

LOG ID	REV	MEMBER	MARKUP LOC	DESCRIPTION	MARKUP ACT
3035	1	Banks, Jim	MLP	This section would prevent the Secretary of the Army from eliminating the Caisson Platoon of the 3rd Infantry Regiment of the Army, which participates in full honors military funeral services at Arlington National Cemetery.	EB 2
3059	2	Jackson (TX), Ronny	MLP	Directs a briefing to the committee on the Department of Defense's collection and analysis of information regarding biological threats to military service members.	EB 2
3103	1	Gaetz, Matt	MLP	military trials and non-judicial punishment public records	EB 2
3105	0	Slotkin, Elissa	MLP	Requires Secretaries of Military Departments to circulate information about the Skillbridge program and conduct annual outreach to inform potential employers. Requires report from Military Departments on funding, number of participants, selection criteria, and approval timeline.	EB 2
3139	4	Wilson, Joe	MLP	Heat Casualty and Fatality Prevention in Department of Defense Initial Entry Training	EB 2
3148	0	Slotkin, Elissa	MLP	Directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs to provide a briefing on its plan for expanding genetic carrier screening tests.	EB 2
3157	0	Moulton, Seth	MLP	This section would direct the Secretary of a military department to post promotional materials for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at each jurisdictional military installation.	EB 2
3163	1	Turner, Michael	MLP	Bill language prohibiting the DoD from acting on complaints or claims by the Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF) or its leadership without approval of the Secretary.	EB 2
3166	0	Turner, Michael	MLP	This section would require the Secretary of Defense to review and revise medical standards and waivers for military accessions every two years, and to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services on findings and recommendations during the same period.	EB 2
3176	1	Sherrill, Mikie	MLP	Requires a DoD briefing on implementation of the Department's plan outlined in DoD Instruction 6400.11, DoD Integrated Primary Prevention Policy for Prevention Workforce and Leaders.	EB 2
3177	0	Banks, Jim	MLP	Directs a report on how to re-allocate a 1-star Navy billet to direct the Navy Conventional Prompt Strike Program and to analyze potential locations for such a billet.	EB 2
3183	0	Sherrill, Mikie	MLP	Requires the Department of Defense to conduct a study on the availability of Registered Apprenticeship positions within the Skillbridge program, which allows service members to participate in training programs for civilian occupations in the last six months of their service.	EB 2
3184	0	Sherrill, Mikie	MLP	Requires the Department of Defense to conduct a study on how to increase the participation of women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) positions in the Armed Forces and Department.	EB 2

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3203	2	Norcross, Donald	MLP	Would amend 10 USC 129a to add elements for documentation of risk analysis in consideration of reductions to civilian workforce FTE.	EB 2
3205	2	Norcross, Donald	MLP	Would amend 10 USC 129a to add requirement for DOD to develop data analytics for sizing, composition, and tracking readiness of civilian workforce.	EB 2
3219	1	Strickland, Marilyn	MLP	Grants to Assist Caregivers in Military Families	EB 2
3222	2	Kim, Andy	MLP	Increased Flexibility for Promotable Reserve Component Officers and Warrant Officers to Transfer Components and not lose Promotable Status.	EB 2
3234	3	Mills, Cory	MLP	Directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing on the impacts to military accessions as a result of the Military Health System's transition to a new electronic health record, MHS Genesis.	EB 2
3258	0	Bacon, Don	MLP	Navy Junior Enlisted Unaccompanied Housing Shortfalls	EB 2
3261	1	Sherrill, Mikie	MLP	Requires a briefing on DoD's strategy to ensure service members and their families have access to medical countermeasures when in locations where infectious diseases are endemic.	EB 2
3266	1	Johnson, Mike	MLP	Requires a report on the Department's strategy to inform service members to check with their state government for unclaimed property before PCSing.	EB 2
3268	0	Mills, Cory	MLP	Requires a report regarding implementation of the modernized retirement system pursuant to amendments in part I of subtitle D of title VI of the 2016 NDAA.	EB 2
3271	0	LaLota, Nick	MLP	Ensures servicemember stationed OCONUS will have their rights protected if they are accused/detained overseas. Helps provides education and information on laws of that foreign country, recommendations for the servicemember/spouse on best practices with law enforcement.	EB 2
3284	1	Garamendi, John	MLP	DRL on Military Academies' adjudication process review	EB 2
3299	1	McClellan, Jennifer L.	MLP	Requires the Comptroller General to report on the Department of Defense's mental health awareness and suicide prevention training programs.	EB 2
3301	1	McClellan, Jennifer L.	MLP	This amendment would extend the statutory deadline for the DoD IG's office to conclude its report on the suicides that occurred in 2022 among servicemembers assigned to the USS George Washington.	EB 2

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3308	2	Bacon, Don	MLP	Quality of Life Concerns at Military Installations in Alaska	EB 2
3324	1	LaLota, Nick	MLP	Directs the Secretary to submit a report on the feasibility of a program with the 9/11 Memorial and Museum to build up education materials to help with recruitment efforts and to educate visitors on the military's response to 9/11.	EB 2
3336	2	Jacobs, Sara	MLP	Require Department to assess and revise its pay scale for CDC staff within 60 days of enactment. Requires assessment and revision every 5 years.	EB 2
3337	2	McCormick, Richard	MLP	Directs the Department of Defense to brief the committee on efforts and progress made to develop Artificial Intelligence-generated peptides for purposes of treating antibiotic resistant infections.	EB 2
3339	0	Bacon, Don	MLP	National Defense University Mission Assessment	EB 2
3352	1	Tokuda, Jill N.	MLP	Requires the Department of Defense to brief the HASC on an updated Strategic Plan on Combating Trafficking in Persons and identifies specific elements for inclusion in that briefing and Strategic Plan.	EB 2
3353	0	Tokuda, Jill N.	MLP	Requires a briefing on positions designated to oversee military barracks.	EB 2
3354	0	Jacobs, Sara	MLP	Would provide a 100% discount on military child care for the first child and at least a 50% discount for the second child of a DOD child care employee.	EB 2
3365	1	Scott, Austin	MLP	Requires the Secretary of Defense to report on the development, clinical evaluation, and assessment of ruggedized tissue oxygen monitoring systems for use by operational medical units.	EB 2
3375	1	Bacon, Don	MLP	Requests a status update from the Secretary of Defense on the operationalization of the National Disaster Medical System Pilot Program.	EB 2
3390	0	Lamborn, Doug	MLP	Report from the National Guard on Air National Guard members who are assigned to space missions on dwell times and training concerns.	EB 2
3391	3	Lamborn, Doug	MLP	Requires a report on impacts of a new TRICARE reimbursement rule on Children's Hospitals' ability to provide care to military families.	EB 2
3393	0	Bacon, Don	MLP	Legacy Guardian Honorary Designation	EB 2

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3424	0	Panetta, Jimmy	MLP	Creates pilot programs or the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy to send enlisted servicemembers to receive advanced degrees at the Naval Postgraduate School.	EB 2
3425	1	Wilson, Joe	MLP	Directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, to submit a report on establishing a program to train National Guard senior leaders and legal advisors to comply with the new inspection requirement of section 105(a)(8) of title 32.	EB 2
3426	1	McClellan, Jennifer L.	MLP	Directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing on the feasibility of including treatments for traction alopecia as a covered benefit under TRICARE.	EB 2
3427	0	McClellan, Jennifer L.	MLP	This amendment would require DoD to provide annual reports to HASC on utilization of the Military OneSource Program which currently serves as DoD's primary hub for connecting servicemembers with a range of quality-of-life services available to them.	EB 2
3444	4	Jacobs, Sara	MLP	Directs DOD to enter into an agreement with an Federally Funded Research and Development Center to conduct a study on the impact of accessible, affordable child care on readiness and retention.	EB 2
3447	0	Jackson (TX), Ronny	MLP	Removes the billet exemption for the Attending Physician to Congress	EB 2
3448	0	Jackson (TX), Ronny	MLP	Sets the rank for the Attending Physician to the Congress at O-6.	EB 2
3468	1	Jacobs, Sara	MLP	Directs a GAO report assessing the effectiveness of current processes that govern the employment of foreign governments by former officers of the Armed Forces.	EB 2
3478	1	Sherrill, Mikie	MLP	Requires the Department of Defense to report to Congress on steps taken to improve access to feminine hygiene products as recommended by RAND's survey report.	EB 2
3479	1	Horsford, Steven	MLP	Military Dependents School Meal Eligibility Report	EB 2
3507	0	Davis, Donald G.	MLP	To provide a judicial status update for pending claims related to toxic exposure at Camp Lejeune. Clarifies requirements under the PACT Act and the Camp LeJeune Justice Act.	EB 2
3531	2	Horsford, Steven	MLP	Breast Cancer Screening Report	EB 2
3539	2	Escobar, Veronica	MLP	Report on National Guard Bureau practices and procedures surrounding the "No Wrong Door" Policy.	EB 2

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3549	0	Rogers, Mike	MLP	Makes a technical correction to section 704 concerning the date that establishes a floor for reimbursement for applied behavioral analysis treatment.	EB 2
3553	1	Moulton, Seth	MLP	Requires a report on overdoses among service members	EB 2
3560	1	Garamendi, John	MLP	Review DOD list of medically disqualifying conditions for new accessions and make recommendations for changes	EB 2
3561	5	Wilson, Joe	MLP	Directs the Secretary to brief the House Committee on Armed Services on the feasibility of establishing a special education training program regarding long-term educational outcomes for the enrolled family member	EB 2
3588	1	Jackson (TX), Ronny	MLP	Require a briefing by the Secretary of Defense on efforts and challenges to procuring nuclear medicine and radiopharmaceuticals for the treatment of certain diseases.	EB 2
3594	4	Escobar, Veronica	MLP	Report on Department of Defense Adoption Support Services	EB 2
3595	1	Sherrill, Mikie	MLP	Requires the Comptroller General to conduct a study on the prevalence of sepsis among TRICARE beneficiaries.	EB 2
3599	2	Escobar, Veronica	MLP	Comptroller General Report on Perinatal Mental Health in the Military	EB 2

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MR. BANKS OF INDIANA

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

1 **SEC. 3 ____ . PROHIBITION ON ELIMINATION OF CAISSON**
2 **PLATOON AND SUPPORT BY SUCH PLATOON**
3 **OF MILITARY FUNERAL SERVICES AT AR-**
4 **LINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
6 Department of the Army an equine unit, to be known as
7 the Caisson Platoon, assigned to the 3rd Infantry Regi-
8 ment of the Army, for the purpose of conducting military
9 and State funerals and for other purposes.

10 (b) PROHIBITION ON ELIMINATION.—The Secretary
11 of the Army may not eliminate the Caisson Platoon of the
12 3rd Infantry Regiment of the Army established under sub-
13 section (a).

