

# **H.R. 2500—FY20 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BILL**

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# DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS

## TITLE III—OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

### LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

#### SUBTITLE B—ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

##### Section 3xx—Transfer Authority for Funding of Study and Assessment on Health Implications of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination in Drinking Water by Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

This section would amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91) by extending the transfer authority for funding the study and assessment on health implications of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances contamination in drinking water by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

## TITLE IV—MILITARY PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATIONS

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#### SUBTITLE A—ACTIVE FORCES

##### Section 401—End Strengths for Active Forces

This section would authorize the following end strengths for Active Duty personnel of the Armed Forces as of September 30, 2020:

	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>		<b>Change from</b>	
<b>Service</b>	<b>Authorized</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Committee Recommendation</b>	<b>FY 2020 Request</b>	<b>FY 2019 Authorized</b>
Army	487,500	480,000	480,000	0	-7,500
Navy	335,400	340,500	340,500	0	5,100
USMC	186,100	186,200	186,200	0	100
Air Force	329,100	332,800	332,800	0	3,700
DOD Total	1,338,100	1,339,500	1,339,500	0	1,400

The committee is aware the Army will not meet the Active end strength of 487,500 required by section 402 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115-232) and is expected to attain an end strength of only 478,000, 9,500 less than required. The President’s budget request for the Army Active end strength for fiscal year 2020 is 480,000. This is 7,500 below the Public Law 115-232 requirement. The committee notes that



although the Army recently determined it could only increase the Active end strength by 2,000 per year, Army leadership has stated that, based on requirements, the Army intends to grow to approximately 500,000 soldiers.

#### Section 402—Revisions in Permanent Active Duty End Strength Minimum Levels

This section would establish new minimum Active Duty end strengths for the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force as of September 30, 2020. The committee recommends 480,000 as the minimum Active Duty end strength for the Army, 340,500 as the minimum Active Duty end strength for the Navy, 186,200 as the minimum Active Duty end strength for the Marine Corps, and 332,800 as the minimum Active Duty end strength for the Air Force.

#### SUBTITLE B—RESERVE FORCES

#### Section 411—End Strengths for Selected Reserve

This section would authorize the following end strengths for Selected Reserve personnel, including the end strength for Reserves on Active Duty in support of the Reserves, as of September 30, 2020:

	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>		<b>Change from</b>	
<b>Service</b>	<b>Authorized</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Committee Recommendation</b>	<b>FY 2020 Request</b>	<b>FY 2019 Authorized</b>
Army National Guard	343,500	336,000	336,000	0	-7,500
Army Reserve	199,500	189,500	189,500	0	-10,000
Navy Reserve	59,100	59,000	59,000	0	-100
Marine Corps Reserve	38,500	38,500	38,500	0	0
Air National Guard	107,100	107,700	107,700	0	600
Air Force Reserve	70,000	70,100	70,100	0	100
DOD Total	817,700	800,800	800,800	0	-16,900
Coast Guard Reserve	7,000	7,000	7,000	0	0

#### Section 412—End Strengths for Reserves on Active Duty in Support of the Reserves

This section would authorize the following end strengths for Reserves on Active Duty in support of the Reserves as of September 30, 2020:

	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>		<b>Change from</b>	
<b>Service</b>	<b>Authorized</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Committee Recommendation</b>	<b>FY 2020 Request</b>	<b>FY 2019 Authorized</b>
Army National Guard	30,595	30,595	30,595	0	0

Army Reserve	16,386	16,511	16,511	0	125
Navy Reserve	10,110	10,155	10,155	0	45
Marine Corps Reserve	2,261	2,386	2,386	0	125
Air National Guard	19,861	22,637	22,637	0	2,776
Air Force Reserve	3,849	4,431	4,431	0	582
DOD Total	83,062	86,715	86,715	0	3,653

### Section 413—End Strengths for Military Technicians (Dual Status)

This section would authorize the following end strengths for military technicians (dual status) as of September 30, 2020:

	FY 2019	FY 2020		Change from	
Service	Authorized	Request	Committee Recommendation	FY 2020 Request	FY 2019 Authorized
Army National Guard	22,294	22,294	22,294	0	0
Army Reserve	6,492	6,492	6,492	0	0
Air National Guard	18,969	13,573	13,573	0	-5,396
Air Force Reserve	8,880	8,848	8,848	0	-32
DOD Total	56,635	51,207	51,207	0	-5,428

### Section 414—Maximum Number of Reserve Personnel Authorized To Be on Active Duty for Operational Support

This section would authorize, as required by section 115(b) of title 10, United States Code, the maximum number of Reserve Component personnel who may be on Active Duty or full-time National Guard duty during fiscal year 2020 to provide operational support. The personnel authorized here do not count against the end strengths authorized by section 401 or section 412 of this Act unless the duration on Active Duty exceeds the limitations in section 115(b)(2) of title 10, United States Code.

	FY 2019	FY 2020		Change from	
Service	Authorized	Request	Committee Recommendation	FY 2020 Request	FY 2019 Authorized
Army National Guard	17,000	17,000	17,000	0	0
Army Reserve	13,000	13,000	13,000	0	0
Navy Reserve	6,200	6,200	6,200	0	0
Marine Corps Reserve	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0

Air National Guard	16,000	16,000	16,000	0	0
Air Force Reserve	14,000	14,000	14,000	0	0
DOD Total	69,200	69,200	69,200	0	0

## TITLE V—MILITARY PERSONNEL POLICY

### LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

#### SUBTITLE A—REGULAR COMPONENT MANAGEMENT

##### Section 5xx—Management Policies for Joint Qualified Officers

This section would amend section 661 of title 10, United States Code, to allow the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to delegate the approval authority for non-Joint Qualified Officers to fill critical joint duty assignments, thus allowing the Chairman's designee to approve or disapprove waivers.

##### Section 5xx—Deferred Deployment for Members Who Give Birth

This section would amend section 701 of title 10, United States Code, to standardize new mother deployment deferral policy across the military services, to include the Coast Guard.

##### Section 5xx—Repeal of Quarterly Report on End Strengths

This section would repeal paragraph (3) of section 115(e) of title 10, United States Code, to remove the requirement for the Secretary of Defense to notify the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives whenever the Secretary establishes an end-of-quarter strength level pursuant to section 115(e)(2)(A) or modifies a strength level pursuant to section 115(e)(2)(B).

#### SUBTITLE B—RESERVE COMPONENT MANAGEMENT

##### Section 5xx—Repeal of Requirement for Review of Certain Army Reserve Officer Unit Vacancy Promotions by Commanders of Associated Active Duty Units

This section would repeal section 1113 of the Army National Guard Combat Readiness Reform Act of 1992 (10 U.S.C. 10105 note) to repeal the requirement for the commander of an Active Duty unit associated with an Army Selected Reserve unit to review promotion recommendations for unit vacancy promotions.

Section 5xx—Authority to Defer Mandatory Separation at Age 68 of Officers in  
Medical Specialties in the Reserve Components of the Armed Forces

This section would amend section 14703 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary concerned to retain Reserve Component medical specialty officers beyond the age of 68.

Section 5xx—Authority of Promotion Boards to Recommend that Officers of  
Particular Merit Be Placed Higher on Promotion List

This section would amend sections 14108, 14109, and 14308 of title 10, United States Code, to allow for Reserve Component promotion selection boards to recommend placing an officer on the reserve active-status list higher on a promotion list based on particular merit, if at least a majority of the promotion selection board members so recommend.

Section 5xx—Records of Service for Reserves

This section would require the Secretary of Defense to establish and implement a standard record of service for members of the Reserve Component that summarizes the record of service of the service member including dates of Active Duty service.

SUBTITLE C—GENERAL SERVICE AUTHORITIES AND CORRECTION OF MILITARY  
RECORDS

Section 5xx—Prohibition on Reduction in the Number of Personnel Assigned to  
Duty with a Service Review Agency

This section would amend section 1559(a) of title 10, United States Code, by extending the date on prohibition on reducing the number of personnel assigned to duty with a service review agency from December 31, 2019, to December 31, 2025. This section would also require a report by each Secretary of each military department that details a plan to reduce the backlog of applications and maintain resources required to meet timelines under section 1557 of title 10, United States Code.

SUBTITLE D—MILITARY JUSTICE

Section 5xx—Consultation Regarding Victim's Preference in Prosecution  
Jurisdiction

This section would require the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, to issue guidance to

ensure that sexual assault victims' preference for prosecution jurisdiction is recorded.

#### Section 5xx—Command Influence

This section would amend section 837 of title 10, United States Code (article 37 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), to prohibit convening authorities and commanding officers from interfering with access and influencing witnesses, and would expressly allow convening authorities and commanding officers to engage in communications with subordinates that do not jeopardize the fairness of military judicial proceedings.

#### Section 5xx—Extension and Expansion of Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces

This section would extend the Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault (DAC-IPAD) for an additional 5 years past its original expiration date. This section would also expand DAC-IPAD's scope of review to cover restorative justice models and interpretation of the Rules for Courts-Martial 1001(c).

#### Section 5xx—Consideration of Application for Transfer for a Student of a Military Service Academy Who Is the Victim of a Sexual Assault or Related Offense

This section would amend sections 7461, 8480, and 9461 of title 10 United States Code, and would direct the military service secretaries to establish regulations, based on guidelines provided by the Secretary of Defense, for the timely consideration of an application for transfer of a military service academy student who is the victim of a sexual assault or related offense.

#### Section 5xx—Safe-to-Report Policy Applicable to Military Service Academies

This section would require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the military service secretaries, to prescribe regulations for the implementation of a safe-to-report policy which would allow alleged sexual assault victims at military service academies, who may have committed minor collateral misconduct, an opportunity to report an occurrence of sexual assault without fear of discipline.

#### Section 5xx—Expansion of Special Victims' Counsel for Victims of Sex-Related or Domestic Violence Offenses

This section would expand the Special Victims' Counsel program to cover eligible domestic violence victims and designate Special Victims' Counsel Paralegals. This section would also require expansion of the Special Victims' Counsel program not later than 2 years post-enactment and would require a report,

due not later than December 1, 2022, on how the military services are meeting Special Victims' Counsel program requirements.

#### Section 5xx—Statute of Limitations for Certain Offenses

This section would amend section 843 of title 10, United States Code (article 43 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), to eliminate the statute of limitations for the offenses of maiming and kidnapping of a child.

#### Section 5xx—Notification of Issuance of Military Protective Order to Civilian Law Enforcement

This section would amend section 1567a of title 10, United States Code, to require unit commanders to notify civilian authorities of the issuance of a military protective order against a member of the Armed Forces, and would require unit commanders to notify a receiving unit of the issuance of a military protective order in the event a member is transferred to another unit. This section would also require the Secretary of Defense, not later than March 1, 2020, and each year thereafter through 2024, to submit a report to the congressional defense committees identifying the number of military protective orders issued and the number of military protective orders reported to the appropriate civilian authorities in the preceding calendar year in which the report was submitted.

#### Section 5xx—Increase in Investigative Personnel and Victim Witness Assistance Program Liaisons

This section would require military service secretaries to ensure personnel authorizations for criminal investigators allow for the completion of investigations of sex-related offenses in no more than 6 months, to the extent practicable. This section would require service secretaries to issue guidance requiring criminal investigators to submit a status report to their direct supervisor in the event an investigation exceeds 90 days. This section would also require military service secretaries to increase the number of personnel serving as Victim Witness Assistance Program liaisons to address personnel shortages.

#### Section 5xx—Guidelines on Sentences for Offenses Committed under the Uniform Code of Military Justice

This section would require the Secretary of Defense to establish non-binding sentencing guidelines for offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, taking into account sentencing data collected by the Military Justice Review Panel.

## Section 5xx—Revision of Workplace and Gender Relations Surveys

This section would amend section 481 of title 10, United States Code, to update the Armed Forces Workplace and Gender Relations Surveys and the Department of Defense Civilian Employee Workplace and Gender Relations Survey to require solicitation of information of the types and frequency of unwanted sexual contact that have occurred during the preceding year.

## SUBTITLE E—OTHER LEGAL MATTERS

### Section 5xx—Military Orders Required for Termination of Leases Pursuant to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act

This section would amend section 3955 of title 50, United States Code, to clarify that, in the context of terminating residential or motor vehicle leases, military orders for a permanent change of station include separation or retirement orders.

## SUBTITLE F—MEMBER EDUCATION, TRAINING, RESILIENCE, AND TRANSITION

### Section 5xx—Redesignation of the Commandant of the United States Air Force Institute of Technology as the Director and Chancellor of Such Institute

This section would amend section 9414b of title 10, United States Code, to redesignate the Commandant of the United States Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) as the Director and Chancellor of AFIT.

### Section 5xx—Eligibility of Additional Enlisted Members for Associate Degree Programs of the Community College of the Air Force

This section would amend section 9415 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) to award associate degrees to enlisted members of services other than the Air Force who are participating in CCAF affiliated joint-service training and education courses.

### Section 5xx—Degree Granting Authority for United States Army Armament Graduate School

This section would amend chapter 751 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the United States Army Armament Graduate School to confer appropriate degrees upon graduates who meet the degree requirements.

## SUBTITLE H—DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

### Section 5xx—Expansion of Gold Star Lapel Button Eligibility to Stepsiblings; Free Replacement

This section would amend section 1126 of title 10, United States Code, to extend the authority for the Secretary of Defense to provide a gold star lapel button to stepsiblings of deceased military service members. Additionally, it would allow the Department of Defense to replace the lapel button upon application and without cost to an eligible family member.

### Section 5xx—Review of World War I Valor Medals

This section would direct the Department of Defense to review the service records of certain African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, Jewish American, and Native American war veterans to ensure that minority service members are appropriately recognized for their valorous service.

### Section 5xx—Establishment of the Atomic Veterans Service Medal

This section would authorize the creation of the Atomic Veterans Service Medal, to be awarded to radiation-exposed veterans.

## SUBTITLE I—MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

### Section 5xx—Inclusion of Specific Email Address Block on Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214)

This section would modify the certificate of release or discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) by adding an email address block.

### Section 5xx—Meetings of Officials of the Department of Defense with Survivors of Deceased Members of the Armed Forces

This section would direct the Secretary of Defense to establish procedures to ensure that each of the military departments identify surviving family members of fallen service members to meet periodically with their respective military service chiefs to provide feedback on surviving family member issues and concerns. In addition, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness shall meet periodically with surviving family members to help inform Department of Defense casualty and Gold Star Family policy. This section would also require the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to provide a briefing to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives not later than April 1, 2020, on procedures established and the results of the meetings with the family members.



## Section 5xx—Strategic Plan for Diversity and Inclusion

This section would require the Secretary of Defense to update and implement the Department of Defense Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan. The plan will cover a 5-year period beginning January 1, 2020.

## Section 5xx—Congressional Nominations for Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Scholarships

This section would allow the Secretary of the Army to consider any candidate nominated but not selected for appointment to the United States Military Academy by Members of Congress or officials from U.S. Territories to be considered for appointment as a Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadet under section 2107 of title 10, United States Code.

## Section 5xx—Recoupment of Funds from Cadets and Midshipmen Separated for Criminal Misconduct

This section would direct each Secretary of a military department to develop regulations that would require monetary recoupment from a service academy cadet or midshipman convicted of criminal misconduct, regardless of academic year.

## Section 5xx—Sense of Congress Regarding Accession Physicals

This section would express the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should explore alternatives to centralized accession physicals at United States Military Entrance Processing Command stations, including conducting physicals in the local community, in order to reduce transportation costs and improve efficiency in processing times and free up recruiters to allow them to focus on their core recruiting mission.

# TITLE VI—COMPENSATION AND OTHER PERSONNEL BENEFITS

## LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

### SUBTITLE A—PAY AND ALLOWANCES

## Section 6xx—Partial Dislocation Allowance

This section would amend sections 452 and 477 of title 37, United States Code, to allow service members to receive a partial dislocation allowance if they are ordered to vacate dormitories.

## Section 6xx—Basic Needs Allowance for Low-Income Regular Members

This section would amend section 402 of title 37, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to pay a basic needs allowance to a qualified service member.

## Section 6xx—Basic Allowance for Housing for a Member without Dependents when Relocation would Financially Disadvantage the Member

This section would allow the Secretaries of the military departments discretionary authority to authorize a housing allowance based on the old homeport or permanent duty station for single members disadvantaged as a result of a unit's change of homeport or permanent duty station, as long as the member had orders returning to the previous homeport or duty station.

## Section 6xx—Temporary Increase of Rates of Basic Allowance for Housing Following Determination that Local Civilian Housing Costs Significantly Exceed Such Rates

This section would amend section 403(b) of title 37, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to prescribe a temporary adjustment of the basic allowance for housing rates for a housing area where the actual costs of adequate housing differ from the calculated rates of housing for that area as determined by the Secretary.

## SUBTITLE B—BONUSES AND SPECIAL AND INCENTIVE PAYS

### Section 6xx—One-Year Extension of Certain Expiring Bonus and Special Pay Authorities

This section would extend, through December 31, 2020, income replacement payments for Reserve Component members experiencing extended and frequent mobilization for Active Duty service; would extend two critical recruitment and retention incentive programs for Reserve Component health care professionals; would extend accession and retention incentives for nuclear-qualified officers; and would extend the consolidated special and incentive pay authorities.

## SUBTITLE C—DISABILITY, RETIRED PAY, AND SURVIVOR BENEFITS

### Section 6xx—Payment of Transitional Compensation for Certain Dependents

This section would amend section 1059 of title 10, United States Code, to close an inequitable gap that delays commencement of transitional compensation to a small subset of dependents or former dependents who request the Secretary concerned to authorize exceptional eligibility for transitional compensation.

## SUBTITLE D—OTHER MATTERS

### Section 6xx—GAO Review of Defense Resale Optimization Study

This section would require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review and submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives regarding the business case analysis performed as part of the defense resale optimization report titled "Study to Determine the Feasibility of Consolidation of the Defense Resale Entities," dated December 4, 2018. The consolidation of defense resale entities would be delayed until the report is received and accepted.

### Section 6xx—Improvements to Child Care for Members of the Armed Forces

This section would amend section 1798(a) of title 10, United States Code, to authorize financial assistance to civilian child care providers who care for the children of survivors of members who die in the line of duty and to expand direct hiring authority for child care providers. Additionally, this section would direct the Secretary of Defense to assess and report on:

- (1) the financial assistance provided service members for child care,
- (2) the child care capacity on military installations to ensure access of service members, and
- (3) the accessibility of Department of Defense websites related to child care and spousal employment.

The Secretary of Defense shall also ensure the portability to another Department of Defense facility of background investigations and training certifications for childcare providers.

### Section 6XX—Modification to Authority to Reimburse for State Licensure and Certification Costs of a Spouse of a Member Arising from Relocation

This section would require the Secretary concerned to increase the maximum reimbursement amount to \$1,000 and to do an analysis to determine if the maximum reimbursement amount for State licensure and certifications of a spouse is sufficient to cover the average costs of relicensing.

### Section 6xx—Expansion of Authority to Provide Financial Assistance to Civilian Providers of Child Care Services or Youth Program Services Who Provide Such Services to Survivors of Members of the Armed Forces Who Die in Line of Duty

This section would amend section 1798 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize financial assistance to civilian providers of child care services or youth program services to survivors of members of the Armed Forces who die in the line of duty.

## Section 6xx—Continued Eligibility for Education and Training Opportunities for Spouses of Promoted Members

This section would extend the eligibility for any spouse who is eligible for the My Career Advancement Account program and begins a course of study leading toward a qualifying degree, license, or certification, and would ensure they will not be subsequently made ineligible to complete their studies solely because the sponsoring service member has been promoted to a higher grade.

# TITLE VII—HEALTH CARE PROVISIONS

## LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

### SUBTITLE A—TRICARE AND OTHER HEALTH CARE BENEFITS

#### Section 7xx—Lead Level Screenings and Testings for Children

This section would amend section 1077 of title 10, United States Code, by including lead level testing in the TRICARE program for children meeting specific criteria, and would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the congressional defense committees not later than January 1, 2021, detailing de-identified information regarding lead level screening in children. This section would also require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report to the congressional defense committees by January 1, 2022, on the effectiveness of the Department of Defense lead screening program for children.

