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To direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program on the implementation of mitigating actions to address vulnerabilities to critical defense facilities and associated defense critical electric infrastructure, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 31, 2021

Mr. CROW (for himself, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. BACON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Guaranteeing Resilient
3 Installations for Defense Act of 2021” or the “GRID Act
4 of 2021”.

5 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM ON IMPLEMENTATION OF MITI-**
6 **GATING ACTIONS TO ADDRESS**
7 **VULNERABILITIES TO CRITICAL DEFENSE FA-**
8 **CILITIES AND ASSOCIATED DEFENSE CRIT-**
9 **ICAL ELECTRIC INFRASTRUCTURE.**

10 (a) TWO-YEAR PILOT AUTHORIZED.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in
12 coordination with the Secretary of Energy, the Sec-
13 retaries of each of the military departments, and the
14 Secretary of the department in which the Coast
15 Guard is operating, shall carry out a two-year pilot
16 program under which the Secretary shall implement
17 mitigating actions to address vulnerabilities assessed
18 under section 215A of the Federal Power Act (16
19 U.S.C. 824o–1) at critical defense facilities and their
20 associated defense critical electric infrastructure,
21 after consultation with, and with the consent of, the
22 owners of such facilities and infrastructure.

23 (2) USE OF GRANT AUTHORITY.—In carrying
24 out the pilot program, the Secretary of Defense may
25 make grants, enter into cooperative agreements, and
26 supplement funds available under Federal programs

1 administered by agencies other than the Department
2 of Defense to support mitigating actions under this
3 section.

4 (b) SELECTION OF INSTALLATIONS.—The Secretary
5 of Defense shall select at least three military installations
6 designated as critical defense facilities at which to carry
7 out the pilot program under this section. In selecting such
8 installations, the Secretary shall—

9 (1) ensure that at least one of the military in-
10 stallations selected is an installation of each of the
11 Armed Forces;

12 (2) select installations that represent different
13 challenges or severities with respect to electric infra-
14 structure vulnerability;

15 (3) select at least one critical defense facility
16 within the service territory of a Power Marketing
17 Administration;

18 (4) provide particular consideration for critical
19 defense facilities and the associated defense critical
20 electric infrastructure that use rural cooperatives or
21 municipal entities for their electricity needs; and

22 (5) provide particular consideration for critical
23 defense facilities and defense critical electric infra-
24 structure that have completed an assessment of
25 vulnerabilities and resilience requirements in coordi-

1 nation with the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-
2 retary of Energy.

3 (c) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than two years
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
6 Comptroller General of the United States shall—

7 (A) conduct a review of the pilot program
8 under this section; and

9 (B) submit to the appropriate congres-
10 sional committees a report on the results of the
11 review.

12 (2) CONTENTS.—The review required under
13 this subsection shall include an assessment of the ef-
14 fectiveness of the mitigating actions taken under the
15 pilot program and the feasibility of expanding the
16 implementation of such mitigating actions at other
17 installations identified under section 215A(a)(4) of
18 the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824o–1(a)(4)).

19 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-
21 mittees” means—

22 (A) the Committee on Armed Services and
23 the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the
24 House of Representatives; and

1 (B) the Committee on Armed Services and
2 the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
3 sources of the Senate.

4 (2) The term “defense critical electric infra-
5 structure” has the meaning given such term under
6 section 215A(a)(4) of the Federal Power Act (16
7 U.S.C. 824o–1(a)(4)).

8 (3) The term “critical defense facility” means a
9 facility designated as a critical defense facility under
10 section 215A(c) of the Federal Power Act (16
11 U.S.C. 824o–1(c)).

12 (4) The term “mitigating action” means any
13 energy resiliency solution applied that is consistent
14 with an assessed strategy to reduce vulnerabilities at
15 critical defense facilities and associated defense crit-
16 ical electric infrastructure.

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