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# H. R. 6735

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2023

Mr. BACON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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 “Fighter Force Preser-  
5 vation Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. PLAN FOR LONG-TERM AIR FORCE FIGHTER FORCE**  
7 **STRUCTURE.**

8 (a) PLAN REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Air  
9 Force, in consultation with the Director of the Air Na-

1 tional Guard and the Commander of the Air Force Re-  
2 serve, shall develop a long-term tactical fighter force struc-  
3 ture, recapitalization, training, and sustainment plan for  
4 the active and reserve components of the Air Force.

5 (b) ELEMENTS.—The plan under subsection (a) shall  
6 address each of the following:

7 (1) The appropriate mix of tactical fighter air-  
8 craft force structure, with accompanying operational  
9 risk analyses, required for the Secretary of the Air  
10 Force to meet expected steady-state, global force  
11 management allocation plans and geographical com-  
12 batant commander contingency operational plans  
13 tasked to the Air Force using active and reserve  
14 component units.

15 (2) The procurement, divestment, unit activa-  
16 tion, deactivation, or re-missioning plans or actions  
17 the Secretary plans to implement, fiscal year-by-fis-  
18 cal year, unit-by-unit, for the next 12 years for each  
19 active and reserve component tactical fighter aircraft  
20 unit existing as of the date of the enactment of this  
21 Act, including the rationale and justification for any  
22 such plans or actions.

23 (3) The actions the Secretary will take to en-  
24 sure that required operational readiness rates are  
25 maintained during any planned recapitalization,

1 modernization, or change of mission affecting tac-  
2 tical fighter aircraft units.

3 (4) Any plans of the Secretary to augment or  
4 supplant existing piloted tactical fighter aircraft ca-  
5 pability or capacity with Collaborative Combat Air-  
6 craft Increment 1 or Increment 2 capability or ca-  
7 pacity.

8 (5) Any plans of the Secretary to augment or  
9 supplant existing piloted tactical fighter aircraft  
10 training events via acquisition and fielding of com-  
11 mon, joint, all-domain, high-fidelity synthetic simula-  
12 tion environments.

13 (c) REPORT.—Not later than April 1, 2024, the Sec-  
14 retary of the Air Force shall submit to the congressional  
15 defense committees a report that includes the plan devel-  
16 oped under subsection (a).

17 (d) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required under  
18 subsection (c) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but  
19 may contain a classified annex.

20 (e) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES DE-  
21 FINED.—In this section, the term “congressional defense  
22 committees” has the meaning given that term in section  
23 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code.

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