

PRE-DECISIONAL INTERNAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH DRAFT

1 **SEC. __. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION**
2 **PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN PARTNERS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter V of chapter 16 of title 10, United States Code, is amended
4 by adding at the end the following new section:

5 **“§ 353. Secretary of Defense professional military education program for foreign partners.**

6 “(a) PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Defense may carry out a program under which the
7 Secretary may pay costs associated with the professional military education of the uniformed
8 military forces of friendly foreign countries, including English language education, to advance
9 the security cooperation objectives of the United States.

10 “(b) PROVISION OF CERTAIN COSTS.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary may pay
11 the costs of course tuition, transportation, travel, and subsistence for foreign students.

12 “(c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall carry out this section under regulations
13 prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State. Such
14 regulations shall ensure that—

15 “(1) the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State,
16 develops, plans, and implements activities under this section that advance the security
17 cooperation objectives of the United States and support theater security cooperation
18 planning of the combatant commands;

19 “(2) each of the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State designates an
20 individual at the lowest appropriate level of the Department of Defense or the
21 Department of State, as applicable, who shall be responsible for the consultation
22 regarding activities conducted under this section; and

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1 “(3) activities under this section are appropriately coordinated with, and do not
 2 duplicate or conflict with, activities under International Military Education and Training
 3 authorities.”.

4 (b) TABLE OF SECTIONS AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such
 5 subchapter is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“353. Secretary of Defense professional military education program for foreign partners.”.

[Please note: The "Changes to Existing Law" section below sets out in red-line format how the legislative text would amend existing law.]

Section-by-Section Analysis

This proposal would authorize the Secretary of Defense to carry out a broad range of education programs for the uniformed military forces of friendly foreign countries. The purpose of the proposal is twofold. First, it would help DoD reach the Secretary's stated strategic goal of increasing International Professional Military Education (I-PME) by 10% by the end of FY 2021 and 50% by the end of FY 2025, as a critical tool in great power competition. Second, it would authorize DoD to carry out – under its own authorities, but in consultation with the Secretary of State – education programs that go beyond the combatting terrorism and irregular warfare focus of 10 U.S.C. 345. This would allow DoD to concentrate the expansion of I-PME programs in line with the National Defense Strategy's focus on great power competition.

Budget Implications: Funding for this proposal is included in the FY 2021 President's Budget Request. The Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) reallocated funding from existing resources to support I-PME.

RESOURCE IMPACT (\$MILLIONS)									
Program	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	Appropriation	Budget Activity	BLI / SAG	Program Element (for all RDT&E programs)
Defense Security Cooperation Agency	\$3.0	\$6.0	\$9.0	\$12.0	\$15.0				

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Total	\$3.0	\$6.0	\$9.0	\$12.0	\$15.0	Operation and Maintenance, Defense Wide-	04---	---4GTD	---
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Resubmission Information: This proposal is being submitted for the first time.

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Changes to Existing Law: This proposal would add a new section to chapter 16 of title 10,
United States Code, the full text of which is shown in the legislative language above.