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# S. 4300

To amend the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018 to require the Secretary of Defense to carry out the Pacific Deterrence Initiative.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GARDNER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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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. PACIFIC DETERRENCE INITIATIVE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II of the Asia Reassurance  
5 Initiative Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–409; 132 Stat.  
6 5391) is amended by adding at the end the following new  
7 section:

8 **“SEC. 217. PACIFIC DETERRENCE INITIATIVE.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
10 carry out an initiative to ensure the effective implementa-

1 tion of the National Defense Strategy with respect to the  
2 Indo-Pacific region, to be known as the ‘Pacific Deter-  
3 rence Initiative’ (referred to in this section as the ‘Initia-  
4 tive’).

5 “(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Initiative is to  
6 carry out only the following activities:

7 “(1) Activities to increase the lethality of the  
8 joint force in the Indo-Pacific region, including, but  
9 not limited to—

10 “(A) by improving active and passive de-  
11 fenses against theater cruise, ballistic, and  
12 hypersonic missiles for bases, operating loca-  
13 tions, and other critical infrastructure at loca-  
14 tions west of the International Date Line; and

15 “(B) procurement and fielding of—

16 “(i) long-range precision strike sys-  
17 tems to be stationed or pre-positioned at  
18 locations west of the International Date  
19 Line;

20 “(ii) critical munitions to be pre-posi-  
21 tioned at locations west of the Inter-  
22 national Date Line; and

23 “(iii) command, control, communica-  
24 tions, computers and intelligence, surveil-  
25 lance, and reconnaissance systems intended

1           for stationing or operational use in the  
2           Indo-Pacific region.

3           “(2) Activities to enhance the design and posture of the joint force in the Indo-Pacific region, including, but not limited to, by—

6           “(A) transitioning from large, centralized, and unhardened infrastructure to smaller, dispersed, resilient, and adaptive basing at locations west of the International Date Line;

10          “(B) increasing the number and capabilities of expeditionary airfields and ports in the Indo-Pacific region available for operational use at locations west of the International Date Line;

15          “(C) enhancing pre-positioned forward stocks of fuel, munitions, equipment, and materiel at locations west of the International Date Line;

19          “(D) increasing the availability of strategic mobility assets in the Indo-Pacific region;

21          “(E) improving distributed logistics and maintenance capabilities in the Indo-Pacific region to ensure logistics sustainment while under persistent multidomain attack; and

1           “(F) increasing the presence of the Armed  
2           Forces at locations west of the International  
3           Date Line.

4           “(3) Activities to strengthen alliances and part-  
5           nerships, including, but not limited to, by—

6                   “(A) building capacity of allies and part-  
7                   ners; and

8                   “(B) improving—

9                           “(i) interoperability and information  
10                           sharing with allies and partners; and

11                                   “(ii) information operations capabili-  
12                                   ties in the Indo-Pacific region, with a focus  
13                                   on reinforcing United States commitment  
14                                   to allies and partners and countering ma-  
15                                   lign influence.

16           “(4) Activities to carry out a program of exer-  
17           cises, experimentation, and innovation for the joint  
18           force in the Indo-Pacific region.

19           “(c) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than February 15,  
20           2021, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the  
21           Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command,  
22           shall submit to the congressional defense committees (as  
23           defined in section 101 of title 10, United States Code)  
24           a plan to expend not less than the amounts authorized  
25           to be appropriated under subsection (e)(2).

1       “(d) BUDGET DISPLAY INFORMATION.—The Sec-  
2 retary of Defense shall include in the materials of the De-  
3 partment of Defense in support of the budget of the Presi-  
4 dent (submitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of  
5 title 31, United States Code) for fiscal year 2022 and each  
6 fiscal year thereafter a detailed budget display for the Ini-  
7 tiative that includes the following information:

8               “(1) A future-years plan with respect to activi-  
9 ties and resources for the Initiative for the applica-  
10 ble fiscal year and not fewer than the four following  
11 fiscal years.

12               “(2) With respect to procurement accounts—

13                       “(A) amounts displayed by account, budget  
14 activity, line number, line item, and line item  
15 title; and

16                       “(B) a description of the requirements for  
17 such amounts specific to the Initiative.

18               “(3) With respect to research, development,  
19 test, and evaluation accounts—

20                       “(A) amounts displayed by account, budget  
21 activity, line number, program element, and  
22 program element title; and

23                       “(B) a description of the requirements for  
24 such amounts specific to the Initiative.

1           “(4) With respect to operation and maintenance  
2           accounts—

3                   “(A) amounts displayed by account title,  
4                   budget activity title, line number, and sub-  
5                   activity group title; and

6                   “(B) a description of the specific manner  
7                   in which such amounts will be used.

8           “(5) With respect to military personnel ac-  
9           counts—

10                   “(A) amounts displayed by account, budget  
11                   activity, budget subactivity, and budget sub-  
12                   activity title; and

13                   “(B) a description of the requirements for  
14                   such amounts specific to the Initiative.

15           “(6) With respect to each project under military  
16           construction accounts (including with respect to un-  
17           specified minor military construction and amounts  
18           for planning and design), the country, location,  
19           project title, and project amount by fiscal year.

20           “(7) With respect to the activities described in  
21           subsection (b)—

22                   “(A) amounts displayed by account title,  
23                   budget activity title, line number, and sub-  
24                   activity group title; and

1           “(B) a description of the specific manner  
2           in which such amounts will be used.

3           “(8) With respect to each military service—

4           “(A) amounts displayed by account title,  
5           budget activity title, line number, and sub-  
6           activity group title; and

7           “(B) a description of the specific manner  
8           in which such amounts will be used.

9           “(9) With respect to the amounts described in  
10          each of paragraphs (2)(A), (3)(A), (4)(A), (5)(A),  
11          (6), (7)(A), and (8)(A), a comparison between—

12          “(A) the amount in the budget of the  
13          President for the following fiscal year; and

14          “(B) the amount projected in the previous  
15          budget of the President for the following fiscal  
16          year.

17          “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
18          are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of De-  
19          fense to carry out the activities of the Initiative described  
20          in subsection (b) the following:

21                 “(1) For fiscal year 2021, \$1,406,417,000.

22                 “(2) For fiscal year 2022, \$5,500,000,000.

23          “(f) REPEAL.—Section 1251 of the National Defense  
24          Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–  
25          91; 131 Stat. 1676), as most recently amended by section

1 1253 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authoriza-  
2 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 132  
3 Stat. 2054), is repealed.”.

4 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—  
5 The table of contents in section 1(b) of the Asia Reassur-  
6 ance Initiative Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–409; 132  
7 Stat. 5387) is amended by inserting after the item relating  
8 to section 216 the following:

“Sec. 217. Pacific Deterrence Initiative.”.

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