

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY PERSONNEL EN BLOC #2

LOG ID	REV	MEMBER	MARKUP LOC	DESCRIPTION	MARKUP ACT
4199	2	Garamendi, John	MLP	Report on the Navy review of Port Chicago Tragedy	EB 2
4220	0	Jackson (TX), Ronny	MLP	Requires a briefing on pay discrepancies potentially occurring at SOCOM.	EB 2
4230	1	Jackson (NC), Jeff	MLP	Modifies the directed report on the Future Soldier Prep Course to include a strategy for long-term health monitoring	EB 2
4241	0	Jackson (TX), Ronny	MLP	Removes the billet exemption for the Attending Physician to the Congress.	EB 2
4242	1	Veasey, Marc	MLP	Directs the Secretary of the Navy to provide a briefing on the findings of the Navy's recent study on the operational impacts of beards on the seal of gas masks.	EB 2
4243	0	Jackson (TX), Ronny	MLP	Sets the grade of the Attending Physician to the Congress at O-6.	EB 2
4245	3	Veasey, Marc	MLP	Directs the Secretary of the Air Force to establish a pilot program within the Air Force and Space Force to assess feasibility, impacts, and benefits of permitting servicemembers to grow beards as part of their standard grooming regulations.	EB 2
4247	0	Sherrill, Mikie	MLP	Requires the DOD to conduct a study on how to increase the participation of women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) positions in the Armed Forces and Department.	EB 2
4251	1	Bacon, Don	MLP	Directs the Secretary of Defense to provide information on supplemental health insurance options to members of the military	EB 2
4266	1	Wittman, Robert	MLP	DRL. Locality Pay Formulation Reporting. Directs the Comptroller General to conduct a review of pay locality determinations and potential alternative modeling for the locality pay formula for civilian employees in the Department of Defense.	EB 2
4267	0	Houlahan, Chrissy	MLP	The bill is taking out the one-year requirement of active duty needed to apply to be a warrant officer in the US Air Force.	EB 2
4274	0	Jackson (TX), Ronny	MLP	Requires a briefing on the Navy's new standards for enlistment.	EB 2
4280	1	Sewell, Terri A.	MLP	Briefing on the Department of Defense's screening procedures for pancreatic cancer and its progress on early detection, genetic testing, and biomarkers research.	EB 2

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4289	0	Mace, Nancy	MLP	Report on the number of servicemembers discharged from service on the sole basis of marijuana use	EB 2
4293	2	Mace, Nancy	MLP	This section would direct the Department of Defense to develop protocol for the use of oral rehydration solutions in preventing heat casualties, dehydration, and hyponatremia in initial training.	EB 2
4313	1	Mace, Nancy	MLP	Military Justice Transparency additional information in Military Services annual reports, outstanding reports, Military Services boards report, annual GAO review and briefing, investigatory personnel training program, and due process standards for administrative cases	EB 2
4316	1	Moylan, Jim	MLP	This section would direct the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs to publish when and where Agent Orange was used on the island of Guam, as well as any diseases or disabilities that can result from exposure to Agent Orange.	EB 2
4328	2	Sewell, Terri A.	MLP	This amendment requests a briefing from the military departments on their process for reviewing and approving patches and unit insignia and the oversight conducted on non-regulation patches.	EB 2
4331	1	Mace, Nancy	MLP	Briefing addressing the recommendations raised by the Department of Defense Inspector General's report on "Concerns with Access to Care and Staffing Shortages in the Military Health System"	EB 2
4360	1	Golden, Jared F.	MLP	Amends title 10, USC, to include the program of advanced training in the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps in the computation of the length of service in the Armed Forces of an individual appointed as an officer on the basis of satisfactorily completing the program.	EB 2
4361	2	Mace, Nancy	MLP	Briefing on service-connected infertility in active duty servicemembers	EB 2
4365	3	Jacobs, Sara	MLP	Briefing on child care fee assistance provider accreditation requirements.	EB 2
4375	0	Sherrill, Mikie	MLP	Requires the Department of Defense to present options for changes to regulation for the award of the Purple Heart, taking into consideration repeated low-level blast exposure and their impacts.	EB 2
4393	1	Vasquez, Gabe	MLP	Language to expand the in-home child care pilot program at four rural military installations, including Holloman AFB, NM, Fort Drum, NY, Naval Air Station Lemoore, CA, and Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, CA.	EB 2
4394	1	Scott, Austin	MLP	Briefing on the health impacts of exposure to high levels of air pollution on Department of Defense personnel assigned to the Republic of Korea	EB 2

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4451	2	Sherrill, Mikie	MLP	Briefing on the Department of Defense's progress towards promulgating new reimbursement rules to comply with the NOPAIN Act of 2022	EB 2
4452	2	Jacobs, Sara	MLP	GAO Study to identify barriers to accessing military child care fee assistance and opportunities to support child care providers to participate in the military child care fee assistance program.	EB 2
4458	1	Carbajal, Salud O.	MLP	This would provide the respective Secretary authority to review a board of inquiry's recommendation to retain an officer and determine if separation is warranted in the best interest of the service, when the board has substantiated a basis for separation but recommended retention	EB 2
4459	0	Wittman, Robert	MLP	BILL. REDISTRIBUTION OF GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE MARINE CORPS ON ACTIVE DUTY. Raises the MARCENT commander billet from 2-star to 3-star.	EB 2
4479	1	Wilson, Joe	MLP	Changes to Section 521.	EB 2
4492	0	Tokuda, Jill N.	MLP	Requires the Department of Defense to revise regulations to ensure timely notification of incidents of child abuse and harm at military child development centers.	EB 2
4497	1	Jackson (TX), Ronny	MLP	Briefing on the Department of Defense's efforts to modernize, advance, and utilize cardiovascular sensor platforms	EB 2
4528	2	Horsford, Steven	MLP	Briefing on Sentencing of Cannabis-Related Offenses Under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.	EB 2
4529	2	Stefanik, Elise	MLP	Briefing on the Department's treatment plan for beneficiaries diagnosed with Alzheimer's, to include consideration for including amyloid beta-directed monoclonal antibodies in the approved TRICARE formulary	EB 2
4536	1	Luttrell, Morgan	MLP	TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OVERSIGHT REPORT	EB 2
4537	1	Luttrell, Morgan	MLP	Waiver of the Requirement for Preseparation Counseling (updated with LegCo feedback)	EB 2
4538	1	Luttrell, Morgan	MLP	PATHWAY FOR MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE COMPONENTS (updated with LegCo clearance)	EB 2
4545	0	Scott, Austin	MLP	Modifies Sec. 152(b)(1)(B) of 10 USC to make the Chief of the National Guard Bureau eligible to be appointed Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. An identical amendment passed in an en bloc package during mark-up of the FY 24 NDAA.	EB 2

