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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED

OFFERED BY MR. LIPINSKI OF ILLINOIS

Page 531, after line 2, insert the following:

SEC. 1099C. SERVICES BY NON-GOVERNMENT ENTITIES IN MISSING PERSON CASES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1509 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(g) PROVISION OF SERVICES.—(1) The Secretary shall prescribe regulations with respect to a covered entity providing services related to carrying out this section, including under a contract for such services. Such regulations shall cover—

"(A) the types of work that may or may not be conducted by a covered entity;

"(B) the types of covered entities that may conduct such work;

"(C) any required training or protocols for the covered entity;

"(D) reporting processes; and

"(E) any other matters the Secretary considers necessary.

"(2) In this subsection, the term 'covered entity' means a non-Government entity, including private, non-profit, or academic entities (whether public or private).

"(3) A decision to commit, obligate, or expend funds with or to a specific entity to carry out this subsection shall—

"(A) be based on merit-based selection procedures in accordance with the requirements of sections 2304(k) and 2374 of this title, or on competitive procedures; and

"(B) comply with other applicable provisions of law.".

(b) PILOT PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall carry out a pilot program in which one or more non-Government entities conduct archival and field research to assist the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command in accounting for persons described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of section 1513(1) of title 10, United States Code.

(2) ENTITIES.—In selecting an non-Government entity to participate in the pilot program under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall give priority to non-profit and academic entities (whether public or private).

1 (3) FUNDING INCREASE AND OFFSETTING RE-
2 DUCTION.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth
3 in the funding tables in division D—
4 (A) the amount authorized to be appro-
5 priated in section 301 for operation and main-
6 tenance, Defense-wide, as specified in the cor-
7 responding funding table in division D, is here-
8 by increased by $5,000,000, with the amount of
9 the increase allocated to Line 170 Defense
10 POW/MIA Office, as set forth in the table
11 under section 4301, to carry out this section;
12 and
13 (B) the amount authorized to be appro-
14 priated in section 101 for other procurement,
15 Army, as specified in the corresponding funding
16 table in division D, is hereby reduced by
17 $5,000,000, with the amount of the reduction
18 to be derived from Joint Tactical Radio System,
19 Ground Mobile Radio Program under Line 039,
20 Joint Tactical Radio System as set forth in the
21 table under section 410.
22 (4) MERIT-BASED OR COMPETITIVE DECI-
23 SIONS.—A decision to commit, obligate, or expend
24 funds referred to in paragraph (3)(A) with or to a
25 specific entity shall—

1 (A) be based on merit-based selection pro-
2 cedures in accordance with the requirements of
3 sections 2304(k) and 2374 of title 10, United
4 States Code, or on competitive procedures; and
5 (B) comply with other applicable provisions
6 of law.