

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY PERSONNEL EN BLOC #2

LOG ID	REV	MEMBER	MARKUP LOC	DESCRIPTION	MARKUP ACT
1957	1	Bacon, Don	MLP	Modifies DRL to clarify NDMS pilot program intent	EB 2
1967	0	Carbajal, Salud O.	MLP	Clarifies that if Coast Guard personnel receive in writing that specific active service counts towards retirement, it shall be applied toward the determination of the retirement qualification.	EB 2
1970	0	Keating, William R.	MLP	This section would clarify the previous language to allow the Secretary of the Army to permit the modifications and also remove any waiting period.	EB 2
1972	1	Johnson, Mike	MLP	This amendment requires the Secretary of Defense to carry out Section 574 of PL115-254, which required a negotiation to allow FAA controllers in Guam to access DOD health facilities on a space-available basis. It also requires a report from the Secretary on that issue.	EB 2
1980	0	Langevin, James	MLP	Directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing on the combat-specific applications and opportunity for procurement of regenerative medicine technologies related to burns and wounds affecting military readiness.	EB 2
1987	0	Turner, Michael	MLP	Bill language that would authorize electronic notarization for members of the Armed Forces.	EB 2
2022	0	Cooper, Jim	MLP	DRL directing the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a briefing to the committee on the current and future ICBM defender mission.	EB 2
2030	0	Speier, Jackie	MLP	Comptroller General review of financial sustainability of the Armed Forces Retirement Home	EB 2
2062	0	Jackson, Ronny	MLP	Require a briefing and report from the Comptroller General on reduction or realignment of military medical billets.	EB 2
2065	0	Scott, Austin	MLP	This DRL directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services by March 1, 2023, on the feasibility of establishing a National Guard War College.	EB 2
2079	0	Kelly, Trent	MLP	Directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the congressional defense committees on the feasibility of establishing a Center for the Study of the National Guard at an academic institution, the barriers to establishing such a center, and timeline for establishing Center	EB 2
2103	0	Bice, Stephanie I.	MLP	Defense Health Agency Readiness and Administrative Processes: This DRL would require a briefing on DHA resourcing, readiness, and administrative processes.	EB 2
2128	0	Veasey, Marc	MLP	DRL requesting a briefing regarding Guard training in Swift Water Training environments	EB 2

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2138	0	Carbajal, Salud O.	MLP	Directs the VA IG, in coordination with SecDef, to report on how procedures are followed by govt employees in assisting veterans obtain or reconstruct service records or medical information damaged or destroyed while in govt possession.	EB 2
2146	0	Bacon, Don	MLP	DIRECTS AN AIR FORCE RATED OFFICER RETENTION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.	EB 2
2159	0	Kelly, Trent	MLP	Directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report not later than June 1, 2023 to the House Armed Services Committee, analyzing the feasibility of allowing physical therapists to serve in a Primary Care Neuromusculoskeletal Expert (NMSE) role throughout the Department of Defense	EB 2
2173	0	Green, Mark E.	MLP	Requests that the Department of Defense study and report on the discrepancy in retirement processes and timelines between active duty members of the Armed Forces and those serving in the reserves and guard.	EB 2
2178	1	Escobar, Veronica	MLP	This amendment requests the Department provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services on plans to revise policy limitations to bring secure and reliable commercial marketing processes to recruiting, including greater use of publicly available information.	EB 2
2185	0	Hartzler, Vicky	MLP	Amends the briefing required in the report titled "Alternative Behavioral Health Options."	EB 2
2189	1	Bacon, Don	MLP	Directs a briefing on a strategy and resource requirements to address military recruiting challenges	EB 2
2193	1	Jackson, Ronny	MLP	Report on the sustainment of critical medical skills and maintaining a heightened level of medical readiness.	EB 2
2197	0	Jackson, Ronny	MLP	Evaluates the effectiveness and potential cost savings of increasing the utilization of regenerative medicine.	EB 2
2216	1	DesJarlais, Scott	MLP	Requires GAO to conduct an analysis of recruitment and retention activities that are not being presently pursued to enhance reenlistment rates of the key air and missile defense MOSs.	EB 2
2248	1	Bacon, Don	MLP	Directs a briefing on integrated CONUS medical operations	EB 2
2254	2	Waltz, Michael	MLP	Open SBP season for certain veterans that withdrew prior to widow's tax repeal	EB 2
2259	0	Kelly, Trent	MLP	Authorizes Department of Defense to provide allowance for a gym membership for certain service members who reside at least 10 miles from an installation and provide evidence of a membership fee. This will incentivize improving fitness and assist in fitness test preparation.	EB 2

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2275	0	Kelly, Trent	MLP	Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a report to the House Committee on Armed Services analyzing the feasibility and cost-benefit analysis of adding an annotation to the Veteran Health Identification Card that verifies their entitlements no later than May 1, 2023.	EB 2
2281	0	Escobar, Veronica	MLP	Directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report on the effects Long COVID has on the readiness and retention of affected servicemembers.	EB 2
2289	0	Escobar, Veronica	MLP	Requests a briefing from the Secretary of Defense with a strategy that will allow the Department to leverage local communities and resources to help provide mental health care for servicemembers.	EB 2
2291	0	Kahele, Kaiali'i	MLP	Congressional notification requirement to modify scope of services provided at military medical treatment facilities	EB 2
2292	0	Kahele, Kaiali'i	MLP	Inclusion of Air Force student pilots in personnel metrics for establishing and sustaining dining facilities at Air Education and Training Commands	EB 2
2300	0	Bacon, Don	MLP	Directs a briefing on transition of the Defense Intrepid Network to a program of record for TBI treatment	EB 2
2324	1	Houlahan, Chrissy	MLP	Directs the Secretary of Defense, through the DLA, to establish a pilot program to acquire, manage, and replenish a 180-day supply of at least 30 commonly used generic drugs at risk of shortage due to supply chain disruption through a vendor-held and managed inventory.	EB 2
2330	0	Kahele, Kaiali'i	MLP	Directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than December 1, 2023, on the military's impact on housing demand in Hawaii.	EB 2
2334	0	Scott, Austin	MLP	This amendment would raise the cap of international students enrolled at the Uniformed Services University from 40 to 60.	EB 2
2336	0	Speier, Jackie	MLP	Provide paid move for permanent change of assignment to/from ship in refueling and complex overhaul (RCOH) and for currently assigned sailors on ship entering/exiting RCOH.	EB 2
2355	1	Speier, Jackie	MLP	Report on geographic stability for military families, decreasing frequency of PCS moves, talent marketplaces	EB 2
2362	0	Escobar, Veronica	MLP	Requests a report from the Comptroller General on the Department of Defense's ongoing efforts to address mental health and any gaps that may exist.	EB 2
2375	0	Scott, Austin	MLP	This DRL is on the feasibility of establishing a National Guard-Coast Guard Board to discuss matters of joint concern.	EB 2

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2378	0	Kelly, Trent	MLP	Directs the Commander, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, to submit a report on the feasibility of utilizing commercial off the shelf non-medical-grade biometric wearable sensors for new recruits to determine baseline physiological data and inform the Army H2F program.	EB 2
2386	2	McClain, Lisa C.	MLP	Warfighter Brain Health	EB 2
2416	1	Crow, Jason	MLP	Requires briefing on the use of Muscle Activation Therapy to reduce and alleviate musculoskeletal injuries.	EB 2
2438	0	Wilson, Joe	MLP	Directs the SecDef with the GAO and DoDEA to submit a report to HASC on military-connected children with special needs.	EB 2
2442	0	Gallagher, Mike	MLP	Requires briefing on COVID-19 vaccine exemption standardization.	EB 2
2446	0	Jackson, Ronny	MLP	Briefing on erroneous payments made by DFAS and the methods by which such erroneous payments are reconciled.	EB 2

**Amendment to H.R. 7900**  
**National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023**

**Offered by Mr. Bacon of Nebraska**

In the portion of the report to accompany H.R. 7900 titled “National Disaster Medical System Surge Program”, insert at the end of the second sentence, the following new text: “, an attack on the homeland, or other national security medical emergency.”

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7900**  
**OFFERED BY MR. CARBAJAL OF CALIFORNIA**

At the appropriate place in division E, insert the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . CALCULATION OF ACTIVE SERVICE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 25 of title  
3 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end  
4 the following:

5 **“§ 2515. Calculation of active service**

6 “Any service described, including service described  
7 prior to the date of enactment of the Don Young Coast  
8 Guard Authorization Act of 2022, in writing, including by  
9 electronic communication, by a representative of the Coast  
10 Guard Personnel Service Center as service that counts to-  
11 ward total active service for regular retirement under sec-  
12 tion 2152 or section 2306 shall be considered by the Presi-  
13 dent as active service for purposes of applying section  
14 2152 or section 2306 with respect to the determination  
15 of the retirement qualification for any officer or enlisted  
16 member to whom a description was provided.”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
18 ter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by in-

1 serting after the item relating to section 2515 the fol-  
2 lowing:

“2515. Calculation of active service.”.

