

1 program is essential to ensuring the continued serv-
2 ice and safety of such allies; and

3 (5) an additional 4,000 visas should be made
4 available to principal aliens who are eligible for spe-
5 cial immigrant status under the Afghan Allies Pro-
6 tection Act of 2009 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note) to prevent
7 harm to the operations of the United States Govern-
8 ment in Afghanistan.

9 **Subtitle C—Matters Relating to** 10 **Syria, Iraq, and Iran**

11 **SEC. 1221. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE AS-** 12 **SISTANCE TO VETTED SYRIAN GROUPS.**

13 (a) NATURE OF ASSISTANCE.—Subsection (a) of sec-
14 tion 1209 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck”
15 McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
16 Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 128 Stat. 3541), as
17 most recently amended by section 1231(a) of the John S.
18 McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
19 Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232), is further amended—

20 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
21 striking “with a cost” and all that follows through
22 “December 31, 2019” and inserting “, and
23 sustainment to appropriately vetted Syrian groups
24 and individuals, through December 31, 2020”;

1 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “Islamic State
2 of Iraq and the Levant” and all that follows through
3 the period at the end and inserting the following:
4 “Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS).”; and

5 (3) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) and in-
6 serting the following new paragraphs:

7 “(2) Securing territory formerly controlled by
8 the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.

9 “(3) Protecting the United States and its
10 friends and allies from the threats posed by the Is-
11 lamic State of Iraq and Syria, al Qaeda, and associ-
12 ated forces in Syria.

13 “(4) Supporting the temporary detention and
14 repatriation of Islamic State of Iraq and Syria for-
15 eign terrorist fighters in accordance with the laws of
16 armed conflict and the United Nations Convention
17 Relating to the Status of Refugees, done at Geneva
18 July 28, 1951 (as made applicable by the Protocol
19 Relating to the Status of Refugees, done at New
20 York January 31, 1967 (19 UST 6223)).”.

21 (b) SCOPE OF QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORTS.—
22 Subsection (d) of such section, as most recently amended
23 by section 1223(b) of the National Defense Authorization
24 Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 131 Stat.
25 1653), is further amended to read as follows:

1 “(d) QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORTS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on January 15,
3 2020, and every 90 days thereafter, the Secretary of
4 Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State,
5 shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
6 mittees and leadership of the House of Representa-
7 tives and the Senate a progress report.

8 “(2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—Each
9 progress report under paragraph (1) shall include,
10 based on the most recent quarterly information, the
11 following:

12 “(A) A description of the appropriately
13 vetted recipients receiving assistance under sub-
14 section (a).

15 “(B) A description of training, equipment,
16 supplies, stipends, and other support provided
17 to appropriately vetted recipients under sub-
18 section (a) and a statement of the amount of
19 funds expended for such purposes during the
20 period covered by the report.

21 “(C) Any misuse or loss of provided train-
22 ing and equipment and how such misuse or loss
23 is being mitigated.

1 “(D) An assessment of the recruitment,
2 throughput, and retention rates of appropriately
3 vetted recipients.

4 “(E) An assessment of the operational ef-
5 fectiveness of appropriately vetted recipients in
6 meeting the purposes specified in subsection
7 (a).

8 “(F) A description of United States Gov-
9 ernment stabilization objectives and activities
10 carried out in areas formerly controlled by the
11 Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, including sig-
12 nificant projects and funding associated with
13 such projects.

14 “(G) A description of coalition contribu-
15 tions to the purposes specified in subsection (a)
16 and other related stabilization activities.

17 “(H) With respect to Islamic State of Iraq
18 and Syria foreign terrorist fighters—

19 “(i) an estimate of the number of
20 such individuals being detained by appro-
21 priately vetted Syrian groups and individ-
22 uals;

23 “(ii) an estimate of the number of
24 such individuals that have been repatriated

1 and the countries to which such individuals
2 have been repatriated; and

3 “(iii) a description of United States
4 Government support provided to facilitate
5 the repatriation of such individuals.