### SUBTITLE B—HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

#### Section 7xx—Study on Case Management at Military Medical Treatment Facilities

This section would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on the effectiveness of case management practices at military medical treatment facilities and to provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

#### Section 7xx—Limitation on the Realignment or Reduction of Military Medical Manning End Strength

This section would prohibit the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the military departments from realigning or reducing military medical end strength until the Secretary of Defense submits a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on whether specific conditions and analyses related to the provision of health care services have been completed.

#### Section 7XX—Officers Authorized to Command Army Dental Units

This section would amend section 7081(d) of title 10, United States Code, to remove the requirement of having a Dental Corps Officer command dental units.

#### Section 7xx—Requirements for Certain Prescription Drug Labels

This section would amend section 1074g of title 10, United States Code, to clarify that drugs made available through military treatment facilities include labels that are printed with specific directions for the purposes for which the drug is intended.

### SUBTITLE C—REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

#### Section 7xx—Reports on Suicide among Members of the Armed Forces

This section would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a review and submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on suicide among members of the Armed Forces and provide specific metrics related to the effectiveness of suicide prevention initiatives.

#### Section 7xx—Study on Military-Civilian Integrated Health Delivery Systems

This section would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on the use of local military-civilian integrated health delivery systems in specific geographic areas where military medical treatment facilities have existing contractual relationships with local civilian health care networks.

#### Section 7xx—Exposure to Open Burn Pits and Toxic Airborne Chemicals or Other Airborne Contaminants as Part of Periodic Health Assessments and Other Physical Examinations

This section would ensure periodic health assessments and physical examinations provided by the Department of Defense include specific information related to exposure to burn pits, toxic airborne chemicals, and other airborne contaminants. This information would also be shared between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veteran Affairs.

#### Section 7xx—Encouragement of Participation in Women's Health Transition Training Pilot Program

This section would require the Secretaries of the military departments to encourage participation in the Women's Health Transition Training pilot program administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and would require the

Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives by September 30, 2020, assessing the pilot program.

Section 7xx—Provision of Blood Testing for Firefighters of Department of Defense to Determine Exposure to Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

This section would require the Secretary of Defense to provide blood testing for each Department of Defense firefighter during the annual physical exam to determine and document potential exposure to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

Section 7xx—Comprehensive Policy for Provision of Mental Health Care to Members of the Armed Forces

This section would require the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, to develop and implement a comprehensive policy for the provision of mental health care to members of the Armed Forces. This section would also require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act on implementation of the policy.

Section 7xx—Study on Infertility among Members of the Armed Forces

This section would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on infertility among service members of the Armed Forces and provide a report on the study to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Section 7xx—National Guard Suicide Prevention Pilot Program

This section would authorize the Chief of the National Guard Bureau to carry out a pilot program to expand suicide prevention and intervention efforts at the community level through the utilization of smartphone and other handheld applications to provide in-the-moment support to service members.

Section 7xx—Inclusion of Blast Exposure History in Medical Records of Members of the Armed Forces

This section would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military departments, to ensure blast pressure exposure history is included in the military medical records of members of the Armed Forces, and submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the data requirements regarding blast pressure

exposure information included in the military medical records of members of the Armed Forces.

## **TITLE XIV—OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS**

### **LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS**

#### **SUBTITLE C—OTHER MATTERS**

Section 14xx—Authority for Transfer of Funds to Joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund for Captain James A. Lovell Health Care Center, Illinois

This section would authorize the Department of Defense to transfer funds from the Defense Health Program into Joint Department of Defense–Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund for the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center.

Section 14xx—Authorization of Appropriations for Armed Forces Retirement Home

This section would authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 from the Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund in the amount of \$64.3 million for the operation of the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

## **DIVISION B—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATIONS**

### **TITLE XXVIII—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS**

##### **SUBTITLE B—MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING REFORMS**

Section 28xx—Development of Process to Identify and Address Environmental Health Hazards in Department of Defense Housing

This section would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military departments, to develop a process to identify, record, and resolve environmental health hazards in Department of Defense housing, to include privatized housing, and to provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

## Section 28xx—Assessment of Hazards in Department of Defense Housing

This section would require the Secretary of Defense to develop an assessment tool to identify and measure health and safety hazards in Department of Defense housing, to include privatized housing, and provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives.



# **BILL LANGUAGE**

1 **SEC. 3** [69998]. **TRANSFER AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING OF**  
2 **STUDY AND ASSESSMENT ON HEALTH IMPLI-**  
3 **CATIONS OF PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL**  
4 **SUBSTANCES CONTAMINATION IN DRINKING**  
5 **WATER BY AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES**  
6 **AND DISEASE REGISTRY.**

7 Section 316(a)(2)(B)(ii) of the National Defense Au-  
8 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–  
9 91; 131 Stat. 1350), as amended by section 315(a) of the  
10 John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for  
11 Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232), is amended by  
12 striking “2019 and 2020” and inserting “2019, 2020, and  
13 2021”.

1   **SEC. 401 [log69183]. END STRENGTHS FOR ACTIVE FORCES.**

2           The Armed Forces are authorized strengths for active  
3 duty personnel as of September 30, 2020, as follows:

4           (1) The Army, 480,000.

5           (2) The Navy, 340,500.

6           (3) The Marine Corps, 186,200.

7           (4) The Air Force, 332,800.

1 **SEC. 402 [log69184]. REVISIONS IN PERMANENT ACTIVE**  
2 **DUTY END STRENGTH MINIMUM LEVELS.**

3 Section 691(b) of title 10, United States Code, is  
4 amended by striking paragraphs (1) through (4) and in-  
5 serting the following new paragraphs:

6 “(1) For the Army, 480,000.

7 “(2) For the Navy, 340,500.

8 “(3) For the Marine Corps, 186,200.

9 “(4) For the Air Force, 332,800.”.

1 **SEC. 411 [log69185]. END STRENGTHS FOR SELECTED RE-**  
2 **SERVE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Armed Forces are authorized  
4 strengths for Selected Reserve personnel of the reserve  
5 components as of September 30, 2020, as follows:

6 (1) The Army National Guard of the United  
7 States, 336,000.

8 (2) The Army Reserve, 189,500.

9 (3) The Navy Reserve, 59,000.

10 (4) The Marine Corps Reserve, 38,500.

11 (5) The Air National Guard of the United  
12 States, 107,700.

13 (6) The Air Force Reserve, 70,100.

14 (7) The Coast Guard Reserve, 7,000.

15 (b) END STRENGTH REDUCTIONS.—The end  
16 strengths prescribed by subsection (a) for the Selected Re-  
17 serve of any reserve component shall be proportionately  
18 reduced by—

19 (1) the total authorized strength of units orga-  
20 nized to serve as units of the Selected Reserve of  
21 such component which are on active duty (other  
22 than for training) at the end of the fiscal year; and

23 (2) the total number of individual members not  
24 in units organized to serve as units of the Selected

1 Reserve of such component who are on active duty  
2 (other than for training or for unsatisfactory partici-  
3 pation in training) without their consent at the end  
4 of the fiscal year.

5 (c) END STRENGTH INCREASES.—Whenever units or  
6 individual members of the Selected Reserve of any reserve  
7 component are released from active duty during any fiscal  
8 year, the end strength prescribed for such fiscal year for  
9 the Selected Reserve of such reserve component shall be  
10 increased proportionately by the total authorized strengths  
11 of such units and by the total number of such individual  
12 members.

1 **SEC. 412 [log69186]. END STRENGTHS FOR RESERVES ON**  
2 **ACTIVE DUTY IN SUPPORT OF THE RE-**  
3 **SERVES.**

4 Within the end strengths prescribed in section  
5 411(a), the reserve components of the Armed Forces are  
6 authorized, as of September 30, 2020, the following num-  
7 ber of Reserves to be serving on full-time active duty or  
8 full-time duty, in the case of members of the National  
9 Guard, for the purpose of organizing, administering, re-  
10 cruiting, instructing, or training the reserve components:

11 (1) The Army National Guard of the United  
12 States, 30,595.

13 (2) The Army Reserve, 16,511.

14 (3) The Navy Reserve, 10,155.

15 (4) The Marine Corps Reserve, 2,386.

16 (5) The Air National Guard of the United  
17 States, 22,637.

18 (6) The Air Force Reserve, 4,431.

1   **SEC. 413 [log69187]. END STRENGTHS FOR MILITARY TECH-**  
2                   **NICIANS (DUAL STATUS).**

3           The minimum number of military technicians (dual  
4 status) as of the last day of fiscal year 2020 for the re-  
5 serve components of the Army and the Air Force (notwith-  
6 standing section 129 of title 10, United States Code) shall  
7 be the following:

8           (1) For the Army National Guard of the United  
9 States, 22,294.

10          (2) For the Army Reserve, 6,492.

11          (3) For the Air National Guard of the United  
12 States, 13,573.

13          (4) For the Air Force Reserve, 8,848.



1 **SEC. 414 [log69188]. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RESERVE PER-**  
2 **SONNEL AUTHORIZED TO BE ON ACTIVE**  
3 **DUTY FOR OPERATIONAL SUPPORT.**

4 During fiscal year 2020, the maximum number of  
5 members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces  
6 who may be serving at any time on full-time operational  
7 support duty under section 115(b) of title 10, United  
8 States Code, is the following:

9 (1) The Army National Guard of the United  
10 States, 17,000.

11 (2) The Army Reserve, 13,000.

12 (3) The Navy Reserve, 6,200.

13 (4) The Marine Corps Reserve, 3,000.

14 (5) The Air National Guard of the United  
15 States, 16,000.

16 (6) The Air Force Reserve, 14,000.

1 **SEC. 5** \_\_\_\_ **[log69424]. MANAGEMENT POLICIES FOR JOINT**  
2 **QUALIFIED OFFICERS.**

3 Section 661(d)(3)(B) of title 10, United States Code,  
4 is amended in the third sentence by inserting “or a des-  
5 ignee of the Chairman who is an officer of the armed  
6 forces in grade O-8 or higher” before the period.

1 **SEC. 5** \_\_\_\_ **[[log69591]]. DEFERRED DEPLOYMENT FOR MEM-**  
2 **BERS WHO GIVE BIRTH.**

3 Section 701 of title 10, United States Code, is  
4 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
5 section:

6 “(1) A member of the armed forces who gives birth  
7 while on active duty may not be deployed during the period  
8 of 12 months beginning on the date of such birth except—

9 “(1) at the election of such member; and

10 “(2) with the approval of a health care provider  
11 employed at a military medical treatment facility.”.

1   **SEC. 5**\_\_\_\_ **[log69694]. REPEAL OF QUARTERLY REPORT ON**

2                           **END STRENGTHS.**

3           Section 115(e) of title 10, United States Code, is

4   amended by striking paragraph (3).

1   **SEC. 5**\_\_\_\_ **[log 69425]. REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT FOR RE-**  
2                           **VIEW OF CERTAIN ARMY RESERVE OFFICER**  
3                           **UNIT VACANCY PROMOTIONS BY COM-**  
4                           **MANDERS OF ASSOCIATED ACTIVE DUTY**  
5                           **UNITS.**

6       Section 1113 of the Army National Guard Combat  
7   Readiness Reform Act of 1992 (Public Law 102–484; 10  
8   U.S.C. 10105 note) is repealed.

1 **SECTION 5\_\_\_\_ [log69576]. AUTHORITY TO DEFER MANDA-**  
2 **TORY SEPARATION AT AGE 68 OF OFFICERS**  
3 **IN MEDICAL SPECIALTIES IN THE RESERVE**  
4 **COMPONENTS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

5 Section 14703(b) of title 10, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

7 (1) by striking “An” and inserting “(1) Subject  
8 to paragraph (2), an”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
10 paragraph (2):

11 “(2) The Secretary concerned may, with the consent  
12 of the officer, retain in an active status an officer in a  
13 medical specialty described in subsection (a) beyond the  
14 date described in paragraph (1) of this subsection if the  
15 Secretary concerned determines that such retention is nec-  
16 essary to the military department concerned. Each such  
17 retention shall be made on a case-by-case basis and for  
18 such period as the Secretary concerned determines appro-  
19 priate.”.

1 **SEC. 5** \_\_\_\_ **[log70047]. AUTHORITY OF PROMOTION BOARDS**  
2 **TO RECOMMEND THAT OFFICERS OF PAR-**  
3 **TICULAR MERIT BE PLACED HIGHER ON PRO-**  
4 **MOTION LIST.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 14108 of title 10, United  
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing new subsection:

8 “(f) HIGHER PLACEMENT OF OFFICERS OF PAR-  
9 TICULAR MERIT ON PROMOTION LIST.—(1) In selecting  
10 officers to be recommended for promotion, a promotion  
11 board may, when authorized by the Secretary concerned,  
12 recommend that officers of particular merit, from among  
13 those officers selected for promotion, be placed higher on  
14 the promotion list established by the Secretary under sec-  
15 tion 14308(a) of this title.

16 “(2) A promotion board may make a recommendation  
17 under paragraph (1) only if an officer receives the rec-  
18 ommendation of—

19 “(A) a majority of the members of the pro-  
20 motion board; or

21 “(B) an alternative requirement established by  
22 the Secretary concerned and furnished to the pro-  
23 motion board as part of the guidelines under section  
24 14107 of this title.

1       “(3) For officers who receive recommendations under  
2 paragraph (1), the board shall recommend the order in  
3 which those officers should be placed on the promotion  
4 list.”.

5       (b) REPORTS REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS THAT  
6 OFFICERS OF PARTICULAR MERIT BE PLACED HIGHER  
7 ON PROMOTION LIST.—Section 14109 of such title is  
8 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
9 section:

10       “(d) REPORT OF OFFICERS RECOMMENDED FOR  
11 HIGHER PLACEMENT ON PROMOTION LIST.—A pro-  
12 motion board convened under section 14101(a) of this title  
13 shall, when authorized under section 14108(f) of this title,  
14 include in its report to the Secretary concerned—

15               “(1) the names of those officers the promotion  
16 board recommends be placed higher on the pro-  
17 motion list; and

18               “(2) the order in which the promotion board  
19 recommends those officers should be placed on the  
20 promotion list.”.

21       (c) OFFICERS OF PARTICULAR MERIT APPEARING  
22 HIGHER ON PROMOTION LIST.—Section 14308(a) of such  
23 title is amended in the first sentence by inserting “or  
24 based on particular merit, as determined by the promotion  
25 board” before the period.



1 **SEC. 5**      **[log70080]. RECORDS OF SERVICE FOR RESERVES.**

2       (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than September 30,  
3 2020, the Secretary of Defense shall establish and imple-  
4 ment a standard record of service for members of the re-  
5 serve components of the Armed Forces, similar to DD  
6 Form 214, that summarizes the record of service of each  
7 such member, including dates of active duty service.

8       (b) COORDINATION.—In carrying out this section, the  
9 Secretary of Defense shall coordinate with the Secretary  
10 of Veterans Affairs to ensure that the record established  
11 under this section is acceptable as proof of service for  
12 former members of the reserve components of the Armed  
13 Forces who are eligible for benefits under laws adminis-  
14 tered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to receive such  
15 benefits.

1 **SEC. 5** \_\_\_\_ **[log69435]. PROHIBITION ON REDUCTION IN THE**  
2 **NUMBER OF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO DUTY**  
3 **WITH A SERVICE REVIEW AGENCY.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 1559(a) of title 10,  
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking “December 31, 2019” and in-  
7 serting “December 31, 2025”;

8 (2) by striking “that agency until—” and in-  
9 serting “that agency.”; and

10 (3) by striking subsections (1) and (2).

11 (b) REPORT.—

12 (1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180  
13 days after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
14 of each military department shall submit a report to  
15 the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate  
16 and House of Representatives that details a plan  
17 to—

18 (A) reduce the backlog of applications be-  
19 fore the service review agency of the military  
20 department concerned; and

21 (B) maintain the resources required to  
22 meet the timeliness standards for disposition of  
23 applications before the Corrections Boards

1 under section 1557 of title 10, United States  
2 Code, not later than October 1, 2021.

3 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report under this sub-  
4 section shall include the following:

5 (A) A description of the current backlog of  
6 applications before the service review agency of  
7 the military department concerned.

8 (B) The number of personnel required to  
9 meet the deadline described in paragraph  
10 (1)(B).

11 (C) The plan of the Secretary concerned to  
12 modernize the application and review system of  
13 the service review agency of the military depart-  
14 ment concerned.

1 **SEC. 5** \_\_\_\_ **[Log 69539]. CONSULTATION REGARDING VIC-**  
2 **TIM'S PREFERENCE IN PROSECUTION JURIS-**  
3 **DICTION.**

4 Section 534(b) of the Carl Levin and Howard P.  
5 “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for  
6 Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 10 U.S.C. 1044e  
7 note) is amended by—

8 (1) redesignating paragraphs (2) through (4) as  
9 paragraphs (3) through (5), respectively; and

10 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-  
11 lowing new paragraph (2):

12 “(2) RECORD OF CONSULTATION AND VICTIM  
13 PREFERENCE.—The Secretary of Defense, acting  
14 through the Under Secretary of Defense for Per-  
15 sonnel and Readiness, shall issue guidance to ensure  
16 that the consultation under paragraph (1) is pro-  
17 vided to each victim of an alleged sex-related offense  
18 described in such paragraph. Such guidance shall re-  
19 quire that the following information about each con-  
20 sultation is recorded and preserved in written or  
21 electronic format:

22 “(A) The time and date of the consulta-  
23 tion.

1                   “(B) The name of the individual who con-  
2                   sulted with the victim.

3                   “(C) The result of the consultation, includ-  
4                   ing—

5                   “(i) whether the victim expressed a  
6                   preference under paragraph (1); and

7                   “(ii) if the victim expressed a pref-  
8                   erence, whether the victim preferred that  
9                   the offense be prosecuted by court-martial  
10                  or in a civilian court.”.

1 **SEC. 5** \_\_\_\_ **[Log 69986]. COMMAND INFLUENCE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 837 of title 10, United  
3 States Code (article 37 of the Uniform Code of Military  
4 Justice), is amended—

5 (1) by striking “**Unlawfully influencing**  
6 **action of court**” and inserting “**Command in-**  
7 **fluence**”;

8 (2) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-  
9 lows:

10 “(a)(1) No court-martial convening authority, nor  
11 any other commanding officer, may censure, reprimand,  
12 or admonish the court or any member, military judge, or  
13 counsel thereof, with respect to the findings or sentence  
14 adjudged by the court, or with respect to any other exer-  
15 cise of its or his functions in the conduct of the pro-  
16 ceeding.

17 “(2) No court-martial convening authority, nor any  
18 other commanding officer, may deter or attempt to deter  
19 a potential witness from participating in the investigatory  
20 process or testifying at a court-martial. The denial of a  
21 request to travel at government expense or refusal to make  
22 a witness available shall not by itself constitute unlawful  
23 command influence.

1 “(3) No person subject to this chapter may attempt  
2 to coerce or, by any unauthorized means, attempt to influ-  
3 ence the action of a court-martial or any other military  
4 tribunal or any member thereof, in reaching the findings  
5 or sentence in any case, or the action of any convening,  
6 approving, or reviewing authority or preliminary hearing  
7 officer with respect to such acts taken pursuant to this  
8 chapter as prescribed by the President.

9 “(4) Paragraphs (1) through (3) shall not apply with  
10 respect to—

11 “(A) general instructional or informational  
12 courses in military justice if such courses are de-  
13 signed solely for the purpose of instructing members  
14 of a command in the substantive and procedural as-  
15 pects of courts-martial;

16 “(B) statements regarding criminal activity or a  
17 particular criminal offense that do not advocate a  
18 particular disposition, or a particular court-martial  
19 finding, or sentence; or

20 “(C) statements and instructions given in open  
21 court by the military judge or counsel.

22 “(5)(A) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) through (3),  
23 but subject to subparagraph (B)—

24 “(i) a superior convening authority or officer  
25 may generally discuss matters to consider regarding

1 the disposition of alleged violations of this chapter  
2 with a subordinate convening authority or officer;  
3 and

4 “(ii) a subordinate convening authority or offi-  
5 cer may seek advice from a superior convening au-  
6 thority or officer regarding the disposition of an al-  
7 leged offense under this chapter.

