

119TH CONGRESS
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To require the Secretary of Defense to establish an initiative to bolster defense cooperation with Abraham Accords countries, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BUDD (for himself and Ms. ERNST) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To require the Secretary of Defense to establish an initiative to bolster defense cooperation with Abraham Accords countries, 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 “Abraham Accords De-
5 fense Cooperation Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) ABRAHAM ACCORDS COUNTRY.—The term
9 “Abraham Accords country” means—

1 (A) a country that is a signatory of the
2 Abraham Accords Declaration, done at Wash-
3 ington September 15, 2020; and

4 (B) any regional, Arab, or Muslim-majority
5 country that has sought to normalize relations
6 with the State of Israel since 2020.

7 (2) INITIATIVE.—The term “Initiative” means
8 the United States-Abraham Accords Defense Co-
9 operation Initiative established under section 3(a).

10 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
11 the Secretary of Defense.

12 **SEC. 3. UNITED STATES-ABRAHAM ACCORDS DEFENSE CO-**
13 **OPERATION INITIATIVE.**

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish
15 an initiative to bolster defense cooperation between the
16 United States and the militaries of covered countries, to
17 be known as the “United States-Abraham Accords De-
18 fense Cooperation Initiative”.

19 (b) RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING AUTHORITIES.—
20 The Initiative shall be carried out pursuant to the authori-
21 ties provided in title 10, United States Code.

22 (c) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the Initiative
23 shall include—

24 (1) deterring aggression by Iran and proxies of
25 Iran in the Middle East;

1 (2) coordination with the Comprehensive Secu-
2 rity Integration and Prosperity Agreement; and

3 (3) enhancing regional planning and coopera-
4 tion among the military forces of covered countries,
5 particularly with respect to long-term regional
6 projects, such as—

7 (A) counter-unmanned aircraft systems ca-
8 pabilities;

9 (B) ground-based air defenses;

10 (C) theater ballistic missiles and cruise
11 missiles;

12 (D) intelligence, surveillance, and recon-
13 naissance and tactical command and control;

14 (E) special operations forces development;

15 (F) joint air or naval military exercises;

16 and

17 (G) any other military capability the Sec-
18 retary considers appropriate.

19 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
21 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
22 the House of Representatives a report setting forth—

23 (1) a strategy for achieving the objectives de-
24 scribed in subsection (c); and

1 (2) the amount of funding necessary to carry
2 out the Initiative.

3 (e) SENSE OF CONGRESS ON MATCHING FUNDS.—

4 It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary should seek
5 to require each participating covered country to contribute
6 matching funds to the Initiative.