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Purpose: To require a review of servicemembers abroad.	the legal preparedness for
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To authorize appropriations for fis	scal year 2024 for military
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1 At the end of subtitle G	of title XII, add the fol-
2 lowing:	
3 SEC. 1299L. LEGAL PREPAREDNI	ESS FOR SERVICEMEMBERS
4 ABROAD.	
5 (a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—	-Not later than December
6 31, 2024, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the	
7 Secretary of Defense, shall—	
8 (1) review the 10 la	rgest foreign countries by
9 United States Armed For	rces presence and evaluate

local legal systems, protections afforded by bilateral

- 2 1 agreements between the United States and countries 2 being evaluated, and how the rights and privileges 3 afforded under such agreements may differ from 4 United States law; and 5 (2) brief the Committee on Armed Services and 6 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of 7 Representatives and the Committee on Armed Serv-8 ices and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the 9 Senate on the findings of the review. 10 (b) Training Required.—The Secretary of Defense 11 shall review and improve as necessary training and educational materials for members of the Armed Forces, their spouses, and dependents, as appropriate, who are stationed in a country reviewed pursuant to subsection (a)(1) regarding relevant foreign laws, how such foreign laws may differ from the laws of the United States, and the rights of accused in common scenarios under such foreign 18 laws.
- 19 (c) Translation Standards and Readiness.— 20 The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall review foreign language standards 22 for servicemembers and employees of the Department of Defense and Department of State who are responsible for providing foreign language translation services in situations involving foreign law enforcement where a service-

- 1 member may be being detained, to ensure such persons
- 2 maintain an appropriate proficiency in the legal termi-
- 3 nology and meaning of essential terms in a relevant lan-
- 4 guage.