

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. MACE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . SERVICE ACADEMIES; APPOINTMENTS AND AD-**
2 **DITIONAL APPOINTEES.**

3 (a) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.—

4 (1) APPOINTMENTS.—Section 7442 of title 10,
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (A) in subsection (a)—

7 (i) by striking “subsection (j)” and in-
8 serting “subsection (k)”;

9 (ii) in paragraph (1), by striking “as
10 established by competitive examinations”
11 and inserting “as determined by candidate
12 composite score rank”; and

13 (iii) in the matter following paragraph
14 (10)—

15 (I) in the second sentence, by in-
16 serting “(in which event selection
17 shall be in order of merit as deter-
18 mined by candidate composite score

1 rank)” after “may be submitted with-
2 out ranking”;

3 (II) by inserting “If alternates
4 are submitted unranked, any selection
5 from among such unranked alternates
6 shall be in order of merit as deter-
7 mined by candidate composite score
8 rank.” after the second sentence; and

9 (III) by striking “shall be consid-
10 ered qualified alternates for the pur-
11 poses of selection under other provi-
12 sions of this chapter” and inserting
13 “shall be eligible and considered for
14 selection under other provisions of
15 this chapter, including as qualified al-
16 ternates and additional appointees”;

17 (B) by redesignating subsections (b)
18 through (j) as subsections (c) through (k), re-
19 spectively;

20 (C) by inserting after subsection (a) the
21 following new subsection:

22 “(b) There shall be appointed each year at the Acad-
23 emy 200 qualified alternates selected in order of merit as
24 determined by candidate composite score rank by the Sec-
25 retary of the Army from qualified candidates nominated

1 pursuant to paragraphs (3) through (10) of subsection (a)
2 and all other qualified, non-selected candidates holding
3 nominations from any other source pursuant to this chap-
4 ter.”;

5 (D) in subsection (c), as redesignated by
6 subparagraph (B)—

7 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “one
8 hundred selected by the President” and in-
9 serting “up to one hundred qualified can-
10 didates selected by the President in order
11 of merit as determined by candidate com-
12 posite score rank”;

13 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

14 (I) by striking “85” and insert-
15 ing “up to 85 qualified candidates”;
16 and

17 (II) by inserting “, selected in
18 order of merit as determined by can-
19 didate composite score rank” before
20 the period at the end;

21 (iii) in paragraph (3)—

22 (I) by striking “85” and insert-
23 ing “up to 85 qualified candidates”;
24 and

1 (II) by inserting “, selected in
2 order of merit as determined by can-
3 didate composite score rank” before
4 the period at the end;

5 (iv) in paragraph (4)—

6 (I) by striking “20” and insert-
7 ing “up to 20 qualified candidates”;
8 and

9 (II) by inserting “, selected in
10 order of merit as determined by can-
11 didate composite score rank” before
12 the period at the end; and

13 (v) by striking paragraph (5);

14 (E) in subsection (f), as redesignated by
15 subparagraph (B), by striking “subsection (b)”
16 and inserting “subsection (c)”;

17 (F) in subsection (h), as so redesignated—

18 (i) by striking “subsection (b)” each
19 place it appears and inserting “subsection
20 (c)”;

21 (ii) in paragraph (4), by striking
22 “subsection (e)” and inserting “subsection
23 (f)”;

24 (G) by adding at the end the following new
25 subsections:

1 “(l) Qualifications of candidates for admission shall
2 be determined by use of, among other metrics, a candidate
3 composite score uniformly calculated for each applicant.
4 The academic component of such composite score shall be
5 weighted at not less than 60 percent of the overall com-
6 posite score and shall include the candidate’s standardized
7 test scores, which shall be weighted at not less than 45
8 percent of the overall composite score. The total of all sub-
9 jective components, if any, of the composite score shall be
10 weighted at not more than 10 percent of the overall com-
11 posite score. Any subjectively based adjustment of the can-
12 didate composite score shall be limited to not more than
13 10 percent of the score before such adjustment. Can-
14 didates’ composite scores, only, shall be used to determine
15 order of merit.