3 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The amendment  
4 made by subsection (a) shall apply to officers and enlisted  
5 members that—

6 (1) have retired from the Coast Guard before  
7 the date of enactment of this Act;

8 (2) voluntarily separated from service before  
9 the date of enactment of this Act; or

10 (3) are serving in the Coast Guard on or after  
11 the date of enactment of this Act.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7900**  
**OFFERED BY MR. KEATING OF MASSACHUSETTS**

At the appropriate place in title V, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITY OF NCMAF TO**  
2 **UPDATE CHAPLAINS HILL AT ARLINGTON NA-**  
3 **TIONAL CEMETERY.**

4 Section 584(a) of the National Defense Authorization  
5 Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 38 U.S.C.  
6 2409 note) is amended by adding at the end the following  
7 new paragraph:

8 “(4) AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF THE  
9 ARMY.—The Secretary of the Army may permit  
10 NCMAF to carry out any action authorized by this  
11 subsection without regard to the time limitation  
12 under section 2409(b)(2)(C) of title 38, United  
13 States Code.”.





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#### **Offered by: Mr. Johnson (LA)**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

##### Use of Department of Defense Health Facilities on Guam

The committee remains concerned that the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Transportation have not executed Section 574 of Public Law 115-254 regarding the provision of medical care to Federal Aviation Administration employees, their spouses, and their dependent children who are assigned to Guam. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to carry out the requirements of subsection (a) of Section 574 of Public Law 115-254 by December 31, 2022. Further, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the congressional defense committees and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure not later than June 22, 2023 on eligibility for and access to Department of Defense support facilities by Federal Aviation Administration employees in the U.S. territory of Guam. The report shall:

1. evaluate the ability of Department of Defense support facilities in Guam to adequately serve current military personnel and dependent populations;
2. determine how any substantial increases to military personnel and dependent populations in Guam would impact the ability of existing Department of Defense personnel and dependents stationed in Guam;
3. provide recommendations on any improvements to existing Department of Defense facilities which may be needed to ensure those facilities in Guam can support an increased population of military personnel and dependent population in Guam;
4. consider the impact of expanded access to Department of Defense support facilities in Guam to Federal Aviation Administration employees and their families on the ability of those facilities to provide services to military personnel and their families;
5. recognize the Federal Aviation Administration's vital role as the sole provider of radar air traffic control services for aircraft traversing into and out of the airspace near and above Guam, the vast majority of which are

military operations, Department of Defense aircraft, or other aircraft traveling to Guam in order to interact with Department of Defense facilities;

6. review the existing authorities authorizing eligibility and access for non-military personnel and their dependents to Department of Defense support facilities, including health care facilities, commissaries, and exchanges, outside the continental United States;
7. determine the applicability of those existing authorities to Department of Defense support facilities in the U.S. territory of Guam;
8. outline the specific conditions on Guam, which may necessitate access to Department of Defense support facilities in Guam by Federal Aviation Administration personnel and their families; and
9. determine any changes in laws or regulations that may be necessary to authorize Federal Aviation Administration employees and their families access to Department of Defense health care facilities, commissaries, and exchanges in Guam.

## **Amendment to H.R. 7900**

# **National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023**

**Offered by: Mr. Langevin**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

### **Regenerative Medicine Technologies**

The committee is interested in the most effective treatments currently available for burns and wounds suffered by the nation's servicemembers in the line of duty. Further, the committee is concerned with mortality and morbidity of burns as well as additional wound closures, such as those attributed to skin defects, scars and ulcers due to direct and indirect trauma. These examples of wound conditions are often accompanied by a loss of bodily functions, pain, and scarring, and often result in significant healthcare costs for procedures, dressings, and pain management.

The committee recognizes that combat and noncombat injuries are exceedingly common for our service members. They directly affect military readiness, while simultaneously producing a substantial burden on both health care and financial resources. The consequences of these injuries range from lost duty days to non-deployable service members, often requiring extensive rehabilitation and often leading to complete or partial disability.

The committee further recognizes that these technologies are often available in less than 30 minutes for immediate use, facilitate cell processing at the site of treatment without specialized laboratory staff, use patient's own skin cells, can be used with all skin types and ethnicities, allow for treatment of larger areas, speed up healing processes, increase the availability of healthy skin for successive treatments, minimize hypertrophic scarring, reduce nursing care required, minimize the need for dressing changes, reduce the use of drugs for pain management, shorten hospital stays, reduce the number of outpatient and/or inpatient follow-up visits, reduce the need for secondary procedures, and reduce treatment costs, leading to faster "return to duty" times. Furthermore, "spray on skin" regenerative medicine technologies have already been utilized at various medical facilities across the country.

Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services by March 1, 2023, on the combat-specific applications of these technologies. The briefing should discuss whether there may be a need to procure a supply of such products to deploy the product for use in field hospitals, satellite clinics, ships, or bases throughout the world.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7900**  
**OFFERED BY MR. TURNER OF OHIO**

At the appropriate place in title V, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . ELECTRONIC NOTARIZATION FOR MEMBERS OF**  
2 **THE ARMED FORCES.**

3 Section 1044a of title 10, United States Code, is  
4 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
5 section:

6 “(e)(1) A person named in subsection (b) may exer-  
7 cise the powers described in subsection (a) through elec-  
8 tronic means, including under circumstances where the in-  
9 dividual with respect to whom such person is performing  
10 the notarial act is not physically present in the same loca-  
11 tion as such person.

12 “(2) A determination of the authenticity of a notarial  
13 act authorized in this section shall be made without regard  
14 to whether the notarial act was performed through elec-  
15 tronic means.

16 “(3) A log or journal of a notarial act authorized in  
17 this section shall be considered for evidentiary purposes

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1 without regard to whether the log or journal is in elec-  
2 tronic form.”.



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#### **Offered by: Mr. Cooper**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### **Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Wing Defenders**

The committee notes the critical role that U.S. Air Force security forces play in ensuring the safety and security of U.S. intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) fields at the 90<sup>th</sup> Missile Wing at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming; the 341<sup>st</sup> Missile Wing at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana; and the 91<sup>st</sup> Missile Wing at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota. This important mission will continue as missile fields transition from the Minuteman III to the Sentinel. The committee is concerned that ICBM defenders do not have the best equipment and facilities to carry out their mission safely and effectively. In particular, the committee is concerned about potential safety issues associated with operating the vehicles that are provided to defenders in the challenging environment of a missile field as well as the limitations of the training facilities available at each missile wing.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of the Air Force, in coordination with the 90<sup>th</sup> Missile Wing, the 341<sup>st</sup> Missile Wing, and the 91<sup>st</sup> Missile Wing, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than February 1, 2023, on the current and future ICBM defender mission.

The briefing shall address issues including but not limited to:

- (1) an assessment of the current and projected personnel requirements associated with the defender mission at the missile wings, including how requirements will change during and after the transition from Minuteman III to Sentinel;
- (2) an assessment of safety concerns related to the vehicles that defenders are and will be required to operate and whether there are alternative vehicles, or mixed fleet options, that would allow defenders to more safely perform their mission;
- (3) a review of the Department of Defense Directive on “Security Policy for Protecting Nuclear Weapons” and whether the requirements that it levies on the equipment used by defenders are necessary; and,

(4) an assessment of the adequacy of training for defenders, including whether defenders have the necessary facilities to conduct required training.

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**Offered by: Ms. Speier**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Comptroller General Review of Armed Forces Retirement Home**

The committee is concerned about the financial sustainability of the Armed Forces Retirement Home, which does not have access to appropriated funds and is reliant on revenue sources that have decreased over recent years, including assessments on the pay of enlisted service members and forfeitures assessed pursuant to non-judicial punishment. Therefore, the committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review of the financial sustainability of the Armed Forces Retirement Home. Such review shall include an evaluation of:

- (1) current projected sources of revenue for the Armed Forces Retirement Home over the 20-year period starting Fiscal Year 2023 through Fiscal Year 2042,
- (2) current and projected expenditures for the Armed Forces Retirement Home over such period,
- (3) issues for consideration for addressing any projected financing shortfall for the Armed Forces Retirement Home, and
- (4) any other matters the Comptroller General deems necessary.

