

En Bloc Amendments to H.R. 1735
National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016
 Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Military Personnel		
En Bloc #1		
Log #	Sponsor	Description
002	Kline	Requires service members entitled to receive continuation pay under the retirement modernization changes to receive financial literacy training to include, at a minimum, information on options available to the member regarding the use of that pay.
004r1	Cook	Provides a blueprint for Direct Hire placement programs, similar to those implemented in South Carolina and California, finding work for veterans, including members of the National Guard and Reserve in an efficient, low-cost per placement manner.
005r1	Tsongas	Directs SecDef to provide a briefing on the Department's current ability to meet the needs of female servicemembers who require prosthetics.
007	Tsongas	Directs the Secretary of the Army to develop a comprehensive policy regarding breastfeeding by female members of the Army.
016	Kline	Requires the Department of Defense to brief the House Committee on Armed Services no later than July 30, 2015, on efforts to ensure access to affordable healthcare due to changes in TRICARE costs for affected beneficiaries as a result of the reductions in Prime Service Areas.
020r1	Veasey	Evaluation of efforts to increase minority representation in military academies.
027	Jones	Support for efforts to improve academic achievement and transition of military dependent students.
033r1	Graham	Requires congressional briefings on wounded warrior recovery care coordination
037r1	Hunter	This amendment protects the commissary benefit by requiring a comprehensive review of the Asia-Pacific produce supply before any harmful changes are made to regional second destination policy.
038r1	Hunter	This amendment upholds the commissary benefit and military readiness by urging DeCA to maintain existing, proven supply methods in the Asia-Pacific until further reviews are completed.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1735
OFFERED BY MR. KLINE OF MINNESOTA

In section 651(b), relating to provision of financial literacy and preparedness training for members of the Armed Forces, in the matter to be added as paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of section 992 of title 10, United States Code, redesignate subparagraphs (F) through (J) as subparagraphs (G) through (K), respectively, and insert after subparagraph (E) the following new subparagraph (F):

1 “(F) when the member becomes entitled to re-
2 ceive continuation pay under section 356 of title 37,
3 at which time the training shall include, at a min-
4 imum, information on options available to the mem-
5 ber regarding the use of continuation pay;”.



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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1735

OFFERED BY MR. COOK OF CALIFORNIA

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At the end of subtitle F of title V, add the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 5___ . DIRECT EMPLOYMENT PILOT PROGRAM FOR**
2 **MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RE-**
3 **SERVE.**

4 (a) **PROGRAM AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of De-
5 fense may carry out a pilot program to enhance the efforts
6 of the Department of Defense to provide job placement
7 assistance and related employment services directly to
8 members in the National Guard and Reserves.

9 (b) **ADMINISTRATION.**—The pilot program shall be
10 offered to, and administered by, the adjutants general ap-
11 pointed under section 314 of title 32, United States Code.

12 (c) **COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT.**—As a condition
13 on the provision of funds under this section to a State
14 to support the operation of the pilot program in the State,
15 the State must agree to contribute an amount, derived
16 from non-Federal sources, equal to at least 30 percent of
17 the funds provided by the Secretary of Defense under this
18 section.

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1 (d) DIRECT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM MODEL.—The
2 pilot program should follow a job placement program
3 model that focuses on working one-on-one with a member
4 of a reserve component to cost-effectively provide job
5 placement services, including services such as identifying
6 unemployed and under employed members, job matching
7 services, resume editing, interview preparation, and post-
8 employment follow up. Development of the pilot program
9 should be informed by State direct employment programs
10 for members of the reserve components, such as the pro-
11 grams conducted in California and South Carolina.

12 (e) EVALUATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall
13 develop outcome measurements to evaluate the success of
14 the pilot program.

15 (f) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

16 (1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than March
17 1, 2019, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to
18 the congressional defense committees a report de-
19 scribing the results of the pilot program. The Sec-
20 retary shall prepare the report in coordination with
21 the Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

22 (2) ELEMENTS OF REPORT.—A report under
23 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

24 (A) A description and assessment of the ef-
25 fectiveness and achievements of the pilot pro-

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1 gram, including the number of members of the
2 reserve components hired and the cost-per-
3 placement of participating members.

