

SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY PERSONNEL EN BLOC #1

LOG ID	REV	MEMBER	MARKUP LOC	DESCRIPTION	MARKUP ACT
3736	0	Waltz, Michael	MLP	Briefing on pro-rated pensions offered to certain specialized military occupational specialties prior to 2019	EB 1
3738	0	Waltz, Michael	MLP	Report on how the Department plans to reach the Congressionally Authorized 4,000 JROTC programs by FY2031.	EB 1
3743	1	Banks, Jim	MLP	Requires DODEA to provide a report explaining the purpose and value of its plans to incorporate "social emotional learning" curriculum into DODEA schools.	EB 1
3750	5	Finstad, Brad	MLP	Briefing on ongoing research projects and collaborations to advance and field platelet-derived exosomal technologies in areas such as wound healing, orthopedic injuries, and radiological countermeasures	EB 1
3753	0	Finstad, Brad	MLP	This section would authorize DOD to reimburse (up to \$100) potential recruits who must seek private medical care as a part of the Military Entrance Processing Station medical process	EB 1
3767	0	Jackson (TX), Ronny	MLP	Requires newly commissioned officers to receive training on the U.S. Constitution	EB 1
3777	0	McCormick, Richard	MLP	Basic Training Connectivity Tools for Recruits and Family Members	EB 1
3796	2	Banks, Jim	MLP	Briefing on the evaluation process for the narcotic analgesics therapeutic class	EB 1
3801	0	Jackson (TX), Ronny	MLP	Codifies the Medical Officer of the Marine Corps.	EB 1
3803	0	Jackson (TX), Ronny	MLP	Sets the Navy Surgeon General to the same grade as the Army and Air Force Surgeons General.	EB 1
3824	0	Davis, Donald G.	MLP	The amendment is designed to ensure higher standards for the Postsecondary Education Complaint System (PECS) so servicemembers and eventually veterans have a clear picture of any complaints or adverse action related to educational institutions as they complete their service.	EB 1
3848	1	Davis, Donald G.	MLP	Briefing on the status of integrating biologic vascular repair solutions as standard protocol in military trauma care	EB 1
3870	0	Jackson (TX), Ronny	MLP	When an applicant is denied admission to a service academy, this amendment would direct the Secretary establish a system to share information with Senior Military Colleges.	EB 1

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3881	2	Scott, Austin	MLP	Technical correction to 10 USC 8803 to include persons who have been separated honorably or under honorable conditions from the Coast Guard.	EB 1
3886	0	Strickland, Marilyn	MLP	Briefing on services supporting dependents with special needs and their caregivers	EB 1
3887	0	Strickland, Marilyn	MLP	Briefing on military incapacitated adult children	EB 1
3888	1	LaLota, Nick	MLP	Briefing on evaluation of respiratory protection technology	EB 1
3901	0	Finstad, Brad	MLP	Continuation Authority--provides the service secretaries the discretion to selectively continue designated officers of the reserve component and national guard up to 40 years of commissioned service.	EB 1
3903	1	Bacon, Don	MLP	Directs the Secretary of Defense to make a recommendation on the Air Force BCMR request to restore General John D. Lavelle to his previous grade.	EB 1
3905	0	Bacon, Don	MLP	This section would require the Secretary of Defense to issue guidance to establish and maintain a record of next of kin contact information for deceased servicemembers	EB 1
3926	4	Turner, Michael	MLP	Report language directing the USD P&R to submit a report to HASC on the procedures governing administrative separation of military personnel accused of sexual assault and sexual misconduct offenses.	EB 1
3941	2	Courtney, Joe	MLP	Requires a report from the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with OPM, on Federal Wage Survey private industry wage data to align Federal Wage System employee salaries with prevailing wage rates.	EB 1
3945	1	Turner, Michael	MLP	Report language requesting the USD P&R to provide a report to HASC on child custody disputes involving active-duty service members and reservists with dependents, as well as veterans with dependents who have left the military since 2015.	EB 1
3946	1	McCormick, Richard	MLP	Briefing on the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) mitochondria transplantation program for Traumatic Brain Injury	EB 1
3947	2	Turner, Michael	MLP	Briefing on the feasibility of integrating clinical case management into the Exceptional Family Member Program	EB 1
3965	1	Ryan, Patrick	MLP	Directs the Undersecretary of Defense of Personnel and Readiness to provide a report on the possibility of the creation of a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields, among other covered subjects.	EB 1

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3971	0	Gallego, Ruben	MLP	DRL directing GAO to provide a briefing on the effectiveness of current campaigns promoting TA and the potential to expand programs to support awareness.	EB 1
3973	0	Gallego, Ruben	MLP	DRL directing the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Service Chiefs, to provide a briefing on the effectiveness of current campaigns promoting CAP and the potential to expand programs to support awareness	EB 1
3995	0	Panetta, Jimmy	MLP	Establishes a pilot program to send enlisted servicemembers of the U.S. Army and Navy to the Naval Postgraduate School. The program is modeled off of the Marine Corps Graduate Education Program at the Naval Postgraduate School.	EB 1
3996	0	Panetta, Jimmy	MLP	This section would direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to conduct a 5-year study on the impact of trainings and deployments on special forces' testosterone levels, and the potential repercussions to readiness and long-term health.	EB 1
4002	0	Panetta, Jimmy	MLP	Amends title 10, Naval Postgraduate School function and presidential authorities.	EB 1
4007	1	Luttrell, Morgan	MLP	Briefing on innovations in trauma care research	EB 1
4023	0	McClellan, Jennifer L.	MLP	This amendment would direct DoD to brief HASC on existing procedures that allow DoDEA Education Support Professionals (ESPs) who are school workers, including clerical service workers, custodial staff, paraeducators to become credentialed and transition to teaching roles.	EB 1
4024	1	Jackson (TX), Ronny	MLP	Briefing on the development of capabilities to treat hemorrhage and efforts to field the resuscitative endovascular balloon occlusion of the aorta	EB 1
4031	3	Alford, Mark	MLP	Directs Government Accountability Office report on the implementation of the Blended Retirement System.	EB 1
4077	0	Moulton, Seth	MLP	Authority to accept gifts of services for professional military education institutions	EB 1
4079	0	Luttrell, Morgan	MLP	The Defense Commissary Agency may not prohibit the use of, or charge a fee for, single-use shopping bags in a commissary store.	EB 1
4081	3	Jacobs, Sara	MLP	This section would create a 1-year pilot program to reimburse active duty service members working in hazardous or isolated conditions for fees associated with the costs of retrieving, shipping, and/or storing gametes at private facilities.	EB 1
4084	5	Stefanik, Elise	MLP	Briefing on maternal health provider shortages in the military health system and ways that these shortages can be mitigated.	EB 1

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4085	1	Jacobs, Sara	MLP	Redesigns DOD's child development program staffing and compensation model.	EB 1
4086	0	Jacobs, Sara	MLP	Directs the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees a report outlining the financial literacy training and direct deposit process for new recruits.	EB 1
4093	1	McClellan, Jennifer L.	MLP	This amendment would create a Transition Assistance Program pathway that specifically caters to the needs of Guard and Reserve Component members who often are not able to get the most out of the courses offered in the existing pathways due to differences in need, benefits, etc.	EB 1
4098	1	DesJarlais, Scott	MLP	Directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs to expand the STARBASE program into states that are not currently served.	EB 1
4101	1	Stefanik, Elise	MLP	This DRL requires the Chiefs of the Reserve Components to brief HASC on how they can innovatively utilize Individual Mobilization Augmentee billets, Active Duty for Operational Support orders, and Annual Training orders, to to optimally augment the mission of the OSC.	EB 1
4108	0	Jacobs, Sara	MLP	Briefing and Data on Pentagon's Progress Reviewing Cases of Veterans Denied Honorable Discharges under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell".	EB 1
4110	0	Luttrell, Morgan	MLP	MINIMUM DURATION OF PRESEPARATION COUNSELING REGARDING FINANCIAL PLANNING.	EB 1
4127	0	Tokuda, Jill N.	MLP	Extends for five years an existing authority for the Navy to reimburse certain messing operations afloat and strikes a prior reporting requirement.	EB 1
4136	2	Stefanik, Elise	MLP	Briefing on the next generation T-5 TRICARE contracts.	EB 1
4137	1	Kim, Andy	MLP	Requires the prompt public disclosure of any compensation received from foreign governments by civilians nominated for senior positions within the Department of Defense.	EB 1
4146	1	Stefanik, Elise	MLP	This language requires the Army to establish new skill identifiers for Advanced Mountaineering courses.	EB 1

Amendment to H.R. 8070
National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025
Offered by: Mr. Waltz

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Pro-Rated Pensions Offered for Certain Military Occupational Specialties

The Committee understands that for a service-member to qualify for retirement benefits, they must serve at least 20 years of active federal service (AFS).

The Committee is aware that the Services, facing shortfalls for certain military occupational specialties (MOS), offered age waivers to allow individuals with those necessary skill sets to serve in the military. Since these older recruits would not be able to complete 20 years of AFS before their mandatory removal date upon the age of 62 years, the Department offered a pro-rated retirement pension.

