

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To require the Secretary of Defense to identify certain aircraft shelters for aviation assets in the Indo-Pacific region and submit a plan to make improvements to such shelters, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RUBIO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Deterring Chinese Pre-
5 emptive Strikes Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN AIRCRAFT**
2 **SHELTERS FOR AVIATION ASSETS IN INDO-**
3 **PACIFIC REGION.**

4 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT SHELTERS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
6 shall conduct a classified survey to identify each
7 United States aircraft shelter in the Indo-Pacific re-
8 gion, including in the First, Second, and Third Is-
9 land Chains, that—

10 (A) is responsible for responding to aggres-
11 sion by the People’s Republic of China against
12 Taiwan; and

13 (B) has not been improved to mitigate
14 damage to aircraft in the event of a missile,
15 aerial drone, or other form of attack by the
16 People’s Republic of China.

17 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after
18 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
19 of Defense shall submit to the appropriate commit-
20 tees of Congress a report on the results of the sur-
21 vey under paragraph (1).

22 (b) PLAN.—Not later than 60 days after the date on
23 which the report required by paragraph (2) of subsection
24 (a) is submitted, the Secretary of Defense shall submit
25 to the appropriate committees of Congress a plan to imple-
26 ment improvements to the shelters identified under that

1 subsection so as to increase aircraft survivability in the
2 event of a missile, aerial drone, or other form of attack
3 by the People’s Republic of China.

4 (c) FORM.—The report and plan required by this sec-
5 tion shall be submitted in classified form.

6 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
7 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
8 tees of Congress” means—

9 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
10 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on
11 Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

12 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
13 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on
14 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.