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# H. R. 1601

To require the Secretary of Defense to require members of the Armed Forces, before being deployed, to be trained in management of contracts and contractors.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2009

Mr. SESTAK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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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. TRAINING OF DEPLOYED MEMBERS OF THE**  
4 **ARMED FORCES IN MANAGEMENT OF CON-**  
5 **TRACTS AND CONTRACTORS.**

6 (a) TRAINING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of De-  
7 fense shall require that, before the deployment of any  
8 member of the Armed Forces, the member shall be pro-

1 vided training in the management of defense contracts and  
2 contractors.

3 (b) MATTERS COVERED IN TRAINING.—

4 (1) BASIC OVERVIEW.—The training required  
5 under subsection (a) shall provide a basic overview  
6 and shall include, at a minimum, briefing on the fol-  
7 lowing:

8 (A) Applicable rules under the Federal Ac-  
9 quisition Regulation, Department of Defense  
10 Directive 5000.1, and special provisions allow-  
11 able for expedited needs.

12 (B) Rules of ethical conduct in interactions  
13 with contractors and in oversight of their per-  
14 formance in the field.

15 (C) Policies regarding conflicts of interests,  
16 bribery, fraud, and mismanagement.

17 (2) ADDITIONAL TRAINING FOR CERTAIN MEM-  
18 BERS.—The training required under subsection (a)  
19 shall provide additional training for members of the  
20 Armed Forces with direct responsibility for decisions  
21 regarding contracting, including—

22 (A) fundamental cost analysis principles;  
23 and

24 (B) training tools for developing and evalu-  
25 ating alternative proposals, including contract

- 1 manuals, and simple E-business tools like sam-
- 2 ple documents, statements of work, and cost
- 3 comparisons.

