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5716	1	Bergman, Jack	MLP	Prostate Cancer Incidence and Emerging Technologies	EB 1
5717	1	Bergman, Jack	MLP	Advanced Resuscitation Systems for Combat Casualty Care	EB 1
5725	0	Scott, Austin	MLP	This amendment would add the National Intelligence College (formerly the National Intelligence University) to the statutory list of institutions comprising the National Defense University under section 2165(b) of title 10, United States Code.	EB 1
5726	0	Scott, Austin	MLP	This amendment would permanently codify the Joint Trauma System to improve combat casualty care readiness and require each combatant command to maintain a Combatant Command Trauma System.	EB 1
5727	0	Scott, Austin	MLP	This amendment would authorize enlisted members of the Armed Forces to receive degrees from the Naval Postgraduate School by repealing the existing statutory restriction in section 8545(d) of title 10, United States Code.	EB 1
5730	0	Houlahan, Chrissy	MLP	Expand CATCH eligibility to victims of sexual harassment who have filed qualifying complaints or reports	EB 1
5731	1	Houlahan, Chrissy	MLP	Requires a briefing on DoD vaccine research and development that protect service members against endemic, emerging, and biothreat pathogens.	EB 1
5733	0	Houlahan, Chrissy	MLP	Bereavement leave for a member of the Armed Forces in the case of a loss of pregnancy or stillbirth	EB 1
5734	0	Jacobs, Sara	MLP	Modifies the Military Child Care in Your Home Pilot Program to authorize DOD to pay families directly.	EB 1
5736	2	Houlahan, Chrissy	MLP	Improvements of process for filing Tricare complaints	EB 1
5737	0	Jacobs, Sara	MLP	5 year pilot program to establish an MCCYN/MCCYN+ grant program to increase the number of community infant and toddler care providers near select installations in high cost areas or where there is a significant lack of accessible child care services.	EB 1
5746	0	Houlahan, Chrissy	MLP	Briefing on current leave policies and barriers for service members taking leave.	EB 1
5757	0	Tokuda, Jill N.	MLP	Requires that a chaperone is present at any sensitive examination performed by an obstetrician-gynecologist at a military medical treatment facility.	EB 1

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5758	1	Bergman, Jack	MLP	Timeliness of Electronic Medical Records During Transition From the Armed Forces	EB 1
5759	0	Tokuda, Jill N.	MLP	Require DoD to establish doctor of psychology (PsyD) and master of social work (MSW) programs at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.	EB 1
5760	1	Tokuda, Jill N.	MLP	Establish a DoD commemorative service medal for U.S. Government civilian and contractor employees who were instrumental in the development of the U.S. nuclear weapons program, including participating in cleanup of radioactive material.	EB 1
5772	0	Luttrell, Morgan	MLP	Language to establish a pilot program at two Army installations to have no less than 100 soldiers get an in-person physical and blood panel and compare it to those who go through the standard periodic health assessment	EB 1
5778	0	Hamadeh, Abraham J.	MLP	One-time corrective increase and annual adjustments for certain special and incentive pays for members of the armed forces, such as combat pay.	EB 1
5779	0	Hamadeh, Abraham J.	MLP	Authorizes the Secretary of Defense to provide to eligible patrons a discount on motor fuel sold at exchange stores, equivalent to the federal gas tax.	EB 1
5780	0	Kiggans, Jennifer A.	MLP	Requires GAO to audit the TRICARE pharmacy benefits program, examining reimbursement rates, prior authorizations, dispensing timeliness, and pharmacy network adequacy. It also mandates contractor transparency by requiring full data disclosure to the GAO and directs the Secretary	EB 1
5799	0	Strickland, Marilyn	MLP	Requires DoD to assess and report on the effectiveness of its Child Care Space Buy Down Program in expanding affordable childcare access for military families.	EB 1
5805	1	Gimenez, Carlos A.	MLP	Cross-manning requirements of fire apparatus at Space Force covered installations.	EB 1
5811	0	Hamadeh, Abraham J.	MLP	For "Assessment of Emerging Clinical Research for Treatment-Resistant PTSD" this clarifies the state-enabled study involved (without naming the state or study) and includes a review of applicability of recent Presidential EO on this topic.	EB 1
5827	0	Luttrell, Morgan	MLP	Study the feasibility of establishing a pilot program at the Lovell Federal Health Care Center for behavioral neurology fellowship to provide training opportunities with respect to treating members of the Armed Forces and veterans with traumatic brain injuries	EB 1
5834	1	Moylan, Jim	MLP	Fresh Produce in Guam Commissaries	EB 1
5837	0	Scott, Austin	MLP	Authorizes the Director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency to submit an annual unfunded priorities report to Congress.	EB 1

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5857	0	Bergman, Jack	MLP	Prostate Cancer Incidence and Emerging Technologies	EB 1
5859	2	Jackson, Ronny	MLP	Directs the Director of the DoDEA to provide a briefing on the effects of MCASP grant funding and quality of life improvements for servicemembers and their families.	EB 1
5861	1	Bergman, Jack	MLP	Active Duty Tuition Assistance	EB 1
5873	0	Tokuda, Jill N.	MLP	Expand the wraparound coverage benefit for DoD civilian employees in Japan to include dependents, add civilian employees and dependents in Guam, and require DoD to review other OCONUS locations for potential expansion of the wraparound benefit or other mitigations.	EB 1
5884	0	Tokuda, Jill N.	MLP	Require DoD to analyze the feasibility and advisability of establishing a separate punitive article on hazing under the UCMJ.	EB 1
5891	0	Tokuda, Jill N.	MLP	Require all investigations of alleged sexual harassment by members of the Navy or Marine Corps to be conducted by NCIS.	EB 1
5892	0	Turner, Michael	MLP	Require each branch of the military to develop a policy that allows service members to request exemption from orders for a permanent change of station for up to 24 months for the purposes of stabilization if they are party to a court ordered child custody arrangement.	EB 1
5898	1	Davis, Donald G.	MLP	Allows SECDEF to execute a pilot program providing improved access to less harmful tobacco products (non-combustible alternatives) to servicemembers who are already smoking more harmful (combustible) products.	EB 1
5899	1	Kiggans, Jennifer A.	MLP	Directs the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report to SASC and HASC not later than March 1, 2027, on the impacts of the 2023 respite care policy changes implemented under DODI 1315.19.	EB 1
5902	0	Kiggans, Jennifer A.	MLP	Directs the DHA director to provide a report to the HASC and SASC, no later than December 1, 2026, examining the results of adopting this ambient AI clinical documentation pilot program and discussing the feasibility of expanding these technologies across the MHS.	EB 1
5903	0	Tokuda, Jill N.	MLP	Revise the JROTC Standardized Instructor Pay Scale to reflect the amount of the non-foreign area cost-of-living allowance or post allowance for instructors at OCONUS locations; require report on recruitment and retention of JROTC instructors.	EB 1
5915	0	Jackson, Ronny	MLP	Directs a briefing on efforts to increase the utilization of veteran-led nonprofit organizations in POW/MIA recovery missions	EB 1
5925	1	Scott, Austin	MLP	Encourages maximum aviation incentive pay after 8 years of service and expands Air Force rated officer retention tools with shorter contracts, higher bonuses, and greater assignment flexibility.	EB 1

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5927	2	Scott, Austin	MLP	Lets service members with existing obligations use the Career Intermission Program and sets a one month minimum participation period.	EB 1
5941	1	Finstad, Brad	MLP	Supports inclusion of briefing on the the development of a promising medical countermeasure that provides both prophylactic and therapeutic protection in radiological or nuclear exposure events.	EB 1
5942	2	Harrigan, Pat	MLP	Directs the Army to report on research regarding direct electrical nerve stimulation for post-amputation pain management in service members, including evidence of effectiveness and plans for clinical adoption.	EB 1
5946	0	Tokuda, Jill N.	MLP	GAO study on access to health care at CONUS MTFs, including standards, methods, and data used to measure access to care and the reliability of these data, and how data are used to facilitate referrals.	EB 1
5948	0	Jackson, Ronny	MLP	Directs a briefing on the Department's assessment of the battlefield medical sustainment, casualty evacuation survivability, and force health support requirements in contested unmanned operational environments.	EB 1
5951	0	Tokuda, Jill N.	MLP	Add a \$1,000 funeral/burial benefit to the Survivor Benefit Plan for those who elect participation on or after July 1, 2027, and are predeceased by their spouse beneficiary.	EB 1
5953	2	Jackson, Ronny	MLP	Directs a briefing on on the feasibility, cost-effectiveness, and risks of expanded partnerships, grants, or other forms of support for nonprofit youth development organizations as part of the Department's recruiting strategy.	EB 1
5960	0	Tokuda, Jill N.	MLP	Authorize DoD to establish residencies and similar postgraduate training programs for civilian employee physicians, nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and behavioral health providers at military medical treatment facilities; require implementation plan.	EB 1
5967	0	Crank, Jeff	MLP	Directs the Department of the Air Force to brief on how the Air Force Academy will compete for FSRM funds to meet the needs of USAFA 2050.	EB 1
5971	0	Jackson, Ronny	MLP	Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a Blast Overpressure Task Force through the Department of Veterans Affairs-Department of Defense Joint Executive Committee.	EB 1
5976	1	Jackson, Ronny	MLP	Eliminates the 60-day cap on accumulation of leave for members of the Armed Forces.	EB 1

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MR. BERGMAN OF MICHIGAN**

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

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_ . BRIEFING ON PROSTATE CANCER INCIDENCE**  
2 **AND EMERGING DIAGNOSTIC TECH-**  
3 **NOLOGIES.**

4 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-  
5 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination  
6 with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall provide to  
7 the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Rep-  
8 resentatives and the Senate and the Committees on Vet-  
9 erans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and the  
10 Senate a briefing on—

11 (1) the status and any preliminary findings of  
12 ongoing studies on cancer incidence rates among  
13 members of the Armed Forces and veterans, includ-  
14 ing—

15 (A) the results of and remedial actions  
16 taken following the study conducted by the Sec-  
17 retary of Defense on aircrew members of ro-  
18 tary-wing aircraft under section 736 of the Na-  
19 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal

1 Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat.  
2 935); and

3 (B) the results of and remedial actions  
4 taken following the completion of the study con-  
5 ducted by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs re-  
6 lating to fixed-wing aviators and associated  
7 ground crew pursuant to title V of the Sergeant  
8 First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our  
9 Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act  
10 of 2022 (Public Law 117–168) and subsequent  
11 related directives;

12 (2) the incidence and prevalence of prostate  
13 cancer among members of the Armed Forces and  
14 veterans, including any identified elevated risks  
15 within specific occupational specialties;

16 (3) an assessment of emerging and advanced  
17 prostate cancer screening, diagnostic, and prognostic  
18 technologies, including those that are less invasive  
19 and capable of determining cancer aggressiveness;

20 (4) the extent to which such technologies are  
21 currently available within the military health system  
22 and the health care system of the Department of  
23 Veterans Affairs; and

24 (5) a plan, including timelines and resource re-  
25 quirements, to evaluate and, as appropriate, imple-

1        ment such technologies within the military health  
2        system and the health care system of the Depart-  
3        ment of Veterans Affairs.



## **Amendment to H.R. 8800**

**Offered by: Mr. Bergman**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

### **Advanced Resuscitation Systems for Combat Casualty Care**

The committee recognizes the critical importance of improving survivability and neurological outcomes in combat casualty care, particularly in austere and prolonged field care environments where access to definitive surgical intervention is limited. The committee notes recent advances in portable resuscitation technologies capable of restoring and sustaining circulation and oxygenation following cardiac arrest or severe traumatic injury.

