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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 “Theater Missile De-
5 fense Improvement Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) Development of medium-range ballistic mis-
9 siles by potential adversaries, such as Iran, has pro-
10 proceeded much more rapidly than previously antici-
11 pated by the United States Government.

12 (2) Existence of such missiles in potentially
13 hostile nations constitutes a serious threat to United
14 States forces, allies, and friends in the Middle East
15 and Persian Gulf region and cannot be adequately
16 countered by currently deployed ballistic missile de-
17 fense systems.

18 (3) It is a matter of high national interest to
19 quickly reduce the vulnerability of United States
20 forces, allies, and friends to these threats.

21 (4) Meaningful and cost effective steps to re-
22 duce these vulnerabilities are available and should be
23 pursued expeditiously.

1 **SEC. 3. ACCELERATION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
2 **PROGRAMS TO COUNTER ENHANCED BALLIS-**
3 **TIC MISSILE THREAT.**

4 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
5 the Department of Defense for fiscal year 1998 for De-
6 fense-wide research, development, test, and evaluation in
7 the amount of \$147,000,000, to be available as follows:

8 (1) JOINT COMPOSITE TRACKING NETWORK.—
9 \$35,000,000 to be available for the Joint Composite
10 Tracking Network program.

11 (2) PATRIOT REMOTE LAUNCH CAPABILITY.—
12 \$15,000,000 to be available to accelerate develop-
13 ment of the remote launch capability for the Patriot
14 Advanced Capability (PAC-3) missile defense sys-
15 tem.

16 (3) PAC-3 AND NAVY AREA DEFENSE TESTS.—
17 \$40,000,000 to be available to test the capabilities
18 of the Patriot Advanced Capability (PAC-3) missile
19 defense system, and to test the capabilities of the
20 Navy Area Defense System, against missiles with
21 the range of the Iranian ballistic missiles under de-
22 velopment.

23 (4) EARLY WARNING ENHANCEMENT.—
24 \$6,000,000 to be available for improved integration
25 of the various elements of the SHIELD system.

1 (5) PAC-3 PRODUCTION RATE ENHANCE-
2 MENTS.—\$41,000,000 to be available for production
3 rate enhancements for the Patriot Advanced Capa-
4 bility (PAC-3) missile defense system.

5 (6) ISRAELI ARROW MISSILE DEFENSE SYS-
6 TEM.—\$10,000,000 to be available to improve inter-
7 operability of the Israeli Arrow tactical ballistic mis-
8 sile defense system with United States theater mis-
9 sile defense systems.

10 **SEC. 4. IDENTIFICATION OF OTHER POSSIBLE ACTIONS.**

11 (a) IDENTIFICATION.—The Secretary of Defense
12 shall identify actions in addition to those authorized by
13 section 3 that could be taken by the Department of De-
14 fense to counter the threats posed to the United States
15 and its national security interests by the development or
16 acquisition of medium-range ballistic missiles by Iran and
17 other nations.

18 (b) SPECIFIC ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN.—The Sec-
19 retary specifically shall explore—

20 (1) additional cooperative measures between the
21 Department of Defense and the Ministry of Defense
22 of Israel to further enhance Israel’s ability to defend
23 itself against the threat posed by ballistic missiles
24 deployed by Iran and other nations; and

1 (2) actions within the existing Navy Theater
2 Wide Missile Defense System program that could
3 provide additional capabilities useful to addressing
4 the threat posed by medium-range ballistic missiles
5 within one to two years.

6 (c) INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION.—The
7 Secretary shall undertake appropriate intergovernmental
8 and interagency coordination that would be necessary to
9 the conduct of any of the actions identified pursuant to
10 subsection (a).

11 **SEC. 5. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

12 Not later than 60 days after the date of the enact-
13 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit
14 to Congress a report providing—

15 (1) a description of the Secretary's plans for
16 use of funds appropriated pursuant to the authoriza-
17 tions of appropriations in this Act; and

18 (2) a description of possible additional actions
19 identified by the Secretary pursuant to section 4(a)
20 and the steps taken or planned (as of the time of
21 the report) to carry out section 4(c).

22 **SEC. 6. OFFSETTING REDUCTIONS IN AUTHORIZATIONS.**

23 The total amount authorized in section 201 of the
24 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998
25 (Public Law 105–85) to be appropriated for fiscal year

1 1998 for research, development, test, and evaluation for
2 the Department of Defense is hereby reduced by
3 \$147,000,000, of which—

4 (1) \$126,000,000 is to be derived from savings
5 from the use of advisory and assistance services by
6 the Department of Defense in accordance with sec-
7 tion 8041 of the Department of Defense Appropria-
8 tions Act, 1998 (Public Law 105–56; 111 Stat.
9 1230); and

10 (2) \$21,000,000 is to be derived from savings
11 from the use by the Department of Defense of de-
12 fense federally funded research and development
13 centers in accordance with section 8035 of the De-
14 partment of Defense Appropriations Act, 1998
15 (Public Law 105–56; 111 Stat. 1227).

Passed the House of Representatives March 30,
1998.

Attest:

Clerk.