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S. 2307

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 13, 2023

Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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of the Air Force, and for other purposes.

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 and Recapitalization Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. MINIMUM NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT AND FIGHTER**
7 **SQUADRONS IN THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD.**

8 Section 9062 of title 10, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 section:

1 “(1)(1) The aircraft inventory of the Air National
2 Guard shall include not fewer than 25 fighter aircraft
3 squadrons each of which shall have a minimum of 18 pri-
4 mary aircraft authorized.

5 “(2) The Secretary of Defense may waive the require-
6 ments of paragraph (1) with respect to individual aircraft
7 if the Secretary—

8 “(A) certifies to the congressional defense com-
9 mittees that compliance with such requirements is
10 not feasible due to extraordinary circumstances; and

11 “(B) includes with such certification an expla-
12 nation of such circumstances.”.

13 **SEC. 3. PLAN ON FIGHTER FORCE RECAPITALIZATION.**

14 (a) PLAN REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Air
15 Force, in consultation with the Director of the Air Na-
16 tional Guard, shall develop a fighter aircraft recapitaliza-
17 tion plan that provides for—

18 (1) the replacement and modernization of Air
19 National Guard fighter squadrons at a rate that
20 shall ensure the full, one-for-one, recapitalization of
21 Air National Guard fighter squadrons by the end of
22 fiscal year 2034; and

23 (2) the fielding of the Next Generation Air
24 Dominance family of systems in the Air National
25 Guard.

1 (b) SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 120
2 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary of the Air Force shall submit to the congressional
4 defense committees the plan developed under subsection
5 (a).

6 (c) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES DE-
7 FINED.—In this section, the term “congressional defense
8 committees” has the meaning given that term in section
9 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code.

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