4 (B) An assessment of the impact of the
5 pilot program and increased reserve component
6 employment levels on the readiness of members
7 of the reserve components.

8 (C) Any other matters considered appro-
9 priate by the Secretary.

10 (g) LIMITATION ON TOTAL FISCAL-YEAR OBLIGA-
11 TIONS.—The total amount obligated by the Secretary of
12 Defense to carry out the pilot program for any fiscal year
13 may not exceed \$20,000,000.

14 (h) DURATION OF AUTHORITY.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The authority to carry out
16 the pilot program expires September 30, 2018.

17 (2) EXTENSION.—Upon the expiration of the
18 authority under paragraph (1), the Secretary of De-
19 fense may extend the pilot program for not more
20 than two additional fiscal years.



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Amendment Offered by Tsongas

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In the appropriate place in the report, insert the following:

Meeting the Needs of Female Servicemember Amputees

The committee is encouraged by the quality of care the Department of Defense is providing to servicemember amputees. However, as the committee has noted in the past, female servicemembers have unique physical attributes that often require tailored approaches to meet female-specific equipment and health care needs. Moreover, the committee recognizes scientific literature that finds that women are less likely to be successfully fitted with a prosthetic limb at the time of their discharge from hospital than men. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing on the Department's current ability to meet the needs of female servicemembers who require prosthetics. This brief should take into account the ability of DoD to provide female amputees with prostheses specifically designed to meet the needs of women. It should also include an assessment of whether DoD is able to meet the multidisciplinary amputee care needs of female servicemembers including seeing an appropriate physician, prosthetist, and occupational or physical therapist.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1735

OFFERED BY Ms. TSONGAS OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the end of subtitle D of title V, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 5___.** **ESTABLISHMENT OF BREASTFEEDING POLICY**
2 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.**

3 The Secretary of the Army shall develop a com-
4 prehensive policy regarding breastfeeding by female mem-
5 bers of the Army who are breastfeeding. At a minimum,
6 the policy shall address the following:

7 (1) The provision of a designated room or area
8 that will provide the member with adequate privacy
9 and cleanliness and that includes an electrical outlet
10 to facilitate the use of a breast pump. Restrooms
11 should not be considered an appropriate location.

12 (2) An allowance for appropriate breaks, when
13 practicable, to permit the member to breastfeed or
14 utilize a breast pump.



Amendment Offered by Rep. John Kline of Minnesota.

Original Cosponsor: Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii.

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In the appropriate place in the report, insert the following:

Status and Impacts of Reductions in TRICARE Prime Service Areas

In October 2013, more than a hundred thousand TRICARE Prime beneficiaries across the United States living outside 40 miles from a Military Treatment Facility lost access to TRICARE Prime due to the Department of Defense's change in Prime Service Area coverage. The Committee notes that Section 701 of the Fiscal Year 2014 National Defense Authorization Act provided for a one-time election opportunity for individuals who elected to remain in TRICARE Prime, should the individual reside in an affected ZIP code and within 100 miles of a Military Treatment Facility. However, the Committee understands that many beneficiaries live more than 100 miles from a Military Treatment Facility, and therefore were ineligible to participate in TRICARE Prime election.

The Committee believes that access to quality healthcare services is a benefit earned through prior service to our nation and that the Department of Defense should continue to provide top-level healthcare to beneficiaries removed from TRICARE Prime as a result of the Prime Service Area changes. The Committee is also aware that the Department of Defense is required in Section 723 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 to submit a report to the Congress on the status of the reduction in TRICARE Prime Service areas. Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to brief the House Committee on Armed Services no later than July 30, 2015, on efforts to ensure access to affordable healthcare due to changes in TRICARE costs for affected beneficiaries as a result of the reductions in Prime Service Areas.

