

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. LEE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to
the Committee on _____

A BILL

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common defense, 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Allied Burden Sharing
5 Report Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDING; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that section 1003 of
8 the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1985 (Pub-
9 lic Law 98–525; 63 Stat. 2241)—

1 (1) expresses the sense of Congress that, due to
2 threats that are ever-changing, Congress must be in-
3 formed with respect to allied contributions to the
4 common defense to properly assess the readiness of
5 the United States and the countries described in sec-
6 tion 3(b) for threats; and

7 (2) requires the Secretary to submit to Con-
8 gress an annual report on the contributions of allies
9 to the common defense.

10 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
11 gress that—

12 (1) the threats facing the United States—

13 (A) extend beyond the global war on ter-
14 ror; and

15 (B) include near-peer threats; and

16 (2) the President should seek from each coun-
17 try described in section 3(b) acceptance of inter-
18 national security responsibilities and agreements to
19 make contributions to the common defense in ac-
20 cordance with the collective defense agreements or
21 treaties to which such country is a party.

22 **SEC. 3. REPORTS ON ALLIED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE**
23 **COMMON DEFENSE.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1 each year,
25 the Secretary, in coordination with the heads of other Fed-

1 eral agencies, as the Secretary determines to be necessary,
2 shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress
3 a report containing a description of—

4 (1) the annual defense spending by each coun-
5 try described in subsection (b), including available
6 data on nominal budget figures and defense spend-
7 ing as a percentage of the gross domestic products
8 of each such country for the fiscal year immediately
9 preceding the fiscal year in which the report is sub-
10 mitted;

11 (2) the activities of each such country to con-
12 tribute to military or stability operations in which
13 the Armed Forces of the United States are a partici-
14 pant or may be called upon in accordance with a co-
15 operative defense agreement to which the United
16 States is a party;

17 (3) any limitations placed by any such country
18 on the use of such contributions; and

19 (4) any actions undertaken by the United
20 States or by other countries to minimize such limita-
21 tions.

22 (b) COUNTRIES DESCRIBED.—The countries de-
23 scribed in this subsection are the following:

24 (1) Each member state of the North Atlantic
25 Treaty Organization.

1 (2) Each member state of the Gulf Cooperation
2 Council.

3 (3) Each country party to the Inter-American
4 Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance (Rio Treaty), done
5 at Rio de Janeiro September 2, 1947, and entered
6 into force December 3, 1948 (TIAS 1838).

7 (4) Australia.

8 (5) Japan.

9 (6) New Zealand.

10 (7) The Philippines.

11 (8) South Korea.

12 (9) Thailand.

13 (c) FORM.—Each report under subsection (a) shall
14 be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a clas-
15 sified annex.

16 (d) AVAILABILITY.—A report submitted under sub-
17 section (a) shall be made available on request to any Mem-
18 ber of Congress.

19 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

20 In this Act:

21 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
22 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
23 gress” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the
2 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Com-
3 mittee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

4 (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the
5 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Com-
6 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives.

8 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of Defense.