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To authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, to establish the Secretary of the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GRAVES (for himself, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. EZELL, and Mr. CARBAJAL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, to establish the Secretary of the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

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

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- Sec. 101. Authorization of appropriations.
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- Sec. 202. Reappointment of Commandant.
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- Sec. 214. Uniform funding and management system for morale, well-being, and recreation programs and Coast Guard Exchange.
- Sec. 215. Coast Guard property.
- Sec. 216. Cyber coordination and support in foreign territories.
- 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.
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Subtitle C—Acquisition

- Sec. 231. Modification of prohibition on use of lead systems integrators.
- Sec. 232. Acquisition improvements.
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Subtitle D—Personnel

- Sec. 241. Family leave policies for Coast Guard.
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- Sec. 243. Direct hire authority for certain personnel.
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- Sec. 245. Authorization for maternity uniform allowance for officers.
- Sec. 246. Consolidation of authorities for college student precommissioning initiative.
- Sec. 247. Additional available guidance and considerations for reserve selection boards.
- Sec. 248. Housing.
- Sec. 249. Behavioral health.
- Sec. 250. Travel allowance for members of Coast Guard assigned to Alaska.
- 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

- Sec. 261. Modification of Board of Visitors.
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- Sec. 264. Report on existing behavioral health and wellness support services facilities at Coast Guard Academy.
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- Sec. 269. Concurrent jurisdiction at Coast Guard Academy.

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- Sec. 271. Policy and briefing on availability of naloxone to treat opioid, including fentanyl, overdoses.
- Sec. 272. Policy on methods to reduce incentives for illicit maritime drug trafficking.
- Sec. 273. Report on condition of aids to navigation.
- Sec. 274. Feasibility study on supporting additional port visits and deployments in support of Operation Blue Pacific.
- Sec. 275. Study and gap analysis with respect to Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi aviation hangar.
- Sec. 276. Report on impacts of joint travel regulations on members of Coast Guard who rely on ferry systems.
- Sec. 277. Report on Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.
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- Sec. 316. Study of amphibious vessels.
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Subtitle C—Ports

- Sec. 321. Ports and waterways safety.
- Sec. 322. Study on Bering Strait vessel traffic projections and emergency response posture at ports of the United States.
- Sec. 323. Improving Vessel Traffic Service monitoring.
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- Sec. 326. Navigational protocols.

Subtitle D—Matters Involving Autonomous Systems

- Sec. 331. Establishment of National Advisory Committee on Autonomous Maritime Systems.
- Sec. 332. Pilot program for governance and oversight of small uncrewed maritime systems.
- Sec. 333. Coast Guard training course.
- Sec. 334. NOAA membership on Autonomous Vessel Policy Council.
- Sec. 335. Technology pilot program.
- Sec. 336. Uncrewed systems capabilities report.
- Sec. 337. Medium unmanned aircraft systems capabilities study.
- Sec. 338. Comptroller General report on Coast Guard acquisition and deployment of unmanned systems.
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- Sec. 340. Unmanned aircraft systems.

Subtitle E—Other Matters

- Sec. 341. Information on type approval certificates.
- Sec. 342. Clarification of authorities.
- Sec. 343. Amendments to passenger vessel security and safety requirements.
- Sec. 344. Extension of pilot program to establish a cetacean desk for Puget Sound region.
- Sec. 345. Suspension of enforcement of use of devices broadcasting on AIS for purposes of marking fishing gear.
- Sec. 346. Classification societies.
- Sec. 347. Abandoned and derelict vessel removals.
- Sec. 348. Report on certain Coast Guard requirements.
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- Sec. 350. Administrative costs.

Subtitle F—American Offshore Workers Fairness

- Sec. 361. Manning and crewing requirements for certain outer continental shelf vessels, vehicles, and structures.
- Sec. 362. Outer Continental Shelf.
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- Sec. 364. Effective date.
- Sec. 365. Anchor handling activities.
- Sec. 366. Near shore cable laying barges.

TITLE IV—OIL POLLUTION RESPONSE

- Sec. 401. Vessel response plans.
- Sec. 402. Use of marine casualty investigations.
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- Sec. 405. Investment of Exxon Valdez oil spill court recovery in high yield investments and marine research.
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TITLE V—SEXUAL ASSAULT AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT
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- Sec. 501. Independent review of Coast Guard reforms.
- Sec. 502. Comprehensive policy and procedures on retention and access to evidence and records relating to sexual misconduct and other misconduct.
- Sec. 503. Consideration of request for transfer of a cadet at the Coast Guard Academy who is the victim of a sexual assault or related offense.
- Sec. 504. Designation of officers with particular expertise in military justice or healthcare.
- Sec. 505. Safe-to-Report policy for Coast Guard.
- Sec. 506. Modification of reporting requirements on covered misconduct in Coast Guard.
- Sec. 507. Modifications to the officer involuntary separation process.
- Sec. 508. Review of discharge characterization.
- Sec. 509. Convicted sex offender as grounds for denial.
- Sec. 510. Definition of covered misconduct.
- Sec. 511. Notification of changes to Uniform Code of Military Justice or Manual for Courts Martial relating to covered misconduct.
- Sec. 512. Complaints of retaliation by victims of sexual assault or sexual harassment and related persons.
- 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.
- Sec. 516. Establishment of special victim capabilities to respond to allegations of certain special victim offenses.
- Sec. 517. Members asserting post-traumatic stress disorder, sexual assault, or traumatic brain injury.
- Sec. 518. Participation in CATCH a Serial Offender program.
- Sec. 519. Accountability and transparency relating to allegations of misconduct against senior leaders.

- Sec. 520. Confidential reporting of sexual harassment.
- Sec. 521. Report on policy on whistleblower protections.
- Sec. 522. Review and modification of Coast Guard Academy policy on sexual harassment and sexual violence.
- Sec. 523. Coast Guard and Coast Guard Academy access to defense sexual assault incident database.
- Sec. 524. Director of Coast Guard Investigative Service.
- Sec. 525. Modifications and revisions relating to reopening retired grade determinations.
- 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.
- Sec. 528. Expedited transfer in cases of sexual misconduct or domestic violence.
- 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.
- Sec. 531. Continuous vetting of security clearances.
- Sec. 532. Training and education programs for covered misconduct prevention and response.

TITLE VI—COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORTS

- Sec. 601. Comptroller General report on Coast Guard research, development, and innovation program.
- Sec. 602. Comptroller General review of quality and availability of Coast Guard behavioral health care and resources for personnel wellness.
- Sec. 603. Comptroller General study on Coast Guard efforts to reduce prevalence of missing or incomplete medical records and sharing of medical data with Department of Veterans Affairs and other entities.
- 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 VII—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.

1 **TITLE I—COAST GUARD**
2 **Subtitle A—Authorization of**
3 **Appropriations**

4 **SEC. 101. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5 Section 4902 of title 14, United States Code, is
6 amended—

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

10 (2) in paragraph (1)—

11 (A) in subparagraph (A) by striking
12 clauses (i) and (ii) and inserting the following:

13 “(i) \$11,287,500,000 for fiscal year
14 2025;

15 “(ii) \$11,851,875,000 for fiscal year
16 2026;

17 “(iii) \$12,500,000,000 for fiscal year
18 2027;

19 “(iv) \$13,000,000,000 for fiscal year
20 2028; and

21 “(v) \$13,500,000,000 for fiscal year
22 2029.”;

23 (B) in subparagraph (B) by striking
24 “\$23,456,000” and inserting “\$25,570,000”;
25 and

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

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

7 “(i) \$3,627,600,000 for fiscal year
8 2025;

9 “(ii) \$3,651,480,000 for fiscal year
10 2026;

11 “(iii) \$3,700,000,000 for fiscal year
12 2027;

13 “(iv) \$3,750,000,000 for fiscal year
14 2028; and

15 “(v) \$3,800,000,000 for fiscal year
16 2029.”;

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

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

20 “(B) \$16,185,750 for fiscal year 2026;

21 “(C) \$16,500,000 for fiscal year 2027;

22 “(D) \$17,000,000 for fiscal year 2028;

23 and

24 “(E) \$17,500,000 for fiscal year 2029.”;

25 and

1 (5) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(4) Amounts determined to be necessary by
4 the Coast Guard for retired pay, including the pay-
5 ment of obligations otherwise chargeable to lapsed
6 appropriations for purposes of retired pay, payments
7 under the Retired Serviceman’s Family Protection
8 Plan and the Survivor Benefit Plan, payment for ca-
9 reer status bonuses, payment of continuation pay
10 under section 356 of title 37, concurrent receipts,
11 combat-related special compensation, and payments
12 for medical care of retired personnel and their de-
13 pendents under chapter 55 of title 10, for fiscal year
14 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029.”.

15 **SEC. 102. AUTHORIZED LEVELS OF MILITARY STRENGTH**
16 **AND TRAINING.**

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

19 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “44,500 for
20 each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023” and inserting
21 “50,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 and 2026,
22 55,000 for fiscal year 2027, and 60,000 for each of
23 fiscal years 2028 and 2029”; and

24 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)
2 by striking “for each of fiscal years 2022 and
3 2023”;

4 (B) in paragraph (1) by striking “2,500
5 student years” and inserting “4,000 student
6 years for each of fiscal years 2025 through
7 2029”;

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

11 (D) in paragraph (3) by striking “385 stu-
12 dent years” and inserting “700 student years
13 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029”;
14 and

15 (E) in paragraph (4) by striking “1,200
16 student years” and inserting “1,600 student
17 years for each of fiscal years 2025 through
18 2029”.

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

1 (1) the end strengths shall not exceed the levels
2 authorized in fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023;
3 and

4 (2) the Commandant shall provide to the Com-
5 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
6 House of Representatives and the Committee on
7 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
8 ate a report on the plan of the Coast Guard to
9 achieve growth in the Coast Guard's military
10 strength to 60,000, which shall include—

11 (A) proposed missions and purposes for
12 the growth of the Coast Guard in military
13 strength;

14 (B) the additional estimated cost of sala-
15 ries and benefits for each fiscal year from 2027
16 through 2032;

17 (C) estimated recruiting resources and
18 costs for each fiscal year from 2027 through
19 2032; and

20 (D) estimated resources and costs required
21 to achieve sufficient training capacity for
22 growth in enlisted and officer corps for each fis-
23 cal year from 2027 through 2032.

1 (c) RULE OF APPLICABILITY.—Section 517(a) of title
2 10, United States Code, shall not apply with respect to
3 the Coast Guard until October 1, 2027.

4 **Subtitle B—Accountability**

5 **SEC. 111. ANNUAL REPORT ON PROGRESS OF CERTAIN** 6 **HOMEPORTING PROJECTS.**

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

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

11 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(c) BRIEFING.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Commandant fails to
15 submit the report required under this section, the
16 Commandant shall brief the Committee on Trans-
17 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce,
19 Science, and Transportation of the Senate on the
20 steps being taken to produce the report not less than
21 once every 30 days until the required report is pro-
22 duced.

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

1 (b) REPORT.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
3 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-
4 mandant shall submit to 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 a report
8 on the status of shore infrastructure required to
9 homeport or station all surface and aviation assets
10 to be delivered as part of Level 1 or Level 2 acquisi-
11 tions that have entered the obtain phase as author-
12 ized under section 1132(b) of title 14, United States
13 Code.

14 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
15 paragraph (1) shall include—

16 (A) a description of the current homeports
17 and stations to which of Coast Guard cutters
18 and aircraft are assigned;

19 (B) a description of cutters or aircrafts
20 that are able to be located by the homeport or
21 station to which they are assigned;

22 (C) the current number of aircraft and
23 cutters planned for the program of record of
24 the Coast Guard;

1 (D) a description of cutter and aircraft
2 which are scheduled to be decommissioned or
3 put in special commission status; and

4 (E) a description of where new cutters and
5 aircraft being acquired as part of the program
6 of record of the Coast Guard will be assigned,
7 including—

8 (i) an assessment of the shoreside and
9 infrastructure needs for such cutters and
10 aircrafts; and

11 (ii) an assessment of whether existing
12 facilities are adequate to support such cut-
13 ter and aircraft, and the costs of planning,
14 engineering, design construction, land ac-
15 quisition, and environmental remediation.

16 (c) INITIAL REPORT.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
18 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
19 shall issue a report detailing the progress of all ap-
20 proved Coast Guard cutter homeporting projects
21 within Coast Guard District 17 with respect to each
22 of the following:

23 (A) Fast Response Cutters.

24 (B) Offshore Patrol Cutters.

1 (C) The USCGC STORIS procured pursu-
2 ant to section 11223 of the Don Young Coast
3 Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (14 U.S.C.
4 561 note).

5 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
6 paragraph (1) shall include, with respect to each
7 homeporting project described in such paragraph,
8 the following:

9 (A) A description of—

10 (i) the status of funds appropriated
11 for the project;

12 (ii) activities carried out toward com-
13 pletion of the project; and

14 (iii) activities anticipated to be carried
15 out during the subsequent 1-year period to
16 advance completion of the project.

17 (B) An updated timeline, including key
18 milestones, for the project.

19 (d) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—Not later than July 1
20 of the first calendar year after the year in which the report
21 required under subsection (c)(1) is submitted, and each
22 July 1 thereafter until July 2, 2031 or the date on which
23 all projects described in subsection (c)(1) are completed,
24 the Commandant shall issue an updated report, with re-
25 spect to each Coast Guard cutter homeporting project de-

1 scribed in subsection (b)(1) (including any such project
2 approved on a date after the date of enactment of this
3 Act and before the submission of the applicable report),
4 containing each element described in subsection (b)(2).

5 (c) REPORT ON CAPACITY OF COAST GUARD BASE
6 KETCHIKAN.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
8 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
9 shall complete a report detailing the cost of and time
10 frame for expanding the industrial capacity of Coast
11 Guard Base Ketchikan to do out of water repairs on
12 Fast Response Cutters.

13 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after
14 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
15 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation
16 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
17 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
18 Transportation of the Senate the report required
19 under paragraph (1).

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

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

1 (1) means the facility infrastructure modifica-
2 tions, upgrades, new construction, and real property
3 and land acquisition associated with homeporting
4 new or modified cutters; and

5 (2) includes shoreside and waterfront facilities,
6 cutter maintenance facilities, housing, child develop-
7 ment facilities, and any other associated infrastruc-
8 ture directly required as a result of homeporting new
9 or modified cutters.

10 **SEC. 112. MAJOR ACQUISITIONS.**

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

13 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “major acquisi-
14 tion programs” and inserting “Level 1 acquisitions
15 or Level 2 acquisitions”;

16 (2) in subsection (b) by striking “major acquisi-
17 tion program” and inserting “Level 1 acquisition or
18 Level 2 acquisition”; and

19 (3) by amending subsection (f) to read as fol-
20 lows:

21 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

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

8 **SEC. 113. QUARTERLY ACQUISITION BRIEF REQUIRE-**
9 **MENTS.**

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

12 **“§ 5107. Quarterly acquisition reports and major ac-**
13 **quisition program risk assessment**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 days after the
15 end of each fiscal quarter, the Commandant shall provide
16 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
17 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
18 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a
19 briefing on all Level 1 and Level 2 acquisition programs,
20 as such terms are defined in section 1171.

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

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

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

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

8 “(3) the Acquisition Review Board status, in-
9 cluding—

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

12 “(B) the date of the most recent review;
13 and

14 “(C) whether the program has been paused
15 or is in breach status;

16 “(4) a comparison between the initial Depart-
17 ment-approved acquisition program baseline cost,
18 schedule, and performance thresholds and objectives
19 and the current such thresholds and objectives of the
20 program, if applicable;

21 “(5) the lifecycle cost estimate, adjusted for
22 comparison to the Future Coast Guard Program, in-
23 cluding—

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

1 “(B) the fiscal years included in the esti-
2 mate;

3 “(C) a breakout of the estimate for the
4 prior five years, the current year, and the budg-
5 et year;

6 “(D) a breakout of the estimate by appro-
7 priation account or other funding source; and

8 “(E) a description of and rationale for any
9 changes to the estimate as compared to the pre-
10 viously approved baseline, as applicable, and
11 during the prior fiscal year;

12 “(6) a summary of the findings of any inde-
13 pendent verification and validation of the items to be
14 acquired or an explanation for why no such
15 verification and validation has been performed;

16 “(7) a table displaying the obligation of all pro-
17 gram funds by prior fiscal year, the estimated obli-
18 gation of funds for the current fiscal year, and an
19 estimate for the planned carryover of funds into the
20 subsequent fiscal year;

21 “(8) a listing of prime contractors and major
22 subcontractors; and

23 “(9) narrative descriptions of risks to cost,
24 schedule, or performance that could result in a pro-

1 gram breach if not successfully mitigated, includ-
2 ing—

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

4 “(B) any failure of such program to dem-
5 onstrate a key performance parameter or
6 threshold during operational test and evaluation
7 conducted during the previous fiscal year;

8 “(C) whether there has been any decision
9 in such fiscal year to order full-rate production
10 before all key performance parameters or
11 thresholds are met;

12 “(D) whether there has been any breach of
13 major acquisition program cost (as such term is
14 defined in the manual of the Coast Guard titled
15 ‘Major Systems Acquisition Manual’
16 (COMDTINST M5000.10C)) in such fiscal
17 year; and

18 “(E) whether there has been any breach of
19 major acquisition program schedule (as such
20 term is defined in the manual of the Coast
21 Guard titled ‘Major Systems Acquisition Man-
22 ual’ (COMDTINST M5000.10C)) during such
23 fiscal year.

24 “(d) MEMORANDUM DEADLINE.—Not later than 5
25 business days after the date on which the Secretary ap-

1 proves an Acquisition Decision Memorandum for pro-
2 grams described in this section, the Commandant shall
3 submit such memorandum to the Committee on Transpor-
4 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
5 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
6 tation of the Senate.”.

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

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

11 **SEC. 114. OVERDUE REPORTS.**

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

15 **“§ 5116. Status of overdue reports**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
17 date of enactment of this section, and not later than
18 March 1 of each year thereafter, the Commandant shall
19 submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
20 structure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
21 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
22 Senate a report on the status of reports or briefings re-
23 quired under this chapter that have not been delivered to
24 Congress.

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

3 “(1) The status of each required report or
4 briefing that has not been delivered to Congress, in-
5 cluding the date the report or briefing is due, and
6 if applicable, the number of days the Coast Guard
7 has exceeded the required completion date.

8 “(2) A plan and timeline for the next steps to
9 be taken to complete such outstanding reports or
10 briefings.

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

13 “(c) BRIEFING.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Commandant fails to
15 submit the report required under this section, the
16 Commandant shall brief the Committee on Trans-
17 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce,
19 Science, and Transportation of the Senate on the
20 steps being taken to produce the report not less than
21 once every 30 days until the required report is pro-
22 duced.

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

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:

“5116. Status of overdue reports.”.

4 **SEC. 115. REQUIREMENT FOR COAST GUARD TO PROVIDE**
5 **ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES FOR AIRCRAFT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the
7 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall sub-
8 mit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-
9 ture of the House of Representatives and the Committee
10 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate
11 a report on the status of the implementation of the rec-
12 ommendations contained in the report of the Government
13 Accountability Office titled “Aircraft Fleet and Aviation
14 Workforce Assessments Needed,” and issued April 9,
15 2024 (GAO–24–106374).

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

18 (1) An assessment of the type of helicopters the
19 Coast Guard requires to meet the mission demands
20 of the Coast Guard.

21 (2) An analysis of alternatives including an an-
22 alytical study comparing the operational effective-
23 ness, costs, and risks to determine the best suited
24 aircraft to meet mission needs.

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

4 (c) LIMITATION OF AIRCRAFT EXPENSES.—No funds
5 authorized to be appropriated under section 4902(2)(A)
6 of title 14, United States Code, (as added by section
7 101(3)(A)) may be obligated or expended in fiscal years
8 2027 through 2029 for the procurement or modernization
9 of helicopters until the Commandant submits the report
10 required under this section.

11 (d) MINIMUM ROTARY WING FLEET.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall
13 maintain an operational, geographically dispersed ro-
14 tary wing fleet of not less than 140 aircraft for the
15 purpose of meeting minimum operational capabilities
16 until the Commandant submits the report required
17 under this section.

18 (2) REPORT.—In the event the operational ro-
19 tary wing fleet of the Coast Guard falls below the
20 requirements of this subsection, the Commandant
21 shall provide to the Committee on Transportation
22 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
23 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
24 Transportation of the Senate a notification not later

1 than 5 business days after the inability of the Com-
2 mandant to meet the requirement.

3 **SEC. 116. OVERSIGHT OF FUNDS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO**
4 **FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET RECONCILIATION**
5 **LEGISLATION.**

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

8 (1) appropriated pursuant to the budget rec-
9 onciliation Act for fiscal year 2025 during any fiscal
10 year in which the Commandant is not compliant
11 with sections 5102 and 5103 (excluding 5103(e)) of
12 title 14, United States Code; and

13 (2) that are provided in the budget reconcili-
14 ation Act for fiscal year 2025 until the Commandant
15 provides the report required under section 11217 of
16 the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authoriza-
17 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263)
18 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-
19 ture of the House of Representatives and the Com-
20 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
21 the Senate.

22 (b) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Not less than 1
23 week before taking any procurement action impacting esti-
24 mated costs or timelines for acquisitions or procurements
25 appropriated pursuant to the budget reconciliation Act for

1 fiscal year 2025, the Commandant shall notify the Com-
2 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
3 of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
4 Science, and Transportation of the Senate of such action.

5 (c) EXPENDITURE PLAN.—Not later than 90 days
6 after the date of enactment of the budget reconciliation
7 Act for fiscal year 2025, the Commandant shall submit
8 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
9 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
10 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a
11 detailed expenditure plan, including projected project time
12 lines for each acquisition and procurement appropriated
13 under such Act and a list of project locations to be funded
14 under such Act.

15 (d) EXCEPTION.—If the President authorizes an ex-
16 ception under section 1151(b) of title 14, United States
17 Code, for any Coast Guard vessel, or the hull or super-
18 structure of such vessel for which funds are appropriated
19 under the budget reconciliation Act for fiscal year 2025,
20 no such funds shall be obligated until the President sub-
21 mits 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 written explanation of the circumstances requiring such
25 an exception in the national security interest, including—

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

4 (2) actions taken by the President to enable
5 qualified United States shipyards to meet national
6 security requirements prior to the issuance of such
7 an exception.

8 (e) CUTTER CLASSIFICATION.—Notwithstanding the
9 budget reconciliation Act for fiscal year 2025, the Com-
10 mandant shall ensure any cutters procured with appro-
11 priations made available by such Act meet the require-
12 ments of section 1133(c) of title 14, United States Code.

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

14 (a) REPORT.—

15 (1) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
16 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
17 Commandant and the Chief of Naval Operations
18 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation
19 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives,
20 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
21 portation of the Senate, and the Committees on
22 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
23 resentatives a report on the status of acquisition of
24 Polar Security Cutters.

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

3 (A) a detailed timeline for the acquisition
4 process of Polar Security Cutters, including ex-
5 pected milestones and a projected commis-
6 sioning date for the first 3 Polar Security Cut-
7 ters;

8 (B) an accounting of the previously appro-
9 priated funds spent to date on the Polar Secu-
10 rity Cutter Program, updated cost projections
11 for Polar Security Cutters, and projections for
12 when additional funds will be required;

13 (C) potential factors and risks that could
14 further delay or imperil the completion of Polar
15 Security Cutters; and

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

19 (b) BRIEFINGS.—

20 (1) PROVISION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
21 90 days after the submission of the report under
22 subsection (a), and not less frequently than every 90
23 days thereafter, the Commandant and the Chief of
24 Naval Operations shall provide to the Committee on
25 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of

1 Representatives, the Committee on Commerce,
2 Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and the
3 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
4 the House of Representatives a briefing on the sta-
5 tus of the Polar Security Cutter acquisition process
6 until Polar Security Cutter 2 achieves full oper-
7 ational capability.

8 (2) **TIMELINE.**—The briefings under paragraph
9 (1) shall occur after any key milestone in the Polar
10 Security Cutter acquisition process, but not less fre-
11 quently than every 90 days.

12 (3) **ELEMENTS.**—Each briefing under para-
13 graph (1) shall include—

14 (A) a summary of acquisition progress
15 since the most recent previous briefing con-
16 ducted pursuant to paragraph (1);

17 (B) an updated timeline and budget esti-
18 mate for acquisition and building of pending
19 Polar Security Cutters; and

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

22 (c) **NOTIFICATIONS.**—In addition to the briefings re-
23 quired under subsection (b), the Commandant and the
24 Chief of Naval Operations shall notify the Committee on
25 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-

1 representatives, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
2 Transportation of the Senate, and the Committees on
3 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-
4 atives within 3 business days of any significant change to
5 the scope or funding level of the Polar Security Cutter
6 acquisition strategy of such change.

7 **TITLE II—ORGANIZATION, AU-**
8 **THORITIES, ACQUISITION,**
9 **AND PERSONNEL OF THE**
10 **COAST GUARD**

11 **Subtitle A—Organization**

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

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

15 (b) TRANSFER.—Section 888(a) of Public Law 107–
16 296 is transferred to appear after section 101 of title 14,
17 United States Code, redesignated as section 102, and
18 amended to read as follows:

19 **“§ 102. Primary duties**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Coast Guard shall admin-
21 ister laws, promulgate and enforce regulations, and engage
22 in operations and activities, with due regard to the re-
23 quirements of national defense, in support of the fol-
24 lowing:

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

1 “(A) MARINE SAFETY.—Engage in oceano-
2 graphic research, ensure the safe operation of
3 and facilitate the economical movement of
4 goods through the Marine Transportation Sys-
5 tem, and develop, establish, maintain, and oper-
6 ate rescue facilities for the promotion of safety
7 on, under, and over the high seas and waters
8 subject to the jurisdiction of the United States
9 and protect the lives and safety of those on the
10 sea.

11 “(B) SEARCH AND RESCUE.—Respond to
12 maritime disasters, natural or man-made, and
13 render aid to people in distress to protect the
14 lives and promote the safety of life and property
15 on, under, and over the high seas and waters
16 subject to the jurisdiction of the United States,
17 covering all matters not specifically delegated
18 by law to some other executive department.

19 “(C) AIDS TO NAVIGATION.—Develop, es-
20 tablish, maintain and operate aids to maritime
21 navigation to promote the safe operation of the
22 Marine Transportation System, pursuant to
23 subchapter III of chapter 5, on, under, and over
24 the high seas and waters subject to the jurisdic-
25 tion of the United States.

1 “(D) LIVING MARINE RESOURCES (FISH-
2 ERIES LAW ENFORCEMENT).—Safeguard fish
3 and wildlife, including threatened and endan-
4 gered species, from unlawful acts and environ-
5 mental degradation under, and over the high
6 seas and waters subject to the jurisdiction of
7 the United States.

8 “(E) MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTEC-
9 TION.—Safeguard United States marine re-
10 sources and the ocean from unlawful acts and
11 environmental degradation on, under, and over
12 the high seas and waters subject to the jurisdic-
13 tion of the United States.

14 “(F) ICE OPERATIONS.—Develop, estab-
15 lish, maintain, and operate icebreaking facilities
16 on, under, and over waters other than the high
17 seas and waters subject to the jurisdiction of
18 the United States.

19 “(2) HOMELAND SECURITY MISSIONS.—

20 “(A) PORTS, WATERWAYS AND COASTAL
21 SECURITY.—Conduct maritime recovery oper-
22 ations in the aftermath of incidents of national
23 significance to ensure the continuity of com-
24 merce and critical port and waterway functions,
25 protect the United States maritime domain and

1 the Marine Transportation System, and deny
2 the use and exploitation of the maritime domain
3 as a means for attacks on United States terri-
4 tory, population, vessels, and critical infrastruc-
5 ture.

6 “(B) DRUG INTERDICTION.—Engage in
7 maritime air surveillance or maritime interdic-
8 tion to enforce or assist in the enforcement of
9 laws of the United States regarding controlled
10 substances on, under, and over the high seas
11 and waters subject to the jurisdiction of the
12 United States.

13 “(C) MIGRANT INTERDICTION.—Engage in
14 maritime air surveillance or maritime interdic-
15 tion of the maritime border and approaches to
16 enforce or assist in the enforcement of laws of
17 the United States, including the immigration
18 laws of the United States on, under, and over
19 the high seas and waters subject to the jurisdic-
20 tion of the United States.

21 “(D) DEFENSE READINESS.—Defend
22 United States national interests in the maritime
23 domain against hostile acts through military ac-
24 tion, and maintain a state of readiness to assist
25 in the defense of the United States, including

1 when functioning as a specialized service in the
2 Navy pursuant to section 103.

3 “(E) OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT.—En-
4 force or assist in the enforcement of all applica-
5 ble Federal laws on, under, and over the high
6 seas and waters subject to the jurisdiction of
7 the United States.

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

11 (c) SECTION 888.—Section 888 of Public Law 107–
12 296 is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (d)—

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

17 (B) by inserting “, whether requested or
18 tasked by the Department on behalf of another
19 agency or requested by another agency,” after
20 “Department”; and

21 (C) by striking “missions.” and inserting
22 “such duties.”; and

23 (2) in subsection (e) by striking paragraph (1)
24 and inserting the following:

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

3 “(A) may not substantially or significantly
4 reduce—

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

8 “(ii) the capability of the Coast Guard
9 to perform such duties; and

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

12 (d) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

13 (1) MEMBERS ASSERTING POST-TRAUMATIC
14 STRESS DISORDER OR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.—
15 Section 2516 of title 14, United States Code, is
16 amended—

17 (A) in subsection (a) by inserting “de-
18 scribed in section 102” after “Coast Guard op-
19 erations”; and

20 (B) by striking subsection (d).

21 (2) CLARIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY OF MEM-
22 BERS OF COAST GUARD FOR COMBAT-RELATED SPE-
23 CIAL COMPENSATION.—Section 221 of the Coast
24 Guard Authorization Act of 2016 (10 U.S.C. 1413a
25 note) is amended by striking “section 888(a) of the

1 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 468(a))”
2 and inserting “section 102 of title 14, United States
3 Code”.

4 (e) PLAN.—

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

11 (A) develop a plan on the structure, feasi-
12 bility of the Secretary of the Coast Guard posi-
13 tion and the reorganization and restructuring of
14 the Coast Guard needed to incorporate the new
15 position; and

16 (B) submit such plan to the Committee on
17 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
18 of Representatives and the Committee of Com-
19 merce, Science and Transportation of the Sen-
20 ate.

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

23 (A) a complete organizational chart, to in-
24 clude the creation of the Office of the Secretary

1 of the Coast Guard and the directorates that
2 report to the Commandant of the Coast Guard;

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

5 (C) a description of the offices and policies
6 which each new position would be responsible
7 for and how those offices would interact with
8 the offices of the Commandant;

9 (D) a delineation of powers reserved for
10 the Commandant, outside of current statutory
11 authorizations, not previously reserved or dele-
12 gated;

13 (E) a transition plan to ensure the con-
14 tinuity of the execution of all Coast Guard mis-
15 sions; and

16 (F) recommendations for statutory and
17 legislative changes.

18 (f) REVIEW OF PLAN.—

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

22 (2) REPORT.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6
24 months after the transmission of the plan pre-
25 pared under paragraph (1), the Comptroller

1 General shall review such plan and provide rec-
2 ommendations to the Commandant in a report.

3 (B) CONTENTS.—The report shall in-
4 clude—

5 (i) a compilation of the responsibilities
6 and duties assigned to the Commandant of
7 the Coast Guard and the Secretary of the
8 Department in which the Coast Guard is
9 operating, and potential responsibilities
10 and duties that can be moved to the Sec-
11 retary of the Coast Guard;

12 (ii) a detailed list of all responsibilities
13 and duties assigned to the Commandant
14 and the Secretary of the Department in
15 which the Coast Guard is operating, and
16 how those duties overlap or remain dis-
17 tinct;

18 (iii) a detailed analysis of the respon-
19 sibilities in clause (i) that should be reas-
20 signed or delegated to the Secretary of the
21 Coast Guard and the Commandant of the
22 Coast Guard;

23 (iv) a detailed analysis of the proper
24 separation and oversight of duties in the
25 chain of command between the Secretary,

1 the Secretary of the Coast Guard, and the
2 Commandant of the Coast Guard;

3 (v) an analysis of the feasibility of the
4 reorganization of the service in order to
5 preserve the integrity of the military chain
6 of command;

7 (vi) a comparison to the structure and
8 authorities of other service Secretaries, in-
9 cluding but not limited to the Secretary of
10 the Navy, and whether the proposed appli-
11 cation to the Coast Guard is appropriate;
12 and

13 (vii) other matters deemed relevant by
14 the Comptroller General.

15 (3) SUBMISSION.—The Comptroller General
16 shall provide to the Committee on Transportation
17 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
18 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
19 Transportation of the Senate the report developed
20 pursuant to paragraph (2).

21 (4) RESPONSES.—In addition to the plan and
22 report, the Commandant shall provide responses to
23 the recommendations in the report under paragraph
24 (2) to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
25 structure of the House of Representatives and the

1 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
2 tation of the Senate to include—

3 (A) a description of the recommendations
4 that the service intends to implement;

5 (B) a justification for each recommenda-
6 tion that the service does not intend to imple-
7 ment; and

8 (C) an implementation strategy and
9 timeline.

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

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

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

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

15 “In this title, the term ‘Secretary of the Coast Guard’
16 means the Secretary of the Coast Guard established in
17 section 201.”; and

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

20 **“CHAPTER 2—SECRETARY OF THE COAST**
21 **GUARD**

“201. Secretary of the Coast Guard.

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

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

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

5 “(2) NOT OPERATING AS A SERVICE IN THE
6 NAVY.—Subject to section 103(c) of Public Law
7 107–296 and when the Coast Guard is not operating
8 as a service in the Navy, the Secretary of the Coast
9 Guard shall report directly to the Secretary without
10 being required to report through any other official of
11 the department in which the Coast Guard is oper-
12 ating. The Secretary of the Coast Guard shall not be
13 required to report to any other position in the de-
14 partment in which the Coast Guard is operating,
15 military or civilian, including any other under secre-
16 taries, or assistant secretaries.

17 “(3) QUALIFICATION.—The Secretary of the
18 Coast Guard shall, to the greatest extent practicable,
19 be appointed from among persons most highly quali-
20 fied for the position by reason of background and
21 experience, including persons with appropriate man-
22 agement or leadership experience.

23 “(4) DISQUALIFICATION.—A person may not be
24 appointed as Secretary of the Coast Guard within 7

1 years after relief from active duty as a commissioned
2 officer of a regular component of an armed force.

3 “(b) POWERS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the authority,
5 direction, and control of the Secretary, the Secretary
6 of the Coast Guard shall exercise the powers of the
7 Secretary in this title, except as may be reserved by
8 the Secretary and reserved for the Commandant
9 pursuant to sections 504 and 505.

10 “(2) AUTHORITY.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the
12 Coast Guard is responsible for and has the au-
13 thority necessary to conduct all affairs of the
14 Coast Guard.

15 “(B) AUTHORITIES AND FUNCTIONS.—

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

22 “(3) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Subject to the au-
23 thority, direction, and control of the Secretary, the
24 Secretary of the Coast Guard is also responsible to
25 the Secretary for—

1 “(A) the functioning and efficiency of the
2 Coast Guard;

3 “(B) the formulation of policies and pro-
4 grams by the Coast Guard that are fully con-
5 sistent with national security objectives and
6 policies established by the President or the Sec-
7 retary;

8 “(C) the effective and timely implementa-
9 tion of policy, program, and budget decisions
10 and instructions of the President or the Sec-
11 retary relating to the functions of the Coast
12 Guard;

13 “(D) carrying out the functions of the
14 Coast Guard so as to fulfill the current and fu-
15 ture operational requirements of the unified and
16 specified combatant commands;

17 “(E) effective cooperation and coordination
18 between the Coast Guard and the other military
19 departments and agencies of the Department of
20 Defense with regards to defense readiness mis-
21 sions to provide for more effective, efficient,
22 and economical administration and to eliminate
23 duplication;

24 “(F) the presentation and justification of
25 the positions of the Coast Guard on the plans,

1 programs, and policies of the Department in
2 which the Coast Guard is operating;

3 “(G) the effective supervision and control
4 of the intelligence activities of the Coast Guard;
5 and

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

9 “(4) RECOMMENDATIONS.—After first inform-
10 ing the Secretary, the Secretary of the Coast Guard
11 may make such recommendations to appropriate
12 congressional committees, as defined in section
13 1171, as the Secretary of the Coast Guard considers
14 appropriate.