The committee further directs the Comptroller General to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services by July 31, 2023, on preliminary findings and present final results in a format and timeframe agreed to at the briefing.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7900**  
**OFFERED BY MR. JACKSON OF TEXAS**

At the appropriate place in title VII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_ . BRIEFING AND REPORT ON REDUCTION OR RE-**  
2 **ALIGNMENT OF MILITARY MEDICAL MAN-**  
3 **NING AND MEDICAL BILLETS.**

4 Section 731(a)(2)(A) of the National Defense Au-  
5 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-  
6 81) is amended to read as follows:

7 “(A) BRIEFING; REPORT.—The Comp-  
8 troller General shall submit to the Committees  
9 on Armed Services of the House of Representa-  
10 tives and the Senate—

11 “(i) a briefing on preliminary observa-  
12 tions regarding the analyses used to sup-  
13 port any reduction or realignment of mili-  
14 tary medical manning, including any re-  
15 duction or realignment of medical billets of  
16 the military departments, not later than  
17 December 27, 2022; and

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1 “(ii) a report on such analyses not  
2 later than May 31, 2023.”



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**Offered by: Mr. Austin Scott of Georgia**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**National Guard War College**

The committee acknowledges the importance of joint professional military education for National Guard personnel. Accordingly, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services by March 1, 2023, on the feasibility of establishing a National Guard War College. The briefing shall include, at a minimum, the roles, mission, organization, budget, curriculum, possible campus locations, student body composition to include interagency/international students, and requirements validation.

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**Offered by: MR. TRENT KELLY**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### Establishment of Center for the Study of the U.S. National Guard

The committee notes that the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines all have research centers and archives devoted to collecting and telling their histories, which results in outreach and educational programs, including the publication of official histories. These efforts are used to set planning paradigms for future wars and to remember the efforts of those services in past conflicts. The U.S. National Guard, despite its 300-year history of service in every American conflict, is the one major component of the armed forces without an archive and research center. Establishing a repository for National Guard documents, histories, oral histories, and other related materials in a research center that also serves as a think tank would facilitate the study of the National Guard and its history.

The committee supports the establishment of a national Center for the Study of the U.S. National Guard. The committee believes such a center will help the Department of Defense study, improve, and institutionalize decisions about international strategy, deploying the National Guard overseas, and will continue to write the history of our brave National Guard men and women into the epic of America at war.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the congressional defense committees by February 1, 2022 on the feasibility of establishing a Center for the Study of the National Guard at an academic institution, the barriers to establishing such a center, and the timeline for establishing the Center. The report should include recommendations for the location of the proposed center, with special consideration to academic centers that have relationships with the National Guard Bureau, strong academic programs in military history, and proximity to major National Guard installations.

## **Amendment to H.R. 7900 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023**

### **Offered by: Mrs. Bice of Oklahoma**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### **Defense Health Agency Readiness and Administrative Processes**

The Committee understands the Defense Health Agency (DHA) is moving toward promoting patient goal setting and encouraging optimal wellness through advocacy, ongoing communication, health education, coordination, and facilitation of necessary care services and resources. Additionally, the Military Health System (MHS) has continued to identify and execute enterprise-wide process improvements on behalf of Service members, their families and beneficiaries, while also ensuring readiness of health professionals. However, a number of administrative challenges remain regarding coordination of patient care and appointments. 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 February 1, 2023, on the following:

- 1) Readiness – An analysis of how much time military and civilian health professionals spend on military related readiness training requirements.
- 2) Initial appointments – An analysis of how much time, on average, a primary care provider spends in an initial appointment on administrative intake vs. patient care.
- 3) Initial appointments – An analysis of how much time, on average, a specialty provider spends in an initial appointment on administrative intake vs. patient care.
- 4) Follow-up – An analysis on how a standard for follow-up care appointments can be developed, measured and implemented.
- 5) Case Management – An analysis of how much money it would take to ensure every TRICARE beneficiary has access to case management services.
- 6) Average Military Day – An analysis of the average time a military health professional spends seeing patients on a daily basis minus readiness and administrative intake requirements.
- 7) Average Civilian Day – An analysis of the average time a civilian health professional spends seeing patients on a daily basis minus readiness and administrative intake requirements.
- 8) Acuity – An assessment of whether acuity is measured across health care providers when determining who is available for future appointments.

## **Amendment to H.R. 7900**

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**Offered by: Mr. Veasey**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### **SWIFT WATER TRAINING FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD.**

The committee appreciates that the National Guard has a long history in responding to natural disasters. Across the nation, the Air National Guard and Army National Guard often are the first on the scene in assisting states dealing with wildfires, hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods. The Committee understands that flooding is the most common natural disaster in the United States, occurring in 98 percent of the nation's counties. In particular, quick-rising floods, and the swift waters they can cause, are most often caused by heavy rains over a short period and can happen anywhere. Yet, one-third of people who die in swift water incidents are first responders, like the National Guard, and most have never trained on an actual submerged vehicle. Instead, around the world, emergency services personnel are training in creeks and rivers, which carry bacteria and reach dangerous temperatures in the winter.

The committee believes that a controlled yet realistic training environment is essential to protect our flood rescue teams, like our guardsmen. For that reason, the committee applauds Harris County Sherriff's Office in Houston, Texas, and Fayetteville Technical Community College in Cumberland County, North Carolina, for their plans to open indoor swift water rescue training facilities. These facilities will allow emergency personnel to train year-round for a wide variety of dangerous swift-water and floodwater rescue scenarios, with water simulations deep enough to submerge a vehicle, and can be heated and controlled for water current. These facilities can also provide year-round access to realistic, clean, repetitive training.

In 2017, Hurricane Harvey was a devastating Category 4 hurricane that made landfall on Texas and Louisiana in August 2017, causing catastrophic flooding and more than 100 people. In 2019, Tropical Storm Imelda dumped torrential rains over the Houston-area, killing at least two people, while rescuers in boats pulled hundreds from flooded cars. And in April 2022, a Texas National Guard soldier was washed away while attempting to rescue two migrants who struggled as they tried to cross the Rio Grande in Eagle Pass.

Most National Guard soldiers have had no swimming or water rescue training, yet in an increasingly flood-prone world, it is essential that emergency personnel are trained in dealing with swift water and flood water rescues. But it can be difficult and dangerous to arrange such training on a regular basis in natural, outdoor settings. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of the Army, in coordination with the Secretary of the Air Force, to provide a briefing to the House Armed Services Committee by March 31, 2023, on existing and planned indoor swift water rescue training for National Guard units in hyper-realistic flood rescue scenarios,

such as the use of clean, filtered, temperature-controlled, treated water; controllable water levels, current, and flow; environmental effects (like rain, lightning, and thunder); the ability to train with an actual submerged vehicle (such as a car, train, plane, or bus); and the use of vehicle wreck extraction tools.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7900**  
**OFFERED BY MR. CARBAJAL OF CALIFORNIA**

At the appropriate place in Division E, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON HANDLING OF CERTAIN RECORDS**  
2 **OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**  
3 **FAIRS.**

4 (a) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date  
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector General of the  
6 Department of Veterans Affairs, in coordination with the  
7 Secretary of Defense, shall submit to Congress a report  
8 on how the procedures outlined in M21-1 III.ii.2.F.1. of  
9 the Adjudication Procedures Manual of the Department  
10 of Veterans Affairs are followed in assisting veterans ob-  
11 tain or reconstruct service records and medical informa-  
12 tion damaged or destroyed in the July 1973 fire at the  
13 National Processing Records Center.

14 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report under subsection (a)  
15 shall include the following elements:

16 (1) The determination of the Inspector General  
17 whether employees of the Department of Veterans  
18 Affairs receive sufficient training on such proce-  
19 dures.



1           (2) The determination of the Inspector General  
2           whether veterans are informed of actions necessary  
3           to adhere to such procedures.

4           (3) The percentage of cases regarding such  
5           service records and medical information in which  
6           employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs  
7           follow such procedures.

8           (4) The average time it takes to resolve an  
9           issue using such procedures.

10          (5) Recommendations to improve the implemen-  
11          tation of such procedures.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7900**  
**OFFERED BY MR. BACON OF NEBRASKA**

At the appropriate place in title VI, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 6 \_\_\_\_ . AIR FORCE RATED OFFICER RETENTION DEM-**  
2 **ONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

3 (a) PROGRAM REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall  
4 establish and carry out within the Department of the Air  
5 Force a demonstration program to assess and improve re-  
6 tention on active duty in the Air Force of rated officers  
7 described in subsection (b).

