

En Bloc Amendments to H.R. 2500

**Subcommittee on Military Personnel
En Bloc # 6**

Log #	Sponsor	Description
018	Turner	Directs the Secretary of each military department to carry out and report on a pilot program of defense investigators within the military justice system.
120r1	Brown	Directs the Department to continue research into freeze-dried platelet technology
315	Houlahan	Directs SECDEF to provide a briefing on the feasibility of establishing a legally enforceable duty to intervene when a servicemember witnesses sexual misconduct.
358	Crow	This is a new provision that would amend 10 USC 2168 to permit the Defense Language Institute to confer Bachelor degrees, in addition to Associate degrees, to graduates that meet the appropriate requirements for that degree.
372	Thornberry	Commissions a study to examine the use of TRICARE to cover retired civilian astronauts.
375r1	Luria	Directs DOD to conduct a study to assess the needs of military families with children with special needs to ensure they receive the best education.
444r1	Gallagher	Requires the Army to brief Congress on its efforts to mitigate Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) using innovative preventative devices.
480	Langevin	Directs SECDEF to provide a briefing on the current use of the DOD student loan repayment program.
489r1	Cisneros	Directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the House Committee on Armed Services on how the Department may carry out a program under which the Secretary makes grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible entities to carry out STEM educational events for military communities across the United States.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2500
OFFERED BY MR. TURNER OF OHIO

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

1 **SEC. 5** . **PILOT PROGRAMS ON DEFENSE INVESTIGATORS**
2 **IN THE MILITARY JUSTICE SYSTEM.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Each Secretary of a military de-
4 partment shall carry out a pilot program on defense inves-
5 tigators within the military justice system under the juris-
6 diction of such Secretary in order to do the following:

7 (1) Determine whether the presence of defense
8 investigators within such military justice system
9 will—

10 (A) make such military justice system
11 more effective in providing an effective defense
12 for the accused; and

13 (B) make such military justice system
14 more fair and efficient.

15 (2) Otherwise assess the feasibility and advis-
16 ability of defense investigators as an element of such
17 military justice system.

18 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—

1 (1) INTERVIEW OF VICTIM.—A defense investi-
2 gator may question a victim under a pilot program
3 only upon a request made through the Special Vic-
4 tims' Counsel or other counsel if the victim does not
5 have such counsel.

6 (2) UNIFORMITY ACROSS MILITARY JUSTICE
7 SYSTEMS.—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure
8 that the personnel and activities of defense inves-
9 tigators under the pilot programs are, to the extent
10 practicable, uniform across the military justice sys-
11 tems of the military departments.

12 (c) REPORT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than three years
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
15 retary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Sec-
16 retaries of the military departments, submit to the
17 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
18 the House of Representatives a report on the pilot
19 programs under subsection (a).

20 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
21 graph (1) shall include the following:

22 (A) A description of each pilot program,
23 including the personnel and activities of defense
24 investigators under such pilot program.

1 (B) An assessment of the feasibility and
2 advisability of establishing and maintaining de-
3 fense investigators as an element of the military
4 justice systems of the military departments.

5 (C) If the assessment under subparagraph
6 (B) is that the establishment and maintenance
7 of defense investigators as an element of the
8 military justice systems of the military depart-
9 ments is feasible and advisable, such rec-
10 ommendations for legislative and administrative
11 action as the Secretary of Defense considers ap-
12 propriate to establish and maintain defense in-
13 vestigators as an element of the military justice
14 systems.

15 (D) Any other matters the Secretary of
16 Defense considers appropriate.



