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This bill directs the Department of State to establish procedures for the Organization of American States (OAS) that:

- increase the participation of elected national legislators from OAS member states in OAS activities, including activities that advance the principles of the Inter-American Democratic Charter;
- create an annual forum for the presidents of such legislatures to discuss issues of hemispheric importance, including efforts to combat corruption and defend human rights;
- permit such legislators to make presentations and provide expert advice to the OAS Secretariat, OAS Permanent Council, and OAS General Assembly; and
- strengthen OAS Secretariat programs that provide technical assistance for legislative modernization.

The State Department shall:

- carry out diplomatic efforts to secure political and financial support for such procedures, and
- submit to Congress a strategy for supporting OAS anti-corruption and human rights promotion efforts.

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