The Committee notes that in December of 2019 the Undersecretary of Defense for Manpower directed a halt on processing retirements for service members with less than 20 years of AFS. We understand that this was due to a lack of statutory authority for pro-rated pensions.

However, the Committee is concerned about these specialized service-members who served honorably with the understanding that they would be receiving a pro-rated pension and are now unable to receive such benefits. This could potentially negatively affect future recruitment.

In order to understand the scope of the problem, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Armed Services Committee, no later than January 1, 2025, detailing which MOSs/billets were offered pro-rated retirement pensions per Service prior to the December 2019 halt, how many individuals per service were affected, the date range pro-rated pensions were offered to recruits, the costs associated to provide pro-rated pensions for this select population, and a draft legislative proposal to honor the commitments made to this select population.

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In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

JROTC Expansion Report

The Committee notes that last year, the military services collectively missed their recruitment goals by approximately 41,000 recruits.

The Committee believes that greater engagement with young people, particularly via the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program, can help bridge the civil military divide within the American society, and encourage the youth of today to serve their country.

According to Army enlistment data from FY19-21, 44% of Regular Army enlistments came from schools with a DoD JROTC program; of these, 21% came from schools with an Army JROTC program. According to the Air Force, approximately 22% of students graduating high school with AFJROTC experience chose to pursue active-duty Air Force service.

The Committee notes that Congress included several provisions within the FY24 National Defense Authorization Act (P.L. 118-31) to help the Department grow the JROTC program. Section 574 expanded the Troops-to-Teachers Program to include JROTC instructors and administrators. Section 553 expanded the number of individuals eligible to serve as JROTC administrators and instructors. Furthermore, section 551 of the FY24 National Defense Authorization Act authorized an increase of JROTC programs, from 3,700 to 4,000. The Committee is aware that there are currently 3,499 JROTC programs operating, below the Congressionally authorized limit.

Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the Military Departments, to submit a report to the Armed Services Committees of the House and Senate, and the Appropriations Committees of the House and Senate, no later than January 1, 2025, on how each of the military services plan to reach the cumulative 4,000 units by FY 2031. The report shall include a funding plan for future years, any additional authorities needed to recruit qualified instructors, and any other authorities the Secretary may deem necessary to achieve 4,000 JROTC programs.

Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Mr. Banks of Indiana

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Social Emotional Learning in DODEA Schools

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) intends to procure social emotional learning instructional resources, a screening instrument, and related professional developmental services for use in their schools. The requirements include a program recognized by the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) to provide web-based lesson plans, assessments, and teacher supports aligned to the CASEL framework. A 2023 meta study (of a wide variety of SEL curriculums) conducted by proponents of SEL found benefits in certain areas but no benefit in disciplinary incidents, physical health, or family relationships. Further, individual SEL programs do not always show the same improvement in students' socioemotional competencies unless implemented effectively, with high-quality, evidence-based instructions. Therefore, prior to purchasing and implementing an SEL curriculum, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services on DODEA's intent to incorporate SEL within their schools on March 1, 2025. The briefing should include the following:

- (1) Reasons for DODEA to implement an SEL curriculum;
- (2) Intent of the SEL curriculum;
- (3) How SEL will be incorporated into DODEA school's curriculum, for example, weekly SEL classes for specific grades or comprehensive incorporation of SEL into core academic classes;
- (4) Training plan for teachers, administrators, school counselors, and other individuals who will be implementing and conducting the program; and,
- (5) Specific metrics to measure success of the program.

Amendment to H.R. 8070**Offered by: Mr. Finstad**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Platelet-Derived Exosomal Research

The committee has long supported regenerative medicine research that has the potential to return wounded warriors back to service, decrease medical separations from military service, and provide force protection from radiological events. The committee is particularly interested in platelet-derived exosomal research and heat stable products that can be forward deployed and stockpiled in advance of radiological events and future conflicts. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services by March 1, 2025, describing any ongoing research projects and collaborations to advance and field platelet-derived exosomal technologies in areas such as wound healing, orthopedic injuries, and radiological countermeasures.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. FINSTAD OF MINNESOTA

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . REIMBURSEMENT OF APPLICANTS TO CERTAIN**
2 **ARMED FORCES FOR CERTAIN MEDICAL**
3 **COSTS INCURRED DURING MILITARY EN-**
4 **TRANCE PROCESSING.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Defense may re-
6 imburse an individual who applies to join a covered Armed
7 Force for costs incurred by such individual for a medical
8 appointment required for military entrance processing.

9 (b) **MAXIMUM AMOUNT.**—The maximum amount an
10 individual may be reimbursed under this section is \$100.

11 (c) **COVERED ARMED FORCE DEFINED.**—In this sec-
12 tion, the term “covered Armed Force” means the Army,
13 Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space Force.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. JACKSON OF TEXAS

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. REQUIRED TRAINING ON CONSTITUTION OF**
2 **THE UNITED STATES FOR COMMISSIONED**
3 **OFFICERS OF THE ARMED FORCE.**

4 The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that all com-
5 missioned officers of the Armed Forces receive training
6 on the Constitution of the United States prior to commis-
7 sioning. The training shall include—

8 (1) education on the centrality of the Constitu-
9 tion to the commitment officers make to serve in the
10 Armed Forces;

11 (2) emphasis on the loyalty of officers to the
12 Constitution; and

13 (3) instruction on certain aspects of the Con-
14 stitution relevant to military service, including—

15 (A) civil-military relations;

16 (B) separation of powers; and

17 (C) domestic use of military force.



Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Mr. McCormick

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Basic Training Connectivity Tools for Recruits and Family Members

The committee notes the adoption of voluntary programs that allow recruits to share their mailing address with family members at initial entry training and offers family members a digital interface through which the military services provide timely updates and information regarding basic training. Considering the ongoing challenges to recruitment and retention across the Department of Defense, the committee seeks to ascertain the impact of such programs that improve connectivity between trainees and their families.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services no later than March 1, 2025 on the adoption of these voluntary connectivity programs. The briefing shall include:

- (1) A summary of existing efforts to improve information sharing between recruits and their family.
- (2) A description of the process of allowing recruits to share their address with family members during initial entry training.
- (3) An analysis of the impact on recruitment and retention made by adopting such programs.
- (4) Any projected challenges and potential benefits associated with increased implementation.

Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Mr. Banks

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Improvements to Opioid Management in the Military Health System

The committee notes that the Department of Defense Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee has not conducted a class review of the narcotic analgesics therapeutic class since 2015. The committee further notes that no review has been undertaken following the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs' joint publication of the "VA/DoD Clinical Practice Guideline for the Use of Opioids in the Management of Chronic Pain, 2022". The committee believes it would be beneficial to align the TRICARE uniform formulary with current prescribing practices and guidelines and ensure that servicemembers can access opioids that present reduced risks of abuse and misuse.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2025, on the evaluation process for the narcotic analgesics therapeutic class. Such evaluation should consider the following:

- (i) the FDA-approved labels of therapeutics in this class (as such labels may evolve from time to time);
- (ii) the value of consistent coverage positions across formularies that may be accessed by beneficiaries of the Military Health System and the Veterans Health Administration;
- (iii) the extent to which TRICARE uniform formulary coverage aligns with, and enables, any applicable clinical and public health guidelines or reports.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. JACKSON OF TEXAS

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO MEDICAL OFFI-**
2 **CER OF THE MARINE CORPS POSITION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 806 of title 10, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

6 **“§ 8048. Medical Officer of the Marine Corps**

7 “(a) There is a Medical Officer of the Marine Corps
8 who shall be appointed from among flag officers of the
9 Navy.

10 “(b) The Medical Officer of the Marine Corps, while
11 so serving, shall hold the grade of rear admiral (lower
12 half).”.

13 (b) EXCLUSION FROM CERTAIN DISTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS.—Section 525 of such title is amended—

15 (1) by redesignating subsection (g) as subsection (h); and

17 (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the following new subsection (g):

1 “(g) A naval officer while serving as the Medical Offi-
2 cer of the Marine Corps is in addition to the number that
3 would otherwise be permitted for the Navy for officers
4 serving on active duty in the grade of rear admiral (lower
5 half) under subsection (a).”.

6 (c) EXCLUSION FROM ACTIVE DUTY STRENGTH LIM-
7 ITATIONS.—Section 526 of such title is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating subsections (g) through (j)
9 as subsections (h) through (k), respectively; and

10 (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-
11 lowing new subsection (g):

12 “(g) EXCLUSION OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF MARINE
13 CORPS.—The limitations of this section do not apply to
14 the flag officer who is serving as the Medical Officer of
15 the Marine Corps.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. JACKSON OF TEXAS

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____. GRADE OF SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY.**

2 (a) MODIFICATION TO DISTRIBUTION OF COMMIS-
3 SIONED OFFICERS ON ACTIVE DUTY IN GENERAL OFFI-
4 CER AND FLAG OFFICER GRADES.—Section 525 of title
5 10, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)(3)(B) by striking “34”
7 and inserting “35” ; and

8 (2) in subsection (a)(4)(C) by striking “49”
9 and inserting “48”.

