  
11 intimate partner of the member, regardless of  
12 whether the spouse or intimate partner is a  
13 member of the Coast Guard; and

14 (C) a member of the Coast Guard whose  
15 dependent is a victim of sexual assault or do-  
16 mestic violence.

17 (2) SUBJECT.—The term “subject” means a  
18 member of the Coast Guard who is the subject of an  
19 investigation related to alleged incidents of sexual  
20 assault or domestic violence and is stationed at the  
21 same installation as, or in close proximity to, the  
22 covered individual involved.

1 **SEC. 529. ACCESS TO TEMPORARY SEPARATION PROGRAM**  
2 **FOR VICTIMS OF ALLEGED SEX-RELATED OF-**  
3 **FENSES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall up-  
6 date the Coast Guard policy relating to temporary separa-  
7 tion of members of the Coast Guard who are victims of  
8 alleged sex-related offenses as required under subsection  
9 (b).

10 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—The updated policy required under  
11 subsection (a) shall include—

12 (1) a provision that allows a member of the  
13 Coast Guard to request to participate in the tem-  
14 porary separation program if the member has re-  
15 ported, in an unrestricted format or to the greatest  
16 extent practicable, a restricted format, being the vic-  
17 tim of an alleged sex-related offense on a date that  
18 is during—

19 (A) the 5-year period preceding the re-  
20 quested date of separation; and

21 (B) the military service of the member;

22 (2) a provision that provides eligibility for a  
23 member of the Coast Guard to request temporary  
24 separation if the member has reported being the vic-  
25 tim of an alleged sex-related offense, even if—

1 (A) the member has had a previous tem-  
2 porary separation including a previous tem-  
3 porary separation as the victim of a previous  
4 unrelated alleged sex-related offense; or

5 (B) the enlistment period of the member is  
6 not nearing expiration or the tour or contract  
7 of the member is not nearing completion;

8 (3) an updated standard of review consistent  
9 with the application of, and purposes of, this section;  
10 and

11 (4) the establishment of a process—

12 (A) for eligible members to make requests  
13 for temporary separation under this section;  
14 and

15 (B) that allows the Commandant to con-  
16 sider whether to allow a member granted tem-  
17 porary separation under this section to fulfill  
18 the enlistment period or tour or contract obliga-  
19 tion of the member after the end of the tem-  
20 porary separation period.

21 (c) EXCEPTION FROM REPAYMENT OF BONUSES, IN-  
22 CENTIVE PAY, OR SIMILAR BENEFITS AND TERMINATION  
23 OF REMAINING PAYMENTS.—For any temporary separa-  
24 tion granted under the updated policy required under sub-  
25 section (a), the Secretary concerned may conduct a review

1 to determine whether to exercise discretion in accordance  
2 with section 373(b)(1) of title 37, United States Code.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-  
5 retary concerned” has the meaning given such term  
6 in section 101 of title 37, United States Code.

7 (2) SEX-RELATED OFFENSE.—The term “sex-  
8 related offense” has the meaning given such term in  
9 section 1044e(h) of title 10, United States Code.

10 **SEC. 530. POLICY AND PROGRAM TO EXPAND PREVENTION**  
11 **OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
13 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall de-  
14 velop and issue a comprehensive policy for the Coast  
15 Guard to reinvigorate the prevention of misconduct involv-  
16 ing members and civilians of the Coast Guard that con-  
17 tains the policy elements described in section 1561 of title  
18 10, United States Code.

19 (b) PROGRAMS REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days  
20 after the issuance of the policy required under paragraph  
21 (1), the Commandant shall develop and implement for the  
22 Coast Guard a program to reinvigorate the prevention of  
23 misconduct involving members and civilians of the Coast  
24 Guard.

1 **SEC. 531. CONTINUOUS VETTING OF SECURITY CLEAR-**  
2 **ANCES.**

3 Section 1564(c) of title 10, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)—

6 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
7 (A) by inserting “, and the Secretary of Home-  
8 land Security shall conduct an investigation or  
9 adjudication under subsection (a) of any indi-  
10 vidual described in paragraph (3),” after “para-  
11 graph (2)”;

12 (B) in subparagraph (A)(iv) by striking  
13 “the Secretary” and inserting “the Secretary of  
14 Defense or the Secretary of Homeland Security,  
15 as the case may be,”;

16 (2) in paragraph (2) by inserting “(other than  
17 an individual described in paragraph (3))” after “is  
18 an individual”;

19 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as  
20 paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively;

21 (4) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
22 lowing new paragraph:

23 “(3) An individual described in this paragraph is an  
24 individual who has a security clearance and is—

25 “(A) a flag officer of the Coast Guard; or

1 “(B) an employee of the Coast Guard in the  
2 Senior Executive Service.”; and

3 (5) in paragraph (4), as redesignated by para-  
4 graph (3), by striking “Secretary” and all that fol-  
5 lows through “paragraph (2)” and inserting the fol-  
6 lowing: “Secretary of Defense, in the case of an indi-  
7 vidual described in paragraph (2), and the Secretary  
8 of Homeland Security, in the case of an individual  
9 described in paragraph (3), shall ensure that rel-  
10 evant information on the conviction or determination  
11 described in paragraph (1) of such an individual”.