16 “(m) Not later than October 1 of each year, the Sec-
17 retary of the Army shall submit to the Committees on
18 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-
19 atives a report, including—

20 “(1) with respect to the preceding admissions
21 cycle—

22 “(A) the established minimum candidate
23 composite score and college entrance examina-
24 tion rank (hereinafter, ‘CEER’) score used in
25 such cycle; and

1 “(B) the total number of waivers of such
2 minimum candidate composite score or CEER
3 score, including the candidate composite score
4 and CEER score of each cadet to whom a waiv-
5 er relates, a brief explanation of the reasons for
6 such waiver, and the category of appointment
7 under which each such cadet was appointed
8 (and if congressional, the type of slate that
9 nominated the waived appointee); and

10 “(2) for each cadet who, during the four-year
11 period preceding the date of the report, received a
12 waiver for the established minimum candidate com-
13 posite score or CEER score, the status of each such
14 cadet, including whether the cadet is still at the
15 Academy, the circumstances of such cadet’s depar-
16 ture (if applicable), the cumulative academic grade
17 point average (hereinafter, ‘GPA’), cumulative mili-
18 tary GPA, any major conduct or honor violations,
19 any remedial measures undertaken, and any other
20 noteworthy information concerning such cadet.”.

21 (2) ADDITIONAL APPOINTEES.—Section 7443 of
22 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

23 (A) in the section heading, by striking
24 “**appointment**” and inserting “**additional**
25 **appointments**”;

1 (B) in the first sentence—

2 (i) by inserting “(A)” before “If it is
3 determined”; and

4 (ii) by striking “who competed for
5 nomination” and inserting “who were eligi-
6 ble and competed unsuccessfully for nomi-
7 nation under any other provision of law”;

8 (C) in the second sentence—

9 (i) by striking “(8)” and inserting
10 “(10)”; and

11 (ii) by striking “holding competitive
12 nominations” and inserting “who were eli-
13 gible and competed unsuccessfully for nomi-
14 nation”; and

15 (D) by adding at the end the following:

16 “All provisions relating to candidate composite
17 score in section 7442 of this title shall apply to
18 calculation and use of candidate composite
19 score as that term is used in this section.”

20 “(b) Not later than October 1 of each year, the Sec-
21 retary of the Army shall submit to the congressional de-
22 fense committees a report that includes, with respect to
23 the preceding admissions cycle—

24 “(1) the candidate composite scores and college
25 entrance examination rank (hereinafter, ‘CEER’)

1 scores of the ten candidates appointed under this
2 section and under section 7442(e) of this title who
3 had the lowest candidate composite scores;

4 “(2) the total number of qualified and nomi-
5 nated (by any source), but not selected, candidates;
6 and

7 “(3) the candidate composite scores and CEER
8 scores of the ten qualified and nominated candidates
9 having the highest candidate composite scores and
10 who were not selected for appointment.”.

11 (b) UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY.—

12 (1) APPOINTMENTS.—Section 8454 of title 10,
13 United States Code, is amended—

14 (A) in subsection (a)—

15 (i) by striking “subsection (h)” and
16 inserting “subsection (i)”;

17 (ii) in paragraph (1), by striking “as
18 established by competitive examination”
19 and inserting “as determined by candidate
20 composite score rank”; and

21 (iii) in the matter following paragraph
22 (10)—

23 (I) in the second sentence, by in-
24 serting “(in which event selection
25 shall be in order of merit as deter-

1 mined by candidate composite score
2 rank)” after “may be submitted with-
3 out ranking”;

4 (II) by inserting “If alternates
5 are submitted unranked, any selection
6 from among such unranked alternates
7 shall be in order of merit as deter-
8 mined by candidate composite score
9 rank.” after the second sentence; and

10 (III) by striking “shall be consid-
11 ered qualified alternates for the pur-
12 poses of selection under other provi-
13 sions of this chapter” and inserting
14 “shall be eligible and considered for
15 selection under other provisions of
16 this chapter, including as qualified al-
17 ternates and additional appointees”;

18 (B) by redesignating subsections (b)
19 through (h) as subsections (c) through (i), re-
20 spectively;

21 (C) by inserting after subsection (a) the
22 following new subsection:

23 “(b) There shall be appointed each year at the Acad-
24 emy 200 qualified alternates selected in order of merit as
25 determined by candidate composite score rank by the Sec-

1 retary of the Navy from qualified candidates nominated
2 pursuant to paragraphs (3) through (10) of subsection (a)
3 and all other qualified, non-selected candidates holding
4 nominations from any other source pursuant to this chap-
5 ter.”;

6 (D) in subsection (c), as redesignated by
7 subparagraph (B)—

8 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “one
9 hundred selected by the President” and in-
10 sserting “up to one hundred qualified can-
11 didates selected by the President in order
12 of merit as determined by candidate com-
13 posite score rank”;

14 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

15 (I) by striking “85” and insert-
16 ing “up to 85 qualified candidates”;
17 and

18 (II) by inserting “, selected in
19 order of merit as determined by can-
20 didate composite score rank” before
21 the period at the end;

22 (iii) in paragraph (3)—

23 (I) by striking “85” and insert-
24 ing “up to 85 qualified candidates”;
25 and

1 (II) by inserting “, selected in
2 order of merit as determined by can-
3 didate composite score rank” before
4 the period at the end;

5 (iv) in paragraph (4)—

6 (I) by striking “20” and insert-
7 ing “up to 20 qualified candidates”;
8 and

9 (II) by inserting “, selected in
10 order of merit as determined by can-
11 didate composite score rank” before
12 the period at the end; and

13 (v) by striking paragraph (5);

14 (E) in subsection (f), as redesignated by
15 subparagraph (B), by striking “subsection (b)”
16 both places it appears and inserting “subsection
17 (c)”;

18 (F) by adding at the end the following new
19 subsections:

20 “(j) Qualifications of candidates for admission shall
21 be determined by use of, among other metrics, a candidate
22 composite score uniformly calculated for each applicant.
23 The academic component of such composite score shall be
24 weighted at not less than 60 percent of the overall com-
25 posite score and shall include the candidate’s standardized

1 test scores, which shall be weighted at not less than 45
2 percent of the overall composite score. The total of all sub-
3 jective components, if any, of the composite score shall be
4 weighted at not more than 10 percent of the overall com-
5 posite score. Any subjectively based adjustment of the can-
6 didate composite score shall be limited to not more than
7 10 percent of the score before such adjustment. Can-
8 didates' composite scores, only, shall be used to determine
9 order of merit.

10 “(k) Not later than October 1 of each year, the Sec-
11 retary of the Navy shall submit to the Committees on
12 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-
13 atives a report, including—

14 “(1) with respect to the preceding admissions
15 cycle—

16 “(A) the established minimum candidate
17 composite score and college entrance examina-
18 tion rank (hereinafter, ‘CEER’) score used in
19 such cycle; and

20 “(B) the total number of waivers of such
21 minimum candidate composite score or CEER
22 score, including the candidate composite score
23 and CEER score of each midshipman to whom
24 a waiver relates, a brief explanation of the rea-
25 sons for such waiver, and the category of ap-

1 pointment under which each such midshipman
2 was appointed (and if congressional, the type of
3 slate that nominated the waived appointee); and
4 “(2) for each midshipman who, during the four-
5 year period preceding the date of the report, received
6 a waiver for the established minimum candidate
7 composite score or CEER score, the status of each
8 such midshipman, including whether the mid-
9 shipman is still at the Academy, the circumstances
10 of such midshipman’s departure (if applicable), the
11 cumulative academic grade point average (herein-
12 after, ‘GPA’), cumulative military GPA, any major
13 conduct or honor violations, any remedial measures
14 undertaken, and any other noteworthy information
15 concerning such midshipman.”.

16 (2) ADDITIONAL APPOINTEES.—Section 8456 of
17 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

18 (A) in the section heading, by inserting “,
19 **additional appointments**” after “**Mid-**
20 **shipmen**”; and

21 (B) in subsection (b)—

22 (i) in the first sentence, by striking
23 “who competed for nomination” and in-
24 serting “who were eligible and competed

1 unsuccessfully for nomination under any
2 other provision of law”;

3 (ii) in the second sentence—

4 (I) by striking “(8)” and insert-
5 ing “(10)”; and

6 (II) by striking “who competed
7 for appointment” and inserting “who
8 were eligible and competed unsucces-
9 fully for nomination”; and

10 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing: “All provisions relating to can-
12 didate composite score in section 8454 of
13 this title shall apply to calculation and use
14 of candidate composite score as that term
15 is used in this section.”