8 “(B) No superior convening authority or officer may  
9 direct a subordinate convening authority or officer to  
10 make a particular disposition in a specific case or other-  
11 wise substitute the discretion of such authority or such  
12 officer for that of the subordinate convening authority or  
13 officer.”;

14 (3) in subsection (b)—

15 (A) by striking “advanced, in grade” and  
16 inserting “advanced in grade”; and

17 (B) by striking “accused before a court-  
18 martial” and inserting “person in a court-mar-  
19 tial proceeding”; and

20 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
21 sections:

22 “(c) No finding or sentence of a court-martial may  
23 be held incorrect on the ground of a violation of this sec-  
24 tion unless the violation materially prejudices the substan-  
25 tial rights of the accused.



1 “(d)(1) A superior convening authority or com-  
2 manding officer may withhold the authority of a subordi-  
3 nate convening authority or officer to dispose of offenses  
4 in individual cases, types of cases, or generally.

5 “(2) Except as provided in paragraph (1) or as other-  
6 wise authorized by this chapter, a superior convening au-  
7 thority or commanding officer may not limit the discretion  
8 of a subordinate convening authority or officer to act with  
9 respect to a case for which the subordinate convening au-  
10 thority or officer has authority to dispose of the offenses.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
12 at the beginning subchapter VII of chapter 47 of title 10,  
13 United States Code (the Uniform Code of Military Jus-  
14 tice), is amended by striking the item relating to section  
15 837 (article 37) and inserting the following new item:

“837. Art. 37. Command influence.”.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
17 subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on the date of  
18 the enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect to  
19 violations of section 837 of title 10, United States Code  
20 (article 37 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), com-  
21 mitted on or after such date.

1 **SEC. 5** [Log 69987]. **EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF DE-**  
2 **FENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INVES-**  
3 **TIGATION, PROSECUTION, AND DEFENSE OF**  
4 **SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE ARMED FORCES.**

5 Section 546 of the Carl Levin and Howard P.  
6 “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for  
7 Fiscal Year 2015 (10 U.S.C. 1561 note) is amended—

8 (1) by amending paragraph (2) of subsection  
9 (c) to read as follows:

10 “(2) BASIS FOR PROVISION OF ADVICE.—For  
11 purposes of providing advice to the Secretary pursu-  
12 ant to this subsection, the Advisory Committee  
13 shall—

14 “(A) review, on an ongoing basis, cases in-  
15 volving allegations of sexual misconduct de-  
16 scribed in paragraph (1);

17 “(B) study the feasibility of incorporating  
18 restorative justice models into the Uniform  
19 Code of Military Justice; and

20 “(C) review Rule for Courts-Martial  
21 1001(c) (as set forth in the Manual for Courts-  
22 Martial, 2019 edition, or any successor rule) to  
23 determine whether, and to what extent, the in-  
24 terpretation of that rule by military courts—

1                   “(i) limits the ability of sexual assault  
2                   victims to make statements during  
3                   presentencing proceedings; and  
4                   “(ii) limits the content of such state-  
5                   ments.”; and  
6                   (2) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “five years”  
7                   and inserting “ten years”.

1 **SEC. 5** \_\_\_\_ **[Log 69989]. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION**  
2 **FOR TRANSFER FOR A STUDENT OF A MILI-**  
3 **TARY SERVICE ACADEMY WHO IS THE VICTIM**  
4 **OF A SEXUAL ASSAULT OR RELATED OF-**  
5 **FENSE.**

6 (a) **MILITARY ACADEMY.**—Section 7461 of title 10,  
7 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
8 following new subsection:

9 “(e) **CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR TRANS-**  
10 **FER FOR A CADET WHO IS THE VICTIM OF A SEXUAL**  
11 **ASSAULT OR RELATED OFFENSE.**—(1) The Secretary of  
12 the Army shall provide for timely determination and action  
13 on an application for consideration of a transfer to an-  
14 other military service academy submitted by a cadet who  
15 was a victim of a sexual assault or other offense covered  
16 by section 920, 920a, or 920c of this title (article 120,  
17 120a, or 120c of the Uniform Code of Military Justice)  
18 so as to reduce the possibility of retaliation against the  
19 cadet for reporting the sexual assault or other offense.

20 “(2) The Secretary of the Army shall prescribe regu-  
21 lations to carry out this subsection, within guidelines pro-  
22 vided by the Secretary of Defense that direct the Super-  
23 intendent of the Military Academy, in coordination with

1 the Superintendent of the military service academy to  
2 which the cadet wishes to transfer—

3 “(A) to approve or deny an application under  
4 this subsection not later than 72 hours after the  
5 submission of the application; and

6 “(B) to approve such application unless there  
7 are exceptional circumstances that require denial of  
8 the application.

9 “(3) If the Superintendent of the Military Academy  
10 or the Superintendent of the military service academy to  
11 which the cadet wishes to transfer denies an application  
12 under this subsection, the cadet may request review of the  
13 denial by the Secretary concerned, who shall grant or deny  
14 review not later than 72 hours after submission of the re-  
15 quest for review.

16 “(4) The Secretary concerned shall ensure that all  
17 records of any request, determination, or action under this  
18 subsection remain confidential.

19 “(5) A cadet who transfers under this subsection may  
20 retain the cadet’s appointment to the Military Academy  
21 or may be appointed to the military service academy to  
22 which the cadet transfers without regard to the limitations  
23 and requirements set forth in sections 7442, 8454, and  
24 9442 of this title.”.

1 (b) NAVAL ACADEMY.—Section 8480 of title 10,  
2 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
3 following new subsection:

4 “(e) CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR TRANS-  
5 FER FOR A MIDSHIPMAN WHO IS THE VICTIM OF A SEX-  
6 UAL ASSAULT OR RELATED OFFENSE.—(1) The Sec-  
7 retary of the Navy shall provide for timely determination  
8 and action on an application for consideration of a trans-  
9 fer to another military service academy submitted by a  
10 midshipman who was a victim of a sexual assault or other  
11 offense covered by section 920, 920a, or 920c of this title  
12 (article 120, 120a, or 120c of the Uniform Code of Mili-  
13 tary Justice) so as to reduce the possibility of retaliation  
14 against the midshipman for reporting the sexual assault  
15 or other offense.

16 “(2) The Secretary of the Navy shall prescribe regu-  
17 lations to carry out this subsection, within guidelines pro-  
18 vided by the Secretary of Defense that direct the Super-  
19 intendent of the Naval Academy, in coordination with the  
20 Superintendent of the military service academy to which  
21 the midshipman wishes to transfer—

22 “(A) to approve or deny an application under  
23 this subsection not later than 72 hours after the  
24 submission of the application; and

1           “(B) to approve such application unless there  
2           are exceptional circumstances that require denial of  
3           the application.

4           “(3) If the Superintendent of the Naval Academy or  
5           the Superintendent of the military service academy to  
6           which the midshipman wishes to transfer denies an appli-  
7           cation under this subsection, the midshipman may request  
8           review of the denial by the Secretary concerned, who shall  
9           grant or deny review not later than 72 hours after submis-  
10          sion of the request for review.

11          “(4) The Secretary concerned shall ensure that all  
12          records of any request, determination, or action under this  
13          subsection remain confidential.

14          “(5) A midshipman who transfers under this sub-  
15          section may retain the midshipman’s appointment to the  
16          Naval Academy or may be appointed to the military serv-  
17          ice academy to which the midshipman transfers without  
18          regard to the limitations and requirements set forth in sec-  
19          tions 7442, 8454, and 9442 of this title.”.

20          (c) AIR FORCE ACADEMY.—Section 9461 of title 10,  
21          United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
22          following new subsection:

23          “(e) CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR TRANS-  
24          FER FOR A CADET WHO IS THE VICTIM OF A SEXUAL  
25          ASSAULT OR RELATED OFFENSE.—(1) The Secretary of

1 the Air Force shall provide for timely determination and  
2 action on an application for consideration of a transfer  
3 to another military service academy submitted by a cadet  
4 who was a victim of a sexual assault or other offense cov-  
5 ered by section 920, 920a, or 920c of this title (article  
6 120, 120a, or 120c of the Uniform Code of Military Jus-  
7 tice) so as to reduce the possibility of retaliation against  
8 the cadet for reporting the sexual assault or other offense.

9 “(2) The Secretary of the Air Force shall prescribe  
10 regulations to carry out this subsection, within guidelines  
11 provided by the Secretary of Defense that direct the Su-  
12 perintendent of the Air Force Academy, in coordination  
13 with the Superintendent of the military service academy  
14 to which the cadet wishes to transfer—

15 “(A) to approve or deny an application under  
16 this subsection not later than 72 hours after the  
17 submission of the application; and

18 “(B) to approve such application unless there  
19 are exceptional circumstances that require denial of  
20 the application.

21 “(3) If the Superintendent of the Air Force Academy  
22 or the Superintendent of the military service academy to  
23 which the cadet wishes to transfer denies an application  
24 under this subsection, the cadet may request review of the  
25 denial by the Secretary concerned, who shall grant or deny



1 review not later than 72 hours after submission of the re-  
2 quest for review.

3 “(4) The Secretary concerned shall ensure that all  
4 records of any request, determination, or action under this  
5 subsection remain confidential.

6 “(5) A cadet who transfers under this subsection may  
7 retain the cadet’s appointment to the Air Force Academy  
8 or may be appointed to the military service academy to  
9 which the cadet transfers without regard to the limitations  
10 and requirements set forth in sections 7442, 8454, and  
11 9442 of this title.”.

1 **SEC. 5**      **[Log 69990]. SAFE-TO-REPORT POLICY APPLICA-**  
2 **BLE TO MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in con-  
4 sultation with the Secretaries of the military departments,  
5 shall prescribe in regulations a safe-to-report policy de-  
6 scribed in subsection (b) that applies with respect to ca-  
7 dets and midshipmen at the military service academies.

8 (b) SAFE-TO-REPORT POLICY.—The safe-to-report  
9 policy described in this subsection is a policy under which  
10 a cadet or midshipman at a military service academy who  
11 is the alleged victim of sexual assault, but who may have  
12 committed minor collateral misconduct at or about the  
13 time of such sexual assault, or whose minor collateral mis-  
14 conduct is discovered only as a result of the investigation  
15 into such sexual assault, may report such sexual assault  
16 to proper authorities without fear or receipt of discipline  
17 in connection with such minor collateral misconduct.

18 (c) MINOR COLLATERAL MISCONDUCT.—For pur-  
19 poses of the safe-to-report policy, minor collateral mis-  
20 conduct shall include any of the following:

- 21 (1) Improper use or possession of alcohol.
- 22 (2) Consensual intimate behavior or fraterniza-  
23 tion with another cadet or midshipman.
- 24 (3) Presence in an off-limits area.

1           (4) Such other misconduct as the Secretary of  
2       Defense shall specify in the regulations under sub-  
3       section (a).

4       (d) MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY DEFINED.—In this  
5       section, the term “military service academy” means the  
6       following:

- 7           (1) The United States Military Academy.  
8           (2) The United States Naval Academy.  
9           (3) The United States Air Force Academy.

1 **SEC. 5** \_\_\_\_ **[Log 69994]. EXPANSION OF SPECIAL VICTIMS’**  
2 **COUNSEL FOR VICTIMS OF SEX-RELATED OR**  
3 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1044e of title 10, United  
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**sex-re-**  
7 **lated**” and inserting “**sex-related or domestic**  
8 **violence**”;

9 (2) by striking “alleged sex-related offense”  
10 each place it appears and inserting “alleged sex-re-  
11 lated offense or alleged domestic violence offense”;

12 (3) in subsection (a)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “an indi-  
14 vidual described in paragraph (2)” and insert-  
15 ing “an individual described in paragraph (3)”;

16 (B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as  
17 paragraph (3); and

18 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the  
19 following new paragraph (2):

20 “(2) The Secretary concerned shall designate para-  
21 legals (to be known as ‘Special Victims’ Counsel Para-  
22 legals’) for the purpose of providing paralegal assistance  
23 to Special Victims’ Counsel.”;

1 (4) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting “or the  
2 Family Advocacy Program” after “Victim Witness  
3 Assistance Program”;

4 (5) in subsection (d)(2)—

5 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

6 (i) by striking “Special Victims’ Coun-  
7 sel” and inserting “Special Victims’ Coun-  
8 sel and a Special Victims’ Counsel Para-  
9 legal”; and

10 (ii) by striking “and” at the end;

11 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “Spe-  
12 cial Victims’ Counsel.” and inserting “and a  
13 Special Victims’ Counsel Paralegal; and”; and

14 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
15 subparagraph:

16 “(C) ensure that a Special Victims’ Counsel re-  
17 ceives the training necessary to meet the needs of a  
18 victim of an alleged sex-related offense or an alleged  
19 domestic violence offense.”;

20 (6) in subsection (f)(1), by inserting “a rep-  
21 resentative of the Family Advocacy Program,” after  
22 “Sexual Assault Victim Advocate,”;

23 (7) by amending subsection (g) to read as fol-  
24 lows:

25 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           “(1) The term ‘alleged sex-related offense’  
2 means any allegation of—

3           “(A) a violation of section 920, 920b,  
4 920c, or 930 of this title (article 120, 120b,  
5 120c, or 130 of the Uniform Code of Military  
6 Justice); or

7           “(B) an attempt to commit an offense  
8 specified in a subparagraph (A) as punishable  
9 under section 880 of this title (article 80 of the  
10 Uniform Code of Military Justice).

11          “(2) The term ‘alleged domestic violence of-  
12 fense’ means any allegation of—

13          “(A) a violation of section 928b of this  
14 title (article 128b of the Uniform Code of Mili-  
15 tary Justice); or

16          “(B) an attempt to commit such an offense  
17 as punishable under section 880 of this title  
18 (article 80 of the Uniform Code of Military  
19 Justice).”; and

20          (8) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
21 sections:

22          “(i) MINIMUM STAFFING LEVEL.—Not later than  
23 two years after the date of enactment of this subsection,  
24 the Secretaries concerned shall ensure that the number  
25 Special Victims’ Counsel serving in each military depart-

1 ment is sufficient to ensure that the average caseload of  
2 a Special Victims' Counsel does not exceed 25 cases at  
3 any given time.

4 “(j) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than December  
5 1, 2022, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with  
6 the Secretaries concerned, shall submit to the Committees  
7 on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
8 resentatives a report that includes—

9 “(1) an analysis of the caseloads of Special Vic-  
10 tims' Counsel and Special Victims' Counsel Para-  
11 legals, respectively;

12 “(2) an assessment of the ability of the military  
13 departments to fill additional authorized billets for  
14 the Special Victims' Counsel program to meet mis-  
15 sion requirements; and

16 “(3) a description of how the training require-  
17 ments for the Special Victims' Counsel program  
18 have been expanded to meet the needs of victims of  
19 alleged domestic violence offenses.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
21 at the beginning of chapter 53 of title 10, United States  
22 Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section  
23 1044e and inserting the following new item:

“1044e. Special Victims' Counsel for victims of sex-related or domestic violence  
offenses.”.

1 **SEC. 5** \_\_\_\_ **[Log 70121]. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CER-**  
2 **TAIN OFFENSES.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 843 of title 10, United  
4 States Code (article 43 of the Uniform Code of Military  
5 Justice), is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “maiming of  
7 a child, kidnapping of a child,” after “sexual assault  
8 of a child,”; and

9 (2) in subsection (b)(2)(B)—

10 (A) by striking clauses (ii) and (iv); and

11 (B) by redesignating clause (iii) as clause  
12 (ii).

13 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
14 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-  
15 ment of this Act and shall apply with respect to the pros-  
16 ecution of offenses committed before, on, or after the date  
17 of the enactment of this Act if the applicable limitation  
18 period has not yet expired.



1 **SEC. 5** \_\_\_\_ **[Log 70123]. NOTIFICATION OF ISSUANCE OF**  
2 **MILITARY PROTECTIVE ORDER TO CIVILIAN**  
3 **LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

4 (a) NOTIFICATION OF ISSUANCE.—Section 1567a of  
5 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “and any indi-  
7 vidual involved in the order does not reside on a  
8 military installation at any time during the duration  
9 of the military protective order, the commander of  
10 the military installation shall notify” and inserting  
11 “, the commander of the unit to which the member  
12 is assigned shall, not later than seven days after the  
13 date of the issuance of the order, notify”;

14 (2) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-  
15 section (c);

16 (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
17 lowing new subsection (b);

18 “(b) NOTIFICATION IN EVENT OF TRANSFER.—In  
19 the event that a member of the armed forces against whom  
20 a military protective order is issued is transferred to an-  
21 other unit—

22 “(1) not later than the date of the transfer, the  
23 commander of the unit from which the member is

1 transferred shall notify the commander of the unit  
2 to which the member is transferred of—

3 “(A) the issuance of the protective order;  
4 and

5 “(B) the individuals involved in the order;  
6 and

7 “(2) not later than seven days after receiving  
8 the notice under paragraph (1), the commander of  
9 the unit to which the member is transferred shall  
10 provide notice of the order to the appropriate civilian  
11 authorities in accordance with subsection (a).”; and

12 (4) in subsection (c), as so redesignated, by  
13 striking “commander of the military installation”  
14 and inserting “commander of the unit to which the  
15 member is assigned”.

16 (b) ANNUAL REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than  
17 March 1, 2020, and each year thereafter through 2024,  
18 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional  
19 defense committees a report that identifies—

20 (1) the number of military protective orders  
21 issued in the calendar year preceding the year in  
22 which the report is submitted; and

23 (2) the number of such orders that were re-  
24 ported to appropriate civilian authorities in accord-

- 1       ance with section 1567a(a) of title 10, United States
- 2       Code, in such preceding year.

1 **SEC. 5** \_\_\_\_ **[Log 70175]. INCREASE IN INVESTIGATIVE PER-**  
2 **SONNEL AND VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE**  
3 **PROGRAM LIAISONS.**

4 (a) **MILITARY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE SERV-**  
5 **ICES.—**

6 (1) **MINIMUM STAFFING LEVEL.**—Not later  
7 than one year after the date of the enactment of this  
8 Act, the Secretary of each military department shall  
9 ensure that the number of personnel assigned to the  
10 military criminal investigative services of the depart-  
11 ment is sufficient to ensure, to the extent prac-  
12 ticable, that the investigation of any sex-related of-  
13 fense is completed not later than six months after  
14 the date on which the investigation is initiated.

15 (2) **STATUS REPORTS REQUIRED.**—Not later  
16 than one year after the date of the enactment of this  
17 Act, Secretary of each military department shall  
18 issue guidance requiring that any criminal investi-  
19 gator of the department who is assigned to inves-  
20 tigate a sex-related offense submits a status report  
21 to the direct supervisor of such investigator in the  
22 event that the investigation of such offense exceeds  
23 90 days in duration. Each status report shall in-  
24 clude—

1 (A) a detailed explanation of the status of  
2 the investigation;

3 (B) identification of any information that  
4 has not yet been obtained but is necessary to  
5 complete the investigation; and

6 (C) identification of any barriers pre-  
7 venting the investigator from accessing such in-  
8 formation.

9 (b) VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM LIAI-  
10 SONS.—Not later than one year after the date of the en-  
11 actment of this Act, the Secretary of each military depart-  
12 ment shall increase the number of personnel serving as  
13 Victim Witness Assistance Program liaisons to address  
14 personnel shortages in the Victim Witness Assistance Pro-  
15 gram.

1 **SEC. 5**      **[Log 70194]. GUIDELINES ON SENTENCES FOR OF-**  
2 **FENSES COMMITTED UNDER THE UNIFORM**  
3 **CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE.**

4 (a) **GUIDELINES REQUIRED.**—Not later than the  
5 date specified in subsection (c), the Secretary of Defense  
6 shall establish nonbinding guidelines on sentences for of-  
7 fenses under chapter 47 of title 10, United States Code  
8 (the Uniform Code of Military Justice). The guidelines  
9 shall provide the sentencing authority with a suggested  
10 range of punishments, including suggested ranges of con-  
11 finement, that will generally be appropriate for a violation  
12 of each offense under such chapter.

13 (b) **SENTENCING DATA.**—In developing the guide-  
14 lines for sentences under subsection (a), the Secretary of  
15 Defense shall take into account the sentencing data col-  
16 lected by the Military Justice Review Panel pursuant to  
17 section 946(f)(2) of title 10, United States Code (article  
18 146(f)(2) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice).