12 **SEC. 532. TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR COV-**  
13 **ERED MISCONDUCT PREVENTION AND RE-**  
14 **SPONSE.**

15 (a) MODIFICATION OF CURRICULUM.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after  
17 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant  
18 shall revise the curriculum of the Coast Guard with  
19 respect to covered misconduct prevention and re-  
20 sponse training—

21 (A) to include—

22 (i) information on procedures and re-  
23 sponsibilities with respect to reporting re-  
24 quirements, investigations, survivor health  
25 and safety (including expedited transfers,



1 no-contact orders, military and civilian  
2 protective orders, and temporary separa-  
3 tions), and whistleblower protections;

4 (ii) information on Department of  
5 Veterans Affairs resources available to vet-  
6 erans, active-duty personnel, and reserve  
7 personnel;

8 (iii) information on the right of any  
9 member of the Coast Guard to seek legal  
10 resources outside the Coast Guard;

11 (iv) general information regarding the  
12 availability of legal resources provided by  
13 civilian legal services organizations, pre-  
14 sented in an organized and consistent  
15 manner that does not endorse any par-  
16 ticular legal services organization; and

17 (v) information on the capability, op-  
18 erations, reporting structure, and require-  
19 ments with respect to the Chief Prosecutor  
20 of the Coast Guard; and

21 (B) to address the workforce training rec-  
22 ommendations set forth in the memorandum of  
23 the Coast Guard titled “Commandant’s Di-  
24 rected Actions—Accountability and Trans-  
25 parency”, issued on November 27, 2023.

1           (2) COLLABORATION.—In revising the cur-  
2       riculum under this subsection, the Commandant  
3       shall solicit input from individuals outside the Coast  
4       Guard who are experts in sexual assault and sexual  
5       harassment prevention and response training.

6       (b) COVERED MISCONDUCT PREVENTION AND RE-  
7       SPONSE TRAINING AND EDUCATION.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
9       the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant  
10      shall ensure that all members and civilian employees  
11      of the Coast Guard are provided with annual covered  
12      misconduct prevention and response training and  
13      education for the purpose of strengthening indi-  
14      vidual knowledge, skills, and capacity relating to the  
15      prevention of and response to covered misconduct.

16      (2) SCOPE.—The training and education re-  
17      ferred to in paragraph (1)—

18           (A) shall be provided as part of—

19               (i) initial entry and accession training;

20               (ii) annual refresher training;

21               (iii) initial and recurring training  
22      courses for covered first responders;

23               (iv) new and prospective commanding  
24      officer and executive officer training; and

25               (v) specialized leadership training; and

1 (B) shall be tailored for specific leadership  
2 levels, positions, pay grades, and roles.

3 (3) CONTENT.—The training and education re-  
4 ferred to in paragraph (1) shall include the informa-  
5 tion described in subsection (a)(1)(A).

6 (c) COVERED FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after  
8 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant  
9 shall ensure that—

10 (A) training for covered first responders  
11 includes the covered misconduct prevention and  
12 response training described in subsection (b);  
13 and

14 (B) such covered misconduct prevention  
15 and response training is provided to covered  
16 first responders on a recurring basis.

17 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In addition to the infor-  
18 mation described in subsection (a)(1)(A), the initial  
19 and recurring covered misconduct prevention and re-  
20 sponse training for covered first responders shall in-  
21 clude information on procedures and responsibilities  
22 with respect to—

23 (A) the provision of care to a victim of cov-  
24 ered misconduct, in accordance with profes-  
25 sional standards or practice, that accounts for

1 trauma experienced by the victim and associ-  
2 ated symptoms or events that may exacerbate  
3 such trauma; and

4 (B) the manner in which such a victim  
5 may receive such care.

6 (d) TRAINING FOR PROSPECTIVE COMMANDING OF-  
7 FICERS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months  
9 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-  
10 mandant shall ensure that training for prospective  
11 commanders and executive officers at all levels of  
12 command includes the covered misconduct preven-  
13 tion and response training described in subsection  
14 (b).