8 (b) RATED OFFICERS DESCRIBED.—Rated officers  
9 described in this subsection are rated officers serving on  
10 active duty in the Air Force, excluding rated officers with  
11 a reserve appointment in the Air National Guard or Air  
12 Force Reserve—

13 (1) whose continued service on active duty  
14 would be in the best interest of the Department of  
15 the Air Force, as determined by the Secretary; and

16 (2) who have not more than three years and not  
17 less than one year remaining on an active duty serv-  
18 ice obligation under section 653 of title 10, United  
19 States Code.

1 (c) WRITTEN AGREEMENT.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Under the demonstration  
3 program required under subsection (a), the Sec-  
4 retary shall offer retention incentives under sub-  
5 section (d) to a rated officer described in subsection  
6 (b) who executes a written agreement to remain on  
7 active duty in a regular component of the Air Force  
8 for not less than four years after the completion of  
9 the active duty service obligation of the officer under  
10 section 653 of title 10, United States Code.

11 (2) EXCEPTION.—If the Secretary of the Air  
12 Force determines that an assignment previously  
13 guaranteed under subsection (d)(1) to a rated officer  
14 described in subsection (b) cannot be fulfilled, the  
15 agreement of the officer under paragraph (1) to re-  
16 main on active duty shall expire not later than one  
17 year after that determination.

18 (d) RETENTION INCENTIVES.—

19 (1) GUARANTEE OF FUTURE ASSIGNMENT LO-  
20 CATION.—Under the demonstration program re-  
21 quired under subsection (a), the Secretary may offer  
22 to a rated officer described in subsection (b) a guar-  
23 antee of future assignment locations based on the  
24 preference of the officer.

1           (2) AVIATION BONUS.—Under the demonstra-  
2           tion program required under subsection (a), notwith-  
3           standing section 334(c) of title 37, United States  
4           Code, the Secretary may pay to a rated officer de-  
5           scribed in subsection (b) an aviation bonus not to  
6           exceed an average annual amount of \$50,000 (sub-  
7           ject to paragraph (3)(B)).

8           (3) COMBINATION OF INCENTIVES.—The Sec-  
9           retary may offer to a rated officer described in sub-  
10          section (b) a combination of incentives under para-  
11          graphs (1) and (2).

12          (4) VARIATIONS; LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary  
13          may vary or limit the total number of available con-  
14          tracts and the combination of incentives within such  
15          contracts to target certain Air Force specialty codes,  
16          ensure required assignments locations are filled, and  
17          readiness is not negatively affected. The Secretary  
18          shall determine the criteria for such variations or  
19          limitations and include such criteria in the annual  
20          briefing under subsection (e).

21          (e) ANNUAL BRIEFING.—Not later than December  
22          31, 2023, and annually thereafter until the termination  
23          of the demonstration program required under subsection  
24          (a), the Secretary shall provide to the Committees on  
25          Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-

1 atives a briefing describing the use of such demonstration  
2 program and its effects on the retention on active duty  
3 in the Air Force of rated officers described in subsection  
4 (b).

5 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) RATED OFFICER.—The term “rated officer”  
7 means an officer specified in section 9253 of title  
8 10, United States Code.

9 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
10 the Secretary of the Air Force.

11 (g) TERMINATION.—This section shall terminate on  
12 December 31, 2028.



**Amendment to H.R. 7900**  
**National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023**

**Offered by: MR. TRENT KELLY**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Improving Military Readiness through Physical Therapists Serving in  
Primary Care Roles**

The committee recognizes that the readiness of our Armed Forces and the health of our military servicemembers are inextricably linked. The committee also acknowledges that neuromusculoskeletal care is a critical aspect of force preservation and that physical therapists are neuromusculoskeletal experts with unique training on rehabilitating and preventing injuries that impact military readiness. However, the committee is concerned that service members face significant administrative burdens when seeking care from physical therapists. These administrative burdens ultimately increase costs and prolong delays in care. The committee is aware of an eighteen-month study conducted at Joint Base Lewis-McChord and published in the journal *Military Medicine* that designated physical therapists as Primary Care Neuromusculoskeletal Experts (NMSEs). The study found that using physical therapists in a primary care role led to a demonstrated reduction in imaging, medication prescribed, number of physical therapy visits, and overall healthcare utilization. In the context of this study at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, increased access to physical therapists serving a specialized primary care capacity also decreased overall healthcare costs at a conservative estimate of \$3.6 million and improved overall medical readiness.

Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report not later than June 1, 2023 to the House Armed Services Committee, analyzing the feasibility of allowing physical therapists to serve in a Primary Care NMSE role throughout the Department of Defense. The review shall determine whether a Primary Care NMSE role for physical therapists will improve patient outcomes, military readiness, preservation of the force, and reduce costs.

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**Offered by: Mr. Green of Tennessee**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Reserve and National Guard Retirement Process Fairness**

The committee notes the discrepancy in retirement processes and timelines between active duty members of the Armed Forces and those serving in the reserves and guard. Active duty members may apply for retirement up to a year prior to the completion of their required years of service allowing for the timely completion of all administrative requirements and the ability to retire as soon as eligible. Reserve and guard service member must fully complete their required years of service and be issued the additional paperwork required for their retirement request and thus are prevented from retiring on the date they become eligible. This process discriminates against service members from the guard and reserve forces, preventing them from retiring on their earliest eligible date. Therefore, the committee directs the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to provide a report to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than January 31, 2023, on the discrepancy in retirement processes and timelines between active duty members of the Armed Forces and those serving in the reserves and guard. The report should include the reasoning for the different retirement requirements, an analysis of the service members affected and an assessment of the operational and readiness impacts of issuing preliminary notices of retirement eligibility to guard and reserve service members no later than six months before the completion of their required years of service.

**Amendment to H.R. 7900  
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**Offered by: Ms. Escobar**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

The committee remains concerned about the challenges the Department faces in recruiting candidates for military service in today's competitive environment. Furthermore, the committee notes that despite technological advances in the ability to engage with individuals through modern outreach strategies, the Military Services are limited in the type of data they can collect and the systems in which these records must be stored. The Services require reliable, comprehensive, and actionable data to engage with prospective recruits and the Department should consider ways to build upon its existing centralized recruitment resources (e.g., JAMRS) to allow utilization of data that could help improve overall recruitment at the Service level. The committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services no later than March 1, 2023 on plans to revise policy limitations to bring secure and reliable commercial marketing processes to recruiting, including greater use of publicly available information.



## **Amendment to H.R. 7900 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023**

### **Offered by: Mrs. Hartzler of Missouri**

In the portion of the report to accompany H.R. 7900 titled “Alternative Behavioral Health Options,” strike the entire text following the title and insert the following new text:

“The committee understands the value of alternative behavioral health options when treating post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Some of these alternative options may include the use of chaplain programs, non-profit post-traumatic growth programs, and eye movement desensitization and reprocessing (EMDR) programs. The committee wants to ensure the expansion of these programs as they are important components of military mental behavioral programs.

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 February 1, 2023, that addresses the following:

- (1) a strategy to actively incorporate and offer chaplain programs and non-profit post-traumatic growth programs as part of the holistic approach to reducing service member suicide and improving behavioral healthcare for military service members and their families;
- (2) a strategy to incorporate an annual joint training seminar of Chaplains, Primary Care Providers, and Behavioral Healthcare providers to learn about medical programs, spiritual fitness programs, and non-profit post-traumatic growth programs available for service members and ways to incorporate them as part of the holistic approach to reducing service member suicide and improving behavioral healthcare for military service members and their families;
- (3) an analysis of the effectiveness of non-profit post-traumatic growth programs as an alternative or additional approach to traditional models of mental healthcare and whether such programs should be covered as a TRICARE benefit;
- (4) a strategy to incorporate a Department of Defense equivalent to the Department of Veterans Affairs’ Staff Sergeant Parker-Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program to allow non-profit post-traumatic growth as an alternative approach to traditional models of mental healthcare; and

- (5) an analysis of the Department's utilization of eye movement desensitization and reprocessing as a behavioral health treatment to include how many EMDR certified providers are in the direct care system, annual referrals of patients to EMDR compared to other evidence-based treatments and more traditional treatment options, and the level of effectiveness EMDR has shown in treating beneficiaries experiencing depression, PTSD, traumatic brain injury, and suicidal ideation."

