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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. BANKS) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “FLRAA Production
5 Acceleration Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE EARLY PRODUCTION**
2 **OF FUTURE LONG RANGE ASSAULT AIR-**
3 **CRAFT.**

4 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of the Army
5 may enter into contracts, in advance of full-rate produc-
6 tion, for the procurement of not more than 24 future long
7 range assault aircraft as part of an accelerated low-rate
8 early production effort.

9 (b) OBJECTIVES.—In carrying out the early produc-
10 tion effort described in subsection (a), the Secretary of
11 the Army shall pursue the following objectives:

12 (1) To expedite delivery of future long range as-
13 sault aircraft operational capability to the
14 warfighter.

15 (2) To maintain momentum and learning con-
16 tinuity between test article completion and full pro-
17 duction ramp-up.

18 (3) To stabilize and retain the specialized work-
19 force and industrial base supporting future long
20 range assault aircraft, including critical suppliers
21 and production facilities in Texas, Kansas, and other
22 States.

23 (4) To mitigate cost escalation risks and im-
24 prove program affordability across the life cycle.

25 (c) CONSIDERATIONS.—In executing the authority
26 provided by subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

1 (1) prioritize program continuity, cost-effi-
2 ciency, and workforce retention across the supply
3 chain for tiltrotor aircraft;

4 (2) ensure that aircraft procured as part of the
5 early production effort described in subsection (a)
6 incorporate lessons learned from test article evalua-
7 tions; and

8 (3) maintain flexibility in design to accommo-
9 date future upgrades through the modular open sys-
10 tems architecture and digital backbone.

11 **SEC. 3. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

12 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
13 ment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall submit
14 to the congressional defense committees a report detail-
15 ing—

16 (1) the implementation plan and timeline for
17 the procurement and early production effort de-
18 scribed in subsection (a);

19 (2) the status of industrial base readiness and
20 supply chain coordination; and

21 (3) estimated long-term cost savings and oper-
22 ational benefits derived from such early production
23 effort.

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