

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—119th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 2424

To require a report of, and a strategy to combat, arms sales of the Government of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mr. RICKETTS

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Tracking Hostile In-
5 dustry Networks and Kit while Thwarting Weapons Im-
6 ports from Chinese Entities Act of 2025” or the “THINK
7 TWICE Act of 2025”.

8 **SEC. 2. ASSESSMENT OF CHINESE ARMS SALES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter
11 for 3 years, the Director of National Intelligence, in co-

1 ordination with the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-
2 retary of State, shall submit to the appropriate congres-
3 sional committees a report on arms sales facilitated by en-
4 tities in the People's Republic of China.

5 (b) CONTENTS.—The report required by subsection
6 (a) shall include an analysis of—

7 (1) the weapons systems and military equip-
8 ment originating from the People's Republic of
9 China available for purchase by foreign countries;

10 (2) the technical aspects and capabilities of
11 such weapons systems and military equipment;

12 (3) how such weapons systems and military
13 equipment may impact the balance of power in the
14 area of responsibility of each geographic combatant
15 command, when applicable;

16 (4) the weapons systems and military equip-
17 ment originating from the People's Republic of
18 China that are considered direct alternatives to
19 weapons systems and military equipment originating
20 from the United States;

21 (5) the weapons systems and military equip-
22 ment originating from the People's Republic of
23 China that present the greatest security risks re-
24 garding the potential to collect intelligence on or

1 compromise assets, weapons, or platforms of the
2 United States;

3 (6) the countries mostly likely to procure weap-
4 ons systems and military equipment originating from
5 the People's Republic of China, including the specific
6 type, quantity, and estimated value in United States
7 dollars of weapons, during the 1-year period fol-
8 lowing the date of the submission of the report;

9 (7) the weapons systems and military equip-
10 ment in development as of the date of the submis-
11 sion of the report by entities in the People's Repub-
12 lic of China that could be available on the global
13 market not later than 5 years after such date;

14 (8) the factors that incentivize countries to pro-
15 cure such weapons systems and military equipment,
16 including costs, flexible payment conditions and fi-
17 nancing, a lack of end-user agreements, and speed
18 of sale and delivery; and

19 (9) the strategy of the People's Republic of
20 China regarding arms sales and variables that could
21 influence such strategy.

22 (c) FORM.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The report required by sub-
24 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form,
25 but shall include a classified annex.

1 (2) CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—The classified annex
2 required by paragraph (1) shall contain an assess-
3 ment by the Director of National Intelligence of—

4 (A) the contents required by subsection
5 (b); and

6 (B) the counterintelligence risks and risks
7 of onward proliferation of technology and de-
8 fense systems originating in the United States
9 and created through the purchase, deployment,
10 and use of weapons systems and military equip-
11 ment originating from the People’s Republic of
12 China by United States allies and partners.

13 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
14 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
15 gressional committees” means—

16 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
17 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Select
18 Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

19 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
20 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Permanent
21 Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of
22 Representatives.

1 **SEC. 3. STRATEGY TO COMBAT ARMS SALES OF THE PEO-**
2 **PLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,
5 in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall de-
6 velop a strategy to dissuade purchases of new weapons
7 systems and military equipment, excluding spare parts or
8 parts for maintenance of previously procured weapons,
9 originating from the People's Republic of China.

10 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy shall include the fol-
11 lowing elements:

12 (1) An information campaign targeting coun-
13 tries interested in procuring weapons systems and
14 military equipment originating from the People's Re-
15 public of China to warn such countries about—

16 (A) potential risks, including the lack of a
17 proven track record in combat, insufficient
18 training on the operation of the weapon or
19 weapons system, reliability issues, and the lack
20 of maintenance and spare parts available;

21 (B) the inability to integrate such weapons
22 systems and military equipment with weapons
23 systems and military equipment from the
24 United States; and

1 (C) the potential limitation of future secu-
2 rity cooperation with the United States that
3 could arise if such weapons are acquired.

4 (2) A description of actions the United States
5 Government can take, including creative financing
6 and subsidized pricing, to make weapons systems
7 and military equipment from the United States more
8 attractive to prospective buyers of weapons systems
9 or military equipment originating from the People's
10 Republic of China.

11 (3) An analysis of whether the use of sanctions,
12 export controls, or other economic restrictions tar-
13 geting buyers of new weapons systems or military
14 equipment originating from the People's Republic of
15 China could serve as an effective deterrent.

16 (4) A description of actions defense firms of the
17 United States can take to provide competitive alter-
18 natives to prospective buyers of weapons systems
19 and military equipment originating from the Peo-
20 ple's Republic of China.

21 (5) A plan to combat Chinese disinformation
22 campaigns targeting the performance of weapons or
23 platforms produced by the United States or trusted
24 allies.

1 (6) A plan to ensure close coordination with
2 Congress to prevent disjointed engagement with
3 countries.

4 (c) REPORT AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not
5 later than the date on which the strategy required by sub-
6 section (a) is completed, the Secretary of State shall sub-
7 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a report
8 detailing the strategy and a plan for implementation.

9 (d) FORM.—The report required by subsection (c)
10 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
11 a classified annex.

12 (e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
13 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
14 sional committees” means—

15 (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
16 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

17 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
18 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
19 resentatives.