

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6182

To extend and modify a pilot program to improve cyber cooperation with foreign military partners in Southeast Asia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 2, 2023

Mr. CASTRO of Texas (for himself and Mr. ISSA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To extend and modify a pilot program to improve cyber cooperation with foreign military partners in Southeast Asia.

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 “Southeast Asia Part-
5 nership Expansion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF PILOT PRO-**
2 **GRAM TO IMPROVE CYBER COOPERATION**
3 **WITH FOREIGN MILITARY PARTNERS IN**
4 **SOUTHEAST ASIA.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 1256 of
6 the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Au-
7 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–
8 283; 134 Stat. 3956; 10 U.S.C. 333 note) is amended—

9 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
10 striking “in Vietnam, Thailand, and Indonesia” and
11 inserting “with covered foreign military partners”;

12 (2) in paragraph (1)—

13 (A) by inserting “defensive” before
14 “cyber”; and

15 (B) by striking “Vietnam, Thailand, and
16 Indonesia” and inserting “covered foreign mili-
17 tary partners”; and

18 (3) in paragraph (2), by striking “Vietnam,
19 Thailand, and Indonesia on” and inserting “covered
20 foreign military partners on defensive”.

21 (b) ELEMENTS.—Subsection (b) of such section is
22 amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “Vietnam,
24 Thailand, and Indonesia” and inserting “covered
25 foreign military partners”; and

1 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “Vietnam,
2 Thailand, and Indonesia” and inserting “covered
3 foreign military partners”.

4 (c) REPORTS.—Subsection (c)(2)(B) of such section
5 is amended by striking “Vietnam, Thailand, and Indo-
6 nesia” and inserting “covered foreign military partners”.

7 (d) CERTIFICATION.—Subsection (d) of such section
8 is amended—

9 (1) by inserting “with any covered foreign mili-
10 tary partner” after “scheduled to commence”; and

11 (2) by striking “Vietnam, Indonesia, or Thai-
12 land” and inserting “the covered foreign military
13 partner”.

14 (e) EXTENSION.—Subsection (e) of such section is
15 amended by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting
16 “December 31, 2029”.

17 (f) DEFINITIONS.—Subsection (f) of such section is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 “(1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
21 GRESS.—The term ‘appropriate committees of Con-
22 gress’ means—

23 “(A) the Committee on Armed Services
24 and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
25 Senate; and

1 “(B) the Committee on Armed Services
2 and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
3 House of Representatives.

4 “(2) COVERED FOREIGN MILITARY PARTNER.—
5 The term ‘covered foreign military partner’ means—

6 “(A) Vietnam;

7 “(B) Thailand;

8 “(C) Indonesia;

9 “(D) the Philippines; and

10 “(E) Malaysia.”.

11 (g) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

12 (1) Section 1256 of the William M. (Mac)
13 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
14 Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat.
15 3956; 10 U.S.C. 333 note) is amended, in the sec-
16 tion heading, by striking “**VIETNAM, THAILAND,**
17 **AND INDONESIA**” and inserting “**COVERED FOR-**
18 **EIGN MILITARY PARTNERS IN SOUTHEAST**
19 **ASIA**”.

20 (2) The table of contents for the William M.
21 (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization
22 Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 134
23 Stat. 3388) is amended by striking the item relating
24 to section 1256 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 1256. Pilot program to improve cyber cooperation with covered foreign
military partners in Southeast Asia.”.

1 (3) The table of contents for title XII of the
2 William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Au-
3 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law
4 116–283; 134 Stat. 3905) is amended by striking
5 the item relating to section 1256 and inserting the
6 following:

“Sec. 1256. Pilot program to improve cyber cooperation with covered foreign
military partners in Southeast Asia.”.

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