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To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan for security contractors operating in Afghanistan and in support of other contingency operations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Josh Birchfield Secu-
5 rity Contractor Oversight Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. QUALITY ASSURANCE SURVEILLANCE PLAN FOR SE-**
2 **CURITY CONTRACTORS OPERATING IN AF-**
3 **GHANISTAN AND IN SUPPORT OF OTHER**
4 **CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall es-
6 tablish a plan to be known as a “Quality Assurance Sur-
7 veillance Plan” setting standards that must be incor-
8 porated in Department of Defense oversight plans gov-
9 erning all security contractors operating in Afghanistan,
10 and other future contingency operations, under a contract
11 or subcontract funded by the Department of Defense. The
12 Secretary shall designate a single appropriate official sta-
13 tioned in the country of operations to review each security
14 contract or subcontract involving security contractors
15 funded by the Department of Defense for compliance with
16 the Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan. Such official
17 shall certify that the official has reviewed the oversight
18 plan for that contract, that the oversight plan is appro-
19 priate for that contract, that there is an appropriate num-
20 ber of appropriately trained personnel available to oversee
21 that contract, and confirm that any and all licenses and
22 permits required by the security contractor and its em-
23 ployees have been reviewed and verified as current and au-
24 thentic.

25 (b) DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—These re-
26 quirements under subsection (a) shall be implemented by

1 not later than six months after the date of enactment of
2 this Act.

3 (c) **COMPTROLLER GENERAL ASSESSMENT.**—The
4 Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct
5 an assessment the Department of Defense’s compliance
6 with this section and, not later than 6 months after the
7 requirements of this section are implemented pursuant to
8 subsection (b), shall submit to Congress a report on such
9 assessment.

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