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S. 1055

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 regarding the procurement of certain items related to national security interests for Department of Homeland Security frontline operational components, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. MURPHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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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 “Homeland Procure-
5 ment Reform Act” or the “HOPR Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS TO BUY CERTAIN ITEMS RELATED**
2 **TO NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS AC-**
3 **CORDING TO CERTAIN CRITERIA.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle D of title VIII of the
5 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 391 et seq.)
6 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 836. REQUIREMENTS TO BUY CERTAIN ITEMS RE-**
8 **LATED TO NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS.**

9 “(a) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall ensure
10 that any procurement of a covered item for a frontline
11 operational component meets the following criteria:

12 “(1) To the maximum extent possible, not less
13 than one-third of funds obligated in a specific fiscal
14 year for the procurement of such covered items shall
15 be covered items that are manufactured in the
16 United States by entities that qualify as small busi-
17 ness concerns, as such term is described under sec-
18 tion 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

19 “(2) Each contractor and first-tier subcon-
20 tractor with respect to the procurement of such a
21 covered item, including the end-item manufacturer
22 of such a covered item—

23 “(A) is an entity registered with the Sys-
24 tem for Award Management (or successor sys-
25 tem) administered by the General Services Ad-
26 ministration; and

1 “(B) is in compliance with ISO 9001:2015
2 of the International Organization for Standard-
3 ization (or successor standard); and

4 “(3) Each supplier of such a covered item with
5 an insignia (such as any patch, badge, or emblem)
6 and each supplier of such an insignia, if such cov-
7 ered item with such insignia or such insignia, as the
8 case may be, is not produced, applied, or assembled
9 in the United States, shall—

10 “(A) store such covered item with such in-
11 signia or such insignia in a locked area;

12 “(B) report any pilferage or theft of such
13 covered item with such insignia or such insignia
14 occurring at any stage before delivery of such
15 covered item with such insignia or such insig-
16 nia; and

17 “(C) destroy any such defective or unus-
18 able covered item with insignia or insignia in a
19 manner established by the Secretary, and main-
20 tain records, for three years after the creation
21 of such records, of such destruction that include
22 the date of such destruction, a description of
23 the covered item with insignia or insignia de-
24 stroyed, the quantity of the covered item with

1 insignia or insignia destroyed, and the method
2 of destruction.

3 “(b) PRICING.—The Secretary shall ensure that cov-
4 ered items are purchased at a fair and reasonable price,
5 consistent with the procedures and guidelines specified in
6 the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

7 “(c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this section and annually there-
9 after, the Secretary shall provide to the Committee on
10 Homeland Security, the Committee on Oversight and Re-
11 form, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House
12 of Representatives, and the Committee on Homeland Se-
13 curity and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on
14 Appropriations of the Senate a report on instances in
15 which vendors have failed to meet deadlines for delivery
16 of covered items and corrective actions taken by the De-
17 partment in response to such instances.

18 “(d) DEPARTMENT FRONTLINE OPERATIONAL COM-
19 PONENT DESCRIBED.—In this section, the term ‘Depart-
20 ment frontline operational component’ refers to any of the
21 following components of the Department:

22 “(1) U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

23 “(2) U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforce-
24 ment.

25 “(3) The United States Secret Service.

1 “(4) The Transportation Security Administra-
2 tion.

3 “(5) The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Se-
4 curity Agency.

5 “(6) The Federal Protective Service.

6 “(7) The Federal Emergency Management
7 Agency.

8 “(8) The Federal Law Enforcement Training
9 Centers.

10 “(e) COVERED ITEM DESCRIBED.—In this section,
11 the term ‘covered item’ refers to any of the following with
12 respect to a Department frontline operational component:

13 “(1) Body armor components intended to pro-
14 vide ballistic protection for an individual, consisting
15 of one or more of the following:

16 “(A) Soft ballistic panels.

17 “(B) Hard ballistic plates.

18 “(C) Concealed armor carriers worn under
19 a uniform.

20 “(D) External armor carriers worn over a
21 uniform.

22 “(2) Helmets that provide ballistic protection
23 and other head protection and components.

24 “(3) Protective eyewear.

1 “(4) Rain gear, cold weather gear, other envi-
2 ronmental and flame-resistant clothing.

3 “(5) Footwear.

4 “(6) Uniforms.

5 “(7) Bags and packs.

6 “(8) Holsters and tactical pouches.

7 “(9) Patches, insignia, and embellishments.

8 “(10) Respiratory protective masks.

9 “(11) Chemical, biological, radiological, and nu-
10 clear protective gear.

11 “(12) Hearing protection equipment.

12 “(13) Any other critical safety item as deter-
13 mined appropriate by the Secretary.

14 “(f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section applies with re-
15 spect to a contract entered into by the Department or any
16 of its frontline operational components on or after October
17 1, 2020.”.

18 (b) STUDY.—Not later than one year after the date
19 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland
20 Security shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Se-
21 curity of the House of Representatives and the Committee
22 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
23 Senate a study of the adequacy of allowances provided to
24 employees of Department of Homeland Security frontline
25 operational components. Such study shall be informed by

1 a Department-wide survey of employees from across the
2 Department who receive uniform allowances that seeks to
3 ascertain what, if any, improvements could be made to the
4 current uniform allowances and what, if any, impacts cur-
5 rent allowances have had on employee morale and reten-
6 tion. Such study shall also consider increasing by 25 per-
7 cent, at minimum, the uniform allowance for first year em-
8 ployees and by 50 percent, at minimum, the annual allow-
9 ance for all other employees.

10 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
11 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
12 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
13 835 the following new item:

“Sec. 836. Requirements to buy certain items related to national security inter-
ests.”.

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