19 (c) **DATE SPECIFIED.**—The date specified in this  
20 subsection is the date that is not later than one year after  
21 the date on the which the first report of the Military Jus-  
22 tice Review Panel is submitted to the Committees on  
23 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-  
24 atives pursuant to section 946(f)(5) of title 10, United

- 1 States Code (article 146(f)(5) of the Uniform Code of
- 2 Military Justice).

1 **SEC. 5** \_\_\_\_ **[Log 70195]. REVISION OF WORKPLACE AND GEN-**  
2 **DER RELATIONS SURVEYS.**

3 (a) SURVEYS OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED  
4 FORCES.—Section 481(c) of title 10, United States Code,  
5 is amended—

6 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by  
7 inserting “unwanted sexual contact,” after “as-  
8 sault,”;

9 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through  
10 (5) as paragraphs (4) through (6), respectively;

11 (3) by inserting after paragraph (2), the fol-  
12 lowing new paragraph (3):

13 “(3) The specific types of unwanted sexual con-  
14 tact that have occurred, and the number of times  
15 each respondent has been subjected to unwanted  
16 sexual contact during the preceding year.”;

17 (4) in paragraph (5), as so redesignated, by  
18 striking “and assault” and inserting “assault, and  
19 unwanted sexual contact”;

20 (5) in paragraph (6), as so redesignated, by  
21 striking “or assault” and inserting “assault, or un-  
22 wanted sexual contact”.



1 (b) SURVEYS OF CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE DE-  
2 PARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—Section 481a of title 10,  
3 United States Code, is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “and dis-  
5 crimination” and inserting “discrimination, and un-  
6 wanted sexual contact”;

7 (2) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (3)  
9 through (5) as paragraphs (4) through (6), re-  
10 spectively;

11 (B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the  
12 following new paragraph (3):

13 “(3) The specific types of unwanted sexual con-  
14 tact that civilian employees of the Department were  
15 subjected to by other personnel of the Department  
16 (including contractor personnel), and the number of  
17 times each respondent has been subjected to un-  
18 wanted sexual contact during the preceding fiscal  
19 year.”;

20 (C) in paragraph (5), as so redesignated,  
21 by striking “and discrimination” and inserting  
22 “discrimination, and unwanted sexual contact”;  
23 and

1 (D) in paragraph (6), as so redesignated,  
2 by striking “or discrimination” and inserting  
3 “discrimination, or unwanted sexual contact”.

4 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
5 subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on the date of  
6 the enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect to  
7 surveys under sections 481 and 481a of title 10, United  
8 States Code, that are initiated after such date.

1 **SEC. 5** \_\_\_\_ **[log 69426]. MILITARY ORDERS REQUIRED FOR**  
2 **TERMINATION OF LEASES PURSUANT TO THE**  
3 **SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT.**

4 Section 305(i) of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act  
5 (50 U.S.C. 3955) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “(including  
7 orders for separation or retirement)” after “official  
8 military orders”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
10 paragraph:

11 “(3) **PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION.**—The  
12 term ‘permanent change of station’ includes separa-  
13 tion or retirement from military service.”.

1 **SEC. 5\_\_\_\_\_ [log69575]. REDESIGNATION OF THE COM-**  
2 **MANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES AIR**  
3 **FORCE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AS THE**  
4 **DIRECTOR AND CHANCELLOR OF SUCH IN-**  
5 **STITUTE.**

6 (a) REDESIGNATION.—Section 9414b(a) of title 10,  
7 United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking  
9 “COMMANDANT” and inserting “DIRECTOR AND  
10 CHANCELLOR”;

11 (2) by striking “Commandant” each place it ap-  
12 pears and inserting “Director and Chancellor”; and

13 (3) in the heading of paragraph (3), by striking  
14 “Commandant” and inserting “Director and Chan-  
15 cellor”.

16 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 9414 of  
17 such title is amended by striking “Commandant” both  
18 places it appears and inserting “Director and Chancellor”.

19 (c) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law, regula-  
20 tion, map, document, paper, or other record of the United  
21 States to the Commandant of the United States Air Force  
22 Institute of Technology shall be deemed to be a reference  
23 to the Director and Chancellor of the United States Air  
24 Force Institute of Technology.

1 **SEC. 5\_\_\_\_\_ [log69626]. ELIGIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL EN-**  
2 **LISTED MEMBERS FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE**  
3 **PROGRAMS OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
4 **OF THE AIR FORCE.**

5 Section 9415(b) of title 10, United States Code, is  
6 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
7 graph:

8 “(3) Enlisted members of the armed forces  
9 other than the Air Force who are participating in  
10 Community College of the Air Force affiliated joint-  
11 service training and education courses.”.

1 **SEC. 5** \_\_\_\_ **[log69627]. DEGREE GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR**  
 2 **UNITED STATES ARMY ARMAMENT GRAD-**  
 3 **UATE SCHOOL.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 751 of title 10, United  
 5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 6 lowing new section:

7 **“§ 7422. Degree granting authority for United States**  
 8 **Army Armament Graduate School**

9 “(a) AUTHORITY.—Under regulations prescribed by  
 10 the Secretary of the Army, the Chancellor of the United  
 11 States Army Armament Graduate School may, upon the  
 12 recommendation of the faculty and provost of the college,  
 13 confer appropriate degrees upon graduates who meet the  
 14 degree requirements.

15 “(b) LIMITATION.—A degree may not be conferred  
 16 under this section unless—

17 “(1) the Secretary of Education has rec-  
 18 ommended approval of the degree in accordance with  
 19 the Federal Policy Governing Granting of Academic  
 20 Degrees by Federal Agencies; and

21 “(2) the United States Army Armament Grad-  
 22 uate School is accredited by the appropriate civilian  
 23 academic accrediting agency or organization to

1       award the degree, as determined by the Secretary of  
2       Education.

3       “(c) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIRE-  
4       MENTS.—(1) When seeking to establish degree granting  
5       authority under this section, the Secretary of Defense  
6       shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the  
7       Senate and the House of Representatives—

8               “(A) a copy of the self-assessment questionnaire  
9       required by the Federal Policy Governing Granting  
10      of Academic Degrees by Federal Agencies, at the  
11      time the assessment is submitted to the Department  
12      of Education’s National Advisory Committee on In-  
13      stitutional Quality and Integrity; and

14              “(B) the subsequent recommendations and ra-  
15      tionale of the Secretary of Education regarding the  
16      establishment of the degree granting authority.

17      “(2) Upon any modification or redesignation of exist-  
18      ing degree granting authority, the Secretary of Defense  
19      shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the  
20      Senate and House of Representatives a report containing  
21      the rationale for the proposed modification or redesigna-  
22      tion and any subsequent recommendation of the Secretary  
23      of Education on the proposed modification or redesigna-  
24      tion.

1       “(3) The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the  
2 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House  
3 of Representatives a report containing an explanation of  
4 any action by the appropriate academic accrediting agency  
5 or organization not to accredit the United States Army  
6 Armament Graduate School to award any new or existing  
7 degree.”.

8       (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
9 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding  
10 at the end the following new item:

“7422. Degree granting authority for United States Army Armament Graduate  
School.”.



1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ [log69690]. EXPANSION OF GOLD STAR LAPEL**  
2 **BUTTON ELIGIBILITY TO STEPSIBLINGS;**  
3 **FREE REPLACEMENT.**

4 (a) ELIGIBILITY OF STEPSIBLINGS.—Subsection  
5 (d)(3) of section 1126 of title 10, United States Code, is  
6 amended by striking “and half sisters” and inserting “half  
7 sisters, stepbrothers, and stepsisters”.

8 (b) FREE REPLACEMENT.—Subsection (c) of such  
9 section is amended by striking “and payment of an  
10 amount sufficient to cover the cost of manufacture and  
11 distribution” and inserting “at no cost to that person”.

1 **SEC. 5**      **[log69968]. REVIEW OF WORLD WAR I VALOR MED-**  
2 **ALS.**

3 (a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—Each Secretary concerned  
4 shall review the service records of each World War I vet-  
5 eran described in subsection (b) under the jurisdiction of  
6 such Secretary who is recommended for such review by  
7 the Valor Medals Review Task Force referred to in sub-  
8 section (c), or another veterans service organization, in  
9 order to determine whether such veteran should be award-  
10 ed the Medal of Honor for valor during World War I.

11 (b) COVERED WORLD WAR I VETERANS.—The  
12 World War I veterans whose service records are to be re-  
13 viewed under subsection (a) are the following:

14 (1) Any African American war veteran, Asian  
15 American war veteran, Hispanic American war vet-  
16 eran, Jewish American war veteran, or Native Amer-  
17 ican war veteran who was awarded the Distinguished  
18 Service Cross or the Navy Cross for an action that  
19 occurred between April 6, 1917, and November 11,  
20 1918.

21 (2) Any African American war veteran, Asian  
22 American war veteran, Hispanic American war vet-  
23 eran, Jewish American war veteran, or Native Amer-  
24 ican war veteran who was awarded the Croix de

1       Guerre with Palm (that is, awarded at the Army  
2       level or above) by the Government of France for an  
3       action that occurred between April 6, 1917, and No-  
4       vember 11, 1918.

5           (3) Any African American war veteran, Asian  
6       American war veteran, Hispanic American war vet-  
7       eran, Jewish American war veteran, or Native Amer-  
8       ican war veteran who was recommended for a Medal  
9       of Honor for an action that occurred from April 6,  
10      1917, to November 11, 1918, if the Department of  
11      Defense possesses or receives records relating to  
12      such recommendation.

13      (c) CONSULTATIONS.—In carrying out the review  
14      under subsection (a), each Secretary concerned may con-  
15      sult with the Valor Medals Review Task Force, jointly es-  
16      tablished by the United States Foundation for the Com-  
17      memoration of the World Wars (in consultation with the  
18      United States World War One Centennial Commission)  
19      and the George S. Robb Centre for the Study of the Great  
20      War, and with such other veterans service organizations  
21      as such Secretary determines appropriate, until the con-  
22      clusion of the review.

23      (d) RECOMMENDATION BASED ON REVIEW.—If a  
24      Secretary concerned determines, based upon the review  
25      under subsection (a), that the award of the Medal of

1 Honor to a covered World War I veteran is warranted,  
2 such Secretary shall submit to the President a rec-  
3 ommendation that the President award the Medal of  
4 Honor to that veteran.

5 (e) AUTHORITY TO AWARD MEDAL OF HONOR.—The  
6 Medal of Honor may be awarded to a World War I veteran  
7 in accordance with a recommendation of a Secretary con-  
8 cerned under subsection (d).

9 (f) WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.—An award of  
10 the Medal of Honor may be made under subsection (e)  
11 without regard to—

12 (1) section 7274 or 8298 of title 10, United  
13 States Code, as applicable; and

14 (2) any regulation or other administrative re-  
15 striction on—

16 (A) the time for awarding the Medal of  
17 Honor; or

18 (B) the awarding of the Medal of Honor  
19 for service for which a Distinguished Service  
20 Cross or Navy Cross has been awarded.

21 (g) DEFINITIONS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—In this section:

23 (A) AFRICAN AMERICAN WAR VETERAN.—  
24 The term “African American war veteran”  
25 means any person who served in the United

1 States Armed Forces between April 6, 1917,  
2 and November 11, 1918, and who identified  
3 himself as of African descent on his military  
4 personnel records.

5 (B) ASIAN AMERICAN WAR VETERAN.—

6 The term “Asian American war veteran” means  
7 any person who served in the United States  
8 Armed Forces between April 6, 1917, and No-  
9 vember 11, 1918, and who identified himself ra-  
10 cially, nationally, or ethnically as originating  
11 from a country in Asia on his military per-  
12 sonnel records.

13 (C) HISPANIC AMERICAN WAR VETERAN.—

14 The term “Hispanic American war veteran”  
15 means any person who served in the United  
16 States Armed Forces between April 6, 1917,  
17 and November 11, 1918, and who identified  
18 himself racially, nationally, or ethnically as  
19 originating from a country where Spanish is an  
20 official language on his military personnel  
21 records.

22 (D) JEWISH AMERICAN WAR VETERAN.—

23 The term “Jewish American war veteran” mean  
24 any person who served in the United States  
25 Armed Forces between April 6, 1917, and No-

1 vember 11, 1918, and who identified himself as  
2 Jewish on his military personnel records.

3 (E) NATIVE AMERICAN WAR VETERAN.—

4 The term “Native American war veteran”  
5 means any person who served in the United  
6 States Armed Forces between April 6, 1917,  
7 and November 11, 1918, and who identified  
8 himself as a member of a federally recognized  
9 tribe within the modern territory of the United  
10 States on his military personnel records.

11 (F) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term  
12 “Secretary concerned” means—

13 (i) the Secretary of the Army, in the  
14 case of members of the Armed Forces who  
15 served in the Army between April 6, 1917,  
16 and November 11, 1918; and

17 (ii) the Secretary of the Navy, in the  
18 case of members of the Armed Forces who  
19 served in the Navy or the Marine Corps  
20 between April 6, 1917, and November 11,  
21 1918.

22 (2) APPLICATION OF DEFINITIONS OF ORI-  
23 GIN.—If the military personnel records of a person  
24 do not reflect the person’s membership in one of the  
25 groups identified in subparagraphs (B) through (F)

1 of paragraph (1) but historical evidence exists that  
2 demonstrates the person's Jewish faith held at the  
3 time of service, or that the person identified himself  
4 as of African, Asian, Hispanic, or Native American  
5 descent, the person may be treated as being a mem-  
6 ber of the applicable group by the Secretary con-  
7 cerned (in consultation with the organizations re-  
8 ferred to in subsection (c)) for purposes of this sec-  
9 tion.

1 **SEC. 5**      **[log69975]. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ATOMIC VET-**  
2 **ERANS SERVICE MEDAL.**

3 (a) SERVICE MEDAL REQUIRED.—The Secretary of  
4 Defense shall design and produce a military service medal,  
5 to be known as the “Atomic Veterans Service Medal”, to  
6 honor retired and former members of the Armed Forces  
7 who are radiation-exposed veterans (as such term is de-  
8 fined in section 1112(c)(3) of title 38, United States  
9 Code).

10 (b) DISTRIBUTION OF MEDAL.—

11 (1) ISSUANCE TO RETIRED AND FORMER MEM-  
12 BERS.—At the request of a radiation-exposed vet-  
13 eran, the Secretary of Defense shall issue the Atom-  
14 ic Veterans Service Medal to the veteran.

15 (2) ISSUANCE TO NEXT-OF-KIN.—In the case of  
16 a radiation-exposed veteran who is deceased, the  
17 Secretary may provide for issuance of the Atomic  
18 Veterans Service Medal to the next-of-kin of the per-  
19 son.

20 (3) APPLICATION.—The Secretary shall prepare  
21 and disseminate as appropriate an application by  
22 which radiation-exposed veterans and their next-of-  
23 kin may apply to receive the Atomic Veterans Serv-  
24 ice Medal.



1 **SEC. 5** \_\_\_\_ **[log69642]. INCLUSION OF SPECIFIC EMAIL AD-**  
2 **DRESS BLOCK ON CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE**  
3 **OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY (DD**  
4 **FORM 214).**

5 (a) **MODIFICATION REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of  
6 Defense shall modify the Certificate of Release or Dis-  
7 charge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) to include a spe-  
8 cific block explicitly identified as the location in which a  
9 member of the Armed Forces may provide one or more  
10 email addresses by which the member may be contacted  
11 after discharge or release from active duty in the Armed  
12 Forces.

13 (b) **DEADLINE FOR MODIFICATION.**—The Secretary  
14 of Defense shall release a revised Certificate of Release  
15 or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214), modified  
16 as required by subsection (a), not later than one year after  
17 the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 5** \_\_\_\_ **[log69801]. MEETINGS OF OFFICIALS OF THE DE-**  
2 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE WITH SURVIVORS**  
3 **OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**  
4 **FORCES.**

5 (a) CHIEFS OF THE ARMED FORCES.—The Secretary  
6 of Defense shall direct the chiefs of the Armed Forces to  
7 meet periodically with survivors of deceased members of  
8 the Armed Forces to receive feedback from those survivors  
9 regarding issues affecting such survivors. The Chief of the  
10 National Guard Bureau shall meet with survivors of de-  
11 ceased members of the Air National Guard and the Army  
12 National Guard.

13 (b) UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PER-  
14 SONNEL AND READINESS.—The Under Secretary of De-  
15 fense for Personnel and Readiness shall meet periodically  
16 with survivors of deceased members of the Armed Forces  
17 to discuss policies of the Department of Defense regarding  
18 military casualties and Gold Star families.

19 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than April 1, 2020, the  
20 Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness  
21 shall brief the Committee on Armed Services of the House  
22 of Representatives regarding policies established and the  
23 results of the meetings under subsection (b).

1 **SEC. 5** \_\_\_\_ **[log69955]. STRATEGIC PLAN FOR DIVERSITY**  
2 **AND INCLUSION.**

3 (a) **PLAN REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Defense  
4 shall design and implement a five-year strategic plan for  
5 diversity and inclusion in the Department of Defense.

6 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The strategic plan under this sec-  
7 tion—

8 (1) shall be based on the strategic plan estab-  
9 lished under section 2 of Executive Order 13583 (3  
10 Fed. Reg. 13583 (August 18, 2011));

11 (2) shall incorporate existing efforts to promote  
12 diversity and inclusion within the Department; and

13 (3) may not conflict with the objectives of the  
14 2018 National Military Strategy.

15 (c) **DEADLINE.**—The Secretary shall implement the  
16 strategic plan under this section on January 1, 2020.

1   **SEC. 5**\_\_\_\_ **[[log70076]]. CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATIONS FOR**  
2                   **SENIOR   RESERVE   OFFICERS’   TRAINING**  
3                   **CORPS SCHOLARSHIPS.**

4       Section 7442 of title 10, United States Code, is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
6 section:

7       “(k) Any candidate not nominated under paragraphs  
8 (3) through (10) of subsection (a) may be considered by  
9 the Secretary of the Army in order of merit for appoint-  
10 ment as a Senior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps cadet  
11 under section 2107 of this title.”.

1 **SEC. 5** \_\_\_\_ **[log70176]. RECOUPMENT OF FUNDS FROM CA-**  
2 **DETS AND MIDSHIPMEN SEPARATED FOR**  
3 **CRIMINAL MISCONDUCT.**

4 Not later than September 30, 2020, each Secretary  
5 of a military department shall prescribe regulations by  
6 which the Superintendent of a military service academy  
7 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary shall, pursuant to  
8 section 303a(e) of title 37, United States Code, recoup  
9 the cost of advanced education received by a cadet or mid-  
10 shipman who is separated from that military service acad-  
11 emy—

12 (1) at any time before the cadet or midshipman  
13 graduates from the military service academy; and

14 (2) for criminal misconduct by the cadet or  
15 midshipman.

1 **SEC. 5** \_\_\_\_ **[log69873]. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING AC-**  
2 **CESSION PHYSICALS.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) United States Military Entrance Processing  
5 Command (“USMEPCOM”) operates 65 Military  
6 Entrance Processing Stations (“MEPS”) dispersed  
7 throughout the 50 States and Puerto Rico.

8 (2) Applicants for accession into the Armed  
9 Forces must travel to the closest MEPS to receive  
10 physical examinations, are often driven by a military  
11 recruiter, and receive lodging at a nearby hotel, paid  
12 for by the Armed Force represented by that re-  
13 cruiter.

14 (3) In 2015, USMEPCOM reported that  
15 473,000 applicants from the military and other  
16 agencies processed through the 65 MEPS, for a  
17 total of 931,000 MEPS visits.

18 (4) Section 1703 of title 38, United States  
19 Code, authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
20 to enter into contracts with private health care pro-  
21 viders for physical examinations.

22 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the Sense of Con-  
23 gress that the Secretary of Defense should explore alter-  
24 natives to centralized accession physicals at MEPS, in-

1 cluding conducting physicals through community health  
2 care providers, in order to reduce transportation costs, in-  
3 crease efficiency in processing times, and free recruiters  
4 to focus on the core of the recruiting mission.

