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To limit stock buybacks, shareholder dividends, and executive compensation for certain underperforming contractors as determined by the Secretary of Defense, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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 “Prioritizing
5 Warfighters in Defense Contracting Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATIONS ON STOCK BUYBACKS, SHAREHOLDER**
2 **DIVIDENDS, AND EXECUTIVE COMPENSA-**
3 **TION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may in-
5 clude terms in a contract, the expected value of which is
6 greater than or equal to \$100,000,000, to prohibit the
7 contractor from conducting a stock buyback, issuing divi-
8 dends to shareholders of the contractor, or paying any ex-
9 ecutive (including the chief executive officer) of the con-
10 tractor total annual compensation in excess of \$5,000,000
11 if the contractor takes an action described in subsection
12 (b).

13 (b) ACTIONS DESCRIBED.—An action described in
14 this subsection is as follows:

15 (1) The contractor fails to perform such con-
16 tract on time and on budget, including if such fail-
17 ure is due to inadequate investment in new or mod-
18 ernized production methodologies.

19 (2) The contractor performs such contract at
20 insufficient production speed or capacity, including if
21 such insufficiency is due to a failure to maintain
22 equipment required for such performance.

23 (c) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply with re-
24 spect to contracts entered into on or after the date of the
25 enactment of this Act.