14 (c) BRIEFING.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
16 the date of the enactment of this Act, and not less
17 frequently than every 180 days thereafter until
18 March 31, 2027, the Secretary of the Army shall
19 provide to the congressional defense committees a

1 briefing on the health, welfare, and sustainment of
2 military working equids.

3 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each briefing under para-
4 graph (1) shall include the following:

5 (A) An assessment of the ability of the
6 Caisson Platoon of the 3rd Infantry Regiment
7 of the Army to support military funeral oper-
8 ations within Arlington National Cemetery, in-
9 cluding milestones associated with achieving full
10 operational capability for the Caisson Platoon.

11 (B) An update on the plan of the task
12 force of the Army on military working equids to
13 promote, support, and sustain animal health
14 and welfare.

15 (C) An update on the plan of such task
16 force to ensure that support by the Caisson
17 Platoon of Arlington National Cemetery and
18 State funerals is never suspended again.



Amendment to H.R. 2670

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024

Offered by: Mr. Jackson of Texas

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Collection of Biological Threat Information

America's military must be capable of operating under all circumstances, including degraded biological conditions. The committee is concerned that the Department of Defense may not be appropriately accounting for the operational impacts of biological threats to the health and well-being of servicemembers, the effectiveness of operations, or the national security of the United States.

Biological threats with the potential to produce degraded conditions may derive from environmental factors such as air, soil, and water contamination, and from plants or animals and zoonotic diseases; and the range of the threats may vary from widespread distribution to isolated localities. Recent experience with the COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the profound impact of biological threats upon all facets of society including the military, and the Department of Defense cannot afford to be caught flat-footed in the future. Improved biological threat information supports the Department of Defense by enhancing the development and updating of logistics plans and risk mitigation strategies of the Department, future pandemic preparedness, and integration of the National Biodefense Strategy.

In order to ensure the national security of the United States and the safety of military servicemembers, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than April 1, 2024, on the Department's collection and analysis of biological threat information. The briefing shall include:

- (1) how the Department collects and analyzes information about biological threats to health;
- (2) an update on proposed efforts to develop a database of baseline environmental biological threats to health due to air, soil, and water contamination, as well as physical hazards, in current or planned areas of operations;
- (3) information concerning the development and updating of logistics plans and risk mitigation strategies of the Department of Defense;
- (4) any updates to the standard operating procedures for medicine within the Department due to collected information on potential biological threats;
- (5) efforts to improve the collection and analysis of biological threats posed at various geographic levels, from key local deployment sites and

- surrounding areas to entire countries and regions, in current or planned areas of operations;
- (6) an update on the pandemic preparedness of the Department;
 - (7) information on the updating of the National Biodefense Strategy required under section 104 of Title 6, United States Code; and
 - (8) recommendations on additional measures to mitigate the risk posed to service members from biological threats.

Amendment to H.R. 2670
National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024

Offered by: Mr. Matt Gaetz

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Military trials and non-judicial punishment public records report

Families and reports of both the 9-11 terror attack and the Fort Hood shooting expressed frustration with the lack of transparency with respect to access to court records and proceedings.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than April 1, 2024, including the following:

- 1) The feasibility of creating a digital database of records of trial and non-judicial punishment proceedings, that would be publicly available.
- 2) The financial cost and resources required to create a digital database of records of trial and non-judicial punishment proceedings, that would be publicly available.
- 3) The risks and benefits associated with making such documents publicly available.
- 4) A description of any current online Military Justice Database with public and no public access.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY Ms . Slotkin

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

1 **SEC. 5__ . SKILLBRIDGE: STAFFING; BUDGETING; OUT-**
2 **REACH; REPORT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1143(e) of title 10,
4 United States Code is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)—

6 (A) by inserting “(A)” before “The Sec-
7 retary concerned”; and

8 (B) by adding at the end the following new
9 subparagraph:

10 “(B) The Secretary of a military department shall
11 carry out one or more programs under this subsection.”;

12 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as
13 paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively; and

14 (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
15 lowing new paragraphs:

16 “(3) To carry out this subsection, the Secretary con-
17 cerned shall—

18 “(A) assign not fewer than two full-time equiva-
19 lent positions; and

1 “(B) develop for each fiscal year a funding plan
2 that includes funding lines across the future-years
3 defense program under section 221 of this title.

4 “(4) For any program under this subsection, the Sec-
5 retary concerned shall, on an annual basis—

6 “(A) circulate, to members serving on active
7 duty under the jurisdiction of such Secretary con-
8 cerned, information about the program (including
9 eligibility requirements and the application process);
10 and

11 “(B) conduct outreach to inform potential em-
12 ployers about Skillbridge, participating members,
13 and how the program operates, and to increase the
14 number of, and types of, employers that hire pro-
15 gram participants.”.

16 (b) REPORT.—Not later than March 1, 2024, the
17 Secretary of a military department shall submit to the
18 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House
19 of Representatives a report regarding Skillbridge in such
20 military department (disaggregated by Armed Force, in
21 the case of the Departments of the Navy and the Air
22 Force). Such report shall include the following:

23 (1) The office with primary responsibility for
24 Skillbridge, including the number of personnel as-
25 signed to Skillbridge in such office.

1 (2) The anticipated funding amount.

2 (3) The annual number of participants during
3 fiscal years 2019 through 2023.

4 (4) How such Secretary selects members to par-
5 ticipate.

6 (5) How long it takes for a member to receive
7 approval to participate.

8 (6) How many members, disaggregated by
9 rank, who, after participating, receive a job offer
10 from a participating employer.



Amendment to H.R. 2670 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024

OFFERED BY Mr. Wilson OF South Carolina

In the appropriate place to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Heat Casualty and Fatality Prevention in Department of Defense Initial Entry Training

The committee is concerned about the continued health risks posed to soldiers by heat casualties during training and the related costs to the Department of Defense which have been reported to be up to \$48 million annually. The committee notes that the special operations community has successfully leveraged the use of oral rehydration solutions to optimize military service member performance and that this practice could bring measurable benefits in the initial entry training setting within the services to reduce the risk of heat-related casualties. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services, not later than March 1, 2024, on the efficacy of medically relevant oral rehydration solutions for prevention of heat casualties in the initial entry training environment. The brief should include:

- (1) statistics on the number of heat-related injuries to service members during initial entry trainings;
- (2) what measures the Department currently has to prevent heat-related injuries;
- (3) how the Department plans to utilize new preventative care programs such as the Training and Doctrine Command Operational Medicine Programs and similar programs across the services to better incorporate preventative care solutions;
- (4) data on the benefits of oral rehydration solutions, including those related to cost savings, readiness, and service member wellness in settings that include Special Operations Command, the National Training Center, and any locations where oral rehydration solutions have been used in exertional training.

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Offered by: Ms. Slotkin

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Next Generation Carrier Screening

The committee remains concerned that carrier screening tests have not been broadly or consistently accessible for servicemembers and TRICARE beneficiaries. The demographics of military personnel are diverse, and tests should accurately represent the diversity of the force and be provided consistently at all military treatment facilities. Further, the committee is concerned about the accuracy of existing tests for minority populations, and their efficacy in identifying genetic mutations or abnormalities associated with a particular disorder that may be passed on to children. The committee is aware of existing FDA approved carrier screening test technologies that allow for expanded screening, while accurately reporting results regardless of race or ethnicity.

Therefore, the committee directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services by March 1, 2024, on the Department's plan for expanding the use of additional carrier screening tests with capabilities that include, but are not limited to, improved accuracy across all ethnicities, and screening beyond the six medical conditions outlined in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2022.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MR. MOULTON OF MASSACHUSETTS

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . POSTING OF PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS FOR**
2 **THE 988 SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE AT**
3 **MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.**

4 The Secretary of the military department concerned
5 shall post promotional materials (including brochures,
6 posters, and informational sheets) for the 988 Suicide and
7 Crisis Lifeline at each military installation under the juris-
8 diction of such Secretary.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MR. TURNER OF OHIO

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

1 **SEC. 10 ____ . LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS RELATED TO**
2 **MILITARY RELIGIOUS FREEDOM FOUNDA-**
3 **TION.**

4 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
5 this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2024
6 for the Department of Defense may be used—

7 (1) to communicate with the Military Religious
8 Freedom Foundation, its leadership, or its founder;
9 or

10 (2) to take any action or make any decision as
11 a result of any claim, objection, or protest made by
12 the Military Religious Freedom Foundation without
13 the authority of the Secretary of Defense.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MR. TURNER OF OHIO

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . IMPROVEMENTS TO MEDICAL STANDARDS FOR**
2 **ACCESSION TO CERTAIN ARMED FORCES.**

3 (a) IMPROVEMENTS.—Not later than one year after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, and every two years
5 thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall—

6 (1) conduct an assessment of the prescribed
7 medical standards and medical screening processes
8 required for the appointment of an individual as an
9 officer, or enlistment of an individual as a member,
10 in each covered Armed Force;

11 (2) taking into account the findings of such as-
12 sessment—

13 (A) update such standards and processes,
14 as may be necessary; and

15 (B) take such steps as may be necessary to
16 improve the waiver process for individuals who
17 do not meet such prescribed medical standards;
18 and

1 (3) submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
2 ices of the House of Representatives and the Senate
3 a report containing, with respect to the most re-
4 cently conducted assessment under paragraph (1)—

5 (A) the findings of that assessment and a
6 description of the actions carried out pursuant
7 to paragraph (2); and

8 (B) recommendations by the Secretary for
9 any legislative action the Secretary determines
10 necessary to further improve such standards
11 and processes.

12 (b) COVERED ARMED FORCE.—In this section, the
13 term “covered Armed Force” means the Army, Navy, Air
14 Force, Marine Corps, or Space Force.



Amendment to H.R. 2670 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023

Offered by: Ms. Sherrill

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Defense Organizational Climate Survey Results Report

The committee is concerned about recent reports and information on the Department of Defense's responses to Defense Organizational Climate Survey (DEOCS) results. The committee seeks information on the Department's plan outlined in DoD Instruction 6400.11, DoD Integrated Primary Prevention Policy for Prevention Workforce and Leaders.

The committee, therefore, directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing and report to the House Committee on Armed Services by no later than June 30, 2024. The briefing shall include information on the feasibility of the following:

1. Providing a yearly report on DEOCS results for sexual assault, sexual harassment, toxic or counter-productive command climate above the normal standard deviation, as determined by a subject matter expert; And
2. Providing a yearly report on all investigations conducted as a result of DEOCS results.

The committee notes that the Department of Defense is in the process of developing proposed benchmarks to evaluate the structure and validity of DEOCS results. The committee therefore further directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing on the Department's progress toward developing the benchmarks and its plan for implementation to the House Committee on Armed Services by December 31, 2023.

