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To require an annual feasibility report on cooperation between the National Guard and Taiwan, and for other purposes.

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Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. CRUZ, Ms. ERNST, Mr. COTTON, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To require an annual feasibility report on cooperation between the National Guard and Taiwan, and for other purposes.

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 “Taiwan Partnership
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that the United States
8 should—

(1) continue to support the development of capable, ready, and modern defense forces necessary for Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability by increasing exchanges between senior defense officials and general officers of the United States and Taiwan at the strategic, policy, and functional levels, consistent with the Taiwan Travel Act (Public Law 115–135; 132 Stat. 341), especially for the purposes of—

(A) improving the interoperability of the military forces of the United States and Taiwan;

(B) improving the reserve force of Taiwan; and

(C) expanding cooperation in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief;

(2) expand and strengthen Taiwan’s capability to conduct security activities, including traditional activities of the combatant commands, cooperation with the National Guard, and through multilateral activities; and

(3) using appropriate authorities and consistent with the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96–8; 22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.), seek to develop a partnership between the National Guard and Taiwan as a

1 means of maintaining a sufficient self-defense capa-
2 bility.

3 **SEC. 3. ANNUAL FEASIBILITY REPORT ON COOPERATION**
4 **BETWEEN THE NATIONAL GUARD AND TAI-**
5 **WAN.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than February 15,
7 2022, an annually thereafter, the Secretary of Defense
8 shall submit to the congressional defense committees (as
9 defined in section 101 of title 10, United States Code)
10 a report on the feasibility and advisability of enhanced co-
11 operation between the National Guard and Taiwan.

12 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by subsection
13 (a) shall include the following:

14 (1) A description of the cooperation between the
15 National Guard and Taiwan during the preceding
16 calendar year, including mutual visits, exercises,
17 training, and equipment opportunities.

18 (2) An evaluation of the feasibility of enhancing
19 cooperation between the National Guard and Taiwan
20 on a range of activities, including—

21 (A) disaster and emergency response;

22 (B) cyber defense and communications se-
23 curity;

24 (C) military medical cooperation;

1 (D) Mandarin-language education and cul-
2 tural exchange; and

3 (E) programs for National Guard advisors
4 to assist in training the reserve components of
5 the military forces of Taiwan.

6 (3) Recommendations to enhance such coopera-
7 tion and improve interoperability, including through
8 familiarization visits, cooperative training and exer-
9 cises, and co-deployments.

10 (4) Any other matter the Secretary of Defense
11 considers appropriate.

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