15 “(5) ASSIGNMENT OF FUNCTIONS, POWERS,
16 AND DUTIES.—

17 “(A) DELEGATION.—

18 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of
19 the Coast Guard may assign such of the
20 functions, powers, and duties as the Sec-
21 retary of the Coast Guard considers appro-
22 priate, to the Under Secretary of the Coast
23 Guard, and to not more than 4 Assistant
24 Secretaries of the Coast Guard.

1 “(ii) APPOINTMENT.—The Under Sec-
2 retary and the Assistant Secretaries shall
3 be appointed from civilian life by the Presi-
4 dent, by and with the advice and consent
5 of the Senate.

6 “(B) SECRETARY OF THE COAST GUARD’S
7 STAFF.—The Secretary of the Coast Guard’s
8 staff shall be limited in the roles and respon-
9 sibilities of such staff to the execution of the
10 powers vested in the Secretary of the Coast
11 Guard. The size of the Secretary of the Coast
12 Guard’s staff may not exceed the size necessary
13 to carry out the responsibilities of the office of
14 the Secretary of the Coast Guard.

15 “(C) REPORTING TO SECRETARY OF THE
16 COAST GUARD.—Officers of the Coast Guard
17 shall, as directed by the Secretary, report on
18 any matter to the Secretary of the Coast
19 Guard, the Under Secretary, or any Assistant
20 Secretary.

21 “(6) ADDITIONAL POWERS.—The Secretary of
22 the Coast Guard may—

23 “(A) assign, detail, and prescribe the du-
24 ties of members of the Coast Guard and civilian
25 personnel of the Coast Guard;

1 “(B) change the title of any officer or ac-
2 tivity of the Coast Guard not prescribed by law;
3 and

4 “(C) prescribe regulations to carry out the
5 functions, powers, and duties of the Secretary
6 of the Coast Guard under this title.

7 “(7) PROHIBITIONS.—

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

12 “(B) REPORT.—The Secretary of the
13 Coast Guard 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 an annual report demonstrating compliance
18 with subparagraph (A).

19 “(c) LIMITATIONS.—No officer serving in an appoint-
20 ment described in subsections (a) through (e) of section
21 103 of Public Law 107–296 may perform the duties of
22 the Secretary of the Coast Guard.

23 “(d) COMMANDANT REPORTING.—The Commandant
24 shall report directly to the Secretary of the Coast Guard.
25 The Commandant shall not be required to report to any

1 other position in the department in which the Coast Guard
2 is operating, military or civilian, including under secre-
3 taries, or assistant secretaries.”.

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

“106. Secretary of the Coast Guard defined.

“107. Commandant defined.”.

8 (i) CLARIFYING AMENDMENT.—Section 505 of title
9 14, United States Code, is amended by striking “Sec-
10 retary” and inserting “Secretary of the Coast Guard”.

11 (j) PUBLIC LAW 107–296.—Public Law 107–296 is
12 amended—

13 (1) in section 103—

14 (A) by amending subsection (c) to read as
15 follows:

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

23 (B) in subsection (g)(1)—

1 (i) by striking “Notwithstanding” and
2 inserting the following:

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding”;

4 (ii) by striking “the Under Secretary
5 for Management” and inserting “the Sec-
6 retary of the Coast Guard”; and

7 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(B) UNDER SECRETARY OF MANAGE-
10 MENT.—The Under Secretary of Management
11 shall serve in this capacity in the event that the
12 Secretary of the Coast Guard has transferred to
13 the Department of the Navy.”; and

14 (2) in section 888—

15 (A) by redesignating subsections (b)
16 through (g) as subsections (a) through (f), re-
17 spectively; and

18 (B) in subsection (e), as so redesignated,
19 by striking “Commandant” and inserting “the
20 Secretary of the Coast Guard”.

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

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 14, United
24 States Code, is further amended by adding at the
25 end the following:

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

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There shall be in the Coast
3 Guard a Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard selected by
4 the Commandant under policies established by the Sec-
5 retary and who meets the qualifications set forth in sub-
6 section (b).

7 “(b) QUALIFICATIONS.—The Chief Prosecutor of the
8 Coast Guard shall be a commissioned officer of the Coast
9 Guard who—

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

12 “(2) is a judge advocate in the grade not lower
13 than O-7; and

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

18 “(c) DUTIES AND AUTHORITIES.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Chief Prosecutor of
20 the Coast Guard shall carry out the duties under
21 chapter 47 of title 10 (the Uniform Code of Military
22 Justice) and shall perform the duties assigned as de-
23 termined by the Secretary and consistent with the
24 policy, regulations, or other guidance promulgated
25 under section 824a of title 10 (article 24a of the
26 Uniform Code of Military Justice).

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

3 “(A) AUTHORITY.—The Chief Prosecutor
4 of the Coast Guard shall have exclusive author-
5 ity to determine whether a reported offense is
6 a covered offense and shall exercise authority
7 over any such offense in accordance with chap-
8 ter 47 of title 10 (the Uniform Code of Military
9 Justice). Any determination to prefer or refer
10 charges shall not act to disqualify the Chief
11 Prosecutor of the Coast Guard as an accuser.

12 “(B) KNOWN AND RELATED OFFENSES.—
13 If the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard de-
14 termines that a reported offense is a covered of-
15 fense, the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard
16 may also exercise authority over any offense
17 that the special trial counsel determines to be
18 related to the covered offense and any other of-
19 fense alleged to have been committed by a per-
20 son alleged to have committed the covered of-
21 fense.

22 “(3) DISMISSAL; REFERRAL; PLEA BARGAINS.—
23 Subject to paragraph (5), with respect to charges
24 and specifications alleging any offense over which
25 the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard exercises

1 authority, the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard
2 shall have exclusive authority to, in accordance with
3 this chapter and with chapter 47 of title 10 (the
4 Uniform Code of Military Justice)—

5 “(A) on behalf of the Government, with-
6 draw or dismiss the charges and specifications
7 or make a motion to withdraw or dismiss the
8 charges and specifications;

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

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

12 “(D) determine if an authorized rehearing
13 is impracticable.

14 “(4) BINDING DETERMINATION.—The deter-
15 mination of the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard
16 to refer charges and specifications to a court-martial
17 for trial shall be binding on any applicable convening
18 authority for the referral of such charges and speci-
19 fications.

20 “(5) DEFERRAL TO COMMANDER OR CON-
21 VENING AUTHORITY.—If the Chief Prosecutor of the
22 Coast Guard exercises authority over an offense and
23 elects not to prefer charges and specifications for
24 such offense or, with respect to charges and speci-
25 fications for such offense preferred by a person

1 other than the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard,
2 elects not to refer such charges and specifications, a
3 commander or convening authority may exercise any
4 of the authorities of such commander or convening
5 authority under chapter 47 of title 10 (the Uniform
6 Code of Military Justice), with respect to such of-
7 fense, except that such commander or convening au-
8 thority may not refer charges and specifications for
9 a covered offense for trial by special or general
10 court-martial.

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

14 **“§ 325. Office of the Inspector General of the Coast**
15 **Guard**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is in the Office of the Sec-
17 retary of the Coast Guard an Inspector General of the
18 Coast Guard, who shall be detailed to such position by
19 the Secretary. The Inspector General of the Coast Guard
20 shall be detailed from officers on the active-duty list in
21 the line of the Coast Guard serving in grades above cap-
22 tain. An officer may not be detailed to such position for
23 a tour of duty of more than 4 years, except that the Sec-
24 retary of the Coast Guard may extend such a tour of duty
25 if the Secretary of the Coast Guard makes a special find-

1 ing that the extension is necessary and in the public inter-
2 est.

3 “(b) DUTIES.—When directed by the Secretary of the
4 Coast Guard or the Commandant, the Inspector General
5 shall inquire into and report upon any matter that affects
6 the discipline, military efficiency, or economy of the Coast
7 Guard.

8 “(c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The Inspector General
9 shall periodically propose programs of inspections to the
10 Secretary of the Coast Guard and shall recommend addi-
11 tional inspections and investigations as may appear appro-
12 priate.

13 “(d) COOPERATION.—The Inspector General shall co-
14 operate fully with the Inspector General of the Depart-
15 ment of Homeland Security in connection with the per-
16 formance of any duty or function by the Inspector General
17 of the Department of Homeland Security under section
18 103 of Public Law 107–296 regarding the Coast Guard.

19 “(e) DUTIES.—In addition to the responsibilities de-
20 scribed in paragraph (2), the Inspector General shall peri-
21 odically propose programs of inspections to the Secretary
22 of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating,
23 the Secretary of the Coast Guard, and the appropriate
24 committees of Congress and shall recommend additional

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

3 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for
4 chapter 3 of title 14, United States Code, is amend-
5 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.”.

6 **SEC. 202. REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMANDANT.**

7 Section 302 of title 14, United States Code, is
8 amended in the first sentence by striking “further periods
9 of four years” and inserting “one further period of four
10 years”.

11 **SEC. 203. SPECIAL ADVISOR TO COMMANDANT FOR TRIBAL**
12 **AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.**

13 (a) REORGANIZATION.—Chapter 3 of title 14, United
14 States Code, is amended by redesignating sections 312
15 through 324 as sections 313 through 325, respectively.

16 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
17 ter 3 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by red-
18 ignating the items relating to sections 312 through 324
19 as relating to sections 313 through 325, respectively.

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

1 **“§ 312. Special Advisor to Commandant for Tribal**
2 **and Native Hawaiian Affairs**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with Federal trust
4 responsibilities and treaty obligations, laws, and policies
5 relevant to Indian Tribes and in support of the principles
6 of self-determination, self-governance, and co-management
7 with respect to Indian Tribes, and to support engagement
8 with Native Hawaiians, there shall be in the Coast Guard
9 a Special Advisor to the Commandant for Tribal and Na-
10 tive Hawaiian Affairs (in this section referred to as the
11 ‘Special Advisor’), who shall—

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

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

17 “(3) to the maximum extent practicable, have
18 expertise in legal and policy issues affecting Native
19 Hawaiians; and

20 “(4) have an established record of distinguished
21 service and achievement working with Indian Tribes,
22 Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organiza-
23 tions.

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

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

2 “(1) ensure the Federal government upholds
3 the Federal trust responsibility and conducts con-
4 sistent, meaningful, and timely government-to-gov-
5 ernment consultation and engagement with Indian
6 Tribes, which shall meet or exceed the standards of
7 the Federal Government and the Coast Guard;

8 “(2) ensure meaningful and timely engagement
9 with—

10 “(A) Native Hawaiian organizations; and

11 “(B) Tribal organizations;

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

16 “(4) work to ensure that the policies of the
17 Federal Government regarding consultation and en-
18 gagement with Indian Tribes and engagement with
19 Native Hawaiian organizations and Tribal organiza-
20 tions are implemented in a meaningful manner,
21 working through Coast Guard leadership and across
22 the Coast Guard, together with—

23 “(A) liaisons located within Coast Guard
24 districts;

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

3 “(C) other Coast Guard leadership and
4 programs and other Federal partners; and

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

8 “(d) DIRECT ACCESS TO SECRETARY AND COM-
9 MANDANT.—No officer or employee of the Coast Guard
10 or the Department of Homeland Security may interfere
11 with the ability of the Special Advisor to give direct and
12 independent advice to the Secretary and the Commandant
13 on matters related to this section.

14 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

19 “(2) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The
20 term ‘Native Hawaiian organization’ has the mean-
21 ing given such term in section 6207 of the Elemen-
22 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
23 U.S.C. 7517) except the term includes the Depart-
24 ment of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Office of
25 Hawaiian Affairs.

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

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

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

8 (e) BRIEFINGS.—

9 (1) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than 120
10 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
11 Commandant shall brief the Committee on Com-
12 merce, Science, and Transportation and the Com-
13 mittee on Indian Affairs of the Senate and the Com-
14 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
15 House of Representatives on the manner in which
16 the Special Advisor for Tribal and Native Hawaiian
17 Affairs will be incorporated into the governance
18 structure of the Coast Guard, including a timeline
19 for the incorporation that is completed not later
20 than 1 year after date of enactment of this Act.

21 (2) ANNUAL BRIEFINGS ON SPECIAL ADVISOR
22 TO THE COMMANDANT TO TRIBAL AND NATIVE HA-
23 WAIIAN AFFAIRS.—Not later than 1 year after the
24 date of the establishment of the position of the Spe-

1 cial Advisor to the Commandant for Tribal and Na-
2 tive Hawaiian Affairs under section 313 of title 14,
3 United States Code, and annually thereafter for 2
4 years, the Commandant shall provide the Committee
5 on Commerce, Science, and Technology and the
6 Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate and the
7 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
8 the House of Representatives with a briefing on the
9 duties, responsibilities, and actions of the Special
10 Advisor to the Commandant for Tribal and Native
11 Hawaiian Affairs, including management of best
12 practices.

13 (3) BRIEFING ON COLLABORATION WITH
14 TRIBES ON RESEARCH CONSISTENT WITH COAST
15 GUARD MISSION REQUIREMENTS.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year
17 after the date of enactment of this Act, the
18 Commandant shall provide the Committee on
19 Commerce, Science, and Technology and the
20 Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate and
21 the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
22 structure of the House of Representatives with
23 a briefing on potential collaborations on and re-
24 search and use of indigenous place-based knowl-
25 edge and research.

1 (B) ELEMENT.—In providing the briefing
2 under subparagraph (A), the Commandant shall
3 identify current and potential future opportuni-
4 ties to improve coordination with Indian Tribes,
5 Native Hawaiian organizations, and Tribal or-
6 ganizations to support—

7 (i) Coast Guard mission needs, such
8 as the potential for research or knowledge
9 to enhance maritime domain awareness, in-
10 cluding opportunities through the ADAC-
11 ARCTIC Center of Excellence of the De-
12 partment of Homeland Security; and

13 (ii) Coast Guard efforts to protect in-
14 digenous place-based knowledge and re-
15 search.

16 (4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

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

21 (B) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—
22 The term “Native Hawaiian organization” has
23 the meaning given such term in section 6207 of
24 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
25 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7517) except the term in-

1 cludes the Department of Hawaiian Home
2 Lands and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

3 (C) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term
4 “Tribal organization” has the meaning given
5 the such in section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-
6 mination and Education Assistance Act (25
7 U.S.C. 5304).

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

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

14 (2) any government-to-government consultation.

15 (g) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

16 (1) Section 11237 of the Don Young Coast
17 Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–
18 263) is amended—

19 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “section
20 312 of title 14” and inserting “section 313 of
21 title 14”; and

22 (B) in subsection (b)(2)(A), by striking
23 “section 312 of title 14” and inserting “section
24 313 of title 14”.

1 (2) Section 807(a) of the Frank LoBiondo
2 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law
3 115–282) is amended by striking “section 313 of
4 title 14” and inserting “section 314 of title 14”.

5 (3) Section 3533(a) of the National Defense
6 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law
7 118–31) is amended by striking “section 315 of title
8 14” and inserting “section 316 of title 14”.

9 (4) Section 311(j)(9)(D) of the Federal Water
10 Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)(9)(D)) is
11 amended by striking “section 323 of title 14” each
12 place it appears and inserting “section 324 of title
13 14” each such place.

14 **SEC. 204. REINSTATEMENT OF TRAINING COURSE ON**
15 **WORKINGS OF CONGRESS.**

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

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

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

21 “(1) TRAINING COURSE.—The Commandant,
22 and such other individuals and organizations as the
23 Commandant considers appropriate, shall develop a
24 training course on the workings of Congress and
25 offer such training course at least once each year.

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

5 “(A) the history and structure of Congress
6 and the committee systems of the House of
7 Representatives and the Senate, including the
8 functions and responsibilities of the Committee
9 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
10 House of Representatives and the Committee
11 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
12 the Senate;

13 “(B) the documents produced by Congress,
14 including bills, resolutions, committee reports,
15 and conference reports, and the purposes and
16 functions of such documents;

17 “(C) the legislative processes and rules of
18 the House of Representatives and the Senate,
19 including similarities and differences between
20 the 2 processes and 2 sets of rules, including—

21 “(i) the congressional budget process;

22 “(ii) the congressional authorization
23 and appropriation processes;

24 “(iii) the Senate advice and consent
25 process for Presidential nominees; and

1 “(iv) the Senate advice and consent
2 process for treaty ratification;

3 “(D) the roles of Members of Congress and
4 congressional staff in the legislative process;
5 and

6 “(E) the concept and underlying purposes
7 of congressional oversight within the governance
8 framework of separation of powers.

9 “(3) LECTURERS AND PANELISTS.—

10 “(A) OUTSIDE EXPERTS.—The Com-
11 mandant shall ensure that not less than 60 per-
12 cent of the lecturers, panelists, and other indi-
13 viduals providing education and instruction as
14 part of the training course required under this
15 section are experts on Congress and the Federal
16 legislative process who are not employed by the
17 executive branch of the Federal Government.

18 “(B) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT PRO BONO
19 SERVICES.—In satisfying the requirement under
20 paragraph (1), the Commandant shall seek, and
21 may accept, educational and instructional serv-
22 ices of lecturers, panelists, and other individuals
23 and organizations provided to the Coast Guard
24 on a pro bono basis.

25 “(4) EFFECT OF LAW.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The training required
2 by this section shall replace the substantially
3 similar training that was required by the Com-
4 mandant on the day before the date of enact-
5 ment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of
6 2025.

7 “(B) PREVIOUS TRAINING RECIPIENTS.—A
8 Coast Guard flag officer or a Coast Guard Sen-
9 ior Executive Service employee who, not more
10 than 3 years before the date of the enactment
11 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025,
12 completed the training that was required by the
13 Commandant on the day before such date of en-
14 actment, shall not be required to complete the
15 training required by this section.

16 “(b) TRAINING FOR CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS PER-
17 SONNEL.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall de-
19 velop a training course, which shall be administered
20 in person, on the workings of Congress for any
21 member of the Coast Guard selected for a position
22 as a fellow, liaison, counsel, or administrative staff
23 for the Coast Guard Office of Congressional and
24 Governmental Affairs or as any Coast Guard district
25 or area governmental affairs officer.

1 “(2) COURSE SUBJECT MATTER.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The training course
3 required under this section shall provide an
4 overview and introduction to Congress and the
5 Federal legislative process, including—

6 “(i) the congressional budget process;

7 “(ii) the congressional appropriations
8 process;

9 “(iii) the congressional authorization
10 process;

11 “(iv) the Senate advice and consent
12 process for Presidential nominees;

13 “(v) the Senate advice and consent
14 process for treaty ratification;

15 “(vi) the roles of Members of Con-
16 gress and congressional staff in the legisla-
17 tive process;

18 “(vii) the concept and underlying pur-
19 poses of congressional oversight within the
20 governance framework of separation of
21 powers;

22 “(viii) the roles of Coast Guard fel-
23 lows, liaisons, counsels, governmental af-
24 fairs officers, the Coast Guard Office of
25 Program Review, the Coast Guard Head-

1 quarters program offices, and any other
2 entity the Commandant considers relevant;
3 and

4 “(ix) the roles and responsibilities of
5 Coast Guard public affairs and external
6 communications personnel with respect to
7 Members of Congress and the staff of such
8 Members necessary to enhance communica-
9 tion between Coast Guard units, sectors,
10 and districts and Member offices and com-
11 mittees of jurisdiction so as to ensure visi-
12 bility of Coast Guard activities.

13 “(3) DETAIL WITHIN COAST GUARD OFFICE OF
14 BUDGET AND PROGRAMS.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—At the written request
16 of a receiving congressional office, the training
17 course required under this section shall include
18 a multi-day detail within the Coast Guard Of-
19 fice of Budget and Programs to ensure ade-
20 quate exposure to Coast Guard policy, over-
21 sight, and requests from Congress.

22 “(B) NONCONSECUTIVE DETAIL PER-
23 MITTED.—A detail under this paragraph is not
24 required to be consecutive with the balance of
25 the training.

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

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
7 ter 3 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by strik-
8 ing the item relating to section 316 and inserting the fol-
9 lowing:

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

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

12 Section 317 of title 14, United States Code, as so
13 redesignated, is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (b)—

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

18 (B) in paragraph (2) by striking “on the
19 engineering and design of a Museum.” and in-
20 serting “on—”

21 “(A) the design of the Museum; and

22 “(B) engineering, construction administra-
23 tion, and quality assurance services for the Mu-
24 seum.”;

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

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

5 “(i) the Museum; and

6 “(ii) any property owned by the Asso-
7 ciation that is adjacent to the railroad
8 tracks that are adjacent to the property on
9 which the Museum is located; and”;

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

12 “(g) SERVICES.—With respect to the services related
13 to the construction, maintenance, and operation of the
14 Museum, the Commandant may, from nonprofits entities
15 including the Association,—

16 “(1) solicit and accept services; and

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

19 **Subtitle B—Authorities**

20 **SEC. 211. ENHANCED USE PROPERTY PILOT PROGRAM.**

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

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

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

1 “(g) ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.—

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

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

7 “(B) available, without further appropria-
8 tion, until expended.

9 “(2) CONSIDERATION.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
11 subparagraph (B), a person or entity entering
12 into a contractual agreement under this section
13 shall provide consideration for the contractual
14 agreement at fair market value, as determined
15 by the Commandant.

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

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

3 “(i) The payment of cash.

4 “(ii) The maintenance, construction,
5 modification, or improvement of existing or
6 new facilities on real property under the
7 jurisdiction of the Commandant.

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

10 “(iv) The provision of services, includ-
11 ing parking, telecommunications, and envi-
12 ronmental remediation and restoration of
13 real property under the jurisdiction of the
14 Commandant.

15 “(v) Any other consideration the Com-
16 mandant considers appropriate.

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

19 “(3) SUNSET.—The authority under paragraph
20 (13) of subsection (a) shall expire on December 31,
21 2029. The expiration under this paragraph of au-
22 thority under paragraph (13) of subsection (a) shall
23 not affect the validity or term of contractual agree-
24 ments under such paragraph or the retention by the
25 Commandant of proceeds from such agreements en-

1 tered into under such subsection before the expira-
2 tion of the authority.”.

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

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

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

10 (2) redesignated as section 529; and

11 (3) amended—

12 (A) by striking the section enumerator and
13 heading and inserting the following:

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

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

17 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than”;

18 (C) by striking “the number of migrant”
19 and inserting “the number of drug and per-
20 son”; and

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

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

1 “(1) The number of incidents in which drugs
2 were interdicted, the amount and type of drugs
3 interdicted, and the Coast Guard sectors and geo-
4 graphic areas of responsibility in which such inci-
5 dents occurred.

6 “(2) The number of incidents in which persons
7 were interdicted, the number of persons interdicted,
8 the number of those persons who were unaccom-
9 panied minors, and the Coast Guard sectors and ge-
10 ographic areas of responsibility in which such inci-
11 dents occurred.

12 “(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this pro-
13 vision shall be construed to require the Coast Guard to
14 collect the information described in subsection (b), and
15 nothing in this provision shall be construed to require the
16 Commandant to publicly release confidential, classified,
17 law enforcement sensitive, or otherwise protected informa-
18 tion.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

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

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

1 (2) DON YOUNG COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION
2 ACT OF 2022.—The analysis for the Don Young
3 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (division K
4 of Public Law 117–263) is amended by striking the
5 item relating to section 11269.

6 **SEC. 213. TIMELY REIMBURSEMENT OF DAMAGE CLAIMS**
7 **FOR COAST GUARD PROPERTY.**

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

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

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

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

22 “(a) AUTHORITY FOR UNIFORM FUNDING AND MAN-
23 AGEMENT.—Under policies issued by the Commandant,
24 funds appropriated to the Coast Guard and available for
25 morale, well-being, and recreation programs and the Coast

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

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

14 “(1) Coast Guard policy; and

15 “(2) Coast Guard readiness and resources.

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

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

1 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
2 a briefing on such policies.”.

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

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

6 **SEC. 215. COAST GUARD PROPERTY.**

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

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

11 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

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

1 “(B) Cultural items, as that term is de-
2 fined in section 2(3) of the Native American
3 Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25
4 U.S.C. 3001(3)).

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

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

12 “(E) A sacred site, as that term is defined
13 in section 1(b) of Executive Order No. 13007
14 (42 U.S.C. 1996 note; relating to Indian sacred
15 sites).

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

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

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

1 “(A) A State, or a political subdivision of
2 a State.

3 “(B) A local government.

4 “(C) An Indian Tribe.

5 “(D) A Native Hawaiian organization.

6 “(E) A Tribal organization.

7 “(F) A Federal department or agency.

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

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

19 “(6) NATURAL RESOURCE.—The term ‘natural
20 resource’ means land, fish, wildlife, biota, air, water,
21 ground water, drinking water supplies, and other
22 such resources belonging to, managed by, held in
23 trust by, appertaining to, or otherwise controlled by
24 the United States (including the resources of the
25 waters of the United States), any State or local gov-

1 ernment, any Indian Tribe, any Native Hawaiian or-
2 ganization, or any member of an Indian Tribe, if
3 such resources are subject to a trust restriction on
4 alienation and have been categorized into one of the
5 following groups:

6 “(A) Surface water resources.

7 “(B) Ground water resources.

8 “(C) Air resources.

9 “(D) Geologic resources.

10 “(E) Biological resources.

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

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

20 “(b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR MANAGEMENT
21 OF CULTURAL RESOURCES.—

22 “(1) AUTHORITY.—The Commandant may
23 enter into a cooperative agreement with an eligible
24 entity (or in the case that the eligible entity is a

1 Federal department or agency, an interagency agree-
2 ment)—

3 “(A) to provide for the preservation, man-
4 agement, maintenance, and improvement of
5 natural resources and cultural resources located
6 on a site described under paragraph (2); and

7 “(B) for the purpose of conducting re-
8 search regarding the natural resources and cul-
9 tural resources.

10 “(2) AUTHORIZED NATURAL AND CULTURAL
11 RESOURCES SITES.—To be covered by a cooperative
12 agreement under paragraph (1), the relevant natural
13 resources or cultural resources shall be located—

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

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

23 “(3) APPLICATION OF OTHER LAWS.—Section
24 1535 and chapter 63 of title 31 shall not apply to
25 an agreement entered into under paragraph (1).

1 “(c) AGREEMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS.—

2 “(1) AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED.—The Com-
3 mandant may enter into an agreement with an eligi-
4 ble entity, and may enter into an interagency agree-
5 ment with the head of another Federal department
6 or agency, to address the use or development of
7 property in the vicinity of, or ecologically related to,
8 a Coast Guard installation for purposes of—

9 “(A) limiting any development or use of
10 such property that would be incompatible with
11 the mission of the Coast Guard installation;

12 “(B) preserving habitat on such property
13 in a manner that—

14 “(i) is compatible with environmental
15 requirements; and

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

23 “(C) maintaining or improving Coast
24 Guard installation resilience;

1 “(D) maintaining and improving natural
2 resources, or benefitting natural and historic re-
3 search, on the Coast Guard installation;

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

6 “(i) Tribal treaty fisheries and shell-
7 fish harvest, and usual and accustomed
8 fishing areas; and

9 “(ii) subsistence fisheries, or any
10 other fishery or shellfish harvest, of an In-
11 dian Tribe;

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

19 “(G) maintaining and improving natural
20 resources located outside a Coast Guard instal-
21 lation, including property of an eligible entity,
22 if the purpose of the agreement is to relieve or
23 eliminate current or anticipated challenges that
24 could restrict, impede, or otherwise interfere

1 with, either directly or indirectly, current or an-
2 ticipated Coast Guard activities.

3 “(2) INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN CONTRACT
4 REQUIREMENTS.—Notwithstanding chapter 63 of
5 title 31, an agreement under subsection (b)(1) that
6 is a cooperative agreement and concerns a cultural
7 resource or a natural resource may be used to ac-
8 quire property or services for the direct benefit or
9 use of the Federal Government.

10 “(d)(1) An agreement under subparagraph (b)(1)
11 shall provide for—

12 “(A) the acquisition by an eligible entity or
13 entities of all right, title, and interest in and to
14 any real property, or any lesser interest in the
15 property, as may be appropriate for purposes of
16 this subsection; and

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

20 “(2) Property or interests may not be acquired pursu-
21 ant to an agreement under subsection (b)(1) unless the
22 owner of the property or interests consents to the acqui-
23 sition.

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

1 “(i) the management of natural resources
2 on, and the monitoring and enforcement of any
3 right, title, or interest in real property in which
4 the Commandant acquires any right, title, or
5 interest in accordance with this subsection; and

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

12 “(B) Any payment provided for under subpara-
13 graph (A) may—

14 “(i) be paid in a lump sum;

15 “(ii) include an amount intended to cover
16 the future costs of natural resource manage-
17 ment and monitoring and enforcement; and

18 “(iii) be placed by the eligible entity in an
19 interest-bearing account, so long as any interest
20 is to be applied for the same purposes as the
21 principal.

22 “(C) Any payments made under this paragraph
23 shall be subject to periodic auditing by the Inspector
24 General of the department in which the Coast Guard
25 is operating.

1 “(4)(A) In entering into an agreement under sub-
2 section (b)(1), the Commandant shall determine the ap-
3 propriate portion of the acquisition costs to be borne by
4 the United States in the sharing of acquisition costs of
5 real property, or an interest in real property, as required
6 under paragraph (1)(B).

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

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

18 “(i) the fair market value of any property,
19 or interest in property, to be transferred to the
20 United States upon the request of the Com-
21 mandant under paragraph (5); or

22 “(ii) the cumulative fair market value of
23 all properties, or all interests in properties, to
24 be transferred to the United States under para-

1 graph (5) pursuant to an agreement under sub-
2 section (b)(1).

3 “(D) The contribution of an eligible entity to
4 the acquisition costs of real property, or an interest
5 in real property, under paragraph (1)(B) may in-
6 clude, with the approval of the Commandant, the fol-
7 lowing:

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

10 “(I) a Federal agency outside the de-
11 partment in which the Coast Guard is op-
12 erating; or

13 “(II) a State or local government in
14 connection with a Federal, State, or local
15 program.

16 “(ii) The provision of in-kind services, in-
17 cluding services related to the acquisition or
18 maintenance of such real property or interest in
19 real property.

20 “(iii) The exchange or donation of real
21 property or any interest in real property.

22 “(iv) Any combination of clauses (i)
23 through (iii).

24 “(5)(A) In entering into an agreement under sub-
25 section (b)(1), each eligible entity that is a party to the

1 agreement shall agree, as a term of the agreement, to
2 transfer to the United States, upon request of the Com-
3 mandant, all or a portion of the property or interest ac-
4 quired under the agreement or a lesser interest therein,
5 except no such requirement need be included in the agree-
6 ment if—

7 “(i) the property or interest is being trans-
8 ferred to a State or another Federal agency, or
9 the agreement requires the property or interest
10 to be subsequently transferred to a State or an-
11 other Federal agency; and

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

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

24 “(C)(i) Notwithstanding paragraph (A), If all
25 or a portion of a property or interest acquired under

1 an agreement under subsection (b)(1) is initially or
2 subsequently transferred to a State or another Fed-
3 eral agency, before that State or other Federal agen-
4 cy may declare the property or interest in excess to
5 its needs or propose to exchange the property or in-
6 terest, the State or other Federal agency shall give
7 the Commandant reasonable advance notice of its in-
8 tent to so declare.

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

17 “(iii) Upon a request from the Com-
18 mandant under clause (ii), the administrative
19 jurisdiction over the property or interest be
20 transferred to the Commandant at no cost.

21 “(iv) If the Commandant does not make a
22 request under clause (ii) within a reasonable
23 time period, all such rights of the Commandant
24 to request transfer of administrative jurisdic-
25 tion over the property or interest shall remain

1 available to the Commandant with respect to
2 future transfers or exchanges of the property or
3 interest and shall bind all subsequent trans-
4 ferees.

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

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

21 “(e) MINIMAL CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL OF AGREE-
22 MENTS.—The Commandant may approve a cooperative
23 agreement under subsection (b)(1) if the Commandant de-
24 termines that—

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

3 “(2) the project would be completed without un-
4 reasonable delay as determined by the Commandant;
5 and

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

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

15 “(g) NOTIFICATION; AVAILABILITY OF AGREEMENTS
16 TO CONGRESS.—

17 “(1) NOTIFICATION.—The Commandant shall
18 notify the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
19 Transportation or the Committee on Homeland Se-
20 curity and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and
21 the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate when
22 the eligible entity is a Tribe, Tribal Organization or
23 Native Hawaiian organization, and the Committee
24 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
25 of Representatives in writing not later than the date

1 that is 3 full business days prior to any day on
2 which the Commandant intends to enter into an
3 agreement under subsection (b)(1), and include in
4 such notification the anticipated costs of carrying
5 out the agreement, to the extent practicable.

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

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

22 “(i) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
23 tion may be construed to undermine the rights of any In-
24 dian Tribe to seek full and meaningful government-to-gov-

1 ernment consultation under this section or under any
2 other law.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
4 ter 7 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by insert-
5 ing after the item relating to section 721 the following:
“722. Cooperation with eligible entities.”.

6 **SEC. 216. CYBER COORDINATION AND SUPPORT IN FOR-**
7 **EIGN TERRITORIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 7 of title 14, United
9 States Code, is further amended by inserting after section
10 722 (as added by this Act) the following:

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

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

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

22 “(c) COORDINATION.—The Secretary may provide
23 support under subsections (a) and (b) after coordination
24 with the Secretary of State.

1 “(d) REIMBURSEMENT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary
2 may require reimbursement from a foreign entity for costs
3 incurred by the Coast Guard for assistance provided under
4 subsection (a).

5 “(e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘foreign
6 entity’ includes foreign governments and intergovern-
7 mental organizations the Secretary considers appro-
8 priate.”.

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

“723. Cyber coordination in foreign territories.”.

13 **SEC. 217. MODIFICATION OF TREATMENT OF MINOR CON-**
14 **STRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**
15 **MANAGEMENT.**

16 Section 903(d)(1) of title 14, United States Code, is
17 amended by striking “\$1,500,000” and inserting
18 “\$2,000,000”.

19 **SEC. 218. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR SPECIAL**
20 **PURPOSE FACILITIES.**

21 Section 907 of title 14, United States Code, is
22 amended—

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

24 (A) by striking “20 years” and inserting
25 “30 years”;

1 (B) by striking “or National” and insert-
2 ing “National”; and

3 (C) by inserting before the period “, med-
4 ical facilities, Coast Guard child development
5 centers (as such term is defined in section
6 2921), and training facilities, including small
7 arms firing ranges”; and
8 (2) in subsection (b)—

9 (A) by striking the period and inserting a
10 semicolon;

11 (B) by striking “means any facilities” and
12 inserting “means—
13 “(1) any facilities”; and

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

15 “(2) medical facilities;

16 “(3) Coast Guard child development centers (as
17 such term is defined in section 2921); and

18 “(4) training facilities, including small arms fir-
19 ing ranges.”.

20 **SEC. 219. PREPAREDNESS PLANS FOR COAST GUARD PROP-**
21 **ERTIES LOCATED IN TSUNAMI INUNDATION**
22 **ZONES.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
24 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in con-
25 sultation with the Administrator of the National Oceanic

1 and Atmospheric Administration and the heads of other
2 appropriate Federal agencies, shall develop a location-spe-
3 cific tsunami preparedness plan for each property con-
4 cerned.

5 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In developing each prepared-
6 ness plan under subsection (a), the Commandant shall en-
7 sure that the plan—

8 (1) minimizes the loss of human life;

9 (2) maximizes the ability of the Coast Guard to
10 meet the mission of the Coast Guard;

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

14 (4) designates an evacuation route to an assem-
15 bly area located outside the tsunami inundation
16 zone;

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

19 (6) includes—

20 (A) maps of all applicable tsunami inunda-
21 tion zones;

22 (B) evacuation routes and instructions for
23 all individuals located on the property con-
24 cerned;

1 (C) procedures to begin evacuations as ex-
2 peditiously as possible upon detection of a seis-
3 mic or other tsunamigenic event;

4 (D) evacuation plans for Coast Guard avia-
5 tion and afloat assets; and

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

8 (ii) if an on-foot evacuation is not possible,
9 an assessment of whether there is a need for
10 vertical evacuation refuges that would allow
11 evacuation on foot;

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

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

20 (A) exercised by each Coast Guard unit
21 and sector located in the applicable tsunami in-
22 undation zone;

23 (B) communicated through an annual in-
24 person training to Coast Guard personnel and

1 depends located or living on the property
2 concerned; and

3 (C) evaluated by the relevant District
4 Commander for each Coast Guard unit and sec-
5 tor located within the applicable tsunami inun-
6 dation zone.

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

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

19 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

24 (2) TSUNAMIGENIC EVENT.—The term
25 “tsunamigenic event” means any event, such as an

1 earthquake, volcanic eruption, submarine landslide,
2 coastal rockfall, or other event, with the magnitude
3 to cause a tsunami.