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4549	1	Strickland, Marilyn	MLP	Progress Report on Implementation of Government Accountability Office Recommendations to Address Service Member Fatigue	EB 2
4562	0	Wilson, Joe	MLP	Report on the Young Marines program.	EB 2
4573	0	Scott, Austin	MLP	This amendment would authorize (DoD) to provide support to the Inter-American Defense College (IADC) through the hiring of professors, instructors, and lecturers so IADC may achieve parity with other senior service colleges.	EB 2
4600	0	Wittman, Robert	MLP	BILL. PROHIBITION ON THE DISESTABLISHMENT OR MERGER OF OFFICER CAREER PATHS WITHIN THE CYBER BRANCH OF THE US ARMY. Army is prohibited in perpetuity from any actions to disestablish or merge the Cyber Warfare Officer and Cyber Electromagnetic Warfare Officer career paths.	EB 2
4603	0	Waltz, Michael	MLP	Continued commissary access for Gold Star children	EB 2
4605	0	Davis, Donald G.	MLP	Briefing on the value of potential nonprofit partnering to lead the biomanufacturing of infectious agents and reagents necessary for warfighter health efforts.	EB 2
4610	0	Horsford, Steven	MLP	Military Spouse Federal Employment Reporting Expansion	EB 2
4613	0	Rogers, Mike	MLP	Strikes DRL in the Chairman's mark concerning Supplemental Insurance Coverage to Active Duty and Reserve Component Servicemembers	EB 2
4616	0	Rogers, Mike	MLP	Adds DRL concerning the cross-training of military health care providers	EB 2
4619	0	Mace, Nancy	MLP	Report on on the recruitment efforts made by the military services to reinstate servicemembers discharged or dismissed from the Armed Forces on the basis of failure to obey a lawful order to receive a vaccine for COVID-19.	EB 2

## Amendment to H.R. 8070

### Offered by: Mr. John Garamendi of California

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

#### Report on the Navy review of Port Chicago Tragedy

The committee notes that this year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the greatest homeland loss of life in World War II, the Port Chicago Disaster, which killed 320 Americans and injured hundreds more. In the aftermath, none of the African-American survivors were given survivor leave or other recuperative services provided to other personnel, but were instead ordered to conduct the cleanup. After expressing concern about the inadequacy of safety procedures and training, 50 Sailors, known as the Port Chicago 50, were convicted, and sentenced to 15 years confined at hard labor and dishonorable discharge. The disparate treatment of these African-American servicemembers has led to significant concern that the punishment of the Port Chicago 50 was inappropriately reached and ought to be remedied.

The Navy acknowledged in 1993 that “there can be no doubt that the racial prejudice was responsible for the posting of Afro-American enlisted personnel to loading divisions at Port Chicago,” but refused to take steps to remedy the injustice. Since that time, the committee also notes that in November 2023, the Secretary of the Army set aside the convictions of 110 African-American soldiers following the Houston Riots of 1917, and in an accompanying statement, stated that “by setting aside their convictions and granting honorable discharges, the Army is acknowledging past mistakes and setting the record straight.” Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of the Navy to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than December 31, 2024, on the following:

- (1) the nature, extent, and results of previous reviews of the Port Chicago 50 cases;
- (2) what barriers, if any, exist to conducting a new, comprehensive review of the Port Chicago 50 cases;
- (3) whether the Department of the Navy intends to conduct a new review of the Port Chicago 50 cases;
- (4) whether the Secretary of the Navy has the authority to set aside the convictions of the Port Chicago 50; and

(5) any steps taken to acknowledge the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Port Chicago tragedy.

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**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:

Assignment Incentive Pay for Special Operations Forces

The committee is aware of changes that have been considered for Assignment Incentive Pay for the 24<sup>th</sup> Special Tactics Squadron. The committee understands that this unit provides highly specialized Special Tactics Airmen to enable the success of U.S. Special Operations Command's no-fail missions. The committee is concerned by any changes that would create pay discrepancies among the personnel at Joint Special Operations Command, including any reduction in Assignment Incentive Pay. Therefore, the committee directs the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than December 15, 2024, on any pay discrepancies that may occur across the different military services at U.S. Special Operations Command, including Assignment Incentive Pay.

## **Amendment to H.R. 8070**

### **Offered by: Mr. Jackson of North Carolina**

In the portion of the report to accompany H.R. 8070 titled “Future Soldier Prep Course”, strike the following text: “and (4) any additional information the Secretary deems appropriate.” and insert the following new text “(4) a strategy for the long-term health monitoring of the servicemembers; and (5) any additional information the Secretary deems appropriate.”



**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\_\_\_. REMOVAL OF EXEMPTION RELATING TO AT-**  
2 **TENDING PHYSICIAN TO THE CONGRESS FOR**  
3 **CERTAIN DISTRIBUTION AND GRADE LIMITA-**  
4 **TIONS.**

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

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

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



## **Amendment to H.R. 8070**

### **Offered by: Mr. Veasey of Texas**

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

The committee recognizes the importance of maintaining operational safety while respecting medical concerns and religious rights within the military. Recent studies, such as the one conducted by the Naval Health Research Center on the effect of beards on gas mask seals, have raised questions about the balance between uniform and grooming standards, and the impact on military readiness and recruiting.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of the Navy to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2025 on the findings of the recent study concerning whether beards interfere with the seal of gas masks. The briefing should address the following:

- (1) detailed description of the study findings,
- (2) evaluation of the operational safety implications of modifying standards,
- (3) ongoing efforts to provide accommodations for medical or religious reasons within current grooming standards,
- (4) balancing operational readiness with the needs and rights of service members, and
- (5) any other policy recommendations based on the study's findings

**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 \_\_\_\_ . MODIFICATION TO GRADE OF ATTENDING PHY-**  
2 **SICIAN TO THE CONGRESS.**

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

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

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



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070**  
**OFFERED BY MR. VEASEY OF TEXAS**

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

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . PILOT PROGRAM TO ALLOW MEMBERS IN THE**  
2 **DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE TO GROW**  
3 **BEARDS.**

4 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 180 days after  
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
6 the Air Force shall establish a pilot program to allow  
7 members of the Air Force and Space Force to grow  
8 beards.

9 (b) **SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS.**—The Secretary  
10 shall select units from such Armed Forces to participate  
11 in the pilot program to ensure that the such units—

- 12 (1) are located in geographically diverse areas;  
13 (2) operate in diverse environments; and  
14 (3) perform various missions.

15 (c) **REPORT AND BRIEFINGS.**—

16 (1) **INITIAL REPORT.**—Not later than one year  
17 after the initiation of the pilot program, the Sec-  
18 retary shall submit to the Committees on Armed  
19 Services of the Senate and House of Representatives

1 a report on the interim findings of the pilot pro-  
2 gram.

3 (2) FINAL BRIEFING.— Not later than 90 days  
4 after the termination completion of the pilot pro-  
5 gram, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees  
6 on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Rep-  
7 resentatives a briefing on the pilot program. Such  
8 briefing shall include the recommendation of the  
9 Secretary whether to expand the pilot program or  
10 make it permanent.

11 (3) ELEMENTS.—A report or briefing under  
12 this subsection shall include the following elements:

13 (A) The evaluation of the Secretary of the  
14 compatibility of beards with military equipment  
15 that requires an airtight seal, such as a gas  
16 mask.

17 (B) An assessment of the effect of beard  
18 growth on discipline, morale, and unity within  
19 the ranks.

20 (C) A determination whether allowing  
21 members to grow beards improves inclusivity,  
22 including for members with conditions like  
23 pseudofolliculitis barbae or who wish to grow  
24 beards for religious purposes.

1                   (D) Identifications of any negative percep-  
2                   tion or bias towards members with beards.

3                   (E) Strategies to mitigate such negative  
4                   perceptions or bias.

