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To require annual reporting on the on the research, development, test, and evaluation capabilities of the Department of Defense.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2018

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KHANNA, and Mr. PANETTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Military Research and
5 Development Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORT ON RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT,**
2 **TEST, AND EVALUATION CAPABILITIES OF**
3 **THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

4 (a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and on an
6 annual basis thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall
7 submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-
8 ate and the House of Representatives a report on the re-
9 search, development, test, and evaluation capabilities of
10 the Department of Defense.

11 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—Each report required by subsection
12 (a) shall include, with respect to the research, develop-
13 ment, test, and evaluation capabilities of the Department
14 of Defense, the following:

15 (1) A comparison of the capabilities of the De-
16 partment versus the capabilities of adversaries of the
17 United States.

18 (2) Identification of specific areas, if any, in
19 which the capabilities of the Department are at risk
20 of falling behind the capabilities of other nations.

21 (3) An explanation of how the capabilities of
22 the Department are affected by budget sequestration
23 and the use of continuing resolutions to fund the
24 Federal Government.

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