

117TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 5130

To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a research consortium of institutions of higher education to study irregular warfare and the responses to irregular threats.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 31, 2021

Mr. BROWN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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 “Consortium To Study  
5 Irregular Warfare Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONSORTIUM TO STUDY IRREGULAR WARFARE.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense,  
8 acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for Re-  
9 search and Engineering, shall establish a research consor-

1 tium of institutions of higher education to study irregular  
2 warfare and the responses to irregular threats.

3 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the consortium  
4 under subsection (a) are as follows:

5 (1) To shape the formulation and application of  
6 policy through the conduct of research and analysis  
7 regarding irregular warfare.

8 (2) To maintain open-source databases on  
9 issues relevant to understanding terrorism, irregular  
10 threats, and social and environmental change.

11 (3) To serve as a repository for datasets re-  
12 garding research on security, social change, and ir-  
13 regular threats developed by institutions of higher  
14 education that receive Federal funding.

15 (4) To support basic research in social science  
16 on emerging threats and stability dynamics relevant  
17 to irregular threat problem sets.

18 (5) To transition promising basic research—

19 (A) to higher stages of research and devel-  
20 opment; and

21 (B) into operational capabilities, as appro-  
22 priate, by supporting applied research and de-  
23 veloping tools to counter irregular threats.

24 (6) To facilitate the collaboration of research  
25 centers of excellence relating to irregular threats to

1 better distribute expertise to specific issues and sce-  
2 narios regarding such threats.

3 (7) To enhance educational outreach and teach-  
4 ing at professional military education schools to im-  
5 prove—

6 (A) the understanding of irregular threats;  
7 and

8 (B) the integration of data-based responses  
9 to such threats.

10 (8) To support classified research when nec-  
11 essary in appropriately controlled physical spaces.

12 (c) COORDINATION.—The Under Secretary of De-  
13 fense for Research and Engineering shall coordinate ac-  
14 tivities conducted under this section with the Commander  
15 of the United States Special Operations Command.

16 (d) PARTNERSHIPS.—The Under Secretary of De-  
17 fense for Research and Engineering shall encourage part-  
18 nerships between the consortium and university-affiliated  
19 research centers and other research institutions.

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