10 (b) GRADE OF SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY.—
11 Section 8077 of title 10, United States Code, is amended
12 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

13 “(c) GRADE.—The Surgeon General, while so serv-
14 ing, shall hold the grade of O–9.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. DAVIS OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

1 **SEC. 17___ . ANNUAL REPORT ON POSTSECONDARY EDU-**
2 **CATION COMPLAINT SYSTEM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
5 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress and
6 make publicly available on the Department of Defense’s
7 website a report on the Postsecondary Education Com-
8 plaint System (PECS).

9 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
10 section (a) shall include the following elements:

11 (1) A qualitative description of the status of
12 PECS that year.

13 (2) A qualitative description of the efforts made
14 by the Department of Defense that year to increase
15 awareness and usage of PECS among those who are
16 eligible to file complaints through the system.

17 (3) The total number of complaints filed
18 through PECS that year and the status of those
19 complaints, such as closed or active.

1 (4) The number of complaints that year broken
2 down by—

3 (A) military service;

4 (B) issue; and

5 (C) educational institution sector, includ-
6 ing private for-profit, private non-profit, and
7 public.

8 (5) A ranking of the top five issues raised by
9 students that year.

10 (6) The number of institutions with two or
11 more complaints that year, the names of those insti-
12 tutions, the number of participants at each of those
13 institutions, and the number of complaints for each
14 of those institutions.

15 (7) The number of views and visitors of the
16 PECS website that year.

17 (8) A discussion of how the elements described
18 in paragraphs (1) through (7) for that year compare
19 to the elements described in paragraphs (1) through
20 (7) in previous years.



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Offered by: Mr. Davis of North Carolina

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

[Biologic Vascular Repair for Warfighters]

The committee recognizes that while there is an increased rate of survival in battlefield trauma due to the advent of modern body armor, there remains an increase in the complexity of life-threatening extremity injuries requiring intricate treatment, repair, and limb reconstructions. Lessons learned from trauma care in recent conflicts have enabled researchers to develop innovations in vascular repair therapies that reduce potential infections, provide unparalleled durability, decrease rehabilitation time, and allow for faster return to duty.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a briefing no later than January 31, 2025, to the House Committee on Armed Services on the status of integrating biologic vascular repair solutions as standard protocol in military trauma care, including field-testing and assessment of long-term benefits.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. JACKSON OF TEXAS

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

1 **SEC. 5___ . SERVICE ACADEMIES: REFERRAL OF DENIED**
2 **APPLICANTS TO THE SENIOR MILITARY COL-**
3 **LEGES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act the Secretary of Defense
6 shall establish a system whereby a covered individual may
7 elect to have the Secretary share information regarding
8 such covered individual with a senior military college.

9 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) The term “covered individual” means an in-
11 dividual whose application for an appointment as a
12 cadet or midshipman at a Service Academy is de-
13 nied.

14 (2) The term “senior military college” means a
15 school specified in section 2111a of title 10, United
16 States Code.

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1 (3) The term “Service Academy” has the mean-
2 ing given such term in section 347 of title 10,
3 United States Code.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. AUSTIN SCOTT OF GEORGIA

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

1 **SEC. 6 ____.** **SALE OF CERTAIN SUPPLIES OF THE NAVY AND**
2 **MARINE CORPS TO CERTAIN FORMER MEM-**
3 **BERS OF THE COAST GUARD.**

4 Section 8803 of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended by striking “, or the Space Force” and inserting
6 “, the Space Force, or the Coast Guard”.



Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Ms. Strickland

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Services Supporting Dependents with Special Needs and their Caregivers

Military families who have dependents with special needs encounter additional challenges with accessing and maintaining consistent health care, child care, and education across frequent moves. The TRICARE Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) was established by Congress to provide supplemental services for these families, similar to home and community-based services offered by state Medicaid programs; however, the committee is concerned about potential disparities in services covered by ECHO and state Medicaid Home-Based Community Services waiver programs, in particular as it relates to nursing care and habilitative services.

Therefore, the committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to review the following:

1. covered nursing care and habilitative services for eligible dependents under the TRICARE ECHO program and programs such as home- and community-based services provided under State Medicaid plans pursuant to waivers under section 1915 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396n) or the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs established under section 1720G of title 38, United States Code.
2. respite care services available to caregivers of special needs dependents under the TRICARE ECHO program and programs such as home- and community-based services provided under State Medicaid plans pursuant to waivers under section 1915 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396n) or the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs established under section 1720G of title 38, United States Code.
3. an analysis of the interaction between the TRICARE ECHO program and home- and community-based services provided under State Medicaid plans pursuant to waivers under section 1915 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396n) or the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs established under section 1720G of title 38, United States Code, to include reasons eligible dependents may not qualify for State programs under which services are available.

4. an analysis of barriers to accessing the TRICARE ECHO program and navigating it once enrolled.
5. an analysis of the benefits the TRICARE ECHO Home Health Care (EHCC) includes that are not covered by TRICARE ECHO.
6. an analysis of the communication processes between EFMP coordinators and families as it relates to ECHO and ECHO Home Health Care program services.
7. recommendations for improvements in the nursing care and habilitative services covered for dependents with special needs in the TRICARE ECHO Program.
8. recommendations for improvements in the provision of respite services for caregivers of dependents with special needs in the TRICARE ECHO Program.

The committee further directs the Comptroller General to provide a briefing to the Senate Committee on Armed Services and House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2025, on GAO's preliminary findings and present the final report in a format and timeframe agreed to at the time of the briefing.

Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Ms. Strickland

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Military Incapacitated Adult Children

The committee notes that House Report 117-118 accompanying H.R. 4350 of the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2022, directed the Secretary of Defense to provide a report by February 1, 2022, on actions needed to improve management and oversight of dependency determinations for incapacitated adult children, including revised guidance for financial determinations and consistent medical standards for dependency status determinations, among other things. This report, however, has not been provided to date.

The committee is deeply troubled and disappointed by the Department's failure to submit this report in a timely fashion, particularly given the Government Accountability Office's (GAO) Report 20-335, which found that actions were needed to improve the management and oversight of dependency determinations for incapacitated adult children. The report highlighted that existing policy guidance is both limited and inconsistent, potentially resulting in increased hardship for military families with incapacitated adult children. Therefore, the committee again directs the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to submit this report to the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on Armed Services, not later than December 31, 2024. To further assist the committee's oversight, this report shall include the following additional information:

- (1) an assessment of the findings and recommendations of the Secondary Dependency Claims Working Group;
- (2) a detailed plan for implementing the recommendations of the Secondary Dependency Claims Working Group;
- (3) an analysis of the feasibility and advisability of making dependency of incapacitated adult children based solely on a legal determination of guardianship or conservatorship; and
- (4) status of implementation of the GAO's recommendations in the GAO-20-335 report.

Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Mr. LaLota

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Evaluation of Respiratory Protection Technology for the Armed Forces

Recognizing the paramount importance of ensuring the health and safety of military personnel exposed to hazardous environments, the committee is concerned about the adequacy of current respiratory protection technology. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with relevant stakeholders including military personnel, medical experts, industry representatives, and other government agencies, to conduct a comprehensive study to evaluate the effectiveness, efficiency, and adequacy of existing respiratory protection technology utilized by the military, and to submit a detailed briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than June 1, 2025, that contains the following with regards to respiratory protection technology and equipment:

- (1) what respiratory protection technology exists that can be procured for replacement or upgrade of current respiratory protection equipment to better protect and safeguard our military personnel;
- (2) how often is the current respiratory protection equipment assessed for efficacy in varied operational contexts;
- (3) how effective is the current respiratory protection equipment against health impacts related to exposure to airborne hazards during deployments and training;
- (4) what is the potential to integrate innovative technologies like advanced filtration systems and wearable sensors into current respiratory protection equipment; and
- (5) effectiveness of existing training on the use and maintenance of current respiratory protection equipment.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. FINSTAD OF MINNESOTA

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE RE-**
2 **SERVE OFFICERS IN CERTAIN MILITARY SPE-**
3 **CIALTIES ON THE RESERVE ACTIVE-STATUS**
4 **LIST.**

5 Section 14701(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1)—

8 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “(in-
9 cluding an officer described in subparagraph
10 (C))” after “or a reserve officer”;

11 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as
12 subparagraph (D); and

13 (C) by inserting, after subparagraph (B),
14 the following new subparagraph (C):

15 “(C) An officer described in this subparagraph is a
16 reserve officer in a grade above O-2 who has a military
17 occupational specialty, rating, or specialty code in a mili-
18 tary specialty designated, in regulations prescribed by the

1 Secretary of the military department concerned, as subject
2 to a shortage of personnel.”; and

3 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as
4 paragraphs (7) and (8), respectively; and

5 (3) by inserting, after paragraph (5), the fol-
6 lowing new paragraph (6):

7 “(6) A reserve officer described in paragraph (1)(C)
8 and continued on the reserve active-status list pursuant
9 to this section shall, if not earlier retired, transferred to
10 the Retired Reserve, or discharged, be separated in ac-
11 cordance with section 14513 or 14514, as applicable, on
12 the first day of the month after the month in which the
13 officer completes 40 years of commissioned service.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. BACON OF NEBRASKA

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . RESTORATION OF RETIRED RANK OF GENERAL**

2 **JOHN D. LAVELLE.**

3 Not later than December 31, 2024, the Secretary of
4 Defense shall issue a recommendation to the President
5 and the Senate regarding the restoration of the retired
6 rank of General John D. Lavelle based on recently declass-
7 sified records and the most recent recommendation of the
8 Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. BACON OF NEBRASKA

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . NEXT OF KIN OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF CER-**
2 **TAIN ARMED FORCES: DATABASE; PRIVACY.**

3 (a) DATABASE.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
5 shall prescribe regulations that establish and maintain a
6 database of the Department of Defense that contains up-
7 to-date contact information for the next of kin of members
8 of the covered Armed Forces. Such regulations shall en-
9 sure that—

10 (1) a commander in a grade higher than O-5
11 may access the contact information for the next of
12 kin of a member who died while a member of the
13 unit under the command of such commander, re-
14 gardless of whether such member served under such
15 commander; and

16 (2) an individual named in such database
17 may—

18 (A) elect to not be contacted by an officer
19 described in paragraph (1); and

1 (B) change such election at any time.

