

1 *fense and may consider carrying out a pilot program under*  
2 *another provision of this Act.*

3 (c) *REPORT.*—*Not later than March 31, 2018, the Sec-*  
4 *retary shall submit to the congressional defense committees*  
5 *a report on the actions taken by the Secretary under sub-*  
6 *section (a)(1) and how the process described in such sub-*  
7 *section has been improved.*

8 ***Subtitle C—Reports and Other***  
9 ***Matters***

10 ***SEC. 231. COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION PLAN FOR LOW PROB-***  
11 ***ABILITY OF DETECTION DATA LINK NET-***  
12 ***WORKS.***

13 (a) *PLAN REQUIRED.*—*The Under Secretary of De-*  
14 *fense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics and the*  
15 *Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall jointly,*  
16 *in consultation with the Secretary of the Navy and the Sec-*  
17 *retary of the Air Force, develop a plan to procure a secure,*  
18 *low probability of detection data link network capability*  
19 *with the ability to effectively operate in hostile jamming*  
20 *environments while preserving the low observable character-*  
21 *istics of the relevant platforms, between existing and*  
22 *planned—*

23 (1) *fifth-generation combat aircraft;*

24 (2) *fifth-generation and fourth-generation combat*  
25 *aircraft;*

1           (3) *fifth-generation and fourth-generation combat*  
2 *aircraft and appropriate support aircraft and other*  
3 *network nodes for command, control, communications,*  
4 *intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance pur-*  
5 *poses; and*

6           (4) *fifth-generation and fourth-generation combat*  
7 *aircraft and their associated network-enabled preci-*  
8 *sion weapons.*

9           (b) *ADDITIONAL PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—The plan re-*  
10 *quired by subsection (a) shall include—*

11           (1) *nonproprietary and open systems approaches*  
12 *compatible with the Rapid Capabilities Office Open*  
13 *Mission Systems initiative of the Air Force and the*  
14 *Future Airborne Capability Environment initiative*  
15 *of the Navy;*

16           (2) *a competitive acquisition process, to include*  
17 *comparative flight demonstrations in realistic air-*  
18 *borne environments; and*

19           (3) *low risk and affordable solutions with mini-*  
20 *mal impact or changes to existing host platforms, and*  
21 *minimal overall integration costs.*

22           (c) *BRIEFING.—Not later than February 15, 2018, the*  
23 *Under Secretary and the Vice Chairman shall provide to*  
24 *the congressional defense committees written documentation*  
25 *and briefing on the plan developed under subsection (a).*

1       (d) *LIMITATION.*—Of the funds authorized to be appro-  
2       priated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal  
3       year 2018 for operations and maintenance for the Office  
4       of the Secretary of Defense and the Office of the Chairman  
5       of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, not more than 85 percent may  
6       be obligated or expended until a period of 15 days has  
7       elapsed following the date on which the Under Secretary  
8       and Vice Chairman submits to the congressional defense  
9       committees the plan required by subsection (a).

10   **SEC. 232. CLARIFICATION OF SELECTION DATES FOR PILOT**  
11                           **PROGRAM FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE**  
12                           **RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVAL-**  
13                           **UATION CENTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
14                           **DEFENSE.**

15       Section 233 of the National Defense Authorization Act  
16       for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) is amended—

17               (1) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “the enact-  
18       ment of this Act” both places it appears and inserting  
19       “such submittal”; and

20               (2) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “propose and  
21       implement” and inserting “submit to the Assistant  
22       Secretary concerned a proposal on, and implement,”.



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