**Amendment to H.R. 2500
National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020**

Offered by: Mr. Brown of Maryland

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2500, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Research to Reduce Deaths Due to Hemorrhaging

The committee remains concerned that a platelet shortage for hemorrhage control continues to impact battlefield casualties. With challenges in logistics and limitations on current platelet products, the committee believes further research of freeze-dried blood products would reduce the loss of life. The committee encourages the Department of Defense to rapidly advance the research and development of freeze-dried hemostatic products, especially platelet-derived products, beyond their current stage. Therefore, the committee recommends that freeze-dried platelet derived hemostatic agents be included in the Army's top medical priorities and directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs to instruct the Defense Health Agency to further investigate the value of a freeze-dried, platelet-derived hemostatic agent. The committee further directs that the Secretary of the Army shall investigate the potential long-term use as a component in support any incident that occurs under the Emergency Use Authorization Act.

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Offered by: Ms. Houlihan of Pennsylvania

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2500, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Briefing on Bystander Intervention in Cases of Sexual Misconduct

The committee acknowledges that the Department of Defense's annual reports on sexual assault in the military have consistently reported that sexual assaults are more likely to occur in units that have a command climate that tolerates sexual harassment. Further, the committee notes that servicemembers are less likely to intervene in situations where they are a bystander to sexual misconduct than in other situations where servicemembers are bystanders to dangerous behavior, including situations related to suicide and alcohol abuse. A 2018 National Institutes of Health (NIH) study, titled "Prevalence of Bystander Intervention Opportunities and Behaviors Among U.S. Army Soldiers," found that 87.9 percent of soldiers who witnessed an event relating to suicide and 74.4 percent of soldiers who witnessed an event relating to alcohol misuse reported consistently intervening, while 49.2% of soldiers who witnessed events relating to sexual harassment or assault reported consistently intervening.

The committee believes that servicemembers should be empowered to intervene when they witness sexual misconduct or retaliation for reporting this conduct. Further, the committee is concerned that the available data indicates that bystander intervention education efforts may not be effective in increasing the likelihood of intervention in incidents of sexual misconduct versus other dangerous scenarios. Accordingly, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and of the House of Representatives not later than January 1, 2020 on the feasibility of establishing any legal requirements for bystanders that witness sexual misconduct. The briefing should include an analysis on the likelihood of a servicemember to intervene in a situation where they are a bystander to sexual misconduct based on age, gender, rank, command climate, understanding of what constitutes sexual misconduct, understanding of their rights, as well as the victim's rights, and obligations, and correlation metrics based on the indicators listed here.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2500
OFFERED BY MR. CROW OF COLORADO

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

1 **SEC. 5** . **DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE FOREIGN LAN-**
2 **GUAGE CENTER.**

3 (a) **AUTHORITY TO AWARD BACHELOR'S DE-**
4 **GREES.**—Section 2168 of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**Asso-**
7 **ciate**” and inserting “**Associate or Bachelor**”;
8 and

9 (2) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
10 lows:

11 “(a) Subject to subsection (b), the Commandant of
12 the Defense Language Institute may confer—

13 “(1) an Associate of Arts degree in a foreign
14 language upon any graduate of the Foreign Lan-
15 guage Center of the Institute who fulfills the re-
16 quirements for that degree; or

17 “(2) a Bachelor of Arts degree in a foreign lan-
18 guage upon any graduate of the Foreign Language

1 Center of the Institute who fulfills the requirements
2 for that degree.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
4 at the beginning of chapter 108 of title 10, United States
5 Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section
6 2168 and inserting the following new item:

“2168. Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center: degree of Associate or Bachelor of Arts in foreign language.”.



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Offered by: Mr. Thornberry of Texas

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2500, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Civilian Astronaut TRICARE

The committee is aware of the sacrifices and risks associated with serving as an astronaut or payload specialist with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. This select population is exposed to hazardous environments that can result in injury and death. Currently, two-thirds of the currently living former astronauts were members of the military who are covered by TRICARE. The remaining one-third, however, are not eligible for this valuable benefit after years of dangerous and important service to their Nation. Therefore, the Secretary of Defense shall provide a briefing to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives no later than July 1, 2020, on the advisability and feasibility of providing TRICARE coverage to former astronauts and payload specialists.

