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To require a report on the plan to secure the enduring defeat of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 30, 2019

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. WARNER) introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REPORT ON THE PLAN TO SECURE THE ENDUR-**  
2 **ING DEFEAT OF THE ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ**  
3 **AND SYRIA.**

4 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 30 days  
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President  
6 shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the  
7 Secretary of State, the Director of National Intelligence,  
8 the Administrator of the United States Agency for Inter-  
9 national Development, and the heads of other appropriate  
10 agencies of the United States Government, submit to Con-  
11 gress a report that describes the strategy of the United  
12 States to secure the enduring defeat of the Islamic State  
13 of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and al Qaeda in the Middle East.

14 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-  
15 section (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following ele-  
16 ments:

17 (1) A description of—

18 (A) the key United States security inter-  
19 ests and the political and military objectives,  
20 long-term goals, and desired end-states for  
21 Syria; and

22 (B) how current military, diplomatic, and  
23 humanitarian assistance efforts in Syria align  
24 with such objectives.

25 (2) Analysis of the threats posed to United  
26 States interests by ISIS, al Qaeda, Hizballah, Rus-

1 sian, Iranian, and other non-state activities in Syria  
2 and the region.

3 (3) An intelligence assessment of the historic  
4 and current force strength of ISIS and al Qaeda,  
5 and the location of such forces in Syria and the re-  
6 gion.

7 (4) An intelligence assessment of the impact  
8 that the death of ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi  
9 and other senior ISIS leaders will have on the orga-  
10 nization.

11 (5) A description of ongoing United States and  
12 coalition programs to build the capacity of local  
13 forces to counter ISIS and al Qaeda, including pro-  
14 grams for training and equipping guard forces at de-  
15 tention facilities for detained ISIS fighters operated  
16 by the Syrian Democratic Forces.

17 (6) A description of past, present, and planned  
18 efforts by the United States and international com-  
19 munity to stabilize areas liberated from ISIS con-  
20 trol, including efforts to establish local governance  
21 and provide basic services.

22 (7) A description of—

23 (A) the current detention population of de-  
24 tention facilities operated by the Syrian Demo-  
25 cratic Forces;

1 (B) the number of ISIS detainees who  
2 have escaped such facilities since October 1,  
3 2019;

4 (C) efforts to convince the governments of  
5 third countries to repatriate and prosecute ISIS  
6 detainees who are nationals of their countries;  
7 and

8 (D) efforts to ensure that United States  
9 support for the repatriation and prosecution of  
10 such ISIS detainees is appropriately coordi-  
11 nated across Federal departments and agencies.

12 (8) A description of the current efforts by the  
13 United States and United States partners to ad-  
14 vance a sustainable political settlement in Syria.

15 (9) A description of the conditions that must be  
16 met to secure the enduring defeat of ISIS and al  
17 Qaeda in Syria and the region.

18 (10) A description of the United States military  
19 and civilian presence and capabilities required to ef-  
20 fectively monitor and target ISIS and al Qaeda in  
21 the region, as well as an assessment of the risks and  
22 limitations to the effectiveness of such efforts with-  
23 out a United States military and civilian presence in  
24 Syria and the region, including the feasibility of pro-

1       gramming stabilization assistance without the pres-  
2       ence of United States military or civilian personnel.

3           (11) An explanation of United States efforts to  
4       ensure the safety of Syrian Kurds and other Syrian  
5       nationals who were or are employed by the United  
6       States Government in Syria from retribution by  
7       Turkey, the Assad regime, ISIS, al Qaeda, or other  
8       armed groups.

9           (12) An assessment of the risks of the involun-  
10      tary resettlement of refugees by the Government of  
11      Turkey in northern Syria.

12          (13) A comprehensive description of United  
13      States Government activities utilizing social media  
14      and other communication technologies strategy to  
15      counter ISIS's propaganda, influence, and ability to  
16      recruit fighters domestically and internationally.

17          (14) A description of the efforts of the United  
18      States Government, including economic sanctions, to  
19      deny financial resources, including revenues from  
20      natural resources extraction, sale of antiquities, kid-  
21      napping, extortion, taxation, smuggling, access to  
22      cash storage sites, and access to international finan-  
23      cial networks, to ISIS and its affiliates, in conjunc-  
24      tion with international partners and financial insti-  
25      tutions.

1           (c) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)  
2 shall be submitted in unclassified form but may contain  
3 a classified annex.



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