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H. R. 10353

To direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct an assessment of space and satellite security relating to ally and partner countries in the Middle East.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BACON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Middle East Space
5 and Satellite Security Alliance Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. MIDDLE EAST INTEGRATED SPACE AND SATELLITE**
7 **SECURITY ASSESSMENT.**

8 (a) ASSESSMENT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in
2 consultation with the Secretary of State, shall con-
3 duct an assessment of space and satellite security
4 for the purpose of identifying mechanisms, such as
5 improved multilateral data-sharing agreements, that
6 may be implemented to better protect ally and part-
7 ner countries in the area of responsibility of the
8 United States Central Command from hostile activi-
9 ties conducted by adversaries against space systems
10 of the United States or such countries.

11 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The assess-
12 ment required by paragraph (1) shall include the fol-
13 lowing:

14 (A) An assessment of the threats posed to
15 the United States and ally or partner countries
16 in the area of responsibility of the United
17 States Central Command by adversaries, includ-
18 ing Iran and its proxies, from conducting hos-
19 tile activities—

20 (i) against space systems of the
21 United States or such countries; and

22 (ii) using capabilities originating from
23 the space domain.

24 (B) A description of progress made in—

1 (i) advancing the integration of coun-
2 tries in the area of responsibility of the
3 United States Central Command, including
4 Israel, into existing multilateral space and
5 satellite security partnerships; and

6 (ii) establishing such partnerships
7 with such countries.

8 (C) A description of efforts among ally and
9 partner countries in the area of responsibility of
10 the United States Central Command to coordi-
11 nate intelligence, reconnaissance, and surveil-
12 lance capabilities and indicators and warnings
13 with respect to the threats described in sub-
14 paragraph (A), and a description of factors lim-
15 iting the effectiveness of such efforts.

16 (D) An assessment of current gaps in the
17 ability of the Department of Defense to provide
18 space situational awareness for allies and part-
19 ners in the area of responsibility of the United
20 States Central Command.

21 (E) A description of multilateral space sit-
22 uational awareness data-sharing agreements
23 and an integrated space and satellite security
24 architecture that would improve collective secu-

1 rity in the area of responsibility of the United
2 States Central Command.

3 (F) A description of current and planned
4 efforts to engage ally and partner countries in
5 the area of responsibility of the United States
6 Central Command in establishing such a multi-
7 lateral space situational awareness data-sharing
8 agreement and an integrated space and satellite
9 security architecture.

10 (G) A description of key challenges in
11 achieving integrated space and satellite security
12 described in paragraph (1) using the metrics
13 identified in accordance with paragraph (3).

14 (H) Recommendations for development
15 and the implementation of an integrated space
16 and satellite security strategy based on such
17 metrics.

18 (I) A cost estimate of establishing an inte-
19 grated space and satellite security strategy, and
20 an assessment of the resources that could be
21 contributed by ally and partner countries of the
22 United States to establish and strengthen such
23 capabilities.

24 (J) Other matters the Secretary of Defense
25 considers relevant.

1 (3) METRICS.—The Secretary of Defense shall
2 identify and propose metrics to assess progress in
3 the implementation of the assessment required by
4 paragraph (1).

5 (b) REPORT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
8 retary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate
9 committees of Congress a report on the results of
10 the assessment conducted under subsection (a).

11 (2) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required by
12 paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified
13 form but may include a classified annex.

14 (c) PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION.—Any
15 activity carried out under this section shall be conducted
16 in a manner that appropriately protects sensitive informa-
17 tion and the national security interests of the United
18 States.

19 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
20 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
21 tees of Congress” means—

22 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
23 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on
24 Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

1 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
2 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on
3 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

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