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Pu	urpose: To modify a provision re operational availability of Coa strategy for Coast Guard aviation	ast Guard aircraft and
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	AMENDMENT intended to be pro	oposed by Mr. CRUZ
Viz	iz:	
1	Strike section 243 and insert	t the following:
2	2 SEC. 243. STUDY ON THE OPERAT	TIONAL AVAILABILITY OF
3	COAST GUARD AIR	RCRAFT AND STRATEGY
4	FOR COAST GUARD A	AVIATION.
5	5 (a) STUDY.—	
6	(1) IN GENERAL.—Not	t later than 1 year after
7	the date of the enactment	of this Act, the Comp-
8	troller General of the Unite	ed States shall commence
9	a study on the operation	nal availability of Coast
10) Guard aircraft.	

1	(2) ELEMENTS.—The study required by para-
2	graph (1) shall include the following:
3	(A) An assessment of —
4	(i) the extent to which the fixed-wing
5	and rotary-wing aircraft of the Coast
6	Guard have met annual operational avail-
7	ability targets in recent years;
8	(ii) the challenges the Coast Guard
9	may face with respect to such aircraft
10	meeting operational availability targets,
11	and the effects of such challenges on the
12	Coast Guard's ability to meet mission re-
13	quirements; and
14	(iii) the status of Coast Guard efforts
15	to upgrade or recapitalize its fleet of such
16	aircraft to meet growth in future mission
17	demands globally, such as in the Western
18	Hemisphere, the Arctic region, and the
19	Western Pacific region.
20	(B) Any recommendation with respect to
21	the operational availability of Coast Guard air-
22	eraft.
23	(C) The resource and workforce require-
24	ments necessary for Coast Guard Aviation to
25	meet current and future mission demands spe-

1	cific to each rotary-wing and fixed-wing air-
2	frame type in the current inventory of the
3	Coast Guard.
4	(3) REPORT.—On completion of the study re-
5	quired by paragraph (1), the Comptroller General
6	shall submit to the Secretary of the department in
7	which the Coast Guard is operating a report on the
:8	findings of the study.
9	(b) Coast Guard Aviation Strategy.—
10	(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
11	after the date on which the study under subsection
12	(a) is completed, the Secretary of the department in
13	which the Coast Guard is operating shall develop a
14	comprehensive strategy for Coast Guard Aviation
15	that is informed by the relevant recommendations
16	and findings of the study.
17	(2) Elements.—The strategy required by
18	paragraph (1) shall include the following:
19	(A) With respect to aircraft of the Coast
20	Guard—
2 1	(i) an analysis of—
22	(I) the current and future oper-
23	ations and future resource needs; and
24	(II) the manner in which such fu-
25	ture needs are integrated with the Fu-

1	ture Vertical Lift initiatives of the De-
2	partment of Defense; and
3	(ii) an estimated timeline with respect
4	to when such future needs will arise.
5	(B) The projected number of aviation as-
6	sets, the locations at which such assets are to
7	be stationed, the cost of operation and mainte-
8.	nance of such assets, and an assessment of the
9	capabilities of such assets as compared to the
10	missions they are expected to execute, at the
11	completion of major procurement and mod-
12	ernization plans.
13	(C) Λ procurement plan, including an esti-
14	mated timetable and the estimated appropria-
15	tions necessary for all platforms, including un-
16	manned aircraft.
17	(D) A training plan for pilots and aircrew
18	that addresses—
19	(i) the use of simulators owned and
20	operated by the Coast Guard, and simula-
21	tors that are not owned or operated by the
22	Coast Guard, including any such simula-
23	tors based outside the United States; and
24	(ii) the costs associated with attending
25.	training courses.

1.	(E) Current and future requirements for
2	cutter and land-based deployment of aviation
3	assets globally, including in the Arctic, the
4	Eastern Pacific, the Western Pacific, the Carib
5	bean, the Atlantic Basin, and any other area
6	the Commandant considers appropriate.
7	(F) A description of the feasibility of and
8	resource requirements necessary to deploy re-
9:	tary-winged assets onboard all future Arctic
10	cutter patrols.
11	(G) An evaluation of current and future
12	facilities needs for Coast Guard aviation units.
13	(H) An evaluation of pilot and aircrew
14	training and retention needs, including aviation
15	career incentive pay, retention bonuses, and any
16	other workforce tools the Commandant con-
17	siders necessary.
18	(3) Briefing.—Not later than 180 days after
19	the date on which the strategy required by para-
20	graph (1) is completed, the Commandant shall pro-
21	vide to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
22	Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
23	Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
24	Representatives a briefing on the strategy.