Accordingly, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Defense Health Agency and the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research, to assess the feasibility, operational utility, and medical effectiveness of advanced portable resuscitation systems for use in forward-deployed and austere environments. Such assessment shall include consideration of the potential to extend survivability timelines, improve neurological outcomes, and enhance limb and organ preservation.

The Secretary shall submit a report to the House Committee on Armed services by March 1, 2027 on the results of this assessment, including ongoing and planned research and development efforts, pilot program opportunities, integration pathways into current combat casualty care protocols, and any associated resource requirements.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MR. AUSTIN SCOTT OF GEORGIA**

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

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . INCLUSION OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COL-**  
2 **LEGE AS PART OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE**  
3 **UNIVERSITY.**

4 Section 2165(b) of title 10, United States Code, is  
5 amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-  
7 graph (8); and

8 (2) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-  
9 lowing new paragraph:

10 “(7) The National Intelligence College.”



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MR. AUSTIN SCOTT OF GEORGIA**

Add at the appropriate place in title VII the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_ . JOINT TRAUMA SYSTEM.**

2 Chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, is amended  
3 ed by inserting after section 1073f the following new section:  
4 tion:

5 **“§ 1073g. Joint trauma system**

6 “(a) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
7 maintain the Joint Trauma System established pursuant  
8 to section 707 of the National Defense Authorization Act  
9 for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) as a permanent  
10 operational element of the Defense Health Agency  
11 to support the readiness of the armed forces with respect  
12 to providing combat casualty care in support of military  
13 operations.

14 “(b) ELEMENTS.—In addition to the requirements of  
15 section 707(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act  
16 for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328), in carrying  
17 out the Joint Trauma System, the Secretary shall—

18 “(1) develop and maintain evidence-based clinical  
19 ical practice guidelines for combat casualty care

1 across the continuum of care, from point of injury  
2 through definitive treatment;

3 “(2) establish standards for, and support the  
4 certification of, predeployment medical readiness for  
5 military surgeons;

6 “(3) maintain and integrate trauma registries  
7 and data systems of the Department of Defense to  
8 support performance improvement, research, and  
9 operational planning;

10 “(4) conduct system-wide performance improve-  
11 ment and lessons-learned analysis for combat cas-  
12 ualty care, including dissemination of best practices  
13 across the armed forces; and

14 “(5) support the integration of military and ci-  
15 vilian trauma systems to enhance readiness and im-  
16 prove trauma care outcomes during military oper-  
17 ations.

18 “(c) COMBATANT COMMAND TRAUMA SYSTEMS.—(1)  
19 Each commander of a combatant command shall establish  
20 and maintain a Combatant Command Trauma System to  
21 support operational planning, exercises, and military oper-  
22 ations across the continuum of combat casualty care, from  
23 point of injury through definitive care and rehabilitation.

24 “(2) The Secretaries of the military departments  
25 shall assign clinically active and operationally experienced

1 trauma personnel, as required, to support the establish-  
2 ment, sustainment, and operation of each Combatant  
3 Command Trauma System in accordance with the require-  
4 ments outlined in Department policy and implementation  
5 guidance with the developmental guidance, operational  
6 support, and clinical oversight of the Joint Trauma Sys-  
7 tem.

8 “(3) Each Combatant Command Trauma System  
9 shall—

10 “(A) integrate trauma care data into the De-  
11 partment of Defense Trauma Registry;

12 “(B) implement clinical practice guidelines and  
13 performance improvement processes of the Joint  
14 Trauma System;

15 “(C) support theater-specific trauma training  
16 and readiness requirements; and

17 “(D) enable operational performance assess-  
18 ment and lessons learned across the continuum of  
19 combat casualty care.

20 “(d) COORDINATION.—In carrying out this section,  
21 the Secretary of Defense shall ensure coordination be-  
22 tween the Director of the Defense Health Agency and the  
23 Surgeons General of the armed forces, the commanders  
24 of the combatant commands, and other elements of the  
25 military health system as required.

1       “(e) ANNUAL BRIEFING.—Not later than March 1 of  
2 each year, the Secretary of Defense shall provide a brief-  
3 ing to the congressional defense committees on the activi-  
4 ties, readiness posture, and performance of the Joint  
5 Trauma System and the Combatant Command Trauma  
6 System, including—

7           “(1) a summary of Department-wide combat  
8 casualty care readiness across the Defense Trauma  
9 Enterprise, including findings derived from the per-  
10 formance improvement activities, clinical practice  
11 guideline implementation, trauma registry data, and  
12 other trauma system analyses of the Joint Trauma  
13 System supporting readiness oversight;

14           “(2) the status of establishment, staffing, and  
15 operational capability of each Combatant Command  
16 Trauma System, including personnel assigned by the  
17 Secretaries of the military departments to support  
18 such systems;

19           “(3) identified gaps in combat casualty care  
20 readiness affecting the Combatant Command Trau-  
21 ma System;

22           “(4) actions taken, planned, or resourced to ad-  
23 dress such gaps; and

24           “(5) such additional matters relating to the  
25 Joint Trauma System or Combatant Command

1 Trauma System as the Secretary of Defense deter-  
2 mines appropriate.

3 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) The term ‘combat casualty care’ means the  
5 provision of medical care to wounded members of  
6 the armed forces in operational environments, in-  
7 cluding prehospital care, damage-control resuscita-  
8 tion, and surgical intervention.

9 “(2) The term ‘Joint Trauma System’ means  
10 the Department of Defense’s system for improving  
11 trauma care through data collection, analysis, per-  
12 formance improvement, and dissemination of best  
13 practices.”.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MR. AUSTIN SCOTT OF GEORGIA**

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

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . ELIGIBILITY OF AN ENLISTED MEMBER TO RE-**  
2 **CEIVE A DEGREE FROM THE NAVAL POST-**  
3 **GRADUATE SCHOOL.**

4 Section 8545 of title 10, United States Code, is  
5 amended by striking subsection (d).



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MS. HOULAHAN OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . INCLUSION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN CATCH**

2 **A SERIAL OFFENDER PROGRAM.**

3 (a) PARTICIPATION AND NOTICE.—Not later than 60  
4 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
5 retary of Defense shall—

6 (1) modify the policies, procedures, and forms  
7 necessary to permit individuals who are members of  
8 the Armed Forces, adult dependents of such mem-  
9 bers, or employees of the Department of Defense to  
10 participate in the Catch a Serial Offender Program  
11 of the Department of Defense if the individual sub-  
12 mits a confidential complaint or report of sexual  
13 harassment or an unrestricted report or informal  
14 complaint of sexual harassment without disclosing  
15 the name of the subject to a military criminal inves-  
16 tigative organization; and

17 (2) such individuals are notified of whether  
18 such individuals may participate in the Catch A Se-  
19 rial Offender Program when submitting a confiden-

1 tial complaint or report of sexual harassment or an  
2 unrestricted report or informal complaint of sexual  
3 harassment.

4 (b) APPLICABILITY TO EXISTING REPORTS.—The  
5 Secretary of Defense shall ensure that individuals who  
6 submitted a confidential complaint or report of sexual har-  
7 assment or an unrestricted report or informal complaint  
8 of sexual harassment before the effective date of the modi-  
9 fications to policies, procedures, and forms in accordance  
10 with subsection (a)(1)—

11 (1) are eligibility to participate in the Catch a  
12 Serial Offender Program in the same manner and  
13 under the same conditions as an individual who sub-  
14 mits such a complaint or report after such effective  
15 date; and

16 (2) are notified of such eligibility.



## **Amendment to H.R. 8800**

### **Offered by: Ms. Houlahan**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### **Briefing on Department of Defense Vaccine Research and Development**

The committee recognizes changes to federal vaccine advisory structures and evolving regulatory standards may have introduced uncertainty into the development, evaluation, and acquisition of vaccines relevant to military populations. The committee notes that these developments may have direct implications for the health of service members, particularly those deployed to high-risk environments, as well as broader impacts on force readiness and global operational capability.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, no later than March 31, 2027 that includes the following:

1. the identified DoD vaccine research and development priorities to protect service members against endemic, emerging, and biothreat pathogens, including a list of existing and planned DoD vaccine projects;
2. the historical funding levels for DoD vaccine research, development, testing, and evaluation over the last five years;
3. the identified challenges and risks associated with evolving regulatory pathways for vaccines intended for military use, including implications for rapid deployment in operational settings; and
4. an assessment of the risks to service members' health, force health protection, and overall military readiness if DoD vaccine research and development priorities are delayed, reduced, or not achieved.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MS. HOULAHAN OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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

1 **SEC. 6 \_\_\_\_ . BEREAVEMENT LEAVE FOR A MEMBER OF THE**  
2 **ARMED FORCES IN THE CASE OF A LOSS OF**  
3 **PREGNANCY OR STILLBIRTH.**

4 Subsection (l)(1)(A) of section 701 of title 10, United  
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking “the death of an immediate fam-  
7 ily member.” and inserting an em dash; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
9 clauses:

10 “(i) the death of an immediate family member;

11 or

12 “(ii) the loss of a pregnancy or a stillbirth by  
13 such member or the spouse of such member.”.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MS. JACOBS OF CALIFORNIA**

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

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . MODIFICATIONS TO PILOT PROGRAM TO PRO-**  
2 **VIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS**  
3 **OF THE ARMED FORCES FOR IN-HOME CHILD**  
4 **CARE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 589 of the William M.  
6 (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for  
7 Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283; 10 U.S.C. 1791  
8 note) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), and  
10 (e) as subsections (d), (e), and (f), respectively; and

11 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
12 lowing new subsection:

13 “(c) DIRECT PAYMENTS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
15 graph (2), the Secretary of Defense shall provide fi-  
16 nancial assistance under the pilot program required  
17 by subsection (a) to members of the Armed Forces  
18 through monthly pay, direct deposit, or other form  
19 of direct payment to such members.

1           “(2) PAYMENT TO ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS.—The  
2           Secretary of Defense may provide financial assist-  
3           ance under the pilot program required by subsection  
4           (a) directly to an in-home child care provider with  
5           the written consent of the member of the Armed  
6           Forces receiving such financial assistance.”.

7           (b) IMPLEMENTATION DATE.—The requirements of  
8           subsection (c) of section 589 of the William M. (Mac)  
9           Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
10          Year 2021, as added by subsection (a) of this section—

11           (1) except as provided in paragraph (2), shall  
12           apply to financial assistance under the pilot program  
13           established pursuant to such section provided on or  
14           after the date that is 180 days after the date of the  
15           enactment of this Act; and

16           (2) shall not apply to financial assistance under  
17           such pilot program provided to an in-home child care  
18           provider pursuant to an agreement between the Sec-  
19           retary of Defense until the end of the term of such  
20           agreement if—

21           (A) the agreement is in effect on the date  
22           of the enactment of this Act; and

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1 (B) the agreement provides that the Sec-  
2 retary will make direct payments to such pro-  
3 vider.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MS. HOULAHAN OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_ . IMPROVEMENT OF PROCESS FOR FILING OF**  
2 **COMPLAINTS AND REPORTING OF ISSUES**  
3 **UNDER TRICARE PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
6 shall issue guidance to set forth the process and timeline  
7 for covered beneficiaries, direct care providers, and au-  
8 thorized providers under the TRICARE program to file  
9 complaints and report issues that have not been resolved  
10 through existing channels, including complaints regarding  
11 coverage, access to care, denials, incorrect provider direc-  
12 tory listings, network adequacy, access to specialized care  
13 within a reasonable distance from their homes, overdue or  
14 consistently inaccurate payments, and other related issues.