1 **SEC. 6**      **[log69574]. PARTIAL DISLOCATION ALLOWANCE.**

2 (a) CURRENT AUTHORITY.—Section 477(f)(1) of title  
3 37, United States Code, is amended by striking “family”.

4 (b) FUTURE AUTHORITY.—Section 452(c) of title 37,  
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
7 graph (4); and

8 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
9 lowing new paragraph (3):

10 “(3)(A) A partial dislocation allowance paid to  
11 a member ordered to occupy or vacate housing pro-  
12 vided by the United States.

13 “(B) Beginning on January 1, 2022, the partial  
14 dislocation allowance under subparagraph (A) shall,  
15 subject to subparagraph (C), be equal in value to the  
16 allowance under section 477(f) of this title on De-  
17 cember 31, 2021, as adjusted in regulations pre-  
18 scribed by the Secretary concerned under the au-  
19 thority established by that section.

20 “(C) Effective on the same date in 2022 and  
21 any subsequent year that the monthly rates of basic  
22 pay for all members are increased under section  
23 1009 of this title or another provision of law, the  
24 Secretary of Defense shall adjust the rate of the



1 partial dislocation allowance under this paragraph  
2 by the percentage equal to the average percentage  
3 increase in the rates of basic pay.”.

1 **SEC. 6 \_\_\_\_ [log69952]. BASIC NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR LOW-**  
 2 **INCOME REGULAR MEMBERS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 7 of title 37, United  
 4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 402a  
 5 the following new section:

6 **“§ 402b. Basic needs allowance for low-income reg-**  
 7 **ular members**

8 “(a) ALLOWANCE REQUIRED.—(1) Subject to para-  
 9 graph (2), the Secretary of Defense shall pay to each cov-  
 10 ered member a basic needs allowance in the amount deter-  
 11 mined for such member under subsection (b).

12 “(2) In the event a household contains two or more  
 13 covered members entitled to receive the allowance under  
 14 this section in a given year, only one allowance may be  
 15 paid for that year to a covered member among such cov-  
 16 ered members whom such covered members shall jointly  
 17 elect.

18 “(b) AMOUNT OF ALLOWANCE FOR A COVERED  
 19 MEMBER.—(1) The amount of the monthly allowance pay-  
 20 able to a covered member under subsection (a) for a year  
 21 shall be the aggregate amount equal to—

22 “(A) the aggregate amount equal to—

23 “(i) 130 percent of the Federal poverty guide-  
 24 lines of the Department of Health and Human Serv-

1        ices for the location and number of persons in the  
2        household of the covered member for such year;  
3        minus

4            “(ii) the gross household income of the covered  
5        member during the preceding year; and

6        “(B) divided by 12.

7        “(2) The monthly allowance payable to a covered  
8        member for a year shall be payable for each of the 12  
9        months following March of such year.

10       “(c) NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY.—(1)(A) Not later than  
11       December 31 each year, the Director of the Defense Fi-  
12       nance and Accounting Service shall notify, in writing, each  
13       individual whom the Director estimates will be a covered  
14       member during the following year of the potential entitle-  
15       ment of that individual to the allowance described in sub-  
16       section (a) for that following year.

17       “(B) The preliminary notice under subparagraph (A)  
18       shall include information regarding financial management  
19       and assistance programs administered by the Secretary of  
20       Defense for which a covered member is eligible.

21       “(2) Not later than January 31 each year, each indi-  
22       vidual who seeks to receive the allowance for such year  
23       (whether or not subject to a notice for such year under  
24       paragraph (1)) shall submit to the Director such informa-  
25       tion as the Director shall require for purposes of this sec-

tion in order to determine whether or not such individual is a covered member for such year.

“(3) Not later than February 28 each year, the Director shall notify, in writing, each individual the Director determines to be a covered member for such year.

“(d) ELECTION NOT TO RECEIVE ALLOWANCE.—(1) A covered member otherwise entitled to receive the allowance under subsection (a) for a year may elect, in writing, not to receive the allowance for such year. Any election under this subsection shall be effective only for the year for which made. Any election for a year under this subsection is irrevocable.

“(2) A covered member who does not submit information described in subsection (d)(2) for a year as otherwise required by that subsection shall be deemed to have elected not to receive the allowance for such year.

“(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘covered member’ means a regular member of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Air Force—

“(A) who has completed initial entry training;

“(B) whose gross household income during the most recent year did not exceed an amount equal to 130 percent of the Federal poverty

1 guidelines of the Department of Health and  
2 Human Services for the location and number of  
3 persons in the household of the covered member  
4 for such year; and

5 “(C) who does not elect under subsection  
6 (d) not to receive the allowance for such year.

7 “(2) The term ‘gross household income’ of a  
8 covered member for a year for purposes of para-  
9 graph (1)(B) does not include any basic allowance  
10 for housing received by the covered member (and  
11 any dependents of the covered member in the house-  
12 hold of the covered member) during such year under  
13 section 403 of this title.

14 “(f) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
15 prescribe regulations for the administration of this section.  
16 Subject to subsection (e)(2), such regulations shall specify  
17 the income to be included in, and excluded from, the gross  
18 household income of individuals for purposes of this sec-  
19 tion.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
21 at the beginning of chapter 7 of such title is amended by  
22 inserting after the item relating to section 402a the fol-  
23 lowing new item:

“402b. Basic needs allowance for low-income regular members.”.

1 **SEC. 6**      **[log70048]. BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING FOR**  
2 **A MEMBER WITHOUT DEPENDENTS WHEN RE-**  
3 **LOCATION WOULD FINANCIALLY DISADVAN-**  
4 **TAGE THE MEMBER.**

5 Section 403(o) of title 37, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

7 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “In”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
9 paragraph:

10 “(2)(A) In the case of a member described in sub-  
11 paragraph (B), the member may be treated for the pur-  
12 poses of this section as if the unit to which the member  
13 is assigned did not undergo a change of home port or a  
14 change of permanent duty station if the Secretary con-  
15 cerned determines that it would be inequitable to base the  
16 member’s entitlement to, and amount of, a basic allowance  
17 for housing on the new home port or permanent duty sta-  
18 tion.

19 “(B) A member described in this subparagraph—

20 “(i) has no dependents;

21 “(ii) is assigned to a unit that undergoes a  
22 change of home port or a change of permanent duty  
23 station; and

- 1           “(iii) is in receipt of orders to return to the pre-
- 2       vious home port or duty station.”.

1 **SEC. 6**      **[log70201]. TEMPORARY INCREASE OF RATES OF**  
2 **BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING FOL-**  
3 **LOWING DETERMINATION THAT LOCAL CI-**  
4 **VILIAN HOUSING COSTS SIGNIFICANTLY EX-**  
5 **CEED SUCH RATES.**

6 Section 403(b) of title 37, United States Code, is  
7 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
8 graph:

9 “(8)(A) The Secretary of Defense may prescribe a  
10 temporary increase in the current rates of basic allowance  
11 for housing for a military housing area or a portion there-  
12 of (in this paragraph, ‘BAH rates’) if the Secretary deter-  
13 mines that the actual costs of adequate housing for civil-  
14 ians in that military housing area or portion thereof ex-  
15 ceed the current BAH rates by more than 20 percent.

16 “(B) Any temporary increase in BAH rates under  
17 this paragraph shall remain in effect only until the effec-  
18 tive date of the first adjustment of BAH rates for the af-  
19 fected military housing area that occurs after the date of  
20 the increase under this paragraph.

21 “(C) This paragraph shall cease to be effective on  
22 September 30, 2022.”.



1 **SEC. 6 \_\_\_\_ [log69443]. ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF CERTAIN**  
2 **EXPIRING BONUS AND SPECIAL PAY AU-**  
3 **THORITIES.**

4 (a) AUTHORITIES RELATING TO RESERVE  
5 FORCES.—Section 910(g) of title 37, United States Code,  
6 relating to income replacement payments for reserve com-  
7 ponent members experiencing extended and frequent mo-  
8 bilization for active duty service, is amended by striking  
9 “December 31, 2019” and inserting “December 31,  
10 2020”.

11 (b) TITLE 10 AUTHORITIES RELATING TO HEALTH  
12 CARE PROFESSIONALS.—The following sections of title  
13 10, United States Code, are amended by striking “Decem-  
14 ber 31, 2019” and inserting “December 31, 2020”:

15 (1) Section 2130a(a)(1), relating to nurse offi-  
16 cer candidate accession program.

17 (2) Section 16302(d), relating to repayment of  
18 education loans for certain health professionals who  
19 serve in the Selected Reserve.

20 (c) AUTHORITIES RELATING TO NUCLEAR OFFI-  
21 CERS.—Section 333(i) of title 37, United States Code, is  
22 amended by striking “December 31, 2019” and inserting  
23 “December 31, 2020”.

1 (d) AUTHORITIES RELATING TO TITLE 37 CONSOLI-  
2 DATED SPECIAL PAY, INCENTIVE PAY, AND BONUS AU-  
3 THORITIES.—The following sections of title 37, United  
4 States Code, are amended by striking “December 31,  
5 2019” and inserting “December 31, 2020”:

6 (1) Section 331(h), relating to general bonus  
7 authority for enlisted members.

8 (2) Section 332(g), relating to general bonus  
9 authority for officers.

10 (3) Section 334(i), relating to special aviation  
11 incentive pay and bonus authorities for officers.

12 (4) Section 335(k), relating to special bonus  
13 and incentive pay authorities for officers in health  
14 professions.

15 (5) Section 336(g), relating to contracting  
16 bonus for cadets and midshipmen enrolled in the  
17 Senior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps.

18 (6) Section 351(h), relating to hazardous duty  
19 pay.

20 (7) Section 352(g), relating to assignment pay  
21 or special duty pay.

22 (8) Section 353(i), relating to skill incentive  
23 pay or proficiency bonus.

1           (9) Section 355(h), relating to retention incen-  
2           tives for members qualified in critical military skills  
3           or assigned to high priority units.

4           (e) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY INCREASE  
5   IN RATES OF BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING.—Section  
6   403(b)(7)(E) of title 37, United States Code, is amended  
7   by striking “December 31, 2019” and inserting “Decem-  
8   ber 31, 2020”.

1 **SEC. 6 \_\_\_\_ [log 69598]. PAYMENT OF TRANSITIONAL COM-**  
2 **PENSATION FOR CERTAIN DEPENDENTS.**

3 Section 1059(m) of title 10, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (1) in the subsection heading, by inserting  
6 “MEMBERS OR” after “DEPENDENTS OF”;

7 (2) by inserting “member or” before “former  
8 member” each place it appears; and

9 (3) by amending paragraph (3) to read as fol-  
10 lows:

11 “(3) For the purposes of this subsection, a member  
12 is considered separated from active duty upon the earliest  
13 of—

14 “(A) the date an administrative separation is  
15 initiated by a commander of the member;

16 “(B) the date the court-martial sentence is ad-  
17 judged if the sentence, as adjudged, includes a dis-  
18 missal, dishonorable discharge, bad conduct dis-  
19 charge, or forfeiture of all pay and allowances; or

20 “(C) the date the member’s term of service ex-  
21 pires.”.

1 **SEC. 6 \_\_\_\_ [log69313]. GAO REVIEW OF DEFENSE RESALE**  
2 **OPTIMIZATION STUDY.**

3 (a) REVIEW.—The Comptroller General of the United  
4 States shall conduct a review of the business case analysis  
5 performed as part of the defense resale optimization study  
6 conducted by the Reform Management Group, titled  
7 “Study to Determine the Feasibility of Consolidation of  
8 the Defense Resale Entities” and dated December 4,  
9 2018.

10 (b) REPORT REQUIRED; ELEMENTS.—Not later than  
11 April 1, 2020, the Comptroller General shall submit to the  
12 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the  
13 House of Representatives a report regarding the review  
14 performed under this section. The report shall include  
15 evaluations of the following:

16 (1) The descriptions and justifications for the  
17 assumptions, analytical choices and data used by the  
18 Reform Management Group to calculate:

19 (A) Pricing.

20 (B) Sales assumptions.

21 (C) Accuracy of methods employed to  
22 measure patron savings levels.

23 (2) The timetable for consolidation of military  
24 exchanges and commissaries.

1           (3) The recommendations for consolidation de-  
2           veloped as part of the business case analysis, includ-  
3           ing the overall cost of consolidation.

4           (4) The budget and oversight implications of  
5           merging non-appropriated funds and appropriated  
6           funds to implement the recommended reforms.

7           (5) The extent to which the Reform Manage-  
8           ment Group coordinated with the Secretaries of the  
9           military departments and the chiefs of the Armed  
10          Forces in preparing the study.

11          (6) The extent to which the Reform Manage-  
12          ment Group addressed concerns of the Secretaries of  
13          the military departments and the chiefs of the  
14          Armed Forces in the study.

15          (7) If the recommendations in the business case  
16          analysis were implemented—

17                (A) the ability of military exchanges and  
18                commissaries to provide earnings to support on-  
19                base morale, welfare, and recreation programs;  
20                and

21                (B) the financial viability of the military  
22                exchanges and commissaries.

23          (c) DELAY ON CONSOLIDATION.—The Secretary of  
24          Defense may not take any action to consolidate military  
25          exchanges and commissaries until the Committees on

1 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-  
2 atives notify the Secretary in writing of receipt and accept-  
3 ance of the findings of the Comptroller General in the re-  
4 port required under this section.

1 **SEC. 6**      **[log69595]. IMPROVEMENTS TO CHILD CARE FOR**  
2 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

3 (a) EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FINAN-  
4 CIAL ASSISTANCE TO CIVILIAN PROVIDERS OF CHILD  
5 CARE SERVICES OR YOUTH PROGRAM SERVICES WHO  
6 PROVIDE SUCH SERVICES TO SURVIVORS OF MEMBERS  
7 OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO DIE IN THE LINE OF  
8 DUTY.—Section 1798(a) of title 10, United States Code,  
9 is amended by inserting “, survivors of members of the  
10 armed forces who die in the line of duty while on active  
11 military, naval, or air service (as that term is defined in  
12 section 101 of title 38),” after “armed forces”.

13 (b) EXPANSION OF DIRECT HIRING AUTHORITY FOR  
14 CHILD CARE SERVICE PROVIDERS.—Section 559 of the  
15 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018  
16 (Public Law 115–91; 10 U.S.C. 1792 note) is amended—

17 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**FOR**  
18 **DEPARTMENT CHILD DEVELOPMENT CEN-**  
19 **TERS**”;

20 (2) in subsection (a)(1), by striking for “De-  
21 partment of Defense child development centers” and  
22 inserting “for the Department of Defense”; and

23 (3) in subsection (e), by striking “in child de-  
24 velopment centers”.



1 (c) ASSESSMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PRO-  
2 VIDED TO CIVILIAN CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.—

3 (1) ASSESSMENT.—The Secretary of Defense  
4 shall assess the maximum amount of financial as-  
5 sistance provided to eligible civilian providers of  
6 child care services or youth program services that  
7 furnish such service for members of the armed  
8 forces and employees of the United States under sec-  
9 tion 1798 of title 10, United States Code, as amend-  
10 ed by subsection (a). Such assessment shall include  
11 the following:

12 (A) The determination of the Secretary  
13 whether the maximum allowable financial as-  
14 sistance should be standardized across the  
15 Armed Forces.

16 (B) Whether the maximum allowable  
17 amount adequately accounts for high-cost duty  
18 stations.

19 (2) REPORT.—No later than June 1, 2020, the  
20 Secretary of Defense shall submit a report to the  
21 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and  
22 the House of Representatives regarding the results  
23 of the assessment under paragraph (1) and any ac-  
24 tions taken by the Secretary to remedy identified  
25 shortfalls in assistance described in that paragraph.

1 (d) ASSESSMENT OF CHILD CARE CAPACITY ON  
2 MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.—

3 (1) ASSESSMENT.—The Secretary of Defense  
4 shall assess the capacity for child care at all military  
5 installations to ensure that members of the Armed  
6 Forces have meaningful access to child care during  
7 tours of duty.

8 (2) REMEDIAL ACTION.—The Secretary of De-  
9 fense shall take steps the Secretary determines nec-  
10 essary to alleviate the waiting lists for child care de-  
11 scribed in paragraph (1).

12 (3) REPORT.—Not later than June 1, 2020, the  
13 Secretary of Defense shall provide a report to the  
14 Committees on Armed Forces of the Senate and the  
15 House of Representative regarding—

16 (A) the assessment under paragraph (1);  
17 (B) action taken under paragraph (2); and  
18 (C) any additional resources (including ad-  
19 ditional funding for and child care facilities and  
20 workers) the Secretary determines necessary to  
21 increase access described in paragraph (1).

22 (e) ASSESSMENT OF ACCESSIBILITY OF WEBSITES  
23 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RELATED TO CHILD  
24 CARE AND SPOUSAL EMPLOYMENT.—

1           (1) ASSESSMENT.—The Secretary of Defense  
2       shall review the functions and accessibility of  
3       websites of the Department of Defense designed for  
4       members of the Armed Forces and the families of  
5       such members to access information and services of-  
6       fered by the Department regarding child care,  
7       spousal employment, and other family matters.

8           (2) REPORT.—Not later than March 1, 2020,  
9       the Secretary of Defense shall provide a briefing to  
10      the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate  
11      and the House of Representatives regarding the re-  
12      sults of the assessment under paragraph (1) and ac-  
13      tions taken to enhance accessibility of the websites.

14      (f) PORTABILITY OF BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS  
15      FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.—Not later than 180 days  
16      after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
17      of Defense shall ensure that the background investigation  
18      and training certification for a child care provider em-  
19      ployed by the Department of Defense in a facility of the  
20      Department may be transferred to another facility of the  
21      Department, without regard to which Secretary of a mili-  
22      tary department has jurisdiction over either such facility.

1 **SEC. 6**      **[log69597]. MODIFICATION TO AUTHORITY TO RE-**  
2 **IMBURSE FOR STATE LICENSURE AND CER-**  
3 **TIFICATION COSTS OF A SPOUSE OF A MEM-**  
4 **BER ARISING FROM RELOCATION.**

5 Section 476(p) of title 37, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “armed  
8 forces” and inserting “uniformed services”;

9 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$500” and  
10 inserting “\$1,000”;

11 (3) in paragraph (3)—

12 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
13 “and”;

14 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the  
15 period and inserting “; and”; and

16 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
17 subparagraph:

18 “(C) an analysis of whether the maximum reim-  
19 bursement amount under paragraph (2) is sufficient  
20 to cover the average costs of relicensing described in  
21 paragraph (1).”; and

22 (4) in paragraph (4), by striking “December  
23 31, 2022” and inserting “December 31, 2024”.

1   **SEC. 6**\_\_\_\_ **[[log69643]. EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY TO PRO-**  
2                   **VIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CIVILIAN**  
3                   **PROVIDERS OF CHILD CARE SERVICES OR**  
4                   **YOUTH PROGRAM SERVICES WHO PROVIDE**  
5                   **SUCH SERVICES TO SURVIVORS OF MEMBERS**  
6                   **OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO DIE IN LINE OF**  
7                   **DUTY.**

8       Section 1798(a) of title 10, United States Code, is  
9   amended by inserting “, survivors of members of the  
10   armed forces who die in line of duty while on active duty,  
11   active duty for training, or inactive duty for training,”  
12   after “armed forces”.

1 **SEC. 6** \_\_\_\_ **[log70079]. CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY FOR EDU-**  
2 **CATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR**  
3 **SPOUSES OF PROMOTED MEMBERS.**

4 Section 1784a(b) of title 10, United States Code, is  
5 amended—

- 6 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “Assistance”; and  
7 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
8 paragraph:

9 “(2) A spouse who is eligible for a program under  
10 this section and begins a course of education or training  
11 for a degree, license, or credential described in subsection  
12 (a) may not become ineligible to complete such course of  
13 education or training solely because the member to whom  
14 the spouse is married is promoted to a higher grade.”.