5           (d) TERMINATION.—The pilot program under this  
6 section shall terminate three years after the date of the  
7 enactment of this Act.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070**  
**OFFERED BY MS. SHERRILL OF NEW JERSEY**

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

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

4 (a) STUDY; REPORT.—Not later than September 30,  
5 2025, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Com-  
6 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of  
7 Representatives a report containing the results of a study  
8 on how to—

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

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

15 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

**(National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025)**

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

1 **SEC. 6\_\_\_ . PILOT PROGRAM TO INFORM MEMBERS ABOUT**  
2 **CERTAIN INSURANCE PRODUCTS.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than September 30,  
4 2025, the Secretary of Defense shall carry out a pilot pro-  
5 gram to provide to a member of the covered Armed  
6 Forces, through the website of Military OneSource (estab-  
7 lished under section 561 of the National Defense Author-  
8 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 10  
9 U.S.C. 1781 note)), information regarding insurance  
10 products intended to cover living expenses, at no cost to  
11 the Federal Government, that—

12 (1) may arise in the event of a cancer diagnosis  
13 of such member or a dependent of such member;  
14 and

15 (2) the member may not be able to cover with  
16 the pay and benefits provided to such member by  
17 the Federal Government.

1 (b) INFORMATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—The Sec-  
2 retary shall ensure that information provided to a member  
3 under subsection (a)—

4 (1) only refers to insurance products—

5 (A) that comply with all applicable laws  
6 and regulations; and

7 (B) that provide coverage in each State;  
8 and

9 (2) includes any other information the Sec-  
10 retary determines appropriate to help a member deal  
11 expenses described in subsection (a).

12 (c) SUNSET.—The pilot program under subsection  
13 (a) shall terminate on the day that is five years after the  
14 date of the enactment of this Act.

15 (d) REPORT.—Not later than six months after the  
16 pilot program under this section terminates, the Secretary  
17 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the  
18 Senate and House of Representatives a report regarding  
19 such pilot program. Elements of the report shall include  
20 the following:

21 (1) The insurance products about which the  
22 Secretary provided information under subsection (a).

23 (2) The number of members who purchased  
24 such insurance products.

1           (3) Any other information the Secretary deter-  
2 mines appropriate.

3           (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4           (1) The term “covered Armed Force” means  
5 the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space  
6 Force.

7           (2) The term “State” has the meaning given  
8 such term in section 901 of title 32, United States  
9 Code.



## **Amendment to H.R. 8070**

### **National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025**

#### **Offered by: Mr. Wittman**

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

##### Locality Pay Formulation Reporting

The committee notes that an assessment may be needed to find potential additions to the factors considered in locality pay formulations that reflect the cost of living as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The committee notes that the Department of Defense is struggling to compete with the private sector to recruit and retain employees due to differences in wages and salaries. The committee also notes that segmenting the federal workforce by occupation for purposes of pay will only further exacerbate recruiting and retention issues. Not adequately compensating federal employees poses a risk to the future of the national security workforce of the United States.

Therefore, the committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review of pay locality determinations and potential alternative modeling for the locality pay formula for civilian employees of the Department of Defense and provide a report to the House Committee on Armed Services no later than March 1, 2025. The review shall include an assessment of the following:

(1) the number of Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs employees outside the General Schedule pay scale, including federal wage system employees in pay locality;

(2) the methodology used by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in conducting the surveys described in section 5304(d)(1)(A) of title 5, United States Code, with the objective of either restoring the wage survey portion of the National Compensation Survey, which provided direct comparisons of salaries and wages paid by the private sector and state and local governments to the federal government for the jobs federal employees perform in order to improve the validity of the calculation of pay gaps nationally and by locality; and

(3) estimates of the costs of alternative methods of calculating pay gaps on a locality basis, including the cost of closing pay gaps to within five percent of market rates. For purposes of this review, the terms locality pay formula, pay locality, and comparability payment have the meanings in sections 5304 and 5302 of title 5, United States Code.

The committee notes that the study shall focus exclusively on data describing salaries and wages so that any alternative formula for calculating discrepancies between market rates of monetary compensation and the rates of compensation provided by the federal government will exclude employers' costs for non-salary compensation such as paid time off, health insurance, disability insurance, and retirement benefits.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070**  
**OFFERED BY MS. HOULAHAN OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
**(National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025)**

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

1 **SEC. 5\_\_\_ . REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT OF ONE YEAR OF AC-**  
2 **TIVE DUTY SERVICE FOR ORIGINAL APPOINT-**  
3 **MENT AS A WARRANT OFFICER IN THE DE-**  
4 **PARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE.**

5 Section 9160 of title 10, United States Code, is re-  
6 pealed.



## **Amendment to H.R. 8070**

### **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:

#### Impacts of Department of the Navy Lowering Recruitment Standards

The committee continues to be concerned by the recruitment crisis plaguing the Department of Defense. The committee is further concerned by the Department of the Navy's announced policy to reduce the educational requirements to be considered for enlistment. While the committee understands that recruiting strategies need to be broad, the committee is concerned that lowering the basic educational requirements for enlistment could have irreversible long-term damage on the Department of the Navy.

Therefore, the committee directs the Chief of Naval Operations to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2025, on the lowering of the educational standards for enlistment. The briefing shall include:

- (1) a detailed analysis as to why this new policy was implemented;
- (2) a review of the potential consequences of enacting such a policy;
- (3) a listing of how many recruits enlisted under this new policy, how many of those recruits completed basic training, what their Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test score was, what rating in the Navy those recruits were selected for, and how the recruit performed in basic training; and
- (4) a comparison of how the performance of recruits who enlisted under this policy compares to their class and their peers in their rate.

## **AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070**

### **National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025**

**Offered by: Ms. Sewell**

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

#### **Pancreatic Cancer Research Program**

In Public Law 116-93, Congress authorized the Pancreatic Cancer Research Program to advance research on the disease for the benefit of servicemembers, their families, and the American public, to include biology, etiology, prevention, early detection, diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment. The committee acknowledges that pancreatic cancer is an aggressive disease with just a nine percent five-year survival rate, demonstrating a readiness concern for service members and their family members diagnosed with the disease. Pancreatic cancer is often diagnosed at a late stage because there is no screening test available, showing a need for additional research for early detection, genetic testing, and biomarkers to identify and diagnose the disease.

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services by January 31, 2025 on:

- 1) the Department's pancreatic cancer screening procedures, including how the Department screens for pancreatic cancer, who receives the screening, the prevalence of pancreatic cancer rates from those screenings, the protocols for secondary screenings, and how many people receive secondary screenings;
- 2) how the Department is integrating biologic and imaging biomarkers to drive more precise and earlier detection and prognosis;
- 3) how the Department partners with the National Cancer Institute to identify, develop, and validate biological markers for early cancer detection and cancer risk assessment; and
- 4) any other updates related to pancreatic cancer incidence among servicemembers the Secretary deems relevant.



## **Amendment to H.R. 8070**

### **Offered by: Ms. Mace of South Carolina**

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

#### Civilian Employees Locality Pay Percentage and Cost of Living Disparity

The committee is concerned about disparities between the cost-of-living and current rates of locality pay for civilians employed by the Department of Defense. The committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report on the impact of this disparity to the House Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Armed Services not later than December 1, 2024. This report shall include: the development of a baseline, an assessment of the average difference between locality pay percentages above the baseline and the cost-of-living, an assessment of the effect of this disparity upon recruitment and retention, and a recommendation for whether the cost-of-living for a given locality should be a factor in determining locality pay for civilian employees of the department.