15 (b) ELEMENTS OF GUIDANCE.—The guidance re-  
16 quired under subsection (a) shall set forth—

17 (1) the details and effective date of a reporting  
18 tool that follows a simple flow chart for filing com-  
19 plaints and reporting issues; and

1           (2) the timelines and protocols that the Depart-  
2           ment of Defense will use to monitor and address  
3           complaints filed and issues reported that are appro-  
4           priate to the level of acuity or urgency of such com-  
5           plaint or issue, including responses to the covered  
6           beneficiary or provider that include—

7                   (A) steps that have been taken by the De-  
8                   partment of Defense to respond to the com-  
9                   plaint or issue;

10                   (B) any responses received by relevant par-  
11                   ties in investigating the complaint or issue; and

12                   (C) follow-up actions or planned follow-up  
13                   actions by the Department of Defense in re-  
14                   sponse to the complaint or issue.

15           (c) APPLICATION TO PROVIDERS.—The guidance re-  
16           quired under subsection (a) shall apply to all agreements  
17           with authorized providers under the TRICARE program  
18           entered into on or after the date of the enactment of this  
19           Act.

20           (d) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than one year after  
21           the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually there-  
22           after, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Com-  
23           mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House  
24           of Representatives a report that includes the following:

1           (1) The number of complaints filed or issues re-  
2           ported that are covered by subsection (a),  
3           disaggregated by category of complaint or issue,  
4           beneficiary complaint or issue, or provider complaint  
5           or issue.

6           (2) A description of steps that were taken to re-  
7           spond to such complaints or issues.

8           (3) A description of any follow-up actions or  
9           planned follow-up actions by the Department of De-  
10          fense in response to such complaints or issues.

11          (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12           (1) The term “covered Armed Force” means  
13           the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and  
14           Space Force.

15           (2) The term “covered beneficiary” means a  
16           covered beneficiary, as defined in section 1072 of  
17           title 10, United States Code, who is a beneficiary by  
18           reason of the service by an individual in a covered  
19           Armed Force.

20           (3) The term “TRICARE program” has the  
21           meaning given that term in section 1072 of title 10,  
22           United States Code.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MS. JACOBS OF CALIFORNIA**

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

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . PILOT PROGRAM TO INCREASE PAYMENTS FOR**  
2 **CHILD CARE SERVICES IN HIGH-COST AREAS.**

3 Section 1798 of title 10, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as  
6 subsection (d) and (e), respectively; and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
8 lowing new subsection:

9 “(c) PILOT PROGRAM FOR GRANTS TO INCREASE IN-  
10 FANT AND TODDLER CAPACITY IN HIGH-COST AREAS.—

11 (1) The Secretary of Defense may establish a pilot pro-  
12 gram to provide grants to eligible providers seeking to ex-  
13 pand the capacity of such providers to provide care for  
14 infants and toddlers.

15 “(2) A grant awarded under the pilot program estab-  
16 lished under paragraph (1) shall—

17 “(A) be in an amount determined by the Sec-  
18 retary, but in no case more than 75 percent of the

1 estimated cost of the expansion for which the grant  
2 is provided; and

3 “(B) require the recipient of a grant to—

4 “(i) make available not less than half of  
5 any additional capacity for infants and toddlers  
6 to children of members of the armed forces that  
7 results from the expansion for which a grant is  
8 awarded for the 10-year period that begins on  
9 the date on which such expansion is completed;  
10 and

11 “(ii) certify that the recipient will not dis-  
12 place children enrolled on the date described in  
13 clause (i) who are not children of members of  
14 the armed forces to meet the requirement of  
15 clause (i).

16 “(3) The Secretary—

17 “(A) shall award grants under the pilot pro-  
18 gram established under paragraph (1) to not less  
19 than 10 eligible providers located in areas with high  
20 child care services costs or a significant lack of ac-  
21 cessible child care services, as determined by the  
22 Secretary; and

23 “(B) may award grants under the pilot pro-  
24 gram established under paragraph (1) to eligible

1 providers located in other areas as the Secretary  
2 considers appropriate.

3 “(4) Not later than one year after the establishment  
4 of the pilot program under this subsection, and semiannu-  
5 ally thereafter until the date of the termination of the pilot  
6 program, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate  
7 congressional committees a report on the pilot program  
8 that includes—

9 “(A) the number of eligible providers partici-  
10 pating in the pilot program, disaggregated by loca-  
11 tion;

12 “(B) the number of additional infant and tod-  
13 dler enrollments at eligible providers made available  
14 under the pilot program, disaggregated by location;

15 “(C) the determination of the Secretary as to  
16 whether grants provided under the pilot program—

17 “(i) helped reduce child care costs for ap-  
18 plicable military families;

19 “(ii) increased child care provider partici-  
20 pation in the financial assistance available  
21 under this section; and

22 “(iii) increased access to infant and toddler  
23 care for military families;

1           “(D) the determination of the Secretary with  
2           respect to the feasibility of expanding the pilot pro-  
3           gram to all communities;

4           “(E) any challenges identified by the Secretary  
5           in carrying out the pilot program;

6           “(F) legislation or administrative action that  
7           the Secretary determines necessary to make the pilot  
8           program permanent; and

9           “(G) any other information the Secretary deter-  
10          mines appropriate.

11          “(5) Not later than 90 days after the date of the ter-  
12          mination of the pilot program, the Secretary shall submit  
13          to the appropriate congressional committees a report that  
14          includes—

15               “(A) the elements specified in subparagraphs  
16               (A) through (G) of paragraph (4); and

17               “(B) the recommendation of the Secretary as to  
18               whether to make the pilot program permanent.

19          “(6) The pilot program established under this sub-  
20          section shall terminate on the date that is five years after  
21          the date on which such program is established.

22          “(7) In this subsection, the term ‘appropriate con-  
23          gressional committees’ means—

24               “(A) the congressional defense committees;

1           “(B) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
2           Transportation of the Senate; and  
3           “(C) the Committee on Transportation and In-  
4           frastructure of the House of Representatives.”.



## **Amendment to H.R. 8800**

**Offered by: Ms. Houlahan**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

### **Briefing on Leave Policies and Obstacles to Servicemembers Taking Leave**

The committee recognizes that servicemembers face barriers to taking leave, including deployments, permanent changes of station, manning limitations, and required professional military education attendance. The committee further recognizes that, while servicemembers are entitled to 30 days of regular leave per year, servicemembers must often carry leave year-over-year, increasing the risk that they reach the leave carry-over limit and lose leave days.

The committee is concerned that the military services have uneven leave policies that restrict a servicemember's ability to take leave beyond a reasonable level, and that certain military occupation fields are consistently unable to take their full entitled leave.

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 April 1, 2027, on current leave policies across the military services and obstacles to servicemembers taking leave. The briefing should include the following:

- (1) all current leave policies across the military services;
- (2) the number of leave days lost to "use or lose" policies, disaggregated by military service and military occupation field;
- (3) the obstacles that specifically prevent servicemembers from using leave before leave days are lost; and
- (4) the obstacles that servicemembers generally encounter when taking leave.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MS. TOKUDA OF HAWAII**

Add at the appropriate place in title VII the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_ . CHAPERONES FOR CERTAIN SENSITIVE EXAMI-**  
2 **NATIONS AT MILITARY MEDICAL TREATMENT**  
3 **FACILITIES.**

4 Section 1074d of title 10, United States Code, is  
5 amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-  
7 section (c); and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
9 lowing new subsection (b):

10 “(b) CHAPERONE.—(1) The Secretary shall ensure  
11 that a chaperone is present at any sensitive examination  
12 performed by an obstetrician-gynecologist at a military  
13 medical treatment facility.

14 “(2) In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary  
15 shall—

16 “(A) establish qualifications for a covered indi-  
17 vidual to serve as a chaperone;

18 “(B) provide appropriate training to chap-  
19 erones;

1           “(C) require chaperones to maintain patient  
2           confidentiality except with respect to mandatory re-  
3           porting of any suspected inappropriate activity  
4           under processes established by the Secretary; and

5           “(D) ensure a patient may request a different  
6           chaperone for any reason (and reschedule the sen-  
7           sitive examination if no other chaperone is avail-  
8           able).

9           “(3) In this subsection:

10           “(A) The term ‘covered individual’ means—

11           “(i) a member of the armed forces or a ci-  
12           vilian employee who is a health-care profes-  
13           sional (as defined in section 1094 of this title);

14           “(ii) a resident or student covered under a  
15           formal training agreement;

16           “(iii) a technician, a health care para-pro-  
17           fessional, or medical support assistant; or

18           “(iv) a volunteer at a military medical  
19           treatment facility.

20           “(B) The term ‘sensitive examination’ means a  
21           medical examination, treatment, or procedure of the  
22           genitalia, rectum, or female breasts, or a forensic  
23           health care examination.”.



## **Amendment to H.R. 8800**

**Offered by: Mr. Bergman**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

### **Electronic Health Records Transition Timeliness**

The Committee is concerned with delays in providing separating servicemembers access to their electronic health records following separation from active duty. The Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the congressional defense committees not later than March 31, 2027, on the timeliness of providing electronic health records to separating members, including an explanation of delays and recommendations for improving timeliness.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MS. TOKUDA OF HAWAII**

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

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . ESTABLISHMENT OF A DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY**  
2 **PROGRAM AND A MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK**  
3 **PROGRAM AT THE UNIFORMED SERVICES**  
4 **UNIVERSITY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2113 of title 10, United  
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

8 “(h) ESTABLISHMENT OF A DOCTOR OF PSY-  
9 CHOLOGY PROGRAM AND A MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK  
10 PROGRAM.—(1) The Secretary shall establish at the Uni-  
11 versity a doctor of psychology program and a master of  
12 social work program.

13 “(2) A doctor of philosophy in clinical psychology  
14 shall not be considered to satisfy the requirement of para-  
15 graph (1).”.

16 (b) ESTABLISHMENT DATE.—The Secretary shall es-  
17 tablish the programs required by subsection (h) of section  
18 2113 of title 10, United States Code, as added by sub-

1 section (a), not later than five years after the date of the  
2 enactment of this Act.

3 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date  
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit  
5 to Congress a report on the programs required by sub-  
6 section (h) of section 2113 of title 10, United States Code,  
7 as added by subsection (a), including—

8 (1) the estimated date of matriculation for the  
9 first class of students for each such program;

10 (2) the estimated graduation date for the first  
11 class from each such program;

12 (3) the expected class size of each such pro-  
13 gram during the 10-year period following the sub-  
14 mission of the report;

15 (4) the estimated number of faculty needed to  
16 operate each such program during the 10-year pe-  
17 riod following the submission of the report;

18 (5) an estimate of facilities needs for each such  
19 program; and

20 (6) the estimated cost to establish and operate  
21 each such program during the 10-year period fol-  
22 lowing the submission of the report, categorized  
23 by—

24 (A) personnel;

25 (B) facilities; and

3

1 (C) other costs, as determined by the Sec-  
2 retary.





1 (B) directly participated in the cleanup of  
2 radioactive material resulting from any such at-  
3 mospheric detonation;

4 (C) directly participated in the cleanup of  
5 radioactive material resulting from an accident  
6 associated with an atomic weapon; or

7 (D) was exposed to ionizing radiation re-  
8 sulting from the operational use of atomic  
9 weapons during World War II.

10 (2) DOCUMENTATION.—The Secretary of De-  
11 fense may require individuals to submit supporting  
12 documentation for the medal authorized in sub-  
13 section (a) to determine eligibility under paragraph  
14 (1).

