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To amend title 32, United States Code, to establish the FireGuard Program
as a program of record of the National Guard.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

Mr. WHITESIDES (for himself, Mr. CRANK, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. GARAMENDI,
and Mr. CROW) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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FireGuard Program as a program of record of the Na-
tional Guard.

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. FIREGUARD PROGRAM: PROGRAM OF RECORD;**

4 **AUTHORIZATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 510 of title 32, United
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) by striking “may” and inserting
9 “shall”;

1 (B) by inserting “of record” after “carry
2 out a program”; and

3 (C) by striking “Such a program” and in-
4 serting “Such program”; and

5 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 sections:

7 “(c) ANNUAL BRIEFING.—Not later than one year
8 after the date of the enactment of the National Defense
9 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, the Secretary
10 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
11 Senate and House of Representatives the first of five an-
12 nual briefings regarding the FireGuard Program. Such a
13 briefing shall include, with regards to the year preceding
14 the date of the briefing, the following elements:

15 “(1) The States (as such term is defined in sec-
16 tion 901 of this title), counties, municipalities, and
17 Tribal governments that received information under
18 the FireGuard Program.

19 “(2) A comparative analysis of a map of—

20 “(A) each wildfire, initially provided to an
21 entity described in paragraph (1) through the
22 FireGuard Program; and

23 “(B) the perimeter of such wildfire after
24 containment.

1 “(3) An analysis of the time between the detec-
2 tion of a fire via raw satellite data and alerts being
3 sent to local responders.

4 “(4) A review of efforts undertaken to integrate
5 emerging satellite and aerial surveillance tech-
6 nologies from qualified private, nonprofit, and public
7 sector sources.

8 “(d) SUNSET.—The FireGuard Program shall termi-
9 nate on December 31, 2031.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The heading of such
11 section is amended by striking “**Authorization for**”.

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