## **Amendment to H.R. 8070**

### **Offered by: Ms. Mace of South Carolina**

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

#### **Report on Servicemember Separation Due to Marijuana Use**

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the House Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Armed Services on the number of servicemembers discharged from service on the sole basis of marijuana use not later than December 1, 2024. The report shall include the total number of servicemembers discharged over the previous ten years, the number discharged by year, and the state or location these service members resided at the time of discharge.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070**  
**OFFERED BY MS. MACE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

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

1 **SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_ . PROTOCOL ON USE OF ORAL REHYDRATION SO-**  
2 **LUTION.**

3 Not later than 120 days after the date of the enact-  
4 ment of this Act, the, the Secretary of Defense shall de-  
5 velop a clear and comprehensive protocol for the use of  
6 oral rehydration solutions in preventing heat casualties,  
7 dehydration, and hyponatremia in initial training. In the  
8 development of such protocol, the Secretary shall incor-  
9 porate—

10 (1) the latest data, analysis and information re-  
11 garding the use of oral rehydration solutions by Spe-  
12 cial Operations Command;

13 (2) the latest data, analysis and information re-  
14 garding the use of oral rehydration solutions by pro-  
15 fessional sports teams;

16 (3) the latest data, analysis and information re-  
17 garding the use of oral rehydration solutions by the  
18 National Training Center, Fort Irwin; and

1           (4) the guidance included in the June 20, 2016,  
2       Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine  
3       report entitled “Guidance Concerning Commercial  
4       Electrolyte Replacement Beverages and Hypo-  
5       natremia Risk During Hot Weather Training”.





1           “(1) the number of administrative separations  
2           and other administrative sanctions issued,  
3           disaggregated by—

4                   “(A) statistical category as related to the  
5           individual subject to separation or sanction;

6                   “(B) the active and reserve components;  
7           and

8                   “(C) the category of conduct that gave rise  
9           to the separation or sanction;

10           “(2) of the separations and sanctions included  
11           under paragraph (1), the number of cases in which  
12           the individual subject to separation or sanction made  
13           a claim against the Department of Defense (includ-  
14           ing any claims of sexual harassment or sexual as-  
15           sault) before the separation or other sanction was  
16           imposed;

17           “(3) identification of each administrative case  
18           that extended beyond 90 days and an explanation  
19           for the delay; and

20           “(4) based on all sources of information avail-  
21           able to the Secretary, including any information  
22           available from inspectors general or equal oppor-  
23           tunity offices, the number of complaints filed by in-  
24           dividuals who were subjects of an administrative in-  
25           vestigation, disaggregated by statistical category.”.

1 (b) GAO REVIEW AND BRIEFING.—

2 (1) REVIEWS.—The Comptroller General of the  
3 United States shall conduct a review of all reports  
4 submitted under section 486 of title 10, United  
5 States Code. In conducting such review, the Comp-  
6 troller General shall—

7 (A) evaluate the sufficiency of the informa-  
8 tion contained in the reports;

9 (B) analyze trends based on such informa-  
10 tion;

11 (C) analyze the effects of disparities and  
12 other challenges revealed in such reports, in-  
13 cluding effects on—

14 (i) recruiting and retention;

15 (ii) readiness; and

16 (iii) the national security of the  
17 United States; and

18 (D) evaluate the progress of the Armed  
19 Forces in addressing such disparities and chal-  
20 lenges.

21 (2) BRIEFING.—Not later than one year after  
22 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comp-  
23 troller General shall provide to the Committees on  
24 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-

1       representatives a briefing on the results of the review  
2       conducted under paragraph (1).

3       (c) TRAINING PROGRAM FOR INVESTIGATORY PER-  
4       SONNEL.—

5             (1) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—Not later than one  
6       year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
7       Secretary of Defense shall develop and implement a  
8       training program to ensure that personnel of the De-  
9       partment of Defense responsible for conducting ad-  
10      ministrative investigations have the knowledge nec-  
11      essary to properly conduct such investigations and to  
12      ensure the fair treatment of complainants and indi-  
13      viduals subject to investigation.

14            (2) TESTING REQUIRED.—The training pro-  
15      gram under paragraph (1) shall incorporate objec-  
16      tive testing to measure the knowledge and abilities  
17      of personnel who receive the training.

18            (3) BRIEFING.—Not later than one year after  
19      the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
20      of Defense shall provide to the Committees on  
21      Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
22      resentatives a briefing on the training program  
23      under paragraph (1), which shall include—

24                    (A) a description of the training program;  
25                    and



1 (B) an evaluation of the results achieved  
2 by the training program as of the date of the  
3 briefing.

4 (d) DUE PROCESS STANDARDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE  
5 CASES.—The Secretary of Defense shall issue regulations  
6 establishing due process protections for members of the  
7 Armed Forces subject to administrative investigations and  
8 related disciplinary proceedings. In issuing such regula-  
9 tions, the Secretary shall—

10 (1) establish a standard of proof that must be  
11 met before administrative discipline may be imposed  
12 on a member;

13 (2) ensure that a member has the opportunity  
14 to respond during each phase of an administrative  
15 investigation and disciplinary proceeding; and

16 (3) ensure that a member serving on a part-  
17 time basis will be placed in an appropriate duty sta-  
18 tus and fully compensated for any time spent par-  
19 ticipating or responding to the investigative or dis-  
20 ciplinary process.

21 (e) ANNUAL REPORTS OF MILITARY BOARDS.—On  
22 an annual basis, the head of each board for correction of  
23 military records (as described in section 1552 of title 10  
24 United States Code) and discharge review board (as de-  
25 scribed in section 1553 of such title) shall submit to the

1 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the  
2 House of Representatives a report that includes, with re-  
3 spect to to the year covered by the report—

4           (1) the number of cases considered by the  
5 board, disaggregated by race, sex, ethnicity, and  
6 rank as related to the member of the Armed Forces  
7 subject to the review of the board;

8           (2) of such cases, the number that resulted in  
9 an adverse determination against a member,  
10 disaggregated as described in paragraph (1);

11           (3) the reasons for such adverse determinations.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070**  
**OFFERED BY MR. MOYLAN OF GUAM**

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

1 **SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON USE OF AGENT ORANGE ON GUAM.**

2 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-  
3 ment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for  
4 Health Affairs shall submit to the congressional defense  
5 committees, and make publicly available, a report that in-  
6 cludes—

7 (1) the exact dates on which Agent Orange was  
8 used on Guam;

9 (2) an identification of any known or suspected  
10 site that was used to dump Agent Orange;

11 (3) an identification of any specific area where  
12 Agent Orange was used in Guam; and

13 (4) a list of diseases and disabilities that can  
14 result from exposure to Agent Orange.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070**  
**National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025**

**Offered by: Ms. Sewell**

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

**Military Uniform Patches**

The committee is aware of instances of patches, logos, and insignia being worn on military uniforms, despite such patches being banned by the Department of Defense. The committee directs the Secretaries of the Air Force, Navy, and Army to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than January 31, 2025 on:

1. the process for reviewing and approving patches and/or unit insignias; and
2. the oversight the Department conducts to ensure non-regulation or disapproved patches and/or unit insignias are not approved uniform items.