6 “(I) An assessment of the extent to which
7 appropriately vetted Syrian groups and individ-
8 uals have enabled progress toward establishing
9 inclusive, representative, accountable, and civil-
10 ian-led governance and security structures in
11 territories liberated from the Islamic State of
12 Iraq and Syria.”.

13 (c) ELIMINATION OF REPROGRAMMING REQUIRE-
14 MENT.—Such section is further amended by striking sub-
15 section (f).

16 (d) INCLUSION OF SUPPORT FOR STABILIZATION AC-
17 TIVITIES.—Such section is further amended by inserting
18 after subsection (e) the following new subsection (f):

19 “(f) SUPPORT FOR STABILIZATION ACTIVITIES.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
21 may, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State
22 and in consultation with the Administrator of the
23 United States Agency for International Develop-
24 ment, provide support for the stabilization activities
25 of the Department of State, the United States Agen-

1 cy for International Development, and any other
2 Federal agency on a reimbursable or
3 nonreimbursable basis.

4 “(2) TYPES OF SUPPORT.—The support pro-
5 vided under paragraph (1) may consist of—

6 “(A) logistic support, supplies, and serv-
7 ices; or

8 “(B) equipment.”.

9 (e) PER PROJECT AND AGGREGATE COST LIMITA-
10 TIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR PROJECTS.—
11 Subsection (l) of such section, as added by section 1223(d)
12 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
13 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 131 Stat. 1653), is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 “(l) LIMITATION ON COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND
16 REPAIR PROJECTS.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The cost of construction
18 and repair projects carried out under this section
19 may not exceed, in any fiscal year—

20 “(A) \$4,000,000 per project; or

21 “(B) \$12,000,000 in the aggregate.

22 “(2) FOREIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.—The limita-
23 tion under paragraph (1) shall not apply to the ex-
24 penditure of foreign contributions in excess of the

1 per-project or aggregate limitation set forth in that
2 paragraph.”.

3 (f) INCLUSION OF LIMITATION PENDING REPORT.—

4 Such section is further amended by adding at the end the
5 following new subsection:

6 “(n) LIMITATION PENDING REPORT.—None of the
7 funds authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2020
8 for the Department of Defense may be obligated or ex-
9 pended for activities under this section until 30 days after
10 the date on which the Secretary of Defense submits an
11 unclassified report, with a classified annex if necessary,
12 to the congressional defense committees setting forth the
13 following:

14 “(1) A description of the efforts the United
15 States will undertake to train and equip appro-
16 priately vetted Syrian groups and individuals for the
17 purposes described in subsection (a).

18 “(2) A detailed description of the appropriately
19 vetted Syrian groups and individuals to be trained
20 and equipped under this section, including a descrip-
21 tion of their geographical locations, demographic
22 profiles, political affiliations, and current capabili-
23 ties.

24 “(3) A detailed description of planned capabili-
25 ties, including categories of training, equipment, fi-

1 nancial support, sustainment, and supplies, intended
2 to be provided to appropriately vetted Syrian groups
3 and individuals under this section, and timelines for
4 delivery.

5 “(4) A description of the planned posture of
6 United States forces and the planned level of en-
7 gagement by such forces with appropriately vetted
8 Syrian groups and individuals, including the over-
9 sight of equipment provided under this section and
10 the activities conducted by such appropriately vetted
11 Syrian groups and individuals.

12 “(5) An explanation of the processes and mech-
13 anisms for local commanders of such forces to exer-
14 cise command and control of the elements of the ap-
15 propriately vetted Syrian groups and individuals
16 after such elements have been trained and equipped
17 under this section.

18 “(6) A detailed explanation of the relationship
19 between appropriately vetted recipients and civilian
20 governance authorities and a description of efforts to
21 ensure appropriately vetted recipients are subject to
22 the control of competent civilian authorities.”.