## **Amendment to H.R. 7900 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023**

### **Offered by Mr. Bacon of Nebraska**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### **Military Recruiting Challenges**

The committee recognizes the Defense Department's work to identify current challenges faced across the recruiting mission and commends the Department's initiative to improve outreach to the parents, teachers, and coaches of potential service members. Recent information provided to the committee confirms that the Department is closely monitoring societal trends by employing a variety of analytic tools and remains focused on ways to attract high-quality youth to ensure an effective all-volunteer force. The committee also notes the important role of the Joint Advertising, Market Research & Studies program and enhanced media outreach campaigns dedicated to increasing the number of recruitment-eligible individuals who consider military service as a career option. However, despite these efforts, the committee understands that meeting end strength goals and sustaining a robust pipeline of quality recruits remains a challenge for each of the military services. The committee is also concerned about the potential negative impacts on recruiting absent sustained funding for recruiting and multi-year media outreach. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services by March 31, 2023 on military recruiting challenges including societal trends effecting the propensity for military service, a recommended recruiting and media outreach strategy to meet recruiting goals; and a multi-year estimate of recruiting and marketing resource requirements needed to implement this strategy.

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**Offered by: Mr. Jackson of Texas**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Sustainment of Critical Medical Skills

The committee is concerned with the possible reduction of medical readiness training for our service members. Casualties were reduced during recent conflicts due to enhanced recertifications, training standards, and the development of new medical devices. While there are fewer scheduled deployments currently, it is still critically important for our servicemembers to maintain a heightened level of medical readiness.

Therefore, the committee directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs to submit a report to the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2023 that provides information regarding the sustainment of critical medical skills and maintaining an adequate level of medical readiness. The report shall include, at a minimum:

- (1) a description of efforts by the Department of Defense to maintain a heightened level of medical readiness and how these efforts will allow our medical personnel to be ready to respond to a conflict in the Indo-Pacific;
- (2) any recent updates on the certification standards for service members on Tactical Combat Casualty Care;
- (3) strategic investments made in medical simulation training centers and efforts to improve financial efficiency; and
- (4) an analysis on the effectiveness of training devices that can precisely replicate Tactical Combat Casualty Care

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**Offered by: Mr. Jackson of Texas**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Importance of Regenerative Medicine**

The committee recognizes the importance of regenerative medicine to treat service members and supports organizations that utilize regenerative medicine to treat serious or chronic injuries sustained in battle or in the line of duty in non-combat regular operations. This capability can be applied to treat spine, musculoskeletal, and orthopedic injuries with non-invasive, safety-proven alternatives to surgery.

The committee believes there could be potential cost savings from utilizing regenerative medicine as an alternative to traditional surgery. Therefore, the committee directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2023, on the potential benefits of increasing the utilization of regenerative medicine. This briefing shall include efforts undertaken by the Department to leverage commercially available digital health solutions to promote patient activation, engagement, and education while assessing remote patient monitoring data to measure efficacy, value, quality, safety, and individual medical readiness.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7900**  
**OFFERED BY MR. DESJARLAIS OF TENNESSEE**

At the appropriate place in title V, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT OF MEMBERS**  
2 **OF THE ARMY WHO SPECIALIZE IN AIR AND**  
3 **MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEMS.**

4 (a) **STUDY.**—The Comptroller General of the United  
5 States shall study efforts to retain and recruit members  
6 with military occupational specialties regarding air and  
7 missile defense systems of the Army.

8 (b) **REPORT.**—Not later than six months after the  
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
10 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the  
11 Senate and House of Representatives a report that identi-  
12 fies steps the Secretary of the Army may take to improve  
13 such retention and recruitment.

14 (c) **IMPLEMENTATION.**—Not later than September  
15 30, 2023, the Secretary of the Army shall implement the  
16 steps identified in the report under subsection (b).



## **Amendment to H.R. 7900 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023**

### **Offered by Mr. Bacon of Nebraska**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### **Integrated Continental United States Medical Operations**

The committee notes the recent designation of the United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) as the supported command for development of the Integrated Continental United States (CONUS) Medical Operational Plan (ICMOP). The committee understands the importance of the ICMOP in coordinating the reception, movement, and care for Department of Defense (DOD) casualties resulting from an attack on the homeland or from overseas contingency operations including Department support to and use of the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS). The committee also recognizes the close alignment USNORTHCOM's planning responsibilities for ICMOP with the intent of the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) pilot program authorized by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92) and reauthorized by the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283). Despite the recent experience of the COVID-19 pandemic response, the committee is concerned that the Department's preparedness to support a subsequent, more serious national health emergency in coordination with civil authorities remains limited. Therefore, the committee urges the commander, USNORTHCOM, in coordination with the appropriate defense health officials, convene the Federal partners of the NDMS to evaluate current national requirements for the utilization of NDMS definitive care, patient movement, and domestic NDMS medical evacuation across the spectrum of potential CONUS and overseas threat scenarios. Furthermore, the committee directs the commander, USNORTHCOM to provide a briefing to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives no later than January 31, 2023 with these findings and a recommendation for recurring exercises and evaluations to enhance military readiness for support to and use of the NDMS.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7900**  
**OFFERED BY MR. WALTZ OF FLORIDA**

At the appropriate place in title VI, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 6 \_\_\_\_ . SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN OPEN ENROLLMENT**  
2 **PERIOD.**

3 (a) **PERSONS NOT CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN**  
4 **SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN.—**

5 (1) **ELECTION OF SBP COVERAGE.—**An eligible  
6 retired or former member may elect to participate in  
7 the Survivor Benefit Plan during the open enrollment  
8 period specified in paragraph (4).

9 (2) **ELIGIBLE RETIRED OR FORMER MEMBER.—**  
10 For purposes of subparagraph (A), an eligible re-  
11 tired or former member is a member or former  
12 member of the uniformed services who, on the day  
13 before the first day of the open enrollment period,  
14 discontinued participation in the Survivor Benefit  
15 Plan under section 1452(g) of title 10, United  
16 States Code, and—

17 (A) is entitled to retired pay; or

18 (B) would be entitled to retired pay under  
19 chapter of title 10, United States Code (or



1 chapter 67 of such title as in effect before Octo-  
2 ber 5, 1994), but for the fact that such member  
3 or former member is under 60 years of age.

4 (3) STATUS UNDER SBP OF PERSONS MAKING  
5 ELECTIONS.—

6 (A) STANDARD ANNUITY.—A person mak-  
7 ing an election under subparagraph (A) by rea-  
8 son of eligibility under subparagraph (B)(i)  
9 shall be treated for all purposes as providing a  
10 standard annuity under the Survivor Benefit  
11 Plan.

12 (B) RESERVE-COMPONENT ANNUITY.—A  
13 person making an election under subparagraph  
14 (A) by reason of eligibility under subparagraph  
15 (B)(ii) shall be treated for all purposes as pro-  
16 viding a reserve-component annuity under the  
17 Survivor Benefit Plan.

18 (b) MANNER OF MAKING ELECTIONS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—An election under this sub-  
20 section must be made in writing, signed by the per-  
21 son making the election, and received by the Sec-  
22 retary concerned before the end of the open enroll-  
23 ment period. Except as provided in subparagraph  
24 (B), any such election shall be made subject to the  
25 same conditions, and with the same opportunities for

1 designation of beneficiaries and specification of base  
2 amount, that apply under the Survivor Benefit Plan.  
3 A person making an election under paragraph (1) to  
4 provide a reserve-component annuity shall make a  
5 designation described in section 1448(e) of title 10,  
6 United States Code.

7 (2) ELECTION MUST BE VOLUNTARY.—An elec-  
8 tion under this subsection is not effective unless the  
9 person making the election declares the election to  
10 be voluntary. An election to participate in the Sur-  
11 vivor Benefit Plan under this subsection may not be  
12 required by any court. An election to participate or  
13 not to participate in the Survivor Benefit Plan is not  
14 subject to the concurrence of a spouse or former  
15 spouse of the person.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE FOR ELECTIONS.—Any such  
17 election shall be effective as of the first day of the first  
18 calendar month following the month in which the election  
19 is received by the Secretary concerned.

20 (d) OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD DEFINED.—The  
21 open enrollment period is the period beginning on the date  
22 of the enactment of this Act and ending on January 1,  
23 2024.

24 (e) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF  
25 LAW.—The provisions of sections 1449, 1453, and 1454

1 of title 10, United States Code, are applicable to a person  
2 making an election, and to an election, under this sub-  
3 section in the same manner as if the election were made  
4 under the Survivor Benefit Plan.