Amendment to H.R. 2670

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Offered by: Mr. Banks _____

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Providing 1-Star Billet for Navy Conventional Prompt Strike Program

The committee notes that hypersonic weapons development is a major priority for the United States to deter and defeat potential adversaries. The Navy's development of hypersonic weapons, such as the Navy's Conventional Prompt Strike (CPS) system, are a core part of the United States' ability to meet this goal. The committee is concerned that the Navy may face challenges in recruiting high-level military and civilian talent and establishing the talent pipeline necessary for the Conventional Prompt Strike system, as Navy Strategic Systems Programs (SSP) has no one-star or two-star flag officer billets. The committee is further concerned that a lack of a such billets at SSP and the lack of a flag officer leading the CPS program may undermine CPS development.

Therefore, no later than March 1, 2024, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Chief of Naval Operations, to provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate on the following matters:

- (1) A description of the challenges which Navy Strategic Systems Programs, and the Conventional Prompt Strike Program specifically, has in recruiting high-level civilian and military talent for hypersonic weapons development and testing programs and in establishing and maintaining a talent pipeline for such development and testing;
- (2) A description of the strategic importance of the Conventional Prompt Strike program and the rank of officers in charge of equivalent programs in the Army and Air Force;
- (3) A description of how a lack of one-star or two-star billets at Navy Strategic Systems Programs and leading the Conventional Prompt Strike Program reduces the desire of highly-qualified O-5 and O-6 military officers to serve at Navy Strategic Systems Programs installations and work on the Conventional Prompt Strike Program due to a lack of promotability;
- (4) A plan to re-allocate an existing one-star billet within the Navy to the Navy Strategic Systems Programs to serve as Director of the Conventional Prompt Strike Program; and
- (5) An analysis of the merits of the various Navy Strategic Systems Programs facilities at which the additional one-star billet could be located, with an emphasis on Navy installations where Conventional Prompt Strike research and development is currently conducted.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MS. SHERRILL OF NEW JERSEY

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . SKILLBRIDGE: APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.**

2 (a) STUDY.—Not later than September 30, 2024, the
3 Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary
4 of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating,
5 shall conduct a study to identify the private entities par-
6 ticipating in Skillbridge that offer positions in registered
7 apprenticeship programs to covered members.

8 (b) RECRUITMENT.—The Secretary shall consult with
9 officials and employees of the Department of Labor who
10 have experience with registered apprenticeship programs
11 to facilitate the Secretary entering into agreements with
12 entities that offer positions described in subsection (a) in
13 areas where the Secretary determines few such positions
14 are available to covered members.

15 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) The term “covered member” means a mem-
17 ber of the Armed Forces eligible for Skillbridge.

18 (2) The term “registered apprenticeship pro-
19 gram” means an apprenticeship program registered

1 under the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known
2 as the “National Apprenticeship Act”; 50 Stat. 664,
3 chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.).

4 (3) The term “Skillbridge” means an employ-
5 ment skills training program under section 1143(e)
6 of title 10, United States Code.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MS. SHERRILL OF NEW JERSEY

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . FEMALE MEMBERS OF CERTAIN ARMED FORCES**
2 **AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPART-**
3 **MENT OF DEFENSE IN STEM.**

4 (a) STUDY; REPORT.—Not later than September 30,
5 2024, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Com-
6 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of
7 Representatives a report containing the results of a study
8 on how to—

9 (1) increase participation of covered individuals
10 in positions in the covered Armed Forces or Depart-
11 ment of Defense and related to STEM; and

12 (2) change Skillbridge to help covered individ-
13 uals eligible for Skillbridge find civilian employment
14 in positions related to STEM.

15 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) The term “covered Armed Force” means
17 the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space
18 Force.

1 (2) The term “covered individual” means a fe-
2 male—

3 (A) member of a covered Armed Force; or

4 (B) civilian employee of the Department of
5 Defense.

6 (3) The term “Skillbridge” means an employ-
7 ment skills training program under section 1143(e)
8 of title 10, United States Code.

9 (4) The term “STEM” means science, tech-
10 nology, engineering, and mathematics.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MR. NORCROSS OF NEW JERSEY

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

1 **SEC. 9 __ . MODIFICATION OF ANALYSIS REQUIRED FOR**
2 **REDUCTIONS TO CIVILIAN WORKFORCE**
3 **UNDER GENERAL POLICY FOR TOTAL FORCE**
4 **MANAGEMENT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 129a(b) of title 10,
6 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
7 following: “Such analysis shall be documented in writ-
8 ing.”.

9 (b) REVIEW AND REPORT.—Not later than March 1,
10 2024, the Comptroller General of the United States
11 shall—

12 (1) conduct a review of any written analysis
13 prepared by the Secretary of Defense relating to the
14 reduction of the civilian workforce of the Depart-
15 ment of Defense for purposes of section 129a(b) of
16 title 10, United States Code (as amended by sub-
17 section (a)), and shall include as part of such review
18 an assessment of whether the analysis prepared by

1 the Secretary sufficiently addresses the readiness
2 needs of the Department; and
3 (2) submit to the congressional defense commit-
4 tees a report on the results of such review.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MR. NORCROSS OF NEW JERSEY

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

1 **SEC. 9 ____ . ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS UNDER GENERAL**
2 **POLICY FOR TOTAL FORCE MANAGEMENT.**

3 Section 129a of title 10, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as
6 subsection (h) and (i), respectively; and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
8 lowing new subsections:

9 “(f) DATA ANALYTICS.—(1) The Secretary of De-
10 fense shall develop data analytics to specifically identify
11 the quantitative metrics and qualitative relationships of
12 the sizing and composition of the civilian workforce of the
13 Department of Defense. Such data analytics shall be docu-
14 mented in writing.

15 “(2) Not later than March 31 each year, the Sec-
16 retary of Defense shall provide to the congressional de-
17 fense committees a briefing on the analytics developed
18 under paragraph (1).

1 “(g) ADDITIONAL PLANNING, PROGRAMING, AND
2 BUDGETING REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of Defense
3 shall ensure that planning, programming, and budgeting
4 reviews consider all components of the total force (includ-
5 ing a active and reserve military, civilian workforce, and
6 contract support) in a holistic manner to avoid duplication
7 and waste and ensure that risk, cost, and mission valida-
8 tion and prioritization considerations consistent with this
9 section and the National Defense Strategy inform the
10 sourcing and prioritization of requirements.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670**OFFERED BY MS. STRICKLAND OF WASHINGTON**

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

1 **SEC. 6 ___. GRANTS TO ASSIST CAREGIVERS IN MILITARY**
2 **FAMILIES.**

3 (a) GRANTS.—Subject to the availability of appro-
4 priations, the Secretary of Defense, acting through the
5 Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness,
6 shall award grants to eligible nonprofit organizations to
7 support demonstration projects focused on addressing the
8 challenges and alleviating the burdens faced by caregivers
9 in military families.

10 (1) AMOUNT.—The Secretary shall award such
11 grants in amounts of not more than \$1,500,000.

12 (2) DURATION.—The Secretary shall award
13 such grants for periods of three years and not more
14 than \$500,000 per year.

15 (b) ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.—To be
16 eligible to receive an award under this section, an eligible
17 nonprofit organization shall—

1 (1) be a 501(c)(3) organization under the
2 United States Internal Revenue Code at the time of
3 the enactment of this Act;

4 (2) have a demonstrated capacity, through an
5 existing data platform or other ongoing data collec-
6 tion efforts, to effectively capture data for the pur-
7 poses of informing program implementation and
8 monitoring program effectiveness; and

9 (3) have a demonstrated history and expertise
10 in the provision of educational, health, or social sup-
11 port services specific to caregivers.

12 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible nonprofit organiza-
13 tion shall use amounts received from an award under this
14 section to provide at least one of the following activities:

15 (1) Best-practice training for caregivers in mili-
16 tary families focused on self-care and education re-
17 lated to family members' conditions, collaboration
18 with clinical health providers, and financial literacy.

19 (2) Reference and liaison services connecting
20 caregivers in military families to Department of De-
21 fense resources, and to other Federal resources and
22 programs for which they or their family members
23 may qualify.

24 (3) Organization and facilitation of peer-sup-
25 port networks designed to connect caregivers in mili-

1 tary families with each-other as part of directed
2 mental and behavioral health therapy.

3 (4) Development of pilot programs to identify
4 and assess the impact of innovative ideas intended
5 to support caregivers in military families.

6 (5) Capacity building to expand existing evi-
7 dence-based programs, tailor existing programs to
8 support the unique needs of caregivers in military
9 families, or evaluate the effectiveness of existing pro-
10 grams in supporting caregivers in military families.

11 (d) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
12 under this section, a qualified nonprofit organization shall
13 submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in
14 such manner, and containing such information as the Sec-
15 retary may require, including information describing in de-
16 tail the services that the applicant will use grant funds
17 to provide for caregivers in military families.

18 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) The term “caregiver in a military family”
20 shall refer to a member of the uniformed services in
21 an active status, or the dependent of such a mem-
22 ber, who is a caregiver for a family member.

23 (2) The terms “active status” and “uniformed
24 services” have the meanings given such terms in sec-
25 tion 101 of title 10, United States Code.

1 (3) The term “caregiver” means an adult fam-
2 ily member or a dependent who has a significant re-
3 lationship with, and who provides a broad range of
4 assistance to, an individual with a chronic or other
5 health condition, disability, or functional limitation.

6 (4) The term “dependent” has the meaning
7 given such term in section 1072 of title 10, United
8 States Code.

9 (5) The term “family member” has the mean-
10 ing given that term in section 1720G of title 38,
11 United States Code with regards to a member of the
12 uniformed services in an active status, or the de-
13 pendent of such a member.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MR. KIM OF NEW JERSEY

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . PROMOTIONS AND TRANSFERS BETWEEN COM-**
2 **PONENTS OF CERTAIN ARMED FORCES OR TO**
3 **OTHER CERTAIN ARMED FORCES.**

4 (a) PROMOTION AND TRANSFER OF A WARRANT OF-
5 FICER BETWEEN COMPONENTS OF AN ARMED FORCE OR
6 TO ANOTHER ARMED FORCE.—Section 578 of title 10,
7 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
8 following new subsection:

9 “(g)(1) Notwithstanding subsection (d), and subject
10 to regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, in
11 the case of a warrant officer in a covered armed force who
12 is selected for promotion by a selection board convened
13 under this chapter, and who, before the placement of the
14 warrant officer’s name on the applicable promotion list,
15 is approved for transfer to another component of the same
16 covered armed force or to another covered armed force,
17 the Secretary of the military department concerned may
18 place the warrant officer’s name on a corresponding pro-
19 motion list of the new component or covered armed force

1 without regard to the warrant officer's competitive cat-
2 egory.

3 “(2) A promotion under this subsection shall be made
4 pursuant to section 12242 of this title.

5 “(h) In this section, the term ‘covered armed force’
6 means the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space
7 Force.”.