15 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF MEDAL.—

16 (1) ISSUANCE TO RETIRED AND FORMER CIVIL-  
17 IAN EMPLOYEES.—At the request of an eligible indi-  
18 vidual described under subsection (b)(1), the Sec-  
19 retary of Defense shall issue the Medal to such indi-  
20 vidual.

21 (2) ISSUANCE TO NEXT-OF-KIN.—In the case of  
22 am individual who is deceased but would otherwise  
23 be eligible for the Medal, the Secretary may provide  
24 for issuance of the Medal to the next-of-kin of such  
25 individual. If applications for a Medal are filed by

1 more than one next of kin of such an individual, the  
2 Secretary of Defense shall determine which next-of-  
3 kin will receive the Medal.

4 (3) APPLICATION.—The Secretary shall prepare  
5 and disseminate as appropriate an application by  
6 which eligible individuals and their next-of-kin may  
7 apply to receive the Medal.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MR. LUTTRELL OF TEXAS**

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

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_ . ESTABLISHMENT OF PILOT PROGRAM ON USE**  
2 **OF HEALTH CARE ASSESSMENTS OTHER**  
3 **THAN PERIODIC HEALTH ASSESSMENTS.**

4 (a) **REQUIREMENT.**—The Secretary of the Army shall  
5 carry out a pilot program to evaluate the effectiveness of  
6 different health care assessment methods for members of  
7 the Army serving on active duty, as compared to the peri-  
8 odic health assessment of the Army.

9 (b) **LOCATIONS.**—The Secretary shall—

10 (1) carry out the pilot program under sub-  
11 section (a) at Fort Hood, Texas; and

12 (2) select at least one more installation of the  
13 Army at which to carry out the pilot program.

14 (c) **PARTICIPANT SELECTION.**—The Secretary shall  
15 select not fewer than 100 members of the Army to partici-  
16 pate in the pilot program under subsection (a). Such mem-  
17 bers may not be in a high-risk population, as determined  
18 by the Secretary.

1 (e) HEALTH CARE ASSESSMENTS.—In carrying out  
2 the pilot program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall  
3 provide members of the Army participating in the pilot  
4 program with the following instead of the periodic health  
5 assessment:

6 (1) An in-person physical examination.

7 (2) Blood work that includes comprehensive  
8 metabolic panel and complete blood count conducted  
9 by qualified medical personnel.

10 (3) Any other test or evaluation as determined  
11 appropriate by the Secretary.

12 (f) BASELINE.—The Secretary shall use health care  
13 assessments provided to a member of the Army under the  
14 pilot program under subsection (a) as a baseline for the  
15 purposes of ongoing regular monitoring of the member.

16 (g) DURATION.—The Secretary shall carry out the  
17 pilot program for a two-year period beginning on the date  
18 of the enactment of this Act, but the Secretary may extend  
19 such period.

20 (h) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
21 on which the pilot program under subsection (a) con-  
22 cludes, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional de-  
23 fense committees a report on the pilot program, including  
24 findings relating to—

25 (1) health care outcomes;

3

- 1 (2) satisfaction of members of the Army; and
- 2 (3) any recommendations for broader imple-
- 3 mentation.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MR. HAMADEH OF ARIZONA**

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

1 **SEC. 6 \_\_\_\_ . ONE-TIME CORRECTIVE INCREASE AND ANNUAL**  
2 **ADJUSTMENTS FOR CERTAIN SPECIAL AND**  
3 **INCENTIVE PAYS FOR MEMBERS OF THE**  
4 **ARMED FORCES; CLARIFICATION OF SPECIAL**  
5 **AND INCENTIVE PAY AUTHORITIES FOR MEM-**  
6 **BERS OF RESERVE COMPONENTS.**

7 (a) ADJUSTMENTS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 19 of title 37,  
9 United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
10 end the following new section:

11 **“§ 1017. Adjustments to amounts of special and incen-**  
12 **tive pays**

13 “(a) INITIAL INCREASE.—Effective on January 1 of  
14 the first year that begins after the date of the enactment  
15 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
16 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall increase the amount  
17 of each covered special and incentive pay (rounded to the  
18 nearest dollar) for members of the armed forces by the  
19 greater of—

1           “(1) the percentage by which the CPI for the  
2           base quarter of the preceding year exceeds the CPI  
3           for the base quarter preceding the last statutory or  
4           administrative increase date for such covered special  
5           and incentive pay; and

6           “(2) the percentage by which the average rate  
7           of basic pay for members of the armed forces under  
8           section 203(a) of this title in effect on such January  
9           1 exceeds the average rate of basic pay for members  
10          of the armed forces under such section 203(a) that  
11          was in effect on the last statutory or administrative  
12          increase date for such covered special and incentive  
13          pay.

14          “(b) RECURRING INCREASE.—Effective on January  
15 1 of the second year that begins after the date of the en-  
16 actment of the National Defense Authorization Act for  
17 Fiscal Year 2027, and each January 1 thereafter, the Sec-  
18 retary of Defense shall increase the amount of each cov-  
19 ered special and incentive pay (rounded to the nearest dol-  
20 lar) for members of the armed forces by the greater of—

21           “(1) the percentage by which the CPI for the  
22           base quarter of the preceding year exceeds the CPI  
23           for the base quarter of the year before the preceding  
24           year; and

1           “(2) the percentage by which the rate of basic  
2           pay for members of the armed forces under section  
3           203(a) of this title is increased on such January 1  
4           from the rate of basic pay for such members in ef-  
5           fect the preceding year.

6           “(c) RELATIONSHIP TO LIMITS OF AMOUNTS IN  
7           LAW.—The Secretary shall increase the amount of each  
8           covered special and incentive pay in accordance with sub-  
9           section (a) or (b) notwithstanding any limitation on the  
10          maximum amount of such pay specified in any other provi-  
11          sion of law.

12          “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13           “(1) The term ‘base quarter’ for any year is the  
14           three-month period ending on September 30 of such  
15           year.

16           “(2) The term ‘covered special and incentive  
17           pay’ means—

18                   “(A) a bonus, incentive, or special pay pay-  
19                   able under chapter 5 of this title; and

20                   “(B) the allowance payable under section  
21                   427 of this title.

22           “(3) The term ‘CPI’ means the Consumer Price  
23           Index for All Urban Consumers published by the  
24           Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of  
25           Labor.

1           “(4) The term ‘last statutory or administrative  
2           increase date’ means the date of the most recent ad-  
3           justment to an amount of pay that—

4                   “(A) reflects a revision based on objective  
5                   economic indicators or an increase to basic pay  
6                   for members of the armed forces; or

7                   “(B) was made by Act of Congress.”.

8           (2) PUBLICATION OF ONE-TIME ADJUST-  
9           MENTS.—Not later than December 31 of the year of  
10          the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
11          shall publish in the Federal Register a table that  
12          identifies—

13                   (A) each covered special and incentive pay  
14                   (as defined in section 1017 of title 37, United  
15                   States Code, as added by subsection (a) of this  
16                   section);

17                   (B) the last statutory or administration in-  
18                   crease date (as defined in such section 1017) of  
19                   each such pay;

20                   (C) the amount of increase of such pay  
21                   after the application of subsection (a) of such  
22                   section 1017; and

23                   (D) the total amount of such pay after the  
24                   application of such subsection (a).

1 (b) CLARIFICATION OF SPECIAL AND INCENTIVE PAY  
2 AUTHORITIES FOR MEMBERS OF RESERVE COMPO-  
3 NENTS.—Section 357 of title 37, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (1) by striking “special or incentive pay” and  
6 inserting “bonus, incentive, or special pay”; and

7 (2) by striking “if the Secretary concerned”  
8 and all that follows and inserting a period.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MR. HAMADEH OF ARIZONA**

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

1 **SEC. 6 \_\_\_\_ . PROGRAM TO PROVIDE TO CERTAIN PATRONS A**  
2 **DISCOUNT ON MOTOR FUEL SOLD AT EX-**  
3 **CHANGE STORES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may, if  
5 there is a tax described in subsection (b) applicable to  
6 motor fuel, carry out a program to provide to eligible pa-  
7 trons a discount on such motor fuel—

8 (1) sold at an exchange store; and

9 (2) dispensed directly into a vehicle owned by  
10 an eligible patron.

11 (b) AMOUNT OF DISCOUNT.—

12 (1) BASE DISCOUNT.—A discount provided  
13 under subsection (a) shall be an amount not less  
14 than—

15 (A) the rate of tax applicable to gasoline  
16 under section 4081 of the Internal Revenue  
17 Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 4081), except that  
18 such discount may not be less than 18.4 cents  
19 per gallon; and

1 (B) the rate of tax applicable to diesel fuel  
2 under such section 4081, except that such dis-  
3 count may not be less than 24.4 cents per gal-  
4 lon.

5 (2) AUTHORIZATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL DIS-  
6 COUNT.—The Secretary of Defense may, if there is  
7 a State or local tax applicable to such motor fuel,  
8 provide an additional discount to an eligible patron,  
9 with respect to each gallon of motor fuel sold at an  
10 exchange store, of such amount as the Secretary of  
11 Defense determines appropriate.

12 (c) AUTOMATIC APPLICATION.—The Secretary of De-  
13 fense shall, to the maximum extent practicable, ensure  
14 that a discount provided under this section is applied upon  
15 the sale of motor fuel at an exchange store to an eligible  
16 patron.

17 (d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
18 update any appropriate regulations to prevent—

19 (1) fraud or abuse of a program carried out  
20 under this section; and

21 (2) the resale or commercial use of motor fuel  
22 purchased at a discount under this section.

23 (e) TERMINATION.—The authority of the Secretary  
24 of Defense to provide a discount under this section shall  
25 terminate on September 30, 2029.

1 (f) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
2 on which the Secretary of Defense carries out a program  
3 under this section, and annually thereafter until the termi-  
4 nation under subsection (e), the Secretary of Defense shall  
5 submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House  
6 of Representatives and the Senate a report on such a pro-  
7 gram, including—

8 (1) the number of exchange stores,  
9 disaggregated by exchange system, that sold motor  
10 fuel subject to a discount under subsection (b)(1);

11 (2) the total gallons of such motor fuel sold an-  
12 nually by—

13 (A) each exchange store;

14 (B) all exchange stores; and

15 (C) all exchange stores, disaggregated by  
16 exchange system;

17 (3) the total annual cost of the discount under  
18 subsection (b)(1)(A);

19 (4) the total annual cost of any additional dis-  
20 count under subsection (b)(1)(B);

21 (5) the average amount of motor fuel sold an-  
22 nually by each exchange store before the date of the  
23 enactment of this Act;

24 (6) any identified fraud, abuse, or issues with  
25 implementation with respect to such program; and

1           (7) any recommendations with respect to con-  
2           tinuing or modifying such program.

3           (g) COORDINATION.—Nothing in this section shall be  
4           construed to prohibit the Secretary of Defense from co-  
5           ordinating with the heads of other Federal departments  
6           or agencies to encourage the adoption of similar policies  
7           with respect to discounts on motor fuel—

8           (1) for members of the uniformed services; or

9           (2) other persons served by exchange systems  
10          outside the Department of Defense.

