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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. KING) 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 “Partnership for Ad-
5 vancing Regional Training and Narcotics Enforcement
6 Response Strategies Act” or the “PARTNERS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY ON MILITARY CAPACITY**
2 **BUILDING AND SECURITY COOPERATION**
3 **WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO.**

4 It is the policy of the United States Government to
5 counter the threat posed by transnational criminal organi-
6 zations, including through military capacity building and
7 security cooperation with the Government of Mexico.

8 **SEC. 3. BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF ARMED FORCES OF**
9 **MEXICO TO COUNTER THREAT POSED BY**
10 **TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

11 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—Not later than 180 days after
12 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
13 Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall
14 establish a pilot program to assess the feasibility and ad-
15 visability of building the capacity of armed forces of Mex-
16 ico in the United States on goals, jointly agreed to by the
17 Governments of the United States and Mexico, to counter
18 the threat posed by transnational criminal organizations,
19 including through—

20 (1) operations designed, at least in part, by the
21 United States, to counter that threat; and

22 (2) in consultation with the appropriate civilian
23 government agencies specializing in countering
24 transnational criminal organizations—

25 (A) joint network analysis;

26 (B) counter threat financing;

1 (C) counter illicit trafficking (including
2 narcotics, weapons, and human trafficking, and
3 illicit trafficking in natural resources); and

4 (D) assessments of key nodes of activity of
5 transnational criminal organizations.

6 (b) PLAN.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
9 retary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate
10 congressional committees a plan for implementing
11 the pilot program required by subsection (a) over a
12 period of five years, including the costs of admin-
13 istering the program during such period.

14 (2) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE CONGRES-
15 SIONAL COMMITTEES.—In this subsection, the term
16 “appropriate congressional committees” means—

17 (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the
18 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Com-
19 mittee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

20 (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the
21 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Com-
22 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
23 resentatives.

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