

(2) establish a process to modify existing approvals in the event that a commercial institutional review board loses its accreditation during an ongoing clinical trial.

(c) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the completion of the policy revisions under subsection (a), and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a report on all approvals of institutional review boards used by the Department, including central institutional review boards and commercial institutional review boards.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(A) The name of each clinical trial with respect to which the use of an institutional review board has been approved.

(B) The institutional review board or institutional review boards used in the approval process for each clinical trial.

(C) The amount of time between submission and approval.

**SEC. 705. CREATION OF OFFICE OF RESEARCH REVIEWS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall establish within the Office of Information and Technology of the Department of Veterans Affairs an Office of Research Reviews (in this section referred to as the "Office").

(b) ELEMENTS.—The Office shall do the following:

(1) Perform centralized security reviews and complete security processes for approved research sponsored outside the Department, with a focus on multi-site clinical trials.

(2) Develop and maintain a list of commercially available software preferred for use in sponsored clinical trials of the Department and ensure such list is maintained as part of the official approved software products list of the Department.

(3) Develop benchmarks for appropriate timelines for security reviews conducted by the Office.

(c) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the establishment of the Office, the Office shall submit to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a report on the activity of the Office.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(A) The number of security reviews completed.

(B) The number of personnel assigned for performing the functions described in subsection (b).

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, I have 8 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate.

**COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at 2 p.m. to meet in Executive Session to vote on the following nominations: The Honorable Hester Peirce, of Ohio, to be a member of the Securities and Exchange Commission; Mrs. Caroline Crenshaw, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Securities and Exchange Commission; and Mr. Kyle Hauptman, of Maine, to be a member of the National Credit Union Administration Board.

**COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION**

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at 10 a.m. the committee will hold a full committee hearing titled "Oversight of the Federal Trade Commission."

**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to hold a hearing on Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at 10 a.m. The purpose of the hearing is to examine Federal and industry efforts to improve cyber security for the energy sector, including how to improve collaboration on various cyber security and critical infrastructure protection initiatives.

**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS**

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Hearing to Examine a Discussion Draft Bill, S. \_\_\_\_\_, American Nuclear Infrastructure Act of 2020."

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS**

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at 9 a.m. to hold a full committee hearing on nominations.

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at 11:15 a.m. to hold a full committee hearing on nominations.

**COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Crossfire Hurricane Investigation: Day 2."

**COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at 3 p.m. to conduct a business meeting to consider legislation pending before the committee.

**NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021**

(On July 23, 2020, the Senate passed S. 4049, as follows:)

S. 4049

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021".

**SEC. 2. ORGANIZATION OF ACT INTO DIVISIONS; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

(a) DIVISIONS.—This Act is organized into six divisions as follows:

(1) Division A—Department of Defense Authorizations.

(2) Division B—Military Construction Authorizations.

(3) Division C—Department of Energy National Security Authorizations and Other Authorizations.

(4) Division D—Funding Tables.

(5) Division E—Additional Provisions.

(6) Division F—Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Organization of Act into divisions; table of contents.

Sec. 3. Congressional defense committees.

Sec. 4. Budgetary effects of this Act.

**DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS**

**TITLE I—PROCUREMENT**

Subtitle A—Authorization of Appropriations

Sec. 101. Authorization of appropriations.

**Subtitle B—Army Programs**

Sec. 111. Integrated air and missile defense assessment.

Sec. 112. Report and limitation on Integrated Visual Augmentation System acquisition.

Sec. 113. Modifications to requirement for an interim cruise missile defense capability.

**Subtitle C—Navy Programs**

Sec. 121. Contract authority for Columbia-class submarine program.

Sec. 122. Limitation on Navy medium and large unmanned surface vessels.

Sec. 123. Extension of prohibition on availability of funds for Navy waterborne security barriers.

Sec. 124. Procurement authorities for certain amphibious shipbuilding programs.

Sec. 125. Fighter force structure acquisition strategy.

Sec. 126. Treatment of systems added by Congress in future President's budget requests.

Sec. 127. Report on carrier wing composition.

Sec. 128. Report on strategy to use ALQ-249 Next Generation Jammer to ensure full spectrum electromagnetic superiority.

**Subtitle D—Air Force Programs**

Sec. 141. Economic order quantity contracting authority for F-35 joint strike fighter program.

Sec. 142. Minimum aircraft levels for major mission areas.

Sec. 143. Minimum operational squadron level.

Sec. 144. Minimum Air Force bomber aircraft level.

Sec. 145. F-35 gun system.

Sec. 146. Prohibition on funding for Close Air Support Integration Group.