11          (h) ELIGIBLE PATRON DEFINED.—The term “eligi-  
12          ble patron” means a person who is authorized under Fed-  
13          eral law and applicable regulations to purchase motor fuel  
14          from a fuel station operated by an exchange store.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MRS. KIGGANS OF VIRGINIA**

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

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_ . ASSESSMENT OF ACCESS, FAIRNESS, AND**  
2 **TRANSPARENCY UNDER TRICARE PHARMACY**  
3 **BENEFITS PROGRAM.**

4 (a) COMPTROLLER GENERAL AUDITS.—

5 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than one year  
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
7 Comptroller General of the United States shall con-  
8 duct audits of—

9 (A) data reported by the contractor re-  
10 sponsible for the administration of the phar-  
11 macy benefits program relating to—

12 (i) rates of reimbursement and any  
13 price concessions;

14 (ii) any discrepancies between average  
15 reimbursements to various types of phar-  
16 macies disaggregated by retail, mail order,  
17 specialty pharmacies, and any pharmacy  
18 owned by or affiliated with such con-  
19 tractor; and

1 (iii) the difference between what the  
2 contractor charges the TRICARE program  
3 for a pharmaceutical agent and what the  
4 contractor pays to pharmacies for the same  
5 pharmaceutical agent, disaggregated by re-  
6 tail, mail order, and specialty pharmacies;

7 (B) prior authorizations required by the  
8 TRICARE program for prescription drug treat-  
9 ments and services;

10 (C) the timeliness of dispensing prescrip-  
11 tion drugs from the various types of phar-  
12 macies, disaggregated by retail, mail order, and  
13 specialty pharmacies; and

14 (D) the adequacy of the retail pharmacy  
15 network under the TRICARE program and ac-  
16 cess by eligible covered beneficiaries to such  
17 network, including with respect to continuity of  
18 care, geographic accessibility (taking into ac-  
19 count factors in addition to travel time to and  
20 from a pharmacy, with special consideration for  
21 rural and underserved areas), and the extent to  
22 which elections by such beneficiaries reflect per-  
23 sonal preference; and

24 (2) BRIEFING.—Not later than one year after  
25 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comp-

1       troller General shall provide to the Committees on  
2       Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
3       resentatives a briefing on the audits under para-  
4       graph (1).

5           (3) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after  
6       the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comp-  
7       troller General shall submit to the Committees on  
8       Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
9       resentatives a report with the results the audits  
10       under paragraph (1).

11       (b) ACCESS TO INFORMATION.—

12           (1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of admin-  
13       istering the pharmacy benefits program on and after  
14       the date of the enactment of this Act, and notwith-  
15       standing any other provision of law, or any contract,  
16       subcontract, agreement, or confidentiality provision  
17       to the contrary, the contractor responsible for ad-  
18       ministering the pharmacy benefits program shall  
19       agree to make available to the Comptroller General  
20       any information the Comptroller General determines  
21       necessary to conduct the audits under subsection  
22       (a)(1) not later than 30 days after the request for  
23       such information by the Comptroller General.

1           (2) INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED.—Informa-  
2           tion required under paragraph (1) shall include the  
3           following:

4                   (A) Claims-level data.

5                   (B) Information on reimbursement meth-  
6                   odologies and payment rates.

7                   (C) An identification of all price conces-  
8                   sions, including rebates, fees, discounts, and re-  
9                   muneration of any kind from manufacturers,  
10                  pharmacies, or other entities.

11                  (D) Information on amounts charged to  
12                  the Department of Defense and amounts paid  
13                  to pharmacies for the same drug.

14                  (E) Contracts, subcontracts, and other ar-  
15                  rangements with manufacturers, pharmacies, or  
16                  third parties relevant to the administration of  
17                  the pharmacy benefits program.

18           (3) PROHIBITION ON WITHHOLDING OF INFOR-  
19           MATION.—Information required to be provided under  
20           this paragraph may not be withheld, redacted, or  
21           limited on the basis of claims relating to proprietary  
22           information, trade secrets, or confidential commer-  
23           cial information, except that the Comptroller Gen-  
24           eral shall protect such information from public dis-  
25           closure in accordance with applicable law.

1           (4) FORM, DETAIL, AND FREQUENCY.—The  
2           Comptroller General may determine the form, level  
3           of detail, and frequency of data submissions required  
4           under paragraph (1).

5           (c) ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT.—If any audit con-  
6           ducted under subsection (a)(1) finds that reimbursement  
7           rates paid to retail pharmacies under the pharmacy bene-  
8           fits program are, on average or in a systemic manner, less  
9           than the documented acquisition cost to such pharmacies  
10          for outpatient prescription drugs covered by such audit,  
11          the Comptroller General shall include in the report on  
12          such audit under subsection (a)(2) an assessment of the  
13          impact of such reimbursement rates on retail pharmacy  
14          participation, beneficiary access, network adequacy, and  
15          continuity of care.

16          (d) ACCESS METRICS.—In conducting oversight of  
17          the pharmacy benefit program, the Secretary of Defense  
18          shall ensure that measures of access to such program in-  
19          clude—

20                 (1) continuity of care and beneficiary pref-  
21                 erence, including the ability of beneficiaries to re-  
22                 main with their pharmacy of choice; and

23                 (2) meaningful geographic access standards be-  
24                 yond drive-time calculations, with special consider-  
25                 ation for rural and underserved areas.

1 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date  
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
3 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a  
4 plan for the implementation of this section.

5 (f) APPLICABILITY TO EXISTING CONTRACTS.—This  
6 section shall apply to any contract, agreement, or other  
7 arrangement in effect on or after the date of the enact-  
8 ment of this Act, including any contract, agreement, or  
9 arrangement entered into before such date.

10 (g) RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING AUTHORITY.—  
11 Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit, amend,  
12 supersede, or restrict in any manner any existing author-  
13 ity of the Comptroller General.

14 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) The terms “eligible covered beneficiary”,  
16 “pharmaceutical agent”, and “prescription drug”  
17 have the meanings given those terms in section  
18 1074g of title 10, United States Code.

19 (2) The term “pharmacy benefits program”  
20 means the pharmacy benefit program of the  
21 TRICARE program under section 1074g of title 10,  
22 United States Code.

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1           (3) The term “TRICARE program” has the  
2           meaning given that term in section 1072 of title 10,  
3           United States Code.



## **Amendment to H.R. 8800**

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

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### Department of Defense Child Care Space Buy Down Assessment

The committee recognizes the importance of accessible and affordable childcare to military family readiness and quality of life. The committee further recognizes that the Department of Defense has implemented a Child Care Space Buy Down Program in select high-demand locations to expand childcare capacity through partnerships with commercial childcare providers. The committee is interested in the progress made in implementing this program. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 5, 2027, regarding the Department's Child Care Space Buy Down Program. The report shall include the following elements:

- (1) a description of the current structure and implementation of the program, including participating military departments and locations;
- (2) identification of the number of childcare spaces supported through the program, including whether such spaces are ongoing or year-round;
- (3) an assessment of the program's effectiveness in reducing unmet childcare demand for military families;
- (4) an assessment of program costs and any identified implementation challenges;
- (5) an assessment of the feasibility and advisability of expanding the program to additional high-demand locations; and
- (6) an assessment of any observed impacts on local childcare availability, provider participation, or market capacity.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MR. GIMENEZ OF FLORIDA**

At the appropriate place in title III, insert the following

1 **SEC. 3 \_\_\_\_ . MINIMUM STAFFING REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE**  
2 **APPARATUS AT CERTAIN SPACE FORCE IN-**  
3 **STALLATIONS.**

4 The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that at any  
5 Space Force installation with launch and landing facili-  
6 ties—

7 (1) the minimum staffing requirements for fire-  
8 fighters and the requirements relating to structural  
9 and aircraft, rescue, and firefighting apparatus pur-  
10 suant to section 388 of the National Defense Au-  
11 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law  
12 117–263; 10 U.S.C. 2661 note) and section 1110 of  
13 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
14 Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. note  
15 prec. 9771) apply on a permanent basis;

16 (2) all firefighting structural and aircraft, res-  
17 cue, and firefighting apparatus are maintained at  
18 optimum staffing levels and optimum levels of serv-  
19 ice at all times; and

1           (3) the cross-manning of firefighter personnel is  
2           not permitted between a first due structural fire en-  
3           gine response apparatus and an aircraft, rescue, and  
4           firefighting apparatus.



## **Amendment to H.R. 8800**

### **Offered by: Mr. Hamadeh**

In the portion of the report to accompany H.R. 8800 titled “Assessment of Emerging Clinical Research for Treatment-Resistant PTSD”, insert at the beginning, the following new text: “The committee recognizes the importance of federally lawful clinical research, expanded access, and right-to-try pathways for investigational treatments addressing serious mental illness, including post-traumatic stress disorder. These pathways may include recent State-enabled support for Food and Drug Administration–regulated studies of psilocybin-containing investigational products, including naturally derived whole-mushroom formulations administered in structured therapeutic settings, consistent with applicable Federal law, Right to Try, expanded access authorities, Drug Enforcement Administration requirements, and the April 18, 2026 Presidential Executive Order titled “Accelerating Medical Treatments for Serious Mental Illness.” The committee encourages the Department of Defense to remain informed of lawful research and access pathways relevant to post-traumatic stress disorder and other serious mental health conditions affecting servicemembers during post-deployment and transition periods, and members of the Reserve Components and National Guard who also serve as first responders.”.

In the portion of the report to accompany H.R. 8800 titled “Assessment of Emerging Clinical Research for Treatment-Resistant PTSD”, strike the following text: “(3) legal and regulatory requirements for any potential expanded access pathway involving an investigational Schedule I substance, including coordination with the Food and Drug Administration and the Drug Enforcement Administration;” and insert the following new text “(3) legal and regulatory requirements for expanded access, Right to Try, or other federally lawful pathways involving investigational Schedule I treatments, including coordination with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the applicability of the 18 April 2026 Presidential Executive Order “Accelerating Medical Treatments for Serious Mental Illness” to treatment-resistant PTSD and associated comorbidities, including elevated suicide risk during post-deployment and transition periods;”.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MR. LUTTRELL OF TEXAS**

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

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_ . REPORT ON FEASIBILITY OF PILOT PROGRAM**  
2 **ON BEHAVIORAL NEUROLOGY FELLOWSHIPS.**

3 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after the date  
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Defense  
5 Health Agency shall submit to the congressional defense  
6 committees a report on the feasibility of establishing a  
7 pilot program that establishes a behavioral neurology fel-  
8 lowship program to provide training opportunities with re-  
9 spect to treating members of the Armed Forces and vet-  
10 erans with traumatic brain injuries, particularly regarding  
11 the intersection of behavior and traumatic brain injury.

12 (b) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The report on the poten-  
13 tial pilot program under subsection (a) shall include the  
14 following:

- 15 (1) The feasibility of the pilot program meeting  
16 the requirements described in subsection (c).
- 17 (2) An evaluation of potential locations at  
18 which to carry out the pilot program.

1 (c) REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED.—The requirements  
2 described in this subsection are the following:

3 (1) The pilot program would include two indi-  
4 viduals selected for a one-year clinical fellowship pro-  
5 gram under the pilot program.

6 (2) An individual may hold a fellowship under  
7 the pilot program if the individual—

8 (A) holds a Doctor of Medicine or Doctor  
9 of Osteopathy from any medical school accred-  
10 ited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Edu-  
11 cation; and

12 (B) before participating in the fellowship  
13 program, has completed a residency program in  
14 neurology or psychiatry at an institution ac-  
15 credited by the Accreditation Council for Grad-  
16 uate Medical Education.

17 (3) An individual would not be required to be  
18 board certified to hold a fellowship under the pilot  
19 program.

20 (4) The pilot program would be carried out in  
21 a manner that seeks to allow an individual, upon  
22 completion of the fellowship program, to sit for  
23 board certification in behavioral neurology and  
24 neuropsychiatry offered by the United Council for  
25 Neurologic Subspecialties.