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_\_.**[Log 70090] **LEAD LEVEL SCREENINGS AND**  
2 **TESTINGS FOR CHILDREN.**

3 (a) TRICARE.—

4 (1) WELL-BABY CARE.—Section 1077 of title  
5 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at  
6 the end the following new subsection:

7 “(i)(1) Beginning January 1, 2020, in furnishing  
8 well-baby care under subsection (a)(8), the Secretary shall  
9 ensure that the following care is made available:

10 “(A) With respect to a child who lives in hous-  
11 ing built before 1978 at any time during the first 24  
12 months of the life of the child—

13 “(i) the first testing of the child for the  
14 level of lead in the blood of the child at approxi-  
15 mately the age of 12 months; and

16 “(ii) the second such test at approximately  
17 the age of 24 months.

18 “(B) With respect to a child not covered by  
19 subparagraph (A) whose parent or guardian, at any  
20 time during the first 24 months of the life of the  
21 child, has a military occupational specialty that the  
22 Secretary determines poses an elevated risk of lead  
23 exposure—

1           “(i) the first testing of the child for the  
2           level of lead in the blood of the child at approxi-  
3           mately the age of 12 months; and

4           “(ii) the second such test at approximately  
5           the age of 24 months.

6           “(C) With respect to a child not covered by  
7           subparagraph (A) or (B)—

8           “(i) the first screening of the child for an  
9           elevated risk of lead exposure at approximately  
10          the age of 12 months; and

11          “(ii) the second such screening at approxi-  
12          mately the age of 24 months.

13          “(D) With respect to a child covered by sub-  
14          paragraph (C) whose screening indicates an elevated  
15          risk of lead exposure, testing of the child for the  
16          level of lead in the blood of the child.

17          “(2) The Secretary shall ensure that any care pro-  
18          vided to a child pursuant to this chapter for lead poi-  
19          soning, including the care under paragraph (1), is carried  
20          out in accordance with applicable advice from the Centers  
21          for Disease Control and Prevention.

22          “(3)(A) With respect to a child who receives a test  
23          under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall provide the re-  
24          sults of the test to the parent or guardian of the child.



1 “(B) With respect to a child who receives a test under  
2 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall provide the results of  
3 the test and the address at which the child resides to—

4 “(i) the relevant health department of the State  
5 in which the child resides if the child resides in the  
6 United States; or

7 “(ii) the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-  
8 vention if the child resides outside the United  
9 States.

10 “(C) In providing information regarding a child to  
11 a State or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
12 under subparagraph (B), the Secretary may not provide  
13 any identifying information or health information of the  
14 child that is not specifically authorized in such subpara-  
15 graph.

16 “(D) In this paragraph, the term ‘State’ means each  
17 of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Com-  
18 monwealth of Puerto Rico, and any territory or possession  
19 of the United States.”.

20 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection  
21 (a)(8) of such section is amended by striking “in-  
22 cluding well-baby care that includes one screening of  
23 an infant for the level of lead in the blood of the in-  
24 fant” and inserting “including, in accordance with  
25 subsection (i), well-baby care that includes

1 screenings and testings for lead exposure and lead  
2 poisoning”.

3 (3) STUDY.—Not later than January 1, 2021,  
4 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the con-  
5 gressional defense committees a report detailing the  
6 following:

7 (A) The number of children who were test-  
8 ed for the level of lead in the blood of the child  
9 pursuant to subparagraph (A) of subsection  
10 (i)(1) of section 1077 of title 10, United States  
11 Code, as added by paragraph (1), and of such  
12 number, the number who were found to have  
13 elevated blood lead levels.

14 (B) The number of children who were test-  
15 ed for the level of lead in the blood of the child  
16 pursuant to subparagraph (B) of such sub-  
17 section (i)(1), and of such number, the number  
18 who were found to have lead poisoning.

19 (C) The number of children who were  
20 screened for an elevated risk of lead exposure  
21 pursuant to subparagraph (C) of such sub-  
22 section (i)(1).

23 (D) The number of children who were test-  
24 ed for the level of lead in the blood of the child  
25 pursuant to subparagraph (D) of such sub-

1 section, and of such number, the number who  
2 were found to have elevated blood lead levels.

3 (E) The treatment provided to children  
4 pursuant to chapter 55 of title 10, United  
5 States Code, for lead poisoning.

6 (4) GAO REPORT.—Not later than January 1,  
7 2022, the Comptroller General of the United States  
8 shall submit to the congressional defense committees  
9 a report on the effectiveness of screening, testing,  
10 and treating children for lead exposure and lead poi-  
11 soning pursuant to chapter 55 of title 10, United  
12 States Code.

13 (b) NOTIFICATION OF HOUSING.—Section 403 of  
14 title 37, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
15 end the following new subsection:

16 “(p) RECORDS REGARDING HOUSING AND LEAD-  
17 BASED PAINT.—(1) The Secretary concerned shall keep  
18 a record of whether the following housing was built before,  
19 during, or after 1978:

20 “(A) Quarters of the United States under the  
21 jurisdiction of that Secretary concerned.

22 “(B) A housing facility under the jurisdiction of  
23 that Secretary concerned.

1           “(C) Other housing in which a member of the  
2           uniformed service of that Secretary concerned re-  
3           sides.

4           “(2) As a condition of receipt of a basic allowance  
5           for housing under this section, a member of the uniformed  
6           services shall notify the Secretary concerned whether the  
7           housing in which that member resides was built before,  
8           during, or after 1978.”.

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_\_.[Log 69325] STUDY ON CASE MANAGEMENT AT**  
2 **MILITARY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES.**

3 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct  
4 a study on the effectiveness of case management practices  
5 at military medical treatment facilities. The study shall  
6 include the following:

7 (1) A standardized definition of case manage-  
8 ment.

9 (2) An evaluation of case management practices  
10 provided by the military departments before and  
11 during the transition of the administration of mili-  
12 tary medical treatment facilities to the Defense  
13 Health Agency pursuant to section 1073c of title 10,  
14 United States Code.

15 (3) A discussion of the metrics involved with  
16 determining the effectiveness of case management  
17 and the cost of case management.

18 (4) A review of case management best practices  
19 in the private sector, including with respect to—

20 (A) the intervals at which patients should  
21 be contacted;

22 (B) the role of the case manager in coordi-  
23 nation;

1 (C) the approximate number of patients  
2 managed by a case manager; and

3 (D) any other best practices relating to  
4 case management that would improve the expe-  
5 rience of care within the military health system.

6 (5) The results of a discussion with covered  
7 beneficiaries (as defined in section 1072 of title 10,  
8 United States Code) in a public forum on case man-  
9 agement in military medical treatment facilities ad-  
10 ministered by the Defense Health Agency.

11 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
12 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
13 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the  
14 House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the  
15 results of the study under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_\_.[Log 69326] LIMITATION ON THE REALIGNMENT**  
2 **OR REDUCTION OF MILITARY MEDICAL MAN-**  
3 **NING END STRENGTH.**

4 (a) LIMITATION.—Except as provided by subsection  
5 (d), the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries con-  
6 cerned may not realign or reduce military medical end  
7 strength authorizations until—

8 (1) each review is conducted under paragraph  
9 (1) of subsection (b);

10 (2) each analysis is conducted under paragraph  
11 (2) of such subsection;

12 (3) the measurement is developed under para-  
13 graph (3) of such subsection;

14 (4) each plan and forum is provided under  
15 paragraph (4) of such subsection; and

16 (5) a period of 90 days elapses following the  
17 date on which the Secretary submits the report  
18 under subsection (c).

19 (b) REVIEWS, ANALYSES, AND OTHER INFORMA-  
20 TION.—

21 (1) REVIEW.—Each Secretary concerned, in co-  
22 ordination with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of  
23 Staff, shall conduct a review of the medical man-  
24 power requirements of the military department of

1 the Secretary that accounts for all national defense  
2 strategy scenarios.

3 (2) ANALYSES.—With respect to each military  
4 medical treatment facility that would be affected by  
5 a proposed military medical end strength realign-  
6 ment or reduction, the Secretary concerned shall  
7 conduct an analysis that—

8 (A) identifies affected billets; and

9 (B) includes a plan for mitigating any po-  
10 tential gap in health care services caused by  
11 such realignment or reduction.

12 (3) MEASUREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense  
13 shall—

14 (A) develop a standard measurement for  
15 network adequacy to determine the capacity of  
16 the local health care network to provide care for  
17 covered beneficiaries in the area of a military  
18 medical treatment facility that would be af-  
19 fected by a proposed military medical end  
20 strength realignment or reduction; and

21 (B) use such measurement in carrying out  
22 this section and otherwise evaluating proposed  
23 military medical end strength realignment or  
24 reductions.



1           (4) OUTREACH.—The Secretary of Defense  
2       shall provide to each member of the Armed Forces  
3       and covered beneficiary located in the area of a mili-  
4       tary medical treatment facility that would be af-  
5       fected by a proposed military medical end strength  
6       realignment or reduction the following:

7           (A) A transition plan for continuity of  
8       health care services.

9           (B) A public forum to discuss the concerns  
10      of the member and covered beneficiary regard-  
11      ing such proposed realignment or reduction.

12      (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
13      of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
14      shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the  
15      House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the  
16      proposed military medical end strength realignments or  
17      reductions, including—

18           (1) the reviews, analyses, and other information  
19      developed under subsection (b); and

20           (2) a description of the actions the Secretary  
21      plans to take with respect to such proposed realign-  
22      ments or reductions.

23      (d) EXCEPTION.—The limitation in subsection (a)  
24      shall not apply to billets of a medical department of a mili-  
25      tary department that have remained unfilled since at least

1 October 1, 2018. The Secretary concerned may realign or  
2 reduce such a billet if the Secretary determines that such  
3 realignment or reduction does not affect the provision of  
4 health care services to members of the Armed Forces or  
5 covered beneficiaries.

6 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) The term “covered beneficiary” has the  
8 meaning given that term in section 1072 of title 10,  
9 United States Code.

10 (2) The term “proposed military medical end  
11 strength realignment or reduction” means a realign-  
12 ment or reduction of military medical end strength  
13 authorizations as proposed by the budget of the  
14 President for fiscal year 2020 submitted to Congress  
15 pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, United States  
16 Code.

17 (3) The term “Secretary concerned” means—

18 (A) the Secretary of the Army, with re-  
19 spect to matters concerning the Army;

20 (B) the Secretary of the Navy, with re-  
21 spect to matters concerning the Navy, the Ma-  
22 rine Corps, and the Coast Guard when it is op-  
23 erating as a service in the Department of the  
24 Navy; and

1 (C) the Secretary of the Air Force, with  
2 respect to matters concerning the Air Force.

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_\_.[Log 69537] OFFICERS AUTHORIZED TO COM-**  
2 **MAND ARMY DENTAL UNITS.**

3 Section 7081(d) of title 10, United States Code, is  
4 amended by striking “Dental Corps Officer” and inserting  
5 “commissioned officer of the Army Medical Department”.

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_\_.[Log 69903] REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PRE-**  
2 **SCRIPTION DRUG LABELS.**

3 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Section 1074g of title 10,  
4 United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsections (h) and (i) as  
6 subsections (i) and (j), respectively; and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-  
8 lowing new subsection (h):

9 “(h) LABELING.—The Secretary of Defense shall en-  
10 sure that drugs made available through the facilities of  
11 the armed forces under the jurisdiction of the Secretary  
12 include labels that—

13 “(1) are printed and physically located on or  
14 within the package from which the drug is to be dis-  
15 pensed; and

16 “(2) provide adequate directions for the pur-  
17 poses for which the drug is intended.”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (b)(1)  
19 of such section is amended by striking “under subsection  
20 (h)” and inserting “under subsection (j)”.

21 (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—Beginning not later than 90  
22 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
23 retary of Defense shall implement subsection (h) of section

1 1074g of title 10, United States Code, as added by sub-  
2 section (a).

1 **SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_.****[Log 69323] REPORTS ON SUICIDE AMONG MEM-**  
2 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

3 (a) **REPORTS.**—Not later than 90 days after the date  
4 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter  
5 through January 31, 2021, the Secretary of Defense shall  
6 submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House  
7 of Representatives and the Senate a report on suicide  
8 among members of the Armed Forces during the year pre-  
9 ceding the date of the report.

10 (b) **MATTERS INCLUDED.**—Each report under sub-  
11 section (a) shall include the following with respect to the  
12 year covered by the report:

13 (1) The number of suicides, attempted suicides,  
14 and occurrences of suicidal ideation involving a  
15 member of the Armed Forces, including the reserve  
16 components thereof, listed by Armed Force.

17 (2) The number of suicides, attempted suicides,  
18 or suicidal ideation identified under paragraph (1)  
19 that occurred during each of the following periods:

20 (A) The first 180 days of the member  
21 serving in the Armed Forces.

22 (B) The period in which the member is de-  
23 ployed in support of a contingency operation.

1           (3) With respect to the number of suicides, at-  
2       tempted suicides, or suicidal ideation identified  
3       under paragraph (2)(A), the initial recruit training  
4       location of the member.

5           (4) The number of suicides involving a depend-  
6       ent of a member.

7           (5) A description of any research collaborations  
8       and data sharing by the Department of Defense with  
9       the Department of Veterans Affairs, other depart-  
10      ment or agencies of the Federal Government, aca-  
11      demic institutions, or nongovernmental organiza-  
12      tions.

13          (6) Identification of a research agenda for the  
14      Department of Defense to improve the evidence base  
15      on effective suicide prevention treatment and risk  
16      communication.

17          (7) A description of the effectiveness of the  
18      policies developed pursuant to section 567 of the  
19      Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon Na-  
20      tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
21      2015 (Public Law 113–291; 10 U.S.C. 1071 note)  
22      and section 582 of the National Defense Authoriza-  
23      tion Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112-239;  
24      10 U.S.C. 1071 note), including with respect to—



1 (A) metrics identifying effective treatment  
2 modalities for members of the Armed Forces  
3 who are at risk for suicide (including any clin-  
4 ical interventions involving early identification  
5 and treatment of such members);

6 (B) metrics for the rate of integration of  
7 mental health screenings and suicide risk and  
8 prevention for members during the delivery of  
9 primary care for such members;

10 (C) metrics relating to the effectiveness of  
11 suicide prevention and resilience programs and  
12 preventative behavioral health programs of the  
13 Department of Defense (including those of the  
14 military departments and the Armed Forces);  
15 and

16 (D) metrics evaluating the training stand-  
17 ards for behavioral health care providers to en-  
18 sure that such providers have received training  
19 on clinical best practices and evidence-based  
20 treatments.

1 **SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_.**[Log 69327] **STUDY ON MILITARY-CIVILIAN INTE-**  
2 **GRATED HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEMS.**

3 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct  
4 a study on the use of local integrated military-civilian inte-  
5 grated health delivery systems pursuant to section 706 of  
6 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
7 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 10 U.S.C. 1096 note). The  
8 study shall examine the following:

9 (1) Geographic locations where military medical  
10 treatment facilities have existing contractual rela-  
11 tionships with local civilian health care networks, in-  
12 cluding Fort Drum, New York, Joint Base McGuire-  
13 Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, Joint Base Lewis-  
14 McCord, Washington, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri,  
15 Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, Fort Sill, Okla-  
16 homa, Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii, the  
17 National Capital Region, and similar locations.

18 (2) Health care activities that promote value-  
19 based care, measurable health outcomes, patient  
20 safety, timeliness of referrals, and transparent com-  
21 munication with covered beneficiaries.

22 (3) Locations where health care providers of the  
23 Department of Defense may be able to attain critical

1       wartime readiness skills in a local integrated mili-  
2       tary-civilian integrated health delivery system.

3           (4) The cost of providing care under an inte-  
4       grated military-civilian integrated health delivery  
5       system as compared to health care provided by a  
6       managed care support contractor.

7       (b) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 180 days after the  
8       date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
9       shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the  
10      House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the  
11      results of the study under subsection (a).

12      (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13           (1) The term “covered beneficiaries” has the  
14      meaning given that term in section 1072 of title 10,  
15      United States Code.

16           (2) The term “National Capital Region” has  
17      the meaning given that term in section 2674 of title  
18      10, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_\_. [LOG 69813]EXPOSURE TO OPEN BURN PITS AND**  
2 **TOXIC AIRBORNE CHEMICALS OR OTHER AIR-**  
3 **BORNE CONTAMINANTS AS PART OF PERI-**  
4 **ODIC HEALTH ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER**  
5 **PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS.**

6 (a) PERIODIC HEALTH ASSESSMENT.—The Sec-  
7 retary of Defense shall ensure that any periodic health as-  
8 sessment provided to members of the Armed Forces in-  
9 cludes an evaluation of whether the member has been—

10 (1) based or stationed at a location where an  
11 open burn pit was used; or

12 (2) exposed to toxic airborne chemicals or other  
13 airborne contaminants, including any information re-  
14 corded as part of the Airborne Hazards and Open  
15 Burn Pit Registry.

16 (b) SEPARATION HISTORY AND PHYSICAL EXAMINA-  
17 TIONS.—Section 1145(a)(5) of title 10, United States  
18 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new  
19 subparagraph:

20 “(C) The Secretary concerned shall ensure that each  
21 physical examination of a member under subparagraph  
22 (A) includes an assessment of whether the member was—

23 “(i) based or stationed at a location where an  
24 open burn pit, as defined in subsection (c) of section

1       201 of the Dignified Burial and Other Veterans’  
2       Benefits Improvement Act of 2012 (Public Law  
3       112–260; 38 U.S.C. 527 note), was used; or

4           “(ii) exposed to toxic airborne chemicals or  
5       other airborne contaminants, including any informa-  
6       tion recorded as part of the registry established by  
7       the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under such section  
8       201.”.

9       (c)       DEPLOYMENT       ASSESSMENTS.—Section  
10   1074f(b)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is amended  
11   by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

12           “(D) An assessment of whether the member  
13       was—

14           “(i) based or stationed at a location where  
15       an open burn pit, as defined in subsection (c)  
16       of section 201 of the Dignified Burial and  
17       Other Veterans’ Benefits Improvement Act of  
18       2012 (Public Law 112–260; 38 U.S.C. 527  
19       note), was used; or

20           “(ii) exposed to toxic airborne chemicals or  
21       other airborne contaminants, including any in-  
22       formation recorded as part of the registry es-  
23       tablished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
24       under such section 201.”.

25       (d) SHARING OF INFORMATION.—

1           (1) DOD–VA.—The Secretary of Defense and  
2           the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly enter  
3           into a memorandum of understanding providing for  
4           the sharing by the Department of Defense with the  
5           Department of Veterans Affairs of the results of  
6           covered evaluations regarding the exposure by a  
7           member of the Armed Forces to toxic airborne  
8           chemicals or other airborne contaminants.

9           (2) REGISTRY.—If a covered evaluation of a  
10          member of the Armed Forces establishes that the  
11          member was based or stationed at a location where  
12          an open burn pit was used or that the member was  
13          exposed to toxic airborne chemicals or other airborne  
14          contaminants, the member shall be enrolled in the  
15          Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry un-  
16          less the member elects to not so enroll.

17          (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
18          tion may be construed to preclude eligibility for benefits  
19          under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans  
20          Affairs by reason of the open burn pit exposure history  
21          of a veteran not being recorded in a covered evaluation.

22          (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23               (1) The term “Airborne Hazards and Open  
24               Burn Pit Registry” means the registry established  
25               by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under section

1       201 of the Dignified Burial and Other Veterans’  
2       Benefits Improvement Act of 2012 (Public Law  
3       112–260; 38 U.S.C. 527 note).

4           (2) The term “covered evaluation” means—

5               (A) a periodic health assessment conducted  
6               in accordance with subsection (a);

7               (B) a separation history and physical ex-  
8               amination conducted under section 1145(a)(5)  
9               of title 10, United States Code, as amended by  
10              this section; and

11              (C) a deployment assessment conducted  
12              under section 1074f(b)(2) of such title, as  
13              amended by this section.

14           (3) The term “open burn pit” has the meaning  
15       given that term in section 201(c) of the Dignified  
16       Burial and Other Veterans’ Benefits Improvement  
17       Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–260; 38 U.S.C. 527  
18       note).

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_\_. [LOG 69861] ENCOURAGEMENT OF PARTICIPA-**  
2 **TION IN WOMEN'S HEALTH TRANSITION**  
3 **TRAINING PILOT PROGRAM.**

4 (a) ENCOURAGEMENT OF PARTICIPATION.—The Sec-  
5 retaries of the military departments shall encourage fe-  
6 male members of the Armed Forces who are separating  
7 or retiring from the Armed Forces during fiscal year 2020  
8 to participate in the Women's Health Transition Training  
9 pilot program (in this section referred to as the “pilot pro-  
10 gram”) administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

11 (b) SELECTION.—Each Secretary of a military de-  
12 partment shall select at least one location at which the  
13 pilot program is offered and encourage participation in the  
14 pilot program at such location.