16 “(d) Not later than October 1 of each year, the Sec-
17 retary of the Navy shall submit to the congressional de-
18 fense committees a report that includes, with respect to
19 the preceding admissions cycle—

20 “(1) the candidate composite scores and college
21 entrance examination rank (hereinafter, ‘CEER’)
22 scores of the ten candidates appointed under this
23 section and under section 8454(e) of this title who
24 had the lowest candidate composite scores;

1 “(2) the total number of qualified and nomi-
2 nated (by any source), but not selected, candidates;
3 and

4 “(3) the candidate composite scores and CEER
5 scores of the ten qualified and nominated candidates
6 having the highest candidate composite scores and
7 who were not selected for appointment.”.

8 (c) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.—

9 (1) APPOINTMENTS.—Section 9442 of title 10,
10 United States Code, is amended—

11 (A) in subsection (a)—

12 (i) by striking “subsection (j)” and in-
13 serting “subsection (k)”;

14 (ii) in paragraph (1), by striking “as
15 established by competitive examination”
16 and inserting “as determined by candidate
17 composite score rank”; and

18 (iii) in the matter following paragraph
19 (10)—

20 (I) in the second sentence, by in-
21 serting “(in which event selection
22 shall be in order of merit as deter-
23 mined by candidate composite score
24 rank)” after “may be submitted with-
25 out ranking”;

1 (II) by inserting “If alternates
2 are submitted unranked, any selection
3 from among such unranked alternates
4 shall be in order of merit as deter-
5 mined by candidate composite score
6 rank.” after the second sentence; and

7 (III) by striking “shall be consid-
8 ered qualified alternates for the pur-
9 poses of selection under other provi-
10 sions of this chapter” and inserting
11 “shall be eligible and considered for
12 selection under other provisions of
13 this chapter, including as qualified al-
14 ternates and additional appointees”;

15 (B) by redesignating subsections (b)
16 through (j) as subsections (c) through (k), re-
17 spectively;

18 (C) by inserting after subsection (a) the
19 following new subsection:

20 “(b) There shall be appointed each year at the Acad-
21 emy 200 qualified alternates selected in order of merit as
22 determined by candidate composite score rank by the Sec-
23 retary of the Air Force from qualified candidates nomi-
24 nated pursuant to paragraphs (3) through (10) of sub-
25 section (a) and all other qualified, non-selected candidates

1 holding nominations from any other source pursuant to
2 this chapter.”;

3 (D) in subsection (c), as redesignated by
4 subparagraph (B)—

5 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “one
6 hundred selected by the President” and in-
7 serting “up to one hundred qualified can-
8 didates selected by the President in order
9 of merit as determined by candidate com-
10 posite score rank”;

11 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

12 (I) by striking “85” and insert-
13 ing “up to 85 qualified candidates”;
14 and

15 (II) by inserting “, selected in
16 order of merit as determined by can-
17 didate composite score rank” before
18 the period at the end;

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20 (I) by striking “85” and insert-
21 ing “up to 85 qualified candidates”;
22 and

23 (II) by inserting “, selected in
24 order of merit as determined by can-

- 1 didate composite score rank” before
2 the period at the end;
- 3 (iv) in paragraph (4)—
- 4 (I) by striking “20” and insert-
5 ing “up to 20 qualified candidates”;
6 and
- 7 (II) by inserting “, selected in
8 order of merit as determined by can-
9 didate composite score rank” before
10 the period at the end; and
- 11 (v) by striking paragraph (5);
- 12 (E) in subsection (f), as redesignated by
13 subparagraph (B), by striking “subsection (b)”
14 and inserting “subsection (c)”;
- 15 (F) in subsection (h), as so redesignated—
- 16 (i) in paragraph (2), by striking “sub-
17 section (b)” each place it appears and in-
18 serting “subsection (c)”;
- 19 (ii) in paragraph (3)—
- 20 (I) by striking “subsection
21 (b)(5)” and insert “subsection (b)”;
- 22 (II) in subparagraphs (A)
23 through (C), by striking “subsection
24 (b)” each place it appears and insert-
25 ing “subsection (c)”;