8 (b) OFFICERS TRANSFERRED TO RESERVE ACTIVE-
9 STATUS LIST.—Section 624 of such title is amended by
10 adding at the end the following new subsections:

11 “(e)(1) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(2), in the
12 case of an officer in a covered armed force who is selected
13 for promotion by a selection board convened under this
14 chapter, and, prior to the placement of the officer's name
15 on the applicable promotion list, is approved for transfer
16 to the reserve active-status list of the same covered armed
17 force or another covered armed force, the Secretary of the
18 military department concerned may place the officer's
19 name on a corresponding promotion list on the reserve ac-
20 tive-status list without regard to the officer's competitive
21 category.

22 “(2) An officer's promotion under this subsection
23 shall be made pursuant to section 14308 of this title.

24 “(f)(1) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(3), in the case
25 of an officer who (1) is placed on an all-fully-qualified-

1 officers list, and (2) is subsequently approved for transfer
2 to the reserve active-status list, the Secretary of the mili-
3 tary department concerned may place the officer's name
4 on an appropriate all-fully-qualified-officers list on the re-
5 serve active status list.

6 “(2) An officer's promotion under this subsection
7 shall be made pursuant to section 14308 of this title.

8 “(g) In this section, the term ‘covered armed force’
9 means the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space
10 Force.”.

11 (c) DATE OF RANK.—Section 14308(c) of such title
12 is amended—

13 (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
14 graph (4); and

15 (2) by inserting, after paragraph (2), the fol-
16 lowing new paragraph (3):

17 “(3) The Secretary of the military department con-
18 cerned may adjust the date of rank of an officer whose
19 name is placed on a reserve active-status promotion list
20 pursuant to subsection (e) or (f) of section 624 of this
21 title.”.



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Offered by: Mr. Cory Mills

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Impact of MHS Genesis on Military Accessions

The committee is concerned that the Military Health System's (MHS) transition from the Armed Forces Health Longitudinal Technology Application (AHLTA) to MHS Genesis may have had an impact on accessions to the military. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 31, 2024, on the following regarding the impact to accession numbers:

- (1) a comparison of the number and proportion of accessions under AHLTA versus MHS Genesis;
- (2) statistics on the medical reasons recruits were denied accession and whether there is a difference between AHLTA and MHS Genesis;
- (3) how any difference in numbers may be affecting recruiting overall.

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Offered by Mr. Bacon of Nebraska

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Navy Junior Enlisted Unaccompanied Housing Shortfalls

The committee is aware that the Navy is experiencing shortfalls in unaccompanied housing which forces sailors to live aboard their assigned ships while they are in port and in the yard for repair. The committee is concerned that these conditions do not provide sailors the quality of life they need to effectively do their jobs and have a negative impact on the resiliency and readiness of the force. The committee notes that the Navy is on track to miss its recruiting goals for the current fiscal year and believes that there must be meaningful progress made on improving the quality of life for unaccompanied sailors. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of the Navy to submit a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than January 12, 2024, on efforts to increase unaccompanied housing capacity in the Navy. The brief should include the following information:

- (1) the locations where the shortfalls are most acute;
- (2) the estimated number of sailors, by location, forced to live aboard their ships due to a shortfall in unaccompanied housing;
- (3) the estimated funding required to restore the homeport ashore program by location;
- (4) near-term solutions that would increase unaccompanied housing capacity within one year;
- (5) the estimated impact that privatizing unaccompanied housing would have on capacity shortfalls; and
- (6) additional statutory authorities required to privatize unaccompanied housing;

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Offered by: Ms. Sherrill

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Medical Countermeasures for Mosquito-Borne Illnesses

The committee has long been concerned about the lack of medical countermeasures to naturally occurring infectious diseases, such as malaria, dengue, yellow fever, etc. The incidence of infectious disease has dramatically increased as society is more mobile and active. The committee is aware of new technologies under development that could prevent and/or treat some of these conditions. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense provide a briefing, no later than January 1, 2024, on the Department's strategy to appropriately prioritize and ensure military men and women and their families have access to medical countermeasures, particularly if they are active, deploying to, or stationed in regions where these diseases are endemic.

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Offered by: Mr. Johnson

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Report on Unclaimed Property of Service Members Who Undergo a Permanent Change of Station

The committee is aware of service members who have unclaimed property, or are owed money, from the state they previously resided in prior to their last Permanent Change of Station (PCS). The committee applauds state-led efforts to return unclaimed property to service members, such as Louisiana's "Veterans Cash Claim" program. However, the committee remains concerned that once a service member has left a state, they are unlikely to recoup their unclaimed property.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Congressional Defense Committees not later than December 31, 2023 that outlines the Department's strategy for ensuring service members are advised to check with their state for unclaimed property prior to their PCS.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MR. MILLS OF FLORIDA

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

1 **SEC. 6 ____ . REPORT ON MODERNIZED RETIREMENT SYS-**
2 **TEM.**

3 Not later than September 30, 2024, the Secretary of
4 Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
5 ices of the Senate and House of Representatives a report
6 regarding implementation of the modernized retirement
7 system pursuant to amendments in part I of subtitle D
8 of title VI of the National Defense Authorization Act for
9 Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92). Such report shall
10 include the following elements:

11 (1) An analysis of data collected on the effects
12 of financial literacy training modules, including
13 quantifiable outcomes that assess the effect of finan-
14 cial security training for members of the uniformed
15 services during fiscal years 2015 through 2023.

16 (2) Recommendations of the Secretary regard-
17 ing tools or resources needed for the Secretary to

2

1 improve financial literacy training for our such
2 members.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MR. LALOTA OF NEW YORK

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

1 **SEC. ____ . PROTECTION AND LEGAL PREPAREDNESS FOR**
2 **SERVICEMEMBERS ABROAD.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in co-
4 ordination with the Secretary of State, shall seek to ensure
5 that members of the Armed Forces stationed in each for-
6 eign country with which the United States maintains a
7 Status of Forces Agreement are afforded, at a minimum:

8 (1) the right to legal counsel for his or her de-
9 fense, in accordance with the Status of Forces
10 Agreement or other binding law or agreement with
11 another country;

12 (2) access to competent language translation
13 services;

14 (3) a prompt and speedy trial;

15 (4) the right to be confronted with the wit-
16 nesses against him or her; and

17 (5) a compulsory process for obtaining wit-
18 nesses in his or her favor if they are within the for-
19 eign country's jurisdiction.

1 (b) REVIEW REQUIRED.—Not later than December
2 31, 2024, the Secretary of Defense, in collaboration with
3 the Secretary of State, shall—

4 (1) review the 10 largest foreign countries by
5 United States Armed Forces presence and evaluate
6 local legal systems, protections afforded by bilateral
7 agreements between the United States and countries
8 being evaluated, and how the rights and privileges
9 afforded under such agreements may differ from
10 United States law; and

11 (2) brief the Committee on Armed Services and
12 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of
13 Representatives and the Committee on Armed Serv-
14 ices and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
15 Senate on the findings of the review.

16 (c) TRAINING REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense
17 shall review and improve as necessary training and edu-
18 cational materials for members of the Armed Forces, their
19 spouses, and dependents, as appropriate, who are sta-
20 tioned in a country reviewed pursuant to subsection (b)(1)
21 regarding relevant foreign laws, how such foreign laws
22 may differ from the laws of the United States, and the
23 rights of accused in common scenarios under such foreign
24 laws.

1 (d) TRANSLATION STANDARDS AND READINESS.—
2 The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Sec-
3 retary of State, shall review foreign language standards
4 for servicemembers and employees of the Department of
5 Defense and Department of State who are responsible for
6 providing foreign language translation services in situa-
7 tions involving foreign law enforcement where a service-
8 member may be being detained, to ensure such persons
9 maintain an appropriate proficiency in the legal termi-
10 nology and meaning of essential terms in a relevant lan-
11 guage.



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Offered by: Mr. John Garamendi

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Review of Service Academy conduct and performance adjudication process

The committee is concerned that all Service Academies, including the Coast Guard Academy and the Merchant Marine Academy, have fair and effective adjudicatory systems to review student conduct and performance. The committee directs Comptroller General of the United States to review the adjudication processes at all Service Academies, including the Coast Guard Academy and the Merchant Marine Academy and provide a report to the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on Armed services no later than March 7, 2024. This report should include the following:

- (1) review the honor and conduct systems, including punishments given for misconduct and performance issues;
- (2) describe how the various systems provide common due process protection;
- (3) describe how the systems compare to military misconduct/UCMJ processes;
- (4) describe which, if any, honor or misconduct issues are included on an individual's military record when they are commissioned;
- (5) describe how the various academies measure student conduct and performance trends;
- (6) describe the attitudes and perceptions of students towards their respective systems;
- (7) provide recommendations to standardize the policies and processes across the academies;
- (8) provide recommendations on process improvements.

Amendment to H.R. 2670
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Offered by: Ms. McClellan

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Comptroller General Review of Suicide Prevention and Mental Health
Awareness Training in the Department of Defense

Recent Government Accountability Office and Naval Audit Service reports have identified gaps in the Department of Defense's provision and tracking of suicide prevention training. Therefore, the Committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report to the House Committee on Armed Services, not later than September 1, 2024, on the following regarding mental health awareness and suicide prevention training in the military:

- (1) identification of the statutory, Department-wide, and military service requirements for such training, to include corresponding class titles, intended audiences, and desired learning outcomes;
- (2) identification of any additional mental health awareness and suicide prevention training required of leadership positions in both the officer and enlisted ranks;
- (3) The extent to which the Department and the military services have ensured the timely completion of training;
- (4) an analysis of the effectiveness of the various trainings; and
- (5) any recommendations for the provision and tracking of suicide prevention and mental health awareness training.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MRS. McCLELLAN OF VIRGINIA

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . DUE DATE FOR REPORT ON EFFORTS TO PRE-**
2 **VENT AND RESPOND TO DEATHS BY SUICIDE**
3 **IN THE NAVY.**

4 Section 599A(c) of the James M. Inhofe National De-
5 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law
6 117–263) is amended by striking “180 days after the date
7 of the enactment of this Act” and inserting “September
8 30, 2024”.



Amendment to H.R. 2670 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024

Offered by Mr. Bacon of Nebraska

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Quality of Life Concerns at Military Installations in Alaska

The committee is aware of the challenges that service members and families face while serving at remote locations in the United States and overseas. With the rapidly growing strategic significance of the Arctic region, the committee is concerned that servicemembers and dependent families stationed in Alaska continue to experience significant quality of life challenges that negatively impact the morale, resilience, and readiness of the force. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Air Force, to submit a briefing to the congressional defense committees not later than December 29, 2023, on quality-of-life conditions at military installations in Alaska. The briefing should include the following information for each location:

- (1) shortfalls relating to healthcare accessibility, including specialty providers, at military treatment facilities and through TRICARE;
- (2) shortfalls regarding the availability of childcare services, including providers, child development centers, and in-home services;
- (3) the availability and suitability of housing on and off installation;
- (4) the capacity, condition, and ability of military commissaries to support the local military population with fresh and nutritious food;
- (5) current incentive pay and allowances for servicemembers stationed in Alaska and recommendations to improve readiness, retention and morale through targeted financial incentives and allowances; and
- (6) a prioritized list of facility sustainment, restoration, and modernization and military construction projects with estimated costs to address critical quality of life challenges.