4 (3) VERTICAL EVACUATION REFUGE.—The
5 term “vertical evacuation refuge” means a structure
6 or earthen mound designated as a place of refuge in
7 the event of a tsunami, with sufficient height to ele-
8 vate evacuees above the tsunami inundation depth,
9 designed and constructed to resist tsunami load ef-
10 fects.

11 **SEC. 220. ADDITIONAL PRIBILOF ISLAND TRANSITION COM-**
12 **PLETION ACTIONS.**

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

16 “(e) ADDITIONAL REPORTS ON STATUS OF USE OF
17 FACILITIES AND HELICOPTER BASING.—Beginning with
18 the first quarterly report required under subsection (a)
19 submitted after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard
20 Authorization Act of 2025, the Secretary shall include in
21 each such report—

22 “(1) the status of the use of recently renovated
23 Coast Guard housing facilities, food preparation fa-
24 cilities, and maintenance and repair facilities on St.
25 Paul Island, Alaska, including a projected date for

1 full use and occupancy of such facilities in support
2 of Coast Guard missions in the Bering Sea; and

3 “(2) a detailed plan for the acquisition and con-
4 struction of a hangar in close proximity to existing
5 St. Paul airport facilities for the prosecution of
6 Coast Guard operational missions, including plans
7 for the use of land needed for such hangar.”.

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

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

11 (1) in subsection (d)(2)—

12 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

13 (A) by striking “retrofitting”;

14 (B) in subparagraph (A)—

15 (i) by inserting “retrofitting,” before
16 “maintenance”; and

17 (ii) by striking “the science party”
18 and inserting “costs described in para-
19 graph (3)”; and

20 (C) by amending paragraph (4) to read as
21 follows:

22 “(4) MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant—

24 “(i) shall enter into a memorandum of
25 agreement with the Under Secretary to

1 allow the Under Secretary to use any ves-
2 sel acquired under this section to conduct
3 research, and facilitate science activities,
4 data collection, and other procedures nec-
5 essary to carry out the purposes described
6 in subsection (c); and

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

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

23 “(C) RESTRICTION.—The Commandant
24 may only allow the use of any vessel acquired
25 under this section under any memorandum of

1 agreement entered into under this paragraph if
2 such use is not inconsistent with the missions
3 of the Coast Guard.”; and

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

6 **SEC. 222. COAST GUARD ACCESS TO DEPARTMENT OF THE**
7 **TREASURY FUND.**

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

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

17 (2) in subsection (a)(2)(B)—

18 (A) in clause (iv) by striking “and” at the
19 end;

20 (B) in clause (v) by inserting “and” after
21 the semicolon; and

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

23 “(vi) the United States Coast Guard
24 with respect to any law of the United
25 States which the Coast Guard is author-

1 ized to enforce, assist in the enforcement
2 of, or administer pursuant to section 102,
3 522, or 525 of title 14;”;

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (9) in subsection (o)(1) by inserting “the
24 United States Coast Guard,” before “the United
25 States Customs Service,”.

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

4 (1) by striking subsection (c);

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

6 (3) by redesignating subsections (d) through (o)
7 as subsections (c) through (n), respectively;

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

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

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

14 (c) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.—Section 9705 of title
15 31, United States Code, is amended—

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

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

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

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

3 (d) UPDATES TO CROSS-REFERENCES.—

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

6 (A) in paragraph (4)(C) by striking
7 “9705(g)(4)(A)” and inserting
8 “9705(f)(4)(A)”; and

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

11 (2) TITLE 31.—Section 5340(1) of title 31,
12 United States Code, is amended by striking
13 “9705(o)” and inserting “9705(n)”.

14 (3) TITLE 39.—Section 2003(e)(1) of title 39,
15 United States Code, is amended by striking
16 “9705(o)” and inserting “9705(n)”.

17 **Subtitle C—Acquisition**

18 **SEC. 231. MODIFICATION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF** 19 **LEAD SYSTEMS INTEGRATORS.**

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

22 “(c) LEAD SYSTEMS INTEGRATOR DEFINED.—In
23 this section, the term ‘lead systems integrator’ has the
24 meaning given such term in section 805(c) of the National

1 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public
2 Law 109–163).”.

3 **SEC. 232. ACQUISITION IMPROVEMENTS.**

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

7 **“§ 1138. Service life extension programs**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Requirements for a Level 1 or
9 Level 2 acquisition project or program under sections
10 1131 through 1134 shall not apply to an acquisition by
11 the Coast Guard that is a service life extension program.

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

18 **“§ 1139. Consideration of life-cycle cost estimates for**
19 **acquisition and procurement**

20 “In carrying out the acquisition and procurement of
21 vessels and aircraft, the Secretary of the department in
22 which the Coast Guard is operating, acting through the
23 Commandant, shall consider the life-cycle cost estimates
24 of vessels and aircraft, as applicable, during the design

1 and evaluation processes to the maximum extent prac-
2 ticable.

3 **“§ 1140. Contracts that provide best value for tax-**
4 **payer**

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

13 “(b) SELECTION PROCEDURE.—The following proce-
14 dures shall apply to the procurement of Level 1 or Level
15 2 acquisition project or program under this subchapter:

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

20 “(2) EVALUATION.—For each proposed project,
21 the Commandant shall—

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

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

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

11 “(c) NEGOTIATION OF CONTRACT.—

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

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

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

1 “(4) FURTHER NEGOTIATION.—If the Com-
2 mandant is unable to negotiate a satisfactory con-
3 tract with the firm under paragraph (3), the Com-
4 mandant shall formally terminate negotiations with
5 such firm and undertake negotiations with the next
6 most qualified of the selected firms, continuing the
7 process until an agreement is reached.

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

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
15 ter 11 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by in-
16 serting after the item relating to section 1137 the fol-
17 lowing:

“1138. Service life extension programs.

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

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

18 **SEC. 233. RESTRICTION ON ACQUISITION, PROCUREMENT,**
19 **OR CONSTRUCTION OF VESSELS IN FOREIGN**
20 **SHIPYARDS.**

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

1 **“§ 1151. Restriction on acquisition, procurement, or**
2 **construction of vessels in foreign ship-**
3 **yards**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
5 (b), the Commandant may not lease, charter, or otherwise
6 procure a vessel which contains a major component of the
7 hull or superstructure constructed in a foreign shipyard.

8 “(b) EXCEPTIONS.—

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

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

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

1 “(B) actions taken by the President to en-
2 able qualified United States shipyards to meet
3 national security requirements prior to the
4 issuance of such an exception”.

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

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

9 **SEC. 234. FLOATING DRYDOCK FOR UNITED STATES COAST**

10 **GUARD YARD.**

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

14 **“§ 1159. Floating drydock for United States Coast**

15 **Guard Yard**

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

19 “(b) PERMISSIBLE ACQUISITION, PROCUREMENT, OR
20 CONSTRUCTION METHODS.—Notwithstanding subsection
21 (a) of this section and section 1105(a), the Commandant
22 may—

23 “(1) provide for an entity other than the Coast
24 Guard to contract for the acquisition, procurement,

1 or construction of a floating drydock by contract,
2 lease, purchase, or other agreement;

3 “(2) construct a floating drydock at the Coast
4 Guard Yard; or

5 “(3) acquire or procure a commercially avail-
6 able floating drydock.

7 “(c) EXEMPTIONS FROM REQUIREMENTS.—Sections
8 1131, 1132, 1133, and 1171 shall not apply to an acquisi-
9 tion or procurement under subsection (b).

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

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

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

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

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

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
5 ter 11 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by in-
6 serting after the item relating to section 1158 the fol-
7 lowing:

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

8 **SEC. 235. GREAT LAKES ICEBREAKING.**

9 (a) GREAT LAKES ICEBREAKER AND ICEBREAKING
10 TUGS.—

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

1 (2) REPORT ON BAY CLASS ICEBREAKING TUG
2 FLEET REPLACEMENT.—Not later than 1 year after
3 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
4 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation
5 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
6 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
7 Transportation of the Senate—

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

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

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

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

5 “(4) PILOT PROGRAM.—

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

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

22 “(i) the results of the pilot program
23 required under subparagraph (A); and

24 “(ii) any relevant new performance
25 measures implemented by the Coast

1 Guard, including the measures described in
2 pages 5 through 7 of the report of the
3 Coast Guard titled ‘Domestic Icebreaking
4 Operations’ and submitted to Congress on
5 July 26, 2024, as required by section
6 11212(a)(3) of the Don Young Coast
7 Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (Public
8 Law 117–263), and the results of the im-
9 plementation of such measures.”.

10 (c) MODIFICATION TO REPORTING REQUIREMENT
11 RELATING TO ICEBREAKING OPERATIONS IN GREAT
12 LAKES.—

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

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

24 (2) PUBLIC REPORT.—Section 11272(c) of the
25 James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization

1 Act for Fiscal Year 2023 is amended by adding at
2 the end the following:

3 “(7) PUBLIC REPORT.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30
5 days after the date of enactment of the Coast
6 Guard Authorization Act of 2025, the Com-
7 mandant shall brief the Committee on Trans-
8 portation and Infrastructure of the House or
9 Representatives and the Committee on Com-
10 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
11 ate on the cost to the Coast Guard of meeting
12 the requirements of section 564 of title 14,
13 United States Code, in fiscal year 2024.

14 “(B) SECONDARY BRIEFINGS.—Not later
15 than November 1, 2025 and November 1,
16 2026, the Commandant shall brief the commit-
17 tees described in subparagraph (A) on the cost
18 to the Coast Guard of meeting the requirements
19 of section 564 of title 14, United States Code,
20 in fiscal years 2025 and 2026, respectively.”

21 **Subtitle D—Personnel**

22 **SEC. 241. FAMILY LEAVE POLICIES FOR COAST GUARD.**

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

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

3 (2) in subsection (a)—

4 (A) by striking “, United States Code,”
5 and inserting “or, with respect to the reserve
6 component of the Coast Guard, the Secretary of
7 Defense promulgates a new regulation for mem-
8 bers of the reserve component of the Coast
9 Guard pursuant to section 711 of title 10,”;

10 (B) by striking “or adoption of a child”
11 and inserting “or placement of a minor child
12 with the member for adoption or long term fos-
13 ter care”;

14 (C) by striking “and enlisted members”
15 and inserting “, enlisted members, and mem-
16 bers of the reserve component”; and

17 (D) by inserting “or, with respect to mem-
18 bers of the reserve component of the Coast
19 Guard, the Secretary of Defense” after “pro-
20 vided by the Secretary of the Navy”;

21 (3) in subsection (b)—

22 (A) in the subsection heading by striking
23 “ADOPTION OF CHILD” and inserting “PLACE-
24 MENT OF MINOR CHILD WITH MEMBER FOR
25 ADOPTION OR LONG TERM FOSTER CARE”;

1 (B) by striking “and 704” and inserting “,
2 704, and 711”;

3 (C) by striking “and enlisted members”
4 and inserting “, enlisted members, and mem-
5 bers of the reserve component”;

6 (D) by striking “the birth or adoption” in-
7 serting “the birth, adoption, or long term foster
8 care”;

9 (E) by striking “immediately”;

10 (F) by striking “such birth or adoption”
11 and inserting “such birth, placement of a minor
12 child with the member for long-term foster care,
13 or adoption,”; and

14 (G) by striking “enlisted member” and in-
15 serting “, enlisted member, or member of the
16 reserve component”; and

17 (4) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(c) PERIOD OF LEAVE.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the de-
20 partment in which the Coast Guard is operating,
21 may authorize leave described under subparagraph
22 (b) to be taken after the one-year period described
23 in subparagraph (b) in the case of a member de-
24 scribed in subsection (b) who, except for this sub-
25 paragraph, would lose unused family leave at the

1 end of the one-year period described in subpara-
2 graph (A) as a result of—

3 “(A) operational requirements;

4 “(B) professional military education obli-
5 gations; or

6 “(C) other circumstances that the Sec-
7 retary determines reasonable and appropriate.

8 “(2) EXTENDED DEADLINE.—The regulation,
9 rule, policy, or memorandum prescribed under para-
10 graph (a) shall require that any leave authorized to
11 be taken after the one-year period described in sub-
12 paragraph (c)(1)(A) shall be taken within a reason-
13 able period of time, as determined by the Secretary
14 of the department in which the Coast Guard is oper-
15 ating, after cessation of the circumstances war-
16 ranting the extended deadline.

17 “(d) MEMBER OF THE RESERVE COMPONENT OF
18 THE COAST GUARD DEFINED.—In this section, the term
19 ‘member of the reserve component of the Coast Guard’
20 means a member of the Coast Guard who is a member
21 of—

22 “(1) the selected reserve who is entitled to com-
23 pensation under section 206 of title 37; or

24 “(2) the individual ready reserve who is entitled
25 to compensation under section 206 of title 37 when

1 attending or participating in a sufficient number of
2 periods of inactive-duty training during a year to
3 count the year as a qualifying year of creditable
4 service toward eligibility for retired pay.”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
6 ter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by
7 striking the item relating to section 2512 and inserting
8 the following:

“2512. Family leave policies for the Coast Guard.”.

9 (c) COMPENSATION.—Section 206(a)(4) of title 37,
10 United States Code, is amended by inserting before the
11 period at the end “or family leave under section 2512 of
12 title 14”.

13 **SEC. 242. MODIFICATIONS TO CAREER FLEXIBILITY PRO-**
14 **GRAM.**

15 Section 2514 of title 14, United States Code, is
16 amended—

17 (1) in subsection (c)(3) by striking “2 months”
18 and inserting “30 days”; and

19 (2) in subsection (h)—

20 (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “and” at
21 the end;

22 (B) in paragraph (2) by striking the period
23 and inserting a semicolon; and

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

1 “(3) the entitlement of the member and of the
2 survivors of the member to all death benefits under
3 subchapter II of chapter 75 of title 10;

4 “(4) the provision of all travel and transpor-
5 tation allowances to family members of a deceased
6 member to attend the repatriation, burial, or memo-
7 rial ceremony of a deceased member as provided in
8 section 453(f) of title 37;

9 “(5) the eligibility of the member for general
10 benefits as provided in part II of title 38; and

11 “(6) in the case of a victim of an alleged sex-
12 related offense (as such term is defined in section
13 1044e(h) of title 10) to the maximum extent prac-
14 ticable, maintaining access to—

15 “(A) Coast Guard behavioral health re-
16 sources;

17 “(B) sexual assault prevention and re-
18 sponse resources and programs of the Coast
19 Guard; and

20 “(C) Coast Guard legal resources, includ-
21 ing, to the extent practicable, special victims’
22 counsel.”.

1 **SEC. 243. DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN PER-**
2 **SONNEL.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 25 of title
4 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
5 the following:

6 **“§ 2517. Direct hire authority for certain personnel**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant may appoint,
8 without regard to the provisions of subchapter I of chapter
9 33 (other than sections 3303 and 3328 of such chapter)
10 of title 5, qualified candidates to any of the following posi-
11 tions in the competitive service (as defined in section 2102
12 of title 5) in the Coast Guard:

13 “(1) Any category of medical or health profes-
14 sional positions within the Coast Guard.

15 “(2) Any childcare services position.

16 “(3) Any position in the Coast Guard housing
17 office of a Coast Guard installation, the primary
18 function of which is supervision of Coast Guard
19 housing covered by subchapter III of chapter 29 of
20 this title.

21 “(4) Any nonclinical specialist position the pur-
22 pose of which is the integrated primary prevention
23 of harmful behavior, including suicide, sexual as-
24 sault, harassment, domestic abuse, and child abuse.

25 “(5) Any special agent position of the Coast
26 Guard Investigative Service.

1 “(6) The following positions at the Coast Guard
2 Academy:

3 “(A) Any civilian faculty member ap-
4 pointed under section 1941.

5 “(B) A position involving the improvement
6 of cadet health or well-being.

7 “(b) NONCOMPETITIVE APPOINTMENT.—The Sec-
8 retary may, without regard to the appointment require-
9 ments of title 5, noncompetitively appoint a highly quali-
10 fied candidate to a faculty position in the excepted service.

11 “(c) LIMITATION.—The Commandant shall only ap-
12 point qualified candidates under the authority provided by
13 subsections (a) and (b) if the Commandant determines
14 that there is a shortage of qualified candidates for the po-
15 sitions described in such subsection or a critical hiring
16 need for such positions.

17 “(d) BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 1
18 year after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Au-
19 thorization Act of 2025, and annually thereafter for the
20 following 5 years, the Commandant shall submit to the
21 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
22 and the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
23 mental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Trans-
24 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
25 tives a written briefing which describes the use of the au-

1 thority provided under this section on an annual basis, in-
2 cluding the following:

3 “(1) The number of employees hired under the
4 authority provided under this section within the year
5 for which the briefing is provided.

6 “(2) The positions and grades for which em-
7 ployees were hired.

8 “(3) A justification for the Commandant’s de-
9 termination that such positions involved a shortage
10 of qualified candidates or a critical hiring need.

11 “(4) The number of employees who were hired
12 under the authority provided under this section who
13 have separated from the Coast Guard.

14 “(5) Steps the Coast Guard has taken to en-
15 gage with the Office of Personnel Management
16 under subpart B of part 337 of title 5, Code of Fed-
17 eral Regulations, for positions for which the Com-
18 mandant determines a direct hire authority remains
19 necessary.

20 “(e) SUNSET.—The authority provided under sub-
21 section (a) shall expire on September 30, 2030.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
23 ter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by in-
24 serting after the item relating to 2516 the following:

“2517. Direct hire authority for certain personnel.”.

1 **SEC. 244. COMMAND SPONSORSHIP FOR DEPENDENTS OF**
2 **MEMBERS OF COAST GUARD ASSIGNED TO**
3 **UNALASKA, ALASKA.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 25 of title 14, United
5 States Code, is further amended by inserting after section
6 2517 (as added by this Act) the following:

7 **“§ 2518. Command sponsorship**

8 “On request by a member of the Coast Guard as-
9 signed to Unalaska, Alaska, the Commandant shall grant
10 command sponsorship to the dependents of such mem-
11 ber.”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
13 ter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended
14 by inserting after the item relating to section 2517 the
15 following:

“2518. Command sponsorship.”.

16 **SEC. 245. AUTHORIZATION FOR MATERNITY UNIFORM AL-**
17 **LOWANCE FOR OFFICERS.**

18 Section 2708 of title 14, United States Code, is
19 amended by adding at the end the following:

20 “(c) The Coast Guard may provide a cash allowance,
21 in such amount as the Secretary shall determine by policy,
22 to be paid to pregnant officer personnel for the purchase
23 of maternity-related uniform items, if such uniform items
24 are not so furnished to the member by the Coast Guard.”.

1 **SEC. 246. CONSOLIDATION OF AUTHORITIES FOR COLLEGE**
2 **STUDENT PRECOMMISSIONING INITIATIVE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3710 of title 14, United
4 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

5 **“§ 3710. College student precommissioning initiative**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized within the
7 Coast Guard a college student precommissioning initiative
8 program (in this section referred to as the ‘Program’) for
9 eligible undergraduate students to enlist in the Coast
10 Guard Reserve and receive a commission as a Reserve offi-
11 cer.

12 “(b) CRITERIA FOR SELECTION.—To be eligible for
13 the Program an applicant shall meet the following require-
14 ments upon submitting an application:

15 “(1) AGE.—The applicant shall be not less than
16 19 years old and not more than 31 years old as of
17 September 30 of the fiscal year in which the Pro-
18 gram selection panel selecting such applicant con-
19 venes, or an age otherwise determined by the Com-
20 mandant.

21 “(2) CHARACTER.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The applicant shall be
23 of outstanding moral character and meet any
24 other character requirement set forth by the
25 Commandant.

1 “(B) COAST GUARD APPLICANTS.—Any
2 applicant serving in the Coast Guard may not
3 be commissioned if in the 36 months prior to
4 the first Officer Candidate School class con-
5 vening date in the selection cycle, such appli-
6 cant was convicted by a court-martial or as-
7 signed nonjudicial punishment, or did not meet
8 performance or character requirements set forth
9 by the Commandant.

10 “(3) CITIZENSHIP.—The applicant shall be a
11 United States citizen.

12 “(4) CLEARANCE.—The applicant shall be eligi-
13 ble for a secret clearance.

14 “(5) EDUCATION.—The applicant shall be en-
15 rolled in a college degree program at—

16 “(A) an institution of higher education de-
17 scribed in section 371(a) of the Higher Edu-
18 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a));

19 “(B) an institution of higher education (as
20 defined in section 101 of the Higher Education
21 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) that, at the
22 time of the application has had for 3 consecu-
23 tive years an enrollment of undergraduate full-
24 time equivalent students (as defined in section
25 312(e) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1058(e))) that is

1 a total of at least 50 percent Black American,
2 Hispanic American, Asian American (as defined
3 in section 371(c) of such Act (20 U.S.C.
4 1067q(c))), Native American Pacific Islander
5 (as defined in such section), or Native Amer-
6 ican (as defined in such section), among other
7 criteria, as determined by the Commandant; or

8 “(C) an institution that meets the eligi-
9 bility requirements for funding as a rural-serv-
10 ing institution of higher education under section
11 861 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
12 U.S.C. 1161q).

13 “(6) LOCATION.—The institution at which the
14 applicant is an undergraduate shall be within 100
15 miles of a Coast Guard unit or Coast Guard Re-
16 cruiting Office unless otherwise approved by the
17 Commandant.

18 “(7) RECORDS.—The applicant shall meet cred-
19 it and grade point average requirements set forth by
20 the Commandant.

21 “(8) MEDICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE.—The ap-
22 plicant shall meet other medical and administrative
23 requirements as set forth by the Commandant.

24 “(c) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant may pro-
2 vide financial assistance to enlisted members of the
3 Coast Guard Reserve on active duty participating in
4 the Program, for expenses of the enlisted member
5 while the enlisted member is enrolled, on a full-time
6 basis, in a college degree program approved by the
7 Commandant at a college, university, or institution
8 of higher education described in subsection (b)(5)
9 that leads to—

10 “(A) a baccalaureate degree in not more
11 than 5 academic years; or

12 “(B) a post-baccalaureate degree.

13 “(2) WRITTEN AGREEMENTS.—To be eligible
14 for financial assistance under this section, an en-
15 listed member of the Coast Guard Reserve shall
16 enter into a written agreement with the Coast Guard
17 that notifies the Reserve enlisted member of the obli-
18 gations of that member under this section, and in
19 which the member agrees to the following:

20 “(A) The member shall complete an ap-
21 proved college degree program at a college, uni-
22 versity, or institution of higher education de-
23 scribed in subsection (b)(5).

24 “(B) The member shall satisfactorily com-
25 plete all required Coast Guard training and

1 participate in monthly military activities of the
2 Program as required by the Commandant.

3 “(C) Upon graduation from the college,
4 university, or institution of higher education de-
5 scribed in subsection (b)(5), the member
6 shall—

7 “(i) accept an appointment, if ten-
8 dered, as a commissioned officer in the
9 Coast Guard Reserve; and

10 “(ii) serve a period of obligated active
11 duty for a minimum of 3 years imme-
12 diately after such appointment as follows:

13 “(I) Members participating in the
14 Program shall be obligated to serve on
15 active duty 3 months for each month
16 of instruction for which they receive
17 financial assistance pursuant to this
18 section for the first 12 months and 1
19 month for each month thereafter, or 3
20 years, whichever is greater.

21 “(II) The period of obligated ac-
22 tive duty service incurred while par-
23 ticipating in the Program shall be in
24 addition to any other obligated service
25 a member may incur due to receiving

1 other bonuses or other benefits as
2 part of any other Coast Guard pro-
3 gram.

4 “(III) If an appointment de-
5 scribed in clause (i) is not tendered,
6 the member will remain in the Re-
7 serve component until completion of
8 the member’s enlisted service obliga-
9 tion.

10 “(D) The member shall agree to perform
11 such duties or complete such terms under the
12 conditions of service specified by the Coast
13 Guard.

14 “(3) EXPENSES.—Expenses for which financial
15 assistance may be provided under this section are
16 the following:

17 “(A) Tuition and fees charged by the col-
18 lege, university, or institution of higher edu-
19 cation at which a member is enrolled on a full-
20 time basis.

21 “(B) The cost of books.

22 “(C) In the case of a program of education
23 leading to a baccalaureate degree, laboratory
24 expenses.

1 “(D) Such other expenses as the Com-
2 mandant considers appropriate, which may not
3 exceed \$25,000 for any academic year.

4 “(4) TIME LIMIT.—Financial assistance may be
5 provided to a member under this section for up to
6 5 consecutive academic years.

7 “(5) BREACH OF AGREEMENT.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may re-
9 tain in the Coast Guard Reserve, and may
10 order to active duty for such period of time as
11 the Secretary prescribes (but not to exceed 4
12 years), a member who breaches an agreement
13 under paragraph (2). The period of time for
14 which a member is ordered to active duty under
15 this paragraph may be determined without re-
16 gard to section 651(a) of title 10.

17 “(B) APPROPRIATE ENLISTED GRADE OR
18 RATING.—A member who is retained in the
19 Coast Guard Reserve under subparagraph (A)
20 shall be retained in an appropriate enlisted
21 grade or rating, as determined by the Com-
22 mandant.

23 “(6) REPAYMENT.—A member who does not
24 fulfill the terms of the obligation to serve as speci-
25 fied under paragraph (2), or the alternative obliga-

1 tion imposed under paragraph (5), shall be subject
2 to the repayment provisions of section 303a(e) of
3 title 37.

4 “(d) BRIEFING.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than August 15
6 of each year following the date of the enactment of
7 the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, the
8 Commandant shall provide a briefing to the Com-
9 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
10 the Senate and the Committee on Transportation
11 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
12 on the Program.

13 “(2) CONTENTS.—The briefing required under
14 paragraph (1) shall describe—

15 “(A) outreach and recruitment efforts over
16 the previous year; and

17 “(B) demographic information of enrollees,
18 including—

19 “(i) race;

20 “(ii) ethnicity;

21 “(iii) gender;

22 “(iv) geographic origin; and

23 “(v) educational institution.”.

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

1 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

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

5 (2) The analysis for chapter 37 of title 14,
6 United States Code, is amended by striking the item
7 relating to section 3710 and inserting the following:
“3710. College student precommissioning initiative.”.

8 **SEC. 247. ADDITIONAL AVAILABLE GUIDANCE AND CONSID-**
9 **ERATIONS FOR RESERVE SELECTION**
10 **BOARDS.**

11 Section 3740(f) of title 14, United States Code, is
12 amended by striking “section 2117” and inserting “sec-
13 tions 2115 and 2117”.

14 **SEC. 248. HOUSING.**

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

18 **“§ 2948. Authorization for acquisition of existing fam-**
19 **ily housing in lieu of construction**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In lieu of constructing any fam-
21 ily housing units authorized by law to be constructed and
22 subject to the availability of appropriations, the Com-
23 mandant may acquire sole interest in existing family hous-
24 ing units that are privately owned or that are held by the
25 Department of Housing and Urban Development, except

1 that in foreign countries the Commandant may acquire
2 less than sole interest in existing family housing units.

3 “(b) ACQUISITION OF INTERESTS IN LAND.—When
4 authority provided by law to construct Coast Guard family
5 housing units is used to acquire existing family housing
6 units under subsection (a), the authority includes author-
7 ity to acquire interests in land.

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

16 **“§ 2949. Acceptance of funds to cover administrative**
17 **expenses relating to certain real property**
18 **transactions**

19 “(a) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT.—In connection with a
20 real property transaction referred to in subsection (b) with
21 a non-Federal person or entity, the Commandant may ac-
22 cept amounts provided by the person or entity to cover
23 administrative expenses incurred by the Commandant in
24 entering into the transaction.

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

4 “(1) The exchange of real property.

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

7 “(3) The lease or license of real property of the
8 United States.

9 “(4) The disposal of real property of the United
10 States for which the Commandant will be the dis-
11 posal agent.

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

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
15 ter 29 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by add-
16 ing at the end the following:

“2948. Authorization for acquisition of existing family housing in lieu of con-
struction.

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

17 (c) REPORT ON GAO RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOUS-
18 ING PROGRAM.—Not later than 1 year after the date of
19 enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to
20 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
21 the House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
22 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
23 on the status of the implementation of the recommenda-

1 tions contained in the report of the Government Account-
2 ability Office titled “Coast Guard: Better Feedback Collec-
3 tion and Information Could Enhance Housing Program”,
4 and issued February 5, 2024 (GAO–24–106388).

5 **SEC. 249. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.**

6 (a) COAST GUARD EMBEDDED BEHAVIORAL
7 HEALTH TECHNICIAN PROGRAM.—

8 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—

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

20 (i) facilitating, at the clinic level, the
21 provision of integrated behavioral health
22 care for members of the Coast Guard;

23 (ii) providing, as a force extender
24 under the supervision of a licensed behav-

1 ioral health care provider, at the clinic
2 level—

3 (I) psychological assessment and
4 diagnostic services, as appropriate;

5 (II) behavioral health services, as
6 appropriate;

7 (III) education and training re-
8 lated to promoting positive behavioral
9 health and well-being; and

10 (IV) information and resources,
11 including expedited referrals, to assist
12 members of the Coast Guard in deal-
13 ing with behavioral health concerns;

14 (iii) improving resilience and mental
15 health care among members of the Coast
16 Guard who respond to extraordinary calls
17 of duty, with the ultimate goals of pre-
18 venting crises and addressing mental
19 health concerns before such concerns
20 evolve into more complex issues that re-
21 quire care at a military treatment facility;

22 (iv) increasing—

23 (I) the number of such members
24 served by behavioral health techni-
25 cians; and

1 (II) the proportion of such mem-
2 bers returning to duty after seeking
3 behavioral health care; and

4 (v) positively impacting the Coast
5 Guard in a cost-effective manner by ex-
6 tending behavioral health services to the
7 workforce and improving access to care.

8 (B) BRIEFING.—Not later than 120 days
9 after the date of enactment of this Act, the
10 Commandant shall provide 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 with a briefing regarding a plan to estab-
15 lish and conduct the Pilot Program.

16 (2) SELECTION OF COAST GUARD CLINICS.—
17 The Commandant shall select, for participation in
18 the Pilot Program, 3 or more Coast Guard clinics
19 that support units that have significantly high oper-
20 ational tempos or other force resiliency risks, as de-
21 termined by the Commandant.

22 (3) PLACEMENT OF STAFF AT COAST GUARD
23 CLINICS.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—Under the Pilot Pro-
25 gram, a Coast Guard health services technician

1 with a grade of E-5 or higher, or an assigned
2 civilian behavioral health specialist, shall be—

3 (i) assigned to each selected Coast
4 Guard clinic; and

5 (ii) located at a unit with high oper-
6 ational tempo.

7 (B) TRAINING.—

8 (i) HEALTH SERVICES TECHNI-
9 CIANS.—Before commencing an assign-
10 ment at a Coast Guard clinic under sub-
11 paragraph (A), a Coast Guard health serv-
12 ices technician shall complete behavioral
13 health technician training and independent
14 duty health services training.

15 (ii) CIVILIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
16 SPECIALISTS.—To qualify for an assign-
17 ment at a Coast Guard clinic under sub-
18 paragraph (A), a civilian behavioral health
19 specialist shall have at least the equivalent
20 behavioral health training as the training
21 required for a Coast Guard behavioral
22 health technician under clause (i).

23 (4) ADMINISTRATION.—The Commandant, in
24 coordination with the Assistant Commandant for
25 Health, Safety, and Work Life, shall administer the

1 Pilot Program through the Health, Safety, and
2 Work-Life Service Center.

3 (5) DATA COLLECTION.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall
5 collect and analyze data concerning the Pilot
6 Program for purposes of—

7 (i) developing and sharing best prac-
8 tices for improving access to behavioral
9 health care; and

10 (ii) providing information to the Com-
11 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
12 portation of the Senate and the Committee
13 on Transportation and Infrastructure of
14 the House of Representatives regarding the
15 implementation of the Pilot Program and
16 related policy issues.

17 (B) PLAN.—Not later than 270 days after
18 the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-
19 mandant shall submit to the Committee on
20 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
21 Senate and the Committee on Transportation
22 and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
23 tives a plan for carrying out subparagraph (A).

24 (6) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than Sep-
25 tember 1 of each year until the date on which the

1 Pilot Program terminates under paragraph (7), the
2 Commandant shall submit to the Committee on
3 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
4 ate and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
5 structure of the House of Representatives a report
6 on the Pilot Program that includes the following:

7 (A) An overview of the implementation of
8 the Pilot Program at each applicable Coast
9 Guard clinic, including—

10 (i) the number of members of the
11 Coast Guard who received services on site
12 by a behavioral health technician assigned
13 to such clinic;

14 (ii) feedback from all members of the
15 Coast Guard empaneled for their medical
16 care under the Pilot Program;

17 (iii) an assessment of the deployability
18 and overall readiness of members of the
19 applicable operational unit; and

20 (iv) an estimate of potential costs and
21 impacts on other Coast Guard health care
22 services of supporting the Pilot Program at
23 such units and clinics.

24 (B) The data and analysis required under
25 paragraph (5)(A).

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

4 (D) The feasibility, estimated cost, and im-
5 pacts on other Coast Guard health care services
6 of expanding the Pilot Program to all Coast
7 Guard clinics, and a description of the per-
8 sonnel, fiscal, and administrative resources that
9 would be needed for such an expansion.

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

12 (b) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SPECIALIST.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
14 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-
15 mandant shall hire, train, and deploy not fewer than
16 5 additional behavioral health specialists, in addition
17 to the personnel required under section 11412(a) of
18 the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of
19 2022 (14 U.S.C. 504 note).

20 (2) REQUIREMENT.—The Commandant shall
21 ensure that not fewer than 35 percent of behavioral
22 health specialists required to be deployed under
23 paragraph (1) have experience in—

24 (A) behavioral health care related to mili-
25 tary sexual trauma; and

1 (B) behavioral health care for the purpose
2 of supporting members of the Coast Guard with
3 needs for mental health care and counseling
4 services for post-traumatic stress disorder and
5 co-occurring disorders related to military sexual
6 trauma.

7 (3) ACCESSIBILITY.—The support provided by
8 the behavioral health specialists hired pursuant to
9 paragraph (1)—

10 (A) may include care delivered via tele-
11 medicine; and

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

14 (4) NOTIFICATION.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180
16 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
17 the Commandant shall notify the Committee on
18 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
19 Senate and the Committee on Transportation
20 and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
21 tives if the Coast Guard has not completed hir-
22 ing, training, and deploying—

23 (i) the personnel referred to in para-
24 graphs (1) and (2); and

1 (ii) the personnel required under sec-
2 tion 11412(a) of the Don Young Coast
3 Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (14
4 U.S.C. 504 note).

5 (B) CONTENTS.—The notification required
6 under subparagraph (A) shall include—

7 (i) the date of publication of the hir-
8 ing opportunity for all such personnel;

9 (ii) the General Schedule grade level
10 advertised in the publication of the hiring
11 opportunity for all such personnel;

12 (iii) the number of personnel to whom
13 the Coast Guard extended an offer of em-
14 ployment in accordance with the require-
15 ments of this section and section 11412(a)
16 of the Don Young Coast Guard Authoriza-
17 tion Act of 2022 (14 U.S.C. 504 note),
18 and the number of such personnel who ac-
19 cepted or declined such offer of employ-
20 ment;

21 (iv) a summary of the efforts by the
22 Coast Guard to publicize, advertise, or oth-
23 erwise recruit qualified candidates in ac-
24 cordance with the requirements of this sec-
25 tion and section 11412(a) of such Act; and

1 (v) any recommendations and a de-
2 tailed plan to ensure full compliance with
3 the requirements of this section and sec-
4 tion 11412(a) of such Act, which may in-
5 clude special payments discussed in the re-
6 port of the Government Accountability Of-
7 fice titled “Federal Pay: Opportunities
8 Exist to Enhance Strategic Use of Special
9 Payments”, published on December 7,
10 2017 (GAO–18–91), which may be made
11 available to help ensure full compliance
12 with all such requirements in a timely
13 manner.

14 **SEC. 250. TRAVEL ALLOWANCE FOR MEMBERS OF COAST**
15 **GUARD ASSIGNED TO ALASKA.**

16 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Commandant shall im-
17 plement a policy that provides for reimbursement to eligi-
18 ble members of the Coast Guard for the cost of airfare
19 for such members to travel to a place within the United
20 States or the territories of the United States at the re-
21 quest of such member during the period specified in sub-
22 section (e).

23 (b) **ELIGIBLE MEMBERS.**—A member of the Coast
24 Guard is eligible for a reimbursement under subsection (a)
25 if—

1 (1) the member is assigned to a duty location
2 in Alaska; and

3 (2) an officer in a grade above O-5 in the chain
4 of command of the member authorizes the travel of
5 the member.

