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# H. R. 8329

To require a public report on the military capabilities of China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BACON 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Military Threat Aware-  
5 ness Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC REPORT ON MILITARY CAPABILITIES OF**  
7 **CHINA, IRAN, NORTH KOREA, AND RUSSIA.**

8 (a) PUBLIC REPORT ON MILITARY CAPABILITIES OF  
9 COVERED COUNTRIES.—Chapter 23 of title 10, United

1 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 486 the  
2 following new section:

3 **“§ 487. Public report on military capabilities of cov-**  
4 **ered countries**

5 “(a) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than January 30  
6 of each year through 2027, the Secretary of Defense, in  
7 consultation with the Director of National Intelligence,  
8 shall make publicly available on the internet website of the  
9 Department of Defense a report on the military capabili-  
10 ties of each covered country.

11 “(b) MATTERS INCLUDED.—Each report under sub-  
12 section (a) shall include, with respect to each covered  
13 country—

14 “(1) an assessment of the grand strategy, secu-  
15 rity strategy, and military strategy, including the  
16 goals and trends of such strategies;

17 “(2) an estimate of the funds spent annually on  
18 developing conventional forces, unconventional  
19 forces, and nuclear and missile forces;

20 “(3) an assessment of the size and capabilities  
21 of the conventional forces;

22 “(4) an assessment of the size and capability of  
23 the unconventional forces and related activities;

1           “(5) with respect to the forces described in sub-  
2           section (d)(3)(B), an assessment of the types and  
3           amount of support, including—

4                   “(A) lethal and non-lethal supplies; and

5                   “(B) training provided; and

6           “(6) an assessment of the capabilities of the nu-  
7           clear and missile forces and related activities, includ-  
8           ing—

9                   “(A) the nuclear weapon capabilities;

10                   “(B) the ballistic missile forces; and

11                   “(C) the development of the nuclear and  
12           missile forces since the preceding year.

13           “(c) FORM.—Each report under subsection (a) shall  
14           be made available in unclassified form, consistent with the  
15           protection of intelligence sources and methods.

16           “(d) NONDUPLICATION OF EFFORTS.—The Sec-  
17           retary of Defense may use or add to any existing reports  
18           completed by the Secretary of Defense or Director of Na-  
19           tional Intelligence to respond to the reporting requirement  
20           under subsection (a).

21           “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22                   “(1) The term ‘conventional forces’ means, with  
23           respect to a covered country, military forces de-  
24           signed to conduct operations in sea, air, space,  
25           cyberspace, the electromagnetic spectrum, or land,

1 other than unconventional forces, ballistic forces,  
2 and cruise missile forces.

3 “(2) The term ‘covered country’ means each of  
4 the following:

5 “(A) China.

6 “(B) Iran.

7 “(C) North Korea.

8 “(D) Russia.

9 “(3) The term ‘unconventional forces’, with re-  
10 spect to a covered country—

11 “(A) means forces that carry out missions  
12 typically associated with special operations  
13 forces; and

14 “(B) includes any organization that—

15 “(i) has been designated by the Sec-  
16 retary of State as a foreign terrorist orga-  
17 nization under section 219 of the Immigra-  
18 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189);  
19 or

20 “(ii) has been assessed by the Sec-  
21 retary of Defense as being willing to act  
22 under the control or at the direction of  
23 such covered country.”.

24 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
25 for chapter 23 of title 10, United States Code, is amended

- 1 by inserting after the item related to section 486 the fol-
- 2 lowing item:

“487. Public report on military capabilities of covered countries.”.