## **Amendment to H.R. 8070**

### **Offered by: Ms. Mace of South Carolina**

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

#### **Report on Staffing Shortages at Military Treatment Facilities**

The committee is concerned about chronic staffing shortages and access to care issues highlighted by a report by the Inspector General of the Department of Defense titled, “Concerns with Access to Care and Staffing Shortages in the Military Health System” (DODIG-2024-033). The committee is disappointed that the Director of the Defense Health Agency did not respond to the recommendations in the report. 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, that shall address the recommendations raised by the Inspector General. The briefing shall also include the steps taken by the Department to address the recruitment and retention of medical personnel to ensure adequate medical and support staffing levels are maintained at all Department military treatment facilities.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070**  
**OFFERED BY MR. GOLDEN OF MAINE**

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

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . INCLUSION OF SERVICE IN SROTC IN THE COM-**  
2 **PUTATION OF LENGTH OF SERVICE OF AN**  
3 **OFFICER APPOINTED FOR COMPLETING**  
4 **SROTC.**

5 Subsection (c) of section 2106 of title 10, United  
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by striking “August 1, 1979, as a member  
8 of the Selected Reserve” and inserting an em dash;  
9 and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
11 paragraphs:

12 “(1) August 1, 1979, as a member of the Se-  
13 lected Reserve; or

14 “(2) the date of the enactment of the National  
15 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, re-  
16 gardless of the component in which the officer per-  
17 formed such enlisted service.”.



## **Amendment to H.R. 8070**

### **Offered by: Ms. Mace of South Carolina**

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

#### Service-Connected Infertility in Active Duty Servicemembers

The committee applauds the Department of Defense's recent update to its policy on assisted reproductive services that allows increased access for active duty servicemembers. The committee is concerned that servicemembers are still required to prove their infertility is service-connected or that they may be affected by infertility rates higher than the general population. 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 following:

- (1) the rates of infertility for servicemembers;
- (2) what research or analysis, if any, the Department is conducting to study service-connected infertility; and
- (3) any other information the Secretary deems relevant.

## **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 on existing child care fee assistance provider accreditation requirements

The committee recognizes the critical role that child care plays in supporting military families and applauds the Department of Defense's efforts to make military child care programs more affordable and accessible through a range of child care programs, including fee assistance programs that subsidize community-based care for families when on-base care is unavailable at certain locations. The committee acknowledges that under current policy, community-based providers receiving subsidized fee assistance must be nationally accredited. While this policy ensures the highest quality care, the committee is aware of concerns regarding the burdensome and costly nature of national accreditation. Therefore, to better understand how the Department of Defense is employing available authorities to access the largest pool of providers eligible for fee assistance under section 1798 of title 10, United States Code, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the military services, to brief the House Committee on Armed Services, not later than February 1, 2025, on the following:

- (1) existing departmental and service-level policies setting forth accreditation requirements to become an eligible provider for fee assistance;
- (2) an assessment of whether current departmental and service-level policies are appropriate to maximize the pool of providers eligible under section 1798 of title 10, United States Code; and
- (3) the feasibility and advisability of establishing exceptions to the national accreditation policy for fee assistance providers.



## **Amendment to H.R. 8070**

**Offered by: Ms. Sherrill**

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

**Directive to Brief and Produce a Report Purple Heart Applications for Traumatic Brain Injury during the Global War on Terroism**

The committee commends the Department of Defense for adopting regulation to award the Purple Heart for Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBIs) during the Global War on Terrorism.

The committee notes that TBIs are significant and often invisible wounds of war. Servicemembers who sustain concussions or TBIs during combat deployments demonstrate extraordinary sacrifice, often enduring lifelong post-concussive symptoms. The committee believes it is appropriate to consistently recognize and honor these sacrifices by enforcing the longstanding eligibility criteria for the Purple Heart, which includes concussion injuries resulting from friendly and/or enemy-generated fire.

The committee notes that Services require that Servicemembers and Veterans have documentation and treatment of the TBI immediately after it occurred. The committee also notes that TBI symptoms may not present themselves until long after the incident occurs. The committee believes this updated requirement disqualifies most Servicemembers and Veterans with GWOT TBIs because protocols to identify, treat, and document TBIs in theater were not in place when most injuries occurred (2001-2012). The committee also believes it is not appropriate to hold Veterans of the Global War on Terrorism to regulations that did not exist or were not consistently enforced when they were wounded.

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the House Committee on Armed Services by February 15, 2025, on Purple Heart applications for traumatic brain injury during the Global War on Terroism. The report should include the following information:

- (1) the total amount of Purple Hearts awarded for TBI on or after September 11th, 2001, and the details there-of;
- (2) a review all of the Purple Heart applications for TBI, with a date of incident on or after September 11th, 2001, that have been denied for post-deployment documentation, diagnosis, and/or treatment;
- (3) a review all of the Purple Heart applications for TBI, with a date of incident on or after September 11th, 2001, that have been denied for not meeting treatment requirements;
- (4) a review all of the Purple Heart applications for TBI, with a date of incident on or after September 11th, 2001, that have been denied for not being documented, diagnosed, or treated by proper medical authorities;
- (5) the specific details pertaining to the justification and circumstances for denial of said Purple Heart applications; and
- (6) the feasibility of establishing a uniform standard across all Services of the Department of Defense for the award of the Purple Heart, to include TBIs;
- (7) proposed plan, and the effects there-of, to re-evaluate all Purple Heart applications denied on the basis described in the report;
- (8) any other information the Secretary deems fit.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070**  
**OFFERED BY MR. VASQUEZ OF NEW MEXICO**

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

1 **SEC. 18 \_\_\_. PRIORITY IN EXPANSION OF PILOT PROGRAM**  
2 **TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO**  
3 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES FOR IN-**  
4 **HOME CHILD CARE.**

5 Section 589(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry  
6 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021  
7 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 1791 note) is amended  
8 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

9 “(3) In making a determination under paragraph (2),  
10 the Secretary shall give priority to remote locations, in-  
11 cluding the following:

12 “(A) Fort Drum, New York.

13 “(B) Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico.

14 “(C) Naval Air Station Lemoore, California.

15 “(D) Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center  
16 Twentynine Palms, California.”.



## **Amendment to H.R. 8070**

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

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

#### **Exposure to Air Pollution in the Republic of Korea**

Air pollution in the Republic of Korea (ROK) is a concern that has resulted in the local population wearing protective masks. The concern resulted in United States Forces Korea (USFK) publishing Air Quality Policy, Regulation 40-6, January 2020, to “prescribe policies and establish responsibilities and procedures pertaining to poor outdoor air quality due to high concentrations of air pollutants regulated by U.S. and ROK environmental authorities.” USFK notes that exposure to elevated particulate matter contributes to heart and lung disease including heart attack, heart failure, stroke, asthma, and other respiratory symptoms. The committee recognizes that persistent exposure to high levels of air pollution in the ROK has a potential for long-term health implications on servicemembers, family members, and civilians assigned to and living in the ROK.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to brief the House Committee on Armed Services not later than June 1, 2025, on the health impacts to Department personnel assigned to the ROK. At a minimum, the briefing shall include:

- (1) the status of studies that have been conducted on the negative health effects of exposure to air pollution on Department personnel;
- (2) the method or database to monitor and record health conditions of Department personnel, both during and after their ROK assignment, and whether those personnel have experienced increased heart, lung, or other conditions than Department personnel not assigned to the ROK;
- (3) for the period 2020-2023, the number of days in which air pollution on the ROK was in the Moderate, Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups, Unhealthy, Very Unhealthy, and Hazardous levels as established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the number of Department personnel exposed to those levels on an annual basis; and
- (4) a list of any other countries the Secretary deems as high risk for air pollution that may negatively affect the health of Department personnel.

