

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To require reporting on compliance with requirements to update leadership boards across the Department of Defense.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. BLACKBURN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Respect the Chief Act  
5 of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORTING ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIRE-**  
7 **MENTS TO UPDATE LEADERSHIP BOARDS AT**  
8 **MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.**

9 (a) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than January 31,  
10 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Presi-

1 dent and the congressional defense committees a report  
2 certifying compliance, during the preceding calendar year,  
3 with applicable requirements to update command and con-  
4 trol leadership boards across the Department of Defense.

5 (b) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—Not later than 120  
6 days after the inauguration of a new President or the con-  
7 firmation of a new Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of  
8 Defense shall submit to the President and the congres-  
9 sional defense committees a report certifying that all com-  
10 mand and control leadership boards across the Depart-  
11 ment of Defense have been updated to reflect the current  
12 Commander-in-Chief and other applicable leadership  
13 changes.

14 (c) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES DE-  
15 FINED.—In this section, the term “congressional defense  
16 committees” has the meaning given the term in section  
17 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code.