15 (c) REPORT.—Not later than September 30, 2020,  
16 the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Sec-  
17 retary of Veterans Affairs, shall submit to the Committees  
18 on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
19 resentatives and the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of  
20 the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the  
21 pilot program that includes the following:

22 (1) For the period since the commencement of  
23 the pilot program—



1 (A) the number of courses held under the  
2 pilot program;

3 (B) the locations at which such courses  
4 were held; and

5 (C) for each location identified in subpara-  
6 graph (B)—

7 (i) the number of female members by  
8 military department (with respect to De-  
9 partment of the Navy, separately for the  
10 Navy and Marine Corps) who participated  
11 in the pilot program; and

12 (ii) the number of seats available  
13 under the pilot program.

14 (2) Data relating to—

15 (A) satisfaction with courses held under  
16 the pilot program;

17 (B) improved awareness of health care  
18 services administered by the Secretary of Vet-  
19 erans Affairs; and

20 (C) any other available statistics regarding  
21 the pilot program.

22 (3) A discussion of regulatory, legal, or resource  
23 barriers to—

24 (A) making the pilot program permanent  
25 to enable access by a greater number of female

1 members at locations throughout the United  
2 States;

3 (B) offering the pilot program online for  
4 female members who are unable to attend  
5 courses held under the pilot program in person;  
6 and

7 (C) providing for automatic enrollment of  
8 participants in the pilot program in the patient  
9 enrollment system of the Department of Vet-  
10 erans Affairs established and operated under  
11 section 1705 of title 38, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_\_. [LOG 69863] PROVISION OF BLOOD TESTING**  
2 **FOR FIREFIGHTERS OF DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
3 **FENSE TO DETERMINE EXPOSURE TO**  
4 **PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL**  
5 **SUBSTANCES.**

6       The Secretary of Defense shall include, as part of the  
7 annual physical examination provided by the Secretary to  
8 each firefighter of the Department of Defense, blood test-  
9 ing to determine and document the potential exposure of  
10 such firefighters to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl sub-  
11 stances (commonly known as “PFAS”).

1 **SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_ . [LOG 69921]COMPREHENSIVE POLICY FOR PRO-**  
2 **VISION OF MENTAL HEALTH CARE TO MEM-**  
3 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

4 (a) **POLICY REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days  
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
6 of Defense, acting through the Under Secretary of De-  
7 fense for Personnel and Readiness, shall develop and im-  
8 plement a comprehensive policy for the provision of mental  
9 health care to members of the Armed Forces.

10 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The policy under subsection (a)  
11 shall address each of the following:

12 (1) The compliance of health professionals in  
13 the military health system engaged in the provision  
14 of health care services to members with clinical prac-  
15 tice guidelines for—

16 (A) suicide prevention;

17 (B) medication-assisted therapy for alcohol  
18 use disorders; and

19 (C) medication-assisted therapy for opioid  
20 use disorders.

21 (2) The access and availability of mental health  
22 care services to members who are victims of sexual  
23 assault or domestic violence.

1           (3) The availability of naloxone reversal capa-  
2           bility on military installations.

3           (4) The promotion of referrals of members by  
4           civilian health care providers to military medical  
5           treatment facilities when such members are—

6                   (A) at high risk for suicide and diagnosed  
7                   with a psychiatric disorder; or

8                   (B) receiving treatment for opioid use dis-  
9                   orders.

10          (5) The provision of comprehensive behavioral  
11          health treatment to members of the reserve compo-  
12          nents that takes into account the unique challenges  
13          associated with the deployment pattern of such  
14          members and the difficulty such members encounter  
15          post-deployment with respect to accessing such  
16          treatment in civilian communities.

17          (c) CONSIDERATION.—In developing the policy under  
18          subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall solicit and  
19          consider recommendations from the Secretaries of the  
20          military departments and the Chairman of the Joint  
21          Chiefs of Staff regarding the feasibility of implementation  
22          and execution of particular elements of the policy.

23          (d) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the  
24          date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
25          shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the

- 1 Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the
- 2 implementation of the policy under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_\_.**[Log 69223] **STUDY ON INFERTILITY AMONG**  
2 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

3 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
5 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the  
6 House of Representatives and the Senate a study on the  
7 incidence of infertility among members of the Armed  
8 Forces, including the reserve components thereof.

9 (b) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The study shall include  
10 the following:

11 (1) The number of members of the Armed  
12 Forces serving as of the date of the study who are  
13 diagnosed with common causes of infertility, such as  
14 polycystic ovary syndrome, pelvic inflammatory dis-  
15 ease, uterine fibroids, endometriosis, sexually trans-  
16 mitted disease, testicular disorders, and male endo-  
17 crine disorders.

18 (2) The number of members serving as of the  
19 date of the study whose infertility has no known  
20 cause.

21 (3) The incidence of miscarriage among women  
22 members, listed by Armed Force and military occu-  
23 pation.

1           (4) A comparison of the rates of infertility and  
2           miscarriage in the Armed Forces to such rates in  
3           the civilian population, as reported by the Centers  
4           for Disease Control and Prevention.

5           (5) Demographic information of the members  
6           described in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), include  
7           with respect to race, ethnicity, sex, age, military oc-  
8           cupation, and possible exposures during military  
9           service to hazardous elements such as chemical and  
10          biologic agents.

11          (6) An assessment of the ease or delay for  
12          members in obtaining treatment for infertility, in-  
13          cluding in vitro fertilization, including—

14                (A) the wait times at each military medical  
15                treatment facility that has community partner-  
16                ships to provide in vitro fertilization;

17                (B) the number of members described in  
18                paragraph (1) who are candidates for in vitro  
19                fertilization or other infertility treatments but  
20                cannot obtain such treatments because of the  
21                location at which the member is stationed or  
22                the duties of the member; and

23                (C) a discussion of the reasons members  
24                cease seeking such treatments through the mili-  
25                tary health system.



1           (7) Criteria used by the Secretary to determine  
2       service connection for infertility, including whether  
3       screenings for levels of toxins are undertaken when  
4       the cause of infertility cannot be determined.

5           (8) The policy of the Department of Defense,  
6       as of the date of the study, for ensuring geographic  
7       stability during treatment of women members under-  
8       going in vitro fertilization for either service-con-  
9       nected or non-service-connected infertility.

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_\_. [LOG 70005] NATIONAL GUARD SUICIDE PRE-**  
2 **VENTION PILOT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) PILOT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Chief of  
4 the National Guard Bureau may carry out a pilot program  
5 to expand suicide prevention and intervention efforts at  
6 the community level through the use of a mobile applica-  
7 tion that provides the capability for a member of the Na-  
8 tional Guard to receive prompt support, including access  
9 to a behavioral health professional, on a smartphone, tab-  
10 let computer, or other handheld mobile device.

11 (b) ELEMENTS.—The pilot program shall include,  
12 subject to such conditions as the Secretary may pre-  
13 scribe—

14 (1) the use by members of the National Guard  
15 of an existing mobile application that provides the  
16 capability described in subsection (a); or

17 (2) the development and use of a new mobile  
18 application that provides such capability.

19 (c) ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION REQUIRE-  
20 MENTS.—The Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall  
21 establish requirements with respect to eligibility and par-  
22 ticipation in the pilot program.

1 (d) ASSESSMENT PRIOR TO PILOT PROGRAM COM-  
2 MENCEMENT.—Prior to commencement of the pilot pro-  
3 gram, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall—

4 (1) conduct an assessment of existing preven-  
5 tion and intervention efforts of the National Guard  
6 in each State that include the use of mobile applica-  
7 tions that provide the capability described in sub-  
8 section (a) to determine best practices for providing  
9 immediate and localized care through the use of  
10 such mobile applications; and

11 (2) determine the feasibility of expanding exist-  
12 ing programs on a national scale.

13 (e) RESPONSIBILITIES OF ENTITIES PARTICIPATING  
14 IN PILOT PROGRAM.—Each entity that participates in the  
15 pilot program shall—

16 (1) share best practices with other entities par-  
17 ticipating in the program; and

18 (2) annually assess outcomes with respect to  
19 members of the National Guard.

20 (f) TERM.—The pilot program shall terminate on the  
21 date that is three years after the date on which the pilot  
22 program commenced.

23 (g) REPORTS.—

24 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—If the Chief of the Na-  
25 tional Guard Bureau commences the pilot program

1 authorized under subsection (a), not later than 180  
2 days after the date of the commencement of such  
3 program, the Chief shall submit to the Committees  
4 on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of  
5 Representatives a report containing a description of  
6 the pilot program and such other matters as the  
7 Chief considers appropriate.

8 (2) FINAL REPORT.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180  
10 days after the termination of the pilot program,  
11 the Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall  
12 submit to the Committees on Armed Services of  
13 the Senate and the House of Representatives a  
14 report on such pilot program.

15 (B) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The report  
16 under subparagraph (A) shall include the fol-  
17 lowing:

18 (i) A description of the pilot program,  
19 including any partnerships entered into by  
20 the Chief of the National Guard Bureau  
21 under the program.

22 (ii) An assessment of the effectiveness  
23 of the pilot program.

1 (iii) A description of costs associated  
2 with the implementation of the pilot pro-  
3 gram.

4 (iv) The estimated costs of making  
5 the pilot program permanent.

6 (v) A recommendation as to whether  
7 the pilot program should be extended or  
8 made permanent.

9 (vi) Such other recommendations for  
10 legislative or administrative action as the  
11 Chief of the National Guard Bureau con-  
12 siders appropriate.

13 (h) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
14 “State” means each of the several States, the District of  
15 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American  
16 Samoa, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, and the  
17 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_\_. [LOG 70041]INCLUSION OF BLAST EXPOSURE**  
2 **HISTORY IN MEDICAL RECORDS OF MEM-**  
3 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense, in  
5 coordination with the Secretaries of the military depart-  
6 ments, shall document blast exposure history in the med-  
7 ical record of a member of the Armed Forces to—

8 (1) assist in determining whether a future ill-  
9 ness or injury of the member is service-connected;  
10 and

11 (2) inform future blast exposure risk mitigation  
12 efforts of the Department of Defense.

13 (b) ELEMENTS.—A blast exposure history under sub-  
14 section (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

15 (1) The date of the exposure.

16 (2) The duration of the exposure, and, if  
17 known, the measured blast pressure experienced by  
18 the individual during such exposure.

19 (3) Whether the exposure occurred during com-  
20 bat or training.

21 (4) Such other information relating to the expo-  
22 sure as the Secretary of Defense may specify pursu-  
23 ant to the guidance described in subsection (c)(1).

1 (c) COLLECTION OF EXPOSURE INFORMATION.—The  
2 Secretary of Defense shall collect blast exposure informa-  
3 tion with respect to a member of the Armed Forces in  
4 a manner—

5 (1) consistent with blast exposure measurement  
6 training guidance of the Department, including any  
7 new guidance developed pursuant to—

8 (A) the study on blast pressure exposure  
9 required by section 734 of the National Defense  
10 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public  
11 Law 115–91; 131 Stat. 1444); and

12 (B) the review of guidance on blast expo-  
13 sure during training required by section 253 of  
14 the John S. McCain National Defense Author-  
15 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law  
16 115–232; 132 Stat. 1704, 10 U.S.C. 2001  
17 note);

18 (2) compatible with training and operational ob-  
19 jectives; and

20 (3) that is automated, to the extent practicable,  
21 to minimize the reporting burden of unit com-  
22 manders.

23 (d) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date  
24 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
25 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the

- 1 Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the
- 2 types of information included in a blast exposure history
- 3 under subsection (a).



1 **SEC. 14 \_\_\_\_.** **[LOG 69541] AUTHORITY FOR TRANSFER OF**  
2 **FUNDS TO JOINT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE-**  
3 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MED-**  
4 **ICAL FACILITY DEMONSTRATION FUND FOR**  
5 **CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL HEALTH CARE**  
6 **CENTER, ILLINOIS.**

7 (a) **AUTHORITY FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS.**—Of the  
8 funds authorized to be appropriated by section **[1405]**  
9 and available for the Defense Health Program for oper-  
10 ation and maintenance, \$127,500,000 may be transferred  
11 by the Secretary of Defense to the Joint Department of  
12 Defense–Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility  
13 Demonstration Fund established by subsection (a)(1) of  
14 section 1704 of the National Defense Authorization Act  
15 for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat.  
16 2571). For purposes of subsection (a)(2) of such section  
17 1704, any funds so transferred shall be treated as  
18 amounts authorized and appropriated specifically for the  
19 purpose of such a transfer.

20 (b) **USE OF TRANSFERRED FUNDS.**—For the pur-  
21 poses of subsection (b) of such section 1704, facility oper-  
22 ations for which funds transferred under subsection (a)  
23 may be used are operations of the Captain James A.  
24 Lovell Federal Health Care Center, consisting of the

1 North Chicago Veterans Affairs Medical Center, the Navy  
2 Ambulatory Care Center, and supporting facilities des-  
3 ignated as a combined Federal medical facility under an  
4 operational agreement covered by section 706 of the Dun-  
5 can Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
6 Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500).

1   **SEC. \_\_\_\_.** **[LOG 69545] AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-**  
2                   **TIONS FOR ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT**  
3                   **HOME.**

4       There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for fis-  
5   cal year 2020 from the Armed Forces Retirement Home  
6   Trust Fund the sum of \$64,300,000 for the operation of  
7   the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

1   **SEC. 28**\_\_\_\_ **[Log 69322]. DEVELOPMENT OF PROCESS TO**  
2                   **IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL**  
3                   **HEALTH HAZARDS IN DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
4                   **FENSE HOUSING.**

5           (a) **PROCESS REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days  
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
7 of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the  
8 military departments, shall develop a process to identify,  
9 record, and resolve environmental health hazards in hous-  
10 ing under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense  
11 (including privatized housing) in a timely manner.

12          (b) **ELEMENTS OF PROCESS.**—The process developed  
13 under subsection (a) shall provide for the following with  
14 respect to each identified environmental health hazard:

15               (1) Categorization of the hazard.

16               (2) Identification of health risks posed by the  
17 hazard.

18               (3) Identification of the number of housing oc-  
19 cupants potentially affected by the hazard.

20               (4) Recording and maintenance of information  
21 regarding the hazard.

22               (5) Resolution of the hazard, which shall in-  
23 clude—

1                   (A) the performance by the Secretary of  
2                   Defense (or in the case of privatized housing,  
3                   the landlord) of hazard remediation activities at  
4                   the affected facility; and

5                   (B) follow-up by the Secretary of Defense  
6                   to collect information on medical care related to  
7                   the hazard sought or received by individuals af-  
8                   fected by the hazard.

9           (c) COORDINATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
10           ensure coordination between military treatment facilities,  
11           appropriate public health officials, and housing managers  
12           at military installations with respect to the development  
13           and implementation of the process required by subsection  
14           (a).

15           (d) REPORT.—Not later than 210 days after the date  
16           of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
17           shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the  
18           Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the  
19           process required by subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 28**\_\_\_\_ **[Log 69809]. ASSESSMENT OF HAZARDS IN DE-**  
2 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE HOUSING.**

3 (a) **HAZARD ASSESSMENT TOOL.**—

4 (1) **DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED.**—Not later than  
5 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
6 the Secretary of Defense shall develop an assessment  
7 tool, such as a rating system or similar mechanism,  
8 to identify and measure health and safety hazards in  
9 housing under the jurisdiction of the Department of  
10 Defense (including privatized housing).

11 (2) **COMPONENTS.**—The assessment tool shall  
12 provide for the identification and measurement of  
13 the following hazards:

14 (A) Physiological hazards, including damp-  
15 ness and mold growth, lead-based paint, asbes-  
16 tos and manmade fibers, radiation, biocides,  
17 and volatile organic compounds.

18 (B) Psychological hazards, including ease  
19 of access by unlawful intruders, and lighting  
20 issues.

21 (C) Infection hazards.

22 (D) Safety hazards.

23 (3) **PUBLIC FORUMS.**—In developing the assess-  
24 ment tool, the Secretary of Defense shall provide for

1 multiple public forums at which the Secretary may  
2 receive input with respect to such assessment tool  
3 from occupants of housing under the jurisdiction of  
4 the Department of Defense (including privatized  
5 housing).

6 (4) REPORT.—Not later than 210 days after  
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
8 of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed  
9 Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-  
10 tives a report on the assessment tool.

11 (b) HAZARD ASSESSMENTS.—

12 (1) ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED.—Not later than  
13 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
14 the Secretary of Defense, using the assessment tool  
15 developed under subsection (a)(1), shall complete a  
16 hazard assessment for each housing facility under  
17 the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense (in-  
18 cluding privatized housing).

19 (2) TENANT INFORMATION.—As soon as prac-  
20 ticable after the completion of the hazard assess-  
21 ment conducted for a housing facility under para-  
22 graph (1), the Secretary of Defense shall provide to  
23 each individual who leases or is assigned to a hous-  
24 ing unit in the facility a summary of the results of  
25 the assessment.

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# **DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS**

## **TITLE V—MILITARY PERSONNEL POLICY**

### **ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST**

#### **Comptroller General Report on Domestic Violence**

The committee is concerned about the Department of Defense and military services' domestic violence response and prevention programs. The committee notes that Department of Defense Instruction 6400.06 "Domestic Abuse Involving DoD Military and Certain Affiliated Personnel" clearly establishes detailed procedures for responding to domestic violence and directs the military departments to establish policies and programs to implement the instruction. The committee understands there are variances in response and prevention programs based on military service guidance and local jurisdictions, but is concerned by the April 19, 2019, Department of Defense Inspector General Report "Evaluation of Military Services Law Enforcement Responses to Domestic Violence" findings that military service law enforcement organizations did not consistently comply with Department of Defense policies.

Therefore, the committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to provide preliminary observations to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives by February 1, 2020, with a report to follow by an agreed upon time, on the military services' efforts to prevent and respond to domestic violence. The report should address the following elements:

- (1) the extent to which each military service policy conforms to the Department of Defense Instruction;
- (2) the actions service secretaries took to address the Department of Defense Inspector General recommendations;
- (3) the extent to which the military services are meeting training requirements listed in Department of Defense Instruction 6400.06, the objectives of those training requirements, and whether the training is effective to meet those objectives;
- (4) the extent to which each military service has established memorandums of understanding with local law enforcement and jurisdictions to enhance the coordinated community response to domestic violence;
- (5) the extent to which commanders have played a role in the coordinated community response to domestic abuse consistent with Department of Defense Instruction 6400.06;
- (6) an assessment of how the military services respond to domestic violence from initial reports to military law enforcement through final adjudication, to include victim assistance and early intervention; and

(7) any recommendations the Comptroller General may have with respect to implementation of the military services' domestic violence prevention and response programs.

### Comptroller General Report on Hazing

The committee is concerned about the results of the Department of Defense 2018 Annual Summary Report on Hazing Prevention and Response in the Armed Forces. The committee notes the disparity in the number of incidents and reports between the services. Of the 291 reported complaints of hazing, 256 complaints were from the Marine Corps. This disparity in the number of complaints was similar to the results of the 2017 report with a total of 415 complaints, 314 of those from the Marine Corps. The committee is aware the Department issued Department of Defense Instruction 1020.03, Harassment Prevention and Response in the Armed Forces, on February 8, 2018, and the military services are updating their policies to align with the Department's changes. However, the committee is concerned there is not a consistent emphasis across the services with respect to hazing. Further, the committee notes that in the Government Accountability Office (GAO) report "DOD and Coast Guard: Actions Needed to Increase Oversight and Management Information on Hazing Incidents Involving Servicemembers" (GAO-16-226), GAO found that the Department had not conducted oversight through regular monitoring of policy implementation and recommended that the Department of Defense do so.

