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S. 5528

To require an updated assessment of the public schools on installations of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRUZ 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. ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON INSTAL-**
4 **LATIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

5 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—

6 (1) UPDATE OF ASSESSMENT ON SCHOOL CA-
7 PACITY AND CONDITION.—Not later than one year
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
9 retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional
10 defense committees an updated assessment of the

1 capacity and facility condition deficiencies of elemen-
2 tary and secondary public schools on military instal-
3 lations conducted by the Secretary in July 2011
4 under section 8109 of the Department of Defense
5 and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011
6 (Public Law 112–10; 125 Stat. 82), as updated by
7 the Secretary in July 2017 under section 2814 of
8 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
9 Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 130 Stat. 2717).

10 (2) CONSIDERATION OF FACTORS.—In con-
11 ducting the updated assessment required under
12 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall take into consid-
13 eration factors including—

14 (A) schools that have had changes in their
15 condition or capacity since the updated assess-
16 ment in July 2017; and

17 (B) the capacity and facility condition defi-
18 ciencies of schools omitted from the updated as-
19 sessment in July 2017.

20 (3) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The Secretary
21 shall include in the updated assessment required
22 under paragraph (1) a report on the status of the
23 funds already appropriated, and a schedule for the
24 completion of projects already approved, under the
25 programs funded under section 8127 of the Consoli-

1 dated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–
2 141; 132 Stat. 492), section 8128 of the Depart-
3 ment of Defense and Labor, Health and Human
4 Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019
5 and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Public
6 Law 115–245; 123 Stat. 3029), section 8121 of the
7 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law
8 116–93; 133 Stat. 2365), section 8118 of the Con-
9 solidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law
10 116–260; 134 Stat. 1332), and section 8109 of the
11 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law
12 117–103; 136 Stat. 201).

13 (b) UPDATING PROHIBITION ON USE OF CERTAIN
14 ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON DEPARTMENT OF
15 DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS TO SUPERSEDE FUNDING OF
16 CERTAIN PROJECTS.—Paragraph (3) of section 2814(a)
17 of the of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-
18 cal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 130 Stat. 2717), as
19 added by section 2818(a) of the National Defense Author-
20 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115– 91;
21 131 Stat. 1852) and amended by section 2824(a) of the
22 John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for
23 Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 132 Stat. 2269),
24 is further amended by striking “38 projects” and inserting
25 “71 projects”.

1 (c) COMPTROLLER GENERAL EVALUATION.—Not
2 later than 180 days after the date of the submission of
3 the updated assessment under subsection (a)(1), the
4 Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to
5 the congressional defense committees an evaluation of
6 issues relating to the Public Schools on Military Installa-
7 tions program of the Office of Local Defense Community
8 Cooperation of the Department of Defense, including—

9 (1) program operations and oversight;

10 (2) use of funding;

11 (3) criteria for selecting and prioritizing
12 schools;

13 (4) any interaction between such program and
14 the Impact Aid program of the Department of Edu-
15 cation; and

16 (5) the extent to which such program is achiev-
17 ing the goals of such program.

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