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To combat military reliance on Russian energy.

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Mr. BACON 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 “Military Energy Secu-  
5 rity Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMBATING MILITARY RELIANCE ON RUSSIAN EN-**  
7 **ERGY.**

8 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
9 gress that—

10 (1) reliance on Russian energy poses a critical  
11 challenge for national security activities in area of

1 responsibility of the United States European Com-  
2 mand; and

3 (2) in order to reduce the vulnerability of  
4 United States military facilities to disruptions  
5 caused by reliance on Russian energy, the Depart-  
6 ment of Defense should establish and implement  
7 plans to reduce reliance on Russian energy for all  
8 main operating bases in area of responsibility of the  
9 United States European Command.

10 (b) ELIMINATING USE OF RUSSIAN ENERGY.—It  
11 shall be the goal of the Department of Defense to elimi-  
12 nate the use of Russian energy on each main operating  
13 base in the area of responsibility of the United States Eu-  
14 ropean Command by not later than five years after the  
15 date of the completion of an installation energy plan for  
16 such base, as required under this section.

17 (c) INSTALLATION ENERGY PLANS FOR MAIN OPER-  
18 ATING BASES.—

19 (1) IDENTIFICATION OF INSTALLATIONS.—Not  
20 later than June 1, 2023, the Secretary of Defense  
21 shall submit to the congressional defense committees  
22 a list of main operating bases within the area of re-  
23 sponsibility of the United States European Com-  
24 mand ranked according to mission criticality and  
25 vulnerability to energy disruption.

1           (2) SUBMITTAL OF PLANS.—Not later than 12  
2 months after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
3 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the con-  
4 gressional defense committees—

5           (A) an installation energy plan for each  
6 main operating base on the list submitted under  
7 paragraph (1); and

8           (B) an assessment of the feasibility of  
9 reaching the goal for the elimination of the use  
10 of Russian energy pursuant to subsection (b) on  
11 that base, including—

12           (i) a description of the steps that  
13 would be required to meet such goal; and

14           (ii) an analysis of the effects such  
15 steps would have on the national security  
16 of the United States.

17       (d) CONTENT OF PLANS.—Each installation energy  
18 plan for a main operating base shall include each of the  
19 following with respect to that base:

20           (1) An assessment of the energy resilience re-  
21 quirements, resiliency gaps, and energy-related cy-  
22 bersecurity requirements of the base, including with  
23 respect to operational technology, control systems,  
24 and facilities-related control systems.

1           (2) An identification of investments in tech-  
2           nology required to improve energy resilience, reduce  
3           demand, strengthen energy conservation, and sup-  
4           port mission readiness.

5           (3) An identification of investments in infra-  
6           structure, including microgrids, required to strength-  
7           en energy resilience and mitigate risk due to grid  
8           disturbance.

9           (4) Recommendations related to opportunities  
10          for the use of renewable energy, clean energy, nu-  
11          clear energy, and energy storage projects to reduce  
12          dependence on natural gas.

13          (5) An assessment of how the requirements and  
14          recommendations included pursuant to paragraphs  
15          (2) through (4) interact with the energy policies of  
16          the country where the base is located, both at  
17          present and into the future.

18          (e) IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANS.—

19               (1) DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—Not  
20               later than 30 days after the date on which the Sec-  
21               retary submits an installation energy plan for a base  
22               under subsection (c)(2), the Secretary shall—

23                       (A) begin implementing the plan; and

24                       (B) provide to the congressional defense  
25               committees a briefing on the contents of the

1           plan and the strategy of the Secretary for im-  
2           plementing the mitigation measures identified  
3           in the plan.

4           (2) PRIORITIZATION OF CERTAIN PROJECTS.—

5           In implementing an installation energy plan for a  
6           base under this section, the Secretary shall prioritize  
7           projects requested under section 2914 of title 10,  
8           United States Code, to mitigate assessed risks and  
9           improve energy resilience, energy security, and en-  
10          ergy conservation at the base.

11          (3) NONAPPLICATION OF CERTAIN OTHER AU-

12          THORITIES.—Subsection (d) of section 2914 of title  
13          10, United States Code, shall not apply with respect  
14          to any project carried out pursuant to this section  
15          or pursuant to an installation energy plan for a base  
16          under this section.

17          (f) POLICY FOR FUTURE BASES.—The Secretary of

18          Defense shall establish a policy to ensure that any new  
19          military base in the area of responsibility of the United  
20          States European Command is established in a manner  
21          that proactively includes the consideration of energy secu-  
22          rity, energy resilience, and mitigation of risk due to energy  
23          disruption.

24          (g) ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS.—The Sec-

25          retary of Defense shall provide to the congressional de-

1 fense committees annual briefings on the installation en-  
2 ergy plans required under this section. Such briefings shall  
3 include an identification of each of the following:

4           (1) The actions each main operating base is  
5           taking to implement the installation energy plan for  
6           that base.

7           (2) The progress that has been made toward re-  
8           ducing the reliance of United States bases on Rus-  
9           sian energy.

10          (3) The steps being taken and planned across  
11          the future-years defense program to meet the goal of  
12          eliminating reliance on Russian energy.

13          (h) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “congres-  
14          sional defense committees” means the Committees on  
15          Armed Services and Appropriations of the House of Rep-  
16          resentatives and the Senate.

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