Therefore, the committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to provide preliminary observations to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives by February 1, 2020, on the status of the military services' efforts to prevent and respond to hazing with a report to follow on an agreed upon date. The report should address the following elements:

(1) the extent to which each military service's policy and definition of hazing conforms to the Department of Defense Instruction;

(2) the extent to which each military service provides harassment prevention and response training using best practices with a targeted approach to the demographics the report indicates are involved with hazing;

(3) the extent to which the military services are meeting the standardized data reporting requirements;

(4) the extent to which each military service's specific implementation meets the requirements of Department of Defense Instruction 1020.03; and

(5) any recommendations the Comptroller General may have with respect to implementation of the military services' hazing prevention and response programs.

### Inspector General Whistleblower Improvement Plan

The committee remains concerned about the ability of the Department of Defense and the military service Inspectors General (IG) to meet timeliness goals for handling whistleblower complaints. Responding promptly and thoroughly is essential to instilling trust and confidence in the system. The Government

Accountability Office (GAO) report "Whistleblower Protection, Analysis of DOD's Actions to Improve Case Timeliness and Safeguard Confidentiality" (GAO-19-198) found that Department of Defense and military service Inspectors General met some, but not all, of the timelines and quality goals. The GAO made 12 recommendations to the Department of Defense Inspector General and the military service IGs with concurrence by all organizations for all recommendations. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives by December 2, 2019, detailing the implementation of the 12 GAO recommendations. The Secretary's report shall also include actions taken by the Secretary to improve the timeliness of completing whistleblower complaints, as well as efforts to protect the confidentiality of the complainant.

### Measure Officer Accountability

The committee acknowledges the Department of Defense's efforts to address low and stagnant reporting rates for sexual assault and sexual harassment in the U.S. military. The committee also acknowledges commanders' responsibilities to cultivate positive and safe command climates and maintain trust from junior and mid-level service members. The committee is aware that fear of retaliation is consistently cited as a contributing factor to the underreporting of sexual assault and sexual harassment crimes across military installations. The committee is also aware that measures are currently in place to enable victims of sexual assault and sexual harassment to formally report perceived instances of retaliation to their respective commanders, law enforcement, special victims' counsel, and Sexual Assault Response Coordinators. The committee is concerned that, despite the aforementioned safeguards, perceived instances of retaliation remain high.

Therefore, the committee directs the Department of Defense Inspector General to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than March 1, 2020, containing data from fiscal year 2018 on the following:

- (1) the total number of substantiated cases of ostracism;
- (2) the total number of substantiated cases of maltreatment;
- (3) the total number of substantiated cases of retaliation that would meet the elements of Article 132 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice;
- (4) the total number of commanders, across military services, who have been formally accused of mishandling reports of sexual harassment and sexual assault;
- (5) the total number of commanders, across military services, who have been formally reprimanded for mishandling reports of sexual harassment and sexual assault and what, if any, related disciplinary action was taken;
- (6) the total number of commanders, across military services, who have been formally accused of mishandling reports of victim retaliation related to sexual harassment and sexual assault;

(7) the total number of commanders, across military services, who have been formally reprimanded for mishandling reports of victim retaliation related to sexual harassment and sexual assault and what, if any, related disciplinary action was taken; and

(8) the total number of commanders, across military services, who have received negative command climate reports related to sexual harassment, sexual assault, and gender discrimination.

#### Report on Air National Guard Control Grades

The committee recognizes the challenges the Air National Guard (ANG) faces in recruiting and retaining qualified airmen for full-time positions due to the statutory control grade cap. To alleviate this limitation, the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115-232) increased the control grade cap for O-4 through O-6, E-8s, and E-9s. While units across the country felt the positive impact of this cap increase, they continue to face personnel challenges. With the current numbers and distribution, there are fewer control grades than the unit manning document positions. Therefore, organizations are unable to place service members of the correct rank into the corresponding positions. The committee directs the Director of the Air National Guard to perform a by-unit audit to determine the true number of control grade deficiencies and necessary increases and provide a report to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than June 1, 2020, with audit results.

#### Report on Cyber Education Integration in Professional Military Education

The committee remains concerned about the Department of Defense's ongoing efforts to integrate cyber domain education into officer professional military education. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2020, on the Department's efforts to integrate cyber domain education in professional military education courses to further the understanding of the cyber domain among senior leaders. The briefing will also include an assessment of efforts to recruit and develop career tracks with promotion potential for cyber professionals.

#### Report on Implementation of Transition Assistance Program Content

The committee remains interested in the effective and efficient transition of service members to civilian life and the programs in place to assist in this transition. Section 552 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115-232) required a comprehensive reform of the Department of Defense Transition Assistance Program. The committee therefore directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, not later than April 1, 2020, containing

the plan for implementation of reforms to the Transition Assistance Program directed by section 552 of Public Law 115-232. The report shall also include:

(1) an analysis of how many service members each year, since the beginning of fiscal year 2015, have met the Career Readiness Standards (CRS) at least 90 days before separation.

(2) how many required additional assistance because the service member did not meet the CRS standards and/or does not have a viable transition plan, and how many service members affirmatively received this assistance.

(3) what steps the Department will take to increase the number of service members that will meet CRS standards at least 90 days before separation.

(4) what organizations are receiving the service members in a “warm handover” and how many are handed over to each.

(5) a status update on the establishment of the pathways for individualized counseling, including a description of each of the pathways and their objective.

#### Report on Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Community Service

The committee notes that the purpose of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) program is to instill in students in U.S. secondary educational institutions the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment. The committee believes that community service of all types supports and enhances this purpose. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives by March 1, 2020, on the feasibility and advisability of a community service requirement as part of the JROTC program in order for a unit to earn an “Honor Unit with Distinction” designation.

#### Report on Passport Guidance for Emergency Contacts

The committee notes that families of service members deployed outside the continental United States often may not have a valid passport for overseas travel in the event the service member has a medical emergency and a family member's presence is needed. While the services have policies in place for obtaining short-notice passports, the committee is concerned that information on these procedures is not being adequately disseminated to unit commanders and service casualty offices. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report not later than April 1, 2020, addressing the following questions:

(1) what information is provided to service members' families prior to deployment regarding family travel policies?

(2) how are the instructions for obtaining a short-notice passport relayed to unit commanders and the service casualty office?

(3) what improvements can be made to the passport process?

(4) how can the Department of Defense and the services improve their dissemination of information related to emergency travel procedures for families of overseas service members?

## Report on Senior Officer Outside Employment

The committee is interested in senior officer outside employment while still on Active Duty. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives not later than May 1, 2020, on requests from senior officers for approval of outside employment. The report period will be inclusive of the fiscal years from 2017 through 2019 and cover Active Duty officers in the grade of O-6 or above. The elements of the report shall include:

- (1) the number of such requests made in each fiscal year;
- (2) the number of such requests approved in each fiscal year;
- (3) the types of positions for which senior personnel made such requests;
- (4) the range and average of the time commitment for such positions; and
- (5) any ethical lapses or abuses by senior personnel in the course of employment pursuant to approved requests.

## Standardizing Training for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Practitioners

The committee acknowledges the Department of Defense's continued efforts to ensure that sexual assault prevention and response training remains effective, adequate, and up-to-date. In response to the committee report accompanying the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (H. Rept. 115-676), the Department submitted a report to the House Committee on Armed Services on the feasibility of developing and incorporating standardized best practices for sexual assault prevention and response training across services. The report suggests that standardized implementation is essential to achieving decreases in rates of sexual assault.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than November 1, 2019, on the Department's efforts to standardize sexual assault prevention training, across services, and to ensure that such training incorporates innovative training methodologies based on identified competencies for prevention and response practitioners.

## TITLE VI—COMPENSATION AND OTHER PERSONNEL BENEFITS

### ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

#### Department of Defense SkillBridge Program Applicability to Service Member Spouses

The committee commends the Department of Defense for its development of the Department of Defense SkillBridge program, which offers training programs in



the form of internships and apprenticeships through participating private companies for service members transitioning to civilian life. The committee remains concerned by the persistent issue of unemployment and underemployment of military spouses. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives not later than April 1, 2020, on the feasibility and advisability of providing a similar program for service member spouses that would apply at any time during a spouse's career. The report shall include:

- (1) the extent to which private companies currently participating in SkillBridge are interested in extending internships and apprenticeships to service member spouses;
- (2) the extent to which the potential expansion of the program would affect the ability to effectively administer the current SkillBridge program;
- (3) the costs to the Department of Defense of administering such a program;
- (4) any other issues the Secretary of Defense deems relevant.

### Service Member Separation Survey Methodology

The committee is concerned that valuable military personnel data currently collected by the Department of Defense is not being effectively organized, analyzed, and applied to better understand service members' motivations for staying in or leaving the military. Data on service members' reasons for separation from service, that could be used to adjust recruiting and retention policies of the armed services and the Department of Defense, is not being collected in an effective or timely manner. The committee notes that the requirement for individual exit surveys and interviews with separating or retiring service members has not been uniformly established across the Department of Defense. In addition, the committee is concerned that the exit surveys may not be valid survey instruments.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Department of Defense Office of People Analytics, to determine the best methodology and timing to conduct and require exit interviews or surveys with individuals leaving Active Duty to establish, at a minimum:

- (1) what personal or professional factors are causing the service member to leave the military service.
- (2) what specific opportunities, programs, or benefits could have influenced their retention decisions.
- (3) service member satisfaction with benefits, compensation, and service leadership.
- (4) service member suggestions for improving benefits, career management, or work-life balance.

Furthermore, the Secretary, in coordination with the Office of People Analytics, shall review currently existing military personnel databases that may be used to assist the services in further establishing service member behaviors regarding accession and retention in the military.

The committee directs the Secretary to provide a briefing to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives not later than April 1, 2020, on the efforts to establish enhanced military personnel data analytics and an effective exit survey program as described above.

### Spouse Employment Programs

The committee is aware of the extensive network of resources that the Department of Defense has established to assist spouses of members of the Armed Forces in seeking employment. The committee understands the need to provide both online and in-person career counseling and employment information to ensure the unique needs of military spouses are met. However, the committee remains concerned that some of the resources available may not adequately target the professions most sought-after by spouses. Therefore, the committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to provide a briefing to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives not later than April 1, 2020, with a report to follow at a later date, containing the following components:

(1) an analysis of whether military spouses with certain professional certifications or licenses have higher rates of unemployment than other military spouses;

(2) an analysis of whether military spouses with certain professional certifications or licenses have higher rates of unemployment when compared to their civilian counterparts;

(3) an analysis of whether military spouses married to service members of certain ranks have higher rates of unemployment than other military spouses;

(4) an analysis of whether the Department of Defense has a system of measurement for evaluating the effectiveness of States' laws in easing licensing burdens on military spouses and whether occupational licensing requirements are considered when evaluating service member assignment decisions; and

(5) marketing efforts by the Department of Defense to ensure military spouses are aware of the available resources.

## TITLE VII—HEALTH CARE PROVISIONS

### ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

#### Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy

The committee commends the research and work being conducted by the Department of Defense on traumatic brain injury (TBI). However, the committee is seeking to understand the proportion of TBI research being dedicated to chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE). Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives not later than March 1, 2020, on the following:

- (1) the proportion and amount of the Department of Defense medical research budget being dedicated to CTE;
- (2) the projected number of service members potentially afflicted with CTE;
- (3) the plan and methodologies used for the detection of CTE in service members and covered beneficiaries;
- (4) the number of Department of Defense Graduate Medical Education programs that incorporate CTE into curricula;
- (5) the therapeutics being developed for covered beneficiaries afflicted with CTE; and
- (6) potential gaps in CTE research and detection methodologies.

### Co-Location of Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facilities

The committee is concerned that the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs have not fully considered the potential benefits of co-locating military treatment facilities in geographic locations in close proximity to Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities in areas like William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Naval Medical Center San Diego, Travis Air Force Base, and other similar locations. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives by February 1, 2020, on the following:

- (1) a list of facilities where co-location may be possible;
- (2) a cost-benefit analysis that highlights efficiencies that could be gained by shared services, personal services contracts, equipment, and other resources; and
- (3) a list of facilities that could benefit from a joint planning, design, and construction process for Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities.

### Government Accountability Office Review on Health Care Quality in the Military Health System

The committee understands the Military Health System strives to offer quality health care to service members and covered beneficiaries. However, the committee is concerned there may be some gaps in different quality metrics that assess the provision of health care services. Therefore, the committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review and submit a report to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives not later than February 1, 2020, that includes the following:

- (1) the timeliness of urgent health care referrals to be appropriately referred in both the direct care system and purchased care system;
- (2) an assessment of whether patients in the Military Health System are receiving the right amount of care when needed;

(3) an assessment of whether the Department of Defense is utilizing work conducted by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the Institute of Medicine in developing standardized health care quality metrics;

(4) an assessment on how many medical providers in the direct care system and purchased care system lost eligibility for malpractice insurance prior to working for the Department of Defense or would not be eligible for insurance were they not working for the Department of Defense; and

(5) any changes in patient safety metrics related to the implementation of the Genesis electronic health record.

### Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Drug Therapy

The committee is encouraged by recent medical advancements in the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). This emphasis on treatment is essential given that the Veterans Administration estimates that between 11 and 20 percent of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom veterans have PTSD in a given year. As a part of these advances, both the Department of Defense and private companies have worked to develop new drug therapy, some of which are in the Phase 3 clinical trial stage. The committee encourages the Department to continue partnerships with private drug developers and to fund Phase 3 clinical trials for PTSD drugs when appropriate. However, there are concerns that additional emphasis should be placed on the advanced development of pharmaceuticals that show increasing effectiveness throughout clinical trials. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services by January 1, 2020, on the current efforts underway to develop effective PTSD drug therapy, along with a description of existing partnerships with private drug developers, and the amount of Federal funding they receive.

### Report on Pre-Hospital Tactical Combat Trauma Training

The committee is interested in the continued development of tactical combat casualty care and notes the pivotal role it has played in saving the lives of wounded service members. However, the committee is concerned about the wide variation and lack of a standardized teaching methodology for pre-hospital tactical combat casualty care that could result in adverse casualty outcomes in the operational environment. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives not later than May 1, 2020, on the development of a comprehensive strategy that addresses the standardization of pre-hospital tactical combat casualty care, as well as hospital and pre-hospital partnerships that include the American College of Surgeons, the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, and other organizations that may provide vital training, standards, and best practices that help improve the continuum of battlefield care.

## Report on Service Member Discharges Related to Human Immunodeficiency Virus or Hepatitis B

The committee remains concerned about the implementation of the Department of Defense Retention Policy for Non-Deployable Service Members as it relates to service members with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) or Hepatitis B. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives not later than February 1, 2020, that includes:

- (1) the number of service members discharged over the previous year as part of the Department of Defense Retention Policy for Non-Deployable Service Members;
- (2) the number of service members discharged because of non-deployability associated with HIV;
- (3) the number of service members discharged because of non-deployability associated with Hepatitis B; and
- (4) an explanation of any updates to personnel policies made by the Department of Defense for individuals living with HIV or Hepatitis B, or other diseases who are, as a result of their disease, impacted by this policy.

## Translational Application of Mental Health Evidence Base

The committee is concerned by the pace of translating research on post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), pain management, major depressive disorders (MDDs), and substance abuse into practical application that can be disseminated into clinical practice guidelines across the Department of Defense. Building on the committee report accompanying the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (H. Rept. 115-676), the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives not later than February 1, 2020, on the following:

- (1) the tracking of patients who receive their care in primary care clinics (which frequently occurs, particularly for depression), those seen by embedded providers on operational platforms, and those who use purchased care for some or all of their care;
- (2) the process that ensures a formalized methodology for translating and tracking evidence-based research and treatments for PTSD, MDD, pain management, and substance abuse across the Department of Defense; and
- (3) the mechanism for the Defense Health Agency to track and assess substance abuse programs that may reside in the military departments.

## TRICARE Reserve Select Study

The committee remains concerned about Reserve Component service members using limited training time to address required health evaluations. The consumption of training time for purposes like medical preparedness that is not

directly related to military readiness training may inhibit unit lethality. The lack of a TRICARE Reserve Select option for dual-status technicians impacts Reserve Component recruiting and retention efforts. The committee therefore directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives not later than April 1, 2020, that includes the following:

- (1) administrative, policy, statutory, and technical changes that could reduce the administrative burden on the military;
- (2) the program cost associated with providing TRICARE Reserve Select for medical, dental, and vision care to dual-status technicians;
- (3) the out-of-pocket costs involved with providing TRICARE Reserve Select for medical, dental, and vision care to dual-status technicians compared to the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program;
- (4) the amount of funding currently budgeted for Reserve Component health care;
- (5) the readiness and quality of life impacts associated with providing Reserve Component service members with TRICARE Reserve Select; and
- (6) an economic analysis of whether the cost of providing TRICARE Reserve Select for dual-status technicians is feasible when considering the readiness and time constraints of Reserve Component service members.

### Unhealthy Alcohol Use Report

The committee is concerned that harmful alcohol use persists among Active Duty personnel and that trends have remained unchanged for years based on the 2015 Department of Defense Health Related Behaviors Survey results published in 2018. In the report, one-third of service members reported binge drinking in the past 30 days and 35 percent engaged in hazardous or disordered drinking. High levels of alcohol misuse have translated into significant increases in mental health and health care utilization within the military. Finally, alcohol abuse is also associated with increased rates of suicide, alcohol-related misconduct, family problems, and increased medical costs. Taken together, these factors can significantly impair and diminish force readiness among Active Duty personnel.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2020, that contains the following:

- (1) the current Department-wide and service efforts to decrease the deleterious effects of alcohol on Active Duty personnel;
- (2) the implementation of current, effective, evidence- and population-based interventions to curb harmful alcohol use;
- (3) the incidence rate of sexual assaults and domestic violence involving alcohol-related events;
- (4) the feasibility of efforts taken to streamline the effective evidence-based alcohol abuse prevention programs employed by the services so that common elements are more standardized and jointly managed; and

(5) the feasibility of adapting a National Institute of Alcohol and Alcohol Abuse-endorsed, effective web-based intervention developed by academia for the collegiate population to prevent and reduce harmful alcohol consumption, for a similarly aged military cohort pilot study.

## **DIVISION B—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATIONS**

### **TITLE XXVIII—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST**

##### **Mold Assessment, Mitigation, and Remediation Efforts in Military Housing Report**

The committee is concerned with multiple reports of issues involving mold in Department of Defense housing to include privatized housing. These reports have indicated that mold in Department of Defense housing may have contributed to negative health effects on some occupants. These reports also pointed to lagging oversight of mold mitigation efforts at a number of Department of Defense housing locations. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives not later than February 1, 2020, on the following:

- (1) a meta-analysis relating to the health effects of mold exposure in housing, based on up-to-date scientific evidence;
- (2) an analysis of existing standards and practices for mold assessment, mitigation, and remediation developed by States, other departments and agencies of the Federal Government, and research organizations;
- (3) the feasibility of developing and implementing mold assessment, mitigation, and remediation standards for military housing that incorporate best standards and practices from the analysis under paragraph (2) above, and prescribe reasonable duties for occupants of military housing relating to mold mitigation; and
- (4) an analysis of ongoing efforts of the Department of Defense to assess, track, mitigate, and remediate mold issues in military housing.

##### **Report on Integration of Information regarding Environmental Health Hazards in Department of Defense Housing into Defense Occupational and Environmental Health Readiness System**

The committee believes the Department of Defense needs better data and information related to the tracking and monitoring of environmental health and occupational health exposures. However, the committee is concerned that existing data systems may not provide either the capability required or interoperability with the Military Health System (MHS) Genesis electronic health record. Therefore, the

committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives not later than February 1, 2020, on the following:

(1) an analysis of how the Defense Occupational and Environmental Health Readiness System (DOEHRS) may be used to record information with respect to environmental health hazards in housing under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense (including privatized housing);

(2) the identification of potential environmental risk categories to be included in DOEHRS as a result of information received pursuant to housing inspections, reports, surveys, audits, or occupant complaints with respect to environmental health hazards;

(3) a discussion of any data system or repository (other than DOEHRS) under consideration by the Secretary of Defense to collect, maintain, and track environmental health hazards in housing under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense (including privatized housing);

(4) a description of the current status of interoperability between DOEHRS and the MHS Genesis electronic health record system, and the necessary steps to ensure full interoperability; and

(5) a description of the desired end state with respect to interoperability between DOEHRS and an individual longitudinal exposure record.