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To direct the Secretary of Defense to designate a single senior official of the Department of Defense to procure wideband satellite communications necessary to meet the requirements of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 16, 2015

Mr. BRIDENSTINE (for himself, Mr. COOPER, and Mr. ROGERS of Alabama) introduced the following bill; which was 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. PROCUREMENT OF WIDEBAND SATELLITE**
4 **COMMUNICATIONS.**

5 (a) ACQUISITION AGENT.—Except as provided by
6 subsection (b)(1), not later than September 30, 2016, the
7 Secretary of Defense shall designate a single senior official

1 of the Department of Defense to procure wideband sat-
2 ellite communications necessary to meet the requirements
3 of the Department of Defense for such communications,
4 including with respect to military and commercial satellite
5 communications.

6 (b) EXCEPTION.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection
8 (a), an official described in paragraph (2) may carry
9 out the procurement of commercial wideband sat-
10 ellite communications if the official determines that
11 such procurement is required to meet an urgent
12 need.

13 (2) OFFICIAL DESCRIBED.—An official de-
14 scribed in this paragraph is any of the following:

15 (A) A Secretary of a military department.

16 (B) The Under Secretary of Defense for
17 Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

18 (C) The Chief Information Officer of the
19 Department of Defense.

20 (D) A commander of a combatant com-
21 mand.

22 (3) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than March
23 1, 2017, and each year thereafter through 2021, the
24 Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congres-
25 sional defense committees (as defined in section

1 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code) a report
2 on procurement carried out under paragraph (1)
3 during the year prior to the submission of the re-
4 port, including—

5 (A) a brief description of the urgent need
6 fulfilled by each such procurement;

7 (B) the date and length of the contract of
8 each such procurement; and

9 (C) the value of each such contract.

10 (c) PLAN.—Not later than 180 days after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
12 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a
13 plan for the Secretary to meet the requirements of the
14 Department of Defense for satellite communications, in-
15 cluding with respect to—

16 (1) the roles and responsibilities of officials of
17 the Department; and

18 (2) carrying out subsections (a) and (b).

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