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To require the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs to provide a briefing on the status of establishing a course of education on authentication of digital content provenance and a briefing on a pilot program on authentication of digital content provenance, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 20, 2024

Mr. PETERS 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. BRIEFING ON COURSE OF EDUCATION AND**
 2 **PILOT PROGRAM ON AUTHENTICATION OF**
 3 **DIGITAL CONTENT PROVENANCE FOR CER-**
 4 **TAIN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MEDIA CON-**
 5 **TENT.**

6 Section 1524 of the National Defense Authorization
 7 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) is amend-
 8 ed—

9 (1) in subsection (a)—

10 (A) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
 11 paragraph (4); and

12 (B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
 13 following new paragraph (3):

14 “(3) INTERIM BRIEFING.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60
 16 days after the date of the enactment of the Na-
 17 tional Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year
 18 2025, the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense
 19 for Public Affairs shall provide to the Com-
 20 mittee on Armed Services of the Senate and the
 21 Committee on Armed Services of the House of
 22 Representatives a briefing on the status of es-
 23 tablishing the course of education under para-
 24 graph (1).

25 “(B) ELEMENTS.—The briefing under sub-
 26 paragraph (A) shall cover the following:

1 “(i) The status of the Department
2 with regards to developing the curriculum
3 for the course of education.

4 “(ii) Any initial resource constraints
5 or other challenges that may be affecting
6 the development of the course of education.

7 “(iii) Such other matters as the Sec-
8 retary considers appropriate.”; and

9 (2) in subsection (b)—

10 (A) by redesignating paragraph (5) as
11 paragraph (6); and

12 (B) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
13 following new paragraph (5):

14 “(5) INTERIM BRIEFING.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60
16 days after the date of the enactment of the Na-
17 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
18 Year 2025, the Assistant to the Secretary of
19 Defense for Public Affairs shall provide to the
20 Committee on Armed Services of the Senate
21 and the Committee on Armed Services of the
22 House of Representatives a briefing on the sta-
23 tus of the pilot program required by paragraph
24 (1).

1 “(B) ELEMENTS.—The briefing under sub-
2 paragraph (A) shall cover the following:

3 “(i) The actions taken by the Director
4 of the Defense Media Activity to identify
5 an industry open technical standard to
6 pilot to verify the media content of the De-
7 partment.

8 “(ii) Any resource constraints or other
9 challenges, either budgetary, personnel, or
10 policy, that would hamper successful imple-
11 mentation of the pilot program.

12 “(iii) Any business processes or stra-
13 tegic planning the Department has estab-
14 lished to fulfill implementation of the pilot
15 program.

16 “(iv) Any other matters as the Direc-
17 tor considers appropriate.”.

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