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To provide for an integrated plan for the space launch activities of the Federal Government.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 17 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 16), 2014

Mr. TOOMEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Integrated Space
5 Launch Policy Act of 2014”.

6 SEC. 2. INTEGRATED PLAN ON SPACE LAUNCH ACTIVITIES

7 OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

8 (a) PLAN REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense and
9 the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space
10 Administration shall jointly, in coordination with the Na-

1 tional Security Council, the Director of the Office of
2 Science and Technology Policy, and the heads of other ap-
3 propriate agencies of the Federal Government, develop a
4 plan (to be known as the “Integrated Federal Space
5 Launch Plan”) to achieve the effective planning, coordina-
6 tion, and execution of the civilian and national security
7 space launch activities of the Federal Government in order
8 to ensure that the mission needs of the Federal Govern-
9 ment for reliable, timely, and affordable access to space
10 are met in a cost-effective manner.

11 (b) ELEMENTS OF PLAN.—The plan developed under
12 subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

13 (1) An estimate of the anticipated annual space
14 launch demand of the Federal Government during
15 the 10 fiscal years beginning with the fiscal year be-
16 ginning in the year in which the plan is developed.

17 (2) A description of the capabilities required to
18 meet the demand estimated for purposes of para-
19 graph (1).

20 (3) A description of the acquisition plans of
21 each Federal agency covered by the plan for pur-
22 poses of meeting the demand estimated for purposes
23 of paragraph (1).

24 (4) An identification and assessment of oppor-
25 tunities for coordination among Federal agencies in

1 space launch acquisition efforts, and a summary of
2 the lessons learned by the Department of Defense
3 and the National Aeronautics and Space Administra-
4 tion regarding their launch service programs.

5 (5) An assessment whether the Department of
6 Defense is currently achieving assured access to
7 space with its space launch in a manner consistent
8 with the provisions of section 2273 of title 10,
9 United States Code.

10 (c) SUBMITTAL OF PLAN TO CONGRESS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
13 retary and the Administrator shall jointly submit the
14 plan developed under subsection (a) to the appro-
15 priate committees of Congress.

16 (2) FORM.—The plan shall be submitted in un-
17 classified form, but may include a classified annex.

18 (d) COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED
19 STATES ASSESSMENT.—The Comptroller General of the
20 United States shall submit to the appropriate committees
21 of Congress a report setting forth an assessment of the
22 adequacy of the plan developed under subsection (a), in-
23 cluding the extent to which the plan includes the launch
24 needs and capabilities of the civilian agencies and the na-
25 tional security agencies of the Federal Government.

1 (e) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
2 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
3 tees of Congress” means—

4 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
5 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
6 tation, the Committee on Appropriations, the Com-
7 mittee on the Budget, and the Select Committee on
8 Intelligence of the Senate; and

9 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
10 Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, the
11 Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the
12 Budget, and the Permanent Select Committee on In-
13 telligence of the House of Representatives.