15 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In addition to the infor-  
16 mation described in subsection (a)(1)(A), the cov-  
17 ered misconduct prevention and response training  
18 for prospective commanding officers and executive  
19 officers shall be—

20 (A) tailored to the responsibilities and  
21 leadership requirements of members of the  
22 Coast Guard as they are assigned to command  
23 positions; and

24 (B) revised, as necessary, to include infor-  
25 mation on—

1 (i) fostering a command climate—

2 (I) that does not tolerate covered  
3 misconduct;

4 (II) in which individuals assigned  
5 to the command are encouraged to in-  
6 tervene to prevent potential incidents  
7 of covered misconduct; and

8 (III) that encourages victims of  
9 covered misconduct to report any inci-  
10 dent of covered misconduct;

11 (ii) the possible variations in the ef-  
12 fect of trauma on individuals who have ex-  
13 perience covered misconduct;

14 (iii) potential differences in the proce-  
15 dures and responsibilities, Department of  
16 Veterans Affairs resources, and legal re-  
17 sources described in subsection (a)(1)(A)  
18 depending on the operating environment in  
19 which an incident of covered misconduct  
20 occurred;

21 (iv) the investigation of alleged inci-  
22 dents of covered misconduct, including  
23 training on understanding evidentiary  
24 standards;

1 (v) available disciplinary options, in-  
2 cluding administrative action and deferral  
3 of discipline for collateral misconduct, and  
4 examples of disciplinary options in civilian  
5 jurisdictions; and

6 (vi) the capability, operations, report-  
7 ing structure, and requirements with re-  
8 spect to the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast  
9 Guard.

10 (e) ENTRY AND ACCESSION TRAININGS.—

11 (1) INITIAL TRAINING.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year  
13 after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
14 Commandant shall provide for the inclusion of  
15 an initial covered misconduct prevention and re-  
16 sponse training module in the training for each  
17 new member of the Coast Guard, which shall be  
18 provided not later than 14 duty days after the  
19 date of accession.

20 (B) REQUIREMENT.—In addition to the in-  
21 formation described in subsection (a)(1)(A), the  
22 initial training module referred to in subpara-  
23 graph (A) shall include a comprehensive expla-  
24 nation of Coast Guard—

1 (i) policy with respect to covered mis-  
2 conduct; and

3 (ii) procedures for reporting covered  
4 misconduct.

5 (2) SUBSEQUENT TRAINING.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall  
7 provide for the inclusion of a detailed covered  
8 misconduct prevention and response training  
9 module in the training for each new member of  
10 the Coast Guard, which shall be provided not  
11 later than 60 duty days after the date on which  
12 the initial training module described in para-  
13 graph (1)(A) is provided.

14 (B) CONTENT.—The detailed training  
15 module referred to in subparagraph (A) shall  
16 include the information described in subsection  
17 (a)(1)(A).

18 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) COVERED FIRST RESPONDER.—The term  
20 “covered first responder” includes sexual assault re-  
21 sponse coordinators, victim advocates, Coast Guard  
22 medical officers, Coast Guard security forces, Coast  
23 Guard Investigative Service agents, judge advocates,  
24 special victims’ counsel, chaplains, and related per-  
25 sonnel.

1           (2) COVERED MISCONDUCT.—The term “cov-  
2       ered misconduct” has the meaning given such term  
3       in section 2519 of title 14, United States Code.

4           **TITLE IV—COMPTROLLER**  
5           **GENERAL REPORTS**

6       **SEC. 601. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON COAST**  
7           **GUARD RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND IN-**  
8           **NOVATION PROGRAM.**

9           (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after  
10      the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
11      of the United States 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 state of the  
15      research, development, and innovation program of the  
16      Coast Guard during the 5-year period ending on such date  
17      of enactment.

18          (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection  
19      (a) shall include the following:

20           (1) An evaluation and description of the process  
21      for selecting projects to be carried out under the re-  
22      search, development, and innovation program of the  
23      Coast Guard.

24           (2) An analysis of the manner in which funding  
25      needs are determined and requested for such pro-



1       gram, and for the activities and projects of such pro-  
2       gram, in alignment with the appropriate fiscal year.

3           (3) An assessment of the manner in which the  
4       Coast Guard determines desired outcomes, and  
5       measures the impact, of successful projects on the  
6       execution of the operations and mission of the Coast  
7       Guard.

8           (4) An assessment of the manner in which the  
9       Coast Guard evaluates impacts and benefits of part-  
10      nerships between the Coast Guard and the Depart-  
11      ment of Defense and other entities, and a descrip-  
12      tion of the extent to which and manner in which the  
13      Coast Guard is leveraging such benefits and identi-  
14      fying and managing any potential challenge.

15          (5) An analysis of the manner in which the  
16      Commandant is working with partners to accelerate  
17      project transition from research, testing, evaluation,  
18      and prototype to production.

19          (6) An assessment of the manner in which the  
20      authority to enter into transactions other than con-  
21      tracts and grants pursuant to sections 719 and 1158  
22      of title 14, United States Code, has been exercised  
23      by the Commandant, and a description of any train-  
24      ing or resources necessary (including additional

1       agreements for officers and training) to more fully  
2       exercise such authority.

