SEC. 1759. REPORT ON REDUCING THE BACKLOG IN LEGALLY REQUIRED HISTORICAL DECLASSIFICATION OBLIGATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

(a) Report.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report detailing the progress made by the Secretary toward reducing the backlog in legally required historical declassification obligations of the Department of Defense.

(b) Elements.—The report under subsection (a) shall include, with respect to the Department of Defense, the following:

(1) A plan to achieve legally mandated historical declassification requirements and reduce backlogs.

(2) A plan to incorporate new technologies, such as artificial intelligence, that would increase productivity and reduce cost in implementing the plan under paragraph (1).

(3) A detailed assessment of the documents released in each of the proceeding three years before the date of the report, broken out by program, such as the 25 and 50 year programs.
A detailed assessment of the documents awaiting review for release and an estimate of how many documents will be released in each of the next three years.

Potential policy, resource, and other options available to the Secretary to reduce backlogs.

The progress and objectives of the Secretary with respect to the release of documents for publication in the Foreign Relations of the United States series or to facilitate the public accessibility of such documents at the National Archives, presidential libraries, or both.

(c) Form and Availability.—The report under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, which shall be made publicly available, but may include a classified annex.

SEC. 1760. MILITARY TYPE CERTIFICATION FOR LIGHT ATTACK EXPERIMENTATION AIRCRAFT.

The Secretary of the Air Force shall make available and conduct military type certifications for light attack experimentation aircraft as needed, pursuant to the Department of Defense Directive on Military Type Certificates, 5030.61.
Secretary of Homeland Security would apply like consideration to parole in place requests from the spouse, son, daughter, or parent of a member of the Armed Forces, and from the widow, son, daughter, or parent of a member of the Armed Forces who is deceased. Further, the amendment sets forth the sense of Congress that: (1) parole in place reinforces the objective of military family unity; (2) except as required in furtherance of the missions of the Armed Forces, disruption to military family unity should be minimized in order to enhance military readiness; and (3) the importance of the parole in place authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security is reaffirmed.

Report on reducing the backlog in legally required historical declassification obligations of the Department of Defense (sec. 1759)

The House amendment contained a provision (sec. 1098) that would require that not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency each shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees, a report detailing progress made by the Secretary or the Director, as the case may be, toward reducing the backlog in legally required historical declassification obligations.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would scope the requirement such that only the Secretary of Defense need submit a report, and that the Secretary's report would be submitted only to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Military type certification for light attack experimentation aircraft (sec. 1760)

The House amendment contained a provision (sec. 1095) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to make available and conduct military type certifications for light attack aircraft participating in the experiment as needed.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 146) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to conduct a Military Type Certification for AT-6 and A-29 Light Attack Experimentation Aircraft.

The Senate recedes.

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