5 (f) PREMIUMS FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT ELEC-  
6 TION.—

7 (1) PREMIUMS TO BE CHARGED.—The Sec-  
8 retary of Defense shall prescribe in regulations pre-  
9 miums which a person electing under this subsection  
10 shall be required to pay for participating in the Sur-  
11 vivor Benefit Plan pursuant to the election. The  
12 total amount of the premiums to be paid by a person  
13 under the regulations shall be equal to the sum of—

14 (A) the total amount by which the retired  
15 pay of the person would have been reduced be-  
16 fore the effective date of the election if the per-  
17 son had elected to participate in the Survivor  
18 Benefit Plan (for the same base amount speci-  
19 fied in the election) at the first opportunity that  
20 was afforded the member to participate under  
21 chapter 73 of title 10, United States Code;

22 (B) interest on the amounts by which the  
23 retired pay of the person would have been so re-  
24 duced, computed from the dates on which the  
25 retired pay would have been so reduced at such

1 rate or rates and according to such method-  
2 ology as the Secretary of Defense determines  
3 reasonable; and

4 (C) any additional amount that the Sec-  
5 retary determines necessary to protect the actu-  
6 arial soundness of the Department of Defense  
7 Military Retirement Fund against any increased  
8 risk for the fund that is associated with the  
9 election.

10 (2) PREMIUMS TO BE CREDITED TO RETIRE-  
11 MENT FUND.—Premiums paid under the regulations  
12 shall be credited to the Department of Defense Mili-  
13 tary Retirement Fund.

14 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

15 (1) The term “Survivor Benefit Plan” means  
16 the program established under subchapter II of  
17 chapter 73 of title 10, United States Code.

18 (2) The term “retired pay” includes retainer  
19 pay paid under section 8330 of title 10, United  
20 States Code.

21 (3) The terms “uniformed services” and “Sec-  
22 retary concerned” have the meanings given those  
23 terms in section 101 of title 37, United States Code.

24 (4) The term “Department of Defense Military  
25 Retirement Fund” means the Department of De-

- 1 fense Military Retirement Fund established under
- 2 section 1461(a) of title 10, United States Code.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7900**  
**OFFERED BY MR. KELLY OF MISSISSIPPI**

At the appropriate place in title VI, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 6 \_\_\_\_ . ALLOWANCE FOR GYM MEMBERSHIP FOR CER-**  
2 **TAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO**  
3 **RESIDE MORE THAN 10 MILES FROM A MILI-**  
4 **TARY INSTALLATION.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Chapter 7 of title 37, United  
6 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 425 the  
7 following new section:

8 **“§ 426. Allowance for gym membership for certain**  
9 **members of the armed forces who reside**  
10 **more than 10 miles from a military instal-**  
11 **lation**

12 “(a) ALLOWANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of  
13 the military department concerned may pay, to a covered  
14 member, a monthly allowance for a gym membership.

15 “(b) AMOUNT.—A monthly allowance to a covered  
16 member under this section shall be in an amount deter-  
17 mined by the Secretary of Defense based on the average  
18 cost of a gym membership in the military housing area  
19 in which the covered member resides.

1 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 “(1) The term ‘covered armed force’ means the  
3 following:

4 “(A) The Army.

5 “(B) The Navy.

6 “(C) The Marine Corps.

7 “(D) The Air Force.

8 “(E) The Space Force.

9 “(2) The term ‘covered member’ means a mem-  
10 ber of a covered armed force—

11 “(A) who resides more than 10 miles from  
12 a military installation; and

13 “(B) who furnishes to the Secretary of the  
14 military department concerned receipts or other  
15 evidence such member has a gym member-  
16 ship.”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
18 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting  
19 after the item relating to section 425 the following:

“426. Allowance for gym membership for certain members of the armed forces  
who reside more than 10 miles from a military installation.”.



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**Offered by: MR. TRENT KELLY**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Labeling Post Exchange and Commissary Benefits on Veteran Health Identification  
Cards

The committee is aware that possession of a Veteran Health Identification Card already authorizes cardholders to use Post Exchange and Commissary services on military installations. However, the committee is concerned that this benefit is not common knowledge for employees working on military installations. Adding a simple statement on the identification card that verifies the cardholder is entitled to Post Exchange and Commissary Services may prevent veterans from being denied access to benefits they earned.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a report to the House Committee on Armed Services analyzing the feasibility and cost-benefit analysis of adding an annotation to the Veteran Health Identification Card no later than May 1, 2023. The report should determine the prevalence of a systemic lack of knowledge of the privileges afforded to veterans on military installations, a cost-benefit analysis of updating the identification cards with a small statement verifying their entitled benefits, and the timeline associated with this identification card update.



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**Offered by: Ms. Escobar**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Report on the Effects of Long COVID on the Readiness and Retention of Servicemembers**

The committee recognizes there are individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 but are still experiencing symptoms such as difficulty breathing and brain fog. These symptoms are defined by the Center for Disease Control as post-COVID symptoms or Long COVID. With the Department reporting more than 415,000 positive cases amongst servicemembers, the committee is concerned about how Long COVID may be affecting those servicemembers who recovered from their initial case of COVID.

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the congressional defense committees not later than January 30th, 2023 on the impact Long COVID is having on the readiness and retention of affected servicemembers. The report should include any ongoing research the Department has conducted on Long COVID with respect to servicemembers, how the Department is treating the symptoms related to Long COVID, and a strategy on how the Department plans to care for servicemembers who are affected by Long COVID moving forward.

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**Offered by: Ms. Escobar**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Mental Healthcare Access for Servicemembers**

The committee remains concerned for the lack of mental health resources available to servicemembers. At some installations, it can be months before a servicemember can access a therapist or other resources. In some instances, servicemembers are going into their neighboring communities to visit local clinics and organizations to receive mental health care. It is vital that the Department formulate creative solutions to address the mental health crisis facing service members. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Armed Services Committee, not later than January 30, 2023. This briefing should include a strategy for how the Department can engage with communities, including nearby resources like Certified Behavioral Health Clinics, surrounding installations to support the mental health of our servicemembers.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7900**  
**OFFERED BY Mr. Kahele**

At the appropriate place in title VII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_ . CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT**  
2 **TO MODIFY SCOPE OF SERVICES PROVIDED**  
3 **AT MILITARY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILI-**  
4 **TIES.**

5 Section 1073c(a) of title 10, United States Code, is  
6 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
7 graph:

8 “(7)(A) The Secretary of Defense may not modify the  
9 scope of medical care provided at a military medical treat-  
10 ment facility pursuant to paragraph (2)(C) (including by  
11 modifying the staff, types of services available, or bene-  
12 ficiary population served, at the facility), unless—

13 “(i) the Secretary submits to the Committees  
14 on Armed Services of the House of Representatives  
15 and the Senate a notification of the proposed modi-  
16 fication in scope;

17 “(ii) a period of 180 days has elapsed following  
18 the date on which the Secretary submits such notifi-  
19 cation; and

1           “(iii) if the proposed modification in scope in-  
2           volves the termination or reduction of inpatient ca-  
3           pabilities at a military medical treatment facility lo-  
4           cated outside the United States, the Secretary has  
5           provided to each member of the armed forces or cov-  
6           ered beneficiary receiving services at such facility a  
7           transition plan for the continuity of health care for  
8           such member or covered beneficiary and an oppor-  
9           tunity to participate in at least two public forums  
10          convened by the Secretary, to discuss the transition  
11          plan and any related concerns.

12          “(B) Each notification under subparagraph (A) shall  
13          contain information demonstrating, with respect to the  
14          military medical treatment facility for which the modifica-  
15          tion in scope has been proposed, the extent to which the  
16          commander of the military installation at which the facil-  
17          ity is located has been consulted regarding such modifica-  
18          tion, to ensure that the proposed modification in scope  
19          would have no impact on the operational plan for such  
20          installation.”.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7900**  
**OFFERED BY MR. KAHELE OF HAWAII**

At the appropriate place in title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10 \_\_\_\_ . INCLUSION OF AIR FORCE STUDENT PILOTS IN**  
2 **PERSONNEL METRICS FOR ESTABLISHING**  
3 **AND SUSTAINING DINING FACILITIES AT AIR**  
4 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMANDS.**

5 The Secretary of the Air Force shall revise the per-  
6 sonnel metrics with respect to establishing and sustaining  
7 dining facilities at Air Education and Training Commands  
8 in the United States to include Air Force student pilots.