2 (b) PRIVACY.—Not later than 180 days after the date
3 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
4 shall ensure that the DD Form 93 (“Record of Emergency
5 Data”) used in a covered Armed Force complies with the
6 terms of section 552a of title 5, United States Code.

7 (c) COVERED ARMED FORCE DEFINED.—In this sec-
8 tion, the term “covered Armed Force” means the Army,
9 Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space Force.



Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Mr. Turner

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Report on Uniform, Involuntary Administrative Separation Procedures

The committee is aware that administrative separation procedures in the military vary by rank, by branch, and to a certain extent by the nature of the allegations. The committee is concerned that due to these variations across branches, the administrative separation process lacks transparency and clarity for victims of sexual misconduct and for the public.

The committee directs the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, in coordination with the Chair of the Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces (DAC-IPAD), not later than March 1, 2025, to submit a report to the House Committee on Armed Services and Senate Committee on Armed Services on the procedures governing administrative separation of military personnel accused of sexual assault and sexual misconduct offenses. The report should include:

- (1) a comparison across all military branches detailing the total number of involuntary separations for sexual assault and sexual misconduct offenses, specific reasons or offenses for the separations, characterizations of service the servicemembers received, ranks of servicemembers being separated, and number of servicemembers that were processed through an involuntary administrative but retained whether by a board or senior leader with authority to retain the servicemember;
- (2) the number appeals for each military branch for involuntary administrative separations for sexual assault and related offenses that resulted in an upgrade of characterization of service;
- (3) the extent to which current process and procedures can be improved and enhanced;
- (4) the viability and appropriateness of developing uniform standards and procedures across all branches, and the justification if not feasible;
- (5) the adequacy of staffing and resources supporting administrative separation process and recommendations for improvement, if any;
- (6) the extent to which current processes and procedures might be improved to better ensure an efficient and fair process for all parties and the public;
- (7) the extent to which current processes include victim and public participation; and,
- (8) the extent of current victim protections as part of the process, and recommendations on improvement.

Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Mr. Courtney

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Federal Wage Survey Industry Data

The committee is aware that there may be discrepancies in wage rates for Department of Defense (DOD) civilian employees under the Federal Wage System (FWS). Under Office of Personnel Management (OPM) guidance, in accordance with the Defense Civilian Personnel Advisory Service (DCPAS), the FWS is designed to ensure that federal blue-collar workers are compensated comparable to private sector wages in areas with a high density of private sector employees performing similar work.

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services no later than February 1, 2025, on the accuracy of Federal Wage Survey rates compared to private sector and contractor wages in each county. The briefing should include at a minimum the following information:

- (1) how many Department of Defense contracts fall under the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS);
- (2) how many contractors submitted data for Federal Wage Surveys on time;
- (3) information on the mechanism to obtain that data and an assessment on the accuracy of timely wage data by surrounding private industry;
- (4) how this data is used to inform the Federal Wage System process;
- (5) how many contractors with the Department are not subject to NAICS;
- (6) how many of those contractors voluntarily share wage data;
- (7) whether a lack of private sector wage data adversely affects wage rates;
and
- (8) recommendations to encourage all contractors to share wage data.

Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Mr. Turner

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Report on Child Custody Litigation Involving Servicemembers and Veterans

The committee is concerned that military service, whether active duty, reserve, or veteran status, can be a factor in child custody disputes and determinations, whereas section 3938 of title 10, United States Code, provides that no court may consider the absence of the servicemember by reason of deployment, or the possibility of deployment, as the sole factor in determining the best interest of the child. Specifically, the committee is concerned whether military service adversely influences custody determinations, particularly in cases involving deployments as required under section 3938 of title 10, United States Code, Permanent Changes of Station (PCS), or claims of mental health conditions like Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or General Anxiety Disorder.

The committee directs the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, in coordination with the Director of the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, Department of Veterans Affairs, to provide a report to the House Committee on Armed Services on child custody disputes involving active-duty service members and reservists with dependents, as well as veterans with dependents who have left the military since 2015. The data in this report should include whether deployments, PCS, claims of mental health disorders, or any factor involving military service was considered by the respective court when determining child custody. By August 1, 2025, the committee requests a report including, at a minimum, the following information:

- (1) data from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness detailing the total number of cases in which active duty or reserve servicemembers, categorized by Armed Force, were involved in a child custody dispute since January 1, 2015;
- (2) data from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness on active-duty or reserve servicemembers who were involved in child custody disputes where deployments, PCS, mental health claims (such as PTSD or general anxiety disorder), and other military service factors were considered by the respective courts when determining child custody since January 1, 2015;

- (3) data from the Director of the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics detailing the total number of cases where a veteran was involved in a child custody dispute since January 1, 2015;
- (4) data from the Director of the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics detailing how many veterans who were involved in a child custody dispute had prior deployments, PCS, claims of mental health issues (to include PTSD or general anxiety disorder), or any aspect of military service considered by the respective court when determining child custody since January 1, 2015;
- (5) an assessment of the nature and extent of the problem, if any, for active duty and reserve members of the Armed Forces, who are custodial parents, in being able to perform their operational mission while continuing to fulfill their role as parents with sole or joint custody of minor children;
- (6) a review addressing how state courts consider deployments, Permanent Change of Station (PCS), or claims of mental health conditions like Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or General Anxiety Disorder for child custody disputes involving service members and veterans.
- (7) recommendations on how to assist active duty and reserve members of the Armed Forces in child custody disputes. This recommendation should include a discussion on the need for legislative or administrative action, such as, but not limited to, reduced PCS requirements, extended duty tours, and the feasibility of providing legal representation during custody disputes.

Amendment to H.R. 8070**Offered by: Mr. McCormick**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Mitochondria Transplantation Program for Traumatic Brain Injury

The committee is aware of efforts by the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR), in official collaboration with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, to develop an effective treatment for traumatic brain injury (TBI) using mitochondria organelle transplantation after having observed the prevalence of mitochondria dysfunction. Given TBI patients' increased risk of suicide and neurodegenerative disorders including Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and Alzheimer's disease, the committee understands that successful development of an effective treatment could mitigate or prevent these negative health outcomes.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2025, on the Department's efforts to continue enabling this WRAIR research program, including plans to ensure robust interagency coordination with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Mr. Turner

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Feasibility of Integrating Clinical Case Management in the Exceptional Family Member Program

The committee is aware that the Department of Defense's Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is committed to non-clinical case management for patient populations with complex health needs. The committee is also aware of managed care programs that successfully integrate clinical and non-clinical case management. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services, not later than March 1, 2025, on the feasibility of integrating clinical case management into the EFMP. The briefing should include analysis of:

- (1) how integrated care coordination models and strategies used to address similar challenges in Medicaid complex populations can be integrated into the EFMP; and,
- (2) how commercial managed care coordination best practices can address or prevent any gaps in care and services.

Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Mr. Ryan

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Report on the Creation of STEM JROTC Program

The committee recognizes the importance of developing a service-oriented workforce to face the United States' national security of the future. As the United States works to remain ahead of our competition in areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, computer science, computational thinking, artificial intelligence, machine learning, data science, cybersecurity, robotics, and health sciences, ensuring that the workforce of the future has the skills they need to be successful is as critical as ever.

Young men and women across the country could benefit from the establishment of targeted opportunities and cooperative research opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields, in addition to increased access and training opportunities on related topics. The Army has seen success in the implementation of its Cyber Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program. As such the Committee feels the expansion of said program model to meet the breadth of an expanding plethora of technological advancements will ensure the Department has the innovative technological talent pool they require, while inspiring a strong sense of service in the next generation of Americans.

Therefore, the committee directs the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to provide a report to the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2025, providing insight into the feasibility of a STEM-specific JROTC program. The report should include information about the extent to which the Department can work to develop, integrate, and disseminate a STEM-based curriculum across JROTC programs; the extent to which a STEM-based curriculum in JROTC programming could prove a useful tool for recruitment and retention of preexisting JROTC programs; and how the Department might leverage local stakeholders, including community colleges, trade schools, and institutions of higher learning to drive a holistic STEM experience for JROTC students, in addition to any other information the Undersecretary deems appropriate.

Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Mr. Gallego

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Expand Awareness of Educational Opportunities for Service Members on Active-Duty

The Committee recognizes the important role within the Armed Forces of education as a force multiplier, an incentive to serve, and a quality of life enhancement for service members. Throughout time in service, the ability of service members to complete a college education through the use of Tuition Assistance (TA) creates a more educated and skilled populace, and therefore a more effective force. The Committee also recognizes that education serves as a significant recruitment tool.

However, the Committee is concerned that information about TA programs is not being effectively advertised to both service members and potential recruits. Therefore, the Committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an assessment of the military services' efforts to promote awareness of available Tuition Assistance programs. The assessment should include the following:

- (1) current campaigns to promote awareness of TA in recruitment efforts and materials;
- (2) current campaigns and efforts to promote awareness of TA among service members, particularly first term enlisted service members;
- (3) the effectiveness of current TA awareness campaigns; and
- (4) any recommendations to increase awareness of the TA benefit among recruits and service members.

The Committee further directs the Comptroller General to provide a briefing not later than April 1, 2025 to the House Committee on Armed Services on the Comptroller General's preliminary findings and present final results in a format and timeframe agreed to at the time of the briefing.

Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Mr. Gallego

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Expand Awareness of Credentialing Opportunities for Recruits and Service Members on Active-Duty

The Committee recognizes the important role of education as both a force multiplier and quality of life enhancement for service members. The Armed Forces provide service members with credentialing opportunities to earn civilian certificates through the Credentialing Assistance Programs (CAP), thereby enhancing individual skills of service members and strengthening the overall force. Moreover, CAP serves as an essential tool for recruitment and retention.

The Committee recognizes that CAP affords service members an opportunity to achieve levels of education commensurate with their position and that of their peers in the civilian sector, which translates to their success following the completion of service. To better understand how the CAP benefit is being leveraged to recruit and retain service members, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military services, to provide a briefing not later than March 1, 2025 to the House Committee on Armed Services on the following:

- (1) how information about CAP is incorporated into current recruitment efforts and materials, broken down by service;
- (2) how information about CAP is advertised and disseminated to service members, especially first term enlisted service members, broken down by service;
- (3) what metrics are being used to evaluate the effectiveness of current campaigns regarding CAP; and
- (4) any recommendations to increase awareness of CAP benefits among eligible service members.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. PANETTA OF CALIFORNIA

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRADUATE EDU-**
2 **CATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENLISTED**
3 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of the Navy and the
5 Secretary of the Army shall jointly conduct a pilot pro-
6 gram (referred to in this section as the “Program”) under
7 which certain enlisted personnel of the covered Armed
8 Forces may enroll in a master’s degree program at the
9 Naval Postgraduate School.

10 (b) **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.**—The Secretaries
11 concerned shall carry out the Program—

12 (1) in accordance with such regulations as may
13 be prescribed by the Secretary of Defense for pur-
14 poses of the Program; and

15 (2) in a manner consistent with the Graduate
16 Education Program—Enlisted pilot program of the
17 Marine Corps.

18 (c) **ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPANTS.**—The Secretaries
19 concerned shall establish criteria for determining the eligi-

1 bility of enlisted members of the covered Armed Forces
2 for participation in the Program. In establishing such cri-
3 teria, the Secretaries concerned may consider the following
4 criteria used under the Graduate Education Program—En-
5 listed pilot program of the Marine Corps:

6 (1) Eligibility may be limited to active duty
7 members of the covered Armed Forces with no more
8 than 16 years of service by end of degree completion
9 and prior to being assigned to duties that use such
10 degree.

11 (2) A member should not have been passed over
12 for selection to the next higher grade.

13 (3) A member should meet reenlistment re-
14 quirements established by the component of the
15 Armed Force responsible for such requirements to
16 ensure four years of service are attainable after de-
17 gree completion.

18 (4) Any Primary Military Occupational Spe-
19 cialty may be eligible to apply.

20 (5) A minimum of four years should remain on
21 the member's contract at the time of completion of
22 the degree program. A member should be willing to
23 re-enlist or extend a contract to meet the require-
24 ments under this paragraph.

1 (6) A minimum of 24 months on station is rec-
2 ommended for applicants in assignments within the
3 continental United States or 24 months for appli-
4 cants in assignments outside the continental United
5 States prior to the commencement studies at the
6 Naval Postgraduate School, with the potential for
7 exceptions.

8 (7) All applicants should possess an institution-
9 ally accredited baccalaureate degree and should have
10 the Academic Profile Code prescribed for the re-
11 quested curricula. The Naval Postgraduate School
12 should determine the official Academic Profile Code
13 for each applicant and such official Academic Profile
14 Code should be used as the basis in determining aca-
15 demic eligibility for participation in the Program.
16 The application criteria for the Naval Postgraduate
17 School may be further described, promulgated, and
18 updated on the website of the School's admissions
19 office.

20 (8) The member should hold, or be eligible for,
21 a security clearance if required for—

22 (A) placement in a course of study under
23 the Program; or

24 (B) the member's duty assignment after
25 completion of such Program.

1 (9) Applicants should have completed all nec-
2 essary professional military education for their cur-
3 rent rank prior to executing orders.

4 (d) SELECTION AND PLACEMENT OF PARTICI-
5 PANTS.—

6 (1) NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS.—The number
7 of enlisted members selected for participation in the
8 Program from each covered Armed Force shall be
9 equal to the number of officers from that Armed
10 Force who are enrolled in the Naval Postgraduate
11 school at the time the selection is made.

12 (2) SELECTION FACTORS.—Such selection shall
13 be based on consideration of—

14 (A) the eligibility criteria established under
15 subsection (c);

16 (B) professional performance;

17 (C) promotion potential;

18 (D) retention potential;

19 (E) academic background, capabilities, and
20 accomplishments;

21 (F) the needs of the Navy and Army;

22 (G) input from the admissions office of the
23 Naval Postgraduate School; and

24 (H) input from the component within each
25 Armed Force with primary responsibility for de-

1 termining the duty assignments of enlisted
2 members.

3 (e) POST-PARTICIPATION SERVICE.—Subject to such
4 terms, conditions, and exceptions as the Secretaries con-
5 cerned may establish, an enlisted member who receives a
6 master's degree under the Program, shall serve for a pe-
7 riod of not less than two years in a duty assignment that
8 is relevant to the degree obtained by the member under
9 the Program.

10 (f) FRAMEWORK FOR FILLING BILLETS.—In con-
11 junction with selecting enlisted members for participation
12 in the Program as described in subsection (d), the Secre-
13 taries concerned shall establish a framework for assigning
14 enlisted personnel who are not participating in the Pro-
15 gram—

16 (1) to fill the billets of the members partici-
17 pating in the Program while such members are com-
18 pleting a course of study at the Naval Postgraduate
19 School; and

20 (2) to fill the billets of members who received
21 a master's degree under the Program while such
22 members are engaged in post-participation service as
23 described in subsection (e).

24 (g) IDENTIFICATION OF DEGREE PROGRAMS.—The
25 Secretaries concerned shall coordinate with the President

1 of the Naval Postgraduate School to identify specific mas-
2 ter's degree programs offered by the School in which Pro-
3 gram participants may enroll. In identifying such pro-
4 grams, the Secretaries shall consider—

5 (1) the needs of the Navy and Army;

6 (2) the capacity of the Naval Postgraduate
7 School; and

8 (3) the extent to which enrollment in a specific
9 program is expected to have a positive effect on the
10 career trajectories of participants.

11 (h) INFORMATION DISSEMINATION.—The Secretaries
12 concerned shall take such actions as are necessary to no-
13 tify and inform enlisted members about the Program.

14 (i) REPORT.—Before the expiration of the 6-year pe-
15 riod described in subsection (i)(1), the Secretaries con-
16 cerned, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense,
17 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
18 Senate and the House of Representatives a report that
19 includes—

20 (1) an assessment of whether and to what ex-
21 tent the Program has met the needs of the covered
22 Armed Forces and had positive effects on partici-
23 pating enlisted members, including with respect to—

24 (A) career trajectory, including potential
25 pay increases;

1 (B) retention;
2 (C) recruitment;
3 (D) job performance;
4 (E) merit-based promotions and merit-
5 based promotion reorder; and

6 (F) compatibility with the objectives out-
7 lined in the 2022 National Defense Strategy to
8 modernize the Armed Services, spur innovation,
9 and outpace and outthink adversaries of the
10 United States;

11 (2) the recommendations of the Secretaries re-
12 garding whether the Program should be extended or
13 made permanent;

14 (3) an assessment of the funding and capabili-
15 ties that may be needed to make the Program per-
16 manent; and

17 (4) any other matters the Secretaries determine
18 to be relevant.

19 (j) SUNSET; OPTIONAL EXTENSION.—

20 (1) TERMINATION.—Subject to paragraph (2),
21 the Program shall terminate 6 years after the date
22 on which the Program commences under this sec-
23 tion.