## **Amendment to H.R. 8070**

### **Offered by: Ms. Sherrill**

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

#### **Access to Non-Opioid Pain Therapies**

The committee commends the Department of Defense on its work to expand access to non-opioid pain therapies for servicemembers and dependents. The committee further recognizes the importance of these therapies to efforts to combat the opioid addiction crisis that impacts both the civilian and military communities. The committee recognizes the importance of the NOPAIN Act of 2022, which expands access to and reimbursement for non-opioid pain management for Medicare beneficiaries. The committee is aware of the Department's statutory requirement to reimburse for hospital outpatient services in accordance with the methodology of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The committee therefore directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services by February 15, 2025. The briefing should include:

- (1) A status update regarding the Department's plans to promulgate new reimbursement rules in line with Medicare's adoption of NOPAIN Act reforms; and
- (2) The expected timeline for full implementation.

## **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:

#### Report from the Comptroller General on the Department of Defense's Fee Assistance Child Care Program

The committee is grateful for the Department of Defense's work to provide military families with child care, including through the fee assistance child care program. The committee is interested in better understanding the barriers for providers to become accredited and any potential support systems to support providers in receiving accreditation to support military families. Therefore, the committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an assessment of the Department of Defense's policies and processes for identifying and assessing the eligibility of community-based child care providers for the Department of Defense fee-assistance program, which shall include the following:

- 1) the number of child care providers the Department has made eligible to receive fee-assistance using authorities from 10 U.S.C. 1798;
- 2) the number of child care providers the Department has made eligible to receive fee-assistance using other authorities;
- 3) the extent to which the Department processes child care provider applications for fee-assistance eligibility in a timely manner;
- 4) the challenges the Department faces in identifying potential providers and assessing eligibility;
- 5) any barriers that exist to child care providers becoming nationally accredited and/or meeting other the Department requirements for fee-assistance eligibility; and
- 6) the status of the Department's efforts to partner with community-based providers to expand access to the fee assistance program in areas of high unmet need.

The committee further directs the Comptroller General to provide a briefing to the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on Armed Services by March 1, 2025, on the preliminary findings, with a report to follow in a format and timeframe agreed to at the time of the briefing.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070**  
**OFFERED BY MR. CARBAJAL OF CALIFORNIA**

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

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . AUTHORITY TO SEPARATE A REGULAR OFFICER**  
2 **AFTER A BOARD OF INQUIRY RECOMMENDS**  
3 **RETAINING SUCH OFFICER.**

4 Section 1182(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code,  
5 is amended—

6 (1) by striking “If” and inserting “(A) Subject  
7 to subparagraph (B), if”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
9 paragraphs:

10 “(B) If the board determines that there is a substan-  
11 tiated basis for separating the officer and the Chief of the  
12 armed force concerned recommends separation, the Sec-  
13 retary of the military department concerned may deter-  
14 mine, pursuant to the process under subparagraph (C),  
15 whether to involuntarily separate the officer under sub-  
16 paragraph (D).

17 “(C) The process under this subparagraph shall in-  
18 clude the following:

1           “(i) The provision of notice to the officer re-  
2           garding such process.

3           “(ii) An opportunity for the officer to present  
4           evidence to the Secretary of the military department  
5           concerned.

6           “(D) Subject to subparagraph (E), the Secretary of  
7           the military department concerned may involuntarily sepa-  
8           rate the officer if, after reviewing all the evidence in the  
9           record, such Secretary determines that—

10           “(i) the recommendation of the board is clearly  
11           contrary to the substantial weight of such evidence;

12           “(ii) the officer’s conduct—

13           “(I) discredits the armed force concerned;

14           “(II) adversely affects good order and dis-  
15           cipline; or

16           “(III) adversely affects the officer’s per-  
17           formance of duty; and

18           “(iii) separation is essential to the interests of  
19           justice, discipline, and proper administration of the  
20           armed force concerned.

21           “(E)(i) The least favorable characterization of a sep-  
22           aration under subparagraph (D) shall be general (under  
23           honorable conditions).

24           “(ii) The Secretary of the military department con-  
25           cerned may delegate the authority to make a determina-



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1 tion under subparagraph (D) only to a civilian official of  
2 such military department who was appointed by the Presi-  
3 dent, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.”.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070**  
**OFFERED BY MR. WITTMAN OF VIRGINIA**

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

1 **SEC. 5\_\_\_. REDISTRIBUTION OF GENERAL OFFICERS OF**  
2 **THE MARINE CORPS ON ACTIVE DUTY.**

3 Section 525(a)(4) of title 10, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “17” and  
6 inserting “18”; and

7 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “22” and  
8 replacing with “21.”



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070****OFFERED BY MR. WILSON OF SOUTH CAROLINA****(National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025)**

Section 521 (log 80629) is amended as follows:

In subsection (a), strike “shall transfer” and insert “may transfer”.

In subsection (a), strike “Such transfer shall occur without regard to section 104 of title 32, United States Code, or” and insert “Any such transfer shall occur subject to section 104 of title 32, United States Code, and”.

Subsection (j) is redesignated as subsection (k).

After subsection (i), insert the following new subsection (j):

1       (j) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than January 31 of  
2 each year during the transition period, the Secretary of  
3 Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-  
4 ices of the Senate and House of Representatives a report  
5 on the progress of the transfer of covered space functions  
6 of the Air National Guard of the United States to the  
7 Space Force. Each such report shall include the following

1 elements with respect to the year preceding the date of  
2 the report:

3 (1) A detailed description of actions taken to  
4 transfer the covered space functions to the Space  
5 Force.

6 (2) An assessment of the effect of the transfers  
7 on the readiness and capabilities of the Space Force  
8 and the Air National Guard.

9 (3) A summary of any challenge encountered  
10 during the transfer and steps taken to overcome  
11 such challenge.

12 (4) The number of officers and enlisted mem-  
13 bers transferred to the Space Force.

14 (5) Any recommendation of the Secretary, in-  
15 cluding additional legislation, to improve such trans-  
16 fer.



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

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

1 **SEC. 18 \_\_\_\_. CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND SAFETY AT**  
2 **MILITARY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.**

3 (a) NATIONAL HOTLINE.—Section 1794 of title 10,  
4 United States Code, is amended, in paragraph (2) of sub-  
5 section (b)—

6 (1) by striking the period at the end and in-  
7 serting “by means including—”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
9 paragraphs:

10 “(A) posting it in public areas of military child  
11 development centers; and

12 “(B) providing it to the parents and legal  
13 guardians of children who attend military child de-  
14 velopment centers.”.

15 (b) SAFETY REGULATIONS.—Such section is further  
16 amended, in subsection (d)—

17 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “The Secretary”;  
18 and

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

3           “(2) The regulations required under paragraph (1)  
4 shall—

5           “(A) require the Secretary to notify the parents  
6 and legal guardians of children who attend a mili-  
7 tary child development centers not later than 24  
8 hours after such a child suffers abuse or harm at  
9 such military child development center;

10           “(B) establish processes by which the com-  
11 mander of the military installation and military po-  
12 lice shall—

13           “(i) investigate and address incidents of  
14 abuse and harm involving children at military  
15 child development centers; and

16           “(ii) notify the parents or legal guardians  
17 of a child who experiences abuse or harm at a  
18 military child development center of the status  
19 of any investigations or actions taken (including  
20 under subsection (c)) to address such abuse or  
21 harm; and

22           “(C) require the Secretary of Defense, to the  
23 maximum extent practicable, to furnish the regula-  
24 tions under this subsection to parents and legal

1 guardians of children who attend military child de-  
2 velopment centers.”.

3 (c) REMEDIES.—Such section is further amended, in  
4 subsection (f), by adding at the end the following new  
5 paragraph:

6 “(3) The Secretary of Defense shall notify the Com-  
7 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of  
8 Representatives in writing not later than 30 days after  
9 a requirement is waived under paragraph (2).”.