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Amendment Offered by Rep. Marc Veasey

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In the appropriate place in the report, insert the following:

Increasing Diversity in Military Academies

The Committee is encouraged by the advancements made by Department of Defense to improve diversity representation at our Military Academies and is encouraged to continue efforts to increase minority participation at military academies. The Committee is concerned regarding current underrepresentation of minorities in our military academies and officer corps, and directs the Secretary of Defense to evaluate how efforts and guidance to improve minority officer recruitment across all military academies can be improved to increase diversity in the military at the officer level and brief the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives by October 1, 2015

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1735
OFFERED BY MR. JONES OF NORTH CAROLINA
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At the end of subtitle G of title V, add the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 5___.** **SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE ACA-**
2 **DEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND TRANSITION OF**
3 **MILITARY DEPENDENT STUDENTS.**

4 The Secretary of Defense may make grants to non-
5 profit organizations that provide services to improve the
6 academic achievement of military dependent students, in-
7 cluding those nonprofit organizations whose programs
8 focus on improving the civic responsibility of military de-
9 pendent students and their understanding of the Federal
10 Government through direct exposure to the operations of
11 the Federal Government.



Amendment Offered by Ms. Graham

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In the appropriate place in the report, insert the following:

Wounded Warrior Recovery Care Coordination

Section 1614 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (P.L. 110-181) required that, "the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly develop and implement processes, procedures, and standards for the transition of recovering service members from care and treatment through the Department of Defense to care, treatment, and rehabilitation through the Department of Veterans Affairs."

The Committee is concerned that rather than having joint programs to advocate on behalf of wounded warriors and ensure a comprehensive and seamless rehabilitation, recovery and transition; two separate programs exist—the Department of Defense Recovery Coordination Care Program and The Department of Veterans Affairs Federal Recovery Coordination Program.

The Committee is aware of initial efforts to update DoD and VA policies authorized by Section 1614 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (P.L. 110-181). Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs jointly to brief the House Committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs jointly by August 1, 2015 on the status of programs authorized by Section 1614 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (P.L. 110-181) as well as provide a briefing within 30 calendar days of an announcement of an update of policy of a program authorized by Section 1614.

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1735
OFFERED BY MR. HUNTER OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of title VI, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 6 ____ . PRESERVING ASSURED COMMISSARY SUPPLY**
2 **TO ASIA AND THE PACIFIC.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
4 ensure that there are no changes to the second destination
5 transportation policy that currently applies to fresh fruit
6 and vegetable supplies for commissaries in Asia and the
7 Pacific until the Defense Commissary Agency conducts
8 and submits to Congress a comprehensive study on fresh
9 fruit and vegetable supply for the region.

10 (b) ELEMENTS OF STUDY.—The study required by
11 subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum, for Japan,
12 South Korea, Okinawa, and Guam—

13 (1) an item-by-item review of the price, quality,
14 and availability of fresh fruits and vegetables under
15 both local sourcing models and second destination
16 models, including an updated market survey of fresh
17 fruits and vegetables in each location;

18 (2) an item-by-item review of fresh fruits and
19 vegetables to determine the most cost-effective way
20 to supply each item in each location year-round

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1 without increasing prices to commissary consumers;
2 and
3 (3) a comprehensive review of supply models
4 that would lower costs to the Defense Working Cap-
5 ital Fund, DECA, without increasing prices for com-
6 missary patrons.



with REP. [unclear], JONES, WUJALIT, KNIGHT

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Amendment Offered by Duncan Hunter

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In the appropriate place in the report, insert the following:

[Commissary Transportation Costs]

[The Committee is aware of ongoing efforts by the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) to reduce commissary costs. The Committee is concerned that these efforts will raise costs for military families, especially for junior officers and enlisted troops, and will also adversely affect military readiness.

The Committee urges DeCA to find alternative methods to control costs, and the Committee further directs the Secretary of Defense to submit, not later than October 1, 2015, a written report to the congressional defense committees on the effects that DeCA's current proposal to limit second destination transportation funding and transport volume will have on the rates charged by the Transportation Working Capital Fund for transportation, especially to the Pacific region, as well as USTRANSCOM's ability to maintain surge airlift capability through the Defense Transportation System. The Secretary shall also include a review of possible efficiencies that could be realized in air transportation contracts dealing with second destination transportation funding.

The Committee strongly encourages DeCA to maintain current sourcing policies at commissaries in Asia and the Pacific until these and other investigations into different commissary reform ideas have been completed.

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