

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3331
OFFERED BY MR. ENGEL OF NEW YORK**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Countering Hizballah
3 in Lebanon’s Military Act of 2019”.

**4 SEC. 2. REPORT ON THE LEBANESE ARMED FORCES, IM-
5 PLEMENTATION OF UNITED NATIONS SECU-
6 RITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1701, AND AD-
7 DRESSING SECURITY THREATS TO LEBANON.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
10 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
11 a report—

12 (1) identifying the extent of Hizballah’s influ-
13 ence within the Government of Lebanon, including
14 the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF);

15 (2) describing military activities conducted by
16 the LAF to fully implement United Nations Security
17 Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1701 (2006) and suc-
18 cessor resolutions;

1 (3) describing the national security interests
2 that United States assistance to the LAF addresses
3 and how such assistance contributes to stability in
4 the Middle East region; and

5 (4) describing the capability of the LAF with
6 respect to defending Lebanon's border from threats
7 from Syria.

8 (b) FORM.—The report required by section (a) shall
9 be submitted in an unclassified form but may contain a
10 classified annex if the Secretary of State determines such
11 is appropriate and if such classified annex is transmitted
12 separately from the unclassified report.

13 **SEC. 3. STRATEGY FOR UTILIZING UNITED STATES ASSIST-**
14 **ANCE WITH RESPECT TO SUPPORTING IM-**
15 **PLEMENTATION OF UNSCR 1701.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
17 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
18 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
19 a strategy on the following:

20 (1) Increasing, in comparison to prior years,
21 the Government of Lebanon's implementation of
22 UNSCR 1701 with respect to promoting the LAF's
23 ability to extend the Government of Lebanon's con-
24 trol in the south of Lebanon, including establishing
25 between the Blue Line and the Litani River an area

1 free of any armed personnel, assets, and weapons
2 other than those of the Government of Lebanon and
3 of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon
4 (UNIFIL), and the role of United States assistance
5 in achieving such goal.

6 (2) Increasing the Government of Lebanon's co-
7 operation with UNIFIL with respect to the imple-
8 mentation of UNSCR 1701, and how United States
9 assistance can facilitate such increased cooperation.

10 (3) Increasing United States diplomatic engage-
11 ment with the Government of Lebanon to prevent
12 the building of cross-border tunnels into Israel and
13 weapons factories inside Lebanon.

14 (b) FORM.—The strategy required by section (a)
15 shall be submitted in an unclassified form but may contain
16 a classified annex if the Secretary of State determines
17 such is appropriate and if such classified annex is trans-
18 mitted separately from the unclassified strategy.

19 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION.**

20 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-
21 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
22 House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign
23 Relations of the Senate.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill To support the
full implementation of United Nations Security Council
Resolution 1701, reduce Hizballah's influence in Leb-

anon, and address security threats to Lebanon, and for other purposes.”.