24 (2) EXTENSION.—The Secretaries concerned
25 may extend the Program beyond the 6 year period

1 specified in paragraph (1) if, not later than 30 days
2 before the expiration of such period, the Secretaries,
3 in consultation with the President of the Naval Post-
4 graduate School, submit to the Committees on
5 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
6 resentatives—

7 (A) notice of the intent of the Secretaries
8 to extend the Program; and

9 (B) an explanation of the reasons for ex-
10 tending the Program.

11 (k) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) The term “covered Armed Forces” means
13 the Army and the Navy.

14 (2) The term “Secretaries concerned” means—

15 (A) the Secretary of the Army, with re-
16 spect to matters concerning the Army; and

17 (B) the Secretary of the Navy, with re-
18 spect to matters concerning the Navy.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. PANETTA OF CALIFORNIA

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

1 **SEC. 7___ . STUDY ON TESTOSTERONE LEVELS OF MEM-**
2 **BERS OF ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS**
3 **FORCES.**

4 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 60 days after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of De-
6 fense for Personnel and Readiness, in consultation with
7 the Commander of the United States Special Operations
8 Command, shall conduct a five-year study to determine
9 whether the conditions that covered members experience
10 while serving in a covered force affect the testosterone lev-
11 els of the covered members. The study shall include the
12 following elements:

13 (1) Data on the testosterone levels of each cov-
14 ered member included in the study throughout the
15 period covered by the study, including while the cov-
16 ered member is—

17 (A) participating in any training of a cov-
18 ered force;

19 (B) deployed by a covered force; or

1 (C) otherwise working for a covered force.

2 (2) With respect to each covered member who
3 joins a covered force during the period covered by
4 the study and is included in the study, data on the
5 testosterone levels of the covered member upon join-
6 ing the covered force, accounting for, to the extent
7 practicable, any effect on such testosterone levels at-
8 tributable to an experience of the covered member
9 while in the Armed Forces, prior to joining the cov-
10 ered force.

11 (3) With respect to each covered member who
12 has low testosterone and is included in the study,
13 data on the testosterone levels of the covered mem-
14 ber before, during, and after the administration of
15 any remedy (medical or non-medical) recommended
16 to the covered member by a covered force for the
17 treatment of low testosterone.

18 (4) Data regarding the relationship, if any, be-
19 tween the time of day that the testosterone level of
20 a covered member is measured and the accuracy of
21 the resulting measurement.

22 (5) Data regarding the relationship, if any, be-
23 tween the testosterone levels of a covered member
24 and—

1 (A) the job performance of the covered
2 member; or

3 (B) any marker of long-term health of the
4 covered member.

5 (6) Any other information determined appro-
6 priate by the Under Secretary.

7 (b) REPORTS.—

8 (1) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than one year
9 after the date on which the study under subsection
10 (a) begins, the Under Secretary shall submit to the
11 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
12 the House of Representatives a report describing—

13 (A) each process implemented by Under
14 Secretary during the period covered by the re-
15 port to carry out the study; and

16 (B) any results of the study collected dur-
17 ing such period.

18 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than one year
19 after the date of the termination of the study under
20 subsection (a), the Under Secretary shall submit to
21 the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate
22 and the House of Representatives a report on the re-
23 sults of the study. Such report shall include the fol-
24 lowing elements:

25 (A) A comparison between—

1 (i) the data described in subsection
2 (a)(2); and

3 (ii) data regarding the testosterone
4 levels of male civilians of a comparable
5 age.

6 (B) The analysis of the Under Secretary as
7 to whether the testosterone levels of covered
8 members are affected by the conditions such
9 covered members experience—

10 (i) during a training of a covered
11 force;

12 (ii) while deployed by a covered force;

13 or

14 (iii) while otherwise working for a cov-
15 ered force.

16 (C) The assessment of the Under Sec-
17 retary as to whether the testosterone levels of
18 covered members affect—

19 (i) the readiness of any covered force;

20 or

21 (ii) any marker of long-term health of
22 the covered members.

23 (D) A list of each medical procedure a cov-
24 ered force uses, as of the date of the report, to

1 monitor the testosterone levels of covered mem-
2 bers.

3 (E) A list of each preventative measure
4 (medical or non-medical) a covered force uses,
5 as of the date of the report, to reduce the likeli-
6 hood of low testosterone in a covered member.

7 (F) A list of each remedy (medical or non-
8 medical) a covered force uses, as of the date of
9 the report, to—

10 (i) treat low testosterone in a covered
11 member; or

12 (ii) mitigate any symptom of low tes-
13 tosterone in a covered member.

14 (G) Recommendations of the Under Sec-
15 retary regarding—

16 (i) which medical procedures are best
17 suited for use by a covered force in moni-
18 toring the testosterone levels of each cov-
19 ered member;

20 (ii) whether, in monitoring the testos-
21 terone levels of each covered member, a
22 covered force should—

23 (I) account for, to the extent
24 practicable, any effect on the testos-
25 terone levels attributable to an experi-

1 ence of the covered member while in
2 the Armed Forces, prior to joining the
3 covered force; or

4 (II) measure the testosterone lev-
5 els during a specific time of day to in-
6 crease the accuracy of the measure-
7 ments;

8 (iii) which preventative measures
9 (medical or non-medical) are best suited
10 for use by a covered force as a means to
11 reduce the likelihood of low testosterone in
12 a covered member; and

13 (iv) which remedies (medical or non-
14 medical) are best suited for use by a cov-
15 ered force in—

16 (I) the treatment of low testos-
17 terone in a covered member; or

18 (II) the mitigation of any symp-
19 tom of low testosterone in a covered
20 member.

21 (H) A determination of the Under Sec-
22 retary as to whether a pilot program or clinical
23 trail with respect to the use of testosterone re-
24 placement therapy for covered members who
25 have low testosterone would be advisable consid-

1 ering any prevalence of low testosterone ob-
2 served in the study and any risks associated
3 with testosterone replacement therapy.

4 (I) Any other information the Under Sec-
5 retary determines appropriate.

6 (3) FORM.—The reports under this subsection
7 shall be submitted in an unclassified form, but may
8 include a classified annex.

9 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) The term “covered force” means a special
11 operations force that is under the jurisdiction of the
12 Secretary of the Army.

13 (2) The term “covered member” means a mem-
14 ber of a covered force.

15 (3) The term “low testosterone” means a condi-
16 tion in which the testosterone levels of an indi-
17 vidual—

18 (A) are lower than is average for a healthy
19 individual of comparable age and gender; and

20 (B) negatively affect the well-being, includ-
21 ing the mental or physical health, of the indi-
22 vidual.

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1 (4) The term “special operations force” means
2 a force identified under section 167(j) of title 10,
3 United States Code.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. PANETTA OF CALIFORNIA

Section 546 [log 80616] is amended to read as follows:

1 **SEC. 5 ____. NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL: FUNCTION.**

2 (b) FUNCTION.—Section 8541 of title 10, United
3 States Code, is amended, in the matter preceding para-
4 graph (1), by striking “to provide advanced instruction
5 and professional and technical education and research op-
6 portunities for commissioned officers of the naval service”
7 and inserting “to conduct research, to conduct wargaming,
8 to conduct innovation, and to provide advanced instruc-
9 tion, professional, technical, and research and education,
10 and innovation opportunities for commissioned and non-
11 commissioned officers of the naval service”.

12 (c) PRESIDENT; ASSISTANTS.—Section 8542(b)(1) of
13 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

14 (1) by striking “professional and technical edu-
15 cation” and inserting “professional, technical, and
16 research and education”; and

17 (2) by striking “research opportunities” and in-
18 serting “research and innovation opportunities”.



Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Mr. Luttrell of Texas

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Innovations in Trauma Care Research

The committee appreciates the Department's efforts to leverage simulation and training partnerships to facilitate the retention and advancement of trauma skills critical to providing medical support to wounded servicemembers throughout the continuum of combat casualty care. The committee is concerned that future combat operations will pose significant new challenges to the Department's ability to provide trauma care at the point-of-injury. The committee realizes that trauma care research and development activities are largely possible due to military-civilian partnerships. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2025, on the Department's future investment plans for the expansion of trauma care research and development, including military-civilian partnerships and collaborations with states and university systems.

Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Ms. McClellan

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Department of Defense Briefing on Education Support Professional Workforce
Development and Internal Hiring

The committee notes the utmost importance of hiring quality educators for the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA). However, there are many barriers to being hired as an educator through DoDEA, leading to vacancies or long-term substitute educators. The committee notes that Education Support Professionals (ESPs), who are school workers, including clerical service workers, custodial staff, paraeducators, and others who help run DoDEA schools, often express interest in becoming certified educators. However, DoDEA policies can prevent ESPs from applying for internal vacant classroom teacher positions. Therefore, the committee directs the Director of DoDEA to brief the House Committee on Armed Services not later than February 1, 2025, on the following:

- (1) the current process to allow ESP workers to obtain their practicum for DoDEA, including leave required policies;
- (2) the number of ESP workers who have transitioned into certified teachers for DoDEA, including their former job titles;
- (3) the policies that allow or prevent an ESP worker who has pursued a teacher certification and a practicum from being hired at a DoDEA location, including barriers due to dual employment policies;
- (4) policies that would enable an ESP worker to teach at DoDEA directly after obtaining educator qualifications; and
- (5) a feasibility analysis on creating a DoDEA fellowship program for ESPs to become qualified educators with DoDEA.

