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To direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program on the implementation of mitigating actions to address vulnerabilities to critical defense facilities and associated defense critical electric infrastructure, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

August 31, 2021

Mr. Crow (for himself, Mr. Peters, and Mr. Bacon) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program on the implementation of mitigating actions to address vulnerabilities to critical defense facilities and associated defense critical electric infrastructure, and for other purposes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- 2 This Act may be cited as the "Guaranteeing Resilient
- 3 Installations for Defense Act of 2021" or the "GRID Act
- 4 of 2021".
- 5 SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM ON IMPLEMENTATION OF MITI-
- 6 GATING ACTIONS TO ADDRESS
- 7 VULNERABILITIES TO CRITICAL DEFENSE FA-
- 8 CILITIES AND ASSOCIATED DEFENSE CRIT-
- 9 ICAL ELECTRIC INFRASTRUCTURE.
- 10 (a) Two-Year Pilot Authorized.—
- 11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in
- 12 coordination with the Secretary of Energy, the Sec-
- retaries of each of the military departments, and the
- 14 Secretary of the department in which the Coast
- Guard is operating, shall carry out a two-year pilot
- program under which the Secretary shall implement
- mitigating actions to address vulnerabilities assessed
- under section 215A of the Federal Power Act (16
- 19 U.S.C. 8240-1) at critical defense facilities and their
- associated defense critical electric infrastructure,
- after consultation with, and with the consent of, the
- 22 owners of such facilities and infrastructure.
- 23 (2) Use of grant authority.—In carrying
- out the pilot program, the Secretary of Defense may
- 25 make grants, enter into cooperative agreements, and
- supplement funds available under Federal programs

1	administered by agencies other than the Department
2	of Defense to support mitigating actions under this
3	section.
4	(b) Selection of Installations.—The Secretary
5	of Defense shall select at least three military installations
6	designated as critical defense facilities at which to carry
7	out the pilot program under this section. In selecting such
8	installations, the Secretary shall—
9	(1) ensure that at least one of the military in-
10	stallations selected is an installation of each of the
11	Armed Forces;
12	(2) select installations that represent different
13	challenges or severities with respect to electric infra-
14	structure vulnerability;
15	(3) select at least one critical defense facility
16	within the service territory of a Power Marketing
17	Administration;
18	(4) provide particular consideration for critical
19	defense facilities and the associated defense critical
20	electric infrastructure that use rural cooperatives or
21	municipal entities for their electricity needs; and
22	(5) provide particular consideration for critical
23	defense facilities and defense critical electric infra-
24	structure that have completed an assessment of

vulnerabilities and resilience requirements in coordi-

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1	nation with the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-
2	retary of Energy.
3	(c) Comptroller General Review.—
4	(1) In general.—Not later than two years
5	after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
6	Comptroller General of the United States shall—
7	(A) conduct a review of the pilot program
8	under this section; and
9	(B) submit to the appropriate congres-
10	sional committees a report on the results of the
11	review.
12	(2) Contents.—The review required under
13	this subsection shall include an assessment of the ef-
14	fectiveness of the mitigating actions taken under the
15	pilot program and the feasibility of expanding the
16	implementation of such mitigating actions at other
17	installations identified under section 215A(a)(4) of
18	the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. $8240-1(a)(4)$).
19	(d) Definitions.—In this section:
20	(1) The term "appropriate congressional com-
21	mittees" means—
22	(A) the Committee on Armed Services and
23	the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the
24	House of Representatives; and

1	(B) the Committee on Armed Services and
2	the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
3	sources of the Senate.
4	(2) The term "defense critical electric infra-
5	structure" has the meaning given such term under
6	section 215A(a)(4) of the Federal Power Act (16
7	U.S.C. $8240-1(a)(4)$).
8	(3) The term "critical defense facility" means a
9	facility designated as a critical defense facility under
10	section 215A(c) of the Federal Power Act (16
11	U.S.C. 8240–1(c)).
12	(4) The term "mitigating action" means any
13	energy resiliency solution applied that is consistent
14	with an assessed strategy to reduce vulnerabilities at

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