3           (7) An evaluation of the role of the Blue Tech  
4       Center of Expertise established in section 302 of the  
5       Coast Guard Blue Technology Center of Expertise  
6       Act (Public Law 115–265).

7           (8) Recommendations regarding authorization,  
8       personnel, infrastructure, and other requirements  
9       necessary for the expeditious transition of tech-  
10      nologies developed under such program from proto-  
11      type to production in the field.

12      (c) CONSULTATION.—In developing the report re-  
13      quired under subsection (a), the Comptroller General may  
14      consult with—

15           (1) the maritime and aviation industries;

16           (2) the Secretary of Defense;

17           (3) the intelligence community; and

18           (4) any relevant—

19           (A) federally funded research institutions;

20           (B) nongovernmental organizations; and

21           (C) institutions of higher education.

1 **SEC. 602. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW OF QUALITY**  
2 **AND AVAILABILITY OF COAST GUARD BEHAV-**  
3 **IORAL HEALTH CARE AND RESOURCES FOR**  
4 **PERSONNEL WELLNESS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the  
6 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
7 of the United States shall commence a review of the qual-  
8 ity and availability of behavioral health care and related  
9 resources for Coast Guard personnel at the locations de-  
10 scribed in subsection (b).

11 (b) LOCATIONS TO BE REVIEWED.—In conducting  
12 the review under subsection (a), the Comptroller General  
13 shall—

14 (1) first review the practices and policies relat-  
15 ing to the availability of behavioral health care and  
16 related resources at Training Center Cape May; and

17 (2) review such practices and policies at—

18 (A) the Coast Guard Academy, including  
19 Officer Candidate School; and

20 (B) other Coast Guard training locations,  
21 as applicable.

22 (c) ELEMENTS.—The review conducted under sub-  
23 section (a) shall include, for each location described in  
24 subsection (b), an assessment, and a description of avail-  
25 able trend information (as applicable) for the 10-year pe-

1 riod preceding the date of the review, with respect to each  
2 of the following:

3 (1) The nature of Coast Guard resources di-  
4 rected toward behavioral health services at the loca-  
5 tion.

6 (2) The manner in which the Coast Guard has  
7 managed treatment for recruits, cadets, officer can-  
8 didates, or other personnel who may be experiencing  
9 a behavioral health crisis at the location (including  
10 individuals who have transferred to other buildings  
11 or facilities within the location).

12 (3) The extent to which the Coast Guard has  
13 identified the resources, such as physical spaces and  
14 facilities, necessary to manage behavioral health  
15 challenges and crises that Coast Guard personnel  
16 may face at the location.

17 (4) The behavioral health screenings required  
18 by the Coast Guard for recruits, cadets, officer can-  
19 didates, or other personnel at the location, and the  
20 manner in which such screenings compare with  
21 screenings required by the Department of Defense  
22 for military recruits, service academy cadets, officer  
23 candidates, or other personnel at military service ac-  
24 cession points.

1           (5) Whether the Coast Guard has assessed the  
2       adequacy of behavioral health resources and services  
3       for recruits, cadets, officer candidates, and other  
4       personnel at the location, and if so, the additional  
5       services and resources (such as resilience and life  
6       skills coaching), if any, needed to address any poten-  
7       tial gaps.

8           (6) The manner in which the Coast Guard man-  
9       ages care transfers related to behavior health at the  
10      location, including command and other management  
11      input and privacy policies.

12          (7) The extent to which the Coast Guard has  
13      evaluated contributing factors or reasons for behav-  
14      ioral health crises experienced by newly enlisted per-  
15      sonnel, cadets, officer candidates, or other personnel  
16      at the location.

17          (8) The extent to which the Coast Guard has  
18      addressed, at the location, provider care staffing  
19      standards and credentialing deficiencies identified in  
20      the report of the Comptroller General titled “Coast  
21      Guard Health Care: Improvements Needed for De-  
22      termining Staffing Needs and Monitoring Access to  
23      Care”, issued on February 4, 2022.

24          (d) REPORTS.—The Comptroller General shall sub-  
25      mit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-

1 portation of the Senate and the Committee on Transpor-  
2 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-  
3 tives—

4           (1) as soon as practicable but not later than 1  
5       year after the date of enactment of this Act, a re-  
6       port relating to the results of the review conducted  
7       under subsection (a) relating to Training Center  
8       Cape May, including any recommendations the  
9       Comptroller General considers appropriate; and  
10       (2) not later than 1 year after the date of en-  
11       actment of this Act—

12           (A) a report on the results of the review  
13       conducted under subsection (a) relating to—

14           (i) the Coast Guard Academy, includ-  
15       ing Officer Candidate School; and

16           (ii) other Coast Guard training loca-  
17       tions, as applicable; and

18           (B) any recommendations the Comptroller  
19       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 V—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 ated 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.