6 (c) TREATMENT OF TIME AS LEAVE.—The time dur-
7 ing which an eligible member is absent from duty for trav-
8 el reimbursable under subsection (a) shall be treated as
9 leave for purposes of section 704 of title 10, United States
10 Code.

11 (d) RESTRICTION.—The Commandant shall not deny
12 reimbursement for travel authorized under subsection
13 (b)(2) to the respective member.

14 (e) JUSTIFICATION.—If a member requests to travel
15 to a place that is not the home of record, or state of legal
16 residence, of such member, the approving official under
17 subsection (b)(2) may require a justification of the request
18 by such member and shall not unreasonably deny such re-
19 quest.

20 (f) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than February
21 1, 2027, the Commandant shall provide to the Committee
22 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate
23 and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
24 of the House of Representatives a briefing on—

1 (1) the use and effectiveness of reimbursements
2 under subsection (a);

3 (2) the calculation and use of the cost of living
4 allowance for a member assigned to a duty location
5 in Alaska; and

6 (3) the use of special pays and other allowances
7 as incentives for cold weather proficiency or duty lo-
8 cations.

9 (g) PERIOD SPECIFIED.—The period specified in this
10 subsection is the period—

11 (1) beginning on the date of enactment of this
12 Act; and

13 (2) ending on the later of—

14 (A) December 31, 2029; or

15 (B) the date on which the authority under
16 section 352 of title 37, United States Code, to
17 grant assignment or special duty pay to mem-
18 bers of the uniform services terminates under
19 subsection (g) of such section.

20 **SEC. 251. TUITION ASSISTANCE AND ADVANCED EDU-**
21 **CATION ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM.**

22 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 120 days after
23 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
24 department in which the Coast Guard is operating, acting
25 through the Commandant, shall establish a tuition assist-

1 ance pilot program for active-duty members of the Coast
2 Guard, to be known as the “Tuition Assistance and Ad-
3 vanced Education Assistance Pilot Program for Sea
4 Duty” (referred to in this section as the “pilot program”).

5 (b) FORMAL AGREEMENT.—A member of the Coast
6 Guard participating in the pilot program shall enter into
7 a formal agreement with the Secretary of the department
8 in which the Coast Guard is operating that provides that,
9 upon the successful completion of a sea duty tour by such
10 member, the Secretary of the department in which the
11 Coast Guard is operating shall, for a period equal to the
12 length of the sea duty tour, beginning on the date on
13 which the sea duty tour concludes—

14 (1) reduce by 1 year the service obligation in-
15 curred by such member as a result of participation
16 in the advanced education assistance program under
17 section 2005 of title 10, United States Code, or the
18 tuition assistance program under section 2007 of
19 such title; and

20 (2) increase the tuition assistance cost cap for
21 such member to not more than double the amount
22 of the standard tuition assistance cost cap set by the
23 Commandant for the applicable fiscal year.

24 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
25 on which the pilot program is established, and annually

1 thereafter through the date on which the pilot program
2 is terminated under subsection (d), the Commandant shall
3 submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
4 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
5 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives a report that—

7 (1) evaluates and compares—

8 (A) the Coast Guard's retention, recruit-
9 ment, and filling of sea duty billets for all mem-
10 bers of the Coast Guard; and

11 (B) the Coast Guard's retention, recruit-
12 ment, and filling of sea duty billets for all mem-
13 bers of the Coast Guard participating in the
14 pilot program;

15 (2) includes the number of participants in the
16 pilot program as of the date of the report,
17 disaggregated by officer and enlisted billet type; and

18 (3) assesses the progress made by such partici-
19 pants in their respective voluntary education pro-
20 grams, in accordance with their degree plans, during
21 the period described in subsection (b).

22 (d) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall termi-
23 nate on the date that is 6 years after the date on which
24 the pilot program is established.

1 **SEC. 252. RECRUITMENT, RELOCATION, AND RETENTION**
2 **INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR CIVILIAN FIRE-**
3 **FIGHTERS EMPLOYED BY COAST GUARD IN**
4 **REMOTE LOCATIONS.**

5 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF REMOTE LOCATIONS.—The
6 Commandant shall identify locations to be considered re-
7 mote locations for purposes of this section, which shall in-
8 clude, at a minimum, each Coast Guard fire station lo-
9 cated in an area in which members of the Coast Guard
10 and the dependents of such members are eligible for the
11 TRICARE Prime Remote program.

12 (b) INCENTIVE PROGRAM.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—To ensure uninterrupted op-
14 erations by civilian firefighters employed by the
15 Coast Guard in remote locations, the Commandant
16 shall establish an incentive program for such fire-
17 fighters consisting of—

18 (A) recruitment and relocation bonuses
19 consistent with section 5753 of title 5, United
20 States Code; and

21 (B) retention bonuses consistent with sec-
22 tion 5754 of title 5, United States Code.

23 (2) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.—The Commandant,
24 in coordination with the Director of the Office of
25 Personnel and Management, shall establish eligibility
26 criteria for the incentive program established under

1 paragraph (1), which shall include a requirement
2 that a firefighter described in paragraph (1) may
3 only be eligible for the incentive program under this
4 section if, with respect to the applicable remote loca-
5 tion, the Commandant has made a determination
6 that incentives are appropriate to address an identi-
7 fied recruitment, retention, or relocation need.

8 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not less frequently than an-
9 nually for the 5-year period beginning on the date of en-
10 actment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the
11 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
12 and the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
13 mental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Trans-
14 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
15 tives a report that—

16 (1) details the use and effectiveness of the in-
17 centive program established under this section; and

18 (2) includes—

19 (A) the number of participants in the in-
20 centive program;

21 (B) a description of the distribution of in-
22 centives under such program; and

23 (C) a description of the impact of such
24 program on civilian firefighter recruitment and

1 retention by the Coast Guard in remote loca-
2 tions.

3 **SEC. 253. NOTIFICATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall provide to
5 the appropriate committees of Congress notification as de-
6 scribed in subsection (b)—

7 (1) not later than the date that is 10 days be-
8 fore the final day of each fiscal year; or

9 (2) in the case of a continuing resolution that,
10 for a period of more than 10 days, provides appro-
11 priated funds in lieu of an appropriations Act, not
12 later than the date that is 10 days before the final
13 day of the period that such continuing resolution
14 covers.

15 (b) ELEMENTS.—Notification under subsection (a)
16 shall include—

17 (1) the status of funding for the Coast Guard
18 during the subsequent fiscal year or at the end of
19 the continuing resolution if other appropriations
20 measures are not enacted, as applicable;

21 (2) the status of the Coast Guard as a compo-
22 nent of the Armed Forces;

23 (3) the number of members currently serving
24 overseas and otherwise supporting missions related
25 to title 10, United States Code;

1 (4) the fact that members of the Armed Forces
2 have service requirements unlike those of other Fed-
3 eral employees, which require them to continue to
4 serve even if unpaid;

5 (5) the impacts of historical shutdowns of the
6 Federal Government on members of the Coast
7 Guard; and

8 (6) other relevant matters, as determined by
9 the Commandant.

10 (c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
11 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
12 tees of Congress” means—

13 (1) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
14 Transportation of the Senate;

15 (2) the Committee on Armed Services of the
16 Senate;

17 (3) the Committee on Transportation and In-
18 frastructure of the House of Representatives; and

19 (4) the Committee on Armed Services of the
20 House of Representatives.

21 **Subtitle E—Coast Guard Academy**

22 **SEC. 261. MODIFICATION OF BOARD OF VISITORS.**

23 Section 1903 of title 14, United States Code, is
24 amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 1903. Annual Board of Visitors**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall establish
3 a Board of Visitors to the Coast Guard Academy to review
4 and make recommendations on the operation of the Acad-
5 emy.

6 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The membership of the
8 Board shall consist of the following:

9 “(A) The chairperson of the Committee on
10 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
11 Senate, or a member of such Committee des-
12 ignated by such chairperson.

13 “(B) The chairperson of the Committee on
14 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
15 of Representatives, or a member of such Com-
16 mittee designated by such chairperson.

17 “(C) 3 Senators appointed by the Vice
18 President.

19 “(D) 4 Members of the House of Rep-
20 resentatives appointed by the Speaker of the
21 House of Representatives.

22 “(E) 2 Senators appointed by the Vice
23 President, each of whom shall be selected from
24 among members of the Committee on Appro-
25 priations of the Senate.

1 “(F) 2 Members of the House of Rep-
2 representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
3 House of Representatives, each of whom shall
4 be selected from among members of the Com-
5 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives.

7 “(G) 6 individuals designated by the Presi-
8 dent.

9 “(2) TIMING OF APPOINTMENTS OF MEM-
10 BERS.—

11 “(A) If any member of the Board de-
12 scribed in paragraph (1)(C) 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 Commerce,
17 Science, and Transportation of the Senate with
18 jurisdiction over the authorization of appropria-
19 tions of the Coast Guard shall be members of
20 the Board until the date on which the second
21 session of such Congress adjourns sine die.

22 “(B) If any member of the Board de-
23 scribed in paragraph (1)(D) is not appointed by
24 the date that is 180 days after the date on
25 which the first session of each Congress con-

1 venes, the chair and ranking member of the
2 subcommittee of the Committee on Transpor-
3 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
4 resentatives with jurisdiction over the author-
5 ization of appropriations for the Coast Guard
6 shall be members of the Board until the date on
7 which the second session of such Congress ad-
8 journs sine die.

9 “(C) If any member of the Board de-
10 scribed in paragraph (1)(E) is not appointed by
11 the date that is 180 days after the date on
12 which the first session of each Congress con-
13 venes, the chair and ranking member of the
14 subcommittee of the Committee on Appropria-
15 tions of the Senate with jurisdiction over appro-
16 priations for the Coast Guard shall be members
17 of the Board until the date on which the second
18 session of such Congress adjourns sine die.

19 “(D) If any member of the Board de-
20 scribed in paragraph (1)(F) is not appointed by
21 the date that is 180 days after the date on
22 which the first session of each Congress con-
23 venes, the chair and ranking member of the
24 subcommittee of the Committee on Appropria-
25 tions of the House of Representatives with ju-

1 jurisdiction over appropriations for the Coast
2 Guard shall be members of the Board until the
3 date on which the second session of such Con-
4 gress adjourns sine die.

5 “(3) CHAIRPERSON.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—On a biennial basis
7 and subject to paragraph (4), the Board shall
8 select from among the members of the Board a
9 Member of Congress to serve as the Chair of
10 the Board.

11 “(B) ROTATION.—A Member of the House
12 of Representatives and a Member of the Senate
13 shall alternately be selected as the Chair of the
14 Board.

15 “(C) TERM.—An individual may not serve
16 as Chairperson of the Board for consecutive
17 terms.

18 “(4) LENGTH OF SERVICE.—

19 “(A) MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—A Member
20 of Congress designated as a member of the
21 Board under paragraph (1) shall be designated
22 as a member in the first session of the applica-
23 ble Congress and shall serve for the duration of
24 such Congress.

1 “(B) INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY THE
2 PRESIDENT.—Each individual designated by the
3 President under paragraph (1)(G) shall serve as
4 a member of the Board for 3 years, except that
5 any such member whose term of office has ex-
6 pired shall continue to serve until a successor is
7 appointed by the President.

8 “(C) DEATH OR RESIGNATION OF A MEM-
9 BER.—If a member of the Board dies or re-
10 signs, a successor shall be designated for any
11 unexpired portion of the term of the member by
12 the official who designated the member.

13 “(c) DUTIES.—

14 “(1) ACADEMY VISITS.—

15 “(A) ANNUAL VISIT.—The Commandant
16 shall invite each member of the Board, and any
17 designee of a member of the Board, to visit the
18 Coast Guard Academy at least once annually to
19 review the operation of the Academy.

20 “(B) ADDITIONAL VISITS.—With the ap-
21 proval of the Secretary, the Board or any mem-
22 bers of the Board in connection with the duties
23 of the Board may—

1 “(i) make visits to the Academy in ad-
2 dition to the visits described in subpara-
3 graph (A); or

4 “(ii) consult with—

5 “(I) the Superintendent of the
6 Academy; or

7 “(II) the faculty, staff, or cadets
8 of the Academy.

9 “(C) ACCESS.—The Commandant shall en-
10 sure that the Board or any members of the
11 Board who visits the Academy under this para-
12 graph is provided reasonable access to the
13 grounds, facilities, cadets, faculty, staff, and
14 other personnel of the Academy for the purpose
15 of carrying out the duties of the Board.

16 “(2) OVERSIGHT REVIEW.—In conducting over-
17 sight of the Academy under this section, the Board
18 shall review, with respect to the Academy—

19 “(A) the state of morale and discipline, in-
20 cluding with respect to prevention of, response
21 to, and recovery from sexual assault and sexual
22 harassment;

23 “(B) recruitment and retention, including
24 diversity, inclusion, and issues regarding women
25 specifically;

1 “(C) the curriculum;

2 “(D) instruction;

3 “(E) physical equipment, including infra-
4 structure, living quarters, and deferred mainte-
5 nance;

6 “(F) fiscal affairs; and

7 “(G) any other matter relating to the
8 Academy the Board considers appropriate.

9 “(d) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.—

10 “(1) MEETINGS.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently
12 than annually, the Board shall meet at a loca-
13 tion chosen by the Commandant, in consulta-
14 tion with the Board, to conduct the review re-
15 quired by subsection (c)(2).

16 “(B) CHAIRPERSON AND CHARTER.—The
17 Federal officer designated under subsection
18 (f)(1)(B) shall organize a meeting of the Board
19 for the purposes of—

20 “(i) selecting a Chairperson of the
21 Board under subsection (b)(3);

22 “(ii) adopting an official charter for
23 the Board, which shall establish the sched-
24 ule of meetings of the Board; and

1 “(iii) any other matter such des-
2 ignated Federal officer or the Board con-
3 siders appropriate.

4 “(C) SCHEDULING.—In scheduling a meet-
5 ing of the Board, such designated Federal offi-
6 cer shall coordinate, to the greatest extent prac-
7 ticable, with the members of the Board to de-
8 termine the date and time of the meeting.

9 “(D) NOTIFICATION.—Not less than 30
10 days before each scheduled meeting of the
11 Board, such designated Federal officer shall no-
12 tify each member of the Board of the time,
13 date, and location of the meeting.

14 “(2) STAFF.—

15 “(A) DESIGNATION.—The chairperson and
16 the ranking member of the Committee on Com-
17 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
18 ate and the chairperson and the ranking mem-
19 ber of the Committee on Transportation and
20 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
21 may each designate 1 staff member of each
22 such Committees.

23 “(B) ROLE.—Staff designated under sub-
24 paragraph (A)—

1 “(i) may attend and participate in vis-
2 its and carry out consultations described
3 under subsection (c)(1) and attend and
4 participate in meetings described under
5 paragraph (1); and

6 “(ii) may not otherwise carry out du-
7 ties or take actions reserved to members of
8 the Board under this section.

9 “(3) ADVISORS.—If approved by the Secretary,
10 the Board may consult with advisors in carrying out
11 the duties of the Board under this section.

12 “(4) REPORTS.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60
14 days after the date on which the Board con-
15 ducts a meeting of the Board under paragraph
16 (1), the Deputy Commandant for Mission Sup-
17 port, in consultation with the Board, shall sub-
18 mit a report on the actions of the Board during
19 the meeting and the recommendations of the
20 Board pertaining to the Academy to—

21 “(i) the Secretary;

22 “(ii) the Committee on Commerce,
23 Science, and Transportation and the Com-
24 mittee on Armed Services of the Senate;
25 and

1 “(iii) the Committee on Transpor-
2 tation and Infrastructure and the Com-
3 mittee on Armed Services of the House of
4 Representatives.

5 “(B) PUBLICATION.—Each report sub-
6 mitted under this paragraph shall be published
7 on a publicly accessible website of the Coast
8 Guard.

9 “(e) DISCLOSURE.—The Commandant and the Su-
10 perintendent of the Academy shall ensure candid and com-
11 plete disclosure to the Board, consistent with applicable
12 laws relating to disclosure of information, with respect
13 to—

14 “(1) each issue described in subsection (c)(2);
15 and

16 “(2) any other issue the Board or the Com-
17 mandant considers appropriate.

18 “(f) COAST GUARD SUPPORT.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall—

20 “(A) provide support to the Board, as
21 Board considers necessary for the performance
22 of the duties of the Board;

23 “(B) designate a Federal officer to support
24 the performance of the duties of the Board; and

1 “(C) in cooperation with the Super-
2 intendent of the Academy, advise the Board of
3 any institutional issues, consistent with applica-
4 ble laws concerning the disclosure of informa-
5 tion.

6 “(2) REIMBURSEMENT.—Each member of the
7 Board and each advisor consulted by the Board
8 under subsection (d)(3) shall be reimbursed, to the
9 extent permitted by law, by the Coast Guard for ac-
10 tual expenses incurred while engaged in duties as a
11 member or advisor.

12 “(g) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days after
13 the date on which the first session of each Congress con-
14 venes, the Commandant shall provide to the chairperson
15 and ranking member of the Committee on Commerce,
16 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the chair-
17 person and ranking member of the Committee on Trans-
18 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
19 tives, and the President notification of the requirements
20 of this section.”.

21 **SEC. 262. STUDY ON COAST GUARD ACADEMY OVERSIGHT.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
23 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in con-
24 sultation with relevant stakeholders, shall conduct a study
25 on the governance of the Coast Guard Academy, including

1 examining the roles, responsibilities, authorities, advisory
2 functions, and membership qualifications and expertise of
3 the Annual Board of Visitors established under section
4 1903 of title 14, United States Code, and Board of Trust-
5 ees established under the United States Coast Guard
6 Academy Board of Trustees Charter.

7 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-
8 section (a), the Commandant shall examine—

9 (1) the authorities regarding Coast Guard and
10 department in which the Coast Guard is operating
11 oversight of the Coast Guard Academy, including
12 considerations of how the Coast Guard and depart-
13 ment may impact accreditation review at the Acad-
14 emy;

15 (2) the roles and responsibilities of the Board
16 of Trustees and Board of Visitors of such Academy;

17 (3) the Coast Guard roles and responsibilities
18 with respect to management and facilitation of the
19 Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of such
20 Academy;

21 (4) the advisory functions of the Board of
22 Trustees and Board of Visitors of such Academy;
23 and

24 (5) the membership of the Board of Trustees
25 and Board of Visitors for the 10-year period pre-

1 ceding the date of enactment of this Act, to include
2 expertise, objectiveness, and effectiveness in con-
3 ducting oversight of such Academy.

4 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
5 of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit
6 to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
7 tation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation
8 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a re-
9 port that contains—

10 (1) the results of the study required under sub-
11 section (a); and

12 (2) recommendations to improve governance at
13 the Coast Guard Academy.

14 **SEC. 263. ELECTRONIC LOCKING MECHANISMS TO ENSURE**
15 **COAST GUARD ACADEMY CADET ROOM SECU-**
16 **RITY.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
18 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in con-
19 sultation with the Superintendent of the Coast Guard
20 Academy (referred to in this section as the “Super-
21 intendent”), shall—

22 (1) install an electronic locking mechanism for
23 each room at the Coast Guard Academy within
24 which 1 or more Coast Guard Academy cadets reside
25 overnight;

1 (2) test each such mechanism not less than
2 once every 6 months for proper function and main-
3 tained in proper working order; and

4 (3) use a system that electronically records the
5 date, time, and identity of each individual who ac-
6 cesses a cadet room using an electronic access token,
7 code, card, or other electronic means, which shall be
8 maintained in accordance with the general schedule
9 for records retention, or a period of five years,
10 whichever is later.

11 (b) ELECTRONIC LOCKING MECHANISMS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each electronic locking
13 mechanism described in subsection (a) shall be coded
14 in a manner that provides access to a room de-
15 scribed in such subsection only to—

16 (A) the 1 or more cadets assigned to the
17 room; and

18 (B) such Coast Guard Academy officers,
19 administrators, staff, or security personnel, in-
20 cluding personnel of the Coast Guard Investiga-
21 tive Service, as are necessary to access the
22 room in the event of an emergency.

23 (2) EXISTING MECHANISMS.—Not later than 30
24 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Su-
25 perintendent shall ensure that electronic locking

1 mechanisms installed in academic buildings of the
2 Coast Guard Academy, Chase Hall common spaces,
3 and in any other location at the Coast Guard Acad-
4 emy are maintained in proper working order.

5 (c) ACCESS POLICY INSTRUCTION.—Not later than
6 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Super-
7 intendent shall promulgate a policy regarding cadet room
8 security policies and procedures, which shall include, at
9 a minimum—

10 (1) a prohibition on sharing with any other
11 cadet, employee, or other individual electronic access
12 tokens, codes, cards, or other electronic means of ac-
13 cessing a cadet room;

14 (2) procedures for resetting electronic locking
15 mechanisms in the event of a lost, stolen, or other-
16 wise compromised electronic access token, code,
17 card, or other electronic means of accessing a cadet
18 room;

19 (3) procedures to maintain the identity of each
20 individual who accesses a cadet room using an elec-
21 tronic access token, code, card, or other electronic
22 means, while ensuring the security of personally
23 identifiable information and protecting the privacy of
24 any such individual, as appropriate;

1 (4) procedures by which cadets may report to
2 the chain of command the malfunction of an elec-
3 tronic locking mechanism; and

4 (5) a schedule of testing to ensure the proper
5 functioning of electronic locking mechanisms.

6 (d) **MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.**—The Su-
7 perintendent shall ensure that each Coast Guard Academy
8 cadet receives, not later than 1 day after the date of the
9 initial arrival of the cadet at the Coast Guard Academy,
10 an initial training session, and any other training the Su-
11 perintendent considers necessary, on—

12 (1) the use of electronic locking mechanisms in-
13 stalled under this section; and

14 (2) the policy promulgated under subsection (c).

15 **SEC. 264. REPORT ON EXISTING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND**
16 **WELLNESS SUPPORT SERVICES FACILITIES**
17 **AT COAST GUARD ACADEMY.**

18 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 120 days after the
19 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, shall sub-
20 mit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
21 portation of the Senate and the Committee on Transpor-
22 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
23 a report on existing behavioral health and wellness support
24 services facilities at the Coast Guard Academy in which
25 Coast Guard Academy cadets and officer candidates, re-

1 spectively, may receive timely and independent behavioral
2 health and wellness support services, including via tele-
3 medicine.

4 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under para-
5 graph (1) shall include—

6 (1) an identification of each building at the
7 Coast Guard Academy that contains a dormitory or
8 other overnight accommodations for cadets or officer
9 candidates; and

10 (2)(A) an identification of additional behavioral
11 health or wellness support services that would be
12 beneficial to cadets and officer candidates, such as
13 additional facilities with secure access to telemedi-
14 cine;

15 (B) a description of the benefits that such
16 services would provide to cadets and officer can-
17 didates, particularly to cadets and officer can-
18 didates who have experienced sexual assault or
19 sexual harassment; and

20 (C) a description of the resources nec-
21 essary to provide such services.

22 **SEC. 265. REQUIRED POSTING OF INFORMATION.**

23 The Commandant shall ensure that, in each building
24 at the Coast Guard Academy that contains a dormitory
25 or other overnight accommodations for cadets or officer

1 candidates, written information is posted in a visible loca-
2 tion with respect to—

3 (1) the methods and means by which a cadet or
4 officer candidate may report a crime, including har-
5 assment, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and any
6 other offense;

7 (2) the contact information for the Coast Guard
8 Investigative Service;

9 (3) external resources for—

10 (A) wellness support;

11 (B) work-life;

12 (C) medical services; and

13 (D) support relating to behavioral health,
14 civil rights, sexual assault, and sexual harass-
15 ment; and

16 (4) cadet and officer candidate rights with re-
17 spect to reporting incidents to the Coast Guard In-
18 vestigative Service, civilian authorities, the Office of
19 the Inspector General of the department in which
20 the Coast Guard is operating, and any other applica-
21 ble entity.

22 **SEC. 266. INSTALLATION OF MULTIPURPOSE MEDICAL PRI-**
23 **VACY ROOMS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
25 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the depart-

1 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating shall install
2 or construct at the Coast Guard Academy not fewer than
3 2 rooms to be used for the purpose of providing privacy
4 to cadets and officer candidates seeking medical or other
5 health-related services.

6 (b) STANDARDS OF ROOMS.—Each room installed or
7 constructed under this section shall—

8 (1) be equipped—

9 (A) in a manner that ensures the protec-
10 tion of the privacy of cadets and officer can-
11 didates, consistent with law and policy;

12 (B) with a telephone and computer to
13 allow for the provision of telehealth appoint-
14 ments or other services both virtual and in per-
15 son; and

16 (C) with an accessible and private wireless
17 internet connection for the use of personal com-
18 munications devices at the discretion of the
19 cadet or officer candidate concerned; and

20 (2) to the extent practicable and consistent with
21 good order and discipline, be accessible to cadets
22 and officer candidates at all times; and

23 (3) contain the written information described in
24 section 265, which shall be posted in a visible loca-
25 tion.

1 **SEC. 267. COAST GUARD ACADEMY ROOM REASSIGNMENT.**

2 Section 1902 of title 14, United States Code, is
3 amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(f) ROOM REASSIGNMENT.—Coast Guard Academy
5 cadets may request room reassignment if experiencing dis-
6 comfort due to Coast Guard Academy rooming assign-
7 ments, consistent with policy.”.

8 **SEC. 268. AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF COAST GUARD**
9 **ACADEMY FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT BY**
10 **COVERED FOUNDATIONS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 19 of title
12 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
13 the following:

14 **“§ 1908. Authorization for use of Coast Guard Acad-**
15 **emy facilities and equipment by covered**
16 **foundations**

17 “(a) AUTHORITY.—Subject to subsections (b) and
18 (c), the Secretary, with the concurrence of the Super-
19 intendent of the Coast Guard Academy, may authorize a
20 covered foundation to use, on a reimbursable or nonreim-
21 bursable basis as determined by the Secretary, facilities
22 or equipment of the Coast Guard Academy.

23 “(b) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary may not author-
24 ize any use of facilities or equipment under subsection (a)
25 if such use may jeopardize the health, safety, or well-being

1 of any member of the Coast Guard or cadet of the Coast
2 Guard Academy.

3 “(c) LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary may only author-
4 ize the use of facilities or equipment under subsection (a)
5 if such use—

6 “(1) is without any liability of the United
7 States to the covered foundation;

8 “(2) does not—

9 “(A) affect the ability of any official or
10 employee of the Coast Guard, or any member of
11 the armed forces, to carry out any responsibility
12 or duty in a fair and objective manner;

13 “(B) compromise the integrity or appear-
14 ance of integrity of any program of the Coast
15 Guard, or any individual involved in any such
16 program; or

17 “(C) include the participation of any cadet
18 of the Coast Guard Academy at an event of the
19 covered foundation, other than participation of
20 such a cadet in an honor guard;

21 “(3) complies with any applicable ethics regula-
22 tion; and

23 “(4) has been reviewed and approved by an at-
24 torney of the Coast Guard.

1 “(d) ISSUANCE OF POLICIES.—The Secretary shall
2 issue Coast Guard policies to carry out this section.

3 “(e) BRIEFING.—For any fiscal year in which the
4 Secretary exercises the authority under subsection (a), not
5 later than the last day of such fiscal year, the Com-
6 mandant shall provide a briefing 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 on the number of events or
10 activities of a covered foundation supported by such exer-
11 cise of authority during the fiscal year.

12 “(f) COVERED FOUNDATION DEFINED.—In this sec-
13 tion, the term ‘covered foundation’ means an organization
14 that—

15 “(1) is a charitable, educational, or civic non-
16 profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the
17 Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

18 “(2) the Secretary determines operates exclu-
19 sively to support—

20 “(A) recruiting activities with respect to
21 the Coast Guard Academy;

22 “(B) parent or alumni development in sup-
23 port of the Coast Guard Academy;

24 “(C) academic, leadership, or character de-
25 velopment of Coast Guard Academy cadets;

1 “(D) institutional development of the
2 Coast Guard Academy; or

3 “(E) athletics in support of the Coast
4 Guard Academy.”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
6 ter 19 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended
7 by inserting after the item relating to item 1907 the fol-
8 lowing:

 “1908. Authorization for use of Coast Guard Academy facilities and equipment
 by covered foundations.”.

9 **SEC. 269. CONCURRENT JURISDICTION AT COAST GUARD**
10 **ACADEMY.**

11 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-
12 retary of the department in which the Coast Guard is op-
13 erating may establish concurrent jurisdiction between the
14 Federal Government and the State of Connecticut over the
15 lands constituting the Coast Guard Academy in New Lon-
16 don, Connecticut, as necessary to facilitate the ability of
17 the State of Connecticut and City of New London to inves-
18 tigate and prosecute any crimes cognizable under Con-
19 necticut law that are committed on such Coast Guard
20 Academy property.

1 **Subtitle F—Reports and Policies**

2 **SEC. 271. POLICY AND BRIEFING ON AVAILABILITY OF** 3 **NALOXONE TO TREAT OPIOID, INCLUDING** 4 **FENTANYL, OVERDOSES.**

5 (a) **POLICY.**—Not later than 1 year after the date
6 of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall update
7 the policy of the Coast Guard regarding the use of medica-
8 tion to treat drug overdoses, including the use of naloxone
9 or other similar medication to treat opioid, including
10 fentanyl, overdoses.

11 (b) **AVAILABILITY.**—The updated policy required
12 under subsection (a) shall require naloxone or other simi-
13 lar medication be available for members of the Coast
14 Guard—

15 (1) on all Coast Guard installations; and

16 (2) in each operational environment.

17 (c) **PARTICIPATION IN TRACKING SYSTEM.**—Not
18 later than 1 year after the earlier of the date of enactment
19 of this Act or the date on which the tracking system estab-
20 lished under section 706 of the National Defense Author-
21 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 1090 note)
22 is established, the Commandant shall ensure the participa-
23 tion of the Coast Guard in the such tracking system.

24 (d) **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.**—Not later
25 than 1 year after the earlier of the date of enactment of

1 this Act or the date on which the tracking system estab-
2 lished under section 706 of the National Defense Author-
3 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 1090 note)
4 is established, the Secretary of the department in which
5 the Coast Guard is operating when not operating as a
6 service in the Navy and the Secretary of Defense shall fi-
7 nalize a memorandum of understanding to facilitate Coast
8 Guard access such tracking system.

9 (e) BRIEFING.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
11 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
12 shall provide the Committee on Commerce, Science,
13 and Transportation of the Senate and the Com-
14 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
15 House of Representatives a briefing on the use, by
16 members and personnel of the Coast Guard at Coast
17 Guard facilities, onboard Coast Guard assets, and
18 during Coast Guard operations, of—

19 (A) naloxone or other similar medication to
20 treat opioid, including fentanyl, overdoses; and

21 (B) opioids, including fentanyl.

22 (2) ELEMENTS.—The briefing required under
23 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

24 (A) A description of—

1 (i) the progress made in the imple-
2 mentation of the updated policy required
3 under subsection (a);

4 (ii) the prevalence and incidence of
5 the illegal use of fentanyl and other con-
6 trolled substances in the Coast Guard dur-
7 ing the 5-year period preceding the brief-
8 ing;

9 (iii) processes of the Coast Guard to
10 mitigate substance abuse in the Coast
11 Guard, particularly with respect to
12 fentanyl; and

13 (iv) the status of the memorandum of
14 understanding required under subsection
15 (d).

16 (B) For the 5-year period preceding the
17 briefing, a review of instances in which
18 naloxone or other similar medication was used
19 to treat opioid, including fentanyl, overdoses at
20 a Coast Guard facility, onboard a Coast Guard
21 asset, or during a Coast Guard operation.

22 (f) PRIVACY.—In carrying out the requirements of
23 this section, the Commandant shall ensure compliance
24 with all applicable privacy law, including section 552a of
25 title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the

1 “Privacy Act”), and the privacy regulations promulgated
2 under section 264(c) of the Health Insurance Portability
3 and Accountability Act (42 U.S.C. 1320d–2 note).

4 (g) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—For purposes of the
5 availability requirement under subsection (b), with respect
6 to a Coast Guard installation comprised of multiple Coast
7 Guard facilities or units, naloxone or other similar medica-
8 tion available at a single Coast Guard facility within the
9 installation shall be considered to be available to all Coast
10 Guard facilities or units on the installation if appropriate
11 arrangements are in place to ensure access, at all times
12 during operations, to the naloxone or other similar medica-
13 tion contained within such single Coast Guard facility.

14 **SEC. 272. POLICY ON METHODS TO REDUCE INCENTIVES**
15 **FOR ILLICIT MARITIME DRUG TRAFFICKING.**

16 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 1 year after the
17 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in con-
18 sultation with the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement
19 Administration, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary
20 of Defense, shall develop a policy, consistent with the Con-
21 stitution of the United States, as well as domestic and
22 international law, to address, disincentivize, and interdict
23 illicit trafficking by sea of controlled substances (and pre-
24 cursors of controlled substances) being transported to
25 produce illicit synthetic drugs.

1 (b) ELEMENTS.—The policy required under sub-
2 section (a) shall—

3 (1) include a requirement that, to the maximum
4 extent practicable, a vessel unlawfully transporting a
5 controlled substance or precursors of a controlled
6 substance being transported to produce illicit syn-
7 thetic drugs, be seized or appropriately disposed of
8 consistent with domestic and international law, as
9 well as any international agreements to which the
10 United States is a party; and

11 (2) aim to reduce incentives for illicit maritime
12 drug trafficking on a global scale, including in the
13 Eastern Pacific Ocean, the Indo-Pacific region, the
14 Caribbean, and the Middle East.

15 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 1 year after the date
16 of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall brief the
17 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,
18 the Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee
19 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
20 Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
21 structure, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the
22 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
23 resentatives on—

24 (1) the policy developed pursuant to subsection
25 (a); and

- 1 (2) recommendations with respect to—
- 2 (A) additional methods for reducing illicit
- 3 drug trafficking; and
- 4 (B) additional resources necessary to im-
- 5 plement the policy required under subsection
- 6 (a) and methods recommended under subpara-
- 7 graph (A).

8 **SEC. 273. REPORT ON CONDITION OF AIDS TO NAVIGATION.**

9 (a) **PROVISION TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 270

10 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-

11 mandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation

12 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and

13 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

14 of the Senate a report on the condition of dayboards and

15 the placement of buoys on the Missouri River, the First

16 Coast Guard District, and the Thirteenth Coast Guard

17 District.

18 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The report under paragraph (1)

19 shall include—

20 (1) a list of the most recent date on which each

21 dayboard and buoy was serviced by the Coast Guard;

22 (2) an overview of the plan of the Coast Guard

23 to systematically service each dayboard and buoy on

24 the Missouri River;

1 (3) an overview of the plan of the Coast Guard
2 to systematically service each buoy located in the
3 First Coast Guard District;

4 (4) an overview of the plan of the Coast Guard
5 to systematically service each buoy located in the
6 Thirteenth Coast Guard District; and

7 (5) assigned points of contact.

8 (c) LIMITATION.—Beginning on the date of enact-
9 ment of this Act, the Commandant may not remove the
10 aids to navigation covered in subsection (a), unless there
11 is an imminent threat to life or safety, until a period of
12 180 days has elapsed following the date on which the Com-
13 mandant submits the report required under subsection (a).

14 **SEC. 274. FEASIBILITY STUDY ON SUPPORTING ADDI-**
15 **TIONAL PORT VISITS AND DEPLOYMENTS IN**
16 **SUPPORT OF OPERATION BLUE PACIFIC.**

17 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
18 of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the
19 Coast Guard is operating when not operating as a service
20 in the Navy, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense,
21 shall—

22 (1) complete a study on the feasibility and ad-
23 visability of supporting additional Coast Guard port
24 visits and deployments in support of Operation Blue

1 Pacific, or any successor operation oriented toward
2 Oceania;

3 (2) include, as part of the study under para-
4 graph (1), an analysis of where any Coast Guard as-
5 sets used for port visits and deployments in support
6 of Operation Blue Pacific, or any successor oper-
7 ation oriented toward Oceania, will be transferred
8 from and any associated gaps in Coast Guard cov-
9 erage any such transfer will create; and

10 (3) submit to the Committee on Armed Services
11 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
12 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
13 Armed Services and the Committee on Transpor-
14 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Represent-
15 atives a report on the findings of such study.

16 **SEC. 275. STUDY AND GAP ANALYSIS WITH RESPECT TO**
17 **COAST GUARD AIR STATION CORPUS CHRISTI**
18 **AVIATION HANGAR.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
20 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall com-
21 mence a study and gap analysis with respect to the avia-
22 tion hangar at Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi
23 and the capacity of such hangar to accommodate the air-
24 craft currently assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Cor-

1 pus Christi and any aircraft anticipated to be so assigned
2 in the future.

