

**(d) Office of Global Policy and Strategy of the Food and Drug Administration****(1) In general**

It is the sense of Congress that the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration should seek to explore collaboration with Israel through the Office of Global Policy and Strategy.

**(2) Report**

Not later than one year after January 1, 2021, the Commissioner, acting through the head of the Office of Global Policy and Strategy, shall submit a report describing the benefits to the United States and to Israel of opening an office in Israel for the Office of Global Policy and Strategy to—

- (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;
- (B) the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate;
- (C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; and
- (D) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives.

**(e) United States-Israel Energy Center**

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Energy \$4,000,000 for fiscal year 2021 to carry out the activities of the United States-Israel Energy Center established pursuant to section 17337(d) of title 42.

**(f) United States-Israel Binational Industrial Research and Development Foundation**

It is the sense of Congress that grants to promote covered energy projects conducted by, or in conjunction with, the United States-Israel Binational Industrial Research and Development Foundation should be funded at not less than \$2,000,000 annually under section 17337(b) of title 42.

**(g) Omitted****(h) Annual policy dialogue**

It is the sense of Congress that the Department of Transportation and Israel's Ministry of Transportation should engage in an annual policy dialogue to implement the 2016 Memorandum of Cooperation signed by the Secretary of Transportation and the Israeli Minister of Transportation.

**(i) Cooperation on space exploration and science initiatives**

The Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall continue to work with the Israel Space Agency to identify and cooperatively pursue peaceful space exploration and science initiatives in areas of mutual interest, taking all appropriate measures to protect sensitive information, intellectual property, trade secrets, and economic interests of the United States.

**(j) Research and development cooperation relating to desalination technology**

Not later than one year after January 1, 2021, the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy shall submit a report that describes research and development cooperation with international partners, such as the State of

Israel, in the area of desalination technology in accordance with section 9(b)(3) of the Water Desalination Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 10301 note) to—

- (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;
- (2) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate;
- (3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; and
- (4) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives.

**(k) Research and treatment of posttraumatic stress disorder**

It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs should seek to explore collaboration between the Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Centers of Excellence and Israeli institutions with expertise in researching and treating posttraumatic stress disorder.

(Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title XII, §1280A, Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3982.)

**Editorial Notes**

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 9(b)(3) of the Water Desalination Act of 1996, referred to in subsec. (j), is section 9(b)(3) of Pub. L. 104-298, which is set out in a note under section 10301 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

## CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 1280A of Pub. L. 116-283. Subsec. (g) of section 1280A of Pub. L. 116-283 amended section 8606 of this title.

Section was enacted as part of the United States-Israel Security Assistance Authorization Act of 2020 and also as part of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, and not as part of the United States-Israel Enhanced Security Cooperation Act of 2012 which comprises this chapter.

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**§ 8701. Definitions**

Except as otherwise specifically provided, in this Act:

**(1) Appropriate congressional committees**

The term “appropriate congressional committees” has the meaning given that term in section 14 of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-172; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note).

**(2) Financial transaction**

The term “financial transaction” means any transfer of value involving a financial institution, including the transfer of forwards, futures, options, swaps, or precious metals, including gold, silver, platinum, and palladium.

**(3) Knowingly**

The term “knowingly” has the meaning given that term in section 14 of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-172; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note).

**(4) United States person**

The term “United States person” has the meaning given that term in section 8511 of this title.

(Pub. L. 112-158, § 2, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1216.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 112-158, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1214, known as the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out below and Tables.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 112-158, § 1(a), Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1214, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter and sections 8513b, 8514a, and 8514b of this title, amending sections 8511, 8513, 8513a, 8518, 8532, 8551 of this title, section 78m of Title 15, Commerce and Trade, and section 1610 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure, enacting provisions set out as notes under this section and sections 8513 and 8513a of this title, section 78m of Title 15, and section 1701 of Title 50, War and National Defense, and amending provisions set out as notes under section 1610 of Title 28 and section 1701 of Title 50] may be cited as the ‘Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012’.”

Pub. L. 112-158, title VII, § 701, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1265, provided that: “This title [enacting subchapter VII of this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Syria Human Rights Accountability Act of 2012’.”

REPORT ON USE BY IRAN OF FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH SANCTIONS RELIEF

Pub. L. 114-113, div. M, title V, § 514, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2926, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—At the times specified in subsection (b), the Director of National Intelligence, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report assessing the following:

“(1) The monetary value of any direct or indirect forms of sanctions relief that Iran has received since the Joint Plan of Action first entered into effect.

“(2) How Iran has used funds made available through sanctions relief, including the extent to which any such funds have facilitated the ability of Iran—

“(A) to provide support for—

“(i) any individual or entity designated for the imposition of sanctions for activities relating to international terrorism pursuant to an executive