Log 375R1

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Offered by:

Congresswoman Elaine Luria

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2500, inset the following new Directive Report Language:

Special Education Services for Military Families

The Committee notes the purpose of the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is to provide comprehensive and coordinated community support, housing, educational, medical, and personnel services worldwide to U.S. military families with children with special needs. The Committee is concerned that many families participating in the EFMP program are not provided with consistent educational opportunities throughout each Permanent Change of Station (PCS) move. The Committee is concerned that each PCS is disruptive to the educational plans for the child, as the services provided to special needs children can vastly differ between states and school systems, and that each PCS is disproportionately more difficult for EFMP families, who may need more time to make better educational choices. The Committee is also concerned the Department of Defense and Services lack the common performance measures and metrics to assess assignment coordination and family support.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives not later than February 1, 2020 describing the needs of military families with children with special education needs and evaluating options to enhance the benefits available to such families and children under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.) in meeting such needs. The report should include assessing the feasibility of establishing an expedited process for resolution of complaints by military parents with a child with special education needs about a lack of access to education and related services otherwise specified in the individualized education program of the child; as well as assess the feasibility of allowing the Department of Defense to contact the State to which a military family with a child with special education needs will relocate pursuant to a permanent change of station with the orders for such change of station are issued, but before the family takes residence in such State, for the purpose of commencing preparation for education and related services specified in the individualized education program of the child.

Log 444r1

Amendment to H.R. 2500
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Offered by:
Rep. Mike Gallagher

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2500, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Innovative Traumatic Brain Injuries Preventative Device Research

The committee commends the Department for its ongoing efforts to combat Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI). With over 380,000 TBIs documented within the services since 2000, the committee remains concerned about service members sustaining TBIs in training and in combat, particularly within the US Army.

The committee understands that to date there has been limited focus and funding aimed at research for preventative solutions (other than helmets and training) to mitigate the severity of, or prevent entirely, TBI events despite the fact that such solutions are currently being developed in the commercial sector. For example, the committee is aware of collar-based technology that when worn around the neck has been shown to reduce the frequency and severity of TBIs. The committee believes it would be prudent for the Army to prioritize and initiate active research on protective devices such as these to determine their benefit and applicability to the force.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of the Army to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives, not later than January 1, 2020, on the Army's efforts in the area of TBI mitigation. The briefing shall include a description of the Army's current and past research on TBI preventative devices, the Army's plan to incorporate new innovate TBI preventative devices into their research efforts, and possible paths for the rapid fielding of such devices.

**Amendment to H.R. 2500
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Offered by Mr. Langevin

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2500, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**BRIEFING ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE STUDENT LOAN
REPAYMENT PROGRAM**

(a) Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the House Committee on Armed Services a briefing on the use of the DoD College Loan Repayment Program (10 USC 2171), including:

- (1) The number of Service members who are eligible to receive this benefit, by Service;
- (2) The number of Service members who have received or are currently receiving this benefit, by Service, over the past 5 years;
- (3) The average length of service required in order to receive the benefit;
- (4) The cost to the Department of Defense, by service, of providing this benefit for the past 5 years;
- (5) The overall impact the benefit has on recruitment and retention of highly qualified individuals.

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Offered by: Mr. Cisneros of California

In the portion of the report to accompany H.R. 2500 titled "Program on Enhancement of Preparation of Dependents of Members of Armed Forces for Careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics", insert as a new third paragraph, the following new text:

"The committee recognizes that military base communities are often underserved by STEM education outreach efforts and that Congress created the National Defense Education Program to improve the effectiveness of education in STEM fields and maintain the United States' role as the world leader in technological development. As such, the committee also directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report no later than 180 days from the enactment of this act to the House Committee on Armed Services on how the Department may carry out a program under which the Secretary makes grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible entities to carry out STEM educational events for military communities across the United States."