1 (iii) in paragraph (4), by striking
2 “subsection (e)” and inserting “subsection
3 (f)”; and

4 (G) by adding at the end the following new
5 subsections:

6 “(l) Qualifications of candidates for admission shall
7 be determined by use of, among other metrics, a candidate
8 composite score uniformly calculated for each applicant.
9 The academic component of such composite score shall be
10 weighted at not less than 60 percent of the overall com-
11 posite score and shall include the candidate’s standardized
12 test scores, which shall be weighted at not less than 45
13 percent of the overall composite score. The total of all sub-
14 jective components, if any, of the composite score shall be
15 weighted at not more than 10 percent of the overall com-
16 posite score. Any subjectively based adjustment of the can-
17 didate composite score shall be limited to not more than
18 10 percent of the score before such adjustment. Can-
19 didates’ composite scores, only, shall be used to determine
20 order of merit.

21 “(m) Not later than October 1 of each year, the Sec-
22 retary of the Air Force shall submit to the Committees
23 on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
24 resentatives a report, including—

1 “(1) with respect to the preceding admissions
2 cycle—

3 “(A) the established minimum candidate
4 composite score and college entrance examina-
5 tion rank (hereinafter, ‘CEER’) score used in
6 such cycle; and

7 “(B) the total number of waivers of such
8 minimum candidate composite score or CEER
9 score, including the candidate composite score
10 and CEER score of each cadet to whom a waiv-
11 er relates, a brief explanation of the reasons for
12 such waiver, and the category of appointment
13 under which each such cadet was appointed
14 (and if congressional, the type of slate that
15 nominated the waived appointee); and

16 “(2) for each cadet who, during the four-year
17 period preceding the date of the report, received a
18 waiver for the established minimum candidate com-
19 posite score or CEER score, the status of each such
20 cadet, including whether the cadet is still at the
21 Academy, the circumstances of such cadet’s depar-
22 ture (if applicable), the cumulative academic grade
23 point average (hereinafter, ‘GPA’), cumulative mili-
24 tary GPA, any major conduct or honor violations,

1 any remedial measures undertaken, and any other
2 noteworthy information concerning such cadet.”.

3 (2) ADDITIONAL APPOINTEES.—Section 9443 of
4 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

5 (A) in the section heading, by striking
6 **“appointment”** and inserting **“additional**
7 **appointments”**;

8 (B) in the first sentence—

9 (i) by inserting “(a)” before “If it is
10 determined”; and

11 (ii) by striking “who competed for
12 nomination” and inserting “who were eligi-
13 ble and competed unsuccessfully for nomi-
14 nation under any other provision of law”;

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16 (i) by striking “(8)” and inserting
17 “(10)”; and

18 (ii) by striking “holding competitive
19 nominations” and inserting “who were eli-
20 gible and competed unsuccessfully for nom-
21 ination”; and

22 (D) by adding at the end the following:

23 “All provisions relating to candidate composite
24 score in section 9442 of this title shall apply to

1 calculation and use of candidate composite
2 score as that term is used in this section.”

3 “(b) Not later than October 1 of each year, the Sec-
4 retary of the Air Force shall submit to the congressional
5 defense committees a report that includes, with respect to
6 the preceding admissions cycle—

7 “(1) the candidate composite scores and college
8 entrance examination rank (hereinafter, ‘CEER’)
9 scores of the ten candidates appointed under this
10 section and under section 9442(e) of this title who
11 had the lowest candidate composite scores;

12 “(2) the total number of qualified and nomi-
13 nated (by any source), but not selected, candidates;
14 and

15 “(3) the candidate composite scores and CEER
16 scores of the ten qualified and nominated candidates
17 having the highest candidate composite scores and
18 who were not selected for appointment.”.