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1           (5) The fellowship program would be accred-  
2           ited.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MR. MOYLAN OF GUAM**

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

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_. LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PROCUREMENT IN**  
2 **GUAM COMMISSARIES.**

3 (a) DESIGNATION OF LIAISON.—The Director of the  
4 Defense Commissary Agency shall designate an official  
5 within the Defense Commissary Agency responsible for  
6 liaising with farmers, ranchers, fishermen, and food pro-  
7 ducers in Guam for the purpose of assisting those persons  
8 in doing business with the Defense Commissary Agency  
9 and increasing the availability of locally produced food  
10 products in commissaries located in Guam.

11 (b) PLAN TO INCREASE LOCAL PROCUREMENT.—

12 (1) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days  
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Di-  
14 rector of the Defense Commissary Agency shall sub-  
15 mit to the congressional defense committees a plan  
16 to increase the volume of locally grown produce sold  
17 in commissaries located in Guam.

18 (2) ELEMENTS.—The plan required under  
19 paragraph (1) shall—

1 (A) identify barriers to procuring locally  
2 grown produce from producers in Guam;

3 (B) describe steps the Defense Commissary  
4 Agency will take to improve outreach, con-  
5 tracting, distribution, and procurement oppor-  
6 tunities for producers in Guam;

7 (C) establish measurable benchmarks and  
8 timelines for increasing the amount of locally  
9 grown produce sold in commissaries located in  
10 Guam; and

11 (D) include a goal that not less than 15  
12 percent of all produce sold in commissaries lo-  
13 cated in Guam be locally sourced from Guam  
14 producers.

15 (e) REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than  
16 two years after the date of the submission of the plan re-  
17 quired under subsection (b), the Director of the Defense  
18 Commissary Agency shall submit to the congressional de-  
19 fense committees a report on the implementation of the  
20 plan, including—

21 (1) the percentage of produce sold in com-  
22 missaries located in Guam that is locally sourced;

23 (2) a description of progress made toward  
24 achieving the goal described in subsection (b)(2)(D);

1           (3) any challenges encountered in implementing  
2           the plan; and

3           (4) recommendations for legislative or adminis-  
4           trative action to further increase procurement from  
5           producers in Guam.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MR. AUSTIN SCOTT OF GEORGIA**

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

1 **SEC. 10 \_\_\_\_ . ANNUAL REPORT ON UNFUNDED PRIORITIES**  
2 **OF DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY.**

3 Chapter 9 of title 10, United States Code, is amended  
4 by inserting after section 234 the following new section:

5 **“§ 235. Unfunded priorities of Defense POW/MIA Ac-**  
6 **counting Agency: annual report**

7 “(a) **REPORTS.**—Not later than 10 days after the  
8 date on which the budget of the President for a fiscal year  
9 is submitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title  
10 31, the Director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting  
11 Agency shall submit to the Secretary of Defense and the  
12 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and to the congres-  
13 sional defense committees, a report on the unfunded prior-  
14 ities of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

15 “(b) **ELEMENTS.**—(1) Each report under subsection  
16 (a) shall specify, for each unfunded priority covered by  
17 such report, the following:

1           “(A) A summary description of such priority,  
2 including the objectives to be achieved if such pri-  
3 ority is funded (whether in whole or in part).

4           “(B) The additional amount of funds rec-  
5 ommended in connection with the objectives under  
6 subparagraph (A).

7           “(C) Account information with respect to such  
8 priority, including the following (as applicable):

9               “(i) Line Item Number for applicable pro-  
10 curement accounts.

11               “(ii) Program Element number for applica-  
12 ble research, development, test, and evaluation  
13 accounts.

14               “(iii) Sub-activity group for applicable op-  
15 eration and maintenance accounts.

16           “(2) Each report under subsection (a) shall present  
17 the unfunded priorities covered by such report in order  
18 of urgency of priority.

19           “(c) UNFUNDED PRIORITY DEFINED.— In this sec-  
20 tion, the term ‘unfunded priority’, in the case of a fiscal  
21 year, means a program, activity, or mission requirement  
22 of the POW/MIA Accounting Agency that—

23               “(1) is not funded in the budget of the Presi-  
24 dent for the fiscal year as submitted to Congress

1       pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, United States  
2       Code;

3               “(2) is necessary to fulfill a requirement associ-  
4       ated with an operational or contingency plan of a  
5       combatant command or other validated requirement;  
6       and

7               “(3) would have been recommended for funding  
8       through the budget referred to in paragraph (1) by  
9       the Director of the POW/MIA Accounting Agency in  
10      connection with the budget if additional resources  
11      had been available for the budget to fund the pro-  
12      gram, activity, or mission requirement.”.



## **Amendment to H.R. 8800**

**Offered by: Mr. Bergman**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

### **Prostate Cancer Incidence and Emerging Technologies**

The committee remains concerned that prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among men in the United States and that emerging evidence suggests a higher incidence rate among certain military populations. The committee notes that a study mandated by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, completed in 2024, found that military aviators experience significantly elevated rates of various cancers, including prostate cancer, with incidence rates approximately 20 percent higher than those of the general population.

In response to these findings, Congress directed additional research efforts. The Department of Veterans Affairs is conducting a study on cancer incidence among fixed-wing aviators and associated ground crews pursuant to the ACES Act authorities, while the Department of Defense is conducting a complementary study on rotary-wing aviators and associated ground crews as directed in the fiscal year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act. The committee awaits the results of both studies.

At the same time, the committee understands that significant advances have been made in prostate cancer detection and treatment within the civilian medical community. These advances include less invasive diagnostic technologies and tools capable not only of detecting prostate cancer but also of predicting the aggressiveness of the disease with a high degree of accuracy. The committee is concerned that such technologies may not yet be fully evaluated or adopted within the Military Health System or the Department of Veterans Affairs healthcare system.

While the committee maintains a broad interest in the health effects of occupational and environmental exposures during military service, it is particularly focused on prostate cancer given its prevalence and potential link to service-related factors. Accordingly, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than November 13, 2026, on the status of ongoing cancer incidence studies and on the availability, evaluation, and potential adoption of emerging prostate cancer diagnostic and prognostic technologies.

## **Amendment to H.R. 8800**

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

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800 insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### **Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Military-Connected Academic and Support Program**

The committee recognizes the importance of supporting academic achievement and continuity of education for military-connected students. The committee notes that Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Military-Connected Academic and Support Program (MCASP) grants are intended to improve educational outcomes, narrow achievement gaps, and provide access to academic programs in school districts serving high concentrations of military-connected students. The committee is aware that school districts with historically strong participation in the program have relied on these grants to support continuity of instruction and targeted academic initiatives.

Therefore, the committee directs the Director of the Department of Defense Education Activity to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2027, on the effects of MCASP grant funding and quality of life improvements for servicemembers and their families. The briefing shall include, but is not limited to:

- (1) an assessment of the impact of reduced funding on educational outcomes, including academic performance and achievement gaps among military-connected students;
- (2) identification of school districts previously participating in the MCASP program and analysis of the how the MCASP funds supported educational outcomes in these districts;
- (3) an evaluation of the extent to which restoration of funding would measurably improve educational continuity and student outcomes;
- (4) an analysis of MCASP funding levels on enhanced servicemember quality of life outcomes and reduced family stress; and
- (5) recommendations regarding future funding levels and program structure to support military-connected students and their families.

## **Amendment to H.R. 8800**

**Offered by: Mr. Bergman**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

### **Active Duty Tuition Assistance**

The committee applauds the Department of Defense's continued commitment to Off-Duty and Voluntary Education and Training through policy that honors the family of Title 10 statutes undergirding Service member off-duty learning pursuits. However, the committee has concerns about the efficiency, effectiveness, and scope of outcomes the Department is able to achieve under current application of the appropriation provided. DOD's own reporting points to as much as thirty or more percent of the annual appropriation being directed toward nonstatutory programs and/or providers. Further, the twenty-four-year moratorium on raising the per-semester hour cap of \$250 has caused non-tuition fees to proliferate. Moreover, Service member out-of-pocket expenses have risen dramatically through the Department's policy of not including institutional fees as eligible expenses. The committee believes these conditions have suppressed demand for off-duty learning, thereby potentially impacting recruitment, retention, and readiness (both mission readiness and transition readiness), as well as impacting local, state, and regional economies as fewer transitioning Service members emerge as workforce-ready into our communities.

Therefore, the committee directs the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy to provide a report to the House Committee on Armed services on the analysis of Off-Duty and Voluntary Education and Training by March 1, 2027. The report will include fiscal, volume, compliance, and distribution metrics. The report will also provide metrics linking investment in the Off-Duty and Voluntary Education accounts to outcomes including, but not limited to educational attainment, recruitment/retention, mission readiness, and transition readiness. Finally, the report will include analysis of mutual fidelity to the three applicable statutes 10 U.S.C. 2005, 2006a, 2007, plus analysis of the severability of annual ceiling requirements from per-semester-hour caps under 32 CFR part 68.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MS. TOKUDA OF HAWAII**

Add at the appropriate place in title VII the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_ . ENHANCED MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR CIVILIAN**  
2 **EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
3 **FENSE AND DEPENDENTS IN CERTAIN LOCA-**  
4 **TIONS.**

5 (a) ENHANCED MEDICAL COVERAGE.—Section  
6 1599b of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-  
8 section (f); and

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-  
10 lowing new subsection:

11 “(e) ENHANCED MEDICAL COVERAGE.—(1) Not later  
12 than July 1, 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall seek  
13 to enter into a contract to provide each covered individual  
14 in a location specified in paragraph (2) with enhanced  
15 medical coverage for services that are not covered by the  
16 health care plan for which the covered individual is en-  
17 rolled under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan.

18 “(2) The locations specified in this paragraph are the  
19 following:

1           “(A) Japan.

2           “(B) Guam.

3           “(C) Any location the Secretary determines ap-  
4           propriate under a mitigation plan carried out under  
5           paragraph (5)(C).

6           “(3)(A) With respect to covered individuals living in  
7           Japan, the Secretary shall ensure that the enhanced med-  
8           ical coverage under subsection (a) includes the following:

9           “(i) Assistance in finding health care providers  
10          with the capacity to meet the health care needs of  
11          the individuals.

12          “(ii) Language translation services to assist in  
13          accessing health care.

14          “(iii) Assistance in making prepayments for  
15          health care services if such prepayments are re-  
16          quired by the health care provider.

17          “(iv) Any other supplemental services the Sec-  
18          retary determines appropriate.

19          “(B) With respect to covered individuals living in  
20          Guam, the Secretary shall ensure that the enhanced med-  
21          ical coverage under subsection (a) includes the following:

22          “(i) Assistance in finding health care providers  
23          with the capacity to meet the health care needs of  
24          the individuals.

1           “(ii) Medical evacuation coverage if needed  
2 health care services are not available on Guam or  
3 are only available in a facility that is not accredited.

4           “(iii) Any other supplemental services the Sec-  
5 retary determines appropriate.

6           “(4)(A) On an annual basis, the Secretary shall con-  
7 duct a review of the availability of health care services for  
8 civilian employees of the Department of Defense employed  
9 in a position outside the continental United States and  
10 accompanying dependents of such employees. Each review  
11 shall assess the availability of the following:

12           “(i) Ambulatory patient services, including out-  
13 patient surgery.

14           “(ii) Emergency services.

15           “(iii) Inpatient care, including trauma care and  
16 intensive care.

17           “(iv) Maternity and newborn care, including  
18 neonatal intensive care.

19           “(v) Mental health and substance use disorder  
20 services.

21           “(vi) Rehabilitative and habilitative services.