Amendment to H.R. 2670
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Offered by: Mr. LaLota

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

9/11 Memorial & Museum

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the House Armed Services Committee by January 5, 2024 on the feasibility of standing up a program with the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in New York to promote military recruitment efforts at the Memorial and Museum. This program would develop materials and content to improve recruitment efforts for the military at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum. The purpose of this program will be to coordinate with Museum Curators, staff, and representatives of the highly visited Memorial and Museum to improve public understanding of the military response to 9/11. This program should focus on creating and providing educational materials, exhibits, or other promotional items with a focus on deepening the understanding of 9/11 and its lessons for a new generation of Americans to encourage visitors to serve.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MS. JACOBS OF CALIFORNIA

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

1 **SEC. 6 ____ . RECURRING REVIEW AND REVISION OF PAY FOR**
2 **MILITARY CHILD CARE EMPLOYEES.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subsection (c) of section
4 1792 of title 10, United States Code is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as
6 subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively;

7 (2) by inserting “(1)” before “For the pur-
8 pose”; and

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

11 “(2)(A) The Secretary of Defense shall review
12 and revise the pay scale for child care employees not
13 less than once every five years.

14 “(B) In conducting a review under subpara-
15 graph (A), the Secretary shall consider factors in-
16 cluding—

17 “(i) the pay scale for employees of the De-
18 partment of Defense Education Activity with

1 similar training, seniority, and experience to
2 that of child care employees;

3 “(ii) the rates of compensation paid to em-
4 ployees of the local educational agency with
5 similar training, seniority, and experience to
6 that of child care employees;

7 “(iii) the value of the care provided by
8 child care employees, in the short and long
9 term, to the children cared for, their families,
10 and the armed forces; and

11 “(iv) any other factor the Secretary deter-
12 mines appropriate.”.

13 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Defense
14 shall carry out the first review and revision under para-
15 graph (2) of such subsection, as added by this section,
16 not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment
17 of this Act.

18 (c) REPORT.—When the Secretary of Defense con-
19 ducts the second review and revision under such para-
20 graph (2), the Secretary shall submit to the congressional
21 defense committees a report assessing how the first such
22 revision affected—

23 (1) the hiring and retention of child care em-
24 ployees; and

1 (2) the quality of care at military child develop-
2 ment centers.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “child
4 care employee” and “military child development center”
5 have the meanings given such terms in section 1800 of
6 title 10, United States Code.



Amendment to H.R. 2670
National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024

Offered by: Mr. McCormick

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Briefing on AI-Generated Broad Spectrum Anti-infective Peptides to Counter
Antibiotic Resistance**

The committee notes recent artificial intelligence-generated developments focused on peptide development and the potential use of broad-spectrum anti-infective peptides to treat antibiotic-resistant infection. The committee recognizes the work of the Global Emerging Infections Surveillance (GEIS) program and its history of infectious disease surveillance, prevention, and response as well as its work with other Department of Defense programs such as the Military Infectious Disease Research Program (MIDRP) to address emerging infectious diseases including antibiotic-resistant diseases and infections.

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services by April 1, 2024 on efforts and progress made to develop this type of peptide approach and whether the research may have other relevant applications to include treatment of diseases, infections, open fractures, burns, radiation injuries, and emerging biological threats.

Amendment to H.R. 2670 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024

Offered by Mr. Bacon of Nebraska

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

National Defense University Mission Assessment

The committee is aware of the importance of maintaining a modern, relevant, and academically rigorous military education enterprise and recognizes the essential mission of the National Defense University (NDU) as the nation's premier joint professional military education institution. The committee directs the President of the National Defense University to provide a report to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than July 1, 2024 on factors impacting NDU's ability to fulfill its mission responsibilities as defined by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs and the recent NDU Strategic Plan. The report shall include the following items:

- (1) an assessment of gaps and resource requirements relating to facilities, curricula, human capital, research and information resources and materials, and other factors that limit NDU's ability to educate emerging senior leaders in the national security enterprise;
- (2) an assessment of aging infrastructure in need of substantial maintenance and refurbishment, and identification of opportunities for infrastructure improvements to meet current and future mission requirements;
- (3) an assessment of unmet information technology infrastructure requirements necessary to enable academic support and accreditation;
- (4) an assessment of unmet classified workspace and network requirements necessary to support classified instruction;
- (5) an assessment of additional requirements and potential public-private opportunities that can improve NDU components and strategic initiatives such as wargaming, cyber education, distance learning, short-courses and certificate offerings, and information technology revitalization; and
- (6) other matters as determined by the President.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MS. TOKUDA OF HAWAII

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

1 **SEC. 10 ____ . UPDATE TO STRATEGIC PLAN ON DEPART-**
2 **MENT OF DEFENSE COMBATING TRAF-**
3 **FICKING IN PERSONS PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 1, 2024, the
5 Secretary of Defense shall provide to the Committee on
6 Armed Services of the House of Representatives a briefing
7 on an updated strategic plan for the combating trafficking
8 in persons program of the Department of Defense.

9 (b) ELEMENTS OF PLAN.—The updated strategic
10 plan required under subsection (a) shall include each of
11 the following:

12 (1) An assessment of the efforts of the Depart-
13 ment of Defense to combat trafficking in persons in
14 areas with high populations of members of the
15 United States Armed Forces, including in overseas
16 locations.

17 (2) A review of the coordination of efforts of
18 the Department to combat trafficking in persons

1 across the military departments in areas where mul-
2 tiple military departments operate bases.

3 (3) Recommendations for improved cooperation
4 with local communities and relevant Federal, State,
5 and local law enforcement agencies in addressing
6 trafficking in persons.

7 (4) A review of new methods and concepts for
8 combating trafficking in persons that the Depart-
9 ment has implemented since the previous strategic
10 plan.

11 (5) A description of plans of the Department to
12 adapt innovative approaches, and integrate new
13 technologies.



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Offered by: Ms. Tokuda of Hawai‘i

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Housing Oversight Positions Across Services

The committee understands that across the services, each department designates either a service member or civilian to oversee barracks issues across installations. This position, however, is not uniform across the services. In some cases, when a service member is performing this duty at an installation, the duty is collateral and therefore not the primary priority of the service member. In other cases, a civilian may be designated to oversee barracks issues, but there may be a shortage of civilians to hire for the position.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military departments, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than February 15, 2024, on the positions that serve as the designee to oversee military barracks. This briefing should include the following:

- (1) Position and/or grade of the civilian and/or service member who oversees military barracks;
- (2) Roles and responsibilities of the designee;
- (3) Explanation of how individuals are chosen for this role, including if previous experience in housing oversight is required;
- (4) Training required for this role;
- (5) Other duties performed by this individual that are unrelated to housing-including instances that this is a collateral position for service members and subsequently, how many hours are allocated for their oversight role;
- (6) Instances that the position has been vacant for longer than 3 months; and
- (7) The reporting structure for this position to amplify oversight concerns.

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Offered by: Mr. Austin Scott of Georgia

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Cardiac Monitoring for Human Performance and Medical Support

The committee notes novel advances in the development of wearable tissue oxygen-based diagnostics to non-invasively monitor the heart in both military treatment facilities and operational environments. The committee believes these systems could optimize force effectiveness, aid in the diagnosis and treatment of combat injuries, and prevent sudden cardiac death. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the congressional defense committees by March 1, 2024, on the accelerated development, clinical evaluation, and assessment of the utility of operational medical units of ruggedized tissue oxygen monitoring systems. The report, at a minimum, shall include:

- (1) an assessment on how robust it is for field use as well as integration with existing military medical software systems;
- (2) an assessment of the integration into existing care practice by operational medical units; and
- (3) an assessment of the ease of use by a diversity of medical personnel with varying degrees of medical training.

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Offered by Mr. Bacon of Nebraska

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

National Disaster Medical System Pilot Program

The committee notes the initial progress 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). The committee understands the Department requires the capability and capacity to provide care for military casualties resulting from a national medical emergency, an attack on the homeland, or large-scale combat operation but is concerned that the scope and scale of this requirement has not yet been determined or exercised. For this reason, the committee urges the Department to begin operationalizing the NDMS pilot program through regional exercises involving the five pilot site locations previously designated by the Department. Additionally, the committee believes the Department must budget for execution of this program beginning in fiscal year 2025. Finally, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees by January 12, 2024, summarizing the designation of operational headquarters, key tasks, and responsibilities for the Integrated Continental United States Medical Operations Plan (ICMOP).

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Offered by: Mr. Lamborn

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Report on Dwell Times and other Concerns for Air National Guard Units Supporting Space Mission Deployments

The committee recognizes the important efforts that the Department of Defense (DoD) and the National Guard Bureau (NGB) have taken to support space mission deployments around the globe in support of warfighter needs. The committee is concerned that the Air National Guard units supporting space mission deployments are experiencing lower dwell periods and training gaps. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense in coordination with the Chief of Space Operations, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and the Director of the National Guard to undertake a review of the quality of life for Air National Guard units and members performing space missions in austere locations or supporting space mission deployments. The review shall include:

- (1) Analysis of deployment-to-dwell ratios for Air National Guard space units, as compared to other Air National Guard units;
- (2) Assessment on whether deployment-to-dwell ratios for Air National Guard space units results in shorter mobilization timelines, and the resulting impact on accomplishing training requirements;
- (3) Identification of factors to improve the results derived from subsection (1) and (2); and
- (4) Recommendations to improve the deployment-to-dwell ratio and increase mobilization time to allow for sufficient training for Air National Guard units supporting space missions.

The committee further directs the delivery of the findings of the review to the House Committee on Armed Services no later than March 30, 2024.

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Offered by: Mr. Lamborn

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Impacts of TRICARE Reimbursement Final Rule on Children's Hospitals

The Committee understands that the Defense Health Agency has issued a final rule to amend TRICARE reimbursement of ambulatory surgery centers and outpatient services for cancer and children's hospitals into an outpatient prospective payment system (OPPS). The Committee is concerned that this change may disproportionately affect children's hospitals that see high volumes of TRICARE patients and will affect the ability of these hospitals to continue to serve pediatric TRICARE patients, leaving some military families and communities without access to the essential services provided in children's hospitals. Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a written report no later September 1, 2024 to the House Armed Services Committee with an assessment of access to care changes faced by TRICARE beneficiaries as a result of implementation of this rule.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MR. BACON OF NEBRASKA

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

1 **SEC. 5__ . AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN SEPA-**
2 **RATED MEMBERS OF THE AIR FORCE AS**
3 **HONORARY SEPARATED MEMBERS OF THE**
4 **SPACE FORCE.**

5 Chapter 933 of title 10, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

7 **“§ 9254. Authority to designate certain separated**
8 **members of the Air Force as honorary**
9 **separated members of the Space Force**

10 “(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of the Air Force
11 may prescribe regulations that authorize an eligible indi-
12 vidual to be designated as an honorary separated member
13 of the Space Force. An eligible individual so designated
14 may be referred to as a ‘Legacy Guardian’.