Amendment to H.R. 8070

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025

Offered by: Mr. Jackson of Texas

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Field Deployable Device for Treatment of Hemorrhage

Based upon lessons learned from ongoing global conflicts, the committee is interested in the development of a device to support resuscitative efforts on the battlefield that requires minimal training to operate. The physician performed resuscitative endovascular balloon occlusion of the aorta (REBOA) procedure has been a major leap forward in the management of non-compressible hemorrhage, however, the committee understands that utilizing this procedure outside of a hospital is complicated.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than April 1, 2025, on the development of capabilities to treat hemorrhage. This briefing shall include:

- (1) current methods by which a hemorrhaging servicemember is treated on the battlefield;
- (2) an analysis of expected survivability rates with current treatment for hemorrhage;
- (3) a brief description of the Department's recent advances in endovascular techniques for treating hemorrhage, including any effect on survival rates;
- (4) training required to utilize endovascular technologies to facilitate, transport, and treat hemorrhaging patients on the battlefield;
- (5) efforts to procure a non-powered, field expedient, and low weight device that will enable the REBOA catheter to be a field deployable device; and
- (6) any current off-the-shelf ready to use solutions to allow for a field deployable REBOA catheter.

Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: MR. ALFORD

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Financial Readiness Report

The committee recognizes that the Government Accountability Office review the implementation of the Blended Retirement System and any impacts pay levels and inflation have had on that implementation, while addressing the following four (4) key issue areas: 1) Review the Current Department of Defense Blended Retirement System training process as compared to that which envisioned in the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission report; 2) Measure the Effectiveness of Blended Retirement System Implementation utilizing objective indicators to support the effectiveness of each of the services' financial literacy (readiness) training programs; 3) Review how each service measures the degree financial security of servicemembers and their families; and 4) Identify Future Implementation Requirements that Department of Defense may require to ensure the financial literacy of our servicemembers.

Therefore, the committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to provide a report on the implementation of the Blended Retirement System to the House Committee on Armed Services by March 1, 2025.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. MOULTON OF MASSACHUSETTS

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

1 **SEC. 5___. AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT GIFTS OF SERVICES**
2 **FOR PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION**
3 **INSTITUTIONS.**

4 Section 2601(a)(2)(A) of title 10, United States
5 Code, is amended by inserting “or a professional military
6 education institution” after “museum program” each
7 place it appears.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. LUTTRELL OF TEXAS

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

1 **SEC. 6 ____. SINGLE-USE SHOPPING BAGS IN COMMISSARY**
2 **STORES.**

3 Section 2485 of title 10, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 section:

6 “(j) SINGLE-USE SHOPPING BAGS.—The Defense
7 Commissary Agency may not prohibit the use of, or charge
8 a fee for, single-use shopping bags in a commissary
9 store.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MS. JACOBS OF CALIFORNIA

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

1 **SEC. ____ . PILOT PROGRAM ON CRYOPRESERVATION AND**
2 **STORAGE OF GAMETES OF CERTAIN MEM-**
3 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

4 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of Defense
5 shall establish a pilot program to reimburse covered mem-
6 bers for expenses incurred in the testing, cryopreservation,
7 shipping, and storage of gametes of such covered members
8 in a private storage facility determined appropriate by the
9 Secretary.

10 (b) **AMOUNT OF REIMBURSEMENT.**—A covered mem-
11 ber shall receive not more than—

12 (1) \$500 in the case of a member who preserves
13 sperm; and

14 (2) \$10,000 in the case of a member who pre-
15 serves eggs.

16 (c) **INFORMATION TO PARTICIPANTS.**—The Secretary
17 shall provide to a covered member participating in the
18 pilot program information regarding providers of services

1 described in subsection (a) located near the covered mem-
2 ber.

3 (d) IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE.—Not later than—

4 (1) 90 days after the date of the enactment of
5 this Act, the Secretary shall notify covered members
6 of the pilot program; and

7 (2) 120 days after the date of the enactment of
8 this Act, the Secretary shall—

9 (A) submit to the Committees on Armed
10 Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
11 resentatives an implementation plan for the
12 pilot program; and

13 (B) carry out the pilot program.

14 (e) NO LIABILITY OR CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION.—

15 The United States shall not be—

16 (1) considered a party to any agreement be-
17 tween a covered member who participates in the
18 pilot program and a private gamete storage facility;
19 or

20 (2) responsible for the management of gametes
21 cryopreserved, or stored for which a covered member
22 receives reimbursement under such pilot program.

23 (f) ADVANCED MEDICAL DIRECTIVE.—A covered
24 member who participates in the pilot program shall com-
25 plete an advanced medical directive that specifies how

1 gametes preserved under the pilot program shall be han-
2 dled upon the death of such covered member.

3 (g) PROMOTION OF PILOT PROGRAM.—The Secretary
4 shall promote the pilot program to covered members in
5 the course of annual health examinations and pre-deploy-
6 ment screenings.

7 (h) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the Sec-
8 retary establishes the pilot program, the Secretary shall
9 submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-
10 ate and the House of Representatives a report on the pilot
11 program. Such report shall include the following:

12 (1) Usage by covered members.

13 (2) Demographics of participating covered
14 members.

15 (3) Costs of services to participating covered
16 members.

17 (4) The feasibility of expanding the pilot pro-
18 gram.

19 (5) The feasibility of making the pilot program
20 permanent.

21 (6) Other information determined appropriate
22 by the Secretary.

23 (i) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall termi-
24 nate one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

25 (j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) The term “covered member” means a mem-
2 ber of a covered Armed Force serving on active
3 duty—

4 (A) who has received orders (including de-
5 ployment orders) for duty for which the mem-
6 ber may receive hazardous duty pay under sec-
7 tion 351 of title 37, United States Code;

8 (B) whom the Secretary determines is like-
9 ly to receive such orders in the next 120 days;

10 (C) who will, under orders, be geographi-
11 cally separated from a spouse, domestic part-
12 ner, or dating partner for a period exceeding
13 180 days; or

14 (D) whose application to participate in the
15 pilot program that the Secretary approves.

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

19 (3) The term “deployment” has the meaning
20 given such term in section 991(b) of title 10, United
21 States Code.



Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Ms. Stefanik

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Maternal Health Provider Shortages in the Military Health System

The committee recognizes that a recent report from the Department of Defense Inspector General highlighted concerns about access to care and staffing shortages in the Military Health System. The committee understands there are military installations in the United States that may be referring third trimester expectant mothers to providers off base because of these staffing shortages. Furthermore, the committee also recognizes that staffing shortages may have been exacerbated due to the failure of the Department of Health Administration (DHA) to renew contract agreements. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services, not later than January 31, 2025, on the barriers to hiring maternal health physicians across the Department of Defense including:

- (1) a list of credentialing bodies who provide a board certification in obstetrics and gynecology that are approved by DHA;
- (2) a list of all other credentialing bodies who provide a board certification in obstetrics and gynecology that are not approved by DHA with justification as to why these are not approved; and
- (3) a list of Contract Service Agreements that military installations have used to request additional physicians for their maternal health care facilities that have been denied by DHA.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MS. JACOBS OF CALIFORNIA

Insert at the end of title XI the following:

1 **SEC. 11___.** **CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM STAFFING**
2 **AND COMPENSATION MODEL.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense, in col-
4 laboration with the Secretaries of the military depart-
5 ments, shall carry out a redesign of the Department of
6 Defense child development program compensation model
7 and modernization of the child development program staff-
8 ing model.

9 (b) **REDESIGNED COMPENSATION MODEL.**—The Sec-
10 retary of Defense, in collaboration with the Secretaries of
11 the military departments, shall—

12 (1) redesign child development program staff
13 compensation for non-entry level, mid-to-senior level
14 classroom staff by modernizing the duties and re-
15 sponsibilities captured in position descriptions to
16 more accurately reflect performance and expecta-
17 tions of the positions;

18 (2) adjust compensation for higher-level pro-
19 gram management positions by modernizing the du-
20 ties and responsibilities captured in position descrip-

1 tions to more accurately reflect performance and ex-
2 pectations of the positions;

3 (3) direct the Department's personnel office to
4 make necessary adjustments to modernize the pay
5 plan to accommodate any compensation and wage
6 increases driven by the updated position descriptions
7 for child development program staff; and

8 (4) begin implementation of the revised position
9 descriptions and accompanying compensation adjust-
10 ments no later than April 1, 2025, subject to the
11 availability of appropriations.

12 (c) MODERNIZE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
13 STAFFING MODEL.—The Secretary of Defense, in collabo-
14 ration with the Secretaries of the military departments,
15 shall—

16 (1) add key positions to facilitate classroom op-
17 erations and provide direct support to child develop-
18 ment program staff;

19 (2) add key positions to coordinate support for
20 the needs of children with specials needs and provide
21 direct support to the child development program
22 staff working with these children; and

23 (3) develop and implement a 5-year phased plan
24 to ensure responsible funding execution, successful

1 implementation allowing for adjustments as nec-
2 essary, and long-term sustainable impact.