22           “(vii) Laboratory services.

23           “(viii) Preventive services.

24           “(ix) Pediatric services.

1 “(B) If the Secretary determines in a review under  
2 subparagraph (A) that health care services specified in  
3 such subparagraph are not available, or do not meet the  
4 standards of care for such services provided in the United  
5 States, with respect to a specific State, territory or posses-  
6 sion of the United States, or foreign country, the Sec-  
7 retary shall—

8 “(i) carry out a mitigation plan under subpara-  
9 graph (C); and

10 “(ii) notify each civilian employee of the De-  
11 partment employed in a position at such location,  
12 and any applicant for such a position, of the deter-  
13 mination and mitigation plan.

14 “(C) With respect to each location covered by a deter-  
15 mination under subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall  
16 carry out a mitigation plan under which the Secretary  
17 may—

18 “(i) include such location in the enhanced med-  
19 ical coverage made available under paragraph (1),  
20 including with respect to assistance in finding health  
21 care providers, providing medical travel benefits, and  
22 medical evacuation coverage;

23 “(ii) designate civilian positions at such location  
24 as being unaccompanied; or

1           “(iii) take such other actions as the Secretary  
2 determines appropriate to increase access to health  
3 care for civilian employees of the Department em-  
4 ployed in a position at such location and accom-  
5 panying dependents of such employees.

6           “(5) Not later than February 1, 2028, and annually  
7 thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional  
8 defense committees a report on—

9           “(A) the findings of each review under subpara-  
10 graph (A) of paragraph (5); and

11           “(B) a summary of each mitigation plan carried  
12 out by the Secretary under subparagraph (C) of  
13 such paragraph.

14           “(6) In this subsection:

15           “(A) The term ‘covered individual’ means an in-  
16 dividual who is—

17           “(i) a civilian employee of the Department  
18 of Defense employed in a position at a location  
19 specified in paragraph (2) or an accompanying  
20 dependent of such an employee; and

21           “(ii) enrolled in a health care plan under  
22 the Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan.

23           “(B) The term ‘Federal Employees Health Ben-  
24 efits Plan’ means the health insurance program  
25 under chapter 89 of title 5.”.

1           (b) CURRENT PILOT PROGRAM.—The contract  
2 awarded by the Secretary of Defense to carry out the pilot  
3 program titled “Pilot Health Insurance Enhancement for  
4 Department of Defense Civilian Employees in Japan” may  
5 continue without interruption, and with the necessary  
6 modifications, in implementing subsection (e) of section  
7 1599b of title 10, United States Code, as added by sub-  
8 section (a).

9           (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (f) of  
10 section 1599b of title 10, United States Code, as redesign-  
11 nated by subsection (a)(1), is amended by striking “In this  
12 section” inserting “Except as provided by subsection (e),  
13 in this section”.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MS. TOKUDA OF HAWAII**

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

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . ANALYSIS OF POTENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF**  
2 **SEPARATE PUNITIVE ARTICLE ON HAZING**  
3 **UNDER THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY**  
4 **JUSTICE.**

5 (a) ANALYSIS REQUIRED.—The Secretary of De-  
6 fense, in coordination with the Joint Service Committee  
7 on Military Justice, shall analyze the feasibility and advis-  
8 ability of, and develop recommendations with respect to,  
9 modifying chapter 47 of title 10, United States Code (the  
10 Uniform Code of Military Justice), to establish a separate  
11 punitive article on hazing. As part of such analysis, the  
12 Secretary shall develop a proposed definition of the term  
13 “hazing” for purposes of such article.

14 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
15 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
16 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the  
17 Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the  
18 results of the analysis under subsection (a).



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MS. TOKUDA OF HAWAII**

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

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . AUTHORITY OF NAVAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGA-**  
2 **TIVE SERVICE TO INVESTIGATE SEXUAL HAR-**  
3 **ASSMENT.**

4 Chapter 871 of title 10, United States Code, is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

6 **“§ 8750a. Naval Criminal Investigative Service: au-**  
7 **thority to investigate sexual harassment.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Naval Criminal Investiga-  
9 tive Service shall be the entity within the Department of  
10 the Navy with the sole and exclusive authority to conduct  
11 investigations of alleged sexual harassment by members  
12 of the Navy or Marine Corps.

13 “(b) SEXUAL HARASSMENT DEFINED.—In this sec-  
14 tion, the term ‘sexual harassment’ means conduct that  
15 constitutes the offense of sexual harassment as punishable  
16 under section 934 of this title (article 134 of the Uniform  
17 Code of Military Justice) pursuant to the regulations pre-

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1 scribed by the Secretary of Defense for purposes of such  
2 section (article).”.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**OFFERED BY MR. TURNER OF OHIO**

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

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . POLICIES TO SUPPORT MILITARY FAMILIES**  
2 **SUBJECT TO COURT-ORDERED CHILD CUS-**  
3 **TODY ARRANGEMENTS.**

4 (a) **POLICIES REQUIRED.**—Beginning not later than  
5 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, each  
6 Secretary concerned shall maintain a policy pursuant to  
7 which a member of an Armed Force under the jurisdiction  
8 of the Secretary who is a party to a court-ordered child  
9 custody arrangement may, at the discretion of the Sec-  
10 retary, receive—

11 (1) an exemption from orders for a permanent  
12 change of station or similar orders for a period of  
13 up to 24 months to enable that member to remain  
14 in geographic proximity to their child; and

15 (2) such other accommodations as the Secretary  
16 determines appropriate to promote family stability.

17 (b) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than one year  
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act, each Secretary  
19 concerned shall submit to the congressional defense com-

1 mittees a report on the policy required under subsection

2 (a). The report shall include—

3 (1) a summary of the policy;

4 (2) the Secretary’s plan for implementation of  
5 the policy; and

6 (3) an explanation of how policy meets the re-  
7 quirements of subsection (a) and otherwise promotes  
8 family stability among members of the Armed  
9 Forces.

10 (c) SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.—In this sec-  
11 tion, the term “Secretary concerned” has the meaning  
12 given that term in section 101(a) of title 10, United States  
13 Code.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MR. DAVIS OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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

1 **SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_ . PILOT PROGRAM TO HELP CERTAIN MEMBERS**  
2 **OF THE ARMED FORCES STOP SMOKING.**

3 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Beginning not later than 180 days  
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
5 of Defense may carry out a one-year pilot program to fur-  
6 nish to covered members the alternatives to smoking speci-  
7 fied in subsection (b)—

8 (1) to help such covered members stop smoking;

9 and

10 (2) to improve the health of such covered mem-  
11 bers.

12 (b) **ALTERNATIVES TO SMOKING.**—The alternatives  
13 to smoking specified in this subsection are—

14 (1) counseling;

15 (2) nicotine gum;

16 (3) nicotine patches;

17 (4) electric nicotine delivery systems;

18 (5) nicotine pouches; and

19 (6) heat-not-burn products.

1 (c) PARTICIPATION.—If the Secretary carries out the  
2 pilot program under subsection (a), the pilot program  
3 shall operate—

4 (1) in not less than one covered Armed Force;

5 and

6 (2) at not less than one military installation at  
7 which covered members serve in numbers that ex-  
8 ceed the national average for—

9 (A) smoking cigarettes or other combus-  
10 tible tobacco products;

11 (B) the population of Black Americans;

12 (C) the population of Asian and Pacific Is-  
13 lander Americans;

14 (D) the population of Hispanic Americans;

15 and

16 (E) the population of Appalachian Ameri-  
17 cans.

18 (d) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date  
19 on which the pilot program under subsection (a) is com-  
20 pleted, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on  
21 Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representa-  
22 tives a report regarding the results of the pilot program,  
23 including the determination of the Secretary regarding—

24 (1) whether the pilot program helped covered  
25 members stop smoking;

1           (2) the alternatives specified in subsection (b)  
2           that are most effective in helping covered members  
3           to stop smoking;

4           (3) gaps in health care services available to cov-  
5           ered members who belong to the populations de-  
6           scribed in subsection (c)(2); and

7           (4) the recommendation of the Secretary wheth-  
8           er to expand, extend, or make permanent the pilot  
9           program.

10          (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11           (1) The term “covered Armed Force” means  
12           the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space  
13           Force.

14           (2) The term “covered member” means a mem-  
15           ber of a covered Armed Force—

16                   (A) serving on active duty; and

17                   (B) who smokes at least one cigarette (or  
18           other combustible tobacco product) per week.



## **Amendment to H.R. 8800**

### **Offered by: Mrs. KIGGANS OF VIRGINIA**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### **Exceptional Family Member Program Respite Care Policy Review**

The committee recognizes that respite care is an important support for military families enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP), particularly at installations with high EFMP enrollment and high operational tempo. The committee notes that Department of Defense Instruction 1315.19 was updated in 2023 to standardize EFMP family support policy, including respite care policy. The committee is concerned that changes to respite care hours, eligibility, and implementation may have affected caregiver wellbeing, family stability, servicemember retention, and deployment availability, particularly for families with higher levels of need. The committee further notes that families may experience barriers to accessing respite care, including provider availability, waitlist duration, geographic limitations, awareness of available benefits, and confusion regarding eligibility for siblings residing in the same household as an enrolled family member. The committee believes additional review is necessary to understand whether current policy provides adequate support for EFMP families and whether any service branch or family category experienced a net reduction in respite care as a result of the 2023 standardization.

Therefore, the committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to review the impacts of the 2023 respite care policy changes implemented under Department of Defense Instruction 1315.19. The review should include the following:

- 1) A comparison of respite care standards across the military services before and after the 2023 standardization, including identification of any military service that experienced a net reduction in available hours;
- 2) Respite care utilization rates before and after the 2023 standardization, disaggregated by military service, level of need, installation, and enrollment status;
- 3) An assessment of barriers experienced by eligible EFMP families, including provider availability, waitlist duration, geographic limitations, and awareness of available benefits;
- 4) An assessment of the impact of the standardization of EFMP benefits on caregiver wellbeing, family stability, servicemember retention, and

deployment availability at installations with high EFMP enrollment and high operational tempo;

- 5) An evaluation of how the current EFMP respite care policy applies to households in which siblings of enrolled family members reside, including the effect of sibling exclusion policies on caregiver capacity and family stability and the number of affected households by military service.

The committee further directs the Comptroller General of the United States to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives not later than March 1, 2027, with final results provided in a mutually agreed upon format and timeframe.

## **Amendment to H.R. 8800**

### **Offered by: Mrs. KIGGANS OF VIRGINIA**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### **AI Ambient Listening Technology**

The Committee encourages efforts throughout the entire Military Health System (MHS) to reduce administrative burdens and improve patient outcomes. The Committee supports the Department's efforts to adopt ambient AI listening technologies to automate clinical documentation, as demonstrated at locations such as Madigan Army Medical Center and implemented at the McChord Clinic on Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Successful adoption of these technologies across the enterprise can both improve patient care across Military Treatment Facilities and reduce clinician documentation workload and burnout. The Committee directs the Director of the Defense Health Agency to provide a report to the House and Senate Committees on Armed Services, no later than December 1, 2026, examining the results of adopting this ambient AI clinical documentation pilot program and discussing the feasibility of expanding these technologies across the MHS.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MS. TOKUDA OF HAWAII**

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

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS**  
2 **INSTRUCTOR PAY.**

3 (a) NON-FOREIGN AREA COLA.—Not later than  
4 July 1, 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall revise the  
5 Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Standardized In-  
6 structor Pay Scale to increase the otherwise applicable  
7 minimum instructor pay for instructors located outside of  
8 the continental United States or in Alaska by the amount  
9 of the non-foreign area cost-of-living allowance rate pursu-  
10 ant to section 5941 of title 5, United States Code, or the  
11 post allowance rate pursuant to section 5924 of title 5,  
12 United States Code, as appropriate for the area in which  
13 the instructor is located and as would be applicable if the  
14 instructor were an employee eligible for such allowance.