15 “(b) **ELEMENTS.**—Regulations prescribed under this
16 section may include the following elements:

17 “(1) Eligibility criteria, including applicable
18 dates of service and constructive service credit, for
19 designation under this section.

1 “(2) An application process through which an
2 eligible individual, or a survivor of a deceased eligi-
3 ble individual, may apply for such designation of
4 such eligible individual.

5 “(3) A certificate, approved device, or other in-
6 signia of such designation.

7 “(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Designation of an
8 eligible individual under this section shall not be construed
9 to entitle such eligible individual to any benefit in addition
10 to those established by this section or pursuant to regula-
11 tions prescribed under this section.

12 “(d) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In this sec-
13 tion, the term ‘eligible individual’ means an individual—

14 “(1) whom the Secretary of the Air Force de-
15 termines served in support of space operations as a
16 member of the Air Force; and

17 “(2) who separates (or previously separated)
18 from the armed forces as a member of the Air
19 Force.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MR. PANETTA OF CALIFORNIA

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . PILOT PROGRAM FOR ENLISTED MEMBERS OF**
2 **THE ARMY AND THE NAVY TO ATTEND THE**
3 **NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL.**

4 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—During fiscal year 2024, the
5 Secretaries of the Army and the Navy shall each imple-
6 ment a pilot program to send enlisted members of the
7 Army and the Navy, respectively, to earn master’s degrees
8 at NPS, in programs determined appropriate by each such
9 Secretary in coordination with the President of NPS.

10 (b) **ELIGIBILITY.**—A member of the Army or Navy
11 shall be eligible to participate in such a pilot program on
12 the same bases as a member of the Marine Corps pursuant
13 to the MCGEP-E Pilot.

14 (c) **PARTICIPANTS: SELECTION; NUMBER.**—The Sec-
15 retary concerned shall select a member who applies to par-
16 ticipate in such a pilot program on the same bases used
17 to select a member of the Marine Corps pursuant to the
18 MCGEP-E Pilot. Each Secretary concerned shall select a
19 number of participants that equals the number of officers

1 of the Armed Force concerned who attend NPS at the
2 same time.

3 (d) PROMOTION OF PILOT PROGRAM.—The Sec-
4 retary concerned shall promote a pilot program under this
5 section to encourage members to apply.

6 (e) DUTIES OF PARTICIPANTS.—The Secretary con-
7 cerned shall ensure that the duties of a member selected
8 to participate in such a pilot program are performed by
9 another member of the Armed Force concerned until the
10 participant returns to such duties.

11 (f) TERMINATION.—Each such pilot program shall
12 terminate six years after commencement.

13 (g) REPORT.—Not more than one year after the com-
14 pletion of a pilot program, each Secretary concerned, in
15 coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall submit
16 to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of
17 Representatives and Senate a report on the pilot program.
18 Each such report shall include the following:

19 (1) The evaluation of the Secretary concerned
20 of the effects of the pilot program on—

21 (A) the career trajectories of participants

22 (including effects on pay);

23 (B) retention of participants;

24 (C) recruitment;

25 (D) job performance of participants;

1 (E) merit-based promotions of partici-
2 pants; and

3 (F) objectives outlined in the 2022 Na-
4 tional Defense Strategy to modernize the
5 Armed Forces, spur innovation, and outpace
6 and outthink adversaries of the United States;

7 (2) The recommendation of the Secretary con-
8 cerned regarding whether to make the pilot program
9 permanent.

10 (3) An estimate of funding and any legislation
11 necessary to make the pilot program permanent.

12 (4) Other matters the Secretary concerned de-
13 termines appropriate.

14 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) The term “MCGEP-E Pilot” means the
16 Fiscal Year 2023 Marine Corps Graduate Education
17 Program – Enlisted Pilot Program.

18 (2) The term “NPS” means the Naval Post-
19 graduate School.



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Offered by: Mr. Wilson

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

National Guard Judge Advocate and Senior Leader Title 32 Training Study

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, to submit a report to the House Committee on Armed Services, not later than March 1, 2024, on the feasibility of requiring the Chief of the National Guard Bureau to establish and resource a program to assist the States in training National Guard senior leaders and legal advisors regarding the laws, regulations, and policies pertaining to the operations and administration of non-federalized National Guard forces to ensure compliance with the new inspection requirement of section 105(a)(8) of title 32. The report will further address whether the Chief of the National Guard Bureau should, after appropriate coordination with the Judge Advocates General of the Army and Air Force, resource programs for the provision of legal services to the non-federalized National Guard, such as Special Victims Counsel, Legal Assistance, and Trial Defense services.

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Offered by: Ms. McClellan

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Department of Defense Briefing Regarding Tricare Coverage of Traction Alopecia

Building a military that is responsive to the needs of its servicemembers is necessary to ensure that our Armed Forces are able to recruit and retain a strong and capable fighting force that reflects the values of the Nation it serves. However, our Armed Forces have at times struggled to meet that challenge. This is especially true for black women servicemembers who are disproportionately likely to develop hair loss and traction alopecia from adherence to strict standards of military dress. While Tricare covers first-line treatments for traction alopecia, additional treatments exist and have been proven effective but are not yet covered under Tricare. These treatments include wigs, hair replacement surgery, grafts, and other novel treatments. Working to ensure that Tricare is able to provide such treatment and meet the needs of these servicemembers is important to building a strong, resilient fighting force that looks like the Nation it serves. Thus, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives no later than March 1, 2024, concerning the feasibility of including additional novel treatments for traction alopecia as covered treatments under Tricare. This briefing should at minimum address the following topics: (1) costs of adding such a benefit, (2) the number of potential beneficiaries, and (3) whether the Department of Defense has the resources required to offer such treatment.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MRS. McCLELLAN OF VIRGINIA

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

1 SEC. 5 ____ . REPORT ON MILITARY ONESOURCE.

2 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
3 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
4 thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the
5 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House
6 of Representatives a report regarding the Military
7 OneSource program of the Department of Defense.

8 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report under this section shall
9 include the following elements:

10 (1) A history of the program, including origin,
11 development, and expansion.

12 (2) An accounting of costs to the Federal Gov-
13 ernment to operate the program during fiscal years
14 2019 through 2023.

15 (3) Use of the program during fiscal years
16 2019 through 2023, including—

17 (A) the total number of individuals who
18 used the program, disaggregated by whether

1 such use was through a phone call or the
2 website;

3 (B) the number of members of the Armed
4 Forces who have used the program,
5 disaggregated by Armed Force, race, gender,
6 age, marital status, and duty location; and

7 (C) the most commonly used services of-
8 fered through the program.

9 (4) How records for such usage are kept and
10 protected.

11 (5) A list of all services offered through the
12 program.

13 (6) The cost of any service to a member.

14 (7) Services to be added to the program.

15 (8) Criteria by which services offered through
16 the program are added or discontinued.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MS. JACOBS OF CALIFORNIA

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

1 **SEC. 6 ____ . STUDY ON EFFECTS OF CHILD CARE ON READI-**
2 **NESS AND RETENTION.**

3 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—Not later than 30 days after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
5 Defense shall seek to enter into an agreement with an
6 FFRDC described in subsection (b), under which such
7 FFRDC shall conduct a study on the effects of child care
8 for members of the covered Armed Forces and civilian em-
9 ployees of the Department of Defense on readiness and
10 retention in the covered Armed Forces. Such a study shall
11 include the following:

12 (1) The effects of the availability, affordability,
13 and quality of such child care on—

14 (A) unit readiness and retention;

15 (B) the ability of such members and em-
16 ployees to perform their duties;

17 (C) the quality of the performance of such
18 duties; and

1 (D) the job satisfaction of such members
2 and employees.

3 (2) Other matters regarding the availability, af-
4 fordability, and quality of such child care that the
5 FFRDC determines appropriate.

6 (b) FFRDC.—An FFRDC described in this sub-
7 section is an FFRDC that the Secretary of Defense deter-
8 mines—

9 (1) primarily focuses on studies and analysis;

10 (2) has a record of—

11 (A) conducting research and analysis using
12 a multidisciplinary approach; and

13 (B) publishing analyses to inform public
14 debate; and

15 (3) has demonstrated specific competencies in
16 policies regarding military personnel and readiness,
17 as applied to the national defense strategy.

18 (c) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than six months
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, an FFRDC
20 that enters into an agreement under subsection (a) shall
21 submit to the Secretary of Defense and the Committees
22 on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Represent-
23 atives an interim report. Such report shall include the fol-
24 lowing:

25 (1) A progress report on the study.

1 (2) Interim findings of the study.

2 (d) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 15 months after
3 the date of the enactment of this Act, an FFRDC that
4 enters into an agreement under subsection (a) shall sub-
5 mit to the Secretary of Defense and the Committees on
6 Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representa-
7 tives a final report. Such final report shall include the fol-
8 lowing:

9 (1) The findings of the study.

10 (2) Strategies to remedy deficiencies in child
11 care described in subsection (a), and the timelines
12 and costs to implement such strategies.

13 (3) Incidents that affect unit readiness and re-
14 tention.

15 (4) Other information the FFRDC determines
16 appropriate regarding the effects of such child care
17 on readiness and retention in the covered Armed
18 Forces.

19 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) The term “covered Armed Force” means
21 the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space
22 Force.

23 (2) The term “FFRDC” means a federally
24 funded research and development center.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MR. JACKSON OF TEXAS

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

1 **SEC. 5 ___. REMOVAL OF EXEMPTION RELATING TO AT-**
2 **TENDING PHYSICIAN TO THE CONGRESS FOR**
3 **CERTAIN DISTRIBUTION AND GRADE LIMITA-**
4 **TIONS.**

5 Section 525 of title 10, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by striking subsection (f); and

8 (2) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
9 section (f).



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MR. JACKSON OF TEXAS

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . MODIFICATION TO GRADE OF ATTENDING PHY-**
2 **SICIAN TO THE CONGRESS.**

3 Section 715 of title 10, United States Code, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 **“§ 715. Attending Physician to the Congress: grade**

6 “An officer serving as Attending Physician to the
7 Congress, while so serving, holds the grade of O–6.”



