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S. 436

To amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the organization and authorities of the Assistant Secretaries of Defense with duties relating to industrial base policy and homeland defense.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SULLIVAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. MODIFICATION OF ORGANIZATION AND AU-**
 2 **THORITIES OF ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF**
 3 **DEFENSE WITH DUTIES RELATING TO INDUS-**
 4 **TRIAL BASE POLICY AND HOMELAND DE-**
 5 **FENSE.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
 7 DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL BASE DE-
 8 VELOPMENT AND ENGAGEMENT.—Section 138(b) of title
 9 10, United States Code, is amended—

10 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (7) and (8) as
 11 paragraphs (8) and (9), respectively; and

12 (2) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
 13 lowing new paragraph (7):

14 “(7) One of the Assistant Secretaries is the Assistant
 15 Secretary of Defense for International Industrial Base De-
 16 velopment and Engagement, who shall report directly to
 17 the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
 18 Sustainment. The principal duty of the Assistant Sec-
 19 retary shall be to strengthen the United States defense
 20 industrial base through the promotion of cooperation with
 21 security partners and allies of the United States, including
 22 Taiwan.”.

23 (b) RENAMING OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DE-
 24 FENSE FOR STRATEGY, PLANS, AND CAPABILITIES AS AS-
 25 SISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR STRATEGY,
 26 PLANS, CAPABILITIES, AND HOMELAND DEFENSE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date of the
2 enactment of this Act—

3 (A) the Assistant Secretary of Defense for
4 Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities shall be
5 known as the Assistant Secretary of Defense
6 for Strategy, Plans, Capabilities, and Homeland
7 Defense; and

8 (B) any reference in any law or regulation
9 to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strat-
10 egy, Plans, and Capabilities shall be deemed to
11 be a reference to the Assistant Secretary of De-
12 fense for Strategy, Plans, Capabilities, and
13 Homeland Defense.

14 (2) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 138(b) of title
15 10, United States Code, as amended by subsection
16 (a), is further amended by adding at the end the fol-
17 lowing new paragraph:

18 “(10)(A) One of the Assistant Secretaries is the As-
19 sistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, Capabili-
20 ties, and Homeland Defense.

21 “(B) The principal duty of the Assistant Secretary
22 shall be to advise the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy
23 Secretary of Defense, the Under Secretary of Defense for
24 Policy, and the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of De-
25 fense on—

1 “(i) national security issues and defense strat-
 2 egy and the capabilities, forces, and contingency
 3 plans necessary to implement the defense strategy;

4 “(ii) policy and planning oversight for—

5 “(I) homeland defense and mission assur-
 6 ance by the Department of Defense;

7 “(II) support by the Department for civil
 8 authorities; and

9 “(III) Arctic and global resilience; and

10 “(iii) advancing and representing priority issues
 11 with—

12 “(I) other Federal agencies;

13 “(II) countries that are allies and partners
 14 of the United States;

15 “(III) State, local, territorial, and Tribal
 16 governments; and

17 “(IV) private sector organizations.”.

18 (c) ELIMINATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DE-
 19 FENSE FOR HOMELAND DEFENSE AND HEMISPHERIC AF-
 20 FAIRS.—The position of Assistant Secretary of Defense
 21 for Homeland Defense and Hemispheric Affairs is elimi-
 22 nated.

23 (d) EXPANDED AUTHORITY OF ASSISTANT SEC-
 24 RETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY
 25 AFFAIRS.—The responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary

- 1 of Defense for International Security Affairs shall include
- 2 responsibility for Western Hemisphere affairs.

