SEC. ___.AFGHANISTAN SECURITY FORCES FUND.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2019 for the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund, as established by section 1513 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181; 122 Stat. 428), in the amount of $5,199,450,000.

(b) CONTINUATION OF PRIOR AUTHORITIES AND NOTICE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Funds available to the Department of Defense for the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund for fiscal year 2019 shall be subject to the conditions contained in subsections (b) through (g) of such section 1513.

(c) USE OF FUNDS.—Subsection (b)(1) of such section 1513 is amended by striking "security forces of Afghanistan" and inserting "security forces of the Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of the Interior of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan".

(d) EQUIPMENT DISPOSITION.—

(1) ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary of Defense may accept equipment that is procured using amounts in the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund authorized under this Act and is intended for transfer to the security forces of Afghanistan, but is not accepted by such security forces.

(2) CONDITIONS ON ACCEPTANCE OF EQUIPMENT.—Before accepting any equipment under the authority provided by paragraph (1), the Commander of United States forces in Afghanistan shall make a determination that the equipment was procured for the purpose of meeting requirements of the security forces of Afghanistan, as agreed to by both the Government of Afghanistan and the United States, but is no longer required by such security forces or was damaged before transfer to such security forces.

(3) ELEMENTS OF DETERMINATION.—In making a determination under paragraph (2) regarding equipment, the Commander of United States forces in Afghanistan shall consider alternatives to Secretary of Defense acceptance of the equipment. An explanation of each determination, including the basis for the determination and the alternatives considered, shall be included in the relevant quarterly report required under paragraph (5).

(4) TREATMENT AS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE STOCKS.—Equipment accepted under the authority provided by paragraph (1) may be treated as stocks of the Department of Defense upon notification to the congressional defense committees of such treatment.

(5) QUARTERLY REPORTS ON EQUIPMENT DISPOSITION.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and every 90-day period thereafter during which the authority provided by paragraph (1) is exercised, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report describing the equipment accepted under this subsection, section 1531(d) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law 113-66; 127 Stat. 938; 10 U.S.C. 2302 note), and section 1532(b) of the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113-291; 128 Stat. 3612) during the period covered by the report. Each report shall include a list of all equipment that was accepted during the period covered by the report and treated as stocks of the Department and copies of the determinations made under paragraph (2), as required by paragraph (3).

[Please note: The "Changes to Existing Law" section below sets out in red-line format how the legislative text would amend existing law.]

Section-by-Section Analysis

This proposal would authorize $5,199,450,000 for the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund (ASFF) for fiscal year (FY) 2019 and continue certain established provisions applicable to the ASFF, including use of the funds, transfer authority, and acceptance of contributions, to provide assistance to the security forces of Afghanistan, including the provision of equipment, supplies, services, training, and funds and developing the capacity of Afghanistan's security ministries to maintain an advantage over a resilient insurgency and terrorist groups seeking to maintain safe havens in Afghanistan. This topline increase is driven in large part by the Afghan Aviation Modernization Program, increased cost of aviation contractor logistical support, increased number of Afghan Special Security Forces, and various costs associated with the force manning level change.

ASFF funding is necessary to attain U.S. national objectives in Afghanistan and provide the United States contribution to an international effort to meet the funding requirements of the Afghan forces; at the NATO Summit in Warsaw in July 2016, other donor nations committed to providing $1 billion toward the annual cost of security, and the Afghan government has committed to continued increases in the amount of funding it provides. Continued ASFF authority and appropriations support the United States strategy in Afghanistan to work with Allies and partners to enable well-trained, well-equipped, and sustainable Afghan security forces to provide security in Afghanistan and continue efforts to defeat the remnants of al Qaeda, the Islamic State and other terrorist organizations to ensure Afghanistan does not again become a safe haven for terrorist groups to plan and execute attacks against United States interests. Effective Afghan forces minimize the need to reintroduce US and coalition forces to conduct counterinsurgency operations. We will continue to execute ASFF through Financial and Activity Plans and the Afghanistan Resources Oversight Council to ensure the Department of Defense and Congress maintain control and oversight over these funds.

This funding supports operations by and sustainment of Afghan National Defense and Security Forces at an authorized level of 352,000 plus 30,000 Afghan Local Police to enhance the security and stability of Afghanistan by protecting the population, fostering the rule of law, preventing the establishment of terrorist safe havens and developing a reliable long-term counterterrorism partnership with the United States.

Budget Implications: The resources reflected in the table below are funded within the FY 2019 President's Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) Budget request.

RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS ($MILLIONS)									
	FY 2019	**FY 2020**	**FY 2021**	**FY 2022**	**FY 2023**	**Appropriation From**	**Budget Activity**	**Dash-1 Line Item**	**Program Element**
ASFF	$5,199					Afghanistan Security Forces Fund	01	ASFF	

Total	$5,199					--	--	--	--

Changes to Existing Law: This proposal would amend section 1513(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 as follows:

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(b) USE OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Funds authorized to be appropriated by subsection (a) shall be available to the Secretary of Defense to provide assistance to the ~~security forces of Afghanistan~~ security forces of the Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of the Interior of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

(2) TYPES OF ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED.—Assistance provided under this section may include the provision of equipment, supplies, services, training, facility and infrastructure repair, renovation, construction, and funds.

(3) SECRETARY OF STATE CONCURRENCE.—Assistance may be provided under this section only with the concurrence of the Secretary of State.

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