## **Amendment to H.R. 8070**

### **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:

#### **Modernized Cardiovascular Sensor Platforms for Combat Casualty Care**

The committee commends the Department of Defense for its continued medical research and development efforts to advance physiological sensing devices that improve survivability and recovery of servicemembers experiencing combat injuries. The committee supports continued efforts to ensure survivability is optimized through research and development with a focus on modernized cardiovascular sensors to critically facilitate the rapid diagnosis, treatment, and recovery from traumatic injuries.

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 Department's efforts to modernize cardiovascular sensor platforms, to develop field-expedient cardiovascular monitoring devices, and how such advancements in cardiovascular monitoring devices can provide awareness and decision support to medical providers in the Military Health System which enhance survivability and recovery from combat injuries.



## **AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070**

### **OFFERED BY MR. HORSFORD**

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

#### Briefing on Sentencing of Cannabis-Related Offenses Under the Uniform Code of Military Justice

In 2019, the U.S. Government Accountability Office reported that some disparities exist in different stages of the military justice process, including at courts-martial. The committee acknowledges and commends the Department for its numerous initiatives to address identified disparities and to reform the Uniform Code of Military Justice, including by implementing sentencing parameters pursuant to section 539E(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022. The committee further recognizes that the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has agreed with the Department of Health and Human Services' recommendation to reschedule Cannabis from Schedule I to Schedule III of the Controlled Substances Act.

To better understand potential disparities in sentencing outcomes for cannabis-related offenses, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military services, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than January 31, 2025, on the following:

- 1) the number of convictions, broken down by service, for cannabis use for the last four fiscal years, disaggregated by time in service, rank/grade, sex, race, and ethnicity;
- 2) the number of convictions, broken down by service, for cannabis possession for the last four fiscal years, disaggregated by time in service, rank/grade, sex, race, and ethnicity;
- 3) the number of convictions, broken down by service, for cannabis use and possession, for the last four fiscal years, disaggregated by time in service, rank/grade, sex, race, and ethnicity; and
- 4) for each of the categories listed above, an assessment of whether any disparities exist based on time in service, rank/grade, sex, race, or ethnicity in the reviewed sentencing of servicemembers, broken down by service.

## **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:

#### Treatment of Alzheimer's

The committee recognizes that nearly half a million American veterans have Alzheimer's disease and that the risk of Alzheimer's is increased by two to three times if an individual suffered from a moderate or severe Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). The committee notes that in April 2023, research by the National Institute of Health showed that anti-amyloid monoclonal antibodies are the first disease-modifying therapies for Alzheimer's disease that achieve slowing of clinical decline by intervening in the basic biological processes of the disease. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services, not later than February 1, 2025, on the Department's treatment plans for covered beneficiaries diagnosed with Alzheimer's to include consideration for including amyloid beta-directed monoclonal antibodies under the list of approved medications.

## 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:

#### **TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OVERSIGHT REPORT**

The committee understands the importance of the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) for service members transitioning into civilian life and the timeliness of its delivery. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretaries of the military departments, to submit a report to the Senate Committee on Armed Services, the House Committee on Armed Services, the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, and the House Committee on Veterans Affairs a report regarding the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) not later than February 21, 2025. Such report shall include the following element regarding the previous year, disaggregated by military service:

- (1) the number of service members required by law to attend TAP who received fewer than five days of pre-separation counseling, disaggregated by military installation;
- (2) the average period of time between when a member begins pre-separation counseling and the day the member separates, retires, or is discharged;
- (3) the number of members who began pre-separation counseling and then re-enlisted or agreed to a new period of obligated service;
- (4) The number of members who began pre-separation counseling and then were deployed;
- (5) the number of members assigned to each pathway under TAP;
- (6) the frequency commanders of military installations received a briefing regarding attendance of members in accordance with statutory requirements of TAP; and
- (7) a list of the 7 military installations located inside the continental United States, and 3 military installations located outside the continental United States, where members are least likely to receive TAP pre-separation counseling.

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

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

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . MODIFICATIONS TO TRANSITION ASSISTANCE**  
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) WAIVER FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE RE-  
4 SERVE COMPONENTS.—Paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of  
5 section 1142 of title 10, United States Code, is amended  
6 by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

7 “(D) The Secretary concerned may waive the  
8 requirement for preseparation counseling under  
9 paragraph (1) in the case of a member of a reserve  
10 component if—

11 “(i) the member requests such a waiver;

12 “(ii) the member received preseparation  
13 counseling during the three-year period pre-  
14 ceeding the date of such request; and

15 “(iii) the matters covered by such coun-  
16 seling, as specified in subsection (b), have not  
17 changed since the member last received such  
18 counseling.”.

1 (b) ELIGIBILITY OF A MEMBER WHO REENLISTS TO  
2 RECEIVE PRESEPARATION COUNSELING.—Such sub-  
3 section is further amended by adding at the end the fol-  
4 lowing new paragraph:

5 “(5) The commanding officer of a member of the  
6 armed forces whose discharge (regardless of character of  
7 discharge) or release from active duty is anticipated as  
8 of a specific date may, on a space available basis, author-  
9 ize such member to receive preseparation counseling, re-  
10 gardless of whether such member reenlists or agrees to  
11 a new period of obligated service.”.



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

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

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_. PATHWAY FOR INDIVIDUALIZED COUNSELING**  
2 **FOR MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE COMPO-**  
3 **NENTS UNDER TAP.**

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



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

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

1 **SEC. 9\_\_\_. ELIGIBILITY OF CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL**  
2 **GUARD BUREAU FOR APPOINTMENT AS**  
3 **CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.**

4 Section 152(b)(1)(B) of title 10, United States Code,  
5 is amended by striking “the Commandant of the Marine  
6 Corps, or the Chief of Space Operations” and inserting  
7 “the Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Chief of  
8 Space Operations, or the Chief of the National Guard Bu-  
9 reau”.



## **Amendment to H.R. 8070**

### **Offered by: Ms. Strickland of Washington**

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

#### **Progress Report on Implementation of Government Accountability Office Recommendations to Address Service Member Fatigue**

The committee recognizes that fatigue caused by inadequate sleep can negatively affect a service member's performance and has contributed to accidents resulting in deaths and hundreds of millions of dollars in damage to ships, vehicles, and aircraft. The Government Accountability Office has released three reports, including one report focused at the department level in 2024 and two specific to the Navy in 2021 and 2023, showing that service members are not getting enough sleep. While Department of Defense and the Navy have taken steps to address fatigue-related issues, the committee is concerned that significant oversight and enterprise-wide collaboration challenges persist in managing and limiting fatigue.

Accordingly, not later than December 1, 2024, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of the Navy, to provide briefings to the House Committee on Armed Services on the progress of implementing the recommendations of the Government Accountability Office reports titled, "Military Readiness: Comprehensive Approach Needed to Address Service Member Fatigue and Manage Related Efforts" (GAO-24-105917) and "Navy Readiness: Additional Efforts Are Needed to Manage Fatigue, Reduce Crewing Shortfalls, and Implement Training" (GAO-21-366). The committee directs the briefing to provide specific actions taken to date to address GAO's recommendations, discuss obstacles to implementation, and present future actions and timeframes for fully implementing GAO's recommendations.



