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S. 1886

To restrict security assistance to Lebanon, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 18, 2019

Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. CRAMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Countering Hezbollah
5 in Lebanon’s Military Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LEBANESE**
7 **ARMED FORCES AND HEZBOLLAH.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall sub-
10 mit a report to Congress—

1 (1) identifying all military officers, com-
2 manders, advisors, officials, or other personnel with
3 significant influence over the policies or activities of
4 the Lebanese Armed Forces who are members of,
5 paid by, or significantly influenced by Hezbollah;
6 and

7 (2) describing military activities conducted by
8 the Lebanese Armed Forces to disarm Hezbollah
9 pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolu-
10 tion (UNSCR) 1701 (2006).

11 (b) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)
12 shall be submitted in unclassified form but may contain
13 a classified annex.

14 **SEC. 3. RESTRICTION ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts appropriated or
16 otherwise made available for security assistance for the
17 Government of Lebanon for a fiscal year, 20 percent may
18 not be obligated or expended for such purpose until the
19 President certifies to Congress that—

20 (1) the Lebanese Armed Forces has taken
21 measurable steps in the last year to limit the influ-
22 ence or expel anyone identified pursuant to section
23 2(a)(1);

24 (2) the activities described pursuant to section
25 2(a)(2) demonstrate a serious commitment by the

1 Lebanese Armed Forces to fulfill its obligation to
2 disarm Hezbollah pursuant to UNSCR 1701; and

3 (3) the Lebanese Armed Forces have not co-
4 operated, coordinated, or partnered with Hezbollah
5 in any operation, campaign, or military exercise dur-
6 ing the last year.

7 (b) NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER.—The President
8 may waive the certification requirements under para-
9 graphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) if the President cer-
10 tifies to Congress that it is in the national security interest
11 of the United States.

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