**Amendment to H.R. 7900**  
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**Offered by Mr. Bacon of Nebraska**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Defense Intrepid Network Transition**

The committee notes the important work of the National Intrepid Center of Excellence in pioneering advancements in patient-centered, holistic interdisciplinary clinical care and research for traumatic brain injury and associated injuries. The committee believes the Department requires a distributed, unified platform for care and treatment of brain injuries and notes with interest the development and integration of the Intrepid Spirit Centers throughout the continental United States, including brain health clinics in Alaska and Germany. The committee encourages the Department to accelerate its efforts to transition the Defense Intrepid Network to a program of record and directs the Secretary of Defense to brief to the House Committee on Armed Services by March 31, 2023 on its strategy, timeline, and estimated resource requirements to complete this transition. This briefing shall also include a summary of the Department's actions on reporting, detection and treatment of anomalous health incidents and provide recommendations to ensure future readiness for this category of brain injury.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7900**

**OFFERED BY MS. HOULAHAN OF PENNSYLVANIA**

At the appropriate place in title VII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_ . PILOT PROGRAM ON ENSURING PHARMA-**  
2 **CEUTICAL SUPPLY STABILITY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1 2024,  
4 the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Director of  
5 the Defense Logistics Agency, shall establish a pilot pro-  
6 gram to acquire, manage, and replenish a 180-day supply  
7 of at least 30 commonly used generic drugs at risk of  
8 shortage under the military health system as a result of  
9 a pharmaceutical supply chain disruption, to ensure the  
10 stability of such supply.

11 (b) MILITARY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES.—  
12 The Secretary of Defense shall select for participation in  
13 the pilot program established under subsection (a) not  
14 fewer than five military medical treatment facilities that  
15 are—

16 (1) located in the continental United States;

17 and

18 (2) at the greatest risk of pharmaceutical sup-  
19 ply chain disruption, as determined by the Secretary.

1 (c) ELEMENTS.—In carrying out the pilot program  
2 established under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense  
3 shall—

4 (1) use the systems and processes of the Direct  
5 Vendor Delivery System established by section 352  
6 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
7 Year 1996 (Public Law 104–106; 10 U.S.C. 2458  
8 note);

9 (2) include the establishment of a vendor man-  
10 aged inventory approach to pharmaceutical distribu-  
11 tion, to acquire, manage, and replenish the vendor-  
12 held supply described in subsection (a) to prevent  
13 product expiration and shortages; and

14 (3) ensure guaranteed Department of Defense  
15 access to the vendor managed inventory approach  
16 specified in paragraph (2).

17 (d) TERMINATION.—The pilot program established  
18 under this section shall terminate on the date that is three  
19 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

20 (e) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after  
21 the date of the establishment of the pilot program under  
22 subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to  
23 the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Rep-  
24 resentatives and Senate a report on the design of the pilot  
25 program. Such report shall include—



1 (1) a description of the military medical treat-  
2 ment facilities selected under subsection (b) and the  
3 generic drugs selected for the pilot program pursu-  
4 ant to subsection (a);

5 (2) the plan for the implementation and man-  
6 agement of the pilot program; and

7 (3) key performance indicators to measure the  
8 success of the pilot program in ensuring the avail-  
9 ability of generic drugs selected for the pilot pro-  
10 gram pursuant to subsection (a).

11 (f) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after  
12 the termination date under subsection (d), the Secretary  
13 of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-  
14 ices of the House of Representatives and Senate a final  
15 report on the results of the pilot program. The report shall  
16 include—

17 (1) measurements of key performance indica-  
18 tors identified in the initial report required under  
19 subsection (e);

20 (2) an analysis of the success of the pilot pro-  
21 gram in preventing shortages of commonly used ge-  
22 neric drugs within the military medical treatment fa-  
23 cilities selected under subsection (b); and

24 (3) recommendations for further expansions of  
25 the pilot program, including any legislative or regu-

1 latory proposals the Secretary determines would re-  
2 duce supply chain risk to commonly used generic  
3 drugs under the military health system.

4 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) The term “generic drug” means a drug (as  
6 defined in section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug,  
7 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 231)) that is approved  
8 pursuant to section 505(j) of such Act (21 U.S.C.  
9 355(j)).

10 (2) The term “pharmaceutical supply chain dis-  
11 ruption” means a disruption described in the report  
12 of the Inspector General of the Department of De-  
13 fense titled “Evaluation of the Department of De-  
14 fense’s Mitigation of Foreign Suppliers in the Phar-  
15 maceutical Supply Chain” (DODIG-2021-126) and  
16 published on September 20, 2021.



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### **Offered by: Mr. Kahele**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### Report on Department of Defense Impact on Housing in the State of Hawaii

The committee notes that housing demand is projected to continue to outpace supply in Hawaii through 2025, exacerbating Hawaii's affordable housing shortage. In 2011, the RAND Corporation prepared a report for the Secretary of Defense on the impact of military spending on Hawaii's economy and found that while most military housing in Hawaii is privatized, roughly half of active-duty members live off-base and typically rent their housing. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than December 1, 2023, on the military's impact on housing demand in Hawaii.

The report shall at a minimum include the following:

- (1) a detailed analysis on how the military affects rental housing inventory and overall housing demand in Hawaii;
- (2) the optimum stock and occupancy rate of military housing units in Hawaii;
- (3) the overall cost estimate to meet such stock and occupancy rate;
- (4) a cost-benefit analysis of requiring all service members to reside in military housing vs. allowing off-base housing options;
- (5) housing options the Department is not considering but could with additional resources; and
- (6) such other matters as may be determined relevant by the Secretary.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7900**  
**OFFERED BY MR. AUSTIN SCOTT OF GEORGIA**

At the appropriate place in title V, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . INCREASE IN MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS**  
2 **ENROLLED AT UNIFORMED SERVICES UNI-**  
3 **VERSITY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES.**

4 Section 2114(f)(2) of title 10, United States Code,  
5 is amended by striking “40” and inserting “60”.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7900**  
**OFFERED BY MS. SPEIER OF CALIFORNIA**

At the appropriate place in title VI, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 6 \_\_\_. ALLOWABLE TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION**

2 **ALLOWANCES: COMPLEX OVERHAUL.**

3 Section 452(b) of title 37, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating the second paragraph (18)  
6 as paragraph (21); and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
8 paragraphs:

9 “(22) Permanent change of assignment to or  
10 from a naval vessel undergoing nuclear refueling or  
11 defueling and any concurrent complex overhaul, even  
12 if such assignment is within the same area as the  
13 current assignment of the member.

14 “(23) Current assignment to a naval vessel en-  
15 tering or exiting nuclear refueling or defueling and  
16 any concurrent complex overhaul.”.



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**Offered by: Ms. Speier**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### **Geographic Stability for Military Families**

The committee is concerned about the disruption to military families, impact on retention, and expense caused by frequent permanent-change-of-station (PCS) moves. While the committee is encouraged by the efforts of the military services to lengthen allowable time on station and provide service members with more input over future assignments, it is unclear whether there is a long-term plan to continue these efforts. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the secretaries of the military departments, to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives by February 1, 2023, addressing the efforts of each military service to reduce the frequency of PCS moves and implement systems to provide service members with more choice over assignments. The report should include, for each military service:

- (1) the total number of PCS moves for the previous three complete fiscal years,
- (2) the total cost of PCS moves for the previous three complete fiscal years,
- (3) the average cost of PCS moves for the previous three complete fiscal years,
- (4) an explanation of each military service's past efforts and future plans to reduce the number of PCS moves and increase time on station,
- (5) an assessment of current efforts to implement talent marketplaces that give officers more input into their next assignments, including data on outcomes from these new assignment processes, the percentage of officers who receive one of their top three choices, the impact on career progression, and the impact on retention,
- (6) an update on plans to offer talent marketplaces to enlisted service members, including projected timelines, costs, and benefits,
- (7) analysis of whether exit interviews should be implemented to determine the impact of frequent moves and lack of input on assignments on retention, and
- (8) identification of any statutory or regulatory barriers to decreasing the frequency of PCS moves and providing service members with additional choice over assignment and geographic location.

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**Offered by: Ms. Escobar**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Existing Mental Healthcare Gaps at the Department of Defense**

Our servicemembers are facing increasing wait times to access the mental health care they may need. To better understand the mental health gaps that exist for the committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to provide a report to the House Armed Services Committee no later than October 1, 2023. This report should include the following:

- (1) addressing all ongoing efforts by the Department to address mental health, including those occurring at individual installations.
- (2) mental health gaps the Department is struggling to address or may be unable to address.

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**Offered by: Mr. Austin Scott of Georgia**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**National Guard-Coast Guard Board**

The committee notes the important contributions of the National Guard and the Coast Guard to the Joint Force. Accordingly, the committee directs the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, in consultation with the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, to provide a report to the House Committee on Armed Services by March 1, 2023, on the feasibility of establishing a National Guard-Coast Guard Board. The report shall include, at a minimum: the roles, mission, organization, membership, frequency of meetings, and matters of concern to the National Guard or Coast Guard.