Amendment to H.R. 2670 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024

Offered by: Ms. Jacobs

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

GAO Review on Employment by Foreign Governments of Former Officers of the Armed Forces

The committee notes current statutes and regulations that govern the employment by foreign governments of former officers of the Armed Forces, including section 908 of title 37, United States Code, section 207 of title 37, United States Code, and the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 611). The committee also notes public investigations from The Washington Post and Project on Government Oversight on the processes by which such statutes and regulations are implemented. Therefore, the committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report to the House Armed Services Committee not later than March 1, 2024 on the employment of former officers of the Armed Forces covered by section 908 of title 37, United States Code, including an assessment of the following:

- (1) the processes in place at the Department of State and the Department of Defense to identify the extent to which such former officers were provided compensation directly or indirectly by foreign governments during the 5-year period preceding submission of the report; to identify the extent to which such former officers who receive compensation from foreign governments work on contracts or programs of the Department of Defense, the Department of State, or the Department of Health and Human Services for which such former officials personally had program oversight responsibility or decision-making authority when they served in the Armed Forces or that are the responsibility of the agency, office, or command in which such former officers served; and to review and approve employment by foreign governments of such former officers in accordance with section 908 of title 37, United States Code; and
- (2) what is known about the effectiveness of existing statutes and regulations governing the employment of former officers of the Armed Forces, including section 207 of title 18, United States Code; section 908 of title 37, United States Code; and the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 611 et seq.).

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Offered by: Ms. Sherrill

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

The Feminine Hygiene Product Expansion Initiative

The RAND Corporation's "Women's Reproductive Health Survey (WRHS) of Active-Duty Service Women (ADSW)" found that over 44.2% of women in the Department of Defense and 31.6% of women in the Coast Guard often or sometimes lacked access to feminine hygiene products. Additionally, women report lacking access to a private place to address feminine hygiene needs.

The RAND report recommended that the Department of Defense consider strategies for improved access to feminine hygiene supplies, facilities, and treatment for urinary or vaginal infections during training and deployment, particularly for ADSW in the Army and Marine Corps.

Understanding that feminine hygiene products are a necessary part of women's health, hygiene and well-being, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later January 1, 2025. The briefing shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- (1) Steps the DoD has taken to improve access to feminine hygiene supplies, facilities, and treatment for Active-Duty Service Members.
- (2) Hurdles preventing the successful implementation of previously mentioned programs.
- (3) What additional resources or policies would support DoD's implementation of suggested programs.

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Offered by: Mr. Horsford

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Report on School Meal Direct Certification

The committee is concerned about the barriers facing military families in accessing free- and reduced-price school meals. Participants qualify based on family income, but service members' housing allowance is considered income and often pushes them out of eligibility. Military families also frequently relocate, and additional applications and paperwork dissuade families from applying. The Department has already collected household income data for the Basic Needs Allowance program and has access to the servicemember income data for families that have not applied for the Basic Needs Allowance program.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than October 1, 2024, on the feasibility and cost of implementing direct certification for military dependents. Direct certification is the process through which state agencies and school districts certify children for free school meals based on documentation from other state or local program officials, without the need for the household to submit an application. The report shall examine

- (1) The number of military dependents eligible for free- or reduced-price school meals, broken down by demographic groups including race, ethnicity, gender, and military rank;
- (2) If and how the Department can use data collected for the Basic Needs Allowance for direct certification for school meals;
- (3) How the Department could use service member income to determine eligibility for families that have not applied for the Basic Needs Allowance, including by disregarding other household income;
- (4) Any upfront cost or data improvements necessary to share family eligibility with state nutrition agencies and school districts;
- (5) How the Department would implement a direct certification program for school meals at Department of Defense Education Activity schools;
- (6) An estimate of the number of military dependents who would gain access to school meals who would not have filled out a school meal application without direct certification;

- (7) How many more military dependents would be eligible for free- and reduced-price school meals if basic allowance for housing (BAH) were eliminated from the calculation of household income,
- (8) How many more military dependents would be eligible for free- and reduced-price school meals if the calculation of household income did not include non-servicemember income.

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Offered by: Mr. Davis of North Carolina

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

[Camp Lejeune Claims Judicial Status Update]

The committee understands the Department of the Navy has implemented the Promising to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act, which included the Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022. The committee notes that this allows claims that were previously denied under the Federal Tort Claims Act involving water contamination at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC, to be refiled for additional consideration. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of the Navy to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services by January 1, 2024, on the following:

- (1) methods utilized to track claims and appeals processes;
- (2) number of total claims paid by fiscal year since the passage of the PACT Act;
- (3) status of claims submitted to the Department of the Navy since passage of the PACT Act;
- (4) average amount of time from receipt through final disposition for Camp Lejeune water related claims;
- (5) number of total claims denied since passage of the PACT Act;
- (6) explanation of the appeals process, to include submissions of expert and/or outside opinions; and
- (7) any other matters the Secretary considers are relevant.

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Offered by: Mr. Horsford

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Briefing on Breast Cancer Screening

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services, not later than March 1, 2024, that details the number of screenings and diagnostic breast imaging performed on all beneficiaries from October 1, 2022 through January 30, 2023 between the age of 30 to 65 by type of imaging, including mammograms, breast ultrasounds, and MRIs, billed to TRICARE, and the cost of these screenings to the Department and the patient if they are not on active duty. Additionally, we request the briefing include the amount of out-of-pocket costs billed to the Department and patients who were screened outside of military treatment facilities.

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Offered by: Ms. Escobar

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Report on National Guard Bureau practices and procedures surrounding the “No Wrong Door” Policy.

The committee is concerned about allegations regarding the incorrect handling of sexual harassment and sexual assault cases involving National Guard members of various military statuses and cases involving members in mixed military status to include members of the Department of the Air Force and the Department of the Army.

The National Guard functions as a unique military entity. Unlike the Active component, National Guard members swear an oath to two Constitutions; that of the United States of America and the respective State they are serving. This often confuses where the responsibilities lie in instances of reporting, handling, and adjudicating cases of sexual harassment and sexual assault. National Guard members may be misinformed on how to properly report a case and who is responsible for informing them of its status during the investigatory and adjudication process.

In an effort to address this gap in knowledge, the National Guard Bureau implemented the “No Wrong Door” Policy to encourage ease and transparency when reporting sexual harassment and sexual assault. While it has been shown to be beneficial within the National Guard it has brought to light additional gaps in coordination and case facilitation involving mixed military statuses.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Secretary of the Department of the Air Force, and the Secretary of the Army to submit a report to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives not later than April 1, 2024, which shall, at minimum, include the following:

- 1) a description of the current “No Wrong Door” Policy;
- 2) an outline of the sexual harassment/sexual assault reporting processes from initial reporting to the conclusion or prosecution of a case by the Air National Guard, the Army National Guard, the Department of the Air Force and the Department of the Army;

- 3) the action taken when a sexual harassment/ sexual assault case involves members of mixed military statuses;
- 4) proposed statutory or regulatory changes that would create a permanent process for sexual harassment/ and sexual assault reporting, from initial reporting to the conclusion or prosecution of a case by both the Air National Guard, and the Army National Guard, the Department of the Air Force and the Department of the Army, involving members of mixed military statuses and timeline for effectuating said changes;
- 5) data provided on the following:
 - a. number of sexual harassment/sexual assault cases across the 54 States and Territories with a standing National Guard, including the District of Columbia, sorted by State or Territory;
 - b. number of sexual harassment/sexual assault cases involving members of mixed military statuses;
 - c. number of sexual harassment/sexual assault cases that involved a 'warm hand-off' to a sexual harassment/sexual assault office different from the initial report;
 - d. number of reported sexual harassment/sexual assault cases that ended in administrative action and prosecution by the National Guard Bureau;
 - e. number of reported sexual harassment/sexual assault cases involving National Guard members that ended in administrative action and prosecution by the Department of the Air Force and the Department of the Army;
 - f. number of National Guard members identified as victims in a sexual harassment or sexual assault report who transitioned out of the military, did not renew their enlistment or commission, or transferred to another State or duty status within one to five years of filing a sexual assault or sexual harassment incident report.

**AMENDMENT TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON
MILITARY PERSONNEL MARK
OFFERED BY MR. ROGERS OF ALABAMA**

Section 704 (log 77577), line 10, strike “April 30”
and insert “May 1”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MR. MOULTON OF MASSACHUSETTS

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

1 **SEC. 7 ____ . REPORT ON OVERDOSES BY MEMBERS OF CER-**
2 **TAIN ARMED FORCES.**

3 (a) ANNUAL REPORT ON MILITARY OVERDOSES.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
6 nually thereafter for four subsequent years, the Sec-
7 retary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate
8 congressional committees a report on the number of
9 annual overdoses among members of the covered
10 Armed Forces.

11 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
12 graph (1) shall include the following elements:

13 (A) The total number of such members
14 who suffered a fatal overdose during the pre-
15 vious calendar year, including—

16 (i) demographic information, including
17 gender, race, age, military department,
18 rank, grade, station, and number of pre-
19 vious deployments;

1 (ii) the location of the fatal overdose,
2 including whether the overdose was on a
3 military installation; and

4 (iii) a list of the substances involved
5 in the fatal overdose.

6 (B) Of the members identified under sub-
7 paragraph (A)—

8 (i) the number of members who pre-
9 viously had a non-fatal overdose;

10 (ii) the number of members who re-
11 ceived mental health or substance use dis-
12 order services prior to a fatal or non-fatal
13 overdose, including a description of wheth-
14 er such services were received from a pri-
15 vate sector provider;

16 (iii) the number of members with co-
17 morbid mental health diagnoses;

18 (iv) the number of members who had
19 been prescribed opioids, benzodiazepines,
20 or stimulants;

21 (v) the number of members who were
22 previously prescribed or provided naloxone;

23 (vi) the number of members who had
24 a positive drug test prior to the fatal over-

1 dose, including any substance identified in
2 such test;

3 (vii) the number of members referred,
4 including by self-referral, to medical treat-
5 ment, including medication treatment for
6 opioid use disorder;

7 (viii) with respect to each members
8 identified in clause (vii), whether the mem-
9 bers was referred after a positive drug test
10 and the source of such referral;

11 (ix) of the members identified in
12 clause (vii), the number of members who
13 engaged in such medical treatment; and

14 (x) the number of members who suf-
15 fered a fatal overdose in which a bystander
16 was present.

17 (C) The total number of such members
18 who suffered a non-fatal overdose during the
19 previous calendar year, including—

20 (i) demographic information, including
21 gender, race, age, military department,
22 rank, grade, station, and number of pre-
23 vious deployments;

24 (ii) a list of the substances involved in
25 the non-fatal overdose; and

1 (iii) a determination of whether the
2 non-fatal overdose was intentional.

