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To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 regarding energy diplomacy and security within the Department of State, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2019

Mr. WRIGHT (for himself, Mr. McCaul, and Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Energy Diplomacy Act

5 of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENERGY DIPLOMACY AND SECURITY WITHIN THE**
2 **DEPARTMENT OF STATE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section 1 of the
4 State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22
5 U.S.C. 2651a) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
7 graph (4); and

8 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
9 lowing new paragraph:

10 “(3) ENERGY RESOURCES.—

11 “(A) AUTHORIZATION FOR ASSISTANT SEC-
12 RETARY.—Subject to the numerical limitation
13 specified in paragraph (1), there is authorized
14 to be established in the Department of State an
15 Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Re-
16 sources.

17 “(B) PERSONNEL.—The Secretary of
18 State shall ensure that there are sufficient per-
19 sonnel dedicated to energy matters within the
20 Department of State who shall be responsible
21 for—

22 “(i) formulating and implementing
23 international policies, in coordination with
24 Secretary of Energy, as appropriate, aimed
25 at protecting and advancing United States
26 energy security interests by effectively

1 managing United States bilateral and mul-
2 tilateral relations;

3 “(ii) ensuring that analyses of the na-
4 tional security implications of global en-
5 ergy and environmental developments are
6 reflected in the decision making process
7 within the Department of State;

8 “(iii) incorporating energy security
9 priorities into the activities of the Depart-
10 ment of State;

11 “(iv) coordinating energy activities
12 within the Department of State and with
13 relevant Federal agencies;

14 “(v) working internationally to—

15 “(I) support the development of
16 energy resources and the distribution
17 of such resources for the benefit of
18 the United States and United States
19 allies and trading partners for their
20 energy security and economic develop-
21 ment needs;

22 “(II) promote availability of di-
23 versified energy supplies and a well-
24 functioning global market for energy
25 resources, technologies, and expertise

1 for the benefit of the United States
2 and United States allies and trading
3 partners;

4 “(III) resolve international dis-
5 putes regarding the exploration, devel-
6 opment, production, or distribution of
7 energy resources;

8 “(IV) support the economic and
9 commercial interests of United States
10 persons operating in the energy mar-
11 kets of foreign countries; and

12 “(V) support and coordinate
13 international efforts to alleviate en-
14 ergy poverty;

15 “(vi) leading the United States com-
16 mitment to the Extractive Industries
17 Transparency Initiative;

18 “(vii) coordinating within the Depart-
19 ment of State and with relevant Federal
20 departments and agencies on developing
21 and implementing international energy-re-
22 lated sanctions; and

23 “(viii) coordinating energy security
24 and other relevant functions within the De-

12 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 931 of the
13 Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42
14 U.S.C. 17371) is amended—

15 (1) by striking subsections (a) and (b); and
16 (2) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
17 subsections (a) and (b), respectively.