3 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study and gap analysis re-
4 quired by subsection (a) shall include the following:

5 (1) An identification of hangar infrastructure
6 requirements needed—

7 (A) to meet mission requirements for all
8 aircraft currently assigned to Coast Guard Air
9 Station Corpus Christi; and

10 (B) to accommodate the assignment of an
11 additional HC-144 Ocean Sentry aircraft to
12 Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi.

13 (2) An assessment as to whether the aviation
14 hangar at Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi
15 is sufficient to accommodate all rotary-wing assets
16 assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi.

17 (3) In the case of an assessment that such
18 hangar is insufficient to accommodate all such ro-
19 tary-wing assets, a description of the facility modi-
20 fications that would be required to do so.

21 (4) An assessment of the facility modifications
22 of such hangar that would be required to accommo-
23 date all aircraft assigned to Coast Guard Air Station
24 Corpus Christi upon completion of the transition

1 from the MH-65 rotary-wing aircraft to the MH-
2 60T rotary-wing aircraft.

3 (5) An evaluation with respect to which fixed-
4 wing assets assigned to Coast Guard Air Station
5 Corpus Christi should be enclosed in such hangar so
6 as to most effectively mitigate the effects of corro-
7 sion while meeting mission requirements.

8 (6) An evaluation as to whether, and to what
9 extent, the storage of fixed-wing assets outside such
10 hangar would compromise the material condition
11 and safety of such assets.

12 (7) An evaluation of the extent to which any
13 material condition and safety issue identified under
14 paragraph (6) may be mitigated through the use of
15 gust locks, chocks, tie-downs, or related equipment.

16 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the com-
17 mencement of the study and gap analysis required under
18 subsection (a), the Commandant shall submit to the Com-
19 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
20 Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
21 structure of the House of Representatives a report on the
22 results of the study and gap analysis.

1 **SEC. 276. REPORT ON IMPACTS OF JOINT TRAVEL REGULA-**
2 **TIONS ON MEMBERS OF COAST GUARD WHO**
3 **RELY ON FERRY SYSTEMS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in coordi-
6 nation with the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel
7 and Readiness, shall submit to the appropriate committees
8 of Congress a report on the impacts of the Joint Travel
9 Regulations on members of the Coast Guard who are com-
10 muting, on permanent change of station travel, or on other
11 official travel to or from locations served by ferry systems.

12 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
13 section (a) shall include an analysis of the impacts on such
14 members of the Coast Guard of the following policies
15 under the Joint Travel Regulations:

16 (1) The one-vehicle shipping policy.

17 (2) The unavailability of reimbursement of
18 costs incurred by such members due to ferry sched-
19 ule unavailability, sailing cancellations, and other
20 sailing delays during commuting, permanent change
21 of station travel, or other official travel.

22 (3) The unavailability of local infrastructure to
23 support vehicles or goods shipped to duty stations in
24 locations outside the contiguous United States that
25 are not connected by the road system, including lo-

1 cations served by the Alaska Marine Highway Sys-
2 tem.

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
5 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
6 gress” means—

7 (A) the Committee on Armed Services and
8 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
9 Transportation of the Senate; and

10 (B) the Committee on Armed Services and
11 the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Mari-
12 time Transportation of the Committee on
13 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
14 of Representatives.

15 (2) JOINT TRAVEL REGULATIONS.—The term
16 “Joint Travel Regulations”, with respect to official
17 travel, means the terms, rates, conditions, and regu-
18 lations maintained under section 464 of title 37,
19 United States Code.

20 **SEC. 277. REPORT ON JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAIN-**
21 **ING CORPS PROGRAM.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
23 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall sub-
24 mit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
25 portation of the Senate and the Committee on Transpor-

1 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
2 a report on the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps
3 program.

4 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
5 section (a) shall include the following:

6 (1) A description of the standards and criteria
7 prescribed by the Coast Guard for educational insti-
8 tution participation in the Coast Guard Junior Re-
9 serve Officers' Training Corps program.

10 (2) With respect to each educational institution
11 offering a Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers'
12 Training Corps program—

13 (A) a description of—

14 (i) the training and course of military
15 instruction provided to students;

16 (ii) the facilities and drill areas used
17 for the program;

18 (iii) the type and amount of Coast
19 Guard Junior Reserve Officers' Training
20 Corps program resources provided by the
21 Coast Guard;

22 (iv) the type and amount of Coast
23 Guard Junior Reserve Officers' Training
24 Corps program resources provided by the
25 educational institution; and

1 (v) any other matter relating to pro-
2 gram requirements the Commandant con-
3 siders appropriate;

4 (B) an assessment as to whether the edu-
5 cational institution is located in an education-
6 ally and economically deprived area (as de-
7 scribed in section 2031 of title 10, United
8 States Code);

9 (C) beginning with the year in which the
10 program was established at the educational in-
11 stitution, the number of students who have par-
12 ticipated in the program, disaggregated by gen-
13 der, race, and grade of student participants;
14 and

15 (D) an assessment of the participants in
16 the program, including—

17 (i) the performance of the participants
18 in the program;

19 (ii) the number of participants in the
20 program who express an intent to pursue
21 a commission or enlistment in the Coast
22 Guard; and

23 (iii) a description of any other factor
24 or matter considered by the Commandant
25 to be important in assessing the success of

1 program participants at the educational in-
2 stitution.

3 (3) With respect to any unit of the Coast Guard
4 Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps suspended
5 or placed on probation pursuant to section 2031(h)
6 of title 10, United States Code—

7 (A) a description of the unit;

8 (B) the reason for such suspension or
9 placement on probation;

10 (C) the year the unit was so suspended or
11 placed on probation; and

12 (D) with respect to any unit that was rein-
13 stated after previously being suspended or
14 placed on probation, a justification for the rein-
15 statement of such unit.

16 (4) A description of the resources and personnel
17 required to maintain, implement, and provide over-
18 sight for the Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers'
19 Training Corps program at each participating edu-
20 cational institution and within the Coast Guard, in-
21 cluding the funding provided to each such edu-
22 cational institution, disaggregated by educational in-
23 stitution and year.

24 (5) A recommendation with respect to—

1 (A) whether the number of educational in-
2 stitutions participating in the Coast Guard Junior
3 Reserve Officers' Training Corps program
4 should be increased; and

5 (B) in the case of a recommendation that
6 such number should be increased, additional
7 recommendations relating to such an increase,
8 including—

9 (i) the number of additional edu-
10 cational institutions that should be in-
11 cluded in the program;

12 (ii) the locations of such institutions;

13 (iii) any additional authorities or re-
14 sources necessary for such an increase; and

15 (iv) any other matter the Com-
16 mandant considers appropriate.

17 (6) Any other matter the Commandant con-
18 siders necessary in order to provide a full assess-
19 ment of the effectiveness of the Coast Guard Junior
20 Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.

21 **SEC. 278. REPORT AND BRIEFINGS ON IMPLEMENTING SEC-**
22 **TION 564 OF TITLE 14.**

23 Section 11272(c) of the James M. Inhofe National
24 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public

1 Law 117–263) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(7) PUBLIC REPORT.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30
5 days after the date of enactment of the Coast
6 Guard Authorization Act of 2025, the Com-
7 mandant shall brief the Committee on Trans-
8 portation and Infrastructure of the House or
9 Representatives and the Committee on Com-
10 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
11 ate on the cost to the Coast Guard of meeting
12 the requirements of section 564 of title 14,
13 United States Code, in fiscal year 2024.

14 “(B) SECONDARY BRIEFINGS.—Not later
15 than November 1, 2025 and November 1,
16 2026, the Commandant shall brief the commit-
17 tees described in subparagraph (A) on the cost
18 to the Coast Guard of meeting the requirements
19 of section 564 of title 14, United States Code,
20 in fiscal years 2025 and 2026, respectively.”

21 **SEC. 279. REPORT ON ROLE OF COAST GUARD.**

22 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
23 of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with
24 the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard
25 is operating when it is not operating as a Service in the

1 Navy, shall prepare a report on the role the Coast Guard
2 is expected to play in the 5, 10, and 20 years after the
3 date of enactment of this Act in providing assistance to
4 the military departments in—

5 (1) working with the navies and domestic coast
6 guard of nations located in the Indo-Pacific region
7 on building capacity to protect the territorial waters
8 of such nations from incursions by other nations;

9 (2) providing a presence in the Arctic and Ant-
10 arctic to protect United States sovereign national se-
11 curity interests in the regions; and

12 (3) providing law enforcement capabilities
13 which the military departments do not possess for
14 national security, piracy, alien and drug interdiction,
15 and fishery law enforcement on the high seas.

16 **SEC. 280. REPORT ON COAST GUARD PERSONNEL SKILLS.**

17 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
18 of this Act, the Commandant, in consultation with Assist-
19 ant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), shall submit to
20 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
21 the House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
22 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
23 that includes the following:

24 (1) An analysis of the skills and experience of
25 Coast Guard personnel, particularly such personnel

1 with backgrounds in engineering, navigation, heavy
2 equipment operation, and maintenance, that are di-
3 rectly transferable to the dredging industry.

4 (2) A plan for developing and implementing tar-
5 geted outreach and recruitment strategies to connect
6 separating or retiring Coast Guard personnel with
7 employment opportunities, including registered ap-
8 prentice programs, in the dredging industry.

9 (3) An evaluation of the potential for estab-
10 lishing programs to recognize the skills of Coast
11 Guard personnel for the merchant mariner creden-
12 tials necessary for employment in the dredging in-
13 dustry.

14 (4) A description of any existing or planned co-
15 ordination with the Corps of Engineers, employers,
16 relevant labor organizations, and other relevant
17 agencies to facilitate the transition of Coast Guard
18 personnel into the dredging industry.

19 **SEC. 281. REPORT ON COAST GUARD SEARCH AND RESCUE**
20 **OPERATIONS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
22 date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
23 the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Trans-
24 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
25 tives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and

1 Transportation of the Senate a report detailing the search
2 and rescue operations at impacted Coast Guard facilities
3 that contains the following:

4 (1) The number of impacted Coast Guard facili-
5 ties.

6 (2) The number of active Coast Guard facilities
7 operating as scheduled mission stations.

8 (3) The number of active search and rescue
9 personnel at each impacted Coast Guard facility.

10 (4) The number of search and rescue personnel
11 at each impacted Coast Guard facility beginning in
12 2021 and accounted for annually thereafter.

13 (5) A description of active and past first re-
14 sponder cooperative agreements made between each
15 impacted Coast Guard facility and local law enforce-
16 ment or first responders for search and rescue oper-
17 ations.

18 (6) The average response time for all search
19 and rescue operations at each impacted Coast Guard
20 facility beginning in 2021 and accounted for annu-
21 ally thereafter.

22 (7) The number of lives lost during search and
23 rescue operations at each impacted Coast Guard fa-
24 cility beginning in 2021 and accounted for annually
25 thereafter.

1 (8) The number of vessel safety checks adminis-
2 tered by an impacted Coast Guard facility beginning
3 in 2021 and accounted for annually thereafter.

4 (9) The number of search and rescue incidents
5 in which a facility responded to a search and rescue
6 incident in an area previously covered by an im-
7 pacted Coast Guard facility but was unable to fulfill
8 the mission, including—

9 (A) the distance traveled to the destination
10 of each incident;

11 (B) the duration time traveled to reach the
12 destination of each incident;

13 (C) whether the incident resulted in a loss
14 of life;

15 (D) whether the search and rescue team
16 was able to reach the destination of the incident
17 to complete operations;

18 (E) whether the Coast Guard had to rely
19 on local authorities to address the incident due
20 to operational limitations for Coast Guard; and

21 (F) identifying the local authorities ad-
22 dressing search and rescue incidents under sub-
23 paragraph (E).

1 (10) The number of ice rescue missions taken
2 by impacted Coast Guard facilities beginning in
3 2021 and accounted for annually thereafter.

4 (11) The area of responsibility covered by each
5 impacted Coast Guard facility.

6 (12) Any other metrics determined to be rel-
7 evant by the Commandant to convey the changes to
8 search and rescue operations at impacted Coast
9 Guard facilities.

10 (b) DEFINITION OF IMPACTED COAST GUARD FACIL-
11 ITY.—In this section, the term “impacted Coast Guard fa-
12 cility” means a facility or station that was designated as
13 a schedule mission station or closed under either the As-
14 signment Year 2023 Force Alignment Initiative or the As-
15 signment Year 2024 Force Alignment Initiative.

16 **TITLE III—SHIPPING AND**
17 **NAVIGATION**

18 **Subtitle A—Merchant Mariner**
19 **Credentials**

20 **SECTION 301. MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIALING.**

21 (a) REDUCTION OF LENGTHS OF CERTAIN PERIODS
22 OF SERVICE.—Section 3534 of the National Defense Au-
23 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–
24 31) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsection (k) as sub-
2 section (u); and

3 (2) by striking subsection (j) and inserting the
4 following:

5 “(j) REVISING MERCHANT MARINER DECK TRAIN-
6 ING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 2101 of title 46, United
7 States Code, is amended—

8 “(1) by redesignating paragraphs (20) through
9 (56) as paragraphs (21), (22), (24), (25), (26), (27),
10 (28), (29), (30), (31), (32), (33), (34), (35), (36),
11 (37), (38), (39), (40), (41), (42), (43), (44), (45),
12 (46), (47), (48), (49), (50), (51), (52), (53), (54),
13 (55), (56), (57), and (58), respectively; and

14 “(2) by inserting after paragraph (19) the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(20) “merchant mariner credential” means a
17 merchant mariner license, certificate, or document
18 that the Secretary is authorized to issue pursuant to
19 this title.”; and

20 “(3) by inserting after paragraph (22), as so
21 redesignated, the following:

22 “(23) “nautical school program” means a pro-
23 gram that—

24 “(A) offers a comprehensive program of
25 training that includes substantial sea service on

1 nautical school vessels or merchant vessels of
2 the United States primarily to train individuals
3 for service in the merchant marine; and

4 “(B) is approved by the Secretary for
5 purposes of section 7315, in accordance with
6 regulations promulgated by the Secretary.’.

7 “(k) NONCITIZENSHIP NATIONALITY.—

8 “(1) CITIZENSHIP OR NONCITIZEN NATION-
9 ALITY.—Section 7102 of title 46, United States
10 Code, is amended—

11 “(A) in the section heading by inserting
12 ‘**or noncitizen nationality**’ after ‘**Citi-**
13 **zenship**’; and

14 “(B) by inserting ‘or noncitizen nationals
15 (as such term is described in section 308 of the
16 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
17 1408))’ after ‘citizens’.

18 “(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Section 7304 of title
20 46, United States Code, is amended—

21 “(i) in the section heading by insert-
22 ing ‘**or noncitizen nationality**’ after
23 ‘**Citizenship**’; and

24 “(ii) by inserting ‘or noncitizen na-
25 tionals (as such term is described in sec-

1 tion 308 of the Immigration and Nation-
2 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1408))’ after ‘citizens’.

3 “(B) CITIZENSHIP AND NAVY RESERVE
4 REQUIREMENTS.—Section 8103 of title 46,
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 “(i) in the section heading by insert-
7 ing ‘**or noncitizen nationality**’ after
8 ‘**Citizenship**’;

9 “(ii) in subsection (a) by inserting ‘or
10 noncitizen national’ after ‘citizen’;

11 “(iii) in subsection (b)—

12 “(I) in paragraph (1)(A)(i) by in-
13 serting ‘or noncitizen national’ after
14 ‘citizen’;

15 “(II) in paragraph (3) by insert-
16 ing ‘or noncitizen nationality’ after
17 ‘citizenship’; and

18 “(III) in paragraph (3)(C) by in-
19 serting ‘or noncitizen nationals’ after
20 ‘citizens’;

21 “(iv) in subsection (c) by inserting ‘or
22 noncitizen nationals’ after ‘citizens’;

23 “(v) in subsection (d)—

1 “(I) in paragraph (1) by insert-
2 ing ‘or noncitizen nationals’ after ‘citi-
3 zens’; and

4 “(II) in paragraph (2) by insert-
5 ing ‘or noncitizen national’ after ‘cit-
6 izen’ each place it appears;

7 “(vi) in subsection (e) by inserting ‘or
8 noncitizen national’ after ‘citizen’ each
9 place it appears;

10 “(vii) in subsection (i)(1)(A) by in-
11 serting ‘or noncitizen national’ after ‘cit-
12 izen’;

13 “(viii) in subsection (k)—

14 “(I) in paragraph (1)(A) by in-
15 serting ‘or noncitizen national’ after
16 ‘citizen’; and

17 “(II) in paragraph (2)—

18 “(aa) by striking ‘Not more
19 than’ and inserting the following:

20 “(A) Not more than’; and

21 “(bb) by adding at the end
22 the following:

23 “(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A),
24 for the period beginning on the date of enact-
25 ment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of

1 2025 and ending on December 31, 2065, not
2 more than 50 percent of the unlicensed seamen
3 on a vessel described in paragraph (1) may be
4 aliens referred to in subparagraph (B) or (C) of
5 such paragraph. ’; and

6 “(ix) by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(1) NONCITIZEN NATIONAL DEFINED.—In this sec-
9 tion, the term “noncitizen national” means an individual
10 described in section 308 of the Immigration and Nation-
11 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1408).’.

12 “(C) COMMAND OF DOCUMENTED VES-
13 SELS.—Section 12131(a) of title 46, United
14 States Code, is amended by inserting ‘or noncit-
15 izen national (as such term is described in sec-
16 tion 308 of the Immigration and Nationality
17 Act (8 U.S.C. 1408))’ after ‘citizen’.

18 “(D) INVALIDATION OF CERTIFICATES OF
19 DOCUMENTATION.—Section 12135(2) of title
20 46, United States Code, is amended by insert-
21 ing ‘or noncitizen national (as such term is de-
22 scribed in section 308 of the Immigration and
23 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1408))’ after ‘cit-
24 izen’.

25 “(3) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The analysis for chap-
2 ter 71 of title 46, United States Code, is
3 amended by striking the item relating to section
4 7102 and inserting the following:

 “‘7102. Citizenship or noncitizen nationality.’.

5 “(B) SECTION 7304.—The analysis for
6 chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code, is
7 amended by striking the item relating to section
8 7304 and inserting the following:

 “‘7304. Citizenship or noncitizen nationality notation on merchant mariners’
 documents.’.

9 “(C) SECTION 8103.—The analysis for
10 chapter 81 of title 46, United States Code, is
11 amended by striking the item relating to section
12 8103 and inserting the following:

 “‘8103. Citizenship or noncitizen nationality and Navy Reserve requirements.’.

13 “(l) EXAMINATIONS.—Section 7116 of title 46,
14 United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (c).

15 “(m) MERCHANT MARINERS DOCUMENTS.—Chapter
16 73 of title 46, United States Code is amended—

17 “(1) by amending section 7306 to read as fol-
18 lows:

1 **“§ 7306. General requirements and classifications for**
2 **members of deck departments**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may issue a mer-
4 chant mariner credential, to members of the deck depart-
5 ment in the following classes:

6 “(1) Able Seaman-Unlimited.

7 “(2) Able Seaman-Limited.

8 “(3) Able Seaman-Special.

9 “(4) Able Seaman-Offshore Supply Vessels.

10 “(5) Able Seaman-Sail.

11 “(6) Able Seaman-Fishing Industry.

12 “(7) Ordinary Seaman.

13 “(b) CLASSIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS.—The Sec-
14 retary may classify the merchant mariner credential issued
15 under subsection (a) based on—

16 “(1) the tonnage and means of propulsion of
17 vessels;

18 “(2) the waters on which vessels are to be op-
19 erated; or

20 “(3) other appropriate standards.

21 “(c) QUALIFICATIONS.—To qualify for a credential
22 under this section, an applicant shall provide satisfactory
23 proof that the applicant—

24 “(1) is at least 18 years of age;

25 “(2) has the service required by the applicable
26 section of this part;

1 “(3) is qualified professionally as dem-
2 onstrated by an applicable examination or edu-
3 cational requirements;

4 “(4) is qualified as to sight, hearing, and phys-
5 ical condition to perform the seafarer’s duties; and

6 “(5) has satisfied any additional requirements
7 established by the Secretary, including career pat-
8 terns and service appropriate to the particular serv-
9 ice, industry, or job functions the individual is en-
10 gaged.’;

11 “(2) in section 7307 by striking ‘3 years’ and
12 inserting ‘18 months’;

13 “(3) in section 7308 by striking ‘18 months’
14 and inserting ‘12 months’;

15 “(4) in section 7309 by striking ‘12 months’
16 and inserting ‘6 months’;

17 “(5) in section 7313—

18 “(A) in subsection (b) by striking ‘and coal
19 passer’; and

20 “(B) by striking subsection (c) and insert-
21 ing the following:

22 “(c) CLASSIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS.—The Sec-
23 retary may classify the merchant mariner credential issued
24 under subsection (a) based on—

1 “(1) the tonnage and means of propulsion of
2 vessels;

3 “(2) the waters on which vessels are to be op-
4 erated; or

5 “(3) other appropriate standards.

6 “(d) QUALIFICATIONS.—To qualify for a credential
7 under this section, an applicant shall provide satisfactory
8 proof that the applicant—

9 “(1) is at least 18 years of age;

10 “(2) has a minimum of 6-months service in
11 the related entry rating;

12 “(3) is qualified professionally as dem-
13 onstrated by an applicable examination or edu-
14 cational requirements; and

15 “(4) is qualified as to sight, hearing, and phys-
16 ical condition to perform the member’s duties.’; and

17 “(6) by amending section 7315 to read as fol-
18 lows:

19 **“§ 7315. Training**

20 “(a) NAUTICAL SCHOOL PROGRAM.—Graduation
21 from a nautical school program may be substituted for the
22 sea service requirements under sections 7307 through
23 7311a and 7313 of this title.

24 “(b) OTHER APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAMS.—
25 The satisfactory completion of a training program ap-

1 proved by the Secretary may be substituted for not more
2 than one-half of the sea service requirements under sec-
3 tions 7307 through 7311a and 7313 of this title in accord-
4 ance with subsection (c).

5 ““(c) TRAINING DAYS.—For purposes of subsection
6 (b), training days undertaken in connection with training
7 programs approved by the Secretary may be substituted
8 for days of required sea service under sections 7307
9 through 7311a and 7313 of this title as follows:

10 ““(1) Each shore-based training day in the
11 form of classroom lectures may be substituted for 2
12 days of sea service requirements.

13 ““(2) Each training day of laboratory training,
14 practical demonstrations, and other similar training,
15 may be substituted for 4 days of sea service require-
16 ments.

17 ““(3) Each training day of full mission simu-
18 lator training may be substituted for 6 days of sea
19 service requirements.

20 ““(4) Each training day underway on a vessel
21 while enrolled in an approved training program may
22 be substituted for 1½ days of sea service require-
23 ments, as long as—

24 ““(A) the structured training provided
25 while underway on a vessel is—

1 “(i) acceptable to the Secretary as
2 part of the approved training program; and

3 “(ii) fully completed by the indi-
4 vidual; and

5 “(B) the tonnage of such vessel is appro-
6 priate to the endorsement being sought.

7 “(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “train-
8 ing day” means a day that consists of not less than 7
9 hours of training.’.

10 “(n) IMPLEMENTATION.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the de-
12 partment in which the Coast Guard is operating
13 shall implement the requirements under subsection
14 (c) of section 7306 of title 46, United States Code
15 (as amended by this section), without regard to
16 chapters 5 and 6 of title 5, United States Code, and
17 Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 (5 U.S.C. 601
18 note).

19 “(2) SECTION 7315.—The Secretary of the de-
20 partment in which the Coast Guard is operating
21 shall implement the requirements of section 7315 of
22 title 46, United States Code, as amended by this
23 subsection, without regard to chapters 5 and 6 of
24 title 5, United States Code, and Executive Orders

1 12866 and 13563 (5 U.S.C. 601 note) and 14094
2 (88 Fed. Reg. 21879).

3 “(o) REPEAL.—Section 7314 of title 46, United
4 States Code, and the item relating to such section in the
5 analysis for chapter 73 of such title, are repealed.

6 “(p) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for
7 chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code, is amended
8 by striking the item relating to section 7306 and inserting
9 the following:

 “‘7306. General requirements and classifications for members of deck depart-
 ments.’.

10 “(q) AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 75.—Chapter 75 of
11 title 46, United States Code, is amended—

12 “(1) in section 7507 by adding at the end the
13 following:

14 ““(d) RENEWAL.—With respect to any renewal of an
15 active merchant mariner credential issued under this part
16 that is not an extension under subsection (a) or (b), such
17 credential shall begin the day after the expiration of the
18 active credential of the credential holder.’; and

19 “(2) in section 7510(c)—

20 “(A) in the subsection heading by striking
21 ‘EXAM REVIEW’ and inserting ‘WORKING
22 GROUP’;

23 “(B) in paragraph (1)—

1 “(i) by striking ‘90 days’ and insert-
2 ing ‘180 days’;

3 “(ii) by striking ‘Coast Guard Author-
4 ization Act of 2016’ and insert ‘Coast
5 Guard Authorization Act of 2025’;

6 “(iii) by striking ‘new questions for
7 inclusion in’ and inserting ‘questions, con-
8 tent, and relevancy of’;

9 “(iv) by redesignating subparagraphs
10 (E), (F), and (G) as subparagraphs (G),
11 (H), and (I), respectively; and

12 “(v) by inserting after subparagraph
13 (D) the following:

14 ““(E) at least 2 individuals that have
15 taken and passed the examination in the 5
16 years before the commissioning of the working
17 group;

18 ““(F) at least 1 representative from the
19 United States Merchant Marine Academy; ’;

20 ““(C) in paragraph (4)—

21 ““(i) in the paragraph heading by
22 striking ‘BASELINE REVIEW’ and inserting
23 ‘REVIEW’;

24 ““(ii) in subparagraph (A)—

1 “(I) by striking ‘Within 1 year’
2 and inserting ‘Not later than 270
3 days’;

4 “(II) by striking ‘Coast Guard
5 Authorization Act of 2016’ and insert-
6 ing ‘Coast Guard Authorization Act of
7 2025’;

8 “(III) by striking ‘Secretary’ and
9 inserting ‘Commandant’;

10 “(IV) by redesignating clauses
11 (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) as clauses (ii),
12 (iii), (iv), and (vii), respectively;

13 “(V) in clause (iv), as so redesign-
14 ated, by striking ‘; and’ and insert-
15 ing a semicolon;

16 “(VI) by inserting before clause
17 (ii) the following:

18 “(i) industry standards, practices,
19 and technology to be considered in the
20 Merchant Mariner Credentialing Examina-
21 tion; ’; and

22 “(VII) by inserting after clause
23 (iv) the following:

24 “(v) the relevancy of examination
25 topics and contents;

1 “(vi) any redundancy of core com-
2 petencies between the Merchant Mariner
3 Credentialing Examination and Standards
4 of Training, Certification, and
5 Watchingkeeping competencies; and’;

6 “(iii) by striking subparagraph (B)
7 and inserting the following:

8 “(B) REPORT TO COMMANDANT.—Upon
9 completion of the review under this paragraph,
10 a report shall be provided to the Commandant
11 which shall include findings of the review with
12 recommendations for updates to the Merchant
13 Marine Credentialing Examination. ’;

14 “(D) by striking paragraphs (3), (5), and
15 (8);

16 “(E) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and
17 (9) as paragraphs (5) and (8), respectively; and

18 “(F) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
19 following:

20 “(3) MEETING OF WORKING GROUP.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant
22 shall convene the working group annually or at
23 the creation of new examination questions,
24 whichever occurs sooner.

1 “(B) REMOTE PARTICIPATION.—The
2 Commandant shall allow any member of the
3 working group to participate remotely if the
4 member of the working group does not have the
5 means to participate in person.

6 “(4) USE OF QUESTIONS.—The Commandant
7 may not use questions developed for use in the Mer-
8 chant Mariner Credentialing Examination until such
9 questions are reviewed and approved by the working
10 group.’.

11 “(r) PLAN.—

12 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 270 days
13 after the completion of the review under paragraph
14 (4) of subsection (c), the Commandant shall develop
15 a plan to update and modernize the Merchant Mar-
16 iner Credentialing Examination and implement the
17 recommendations developed by the review under
18 such paragraph.

19 “(2) CONTENTS.—The plan developed under
20 paragraph (1) shall not diminish demonstrated com-
21 petency standards and shall include—

22 “(A) the elimination of redundant topics
23 between the Merchant Mariner Credentialing
24 Examination and other examinations required
25 to obtain a Merchant Mariner Credential;

1 “(B) the elimination or updating of out-
2 dated topics, contents, core competencies, or
3 questions covered by the Merchant Mariner
4 Credentialing Examination;

5 “(C) the modernization of testing proce-
6 dures consistent with contemporary procedures
7 for standardized testing administration and
8 evaluation; and

9 “(D) the development of methods to ana-
10 lyze examination data related to the effective-
11 ness of questions in determining competency.

12 “(3) COORDINATION.—In developing the plan
13 under paragraph (1), the Commandant shall develop
14 such plan in consultation with the working group
15 and individuals with expertise in modern best prac-
16 tices for relevant standardized testing.

17 “(4) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 1
18 year after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard
19 Authorization Act of 2025, the Coast Guard shall
20 provide to the Committee on Transportation and In-
21 frastructure of the House of Representatives and the
22 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
23 tation of the Senate a briefing on the review and
24 plan developed under this subsection.

1 “(s) AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 77.—Section
2 7702(d)(1) of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

3 “(1) in subparagraph (B) by redesignating
4 clauses (i) through (iv) as subclauses (I) through
5 (IV), respectively (and by conforming the margins
6 accordingly);

7 “(2) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and
8 (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively (and by con-
9 forming the margins accordingly);

10 “(3) by striking ‘an individual if—’ and insert-
11 ing the following: ‘an individual—

12 “‘(A) if—’;

13 “(4) in subparagraph (A)(ii)(IV), as so redesi-
14 gnated, by striking the period at the end and insert-
15 ing ‘; or’; and

16 “(5) by adding at the end the following:

17 “‘(B) if there is probable cause to believe that
18 the individual has violated company policy and is a
19 security risk that poses a threat to other individuals
20 on the vessel.’.

21 “(t) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

22 “(1) TITLE 46.—Title 46, United States Code,
23 is amended—

24 “(A) in section 2101(47)(B) by striking ‘;
25 and’ and inserting ‘; or’;

1 “(B) in section 2113(3) by striking ‘sec-
2 tion 2101(53)(A)’ and inserting ‘section
3 2101(55)(A)’;

4 “(C) in section 3202(a)(1)(A) by striking
5 ‘section 2101(29)(A)’ and inserting ‘section
6 2101(31)(A)’;

7 “(D) in section 3507(k)(1) by striking
8 ‘section 2101(31)’ and inserting ‘section
9 2101(33)’;

10 “(E) in section 4105(d) by striking ‘sec-
11 tion 2101(53)(A)’ and inserting ‘section
12 2101(55)(A)’;

13 “(F) in section 12119(a)(3) by striking
14 ‘section 2101(26)’ and inserting ‘section
15 2101(28)’; and

16 “(G) in section 51706(c)(6)(C)(ii) by strik-
17 ing ‘section 2101(24)’ and inserting ‘section
18 2101(26)’.

19 “(2) OTHER LAWS.—

20 “(A) Section 3(3) of the Magnuson-Ste-
21 vens Fishery Conservation and Management
22 Act (16 U.S.C. 1802(3)) is amended by striking
23 ‘2101(30) of title 46’ and inserting ‘2101 of
24 title 46’.

1 “(B) Section 1992(d)(7) of title 18, United
2 States Code, is amended by striking ‘section
3 2101(31) of title 46’ and inserting ‘section
4 2101 of title 46’.

5 “(C) Section 311(a)(26)(D) of the Federal
6 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
7 1321(a)(26)(D)) is amended by striking ‘section
8 2101(23)’ and inserting ‘section 2101’.

9 “(D) Section 1101 of title 49, United
10 States Code, is amended by striking ‘Section
11 2101(23)’ and inserting ‘Section 2101(24)’.”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
13 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of enactment
14 of this Act.

15 **SEC. 302. NONOPERATING INDIVIDUAL.**

16 Section 8313(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry
17 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
18 (Public Law 116–283) is amended by striking “2025” and
19 inserting “2029”.

20 **Subtitle B—Vessel Safety**

21 **SEC. 311. GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OPERATIONS OF A VESSEL.**

22 Section 2302(b) of title 46, United States Code, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 “(b) GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OPERATION.—

1 “(1) MISDEMEANOR.—A person operating a
2 vessel in a grossly negligent manner that endangers
3 the life, limb, or property of a person commits a
4 class A misdemeanor.

5 “(2) FELONY.—A person operating a vessel in
6 a grossly negligent manner that results in serious
7 bodily injury, as defined in section 1365(h)(3) of
8 title 18—

9 “(A) commits a class E felony; and

10 “(B) may be assessed a civil penalty of not
11 more than \$35,000.”.

12 **SEC. 312. PERFORMANCE DRIVEN EXAMINATION SCHED-**
13 **ULE.**

14 (a) AMENDMENTS.—Section 3714 of title 46, United
15 States Code, is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a)(1) by striking “The Sec-
17 retary” and inserting “Except as provided in sub-
18 section (c), the Secretary”;

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

21 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
22 lowing:

23 “(c) PERFORMANCE-DRIVEN EXAMINATION SCHED-
24 ULE.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to examina-
2 tions of foreign vessels to which this chapter applies,
3 and subject to paragraph (3), the Secretary may
4 adopt a performance-driven examination schedule to
5 which such vessels are to be examined and the fre-
6 quency with which such examinations occur, includ-
7 ing the frequency of examinations for each vessel.
8 Such schedule shall be consistent with the Sec-
9 retary’s assessment of the safety performance of
10 such vessels, including each vessel participating in
11 the performance-driven examination schedule, in ac-
12 cordance with paragraph (2).

13 “(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing an ex-
14 amination schedule under paragraph (1) and subject
15 to paragraph (3), with respect to each vessel in de-
16 termining eligibility to participate in the perform-
17 ance based examination schedule—

18 “(A) the Secretary shall consider—

19 “(i) certificate of compliance and ex-
20 amination history, to include those con-
21 ducted by foreign countries;

22 “(ii) history of violations, vessel deten-
23 tions, incidents, and casualties;

24 “(iii) history of notices of violation
25 issued by the Coast Guard;

1 “(iv) safety related information pro-
2 vided by the flag state of the vessel;

3 “(v) owner and operator history;

4 “(vi) historical classification society
5 data, which may include relevant surveys;

6 “(vii) cargo-specific documentation;

7 “(viii) data from port state control
8 safety exams; and

9 “(ix) relevant repair and maintenance
10 history; and

11 “(B) the Secretary may consider—

12 “(i) data from relevant vessel quality
13 assurance and risk assessment programs
14 including Quality Shipping for the 21st
15 Century (QUALSHIP 21);

16 “(ii) data from industry inspection re-
17 gimes;

18 “(iii) data from vessel self assess-
19 ments submitted to the International Mari-
20 time Organization or other maritime orga-
21 nizations; and

22 “(iv) other safety relevant data or in-
23 formation as determined by the Secretary.

24 “(3) ELIGIBILITY.—In developing an examina-
25 tion schedule under paragraph (1), the Secretary

1 shall not consider a vessel eligible to take part in a
2 performance-driven examination schedule under
3 paragraph (1) if, within the last 36 months, the ves-
4 sel has—

5 “(A) been detained by the Coast Guard;

6 “(B) a record of a violation issued by the
7 Coast Guard against the owners or operators
8 with a finding of proved; or

9 “(C) suffered a marine casualty that, as
10 determined by the Secretary, involves the safe
11 operation of the vessel and overall performance
12 of the vessel.

13 “(4) RESTRICTIONS.—The Secretary may not
14 adopt a performance-driven examination schedule
15 under paragraph (1) until the Secretary has—

16 “(A) conducted the assessment rec-
17 ommended in the Government Accountability
18 Office report submitted under section 8254(a)
19 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National
20 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
21 (Public Law 116–283);

22 “(B) concluded through such assessment
23 that a performance-driven examination schedule
24 provides not less than the level of safety pro-

1 vided by the annual examinations required
2 under subsection (a)(1); and

3 “(C) provided the results of such assess-
4 ment to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
5 and Transportation of the Senate and the Com-
6 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
7 the House of Representatives.”.