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**Offered by: MR. TRENT KELLY**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Integration of Wearable Biometric Technology in Department of the Army Basic Training**

The committee believes biometric wearable sensors that are data secure will provide leadership with better awareness for how personnel are functioning from a cognitive perspective throughout the day. Monitoring physiological load throughout the total duration of the basic training pipeline would provide a baseline for the Department of Defense to actively and continually enable the growth and sustainability of a healthier, ready force. In addition, the deployment of secure biometric wearable sensors could create greater connectivity among recruits and with recruiters to promote higher rates of ascension from signing commitment paperwork to entering basic training. Furthermore, given the staggering rates of veteran suicides, monitoring the physiological load of young soldiers will assist in creating a blueprint on how to prioritize the mental health of the war fighter during and after their active service.

Therefore, the committee directs the Commander, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, to submit a report to the congressional defense committees no later than June 1, 2023, on the feasibility of utilizing commercial off the shelf non-medical-grade biometric wearable sensors for new recruits to determine "clean" physiological baseline data. The report should include analysis of whether use of these wearables will decrease attrition rates; how the data can inform the Army's Holistic Health and Fitness (H2F) program; and the potential for developing and sustaining more mentally and physically resilient Soldiers, Reservists, and National Guardsmen and women.

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**Offered by: Mrs. McClain**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Warfighter Brain Health**

The Committee understands the importance of brain health beyond treating Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) in our warfighters. The Department of Defense is looking for initiatives that address many areas of mental health, beyond TBI. One area that requires unique and innovative solutions is the area of holistic mental health covering both cognitive and non-cognitive assessments that address the military member from a “whole person” solution. There are challenge to these issues in providing the warfighter with the most capable resources to address their needs. To this end, it is imperative that these solutions are sensitive enough to address the root cause of mental health issues that may not be related to mental illness, but rather simply are of a nature and concern as to render the member maladaptive for their given career choice. This is especially true in the areas of special operations and aviation. To this end, DOD needs to integrate training programs for innovative solutions necessary to enhance warfighter performance through targeted specific mental health assessment, training, and implementation.

Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Defense Health Agency to report to the House Armed Services Committee on how the department plans to further advance cognitive and non-cognitive assessments which can provide rapid evaluation of warfighter capabilities to complete their mission, which can be achieved by training field psychologists to administer and evaluate such advanced cognitive and non-cognitive assessments. This report must be completed and submitted to the committee by December 30, 2022.

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#### **Offered by: Mr. Crow**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### **Reducing Musculoskeletal Injuries**

The Committee is acutely aware of the need to treat musculoskeletal injuries (MSKIs), which is one of the most significant medical impediments to military readiness. Injuries primarily affect readiness through increased limited duty days, decreased deployability rates, and increased medical separation rates. MSKIs are also responsible for exorbitant medical costs to the U.S. government, including service-connected disability compensation. A significant subset of soldiers develops chronic pain or long-term disability after injury; this may increase their risk for chronic disease or secondary health deficits potentially associated with MSKIs. MSKIs significantly impact soldier health and U.S. Army readiness. MSKIs also figure prominently in medical disability discharges and long-term, service-connected disability costs. To date, there is still not a sufficient solution to this problem.

With stress, trauma and overuse to the muscles, the resulting inflammation alters the communication between the nervous system and the muscle system to the point where the muscles cannot tolerate forces placed upon them; Muscle Activation Techniques (MAT) is a technique that is designed to improve the ability for the muscles to tolerate forces thus reducing the potential for injury. Professional sports teams -- who the U.S Army CIMT cites as typically more cutting edge -- have utilized MAT to great effect to treat and remedy MSKIs.

The Committee believes that MAT could be a solution to assist soldiers while protecting the government's training investment in soldiers by improving their muscle function, increasing force readiness, all the while dramatically lowering injury costs. By decreasing injury rates, it will increase force readiness and durability.

Therefore, not later than May 1, 2023 the Secretary shall provide to the House Committee on Armed Services a briefing on the use of MAT, with respect to reduced number of "repeat" musculoskeletal injuries; a reduction in MSKs injury recovery time; a reduction in the pain scale rating associated with MSKs in affected areas; and the Increase in Range of Motion in affected areas. The briefing shall include

whether the Department has explored the use of MAT, potential use cases, locations where MAT has been used, and any plans for its expansion. If the Department has not explored the use of MAT, the briefing shall include considerations for not having done so.

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#### **Offered by: Mr. Wilson of South Carolina**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

##### **Military-Connected Children and Special Education Services**

The committee notes the military lifestyle can make navigating the world of disability and special education an overwhelming process for military families. The committee recognizes that families in the Exceptional Family Member Program often move every two to three years and that this can disrupt the continuity of medical and educational services. Although there are umbrella protections under federal and state laws and compact agreements, military families can face significant barriers that prevent them from accessing an appropriate education in comparison to civilian special education students. The committee is concerned that military families are reporting long wait times for eligibility determinations and special education services after a military move. The committee encourages the Department to consider implementing a centralized, online dashboard resource of Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) and state-level public school data to help military families navigate state-specific special education law and existing student outcome metrics. The committee notes this could reduce delays and educate families by allowing them to view and compare data concerning the quality of educational services provided to their children in covered schools.

The committee notes more information is needed on how to collect education data for military-connected children to provide transparency to military families with special-education students. The committee recognizes there may be challenges in collecting and assessing education data collected specifically for military-connected children through the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), including the lack of special education data regarding military-connected children. The committee also acknowledges that school districts may already be burdened with current data collection and reporting requirements.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Government Accountability Office and the Director of DoDEA, to deliver a report to the House Committee on Armed Services no later than March 1, 2023, on how the department can better collect data on military students especially those with special needs. The Secretary should seek out feedback from and consult with key stakeholders, including military families who have children in both general and special education, to understand what type of data would be helpful to parents to

make educational decisions after they receive military orders. The report should include the following:

- (1) if state-level military student identifier (MSI) data provides military families adequate information to make informed decisions on dependent educational opportunities during permanent changes of station (PCS);
- (2) ways to improve and expand upon the MSI data by including those military children in special education;
- (3) if the state-level MSI data that is being reported is easily accessible and meeting ESSA and IDEA standards;
- (4) the quality of the data that is currently being collected at the state-level as a requirement of ESSA and IDEA;
- (5) how the department is currently utilizing the data on military-connected children already being reported;
- (6) recommendations as to how the Department could better utilize the current data and collect more in the future;
- (7) what type of data is necessary for parents to make educational decisions after receiving PCS orders;
- (8) proposals to increase transparency for families navigating the PCS process; and
- (9) how to collect and distribute education data for all military children to include those in special education that is effective, transparent, and high quality for military families to access and make informed decisions.

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**Offered by: Mr. Gallagher of Wisconsin**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

*COVID-19 Exemption Standards*

The Committee understands the Department of Defense has promulgated a policy on “Uniform Standards for Exempting Service Members from Receiving an Otherwise Mandated Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccine.” This policy was in response to NDAA 2022 Sec. 720, which required the establishment of uniform standards across DoD and the Military Departments. However, the current medical and administrative exemption process to include religious accommodations appears disjointed and lacks a method for process standardization which would help meet congressional intent. 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 July 31, 2022, on the standardization of COVID-19 processes to include the following:

- 1) An overview of the DoD organization responsible for standardizing COVID-19 medical and administrative processes to include religious accommodations;
- 2) The measurement for achieving the standardization end state;
- 3) The plan of actions and milestones for achieving this end state;
- 4) Each Military Department’s efforts to standardize under their processes under the defined DoD end state;
- 5) Each Military Department’s ability to collect and track data related to exemptions and the process by which DoD collates this data to inform policy;
- 6) Lessons learned in the process of achieving standardization;
- 7) Any legislative actions or policy recommendations that will assure standardization actions are completed across the Services and throughout DoD.

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**Offered by: Mr. Jackson of Texas**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service Erroneous Payments and Reconciliation

The committee recognizes that the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) is one of the world's largest finance and accounting operations, providing service members and their families with significant finance and accounting activities. While DFAS generally provides accurate and timely payments, the committee understands that with an operation of this scale, it is possible for mistakes to occur in which erroneous payments are made, either in the wrong amount or at the wrong time. Therefore, the committee directs the Director of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than February 1, 2023 on the frequency of erroneous payments made by DFAS and the process by which DFAS identifies such payments and reconciles the situation. The briefing shall include an accounting of the number of erroneous payments made per year and how often DFAS requests for service members to submit payments to DFAS to reconcile an erroneous payment.