3 (d) REPORTS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in
5 collaboration with the Secretaries of the military de-
6 partments, shall submit reports to detail progress,
7 accomplishments, and demonstrate the impact of the
8 redesigned compensation and modernized staffing
9 models.

10 (2) BASELINE REPORT.—Not later than 180
11 days after the end of fiscal year 2025, an initial
12 baseline report shall be submitted to the congres-
13 sional defense committees.

14 (3) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than 180
15 days after the end of each of fiscal years 2026
16 through 2029, a progress report shall be submitted
17 to the congressional defense committees.

18 (4) CONTENTS.—Any report submitted under
19 paragraph (2) or (3) shall include the following:

20 (A) Percentage of child development pro-
21 gram staff that are also military spouses.

22 (B) Turnover or retention rate of child de-
23 velopment program staff.

24 (C) Utilization rate of child development
25 program child care spaces.

1 (D) Number of newly hired child develop-
2 ment program employees.

3 (E) Percentage of newly hired child devel-
4 opment program employees who resign within
5 their first 6 months of employment.

6 (F) Information on the ability to staff
7 newly constructed facilities.

8 (G) Impacts of adding key positions to the
9 child development program staffing model.

10 (e) DEFINITION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT PRO-
11 GRAM.—In this section, the term “child development pro-
12 gram” means child care services under subchapter II of
13 chapter 88 of title 10, United States Code.



Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Ms. Jacobs

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Direct Deposit Review for Entry Level Servicemembers

The committee notes the Department of Defense's financial management regulations mandate participation in the direct deposit program for all newly enlisted and appointed military personnel. Enrollment in direct deposit programs involves military service partnerships with financial institutions and typically occurs during initial entry training. The committee is concerned that these new recruits, who may be managing their finances for the first time, are particularly vulnerable to coercive practices due to their intensive training to respect authority figures. To ensure that new recruits have the opportunity to make informed decisions regarding their finances, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees, not later than January 1, 2025, a report outlining the financial literacy training and direct deposit process for new recruits.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MS. MCCLELLAN OF VIRGINIA

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNSELING PATHWAY IN**
2 **THE TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR**
3 **MEMBERS OF CERTAIN RESERVE COMPO-**
4 **NENTS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

5 Section 1142(c)(1) of title 10, United States Code,
6 is amended, in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
7 by inserting “(including one pathway for members of the
8 reserve components of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air
9 Force, or Space Force)” after “military department con-
10 cerned”.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025**

OFFERED BY MR. DESJARLAIS

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

STARBASE Expansion

The Committee recognizes the STARBASE program's value in promoting STEM Education and career awareness among young students, especially those who might not otherwise have such opportunities. However, the Committee is concerned that some geographical areas remain underserved by this program.

Therefore, the Committee directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs to provide a report by May 1, 2025, to the House Committee on Armed Services on the Department's plans to expand the STARBASE program into states not currently served. The report shall include a plan for the Department to identify and expand the STARBASE program into these areas.

Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Ms. Stefanik

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Enhanced Collaboration Between the Office of Strategic Capital and the Service Reserve Components

The committee supports the development of the Office of Strategic Capital and its mission to strengthen the Department's enduring technological advantages through partnerships with private capital providers, capital markets instruments, and technical assistance to bridge the transition gap between proof of concept and full-scale production. Many of the financial and technical skills needed to realize the full potential of OSC are found amongst military Reservists working in the private sector. The committee urges the Service Reserve Components to support OSC by leveraging unfilled Individual Mobilization Augmentee billets, Active Duty for Operational Support orders, and encouraging military Reserve members with the requisite economic skill sets to use their 14 days of Annual Training to support the office.

Therefore, the committee directs the Chief of Army Reserve, in coordination with the Chief of Air Force Reserve, Chief of Navy Reserve, Commander of Marine Corps Reserve and Chief of the National Guard Bureau, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services, not later than December 1, 2024, on how the Service Reserve Components and the National Guard Bureau can innovatively utilize Individual Mobilization Augmentee billets, Active Duty for Operational Support orders, and Annual Training orders, to optimally augment the mission of the Office of Strategic Capital.

Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Ms. Jacobs

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Briefing and Data on Pentagon's Progress Reviewing Cases of Veterans Denied Honorable Discharges under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"

The committee notes the Department of Defense is proactively reviewing military records of veterans whose military records indicate their administrative separation was the result of "Don't Ask, Don't tell" policies and who received a less than honorable conditions discharge. To ensure this initiative is actually reaching the eligible population, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the military departments, to provide a briefing to the House Armed Services Committee not later than January 1, 2025 that includes data about the following:

1. how many veterans have received outreach from the Department about a potential upgrade in discharge;
2. how many veterans have submitted a review of the characterization of their discharge;
3. how many veterans have received an upgrade in their discharge, as well as how many veterans have been denied; and
4. any challenges identified by veterans or the military departments in adjudicating these reviews.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. LUTTRELL OF TEXAS

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

1 **SEC. 5___.** **MINIMUM DURATION OF PRESEPARATION**
2 **COUNSELING REGARDING FINANCIAL PLAN-**
3 **NING.**

4 Section 1142(b)(9) of title 10, United States Code,
5 is amended—

6 (1) by inserting “and counseling” after “assist-
7 ance”; and

8 (2) by inserting “, which counseling shall be for
9 a period not shorter than one hour” after “taxes”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MS. TOKUDA OF HAWAII

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

1 **SEC. 10 ____ . EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR REIMBURSE-**
2 **MENT OF EXPENSES FOR CERTAIN NAVY**
3 **MESS OPERATIONS.**

4 Section 1014 of the Duncan Hunter National De-
5 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law
6 110–417; 122 Stat. 4585), as most recently amended by
7 section 1028 of the National Defense Authorization Act
8 for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat.
9 3388), is further amended—
10 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “September
11 30, 2025” and inserting “September 30, 2030”; and
12 (2) by striking subsection (c).



Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Ms. Stefanik

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

TRICARE T5 Contract Requirements

The committee believes that our servicemembers and their families should have access to medical care that does not cause an undue burden. Leaders in the Defense Health Agency (DHA) acknowledged the existence of insufficient TRICARE networks at the Association of the United States Army Family Forum Panels. Recent reports of provider shortages on bases around the country are of particular concern to the committee as servicemembers and their families are traveling greater distances to access the care they need without a sufficient TRICARE network.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services, not later than December 1, 2024, on the T5 next generation TRICARE contracts. The briefing shall include information on how the T5 next generation TRICARE contracts ensure access to pediatric primary care and obstetrics care within the direct care system or as part of the managed care support contracts.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. KIM OF NEW JERSEY

Insert at the end of title XI the following:

1 **SEC. 11___ . MANDATORY PUBLIC DISCLOSURES BY NEWLY**
2 **NOMINATED CIVILIANS FOR SENIOR POSI-**
3 **TIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

4 Section 113(f) of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “(f)”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(2) Not later than 5 days after the President sub-
9 mits to the Senate a nomination of an individual to occupy
10 an office referred to in paragraph (1), such individual
11 shall disclose, on a publicly accessible website of the De-
12 partment of Defense, a full a complete statement with re-
13 spect to—

14 “(A) the source, type, and amount or value of
15 any funds received by such individual from the gov-
16 ernment of a foreign country, a foreign political
17 party (as such terms are defined in section 1 of the
18 Foreign Agent Registration Act of 1938 (22 U.S.C.
19 611)), or a foreign governmental entity (as defined
20 in section 1(m)(1)(B) of the State Department

1 Basic Authorities Act (22 U.S.C. 2651a(m)(1)(B))
2 during the 5-year period immediately preceding such
3 nomination; and

4 “(B) the source, duration, and type of any
5 goods or services provided by, or performed on be-
6 half of or for the benefit of, a foreign government,
7 foreign political party, or a foreign governmental en-
8 tity controlled by a foreign government during such
9 5-year period.

10 “(3) Paragraph (2) shall not require any individual
11 to include in such disclosure any information which is con-
12 sidered private, confidential, or privileged, as a result of
13 an established professional or fiduciary relationship be-
14 tween such individual or any person.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MS. STEFANIK OF NEW YORK

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

1 **SEC. 10 ____ . PLAN FOR ADDITIONAL SKILL IDENTIFIERS**
2 **FOR ARMY MOUNTAIN WARFARE SCHOOL.**

3 (a) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
5 the Army shall develop and implement a plan to establish
6 each of the following:

7 (1) Additional skill identifiers for the following
8 courses at the Army Mountain Warfare School:

9 (A) Advanced Military Mountaineer Course
10 (Summer).

11 (B) Advanced Military Mountaineer Course
12 (Winter).

13 (C) Rough Terrain Evacuation Course.

14 (D) Mountain Planner Course.

15 (E) Mountain Rifleman Course.

16 (2) New skill identifiers for officers and war-
17 rant officers who complete the Basic Military Moun-
18 taineer Course and the Mountain Planner Course.

1 (b) BRIEFING ON PLAN.—Not later than 30 days
2 after the date on which the Secretary completes the plan
3 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall provide to the
4 congressional defense committees a briefing on the plan
5 and the implementation of the plan.

