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To require a strategic plan to improve capabilities of Department of Defense training ranges and installations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 15, 2018

Mr. ROUNDS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Department of Defense
5 Training Ranges Strategic Planning Improvement Act of
6 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. STRATEGIC PLAN TO IMPROVE CAPABILITIES OF**
2 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TRAINING**
3 **RANGES AND INSTALLATIONS.**

4 (a) **PLAN REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Defense
5 shall develop and implement a comprehensive strategic
6 plan to identify and address deficits in the capabilities of
7 Department of Defense training ranges to support current
8 and anticipated readiness requirements to execute the Na-
9 tional Defense Strategy (NDS).

10 (b) **EVALUATION.**—As part of the preparation of the
11 strategic plan, the Secretary shall conduct an evaluation
12 of the following:

13 (1) The adequacy of current training range re-
14 sources.

15 (2) The adequacy of current training enablers
16 to meet current and anticipated demands of the
17 Armed Forces.

18 (c) **ELEMENTS.**—The strategic plan shall include the
19 following:

20 (1) Proposals to enhance the capabilities of
21 training ranges to address any limitations or con-
22 straints on current Department resources, including
23 any climatically induced impacts or shortfalls.

24 (2) Goals and milestones for tracking actions
25 under the plan and measuring progress in carrying
26 out such actions.

1 (3) Projected funding requirements for imple-
2 menting actions under the plan.

3 (d) DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION.—The
4 Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisitions and
5 Sustainment, as the principal staff assistant to the Sec-
6 retary on installation management, shall have lead respon-
7 sibility for developing and overseeing implementation of
8 the strategic plan and for coordination of the discharge
9 of the plan by components of the Department.

10 (e) REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than
11 April 1, 2020, the Secretary shall, through the Under Sec-
12 retary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, submit
13 to Congress a report on the progress made in imple-
14 menting this section, including the following:

15 (1) A description of the strategic plan.

16 (2) A description of the results of the evalua-
17 tion conducted under subsection (b).

18 (3) Such recommendations as the Secretary
19 considers appropriate with respect to improvements
20 of the capabilities of training ranges and enablers.

21 (f) PROGRESS REPORTS.—Not later than April 1,
22 2019, and annually thereafter for 3 years, the Secretary
23 shall, through the Under Secretary, submit to Congress
24 a report setting forth the following:

1 (1) A description of the progress made during
2 the preceding fiscal year in implementing the stra-
3 tegic plan.

4 (2) A description of any additional actions
5 taken, or to be taken, to address limitations and
6 constraints on training ranges and enablers.

7 (3) Assessments of individual training ranges
8 addressing the evaluation conducted under sub-
9 section (b).

10 (g) **ADDITIONAL REPORT ELEMENT.**—Each report
11 under subsections (e) and (f) shall also include a list of
12 significant modifications to training range inventory, such
13 as range closures or expansions, during the preceding fis-
14 cal year, including any limitations or impacts due to cli-
15 matic conditions.

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