

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2826

To require a report evaluating an expansion of the mission of the Joint Interagency Taskforce South to provide additional resources to combat the illegal trafficking of firearms from the United States to the Caribbean, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 10, 2025

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK (for herself and Mr. BELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Caribbean Anti-Smug-
5 gling of Trafficked Arms Act” or the “CAST Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT REQUIRED.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
3 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
4 fense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, the Sec-
5 retary of Homeland Security, and in coordination with the
6 head of any other Federal department or agency deter-
7 mined necessary by the Secretary of Defense, shall submit
8 a report to the appropriate congressional committees that
9 includes—

10 (1) a description and assessment of the feasi-
11 bility of an expansion of the mission of the Joint
12 Interagency Taskforce South to include combatting
13 illicit arms trafficking in the Caribbean region;

14 (2) a summary of any required adjustments to
15 existing treaties, status of forces agreements, or
16 memoranda of agreement necessary to carry out
17 such an expansion;

18 (3) the cost of such an expansion of the addi-
19 tional resources required for such an expansion;

20 (4) a report on force depletion; and

21 (5) an assessment of the additional coordination
22 efforts needed between Joint Interagency Taskforce
23 South and any international, regional, Federal,
24 State, or local law enforcement agencies to under-
25 take such expanded mission.

1 (b) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

2 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
3 gressional committees” means—

4 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
5 Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee
6 on Homeland Security of the House of Representa-
7 tives; and

8 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
9 Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee
10 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of
11 the Senate.

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