8 (b) CAREER INCENTIVE PAY FOR MARINE INSPEC-
9 TORS.—Subsection (a) of section 11237 of the James M.
10 Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
11 2023 (Public Law 117–263) is amended as follows:

12 “(a) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ASSIGNMENT PAY OR
13 SPECIAL DUTY PAY.—For the purposes of addressing an
14 identified shortage of marine inspectors, the Secretary
15 may provide assignment pay or special duty pay under sec-
16 tion 352 of title 37, United States Code, to a member of
17 the Coast Guard serving in a prevention position that—

18 “(1) is assigned in support of or is serving as
19 a marine inspector pursuant to section 312 of title
20 14, United States Code; and

21 “(2) is assigned to a billet that is difficult to fill
22 due to geographic location, requisite experience or
23 certifications, or lack of sufficient candidates, as de-
24 termined by the Commandant, in an effort to ad-
25 dress inspector workforce gaps.”.

1 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 6 months after the
2 date of enactment of this Act, and annually for 2 years
3 after the implementation of a performance-driven exam-
4 ination schedule program under section 3714(e) of title
5 46, United States Code, the Commandant shall brief the
6 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
7 the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and In-
8 frastructure of the House of Representatives on—

9 (1) the status of utilizing the performance-driv-
10 en examination schedule program, including the
11 quantity of examinations conducted and duration be-
12 tween examinations for each individual vessel exam-
13 ined under the performance-driven examination
14 schedule;

15 (2) an overview of the size of the Coast Guard
16 marine inspector workforce, including any personnel
17 shortages assessed by the Coast Guard, for inspec-
18 tors that conduct inspections under section 3714 of
19 such title; and

20 (3) recommendations for the inspection, govern-
21 ance, or oversight of vessels inspected under section
22 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 **Subtitle C—Ports**

4 **SEC. 321. PORTS AND WATERWAYS SAFETY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8343 of the William M.
6 (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
7 Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “2-year pilot program” and in-
9 serting “pilot program”;

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

12 (3) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(c) AUTHORIZATION.—The pilot program under
14 subsection (a) is authorized for fiscal years 2025, 2026,
15 2027, 2028, and 2029.”.

16 (b) WATERFRONT SAFETY.—Section 70011(a) of
17 title 46, United States Code, is amended—

18 (1) in paragraph (1) by inserting “, including
19 damage or destruction resulting from cyber inci-
20 dents, transnational organized crime, or foreign
21 state threats” after “adjacent to such waters”; and

22 (2) in paragraph (2) by inserting “or harm re-
23 sulting from cyber incidents, transnational organized
24 crime, or foreign state threats” after “loss”.

1 (c) FACILITY VISIT BY STATE SPONSOR OF TER-
2 RORISM.—Section 70011(b) of title 46, United States
3 Code, is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (3) by striking “and” at the
5 end;

6 (2) in paragraph (4) by striking the period at
7 the end and inserting “; and”; and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(5) prohibiting a representative of a govern-
10 ment of country that the Secretary of State has de-
11 termined has repeatedly provided support for acts of
12 international terrorism under section 620A of the
13 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371)
14 from visiting a facility for which a facility security
15 plan is required under section 70103(c).”

16 (d) GREAT LAKES AND SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY
17 NAVIGATION.—Section 70032 of title 46, United States
18 Code, is amended to read as follows:

19 **“§ 70032. Delegation of ports and waterways authori-**
20 **ties in Saint Lawrence Seaway**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
22 (b), the authority granted to the Secretary under sections
23 70001, 70002, 70003, 70004, and 70011 may not be dele-
24 gated with respect to the Saint Lawrence Seaway to any
25 agency other than the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway

1 Development Corporation. Any other authority granted
2 the Secretary under subchapters I through III and this
3 subchapter shall be delegated by the Secretary to the
4 Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corpora-
5 tion to the extent the Secretary determines such delega-
6 tion is necessary for the proper operation of the Saint
7 Lawrence Seaway.

8 “(b) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary of the department
9 in which the Coast Guard is operating, after consultation
10 with the Secretary or the head of an agency to which the
11 Secretary has delegated the authorities in subsection (a),
12 may—

13 “(1) issue and enforce special orders in accord-
14 ance with section 70002;

15 “(2) establish water or waterfront safety zones,
16 or other measures, for limited, controlled, or condi-
17 tional access and activity when necessary for the
18 protection of any vessel structure, waters, or shore
19 area, as permitted in section 70011(b)(3); and

20 “(3) take actions for port, harbor, and coastal
21 facility security in accordance with section 70116.”.

22 (e) REGULATION OF ANCHORAGE AND MOVEMENT
23 OF VESSELS DURING NATIONAL EMERGENCY.—Section
24 70051 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by in-
25 serting “or cyber incidents, or transnational organized

1 crime, or foreign state threats,” after “threatened war, or
2 invasion, or insurrection, or subversive activity,”.

3 (f) GREAT LAKES AND SAINT LAWRENCE RIVER CO-
4 OPERATIVE VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE.—Not later than
5 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
6 retary of the department in which the Coast Guard is op-
7 erating shall issue or amend such regulations as are nec-
8 essary to address any applicable arrangements with the
9 Canadian Coast Guard regarding vessel traffic services co-
10 operation and vessel traffic management data exchanges
11 within the Saint Lawrence Seaway and the Great Lakes.

12 (g) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The analysis for
13 chapter 700 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

14 (1) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
15 tion 70007 the following:

“70008. Special activities in exclusive economic zone.”; and

16 (2) by striking the item relating to section
17 70032 and inserting the following:

“70032. Delegation of ports and waterways authorities in Saint Lawrence Sea-
way.”.

18 **SEC. 322. STUDY ON BERING STRAIT VESSEL TRAFFIC PRO-**
19 **JECTIONS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE POS-**
20 **TURE AT PORTS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
22 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall seek
23 to enter into an agreement with the National Academies

1 of Science, Engineering, and Medicine, under which the
2 Marine Board of the Transportation Research Board (in
3 this section referred to as the “Board”) shall conduct a
4 study to—

5 (1) analyze commercial vessel traffic that tran-
6 sits through the Bering Strait and projections for
7 the growth of such traffic during the 10-year period
8 beginning after such date of enactment; and

9 (2) assess the adequacy of emergency response
10 capabilities and infrastructure at the Port of Point
11 Spencer, Alaska, to address navigation safety risks
12 and geographic challenges necessary to conduct
13 emergency maritime response operations in the Arc-
14 tic environment.

15 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study required under sub-
16 section (a) shall include the following:

17 (1) An analysis of the volume and types of do-
18 mestic and international commercial vessel traffic
19 through the Bering Strait and the projected growth
20 of such traffic, including a summary of—

21 (A) the sizes, ages, and flag states of ves-
22 sels; and

23 (B) the oil and product tankers that are—

24 (i) in transit to or from Russia or
25 China; or

1 (ii) owned or operated by a Russian
2 or Chinese entity.

3 (2) An assessment of the state and adequacy of
4 vessel traffic services and oil spill and emergency re-
5 sponse capabilities in the vicinity of the Bering
6 Strait, including its approaches.

7 (3) A risk assessment of the projected growth
8 in commercial vessel traffic in the Bering Strait and
9 higher probability of increased frequency in the
10 number of maritime accidents, including spill events,
11 and the potential impacts to the Arctic maritime en-
12 vironment and Native Alaskan village communities
13 in the vicinity of the Bering Strait.

14 (4) An evaluation of the ability of the Port of
15 Point Spencer, Alaska, to serve as a port of refuge
16 and as a staging, logistics, and operations center to
17 conduct and support maritime emergency and spill
18 response activities.

19 (5) Recommendations for practical actions that
20 can be taken by the Congress, Federal agencies, the
21 State of Alaska, vessel carriers and operators, the
22 marine salvage and emergency response industry,
23 and other relevant stakeholders to mitigate risks,
24 upgrade infrastructure, and improve the posture of
25 the Port of Point Spencer, Alaska, to function as a

1 strategic staging and logistics center for maritime
2 emergency and spill response operations in the Ber-
3 ing Strait region.

4 (c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study re-
5 quired under subsection (a), the Board shall consult
6 with—

7 (1) the Department of Transportation;

8 (2) the Corps of Engineers;

9 (3) the National Transportation Safety Board;

10 (4) relevant ministries of the government of
11 Canada;

12 (5) the Port Coordination Council for the Port
13 of Point Spencer; and

14 (6) non-government entities with relevant exper-
15 tise in monitoring and characterizing vessel traffic in
16 the Arctic.

17 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after initiating
18 the study under subsection (a), the Board shall submit
19 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
20 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
21 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a
22 report containing the findings and recommendations of the
23 study.

24 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) ARCTIC.—The term “Arctic” has the mean-
2 ing given such term in section 112 of the Arctic Re-
3 search and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4111).

4 (2) PORT COORDINATION COUNCIL FOR THE
5 PORT OF POINT SPENCER.—The term “Port Coordi-
6 nation Council for the Port of Point Spencer” means
7 the Council established under section 541 of the
8 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015 (Public Law
9 114–120).

10 **SEC. 323. IMPROVING VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE MONI-**
11 **TORING.**

12 (a) PROXIMITY OF ANCHORAGES TO PIPELINES.—

13 (1) IMPLEMENTATION OF RESTRUCTURING
14 PLAN.—Not later than 1 year after the date of en-
15 actment of this Act, the Commandant shall imple-
16 ment the November 2021 proposed plan of the Ves-
17 sel Traffic Service Los Angeles-Long Beach for re-
18 structuring the Federal anchorages in San Pedro
19 Bay described on page 54 of the Report of the Na-
20 tional Transportation Safety Board titled “Anchor
21 Strike of Underwater Pipeline and Eventual Crude
22 Oil Release” and issued January 2, 2024.

23 (2) STUDY.—The Secretary of the department
24 in which the Coast Guard is operating shall conduct
25 a study to identify any anchorage grounds other

1 than the San Pedro Bay Federal anchorages in
2 which the distance between the center of an ap-
3 proved anchorage ground and a pipeline is less than
4 1 mile.

5 (3) REPORT.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years
7 after the date of enactment of this Act, the
8 Commandant shall submit to the Committee on
9 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
10 of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
11 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
12 ate a report on the results of the study required
13 under paragraph (2).

14 (B) CONTENTS.—The report under sub-
15 paragraph (A) shall include—

16 (i) a list of the anchorage grounds de-
17 scribed under paragraph (2);

18 (ii) whether it is possible to move each
19 such anchorage ground to provide a min-
20 imum distance of 1 mile; and

21 (iii) a recommendation of whether to
22 move any such anchorage ground and ex-
23 planation for the recommendation.

24 (b) PROXIMITY TO PIPELINE ALERTS.—

1 (1) AUDIBLE AND VISUAL ALARMS.—The Com-
2 mandant shall consult with the providers of vessel
3 monitoring systems to add to the monitoring sys-
4 tems for vessel traffic services audible and visual
5 alarms that alert the watchstander when an an-
6 chored vessel is encroaching on a pipeline.

7 (2) NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES.—Not later
8 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act,
9 the Commandant shall develop procedures for all
10 vessel traffic services to notify pipeline and utility
11 operators following potential incursions on sub-
12 merged pipelines within the vessel traffic service
13 area of responsibility.

14 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
15 date of enactment of this Act, and annually for the
16 subsequent 3 years, the Commandant shall submit
17 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-
18 ture of the House of Representatives and the Com-
19 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
20 the Senate a report on the implementation of para-
21 graphs (1) and (2).

22 **SEC. 324. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ONBOARD VESSELS.**

23 Section 70503(a) of title 46, United States Code, is
24 amended—

1 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by
2 striking “While on board a covered vessel, an” and
3 inserting “An”;

4 (2) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-
5 lows:

6 “(1) manufacture or distribute, possess with in-
7 tent to manufacture or distribute, or place or cause
8 to be placed with intent to manufacture or distribute
9 a controlled substance on board a covered vessel;”;

10 (3) in paragraph (2) by inserting “on board a
11 covered vessel” before the semicolon; and

12 (4) in paragraph (3) by inserting “while on
13 board a covered vessel” after “such individual”.

14 **SEC. 325. CYBER-INCIDENT TRAINING.**

15 Section 70103(e) of title 46, United States Code, is
16 amended by adding at the end the following:

17 “(9) The Secretary may conduct no-notice exercises
18 in Captain of the Port Zones (as described in part 3 of
19 title 33, Code of Federal Regulations as in effect on the
20 date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act
21 of 2025) involving a facility or vessel required to maintain
22 a security plan under this subsection.”.

23 **SEC. 326. NAVIGATIONAL PROTOCOLS.**

24 The Commandant, in consultation with the Undersec-
25 retary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, shall ex-

1 amine the navigational protocols used for foreign allied na-
2 tions governing port and vessel operations in fog and low
3 visibility operations and how those nations utilize ad-
4 vanced navigation technologies such as remote sensing,
5 radar, tracking, and unmanned aerial vehicles to monitor
6 visibility and manage port and vessels operations.

7 **Subtitle D—Matters Involving** 8 **Autonomous Systems**

9 **SEC. 331. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL ADVISORY COM-** 10 **MITTEE ON AUTONOMOUS MARITIME SYS-** 11 **TEMS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 151 of title 46, United
13 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
14 lowing:

15 **“§ 15110. Establishment of National Advisory Com-** 16 **mittee on Autonomous Maritime Systems**

17 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a Na-
18 tional Advisory Committee on Autonomous Maritime Sys-
19 tems (in this section referred to as the ‘Committee’).

20 “(b) FUNCTION.—The Committee shall advise the
21 Secretary on matters relating to the regulation and use
22 of Autonomous Systems within the territorial waters of
23 the United States.

24 “(c) MEMBERSHIP.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall con-
2 sist of 15 members appointed by the Secretary in ac-
3 cordance with this section and section 15109.

4 “(2) EXPERTISE.—Each member of the Com-
5 mittee shall have particular expertise, knowledge,
6 and experience in matters relating to the function of
7 the Committee.

8 “(3) REPRESENTATION.—Each of the following
9 groups shall be represented by at least 1 member on
10 the Committee:

11 “(A) Marine safety or security entities.

12 “(B) Vessel design and construction enti-
13 ties.

14 “(C) Entities engaged in the production or
15 research of uncrewed vehicles, including drones,
16 autonomous or semi-autonomous vehicles, or
17 any other product or service integral to the pro-
18 vision, maintenance, or management of such
19 products or services.

20 “(D) Port districts, authorities, or terminal
21 operators.

22 “(E) Vessel operators.

23 “(F) National labor unions representing
24 merchant mariners.

25 “(G) Maritime pilots.

1 “(H) Commercial space transportation op-
2 erators.

3 “(I) Academic institutions.”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The analysis for
5 chapter 151 of title 46, United States Code, is amended
6 by adding at the end the following:

 “15110. Establishment of National Advisory Committee on Autonomous Mari-
 time Systems.”.

7 (c) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after
8 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
9 department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall
10 establish the Committee under section 15110 of title 46,
11 United States Code (as added by this section).

12 **SEC. 332. PILOT PROGRAM FOR GOVERNANCE AND OVER-**
13 **SIGHT OF SMALL UNCREWED MARITIME SYS-**
14 **TEMS.**

15 (a) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
16 sion of law, for the period beginning on the date of enact-
17 ment of this Act and ending on the date that is 2 years
18 after such date of enactment, small uncrewed maritime
19 systems owned, operated, or chartered by the National
20 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or that are per-
21 forming specified oceanographic surveys on behalf of and
22 pursuant to a contract or other written agreement with
23 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,
24 shall not be subject to any vessel inspection, design, oper-

1 ations, navigation, credentialing, or training requirement,
2 law, or regulation, that the Assistant Administrator of the
3 Office of Marine and Aviation Operations of the National
4 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration determines will
5 harm real-time operational extreme weather oceanographic
6 and atmospheric data collection and predictions.

7 (b) OTHER AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this section
8 shall limit the authority of the Secretary of the depart-
9 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating, acting
10 through the Commandant, if there is an immediate safety
11 or security concern regarding small uncrewed maritime
12 systems.

13 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) SMALL UNCREWED MARITIME SYSTEMS.—
15 The term “small uncrewed maritime systems”
16 means unmanned maritime systems (as defined in
17 section 2 of the CENOTE Act of 2018 (33 U.S.C.
18 4101)), that—

19 (A) are not greater than 35 feet overall in
20 length;

21 (B) are operated remotely or autono-
22 mously; and

23 (C) exclusively perform oceanographic sur-
24 veys or scientific research.

1 (2) UNCREWED SYSTEM.—The term “uncrewed
2 system” —

3 (A) means an uncrewed surface, undersea,
4 or aircraft system and associated elements (in-
5 cluding communication links and the compo-
6 nents that control the uncrewed system) that
7 are required for the operator to operate the sys-
8 tem safely and efficiently; and

9 (B) includes an unmanned aircraft system
10 (as such term is defined in section 44801 of
11 title 49, United States Code).

12 **SEC. 333. COAST GUARD TRAINING COURSE.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—For the period beginning on the
14 date of enactment of this Act and ending on the date that
15 is 3 years after such date of enactment, the Commandant,
16 or such other individual or organization as the Com-
17 mandant considers appropriate, shall develop a training
18 course on small uncrewed maritime systems and offer such
19 training course at least once each year for Coast Guard
20 personnel working with or regulating small uncrewed mar-
21 itime systems.

22 (b) COURSE SUBJECT MATTER.—The training course
23 developed under subsection (a) shall—

24 (1) provide an overview and introduction to
25 small uncrewed maritime systems, including exam-

1 ples of those used by the Federal Government, in
2 academic settings, and in commercial sectors;

3 (2) address the benefits and disadvantages of
4 use of small uncrewed maritime systems;

5 (3) address safe navigation of small uncrewed
6 maritime systems, including measures to ensure col-
7 lision avoidance;

8 (4) address the ability of small uncrewed mari-
9 time systems to communicate with and alert other
10 vessels in the vicinity;

11 (5) address the ability of small uncrewed mari-
12 time systems to respond to system alarms and fail-
13 ures to ensure control commensurate with the risk
14 posed by the systems;

15 (6) provide present and future capabilities of
16 small uncrewed maritime systems; and

17 (7) provide an overview of the role of the Inter-
18 national Maritime Organization in the governance of
19 small uncrewed maritime systems.

20 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) SMALL UNCREWED MARITIME SYSTEMS.—
22 The term “small uncrewed maritime systems”
23 means unmanned maritime systems (as defined in
24 section 2 of the CENOTE Act of 2018 (33 U.S.C.
25 4101)), that—

1 (A) are not greater than 35 feet overall in
2 length;

3 (B) are operated remotely or autono-
4 mously; and

5 (C) exclusively perform oceanographic sur-
6 veys or scientific research.

7 (2) UNCREWED SYSTEM.—The term “uncrewed
8 system” —

9 (A) means an uncrewed surface, undersea,
10 or aircraft system and associated elements (in-
11 cluding communication links and the compo-
12 nents that control the uncrewed system) that
13 are required for the operator to operate the sys-
14 tem safely and efficiently; and

15 (B) includes an unmanned aircraft system
16 (as such term is defined in section 44801 of
17 title 49, United States Code).

18 **SEC. 334. NOAA MEMBERSHIP ON AUTONOMOUS VESSEL**
19 **POLICY COUNCIL.**

20 Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment
21 of this Act, the Commandant, with the concurrence of the
22 Assistant Administrator of the Office of Marine and Avia-
23 tion Operations of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
24 Administration, shall establish the permanent membership
25 of a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

1 employee to the Automated and Autonomous Vessel Policy
2 Council of the Coast Guard.

3 **SEC. 335. TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAM.**

4 Section 319(b)(1) of title 14, United States Code, is
5 amended by striking “2 or more” and inserting “up to
6 4”.

7 **SEC. 336. UNCREWED SYSTEMS CAPABILITIES REPORT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—

9 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
10 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
11 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation
12 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
13 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
14 Transportation of the Senate a report that outlines
15 a plan for establishing an uncrewed systems capa-
16 bilities office within the Coast Guard responsible for
17 the acquisition and development of uncrewed system
18 and counter-uncrewed system technologies and to ex-
19 pand the capabilities of the Coast Guard with re-
20 spect to such technologies.

21 (2) CONTENTS.—The report required under
22 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

23 (A) A management strategy for the acqui-
24 sition, development, and deployment of

1 uncrewed system and counter-uncrewed system
2 technologies.

3 (B) A service-wide coordination strategy to
4 synchronize and integrate efforts across the
5 Coast Guard in order to—

6 (i) support the primary duties of the
7 Coast Guard pursuant to section 102 of
8 title 14, United States Code; and

9 (ii) pursue expanded research, devel-
10 opment, testing, and evaluation opportuni-
11 ties and funding to expand and accelerate
12 identification and transition of uncrewed
13 system and counter-uncrewed system tech-
14 nologies.

15 (C) The identification of contracting and
16 acquisition authorities needed to expedite the
17 development and deployment of uncrewed sys-
18 tem and counter-uncrewed system technologies.

19 (D) A detailed list of commercially avail-
20 able uncrewed system and counter-uncrewed
21 system technologies with capabilities determined
22 to be useful for the Coast Guard.

23 (E) A cross-agency collaboration plan to
24 engage with the Department of Defense and
25 other relevant agencies to identify common re-

1 requirements and opportunities to partner in ac-
2 quiring, contracting, and sustaining uncrewed
3 system and counter-uncrewed system capabili-
4 ties.

5 (F) Opportunities to obtain and share
6 uncrewed system data from government and
7 commercial sources to improve maritime do-
8 main awareness.

9 (G) The development of a concept of oper-
10 operations for a data system that supports and inte-
11 grates uncrewed system and counter-uncrewed
12 system technologies with key enablers, including
13 enterprise communications networks, data stor-
14 age and management, artificial intelligence and
15 machine learning tools, and information sharing
16 and dissemination capabilities.

17 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) COUNTER-UNCREWED SYSTEM.—The term
19 “counter-uncrewed system”—

20 (A) means a system or device capable of
21 lawfully and safely disabling, disrupting, or
22 seizing control of an uncrewed system; and

23 (B) includes a counter-UAS system (as
24 such term is defined in section 44801 of title
25 49, United States Code).

1 (2) UNCREWED SYSTEM.—The term “uncrewed
2 system” —

3 (A) means an uncrewed surface, undersea,
4 or aircraft system and associated elements (in-
5 cluding communication links and the compo-
6 nents that control the uncrewed system) that
7 are required for the operator to operate the sys-
8 tem safely and efficiently; and

9 (B) includes an unmanned aircraft system
10 (as such term is defined in section 44801 of
11 title 49, United States Code).

12 **SEC. 337. MEDIUM UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS CAPA-**
13 **BILITIES STUDY.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
15 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall con-
16 duct a study to determine the feasibility of expanding the
17 National Security Cutter’s medium unmanned aircraft
18 system capabilities to Medium Endurance Cutters and
19 Offshore Patrol Cutters.

20 (b) REPORT.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—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
25 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and

1 Transportation of the Senate a written report that
2 contains the results of the study conducted under
3 subsection (a).

4 (2) CONTENTS.—In submitting the study under
5 paragraph (1), the Commandant shall determine—

6 (A) the feasibility of equipping Offshore
7 Patrol Cutters and Medium Endurance Cutters
8 with medium unmanned aircraft systems;

9 (B) the missions capabilities that would be
10 strengthen by the use of such systems; and

11 (V) projected procurement and operational
12 costs for acquiring such systems.

13 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) COUNTER-UNCREWED SYSTEM.—The term
15 “counter-uncrewed system”—

16 (A) means a system or device capable of
17 lawfully and safely disabling, disrupting, or
18 seizing control of an uncrewed system; and

19 (B) includes a counter-UAS system (as
20 such term is defined in section 44801 of title
21 49, United States Code).

22 (2) UNCREWED SYSTEM.—The term “uncrewed
23 system”—

24 (A) means an uncrewed surface, undersea,
25 or aircraft system and associated elements (in-

1 including communication links and the compo-
2 nents that control the uncrewed system) that
3 are required for the operator to operate the sys-
4 tem safely and efficiently; and

5 (B) includes an unmanned aircraft system
6 (as such term is defined in section 44801 of
7 title 49, United States Code).

8 **SEC. 338. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON COAST**
9 **GUARD ACQUISITION AND DEPLOYMENT OF**
10 **UNMANNED SYSTEMS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after
12 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
13 of the United States shall submit to the Committee on
14 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House and the
15 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
16 Senate the first of multiple reports of the use and acquisi-
17 tion of the Coast Guard of unmanned systems, with subse-
18 quent reports submitted after the first report.

19 (b) ELEMENTS.—The reports required by subsection
20 (a) shall include the following:

21 (1) An inventory of the current unmanned sys-
22 tems of the Coast Guard, including the missions and
23 assets on which such systems are deployed.

1 (2) Cost, schedule, and performance status of
2 the unmanned system acquisition programs of the
3 Coast Guard.

4 (3) The extent to which the Coast Guard has
5 assessed how the use of such systems support the
6 primary duties of the Coast Guard pursuant to sec-
7 tion 102 of title 14, United States Code.

8 (4) An evaluation of the acquisition strategy of
9 the Coast Guard for unmanned systems, including
10 the extent to which the Coast Guard has evaluated
11 the benefits and costs of acquiring—

12 (A) commercially available systems; and

13 (B) autonomous capabilities.

14 (5) An evaluation of the progress of the Coast
15 Guard in establishing an unmanned systems capa-
16 bilities office responsible for the acquisition and de-
17 velopment of unmanned system technologies, and the
18 effectiveness of such office, including the ability to—

19 (A) support the acquisition, development,
20 leasing, and deployment of unmanned systems
21 technologies, including autonomous capabilities;

22 (B) execute a service-wide coordination
23 strategy to synchronize and integrate efforts
24 across the Coast Guard;

1 (C) pursue expanded research, develop-
2 ment, experimentation, testing, and evaluation
3 opportunities and funding to expand and accel-
4 erate identification and transition of unmanned
5 system technologies; and

6 (D) execute cross-agency collaboration to
7 engage with the Department of Homeland Se-
8 curity, the Department of Defense, and other
9 relevant agencies to identify common require-
10 ments and opportunities to partner in acquir-
11 ing, contracting, and sustaining unmanned sys-
12 tem capabilities.

13 (6) Recommendations to improve the ability of
14 the Coast Guard to evaluate, acquire, and deploy un-
15 manned systems technologies.

16 (c) CONSULTATION.—In developing the report re-
17 quired under subsection (a), the Comptroller General may
18 consult with—

19 (1) the maritime and aviation industries;

20 (2) Federal Government agencies familiar with
21 the use and deployment of unmanned systems; and

22 (3) any relevant—

23 (A) federally funded research institutions;

24 (B) nongovernmental organizations; and

25 (C) manufactures of unmanned systems.

1 **SEC. 339. NATIONAL ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES REPORT ON**
2 **UNMANNED SYSTEMS AND USE OF DATA.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall seek
5 to enter into an arrangement with the National Academy
6 of Sciences under which the Academy shall prepare an as-
7 sessment of available unmanned, autonomous, or re-
8 motely-controlled maritime domain awareness technologies
9 for use by the Coast Guard.

10 (b) ASSESSMENT.—In carrying out the assessment
11 under subsection (a), the National Academy of Sciences
12 shall—

13 (1) describe the potential benefits and limita-
14 tions of current and emerging unmanned, autono-
15 mous, or remotely controlled systems used in the
16 maritime domain for—

17 (A) ocean observation;

18 (B) vessel monitoring and identification;

19 (C) weather observation;

20 (D) search and rescue operations;

21 (E) to the extent practicable for consider-
22 ation by the Academy, intelligence gathering,
23 surveillance, and reconnaissance; and

24 (F) communications;

1 (2) assess how technologies described in para-
2 graph (1) can help prioritize Federal investment by
3 examining—

4 (A) affordability, including acquisition, op-
5 erations, maintenance and lifecycle costs;

6 (B) reliability;

7 (C) versatility;

8 (D) efficiency; and

9 (E) estimated service life and persistence
10 of effort;

11 (3) analyze whether the use of new and emerg-
12 ing maritime domain awareness technologies can be
13 used to—

14 (A) effectively carry out Coast Guard mis-
15 sions at lower costs and reduced manpower
16 needs;

17 (B) expand the scope and range of Coast
18 Guard maritime domain awareness; and

19 (C) allow the Coast Guard to more effi-
20 ciently and effectively allocate Coast Guard ves-
21 sels, aircraft, and personnel;

22 (4) evaluate the extent to which such systems
23 have moved from the research and development
24 phase to effective operations since the National
25 Academy of Sciences published the study titled

1 “Leveraging Unmanned Systems for Coast Guard
2 Missions” and issued in 2020; and

3 (5) identify adjustments that would be nec-
4 essary in Coast Guard authorities, policies, proce-
5 dures, and protocols to incorporate unmanned tech-
6 nologies to enhance efficiency.

7 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year
8 after entering into an arrangement under subsection (a),
9 the National Academy of Sciences shall submit to the
10 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
11 House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
12 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate the as-
13 sessment prepared under this section.

14 (d) USE OF INFORMATION.—In formulating costs
15 pursuant to subsection (b), the National Academy of
16 Sciences may utilize information from other Coast Guard
17 reports, assessments, or analyses regarding existing Coast
18 Guard manpower requirements or other reports, assess-
19 ments, or analyses for the acquisition of unmanned, auton-
20 omous, or remotely-controlled technologies by the Federal
21 Government.

22 **SEC. 340. UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.**

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

1 **“§ 566. Use of unmanned aircraft systems**

2 “With respect to any unmanned aircraft system pro-
3 cured by the Coast Guard, the Commandant shall ensure
4 that such system be used to support the primary duties
5 of the Coast Guard pursuant to section 102.”.

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

“566. Use of unmanned aircraft systems.”.

9 **Subtitle E—Other Matters**

10 **SEC. 341. INFORMATION ON TYPE APPROVAL CERTIFI-**
11 **CATES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title IX of the Frank LoBiondo
13 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–
14 282) is amended by adding at the end the following:

15 **“SEC. 904. INFORMATION ON TYPE APPROVAL CERTIFI-**
16 **CATES.**

17 “Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the Com-
18 mandant of the Coast Guard shall, upon request by any
19 State, the District of Columbia, any Indian Tribe, or any
20 territory of the United States, provide all data possessed
21 by the Coast Guard for a ballast water management sys-
22 tem with a type approval certificate approved by the Coast
23 Guard pursuant to subpart 162.060 of title 46, Code of
24 Federal Regulations, as in effect on the date of enactment

1 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025 pertaining
2 to—

3 “(1) challenge water (as defined in section
4 162.060–3 of title 46, Code of Federal Regulations,
5 as in effect on the date of enactment of the Coast
6 Guard Authorization Act of 2025) quality character-
7 istics;

8 “(2) post-treatment water quality characteris-
9 tics;

10 “(3) challenge water (as defined in section
11 162.060–3 of title 46, Code of Federal Regulations,
12 as in effect on the date of enactment of the Coast
13 Guard Authorization Act of 2025) biologic organism
14 concentrations data; and

15 “(4) post-treatment water biologic organism
16 concentrations data.”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
18 for the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act
19 of 2018 (Public Law 115–282) is amended by inserting
20 after the item relating to section 903 the following:

“Sec. 904. Information on type approval certificates.”.

21 **SEC. 342. CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITIES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5(a) of the Deepwater
23 Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1504(a)) is amended by
24 striking the first sentence and inserting “Notwithstanding
25 section 888(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6

1 U.S.C. 468(b)), the Secretary shall have the authority to
2 issue regulations to carry out the purposes and provisions
3 of this Act, in accordance with the provisions of section
4 553 of title 5, United States Code, without regard to sub-
5 section (a) thereof.”.

6 (b) NEPA COMPLIANCE.—Section 5 of the Deep-
7 water Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1504) is amended by
8 striking subsection (f) and inserting the following:

9 “(f) NEPA COMPLIANCE.—

10 “(1) DEFINITION OF LEAD AGENCY.—In this
11 subsection, the term ‘lead agency’ has the meaning
12 given the term in section 111 of the National Envi-
13 ronmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4336e).

14 “(2) LEAD AGENCY.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For all applications,
16 the Maritime Administration shall be the Fed-
17 eral lead agency for purposes of the National
18 Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
19 4321 et seq.).

20 “(B) EFFECT OF COMPLIANCE.—Compli-
21 ance with the National Environmental Policy
22 Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) in accord-
23 ance with subparagraph (A) shall fulfill the re-
24 quirement of the Federal lead agency in car-
25 rying out the responsibilities under the National

1 Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
2 4321 et seq.) pursuant to this Act.”.

3 (c) REGULATIONS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months
5 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-
6 mandant shall transfer the authorities provided to
7 the Coast Guard in part 148 of title 33, Code of
8 Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of en-
9 actment of this Act), except as provided in para-
10 graph (2), to the Secretary of Transportation.

11 (2) RETENTION OF AUTHORITY.—The Com-
12 mandant shall retain responsibility for authorities
13 pertaining to design, construction, equipment, and
14 operation of deepwater ports and navigational safe-
15 ty.

16 (3) UPDATES TO AUTHORITY.—As soon as
17 practicable after the date of enactment of this Act,
18 the Secretary of Transportation shall issue such reg-
19 ulations as are necessary to reflect the updates to
20 authorities prescribed by this subsection.

21 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
22 tion, or the amendments made by this section, may be con-
23 strued to limit the authorities of other governmental agen-
24 cies previously delegated authorities of the Deepwater

1 Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) or any other
2 law.

3 (e) APPLICATIONS.—Nothing in this section, or the
4 amendments made by this section, shall apply to any ap-
5 plication submitted before the date of enactment of this
6 Act.

7 **SEC. 343. AMENDMENTS TO PASSENGER VESSEL SECURITY**
8 **AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.**

9 (a) MAINTENANCE OF SUPPLIES THAT PREVENT
10 SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES.—Section
11 3507(d)(1) of title 46, United States Code, is amended
12 by inserting “(taking into consideration the length of the
13 voyage and the number of passengers and crewmembers
14 that the vessel can accommodate)” after “a sexual as-
15 sault”.

16 (b) CREW ACCESS TO PASSENGER STATEROOMS;
17 PROCEDURES AND RESTRICTIONS.—Section 3507(f) of
18 title 46, United States Code, is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (1)—

20 (A) in subparagraph (A) by striking “and”
21 at the end; and

22 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (B)
23 the following:

24 “(C) a system that electronically records
25 the date, time, and identity of each crew mem-

1 ber accessing each passenger stateroom; and”;

2 and

3 (2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the

4 following:

5 “(2) ensure that the procedures and restrictions

6 are—

7 “(A) fully and properly implemented;

8 “(B) reviewed annually; and

9 “(C) updated as necessary.”.

10 **SEC. 344. EXTENSION OF PILOT PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH A**

11 **CETACEAN DESK FOR PUGET SOUND REGION.**

12 Section 11304(a)(2)(A)(i) of the Don Young Coast

13 Guard Reauthorization Act of 2022 (division K of Public

14 Law 117–263; 16 U.S.C. 1390 note) is amended by strik-

15 ing “4 years” and inserting “6 years”.

16 **SEC. 345. SUSPENSION OF ENFORCEMENT OF USE OF DE-**

17 **VICES BROADCASTING ON AIS FOR PUR-**

18 **POSES OF MARKING FISHING GEAR.**

19 Section 11320 of the Don Young Coast Guard Au-

20 thorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat.

21 4092) is amended by striking “during the period” and all

22 that follows through the period at the end and inserting

23 “until December 31, 2029.”.

1 **SEC. 346. CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES.**

2 Section 3316(d) of title 46, United States Code, is
3 amended—

4 (1) by amending paragraph (2)(B)(i) to read as
5 follows:

6 “(i) the government of the foreign country in
7 which the foreign society is headquartered—

8 “(I) delegates that authority to the Amer-
9 ican Bureau of Shipping; or

10 “(II) does not delegate that authority to
11 any classification society; or”; and

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

13 “(5) CLARIFICATION ON AUTHORITY.—Nothing
14 in this subsection authorizes the Secretary to make
15 a delegation under paragraph (2) to a classification
16 society from the People’s Republic of China.”.

17 **SEC. 347. ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSEL REMOVALS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 47 of title 46, United
19 States Code, is amended—

20 (1) in the chapter heading by striking
21 “**BARGES**” and inserting “**VESSELS**”;

22 (2) by inserting before section 4701 the fol-
23 lowing:

24 “SUBCHAPTER I—BARGES”; AND

25 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “SUBCHAPTER II—NON-BARGE VESSELS

2 **“§ 4710. Definitions**

3 “In this subchapter:

4 “(1) ABANDON.—The term ‘abandon’ means to
5 moor, strand, wreck, sink, or leave a covered vessel
6 unattended for longer than 45 days.

7 “(2) COVERED VESSEL.—The term ‘covered
8 vessel’ means a vessel that is not a barge to which
9 subchapter I applies.