3 (D) Of the members identified in subpara-
4 graph (C)—

5 (i) the number of members who pre-
6 viously had a non-fatal overdose;

7 (ii) the number of members who re-
8 ceived mental health or substance use dis-
9 order services prior to a non-fatal overdose;

10 (iii) the number of members with co-
11 morbid mental health diagnoses prior to a
12 non-fatal overdose;

13 (iv) the number of members who had
14 been prescribed opioids, benzodiazepines,
15 or stimulants prior to a non-fatal overdose;

16 (v) the number of members who had
17 a positive drug test prior to the fatal over-
18 dose, including any substance identified in
19 such test;

20 (vi) the number of members who suf-
21 fered a non-fatal overdose in which a by-
22 stander was present;

23 (vii) the number of members who had
24 been categorized as high risk and pre-

1 scribed or provided naloxone prior to a
2 non-fatal overdose;

3 (viii) the number of members who suf-
4 fered a non-fatal overdose in which
5 naloxone was administered;

6 (ix) the number of members referred
7 to medical treatment, including medication
8 treatment for opioid use disorder, following
9 a non-fatal overdose;

10 (x) of the members identified in clause
11 (ix), the number of members who engaged
12 in such medical treatment;

13 (xi) the number of members referred,
14 including by self-referral, to medical treat-
15 ment, including medication treatment for
16 opioid use disorder;

17 (xii) with respect to each members
18 identified in clause (xi), whether the mem-
19 bers was referred after a positive drug test
20 and the source of such referral;

21 (xiii) of the members identified in
22 clause (xi), the number of members who
23 engaged in such medical treatment; and

24 (xiv) the number of intentional
25 overdoses.

1 (E) An analysis of discernable patterns in
2 fatal and non-fatal overdoses of such members,
3 and existing or anticipated responses to such
4 patterns by the Secretary of Defense.

5 (F) A description of existing or anticipated
6 response efforts to fatal and non-fatal overdoses
7 at military bases that have rates of fatal
8 overdoses that exceed the average rate of fatal
9 overdoses in the United States.

10 (G) The number of such members who are
11 in recovery or currently taking a prescription
12 medication for opioid use disorder.

13 (H) The number of military family mem-
14 bers of such members who receive substance
15 use disorder treatment at a medical facility of
16 the Department of Defense.

17 (I) An assessment of the availability of
18 substance use disorder treatment for such mem-
19 bers who—

- 20 (i) transferred military bases; or
21 (ii) returned to the United States fol-
22 lowing an overseas tour.

23 (J) The number of medical facilities of, or
24 affiliated with, the Department of Defense that
25 have opioid treatment programs.

1 (K) A description of punitive measures
2 taken by the Secretary of Defense in response
3 to substance misuse, substance use disorder, or
4 overdose by such members.

5 (L) The number of military family mem-
6 bers who live on a military base who suffered
7 a fatal or non-fatal overdose during the pre-
8 vious calendar year, including—

9 (i) demographic information, including
10 gender, race, age, and relationship to a
11 members;

12 (ii) the location of the overdose;

13 (iii) a list of the substances involved
14 in the overdose; and

15 (iv) a determination of whether the
16 overdose was intentional.

17 (3) REPORTING ON FEWER THAN FIVE MEM-
18 BERS.—If the number of such members or military
19 family members identified under any subparagraph
20 of paragraph (2) is fewer than five, the Secretary of
21 Defense shall for, such subparagraph—

22 (A) not report the exact number of such
23 members or military family members identified;
24 and

1 (B) report that fewer than five such mem-
2 bers or military family members were identified.

3 (4) PRIVACY.—Nothing in this section shall be
4 construed to authorize the disclosure by the Sec-
5 retary of Defense of personally identifiable informa-
6 tion of such members or military family members,
7 including anonymized personal information that
8 could be used to re-identify such members or mili-
9 tary family members.

10 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-
12 mittees” means—

13 (A) the congressional defense committees;

14 (B) the Committee on Health, Education,
15 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate; and

16 (C) the Committee on Energy and Com-
17 merce of the House of Representatives.

18 (2) The term “covered Armed Force” means
19 the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space
20 Force.

21 (3) The term “military family member” means
22 a family member of a member of a covered Armed
23 Force, including a spouse, parent, dependent, child,
24 or guardian of a child of such a member.



Amendment to H.R. 2670 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024

Offered by: Mr. John Garamendi

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Military Medical Standards for Accession

The committee is concerned about the low recruitment numbers and the threat it poses to our national security. A pilot recruiting program reviewed 38 disqualifying medical conditions and the impact changing or removing those conditions from the disqualifying list would have. In 2022, Military Entrance Processing Stations conducted 215,000 medical exams. Under existing disqualification regulations 30% of applicants were immediately disqualified. Once a waiver was sought and applied, only 16% of applicants were disqualified. The process to receive a waiver adds administrative burden to the Department, and time and potential financial burden to the applicant to gain medical documents or medical appointments. The exhaustive, and potentially outdated, list of disqualifying conditions reduces the applicant pool and prevents people from serving in the armed services.

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense to review DOD Instruction 6130.03, Volume 1, “Medical Standards for Military Service: Appointment, Enlistment, or Induction” and provide a report to the Senate Armed Services Committee and the House Armed Services Committee no later than March 3, 2024. The report should include the following:

- (1) recommendations of which disqualifying medical conditions could be removed based on current best medical practices;
- (2) recommendations on how to modify common disqualifying conditions to decrease the percentage of applicants medically disqualified;
- (3) recommendations on changes to the waiver process to increase efficiency and decrease roadblocks for applicants.

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Offered by: Mr. Wilson

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Supporting Military Children with Special Education

The committee notes the military lifestyle can make navigating the world of disability and special education an overwhelming process for military families. The committee believes incorporating educational benchmarks in a training program will be beneficial to families as they make a permanent change of station to keep their Exceptional Family Member Program dependents on track educationally.

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services, not later than June 1, 2024, on the feasibility of establishing a special education training program for all providers who work with Exceptional Family Member Program families. The training program shall assess the best ways for the various providers who interact with these families to communicate the long-term educational outcomes for the enrolled family member. The various providers to be considered for the training program include military and civilian medical providers; school liaison offices; and anyone else who might support the EFMP.

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Offered by: Mr. Ronny Jackson of Texas

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Nuclear Medicine for Patient Care

The committee supports the continued use of nuclear medicine and radiopharmaceuticals for service member and beneficiary healthcare to provide diagnostic and treatment services for cardiovascular disease, cancers, brain disorders, and infections. The committee believes that the Department of Defense should pursue competitive procurement efforts that result in decreased costs, improved supply chain quality, and the best level of care for service members and beneficiaries. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than May 1, 2024 on the Department's efforts to procure nuclear medicine and radiopharmaceuticals. The briefing shall include:

- (1) the benefits associated with providing nuclear medicine and radiopharmaceuticals at military treatment facilities;
- (2) challenges associated with procuring radiopharmaceuticals and efforts to overcome such challenges; and
- (3) an analysis of the procurement methodology for nuclear medicine and radiopharmaceuticals.

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Offered by: Ms. Escobar

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Department of Defense Adoption Support Services

The committee acknowledges the efforts of the Department of Defense (DOD) to support service members who are seeking to adopt children. The committee commends the financial and referral support provided to servicemembers for these purposes by the Department of Defense to date. However, the committee maintains that improvements to these support services must be explored to better meet the needs of military families seeking to pursue adoption. The committee notes that individuals employed by private entities may benefit from access to comprehensive adoption support services, including referrals to agencies, counseling, and legal assistance to shorten timelines or facilitate adoption at a lower total cost. However, the committee recognizes that while the adoption process is already complex and costly, military families face additional unique challenges pursuing adoption, often related to deployment and stationing schedules that require out of state or overseas relocation.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than February 1, 2024 on current Department of Defense adoption support services. This report should, at minimum, include the following:

- (1) a comprehensive overview of current policies to support adopting families thus far, to include explanations as to how success and effectiveness of these policies are measured with respect to adoption rates, wait times, and servicemember satisfaction;
- (2) a summary of current policies that have demonstrated high success rates;
- (3) identification of gaps across adoption services and care for military families;
- (4) proposed measures to fill these gaps;
- (5) analysis of barriers faced by military families seeking to adopt, particularly as it relates to deployment schedules, overseas assignments, differences across state and international laws on adoption qualifications and processes;
- (6) an examination of best practices from other federal agencies that provide highly successful adoption support services for their employees and consideration of whether these practices could be implemented by the Department of Defense;
- (7) survey of adoption support services offered in the commercial sector and potential leverage of these resources to mitigate complexity, reduce costs, and increase success rates of military adoptions;
- (8) recommendations on additional resources required or programs that may be developed to further support military families through the adoption process, particularly as it pertains to those families stationed in a state other than that of their permanent residence or overseas.

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Offered by: Ms. Sherrill

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Sepsis Study

The committee is concerned about the prevalence of sepsis across our military service members and their families. Each year, 1.7 million people in the U.S. are diagnosed with sepsis and 350,000 people die. Sepsis is the leading cause of death in U.S. hospitals, with over one-third of all hospital deaths attributable to sepsis, medically defined as the body's uncontrolled response to an infection, whether that infection is a pneumonia, a coronavirus infection, a urinary tract infection, or even an infected cut or abrasion. Our ability to manage sepsis, however, is hampered by the lack of quality, comprehensive, consolidated data. Sepsis-relevant data is often inconsistent and missing in medical records and cause-of-death statistics. Without reliable data, doctors are unable to define the optimal course of care for different types of sepsis patients. Therefore, the committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the following:

- (1) the number of TRICARE beneficiaries who have experienced or been diagnosed with sepsis over the last 10 years, to the extent reliable data are available, to include disaggregation by age, sex, race, ethnicity, service branch, rank, marital status, geographical location, treatment facility, occupation, deployment location and dates, beneficiary type, and other factors as available.
- (2) comparison of DoD incidence rates to the general United States population.
- (3) how DoD is tracking any potential causes of sepsis, including efforts to identify preventable causes and limit infections.
- (4) analysis and accounting of the cost of sepsis treatment for TRICARE beneficiaries.

- (5) recommendations on how to best improve the diagnosis and treatment of sepsis for TRICARE beneficiaries.

The committee further directs the Comptroller General to provide a preliminary briefing to the committee on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives by June 30, 2024, with a final report to follow by a mutually agreed upon date at the time of the briefing.

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Offered by: Ms. Escobar

In the portion of the report to accompany H.R. 2670 titled “Comptroller General Report on Perinatal Mental Health in the Military”, strike the following text:

“(1) an assessment of the availability of perinatal mental health care within the Defense Health Agency (DHA) medical treatment facilities and the TRICARE provider network; and

(2) a review of the specific training and resources the Defense Health Agency makes available to obstetric providers regarding perinatal mental health conditions.”

and insert the following new text:

“(1) an assessment of the availability of perinatal mental health care within the Defense Health Agency (DHA) medical treatment facilities and the TRICARE provider network, including an assessment of the availability of providers with a Perinatal Mental Health Certification; and

(2) a review of the specific training, certification, and resources the Defense Health Agency makes available to obstetric and pediatric providers regarding perinatal mental health conditions.”