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H. R. 6328

To require the Secretary of Defense to recognize associations of procurement technical assistance centers under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ESPAILLAT 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 “Advancing Procure-
5 ment Technical Assistance Centers Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROCUREMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS.**

7 (a) **AUTHORIZATION TO FORM ASSOCIATION.**—Pro-
8 curement Technical Assistance Centers are authorized to
9 form an association to pursue matters of common concern.

1 (b) RECOGNITION BY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—If
2 more than a majority of the Procurement Technical As-
3 sistance Centers which are operating pursuant to agree-
4 ments with the Department of Defense are members of
5 such an association, the Secretary of Defense is authorized
6 and directed to—

7 (1) recognize the existence and activities of
8 such an association; and

9 (2) consult with it and develop documents—

10 (A) announcing the annual scope of activi-
11 ties pursuant to this section;

12 (B) requesting proposals to deliver assist-
13 ance as provided in this section; and

14 (C) governing the general operations and
15 administration of the Procurement Technical
16 Assistance Program, specifically including the
17 development of regulations and a uniform nego-
18 tiated cooperative agreement for use on an an-
19 nual basis when entering into individual nego-
20 tiated agreements with Procurement Technical
21 Assistance Centers.

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