10 “(3) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’
11 has the meaning given such term in section 4 of the
12 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
13 Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

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

21 **“§ 4711. Abandonment of vessels prohibited**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An owner or operator of a cov-
23 ered vessel may not abandon such vessel on the navigable
24 waters of the United States.

25 “(b) DETERMINATION OF ABANDONMENT.—

1 “(1) NOTIFICATION.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to a cov-
3 ered vessel that appears to be abandoned, the
4 Commandant of the Coast Guard shall—

5 “(i) attempt to identify the owner
6 using the vessel registration number, hull
7 identification number, or any other infor-
8 mation that can be reasonably inferred or
9 gathered; and

10 “(ii) notify such owner—

11 “(I) of the penalty described in
12 subsection (c); and

13 “(II) that the vessel will be re-
14 moved at the expense of the owner if
15 the Commandant determines that the
16 vessel is abandoned and the owner
17 does not remove or account for the
18 vessel.

19 “(B) FORM.—The Commandant shall pro-
20 vide the notice required under subparagraph
21 (A)—

22 “(i) if the owner can be identified, via
23 certified mail or other appropriate forms
24 determined by the Commandant; or

1 “(ii) if the owner cannot be identified,
2 via an announcement in a local publication
3 and on a website maintained by the Coast
4 Guard.

5 “(2) DETERMINATION.—The Commandant
6 shall make a determination not earlier than 45 days
7 after the date on which the Commandant provides
8 the notification required under paragraph (1) of
9 whether a covered vessel described in such para-
10 graph is abandoned.

11 “(c) PENALTY.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant may as-
13 sess a civil penalty of not more than \$500 against
14 an owner or operator of a covered vessel determined
15 to be abandoned under subsection (b) for a violation
16 of subsection (a).

17 “(2) LIABILITY IN REM.—The owner or oper-
18 ator of a covered vessel shall also be liable in rem
19 for a penalty imposed under paragraph (1).

20 “(3) LIMITATION.—The Commandant shall not
21 assess a penalty if the Commandant determines the
22 vessel was abandoned due to major extenuating cir-
23 cumstances of the owner or operator of the vessel,
24 including long term medical incapacitation of the
25 owner or operator.

1 “(d) VESSELS NOT ABANDONED.—The Commandant
2 may not determine that a covered vessel is abandoned
3 under this section if—

4 “(1) such vessel is located at a federally ap-
5 proved or State approved mooring area;

6 “(2) such vessel is located on private property
7 with the permission of the owner of such property;

8 “(3) the owner or operator of such vessel pro-
9 vides a notification to the Commandant that—

10 “(A) indicates the location of the vessel;

11 “(B) indicates that the vessel is not aban-
12 doned; and

13 “(C) contains documentation proving that
14 the vessel is allowed to be in such location; or

15 “(4) the Commandant determines that such an
16 abandonment determination would not be in the
17 public interest.

18 **“§ 4712. Inventory of abandoned vessels**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
20 date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act
21 of 2025, the Commandant, in consultation with the Ad-
22 ministrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-
23 ministration and relevant State agencies, shall establish
24 and maintain a national inventory of covered vessels that
25 are abandoned.

1 “(b) CONTENTS.—The inventory established and
2 maintained under subsection (a) shall include data on each
3 vessel, including geographic information system data re-
4 lated to the location of each such vessel.

5 “(c) PUBLICATION.—The Commandant shall make
6 the inventory established under subsection (a) publicly
7 available on a website of the Coast Guard.

8 “(d) REPORTING OF POTENTIALLY ABANDONED
9 VESSELS.—In carrying out this section, the Commandant
10 shall develop a process by which—

11 “(1) a State, Indian Tribe, Native Hawaiian or-
12 ganization, or person may report a covered vessel
13 that may be abandoned to the Commandant for po-
14 tential inclusion in the inventory established under
15 subsection (a);

16 “(2) the Commandant shall review any such re-
17 port and add such vessel to the inventory if the
18 Commandant determines that the reported vessel is
19 abandoned pursuant to section 4711.

20 “(e) CLARIFICATION.—Except in a response action
21 carried out under section 311(j) of the Federal Water Pol-
22 lution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321) or in the case of im-
23 minent threat to life and safety, the Commandant shall
24 not be responsible for removing any covered vessels listed

1 on the inventory established and maintained under sub-
2 section (a).”.

3 (b) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary of the department
4 in which the Coast Guard is operating, in consultation
5 with the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief
6 of Engineers, and the Secretary of Commerce, acting
7 through the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere,
8 shall issue regulations with respect to the procedures for
9 determining that a vessel is abandoned for the purposes
10 of subchapter II of chapter 47 of title 46, United States
11 Code (as added by this section).

12 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 47 of title
13 46, United States Code, is amended—

14 (1) in section 4701—

15 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)
16 by striking “chapter” and inserting “sub-
17 chapter”; and

18 (B) in paragraph (2) by striking “chapter”
19 and inserting “subchapter”;

20 (2) in section 4703 by striking “chapter” and
21 inserting “subchapter”;

22 (3) in section 4704 by striking “chapter” each
23 place it appears and inserting “subchapter”; and

24 (4) in section 4705 by striking “chapter” and
25 inserting “subchapter”.

1 (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The analysis for
2 chapter 47 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

3 (1) by inserting before the item relating to sec-
4 tion 4701 the following:

“SUBCHAPTER I—BARGES”; AND

5 (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.”.

6 **SEC. 348. REPORT ON CERTAIN COAST GUARD REQUIRE-**
7 **MENTS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall pre-
10 pare and submit to the Committee on Transportation and
11 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the
12 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
13 the Senate a report that provides legislative and regu-
14 latory recommendations to ensure the safe operation of
15 vessels.

16 (b) CONTENTS.—The report under subsection (a)
17 shall include recommendations—

18 (1) to ensure that if cases of harassment re-
19 quired to be reported under section 10104 of title
20 46, United States Code, are not the result of the
21 policies and procedures of the responsible entity of
22 a vessel, the Commandant shall not take administra-

1 tive action against the responsible entity of a vessel
2 as a result of the reporting of such cases;

3 (2) to ensure that the Coast Guard’s delibera-
4 tive process for determining whether acts are harass-
5 ment, sexual harassment, or sexual assault does not
6 prevent the responsible entity of a vessel from imme-
7 diately acting after learning of a potential incident
8 of harassment; and

9 (3) to clarify for mariners and the responsible
10 entity of a vessel the types of behaviors that shall
11 be reported to the Coast Guard.

12 **SEC. 349. OFFSHORE OPERATIONS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3702(b) of title 46,
14 United States Code, is amended—

15 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by
16 striking “offshore drilling or production facilities in
17 the oil industry” and inserting “exploration, develop-
18 ment, or production of offshore drilling or produc-
19 tion facilities in the oil industry and non-mineral en-
20 ergy production”; and

21 (2) in paragraph (2) by striking “oil exploi-
22 tation” and inserting “exploration, development, or
23 production of offshore energy resources”.

24 (b) OIL FUEL TANK PROTECTION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
2 provision of law and not later than 60 days after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
4 shall amend section 125.115(b) of title 46, Code of
5 Federal Regulations (as in effect on such date of en-
6 actment), to reflect the amendment made in sub-
7 section (a).

8 (2) APPLICATION.—If the Commandant fails to
9 amend the section described in paragraph (1) by the
10 date that is 60 days after the date of enactment of
11 this Act, then, in lieu of the application of such sec-
12 tion, the Secretary shall allow vessels to which sec-
13 tion 3702 of title 46, United States Code, applies to
14 transfer fuel from the fuel supply tanks of such ves-
15 sel to offshore facilities in support of exploration, de-
16 velopment, or production of offshore energy re-
17 sources.

18 (c) OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF ACTIVITIES.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
20 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
21 shall amend section G6.3.a of the United States
22 Coast Guard Marine Safety Manual, Volume II ti-
23 tled “Materiel Inspection: Outer Continental Shelf
24 Activities”, issued September 20, 2021
25 (COMDTINST M16000.76) (as in effect on such

1 date of enactment), to reflect the amendment made
2 in subsection (a).

3 (2) APPLICATION.—If the Commandant fails to
4 amend the section described in paragraph (1) by the
5 date that is 60 days after the date of enactment of
6 this Act, then the Secretary shall in lieu of such sec-
7 tion not apply section 3702 of title 46, United
8 States Code, to a documented vessel transferring
9 fuel from the fuel supply tanks of such vessel to an
10 offshore facility if such vessel is not a tanker and is
11 in the service of exploration, development, or produc-
12 tion of offshore energy resources.

13 **SEC. 350. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.**

14 Section 9(b) of the Marine Debris Act (33 U.S.C.
15 1958) is amended by striking “, of which not more than
16 5 percent is authorized for each fiscal year for administra-
17 tive costs”.

18 **Subtitle F—American Offshore**
19 **Workers Fairness**

20 **SEC. 361. MANNING AND CREWING REQUIREMENTS FOR**
21 **CERTAIN OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF VES-**
22 **SELS, VEHICLES, AND STRUCTURES.**

23 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF LIMITED EXEMPTIONS
24 FROM MANNING AND CREW REQUIREMENT.—Section

1 30(c) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43
2 U.S.C. 1356(c)) is amended—

3 (1) by striking “(c) The regulations issued
4 under” and all that follows through “to any vessel”
5 in paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

6 “(c) EXEMPTIONS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The regulations issued
8 under subsection (a)(3) shall not apply to any ves-
9 sel”;

10 (2) in paragraph (1)(C) by striking “; and” and
11 inserting a period; and

12 (3) in paragraph (2)—

13 (A) by striking “(2) to any vessel” and in-
14 serting the following:

15 “(2) EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN FOREIGN-
16 OWNED VESSELS, RIGS, PLATFORMS, AND OTHER
17 VEHICLES OR STRUCTURES.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the re-
19 quirements of this paragraph, the regulations
20 issued under subsection (a)(3) shall not apply
21 to any vessel”; and

22 (B) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(B) REQUIREMENT.—

24 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clauses
25 (ii) and (iii), an exemption under subpara-

1 graph (A) shall require that each indi-
2 vidual who is manning or crewing the ves-
3 sel, rig, platform, or other vehicle or struc-
4 ture is—

5 “(I) a citizen of the United
6 States;

7 “(II) an alien lawfully admitted
8 to the United States for permanent
9 residence; or

10 “(III) a citizen of the nation
11 under the laws of which the vessel,
12 rig, platform, or other vehicle or
13 structure is documented.

14 “(ii) TIMELINE FOR APPLICATION.—

15 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Except as
16 provided in subclause (II), beginning
17 on the date of enactment of the Coast
18 Guard Authorization Act of 2025, the
19 condition described in clause (i) shall
20 apply to all activities pursuant to this
21 Act on the outer Continental Shelf.

22 “(II) EXPORT CABLE LAY,
23 INTER-ARRAY CABLE LAY, UMBILICAL
24 CABLE LAY, AND PIPE LAY ACTIVI-
25 TIES.—Beginning on the date that is

1 3 years after the date of enactment of
2 the Coast Guard Authorization Act of
3 2025, the requirement described in
4 clause (i) shall apply, except as pro-
5 vided in section 30A, to any vessel
6 paying out—

7 “(aa) export cables;

8 “(bb) inter-array cables;

9 “(cc) umbilical cables; or

10 “(dd) pipes.

11 “(iii) PAYING OUT DEFINED.—In this
12 subparagraph:

13 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The term
14 ‘paying out’, with respect to pipe or
15 cable, means the specific act of paying
16 out pipe, export cable, inter-array
17 cable, or umbilical cable.

18 “(II) EXCLUSIONS.—The term
19 ‘paying out’ does not include repair or
20 other activities incidental to the pay-
21 ing out of pipe, export cable, inter-
22 array cable, or umbilical cable, such
23 as—

24 “(aa) site clearance;

25 “(bb) trenching;

1 “(cc) dredging;

2 “(dd) mattress installation;

3 “(ee) cable tie-ins;

4 “(ff) installation of pipeline
5 end terminations or pipeline end
6 manifolds;

7 “(gg) the setting or moving
8 of any anchors associated with
9 the cable or pipe;

10 “(hh) offshore cable or pipe
11 burial; and

12 “(ii) other activities that are
13 not the actual paying of the pipe
14 or cable.

15 “(C) REQUIREMENTS.—An exemption
16 under subparagraph (A)—

17 “(i) shall provide that the number of
18 individuals manning or crewing the vessel,
19 rig, platform, or other vehicle or structure
20 who are individuals described in subclause
21 (II) or (III) of subparagraph (B)(i) may
22 not exceed 2.5 times the number of indi-
23 viduals required to man or crew the vessel,
24 rig, platform, or other vehicle or structure
25 under the laws of the nation in which the

1 vessel, rig, platform, or other vehicle or
2 structure is documented; and

3 “(ii) subject to subparagraph (D),
4 shall be effective for not more than 1 year.

5 “(D) APPLICATION.—

6 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The owner or op-
7 erator of a vessel, rig, platform, or other
8 vehicle or structure described in subpara-
9 graph (A) may submit to the Secretary of
10 the department in which the Coast Guard
11 is operating an application for an exemp-
12 tion or a renewal or extension of an ex-
13 emption under that subparagraph.

14 “(ii) CONTENTS.—An application
15 under clause (i) shall include a sworn
16 statement by the applicant of all informa-
17 tion required by the Secretary of the de-
18 partment in which the Coast Guard is op-
19 erating for the issuance of the exemption
20 or renewal or extension.

21 “(E) REVOCATIONS.—

22 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of
23 the department in which the Coast Guard
24 is operating may revoke an exemption for
25 a vessel, rig, platform, or other vehicle or

1 structure under subparagraph (A) if the
2 Secretary of the department in which the
3 Coast Guard is operating determines that
4 information provided in the application for
5 the exemption or renewal or extension of
6 such an exemption—

7 “(I) was false or incomplete; or

8 “(II) is no longer true or com-
9 plete.

10 “(ii) MANNING OR CREWING VIOLA-
11 TION.—The Secretary of the department in
12 which the Coast Guard is operating shall
13 immediately revoke an exemption for a ves-
14 sel, rig, platform, or other vehicle or struc-
15 ture under subparagraph (A) if the Sec-
16 retary of the department in which the
17 Coast Guard is operating determines that,
18 during the effective period of the exemp-
19 tion, the vessel, rig, platform, or other ve-
20 hicle or structure was manned or crewed in
21 a manner that—

22 “(I) was not authorized by the
23 exemption; or

24 “(II) does not otherwise comply
25 with this paragraph.

1 “(iii) NOTICE.—The Secretary of the
2 department in which the Coast Guard is
3 operating shall provide notice of a deter-
4 mination and revocation under clause (i) or
5 (ii) to the owner, operator, agent, or mas-
6 ter of the vessel, rig, platform, or other ve-
7 hicle or structure.

8 “(F) REVIEW OF COMPLIANCE.—

9 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of
10 the department in which the Coast Guard
11 is operating shall periodically, but not less
12 frequently than annually, inspect each ves-
13 sel, rig, platform, or other vehicle or struc-
14 ture for which an exemption under sub-
15 paragraph (A) has been granted to verify
16 the compliance of the vessel, rig, platform,
17 or other vehicle or structure with this
18 paragraph.

19 “(ii) REQUIREMENT.—During each
20 inspection of a vessel, rig, platform, or
21 other vehicle or structure under clause (i),
22 the Secretary of the department in which
23 the Coast Guard is operating shall require
24 all individuals who are manning or crewing
25 the vessel, rig, platform, or other vehicle or

1 structure to hold a valid Transportation
2 Worker Identification Credential.

3 “(G) CIVIL PENALTIES.—The Secretary of
4 the department in which the Coast Guard is op-
5 erating may impose on the owner or operator of
6 a vessel, rig, platform, or other vehicle or struc-
7 ture for which an exemption under subpara-
8 graph (A) has been granted a civil penalty of
9 \$10,000 per day for each day the vessel, rig,
10 platform, or other vehicle or structure—

11 “(i) is manned or crewed in violation
12 of this paragraph; or

13 “(ii) operates under the exemption, if
14 the Secretary of the department in which
15 the Coast Guard is operating determines
16 that—

17 “(I) the exemption was not val-
18 idly obtained; or

19 “(II) information provided in the
20 application for the exemption was
21 false or incomplete.

22 “(H) NOTIFICATION TO SECRETARY OF
23 STATE.—The Secretary of the department in
24 which the Coast Guard is operating shall notify
25 the Secretary of State of each exemption issued

1 under this subsection, including information on
2 the effective period of the exemption.”.

3 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
5 the date of enactment of this Act, and annually
6 thereafter, the Secretary of the department in which
7 the Coast Guard is operating shall submit to Con-
8 gress a report that describes the number of exemp-
9 tions granted under subsection (c)(2)(A) of section
10 30 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43
11 U.S.C. 1356) (as amended by this Act) during the
12 year preceding the report.

13 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Each report under para-
14 graph (1) shall include a list of, with respect to each
15 vessel, rig, platform, or other vehicle or structure
16 granted an exemption during the period covered by
17 the report, the following:

18 (A) The name and International Maritime
19 Organization number of the vessel, rig, plat-
20 form, or other vehicle or structure.

21 (B) The nation in which the vessel, rig,
22 platform, or other vehicle or structure is docu-
23 mented.

1 (C) The nationality of each owner of the
2 vessel, rig, platform, or other vehicle or struc-
3 ture.

4 (D) Any changes to the information de-
5 scribed in subparagraphs (A) through (C) appli-
6 cable to the vessel, rig, platform, or other vehi-
7 cle or structure if the vessel, rig, platform, or
8 other vehicle or structure has received a prior
9 exemption under subsection (c)(2)(A) or sub-
10 section (c)(2)(as in effect on the day before the
11 date of enactment of this Act).

12 (c) PIPE, INTER-ARRAY CABLE, UMBILICAL CABLE,
13 OR EXPORT CABLE LAY VESSELS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Outer Continental Shelf
15 Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.) is amended by
16 inserting after section 30 of such Act (43 U.S.C.
17 1356) the following:

18 **“SEC. 30A. PIPE, INTER-ARRAY CABLE, UMBILICAL CABLE,**
19 **OR EXPORT CABLE LAY PROJECTS.**

20 **“(a) INITIAL DETERMINATION.—**

21 **“(1) IN GENERAL.—**Not prior to 180 days be-
22 fore the date on which subclause (II) of section
23 30(c)(2)(B)(ii) takes effect, the Secretary shall de-
24 termine for each category of vessel described in

1 paragraph (2) whether there exists a coastwise-en-
2 dorsed vessel.

3 “(2) CATEGORIES.—The categories of vessels
4 described in this paragraph are the following:

5 “(A) Pipe lay vessels.

6 “(B) Inter-array cable lay vessels.

7 “(C) Umbilical cable lay vessels.

8 “(D) Export cable lay vessels.

9 “(b) APPLICATION.—In the case the Secretary deter-
10 mines under subsection (a) that a coastwise-endorsed ves-
11 sel does not exist for a category of vessels described in
12 subsection (a)(2), a vessel in such category shall, begin-
13 ning on the date on which the Secretary makes such deter-
14 mination, be exempt from the condition under section
15 30(c)(2)(B) with respect to an applicable project.

16 “(c) REQUESTS FOR DETERMINATIONS OF COAST-
17 WISE-ENDORSED VESSELS.—

18 “(1) NEW DETERMINATIONS.—After the date
19 on which the determination is made under sub-
20 section (a), the owner or operator of a vessel in the
21 applicable category may seek a new determination
22 from the Secretary that a coastwise-endorsed vessel
23 for such category exists.

24 “(2) APPLICATION TO NON-COASTWISE-EN-
25 DORSED VESSELS.—If the Secretary makes a deter-

1 mination under paragraph (1) that a coastwise-en-
2 dorsed vessel for the applicable category exists, then
3 the owner or operator of a vessel in such category
4 that is not coastwise-endorsed shall seek a deter-
5 mination under paragraph (3) of the availability of
6 a coastwise-endorsed vessel in such category for an
7 applicable project before engaging in any such appli-
8 cable project that has not commenced or resumed
9 prior to such determination under paragraph (1)
10 that a coastwise-endorsed vessel for the applicable
11 category exists.

12 “(3) DETERMINATION OF AVAILABILITY.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable
14 in accordance with this paragraph, the Sec-
15 retary shall determine whether a coastwise-en-
16 dorsed vessel in the applicable category is avail-
17 able for the applicable project that is the sub-
18 ject of a request under paragraph (2). The Sec-
19 retary shall determine that a coastwise-endorsed
20 vessel in the applicable category is not available
21 for such applicable project if—

22 “(i) the owner or operator of the non-
23 coastwise endorsed vessel making such re-
24 quest submits to the Secretary an applica-
25 tion for the use of such vessel for such ap-

1 applicable project that includes all relevant
2 information and requirements for such ap-
3 plicable project, including engineering de-
4 tails and timing requirements;

5 “(ii) not later than 30 days after re-
6 ceiving such an application, the Secretary
7 provides a copy of the application to the
8 owner of each coastwise-endorsed vessel in
9 the applicable category that is listed in the
10 inventory under section 12138(b) of title
11 46, United States Code, and promptly pub-
12 lishes in the Federal Register a notice—

13 “(I) describing such applicable
14 project;

15 “(II) advising that all relevant
16 information reasonably needed to as-
17 sess the transportation and installa-
18 tion requirements for the pipe, inter-
19 array cables, umbilical cables, or ex-
20 port cables, as applicable, used in
21 such applicable project will be made
22 available to an interested person upon
23 request; and

24 “(III) requesting that informa-
25 tion on the availability for such appli-

1 cable project of coastwise-endorsed
2 vessels in the applicable category be
3 submitted within the 30-day period
4 beginning on the date of such publica-
5 tion; and

6 “(iii)(I) within such 30-day period, no
7 information is submitted to the Secretary
8 from owners or operators of coastwise-en-
9 dorsed vessels in the applicable category to
10 meet the requirements of the applicable
11 project described in the application sub-
12 mitted under clause (i); or

13 “(II) the owner or operator of a
14 coastwise-endorsed vessel in the appli-
15 cable category submits information to
16 the Secretary asserting that the owner
17 or operator has a suitable coastwise-
18 endorsed vessel in the applicable cat-
19 egory to meet the requirements of the
20 applicable project described in such
21 application, but the Secretary deter-
22 mines, in consultation with the Com-
23 mandant of the Coast Guard, within
24 90 days after the notice is first pub-
25 lished, that such vessel is not suitable

1 or reasonably available for the trans-
2 portation required for such applicable
3 project and no other vessel for which
4 such information has been so sub-
5 mitted is so suitable and reasonably
6 available for such transportation.

7 “(B) GUIDANCE.—For the purpose of pro-
8 viding guidance on making determinations re-
9 garding suitability or availability under this
10 paragraph, the Secretary, to the maximum ex-
11 tent practicable, shall contract with the Amer-
12 ican Bureau of Shipping or another classifica-
13 tion society recognized by the Secretary as
14 meeting acceptable standards to provide such
15 guidance.

16 “(4) IMPACT OF DETERMINATION.—

17 “(A) COASTWISE-ENDORSED VESSEL
18 AVAILABILITY.—After the date on which a de-
19 termination is made under paragraph (3) that
20 a coastwise-endorsed vessel in the applicable
21 category is available for an applicable project,
22 the owner or operator of a vessel in the applica-
23 ble category that is not coastwise-endorsed—

24 “(i) shall engage only in the applica-
25 ble project for which the vessel began or

1 resumed prior to the date of the deter-
2 mination under paragraph (1) that a
3 coastwise-endorsed vessel in the applicable
4 category exists and pursuant to the exemp-
5 tion under subsection (b); and

6 “(ii) may not engage or resume in any
7 further applicable projects until the vessel
8 is in compliance with the condition under
9 section 30(c)(2)(B).

10 “(B) NO COASTWISE-ENDORSED VESSEL
11 AVAILABILITY.—After the date on which a de-
12 termination is made under paragraph (3) that
13 a coastwise-endorsed vessel in the applicable
14 category is not available for an applicable
15 project, the owner or operator of the vessel in
16 the applicable category that is not coastwise-en-
17 dorsed shall be permitted to engage in the ap-
18 plicable project as authorized under subsection
19 (b) without regard to whether such applicable
20 project has commenced or resumed prior to the
21 date of the determination under paragraph (1)
22 that a coastwise-endorsed vessel in the applica-
23 ble category exists.

1 “(5) TIME PERIODS.—The Secretary shall not
2 extend any period under paragraph (3)(A) beyond
3 the period as required under such paragraph.

4 “(6) DEEMED APPROVAL.—If the Secretary has
5 failed to take an action required of the Secretary
6 under paragraph (3)(A) within the period required
7 for such action under such paragraph with respect
8 to an application submitted under clause (i) of such
9 paragraph, the owner or operator who submitted
10 such application shall be deemed permitted under
11 paragraph (4)(B) to engage in the applicable project
12 that is the subject of such application.

13 “(d) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall coordi-
14 nate with the Secretary of the department in which the
15 Coast Guard is operating in order to apply an exemption
16 determined under this section to the condition under sec-
17 tion 30(c)(2)(B) with respect to an applicable project.

18 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 “(1) APPLICABLE CATEGORY.—The term ‘appli-
20 cable category’, with respect to a vessel for which a
21 determination is made under subsection (a), means
22 the category of such vessel as described in para-
23 graph (2) of such subsection.

24 “(2) APPLICABLE PROJECT.—The term ‘appli-
25 cable project’—

1 “(A) with respect to a pipe lay vessel,
2 means a project paying out pipe;

3 “(B) with respect to an inter-array cable
4 lay vessel, means a project paying out inter-
5 array cables;

6 “(C) with respect to an umbilical cable lay
7 vessel, means a project paying out umbilical ca-
8 bles; and

9 “(D) with respect to an export cable lay
10 vessel, means a project paying out export ca-
11 bles.

12 “(3) COASTWISE-ENDORSED.—The term ‘coast-
13 wise-endorsed’, with respect to a vessel, means that
14 the vessel has been issued a certificate of docu-
15 mentation with a coastwise endorsement under chap-
16 ter 121 of title 46, United States Code.

17 “(4) INTER-ARRAY CABLE LAY VESSEL.—The
18 term ‘inter-array cable lay vessel’ means a vessel
19 paying out inter-array cables to which section
20 30(c)(2)(B)(ii)(II) applies, including paying out a
21 submarine inter-array cable described in section
22 12138(b) of title 46, United States Code.

23 “(5) EXPORT CABLE LAY VESSEL.—The term
24 ‘export cable lay vessel’ means a vessel paying out
25 export cables to which section 30(c)(2)(B)(ii)(II) ap-

1 plies, including paying out a submarine export cable
2 described in section 12138(b) of title 46, United
3 States Code.

4 “(6) PIPE LAY VESSEL.—The term ‘pipe lay
5 vessel’ means a vessel paying out pipe to which sec-
6 tion 30(c)(2)(B)(ii)(II) applies, including paying out
7 a submarine pipe described in such section
8 12138(b).

9 “(7) UMBILICAL CABLE LAY VESSEL.—The
10 term ‘umbilical cable lay vessel’ means a vessel pay-
11 ing out umbilical cables to which section
12 30(c)(2)(B)(ii)(II) applies, including paying out a
13 submarine umbilical cable described in such section
14 12138(b).

15 “(8) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means
16 the Secretary of Transportation.”.

17 (2) INVENTORY.—Section 12138(b) of title 46,
18 United States Code, is amended—

19 (A) in the heading by striking “VESSELS
20 FOR CABLE LAYING, MAINTENANCE, AND RE-
21 PAIR” and inserting “VESSELS FOR PAYING
22 OUT PIPE, INTER-ARRAY CABLES, UMBILICAL
23 CABLES, OR EXPORT CABLES, MAINTENANCE,
24 AND REPAIR”;

1 (B) by amending paragraph (1) to read as
2 follows:

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transpor-
4 tation shall develop, maintain, and periodically up-
5 date an inventory of vessels that—

6 “(A) are documented under this chapter;

7 “(B) are at least 200 feet in length; and

8 “(C) have the capability to pay out, main-
9 tain, or repair a submarine export cable, inter-
10 array cable, umbilical cable, or pipe without re-
11 gard to whether a particular vessel is classed as
12 a cable or pipe lay ship or cable or pipe lay ves-
13 sel.”;

14 (C) by amending paragraph (2)(B) to read
15 as follows:

16 “(B) the abilities and limitations of the
17 vessel with respect to paying out, maintaining,
18 and repairing a submarine export, inter-array,
19 or umbilical cable or submarine pipeline; and”;
20 and

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

22 “(4) CATEGORIES.—For purposes of subsection
23 (c)(3)(A)(ii) of section 30A of the Outer Continental
24 Shelf Lands Act, the Secretary of Transportation
25 shall note the category of each vessel included in the

1 inventory under this subsection in accordance with
2 the categories described in subsection (a)(2) of such
3 section 30A.”.

4 (d) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 1 year after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the depart-
6 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating shall issue
7 regulations that specify the application requirements for
8 an exemption under subsection (c)(2)(A) of section 30 of
9 the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.
10 1356(c)(2)(A)) (as amended by this Act).

11 (e) EXISTING EXEMPTIONS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each exemption granted to
13 a vessel before the date of enactment of this Act
14 under section 30(c)(2) of the Outer Continental
15 Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1356(c)(2)) (as in effect
16 on the day before such effective date) shall remain
17 in effect until the applicable date described in sec-
18 tion 30(c)(2)(B) of the Outer Continental Shelf
19 Lands Act (43 U.S.C.1356(c)(2)(B)) (as amended
20 by this Act) based on the activity of the vessel.

21 (2) TERMINATION.—On the day after the last
22 day of the period described in paragraph (1), each
23 exemption described in that paragraph shall termi-
24 nate, except to the extent the exemption is continued

1 for certain vessels under section 30A of the Outer
2 Continental Shelf Lands Act (as added by this Act).

3 (3) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 90 days
4 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
5 retary of the department in which the Coast Guard
6 is operating shall notify all persons that hold an ex-
7 emption described in paragraph (1) that the exemp-
8 tion will terminate in accordance with paragraph
9 (2).

10 (f) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section or
12 the amendments made by this section shall authorize
13 a pipe lay vessel, inter-array cable lay vessel, umbil-
14 ical cable lay vessel, or export cable lay vessel that
15 is not coastwise-endorsed to engage in the transpor-
16 tation of merchandise in coastwise trade.

17 (2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

18 (A) COASTWISE-ENDORSED.—The term
19 “coastwise-endorsed” has the meaning given the
20 term in section 30A(e) of the Outer Continental
21 Shelf Lands Act (as added by this Act).

22 (B) EXPORT CABLE LAY VESSEL; INTER-
23 ARRAY CABLE LAY VESSEL; PIPE LAY VESSEL;
24 AND UMBILICAL CABLE LAY VESSEL.—The
25 terms “export cable lay vessel”, “inter-array

1 cable lay vessel”, “pipe lay vessel”, and “umbil-
2 ical cable lay vessel” have the meanings given
3 such terms in section 30A(e) of the Outer Con-
4 tinenta Shelf Lands Act (as added by this
5 Act).

6 (g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
7 tion or an amendment made by this section shall be con-
8 strued as adopting any agency interpretations of any pro-
9 visions of, or terms within, chapter 551 of title 46, United
10 States Code.

11 **SEC. 362. OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.**

12 (a) AMENDMENT TO EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN FOR-
13 EIGN-OWNED VESSELS, RIGS, PLATFORMS, AND OTHER
14 VEHICLES OR STRUCTURES.—Section 30(c)(2)(A) of the
15 Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.
16 1356(c)(2)(A)), as so designated by this Act, is further
17 amended by striking “the exploration, development, or
18 production of oil and gas” and inserting “exploring for,
19 developing, or producing resources, including nonmineral
20 energy resources,”.

21 (b) IMPLEMENTATION OF AMENDMENT TO JURISDIC-
22 TION OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE OUTER CONTI-
23 NENTAL SHELF.—Not later than 90 days after the date
24 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the department
25 in which the Coast Guard is operating shall issue regula-

1 tions to implement the amendment made by section 9503
2 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Au-
3 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–
4 283; 134 Stat. 4822) to section 4(a)(1) of the Outer Con-
5 tinental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1333(a)(1)) with re-
6 spect to laws administered by such Secretary.

7 (c) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this Act
8 or the amendments made by this Act may be construed
9 to nullify or supersede any other provision of law relating
10 to the outer Continental Shelf (as such term is defined
11 in section 2 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43
12 U.S.C. 1331)), except as expressly provided in this Act
13 or an amendment made by this Act.

14 **SEC. 363. FOREIGN VESSEL NOTIFICATIONS.**

15 (a) **PUBLICATION OF PENALTIES.**—Section 55102 of
16 title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
17 end the following:

18 “(d) **PUBLICATION OF PENALTIES.**—

19 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 7 days after
20 a final agency action regarding a violation of this
21 section by a vessel that does not have a coastwise
22 endorsement under chapter 121 of this title or is not
23 otherwise authorized to engage in the coastwise
24 trade, the Secretary of the department in which the
25 Coast Guard is operating shall publish in the Cus-

1 toms Bulletin and Decisions a notification pursuant
2 to paragraph (2) with respect to the violation.

3 “(2) CONTENTS.—The notification under para-
4 graph (1) shall include—

5 “(A) the name of the vessel involved in the
6 violation;

7 “(B) the name of the owner of such vessel;

8 “(C) the amount of the fine imposed, or
9 value of merchandise seized, pursuant to sub-
10 section (c) as a result of the violation; and

11 “(D) a summary of the misconduct com-
12 prising the violation; and

13 “(E) justification for imposing a penalty,
14 as identified in the final agency action with re-
15 spect to the violation.

16 “(e) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 90 days after
17 the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization
18 Act of 2025, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
19 prescribe regulations implementing subsection (d), which
20 may include amending regulations relating to penalties
21 issued by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, particu-
22 larly with respect to the information to be contained in
23 the notification under such subsection.”.

1 (b) INTERPRETIVE RULING PROCESS.—Chapter 551
2 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at
3 the end the following:

4 **“§ 55124. Interpretive ruling process**

5 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 “(1) COASTWISE QUALIFIED VESSEL.—The
7 term ‘coastwise qualified vessel’ has the meaning
8 given the term in section 55108 of this title.

9 “(2) INTERESTED PARTY.—The term ‘inter-
10 ested party’ means—

11 “(A) the owner or operator of a vessel en-
12 gaged in coastwise trade;

13 “(B) a manufacturer of coastwise qualified
14 vessels;

15 “(C) a certified labor organization, recog-
16 nized labor organization, or group of workers or
17 mariners which is representative of an industry
18 engaged or employed in—

19 “(i) the coastwise trade; or

20 “(ii) coastwise qualified vessel con-
21 struction;

22 “(D) a trade or business association, a ma-
23 jority of whose members are—

24 “(i) owners or operators of vessels en-
25 gaged in coastwise trade; or

1 “(ii) manufacturers of coastwise quali-
2 fied vessels; or

3 “(E) an association, a majority of whose
4 members are composed of persons described in
5 subparagraphs (A) through (D).

6 “(3) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means
7 the Secretary of the department in which the Coast
8 Guard is operating.

9 “(b) INTERPRETIVE RULINGS PROCESS.—Upon writ-
10 ten request by an interested party, the Secretary shall fur-
11 nish, by not later than 60 days after such request, an in-
12 terpretive ruling regarding a non-coastwise qualified ves-
13 sel’s activities and compliance with United States laws in
14 the internal waters of the United States, the territorial
15 sea, and the waters of the outer Continental Shelf, includ-
16 ing the vessel’s compliance with sections 50503 and 55101
17 through 55121 of this title.

18 “(c) PETITION.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—After the Secretary fur-
20 nishes an interpretive ruling requested under sub-
21 section (b) or any other interpretive ruling regarding
22 the interpretation, application, or enforcement of the
23 coastwise laws, an interested party that believes the
24 ruling is incorrect may file a petition with the Sec-
25 retary setting forth—

1 “(A) the interested party’s understanding
2 of the factual scenario;

3 “(B) the outcome of the decision that the
4 interested party believes to be proper in the
5 provided factual scenario; and

6 “(C) the reasons for the belief of the inter-
7 ested party.

8 “(2) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall pub-
9 lish online—

10 “(A) the name of an interested party filing
11 a petition under paragraph (1); and

12 “(B) the ruling that such party believes is
13 incorrect.

14 “(d) DETERMINATION ON PETITION.—

15 “(1) CORRECTION OF INTERPRETIVE RUL-
16 ING.—If, after receipt and consideration of a peti-
17 tion filed under subsection (c) by an interested
18 party, the Secretary determines that the conclusion
19 reached in the contested interpretive ruling is not
20 correct, the Secretary shall, by not later than 60
21 days after such receipt, determine the proper out-
22 come and notify the interested party of the deter-
23 minations of the Secretary.

