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Purpose: To require a study on small arms and ammunition acquisition.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN

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1 At the end of subtitle E of title VIII, add the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SEC. 888. STUDY ON ARMY SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION**
4 **ACQUISITION.**

5 (a) STUDY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
8 of Defense shall enter into a contract with a Feder-
9 ally Funded Research and Development Center to
10 conduct a study on the Army's acquisition of small

1 arms and ammunition to determine each of the fol-
2 lowing:

3 (A) A comparative evaluation of the cur-
4 rent military small arms in use by United
5 States general purpose and special operations
6 forces, allied foreign militaries, and those poten-
7 tial candidate small arms not necessarily in use
8 militarily but available commercially.

9 (B) An assessment of the Department of
10 Defense's current plans to modernize its small
11 arms capabilities.

12 (C) A comparative evaluation of the
13 Army's standard small arms ammunition with
14 other small arms ammunition alternatives.

15 (2) FACTORS TO CONSIDER.—The study re-
16 quired under subsection (a) shall take into consider-
17 ation the following factors:

18 (A) Current and future operating environ-
19 ments as specified or referred to in Department
20 of Defense strategic guidance and planning doc-
21 uments.

22 (B) Modifications and improvements re-
23 cently applied to United States general purpose
24 and special operations forces small arms as well

1 as their potential for continued modification
2 and improvement.

3 (C) Industrial base impacts.

4 (3) ACCESS TO INFORMATION.—The Secretary
5 of Defense and the Secretary of the Army shall en-
6 sure that the Federally Funded Research and Devel-
7 opment Center conducting the study required under
8 subsection (a) has access to all necessary data,
9 records, analysis, personnel, and other resources nec-
10 essary to complete the study.

11 (b) REPORT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September
13 30, 2013, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to
14 the congressional defense committees a report con-
15 taining the results of the study conducted under
16 subsection (a), together with the comments of the
17 Secretary of Defense on the findings contained in
18 the study.

19 (2) CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—The report shall be in
20 unclassified form, but may contain a classified
21 annex.

22 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) The term “small arms” means—

24 (A) firearms up to but not including .50
25 caliber; and

1 (B) shotguns.

2 (2) The term “small arms ammunition” means
3 ammunition or ordnance for—

4 (A) firearms up to but not including .50
5 caliber; and

6 (B) shotguns.