

Amendment to H.R. 2810 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018

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In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2810, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Gender Integration of United States Marine Corps Basic Recruit Training

The committee notes that on January 24, 2013 the Secretary of Defense rescinded the 1994 Direct Ground Combat Definition and Assignment Rule and directed the service to open all occupations and units to women as expeditiously as possible, but no later than 1 January 2016. The committee also recognizes that the military services have transitioned to gender-neutral occupational standards, but the military has retained different standards for men and women for the service's physical fitness test and encourages the services to continue to explore options for gender-neutral standards in this regard. The committee also notes that the United States Marine Corps is the only military service that has not integrated men and women at basic recruit training. Therefore, the committee directs the Commandant of the Marine Corps, not later than one year after enactment, to report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the required changes and cost the Marine Corps would be required to execute a fully integrated basic recruit training, to include the construction or renovation of barracks.