## **Amendment to H.R. 8070**

### **Offered by: Mr. Wilson**

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

#### **Report on Young Marines**

The committee supports the Young Marines program which focuses on leadership development, citizenship and living a healthy drug-free lifestyle for boys and girls from elementary to high school. The Young Marines program exposes youth to the value of service in and out of uniform, and directly supports future personnel needs of the Department of Defense, national security workforce, federal government, and over seven million other critical transportation jobs requiring a drug-free workforce. Data shows approximately 30% of participants enter military service with similar numbers for educators and first responders. Young Marines has received annual Congressional grants since 2010 but did not receive grant funds for two years due to the FY22 and FY23 Omnibus Appropriations process. Loss of funding will impact the program's ability to have an impact on future workforce development. Program costs are economical given majority reliance on volunteers.

The committee directs the Secretary of the Navy to submit a report to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than February 1, 2025, on the inclusion of Young Marines back into the Marine Corps program objective memorandum to achieve program parity and improve youth engagement regarding value of service.

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

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

1 **SEC. 11 \_\_\_\_ . EMPLOYMENT AND COMPENSATION OF CIVIL-**  
2 **IAN FACULTY MEMBERS AT INTER-AMERICAN**  
3 **DEFENSE COLLEGE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section 1595 of  
5 title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
6 end the following new paragraph:

7 “(9) The United States Element of the Inter-  
8 American Defense College.”.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such section is  
10 further amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “institutions”  
12 and inserting “organizations”; and

13 (2) in subsection (c)—

14 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking  
15 “Institutions” and inserting “Organizations”;  
16 and

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1 (B) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
2 by striking “institutions” and inserting “orga-  
3 nizations”.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070**  
**OFFERED BY MR. WITTMAN OF VIRGINIA**

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

1 **SEC. 15\_\_ . PROHIBITION ON DISESTABLISHMENT OR MERG-**  
2 **ER OF OFFICER CAREER PATHS WITHIN THE**  
3 **CYBER BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES**  
4 **ARMY.**

5 Beginning on and after the date of the enactment of  
6 this Act, the Secretary of the Army is prohibited from any  
7 actions to disestablish or merge the Cyber Warfare Officer  
8 and Cyber Electromagnetic Warfare Officer career paths  
9 within the Cyber Branch of the United States Army.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070**  
**OFFERED BY MR. WALTZ OF FLORIDA**

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

1 **SEC. 6 \_\_\_\_ . COMMISSARY AND EXCHANGE BENEFITS: EX-**  
2 **PANSION FOR SURVIVING CHILDREN OF**  
3 **MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES.**

4 (a) **EXPANSION.**—Section 1061 of title 10, United  
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing new subsection:

7 “(c) **DEPENDENT DEFINED.**—In this section, the  
8 term ‘dependent’ has the meaning given such term in sec-  
9 tion 1072 of this title, without regard to the age of a child  
10 of a member of a uniformed service.”.

11 (b) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**—Such section is  
12 amended in the heading by striking “**Reserve and**  
13 **Guard**”.



**Amendment to H.R. 8070**  
**National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025**

**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:

[Infectious Agent Biomanufacturing for Pandemic and Military Readiness]

The committee is aware of the infectious disease threats that are a danger to global health and national security. Development of innovative medical countermeasures must be pursued to address increasing resistance to currently available treatments, while providing a continuous pipeline of potential solutions for protecting and treating military personnel from infectious diseases to strengthen military operational readiness and effectiveness. To adapt and fortify our defense and biodefense systems against infectious diseases vulnerabilities in the future, the Department of Defense must look at biotechnology beyond a means to improve medical care and vaccines and must capitalize on the biomanufacturing revolution to meet its capability gaps.

Therefore, the committee directs the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering to provide a briefing to the House Armed Services Committee no later than January 1, 2025, on:

- (1) the value of potential nonprofit partnering to lead the biomanufacturing of infectious agents and reagents necessary for warfighter health efforts, and
- (2) how potential partners could acquire and manufacture biomaterials to support the DOD's development of medical countermeasures for biological threats, which are crucial for health and biodefense preparedness and response.

## **Amendment to H.R. 8070**

### **Offered by: Mr. Horsford**

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

#### **Military Spouse Federal Employment Reporting Expansion**

The committee recognizes that military spouses are a critical part of the support structure for military members and families. Their frequent relocation to accompany their spouses on permanent changes of station present substantial challenges for obtaining and maintain meaningful employment and developing a career. Military spouse employment is a substantial factor in military retention efforts.

While significant steps to improve access to federal employment for military spouses has been made in recent years, military spouse unemployment and underemployment remains significantly higher than that of their counterparts. Current reporting on military spouse employment only accounts for military spouses hired using military spouse hiring authorities and does not provide a full picture of military spouse hiring through other authorities (to include direct, expedited, competitive and noncompetitive authorities).

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the secretaries of the military departments, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2025, that details the following by department for the last 6 years:

- (1) job titles of military spouses hired;
- (2) hiring authorities used disaggregated by number of times the authority was used;
- (3) amount of time between position advertisement date and position hired by authority;
- (4) outreach and support given to spouses to facilitate the hiring process; and
- (5) the mechanism used to account for military spouses in reporting on military spouse hiring across all hiring authorities, or the feasibility of creating an accounting mechanism to track military spouse hiring.

## **Amendment to H.R. 8070**

**Offered by: Mr. Rogers**

In the portion of the report to accompany H.R. 8070 titled “Supplemental Insurance Coverage to Active Duty and Reserve Component Servicemembers” strike the entire directive report language title and text.



## **Amendment to H.R. 8070**

### **Offered by: Mr. Rogers**

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

#### Cross-Training Military Health Care Providers for Specialized Missions

The committee wants to ensure that during this nationwide shortage of health care providers, the Department of Defense is doing everything possible to ensure the Military Health System will not only meet its obligation to provide health care to its 9.6 million beneficiaries, but can respond swiftly and efficiently to diverse operational requirements. This includes cross-training military health care providers to perform duties outside of their specialty to assist in missions such as combat medicine, humanitarian assistance and disaster response, pandemics, natural disasters, and other crises.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than February 1, 2025, on the following with regards to what the Department is doing to cross-train military health care providers for special missions:

(a) what type of cross-training the Department offers to military health care providers for specialized missions that might be outside of the normal scope of practice such as combat medicine, humanitarian assistance and disaster response, pandemics, natural disasters, and other crises;

(b) what the Department is doing to ensure that specialists such as podiatrists, physician assistants, physical therapists, and occupational therapists are cross-trained in specialized missions;

(c) whether these cross-training opportunities enhance a military health care provider's career or have any effect on their promotion rate;

(d) any limitations to cross-training military health care providers;

(e) how cross-training opportunities may enhance Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSAs) for these providers; and

(f) and anything else the Secretary deems relevant.

## **Amendment to H.R. 8070**

### **Offered by: Ms. Mace of South Carolina**

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

#### **Report on Reinstatement of Servicemembers Separated for Refusal to Receive COVID-19 Vaccination**

The committee is concerned regarding the ineffectiveness of the efforts of the services to reinstate servicemembers discharged or dismissed from the Armed Forces on the basis of failure to obey a lawful order to receive a vaccine for COVID-19. The committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretaries of the military departments, to report to the House Committee on Armed Services and Senate Committee on Armed Services not later than December 1, 2024 on the recruitment efforts made by the military services to reinstate servicemembers discharged or dismissed from the Armed Forces on the basis of failure to obey a lawful order to receive a vaccine for COVID-19 and the number of such servicemembers that have been reinstated.