24 “(2) CONTEST BY PETITIONER.—

1 “(A) DETERMINATION.—If after receipt
2 and consideration of a petition filed under sub-
3 section (c) by an interested party, the Secretary
4 determines that the contested interpretive rul-
5 ing under subsection (b) is correct, the Sec-
6 retary shall, not later than 30 days after such
7 receipt, notify the interested party.

8 “(B) APPEAL.—An interested party that
9 receives a notice under subparagraph (A) may
10 file an appeal to contest the ruling by not later
11 than 30 days after the date of the notification.

12 “(C) DETERMINATION IN RESPONSE TO
13 APPEAL.— Not later than 7 days after the re-
14 ceipt of an appeal from the interested party
15 under subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall
16 make a determination of the interpretive ruling
17 contested in the original ruling under sub-
18 section (b).

19 “(3) PUBLICATION.—Not later than 3 days
20 after making a determination under paragraph (1)
21 or (2), the Secretary shall publish such determina-
22 tion on a website of the Coast Guard.

23 “(e) REVIEW OF INTERPRETIVE RULING.—Not later
24 than 90 days after the Secretary makes a determination
25 regarding an interpretive ruling under subsection

1 (d)(2)(B), any interested party may commence an action
2 in any district court of the United States, subject to the
3 venue requirements of section 1391 of title 28, by filing
4 concurrently a summons and complaint, each with the con-
5 tent and in the form, manner, and style prescribed by the
6 rules of such court, contesting any legal conclusions of the
7 Secretary.

8 “(f) REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING REQUIRED PRO-
9 CEDURES.—Not later than 90 days after the date of en-
10 actment of this section, the Secretary shall prescribe regu-
11 lations to carry out this section.”

12 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
13 tions for chapter 551 of title 46, United States Code, is
14 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
15 55123 the following:

“Sec. 55124. Interpretive ruling process.”

16 (d) RULING LETTERS.—Nothing in this Act or the
17 amendments made by this Act may be construed as con-
18 gressional validation of a ruling letter, interpretative guid-
19 ance, or doctrine issued, or other action taken, by the Sec-
20 retary of Homeland Security.

21 (e) FOREIGN VESSEL NOTIFICATIONS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 700
23 of title 46, United States Code, is further amended
24 by adding at the end the following:

1 **“§ 70009. Foreign vessel notifications**

2 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

3 “(1) OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.—The term
4 ‘outer Continental Shelf’ has the meaning given such
5 term in section 2 of the Outer Continental Shelf
6 Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331).

7 “(2) RULING LETTER.—The term ‘ruling letter’
8 means any ruling letter or headquarters ruling letter
9 relating to the enforcement of chapters 121 and 551
10 (commonly referred to as the ‘Jones Act’), issued by
11 the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Pro-
12 tection pursuant to section 502(a) or 625 of the
13 Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1502(a), 1625).

14 “(3) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means
15 the Secretary of the department in which the United
16 States Customs and Border Protection is operating,
17 acting through the Commissioner of U.S. Customs
18 and Border Protection.

19 “(b) NOTIFICATION.—

20 “(1) ADVANCE NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—
21 Prior to engaging in any activity or operation on the
22 outer Continental Shelf, the operator of a foreign
23 vessel used in such activity or operations shall file
24 with the Secretary a notification describing all ac-
25 tivities and operations to be performed by the oper-
26 ator on the outer Continental Shelf and, if applica-

1 ble, an identification of each applicable ruling letter
2 issued by such Secretary to approve the use of a for-
3 eign vessel in an identical activity or operation.

4 “(2) PUBLICATION OF NOTICES.—Not later
5 than 14 days after the receipt of a notification under
6 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

7 “(A) if necessary, redact any information
8 exempt from public disclosure under section
9 552 of title 5; and

10 “(B) publish the notification, as so re-
11 dacted, in the Customs Bulletin and Decisions.

12 “(3) EXCEPTIONS.—This subsection shall not
13 apply to—

14 “(A) any vessel that—

15 “(i) is performing an offshore lift, as
16 defined in section 30(c)(2)(B)(iv)(I) of the
17 Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43
18 U.S.C. 1356(c)(2)(B)(iv)(I)); and

19 “(ii) has a crane height capability of
20 180 meters; and

21 “(B) any rig or unit described in section
22 30(d) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
23 (43 U.S.C. 1356(d)).”

1 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for
2 chapter 700 of title 46, United States Code, is
3 amended by adding at the end the following:

“70009. Foreign vessel notifications.”.

4 **SEC. 364. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5 Sections 361, 362, and 363, and the amendments
6 made by sections 361, 362, and 363, shall take effect on
7 the day that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this
8 Act.

9 **SEC. 365. ANCHOR HANDLING ACTIVITIES.**

10 Section 12111(d) of title 46, United States Code, is
11 amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (1)—

13 (A) in subparagraph (A) by inserting “or
14 other energy production or transmission facility,
15 or vessel engaged in the launch, recovery, or
16 support of commercial space transportation or
17 space exploration activities” after “drilling
18 unit”; and

19 (B) in subparagraph (B) by inserting “or
20 other energy production or transmission facility,
21 or vessel engaged in the launch, recovery, or
22 support of commercial space transportation or
23 space exploration activities” after “drilling
24 unit”; and

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

1 “(3) ENERGY PRODUCTION OR TRANSMISSION
2 FACILITY DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term
3 ‘energy production or transmission facility’ means a
4 floating offshore facility that is—

5 “(A) not a vessel;

6 “(B) securely and substantially moored to
7 the seabed; and

8 “(C) equipped with wind turbines which
9 are used for the generation and transmission of
10 non-mineral energy resources.”.

11 **SEC. 366. NEAR SHORE CABLE LAYING BARGES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Until the date that is 2 years
13 after the date of enactment of this Act, notwithstanding
14 subsection (b), the Secretary of the department in which
15 the Coast Guard is operating may not enforce citizenship
16 requirements under section 8103 of title 46, United States
17 Code, or the credentialing requirements under section
18 8701 of title 46, United States Code, with respect to a
19 covered individual.

20 (b) TRAINING.—Until the date that is 2 years after
21 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall
22 ensure that operators of near shore cable lay vertical
23 trenching injector equipment on barges on which covered
24 individuals serve—

1 (1) develop processes and requirements for con-
2 ducting certification and training for such individ-
3 uals; and

4 (2) certify and train a sufficient cadre of quali-
5 fied individuals.

6 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “covered
8 individual” means an individual, including a near
9 shore cable lay vertical trenching injector operator or
10 near shore cable laying vertical trenching injector
11 support personnel, who is—

12 (A) engaged on board a barge for the pur-
13 pose of operating specialized equipment, includ-
14 ing a vertical trenching injector, necessary to
15 lay near shore power cable in support of non-
16 mineral energy exploration, development, and
17 production; and

18 (B) not—

19 (i) included in the complement of li-
20 censed individuals to be stated in the cer-
21 tificate of inspection issued under chapter
22 33 of title 46, United States Code, to be
23 necessary by the certificate of inspection or
24 to ensure the safe navigation of such
25 barge; or

1 (ii) a member of the steward's depart-
2 ment on such barge.

3 (2) QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “quali-
4 fied individual” means an individual qualified to—

5 (A) serve on a vessel documented under
6 chapter 121 of title 46, United States Code,
7 under section 8103 of such title;

8 (B) receive a merchant mariner credential
9 under section 8701 of title 46, United States
10 Code; and

11 (C) be available to operate and support the
12 operation of specialized near shore cable lay
13 vertical trenching injectors on barges that are
14 documented under chapter 121 of title 46,
15 United States Code, in support of United
16 States offshore non-mineral energy exploration,
17 development, and production.

18 **TITLE IV—OIL POLLUTION**
19 **RESPONSE**

20 **SEC. 401. VESSEL RESPONSE PLANS.**

21 (a) SALVAGE AND MARINE FIREFIGHTING RESPONSE
22 CAPABILITY.—Section 311(j) of the Federal Water Pollu-
23 tion Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)) is amended by add-
24 ing at the end the following:

1 “(10) SALVAGE AND MARINE FIREFIGHTING
2 RESPONSE CAPABILITY.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The President, acting
4 through the Secretary of the department in
5 which the Coast Guard is operating unless oth-
6 erwise delegated by the President, may re-
7 quire—

8 “(i) periodic inspection of vessels and
9 salvage equipment, firefighting equipment,
10 and other major marine casualty response
11 equipment on or associated with vessels;

12 “(ii) periodic verification of capabili-
13 ties to appropriately, and in a timely man-
14 ner, respond to a marine casualty, includ-
15 ing—

16 “(I) drills, with or without prior
17 notice;

18 “(II) review of contracts and rel-
19 evant third-party agreements;

20 “(III) testing of equipment;

21 “(IV) review of training; and

22 “(V) other evaluations of marine
23 casualty response capabilities, as de-
24 termined appropriate by the Presi-
25 dent; and

1 “(iii) carrying of appropriate response
2 equipment for responding to a marine cas-
3 ualty that employs the best technology eco-
4 nomically feasible and that is compatible
5 with the safe operation of the vessel.

6 “(B) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

7 “(i) MARINE CASUALTY.—The term
8 ‘marine casualty’ means a marine casualty
9 that is required to be reported pursuant to
10 paragraph (3), (4), or (5) of section 6101
11 of title 46, United States Code.

12 “(ii) SALVAGE EQUIPMENT.—The
13 term ‘salvage equipment’ means any equip-
14 ment that is capable of being used to assist
15 a vessel in potential or actual danger in
16 order to prevent loss of life, damage or de-
17 struction of the vessel or its cargo, or re-
18 lease of its contents into the marine envi-
19 ronment.”.

20 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days
22 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comp-
23 troller General of the United States shall submit to
24 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
25 of the House of Representatives and the Committee

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

3 (A) the state of marine firefighting au-
4 thorities, jurisdiction, and plan review; and

5 (B) other considerations with respect to
6 fires at waterfront facilities (including vessel
7 fires) and vessel fires on the navigable waters
8 (as such term is defined in section 502 of the
9 Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
10 1362)).

11 (2) CONTENTS.—In carrying out paragraph (1),
12 the Comptroller General shall—

13 (A) examine—

14 (i) collaboration among Federal and
15 non-Federal entities for purposes of reduc-
16 ing the risks to local communities of fires
17 described in paragraph (1);

18 (ii) the prevalence and frequency of
19 such fires; and

20 (iii) the extent to which firefighters
21 and marine firefighters are aware of the
22 dangers of lithium-ion battery fires, includ-
23 ing lithium-ion batteries used for vehicles,
24 and how to respond to such fires;

1 (B) review methods of documenting and
2 sharing best practices throughout the maritime
3 community for responding to vessel fires; and

4 (C) make recommendations for—

5 (i) preparing for, responding to, and
6 training for such fires;

7 (ii) clarifying roles and responsibilities
8 of Federal and non-Federal entities in pre-
9 paring for, responding to, and training for
10 such fires; and

11 (iii) other topics for consideration.

12 **SEC. 402. USE OF MARINE CASUALTY INVESTIGATIONS.**

13 Section 6308 of title 46, United States Code, is
14 amended—

15 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “initiated” and
16 inserting “conducted”; and

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

18 “(e) For purposes of this section, an administrative
19 proceeding conducted by the United States includes pro-
20 ceedings under section 7701 and claims adjudicated under
21 section 1013 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C.
22 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”;

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 V—SEXUAL ASSAULT AND**
2 **SEXUAL HARASSMENT RE-**
3 **SPONSE**

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, crimi-
5 nal 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 ap-
10 propriate.

11 “(c) ELEMENTS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In developing the com-
13 prehensive policy required by subsection (a), the Sec-
14 retary shall, at a minimum—

15 “(A) identify records relating to an inci-
16 dent of covered misconduct that shall be re-
17 tained;

18 “(B) with respect to records relating to
19 covered misconduct involving members of the
20 Coast Guard that are not records of the Coast
21 Guard, identify such records known to or in the
22 possession of the Coast Guard, and set forth
23 procedures for Coast Guard coordination with
24 the custodian of such records for proper reten-
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 pepe-
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 **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 “(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 stantiated reported incident’).

14 “(VII) A synopsis of each sub-
15 stantiated 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 table of sections for
16 chapter 19 of title 14, United States Code, is
17 amended by striking the item relating to section
18 1902 and inserting the following:

“1902. Academy policy and report on covered misconduct.”.

19 (2) CHAPTER 51.—The table of sections for
20 chapter 51 of title 14, United States Code, is
21 amended by striking the item relating to section
22 5112 and inserting 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 “(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 **COMMENDATIONS 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 sult, 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 specter 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 ongo-
16 ing investigation, would unnecessarily com-
17 promise the anonymity of the individual making
18 the allegation, or would otherwise be inappro-
19 priate; and

20 “(2) to the extent practicable, shall be con-
21 sistent with Department of Defense directives, in-
22 cluding Department of Defense Directive 5505.06.

23 “(c) FIRST RIGHT TO EXCLUSIVE INVESTIGATION.—
24 The Inspector General of the department in which the
25 Coast Guard is operating—

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 matters 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 tialiation 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 amended by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing:

12 **“§ 325. 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 amended by insert-
22 ing after the item relating to section 324 the following:

“325. 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 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 serting 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 Deputy Commandant for Mis-
11 sion Support or the successor Vice Admiral
12 that oversees personnel policy; or

13 (ii) a designee of the Deputy Com-
14 mandant for Mission Support (or the suc-
15 cessor Vice Admiral that oversees per-
16 sonnel policy) who is in a grade not lower
17 than O-7.

18 (B) CHAIN OF COMMAND EXCEPTION.—In
19 the case of a member of the Coast Guard de-
20 scribed in subsection (a) who is in the imme-
21 diate chain of command of the Deputy Com-
22 mandant for Mission Support or the successor
23 Vice Admiral that oversees personnel policy or
24 the designee of the Deputy Commandant for
25 Mission Support or the successor Vice Admiral

1 that oversees personnel policy, the flag officer
2 described in this paragraph is a flag officer out-
3 side the chain of command of such member, as
4 determined by the Commandant consistent with
5 the policy established under subsection (a).

6 (d) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—Any member of the
7 Coast Guard who has made a report of covered misconduct
8 and who receives a proposal for involuntary separation
9 shall be notified at the time of such proposal of the right
10 of the member to a review under this section.

11 **SEC. 528. EXPEDITED TRANSFER IN CASES OF SEXUAL MIS-**
12 **CONDUCT OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.**

13 (a) EXPEDITED TRANSFER POLICY UPDATE.—Not
14 later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this
15 Act, the Commandant shall update Coast Guard policy as
16 necessary to implement—

17 (1) an expedited transfer process for covered in-
18 dividuals consistent with—

19 (A) Department of Defense policy on expe-
20 dited transfers of victims of sexual assault or
21 domestic violence in place on the date of enact-
22 ment of this Act; and

23 (B) subsection (b); and

24 (2) a process by which—

1 (A) a covered individual, the commanding
2 officer of a covered individual, or any other
3 Coast Guard official may initiate a request that
4 a subject be administratively assigned to an-
5 other unit in accordance with military assign-
6 ments and authorized absence policy for the du-
7 ration of the investigation and, if applicable,
8 prosecution of such subject;

9 (B) the Coast Guard shall ensure that any
10 administrative assignment action in response to
11 a request under subparagraph (A) will be taken
12 not as a punitive measure, but solely for the
13 purpose of maintaining good order and dis-
14 cipline within the unit of the covered individual
15 or the subject; and

16 (C) protection of due process for the sub-
17 ject is preserved.

18 (b) RECUSAL.—The expedited transfer process imple-
19 mented under this section shall require the recusal of any
20 official involved in the approval or denial of an expedited
21 transfer request if the official was, at any time—

22 (1) the subject of a complaint of any form of
23 assault, harassment, or retaliation, or any other type
24 of complaint, filed by the covered individual; or

1 (2) associated, beyond workplace interactions,
2 with the subject in a manner that may present an
3 actual or apparent conflict of interest.

4 (c) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—With respect to
5 a member of the Coast Guard who makes an unrestricted
6 report of sexual assault or a report of domestic violence,
7 the updated policy required under subsection (a) shall
8 specify the appropriate officials of the Coast Guard who
9 shall provide such member with information regarding ex-
10 pedited transfer authority.

11 (d) REPORT.—

12 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than March 1
13 of the year that is not less than 1 year after the
14 date on which the updates required under subsection
15 (a) are completed, the Commandant shall submit to
16 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
17 portation of the Senate and the Committee on
18 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
19 Representatives, as an enclosure or appendix to the
20 report required by section 5112 of title 14, United
21 States Code, a report on such updates that in-
22 cludes—

23 (A) a copy of the updated policies of the
24 Coast Guard relating to expedited transfers;

25 (B) a summary of such updated policies;

1 (C) for the preceding year, the number of
2 covered individuals who have requested an expedited transfer, disaggregated by gender of the
3 requester and whether the request was granted
4 or denied;

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6 (D) for each denial of an expedited transfer request during the preceding year, a description of the rationale for the denial; and

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9 (E) any other matter the Commandant
10 considers appropriate.

11 (2) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—Not later than 1
12 year after the Commandant submits the report required under paragraph (1), and annually thereafter
13 for 3 years, the Commandant shall submit to the
14 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, as an enclosure or appendix to the report required by section 5112 of title 14, United
15 States Code, a report on the updates required under
16 subsection (a) that includes—
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22 (A) any policies of the Coast Guard relating to expedited transfers that have been updated since the previous report submitted under
23 this subsection;
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1 (B) a summary of any such updated poli-
2 cies; and

3 (C) the information described under sub-
4 paragraphs (C) through (E) of paragraph (1).

5 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “covered
7 individual” means—

8 (A) a member of the Coast Guard who is
9 a victim of sexual assault in a case handled
10 under the Sexual Assault Prevention, Response,
11 and Recovery Program or the Family Advocacy
12 Program;

13 (B) a member of the Coast Guard who is
14 a victim of domestic violence (as defined by the
15 Secretary of the department in which the Coast
16 Guard is operating in the policies prescribed
17 under this section) committed by the spouse or
18 intimate partner of the member, regardless of
19 whether the spouse or intimate partner is a
20 member of the Coast Guard; and

21 (C) a member of the Coast Guard whose
22 dependent is a victim of sexual assault or do-
23 mestic violence.

24 (2) SUBJECT.—The term “subject” means a
25 member of the Coast Guard who is the subject of an

1 investigation related to alleged incidents of sexual
2 assault or domestic violence and is stationed at the
3 same installation as, or in close proximity to, the
4 covered individual involved.

5 **SEC. 529. ACCESS TO TEMPORARY SEPARATION PROGRAM**
6 **FOR VICTIMS OF ALLEGED SEX-RELATED OF-**
7 **FENSES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall up-
10 date the Coast Guard policy relating to temporary separa-
11 tion of members of the Coast Guard who are victims of
12 alleged sex-related offenses as required under subsection
13 (b).

14 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—The updated policy required under
15 subsection (a) shall include—

16 (1) a provision that allows a member of the
17 Coast Guard to request to participate in the tem-
18 porary separation program if the member has re-
19 ported, in an unrestricted format or to the greatest
20 extent practicable, a restricted format, being the vic-
21 tim of an alleged sex-related offense on a date that
22 is during—

23 (A) the 5-year period preceding the re-
24 quested date of separation; and

25 (B) the military service of the member;

1 (2) a provision that provides eligibility for a
2 member of the Coast Guard to request temporary
3 separation if the member has reported being the vic-
4 tim of an alleged sex-related offense, even if—

5 (A) the member has had a previous tem-
6 porary separation including a previous tem-
7 porary separation as the victim of a previous
8 unrelated alleged sex-related offense; or

9 (B) the enlistment period of the member is
10 not nearing expiration or the tour or contract
11 of the member is not nearing completion;

12 (3) an updated standard of review consistent
13 with the application of, and purposes of, this section;
14 and

15 (4) the establishment of a process—

16 (A) for eligible members to make requests
17 for temporary separation under this section;
18 and

19 (B) that allows the Commandant to con-
20 sider whether to allow a member granted tem-
21 porary separation under this section to fulfill
22 the enlistment period or tour or contract obliga-
23 tion of the member after the end of the tem-
24 porary separation period.

1 (c) EXCEPTION FROM REPAYMENT OF BONUSES, IN-
2 CENTIVE PAY, OR SIMILAR BENEFITS AND TERMINATION
3 OF REMAINING PAYMENTS.—For any temporary separa-
4 tion granted under the updated policy required under sub-
5 section (a), the Secretary concerned may conduct a review
6 to determine whether to exercise discretion in accordance
7 with section 373(b)(1) of title 37, United States Code.

8 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
10 retary concerned” has the meaning given such term
11 in section 101 of title 37, United States Code.

12 (2) SEX-RELATED OFFENSE.—The term “sex-
13 related offense” has the meaning given such term in
14 section 1044e(h) of title 10, United States Code.

15 **SEC. 530. POLICY AND PROGRAM TO EXPAND PREVENTION**
16 **OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
18 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall de-
19 velop and issue a comprehensive policy for the Coast
20 Guard to reinvigorate the prevention of misconduct involv-
21 ing members and civilians of the Coast Guard that con-
22 tains the policy elements described in section 1561 of title
23 10, United States Code.

24 (b) PROGRAMS REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
25 after the issuance of the policy required under paragraph

1 (1), the Commandant shall develop and implement for the
2 Coast Guard a program to reinvigorate the prevention of
3 misconduct involving members and civilians of the Coast
4 Guard.

5 **SEC. 531. CONTINUOUS VETTING OF SECURITY CLEAR-**
6 **ANCES.**

7 Section 1564(c) of title 10, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)—

10 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
11 (A) by inserting “, and the Secretary of Home-
12 land Security shall conduct an investigation or
13 adjudication under subsection (a) of any indi-
14 vidual described in paragraph (3),” after “para-
15 graph (2)”;

16 (B) in subparagraph (A)(iv) by striking
17 “the Secretary” and inserting “the Secretary of
18 Defense or the Secretary of Homeland Security,
19 as the case may be,”;

20 (2) in paragraph (2) by inserting “(other than
21 an individual described in paragraph (3))” after “is
22 an individual”;

23 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as
24 paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively;

1 (4) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
2 lowing new paragraph:

3 “(3) An individual described in this paragraph is an
4 individual who has a security clearance and is—

5 “(A) a flag officer of the Coast Guard; or

6 “(B) an employee of the Coast Guard in the
7 Senior Executive Service.”; and

8 (5) in paragraph (4), as redesignated by para-
9 graph (3), by striking “Secretary” and all that fol-
10 lows through “paragraph (2)” and inserting the fol-
11 lowing: “Secretary of Defense, in the case of an indi-
12 vidual described in paragraph (2), and the Secretary
13 of Homeland Security, in the case of an individual
14 described in paragraph (3), shall ensure that rel-
15 evant information on the conviction or determination
16 described in paragraph (1) of such an individual”.

17 **SEC. 532. TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR COV-**
18 **ERED MISCONDUCT PREVENTION AND RE-**
19 **SPONSE.**

20 (a) MODIFICATION OF CURRICULUM.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
22 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
23 shall revise the curriculum of the Coast Guard with
24 respect to covered misconduct prevention and re-
25 sponse training—

1 (A) to include—

2 (i) information on procedures and re-
3 sponsibilities with respect to reporting re-
4 quirements, investigations, survivor health
5 and safety (including expedited transfers,
6 no-contact orders, military and civilian
7 protective orders, and temporary separa-
8 tions), and whistleblower protections;

9 (ii) information on Department of
10 Veterans Affairs resources available to vet-
11 erans, active-duty personnel, and reserve
12 personnel;

13 (iii) information on the right of any
14 member of the Coast Guard to seek legal
15 resources outside the Coast Guard;

16 (iv) general information regarding the
17 availability of legal resources provided by
18 civilian legal services organizations, pre-
19 sented in an organized and consistent
20 manner that does not endorse any par-
21 ticular legal services organization; and

22 (v) information on the capability, op-
23 erations, reporting structure, and require-
24 ments with respect to the Chief Prosecutor
25 of the Coast Guard; and

1 (B) to address the workforce training rec-
2 ommendations set forth in the memorandum of
3 the Coast Guard titled “Commandant’s Di-
4 rected Actions—Accountability and Trans-
5 parency”, issued on November 27, 2023.

6 (2) COLLABORATION.—In revising the cur-
7 riculum under this subsection, the Commandant
8 shall solicit input from individuals outside the Coast
9 Guard who are experts in sexual assault and sexual
10 harassment prevention and response training.

11 (b) COVERED MISCONDUCT PREVENTION AND RE-
12 SPONSE TRAINING AND EDUCATION.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
14 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
15 shall ensure that all members and civilian employees
16 of the Coast Guard are provided with annual covered
17 misconduct prevention and response training and
18 education for the purpose of strengthening indi-
19 vidual knowledge, skills, and capacity relating to the
20 prevention of and response to covered misconduct.

21 (2) SCOPE.—The training and education re-
22 ferred to in paragraph (1)—

23 (A) shall be provided as part of—

24 (i) initial entry and accession training;

25 (ii) annual refresher training;

1 (iii) initial and recurring training
2 courses for covered first responders;

3 (iv) new and prospective commanding
4 officer and executive officer training; and

5 (v) specialized leadership training; and

6 (B) shall be tailored for specific leadership
7 levels, positions, pay grades, and roles.

8 (3) CONTENT.—The training and education re-
9 ferred to in paragraph (1) shall include the informa-
10 tion described in subsection (a)(1)(A).

11 (c) COVERED FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
13 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
14 shall ensure that—

15 (A) training for covered first responders
16 includes the covered misconduct prevention and
17 response training described in subsection (b);
18 and

19 (B) such covered misconduct prevention
20 and response training is provided to covered
21 first responders on a recurring basis.

22 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In addition to the infor-
23 mation described in subsection (a)(1)(A), the initial
24 and recurring covered misconduct prevention and re-
25 sponse training for covered first responders shall in-

1 clude information on procedures and responsibilities
2 with respect to—

3 (A) the provision of care to a victim of cov-
4 ered misconduct, in accordance with profes-
5 sional standards or practice, that accounts for
6 trauma experienced by the victim and associ-
7 ated symptoms or events that may exacerbate
8 such trauma; and

9 (B) the manner in which such a victim
10 may receive such care.

11 (d) TRAINING FOR PROSPECTIVE COMMANDING OF-
12 FICERS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months
14 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-
15 mandant shall ensure that training for prospective
16 commanders and executive officers at all levels of
17 command includes the covered misconduct preven-
18 tion and response training described in subsection
19 (b).

20 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In addition to the infor-
21 mation described in subsection (a)(1)(A), the cov-
22 ered misconduct prevention and response training
23 for prospective commanding officers and executive
24 officers shall be—

1 (A) tailored to the responsibilities and
2 leadership requirements of members of the
3 Coast Guard as they are assigned to command
4 positions; and

5 (B) revised, as necessary, to include infor-
6 mation on—

7 (i) fostering a command climate—

8 (I) that does not tolerate covered
9 misconduct;

10 (II) in which individuals assigned
11 to the command are encouraged to in-
12 tervene to prevent potential incidents
13 of covered misconduct; and

14 (III) that encourages victims of
15 covered misconduct to report any inci-
16 dent of covered misconduct;

17 (ii) the possible variations in the ef-
18 fect of trauma on individuals who have ex-
19 perience covered misconduct;

20 (iii) potential differences in the proce-
21 dures and responsibilities, Department of
22 Veterans Affairs resources, and legal re-
23 sources described in subsection (a)(1)(A)
24 depending on the operating environment in

1 which an incident of covered misconduct
2 occurred;

3 (iv) the investigation of alleged inci-
4 dents of covered misconduct, including
5 training on understanding evidentiary
6 standards;

7 (v) available disciplinary options, in-
8 cluding administrative action and deferral
9 of discipline for collateral misconduct, and
10 examples of disciplinary options in civilian
11 jurisdictions; and

12 (vi) the capability, operations, report-
13 ing structure, and requirements with re-
14 spect to the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast
15 Guard.

16 (e) ENTRY AND ACCESSION TRAININGS.—

17 (1) INITIAL TRAINING.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year
19 after the date of enactment of this Act, the
20 Commandant shall provide for the inclusion of
21 an initial covered misconduct prevention and re-
22 sponse training module in the training for each
23 new member of the Coast Guard, which shall be
24 provided not later than 14 duty days after the
25 date of accession.

1 (B) REQUIREMENT.—In addition to the in-
2 formation described in subsection (a)(1)(A), the
3 initial training module referred to in subpara-
4 graph (A) shall include a comprehensive expla-
5 nation of Coast Guard—

6 (i) policy with respect to covered mis-
7 conduct; and

8 (ii) procedures for reporting covered
9 misconduct.

10 (2) SUBSEQUENT TRAINING.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall
12 provide for the inclusion of a detailed covered
13 misconduct prevention and response training
14 module in the training for each new member of
15 the Coast Guard, which shall be provided not
16 later than 60 duty days after the date on which
17 the initial training module described in para-
18 graph (1)(A) is provided.

19 (B) CONTENT.—The detailed training
20 module referred to in subparagraph (A) shall
21 include the information described in subsection
22 (a)(1)(A).

23 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) COVERED FIRST RESPONDER.—The term
25 “covered first responder” includes sexual assault re-

1 sponse coordinators, victim advocates, Coast Guard
2 medical officers, Coast Guard security forces, Coast
3 Guard Investigative Service agents, judge advocates,
4 special victims' counsel, chaplains, and related per-
5 sonnel.

6 (2) COVERED MISCONDUCT.—The term “cov-
7 ered misconduct” has the meaning given such term
8 in section 2519 of title 14, United States Code.

9 **TITLE VI—COMPTROLLER**
10 **GENERAL REPORTS**

11 **SEC. 601. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON COAST**
12 **GUARD RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND IN-**
13 **NOVATION PROGRAM.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after
15 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
16 of the United States shall submit to the Committee on
17 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and
18 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
19 the House of Representatives a report on the state of the
20 research, development, and innovation program of the
21 Coast Guard during the 5-year period ending on such date
22 of enactment.

23 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
24 (a) shall include the following:

1 (1) An evaluation and description of the process
2 for selecting projects to be carried out under the re-
3 search, development, and innovation program of the
4 Coast Guard.

5 (2) An analysis of the manner in which funding
6 needs are determined and requested for such pro-
7 gram, and for the activities and projects of such pro-
8 gram, in alignment with the appropriate fiscal year.

9 (3) An assessment of the manner in which the
10 Coast Guard determines desired outcomes, and
11 measures the impact, of successful projects on the
12 execution of the operations and mission of the Coast
13 Guard.

14 (4) An assessment of the manner in which the
15 Coast Guard evaluates impacts and benefits of part-
16 nerships between the Coast Guard and the Depart-
17 ment of Defense and other entities, and a descrip-
18 tion of the extent to which and manner in which the
19 Coast Guard is leveraging such benefits and identi-
20 fying and managing any potential challenge.

21 (5) An analysis of the manner in which the
22 Commandant is working with partners to accelerate
23 project transition from research, testing, evaluation,
24 and prototype to production.

1 (6) An assessment of the manner in which the
2 authority to enter into transactions other than con-
3 tracts and grants pursuant to sections 719 and 1158
4 of title 14, United States Code, has been exercised
5 by the Commandant, and a description of any train-
6 ing or resources necessary (including additional
7 agreements for officers and training) to more fully
8 exercise such authority.

9 (7) An evaluation of the role of the Blue Tech
10 Center of Expertise established in section 302 of the
11 Coast Guard Blue Technology Center of Expertise
12 Act (Public Law 115–265).

13 (8) Recommendations regarding authorization,
14 personnel, infrastructure, and other requirements
15 necessary for the expeditious transition of tech-
16 nologies developed under such program from proto-
17 type to production in the field.

18 (c) CONSULTATION.—In developing the report re-
19 quired under subsection (a), the Comptroller General may
20 consult with—

21 (1) the maritime and aviation industries;

22 (2) the Secretary of Defense;

23 (3) the intelligence community; and

24 (4) any relevant—

25 (A) federally funded research institutions;

- 1 (B) nongovernmental organizations; and
2 (C) institutions of higher education.

3 **SEC. 602. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW OF QUALITY**
4 **AND AVAILABILITY OF COAST GUARD BEHAV-**
5 **IORAL HEALTH CARE AND RESOURCES FOR**
6 **PERSONNEL WELLNESS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
9 of the United States shall commence a review of the qual-
10 ity and availability of behavioral health care and related
11 resources for Coast Guard personnel at the locations de-
12 scribed in subsection (b).

13 (b) LOCATIONS TO BE REVIEWED.—In conducting
14 the review under subsection (a), the Comptroller General
15 shall—

16 (1) first review the practices and policies relat-
17 ing to the availability of behavioral health care and
18 related resources at Training Center Cape May; and

19 (2) review such practices and policies at—

20 (A) the Coast Guard Academy, including
21 Officer Candidate School; and

22 (B) other Coast Guard training locations,
23 as applicable.

24 (c) ELEMENTS.—The review conducted under sub-
25 section (a) shall include, for each location described in

1 subsection (b), an assessment, and a description of avail-
2 able trend information (as applicable) for the 10-year pe-
3 riod preceding the date of the review, with respect to each
4 of the following:

5 (1) The nature of Coast Guard resources di-
6 rected toward behavioral health services at the loca-
7 tion.

8 (2) The manner in which the Coast Guard has
9 managed treatment for recruits, cadets, officer can-
10 didates, or other personnel who may be experiencing
11 a behavioral health crisis at the location (including
12 individuals who have transferred to other buildings
13 or facilities within the location).

14 (3) The extent to which the Coast Guard has
15 identified the resources, such as physical spaces and
16 facilities, necessary to manage behavioral health
17 challenges and crises that Coast Guard personnel
18 may face at the location.

19 (4) The behavioral health screenings required
20 by the Coast Guard for recruits, cadets, officer can-
21 didates, or other personnel at the location, and the
22 manner in which such screenings compare with
23 screenings required by the Department of Defense
24 for military recruits, service academy cadets, officer

1 candidates, or other personnel at military service ac-
2 cession points.

3 (5) Whether the Coast Guard has assessed the
4 adequacy of behavioral health resources and services
5 for recruits, cadets, officer candidates, and other
6 personnel at the location, and if so, the additional
7 services and resources (such as resilience and life
8 skills coaching), if any, needed to address any poten-
9 tial gaps.

10 (6) The manner in which the Coast Guard man-
11 ages care transfers related to behavior health at the
12 location, including command and other management
13 input and privacy policies.

14 (7) The extent to which the Coast Guard has
15 evaluated contributing factors or reasons for behav-
16 ioral health crises experienced by newly enlisted per-
17 sonnel, cadets, officer candidates, or other personnel
18 at the location.

19 (8) The extent to which the Coast Guard has
20 addressed, at the location, provider care staffing
21 standards and credentialing deficiencies identified in
22 the report of the Comptroller General titled “Coast
23 Guard Health Care: Improvements Needed for De-
24 termining Staffing Needs and Monitoring Access to
25 Care”, issued on February 4, 2022.

1 (d) REPORTS.—The Comptroller General shall sub-
2 mit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
3 portation of the Senate and the Committee on Transpor-
4 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
5 tives—

6 (1) as soon as practicable but not later than 1
7 year after the date of enactment of this Act, a re-
8 port relating to the results of the review conducted
9 under subsection (a) relating to Training Center
10 Cape May, including any recommendations the
11 Comptroller General considers appropriate; and

12 (2) not later than 1 year after the date of en-
13 actment of this Act—

14 (A) a report on the results of the review
15 conducted under subsection (a) relating to—

16 (i) the Coast Guard Academy, includ-
17 ing Officer Candidate School; and

18 (ii) other Coast Guard training loca-
19 tions, as applicable; and

20 (B) any recommendations the Comptroller
21 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 (GRF7TC) in New Orleans, Louisiana.

20 (9) The North Pacific Regional Fisheries
21 Training Center (NPRF7TC) in Kodiak, Alaska.

22 (10) The Northeast Regional Fisheries Train-
23 ing Center (NRF7TC) at Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

24 (11) The Southeast Regional Fisheries Training
25 Center (SRF7TC) in Charleston, South Carolina.

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 VII—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 SECUR-
21 ITY.—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(e)”.

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 gen-
 erally.”.

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 “Act” and in-
18 serting “title”; and

19 (2) in subsection (b)—

20 (A) by striking “Act” and inserting “title”;

21 and

22 (B) by striking “subchapter IV of chapter
23 10” and inserting “chapter 11”.