15 (b) REPORT.—Not later than April 1, 2027, the Sec-  
16 retary of Defense shall complete an analysis of the impact  
17 of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Standard-  
18 ized Instructor Pay Scale on recruitment and retention of  
19 Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructors and

1 submit to the congressional defense committees a report  
2 containing such analysis. Such report shall include—

3 (1) the total number of authorized Junior Re-  
4 serve Officers' Training Corps instructor positions,  
5 disaggregated by Armed Force, as of—

6 (A) January 31, 2027;

7 (B) January 31, 2026; and

8 (C) January 31, 2025;

9 (2) the total number of such instructor posi-  
10 tions, disaggregated by Armed Force, that were va-  
11 cant as of each of the dates specified in paragraph  
12 (1);

13 (3) a description of the efforts of the Depart-  
14 ment of Defense to fill such instructor positions; and

15 (4) any recommendations of the Secretary to  
16 address issues identified in such analysis.



## Amendment to H.R. 8800

### Offered by: Mr. Jackson of Texas

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### Veteran-Led Participation in POW/MIA Recovery Missions

The committee acknowledges the Department of Defense's enduring obligation to account for service members missing from past conflicts, noting that successful recovery operations demand both technical operational capacity and a depth of mission-specific expertise. The committee notes that veteran-led nonprofits possess core competencies that align directly with Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) requirements, to include specialized research and accounting, small-unit field execution, and risk management in austere environments. The committee recognizes that integrating veteran-led organizations could expand recovery capacity, improve operational flexibility, and enhance interoperability with DPAA personnel without requiring significant additional departmental force structure or prohibitive cost.

Therefore, the committee directs the Director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2027, on efforts to increase the utilization of veteran-led nonprofit organizations in POW/MIA recovery missions. The briefing shall include, but is not limited to:

- (1) an assessment of the current integration of veteran-led nonprofit organizations in DPAA recovery missions;
- (2) a performance evaluation of veteran-led nonprofit organizations in land-based missions associated with Missing Air Crew Reports (MACR);
- (3) the criteria and procurement processes used to evaluate and select such organizations for participation;
- (4) identification of any legal, policy, or administrative barriers limiting expanded participation of such organizations;
- (5) recommendations to improve the vetting and onboarding of qualified veteran-led nonprofit organizations for such missions; and
- (6) an evaluation of how expanded veteran-led nonprofit organization partnerships could enhance recovery capacity and complement existing DPAA partnerships.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MR. AUSTIN SCOTT OF GEORGIA**

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

1 **SEC. 6 \_\_\_\_ . PAYMENT OF MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF AVIATION**  
2 **INCENTIVE PAY TO AVIATION OFFICERS**  
3 **WITH MORE THAN 8 YEARS OF AVIATION**  
4 **SERVICE; ENHANCEMENT OF RETENTION IN-**  
5 **CENTIVES AVAILABLE TO AVIATION OFFI-**  
6 **CERS.**

7 (a) PAYMENT OF MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF AVIATION  
8 INCENTIVE PAY TO OFFICERS WITH MORE THAN 8  
9 YEARS OF AVIATION SERVICE.—Section 334(c) of title 37,  
10 United States Code, is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “subject  
12 to paragraph (5),” before “aviation incentive”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
14 paragraph:

15 “(5) MAXIMUM AMOUNT FOR OFFICERS WITH  
16 MORE THAN 8 YEARS OF AVIATION SERVICE.—An of-  
17 ficer of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps,  
18 or Space Force who is entitled to aviation incentive  
19 pay under subsection (a) and has completed more

1 than 8 years of aviation service shall receive the  
2 maximum monthly amount of such pay under para-  
3 graph (1)(A).”.

4 (b) ENHANCEMENT OF AIR FORCE RATED OFFICER  
5 RETENTION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—

6 (1) ELIGIBLE OFFICERS.—Subsection (b)(2) of  
7 section 604 of the James M. Inhofe National De-  
8 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Pub-  
9 lic Law 117–263; 37 U.S.C. 301b note) is amend-  
10 ed—

11 (A) by striking “and not less than one  
12 year”; and

13 (B) by striking “under section 653 of title  
14 10, United States Code”.

15 (2) WRITTEN AGREEMENTS.—Subsection (c)(1)  
16 of such section is amended—

17 (A) by striking “four years” and inserting  
18 “one year”; and

19 (B) by striking “under section 653 of title  
20 10, United States Code”.

21 (3) RETENTION INCENTIVES.—Subsection (d)  
22 of such section is amended—

23 (A) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-  
24 ing the following new paragraph (1):

1           “(1) FLEXIBILITY OF ASSIGNMENT AND DUTY  
2 LOCATIONS.—Under the demonstration program re-  
3 quired under subsection (a), the Secretary shall offer  
4 to a rated officer described in subsection (b), to the  
5 maximum extent practicable (as determined by the  
6 Secretary)—

7           “(A) assignment to the duty location of the  
8 rated officer’s preference, including consecutive  
9 assignments to the same duty location;

10           “(B) the opportunity to perform a staff as-  
11 signment that does not require flying remotely,  
12 such that the officer may avoid relocation or re-  
13 main in active flying status; and

14           “(C) the opportunity to transition indefi-  
15 nitely to a non-combat aviation service posi-  
16 tion.”;

17           (B) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-  
18 ing the following new paragraph (2):

19           “(2) AVIATION BONUS.—

20           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Under the demonstra-  
21 tion program required under subsection (a),  
22 notwithstanding section 334(c) of title 37,  
23 United States Code, the Secretary may pay to  
24 a rated officer described in subsection (b) an

1 aviation bonus not to exceed an average annual  
2 amount of \$100,000.

3 “(B) PAYMENT OF MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—

4 The Secretary—

5 “(i) shall ensure the maximum  
6 amount payable under subparagraph (A) is  
7 offered to any rated officer described in  
8 subsection (b) who executes a written  
9 agreement under subsection (c) to remain  
10 on active duty for one or more years after  
11 the completion of the active duty service  
12 obligation of the officer; and

13 “(ii) may not vary the amount of an  
14 aviation bonus offered to an officer based  
15 on the active duty service commitment the  
16 officer has remaining at the time of  
17 offer.”; and

18 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
19 paragraph:

20 “(4) ALIGNING TOTAL FORCE INCENTIVES.—

21 The Secretary shall ensure that an offer under this  
22 subsection to a rated officer described in subsection  
23 (b) includes—

24 “(A) contract length options equal to or  
25 shorter than contract length options offered by

1 the Air National Guard and the Air Force Re-  
2 serve; and

3 “(B) an aviation bonus under paragraph  
4 (2) in an amount that is equal to or exceeds the  
5 amounts offered by the Air National Guard and  
6 the Air Force Reserve.”.

7 (4) EXTENSION OF DEMONSTRATION  
8 PROJECT.—Subsection (g) of such section is amend-  
9 ed by striking “2028” and inserting “2031”.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MR. AUSTIN SCOTT OF GEORGIA**

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

1 **SEC. 6 \_\_\_\_ . CAREER FLEXIBILITY PROGRAMS: ELIGIBILITY**  
2 **OF A MEMBER ALREADY SUBJECT TO A PE-**  
3 **RIOD OF OBLIGATED SERVICE; MINIMUM**  
4 **LENGTH OF PROGRAM.**

5 (a) ELIGIBILITY OF A MEMBER ALREADY SUBJECT  
6 TO A PERIOD OF OBLIGATED SERVICE.—Section 710 of  
7 title 10, United States Code, is amended, in subsection  
8 (a), by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

9 “(3) The Secretary of a military department  
10 may not prohibit a member from inactivation under  
11 this section solely on the basis that such member is  
12 subject to a period of obligated service on active  
13 duty other than a period of service under subsection  
14 (c)(3).”.

15 (b) MINIMUM LENGTH OF PROGRAM.—Such section  
16 is further amended, in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “and  
17 the minimum period shall be one month” after “may not  
18 exceed three years”.



## **Amendment to H.R. 8800**

**Offered by: MR. Finstad**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

### **Radiological Medical Countermeasures**

The committee recognizes the work of the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute (AFRRI) and its role in the development of a promising medical countermeasure that provides both prophylactic and therapeutic protection in radiological or nuclear exposure events. The committee believes this countermeasure has potential to increase protection for warfighters in the event of radiological incidents. AFRRI's Strategic Plan emphasizes the need to adapt preparedness and response capabilities in light of evolving conventional and unconventional global threats and identifies radiological threats as a top priority for the Department. Accordingly, the committee directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs), in coordination with the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), to develop a resource and fielding plan for this capability and to brief the House Armed Services Committee on this plan by March 1, 2027.

## **Amendment to H.R. 8800**

### **Offered by: Mr. Harrigan**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### **Direct Electrical Nerve Stimulation for Post-Amputation Pain Management**

The committee recognizes the profound challenges that military personnel face, including traumatic limb loss. Service members with limb loss often experience chronic post-amputation pain, resulting in an increased risk of opioid addiction, suicidal ideation, and suicide. The committee is aware of emerging technologies related to direct electrical nerve stimulation that may systematically alleviate chronic post-amputation pain, with the potential to significantly reduce rates of opioid abuse and suicide among service members.

The committee directs the Secretary of the Army to submit a report to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than December 1, 2026, on the Army's efforts to study the impact of direct electrical nerve stimulation technology on post-amputation pain management in service members. The report shall include the following:

- (1) a description of current and planned Army research efforts examining the use of direct electrical nerve stimulation to address chronic post-amputation pain, including any studies undertaken in coordination with the Defense Health Agency or other military departments;
- (2) an assessment of the available evidence on the effectiveness of direct electrical nerve stimulation in reducing chronic post-amputation pain and associated rates of opioid use and abuse among service members; and
- (3) the Army's plan, if any, to transition validated direct electrical nerve stimulation technologies into clinical use within military treatment facilities, including any barriers to adoption and recommended next steps.

## **Amendment to H.R. 8800**

### **Offered by: Ms. Tokuda**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### **Review of Access to Care at Military Medical Treatment Facilities within the United States**

The committee remains concerned about TRICARE beneficiaries' access to care at the direct care system of military medical treatment facilities (MTFs) operated by the Defense Health Agency (DHA). A recent Inspector General report (DODIG-2026-025) reported on access delays experienced by service members and their families at MTFs outside of the continental United States and problems with the reliability of MTF data on access to care.

Therefore, the committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on access to health care for all eligible TRICARE beneficiaries at DHA's MTFs within the continental United States (CONUS). The study should include an assessment of access to care standards for the TRICARE health program to include the direct care system of MTFs and the private sector care system of community providers for all relevant access standards (that is, primary care, specialty care, and urgent care); the methods and data used to measure access to care for CONUS MTFs and an assessment of the steps taken to ensure the reliability of these data; and how MTF access data are used to facilitate specialty care referrals between MTFs and civilian providers and whether these referrals maximize the use of MTFs, such as with the right of first refusal process.

The committee further directs the Comptroller General to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives no later than March 31, 2027, with a report to follow by a date mutually agreed upon at the time of the briefing.

## Amendment to H.R. 8800

### Offered by: Mr. Jackson of Texas

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### Medical Sustainment and Casualty Evacuation in Contested Unmanned Operational Environments

The committee recognizes that recent conflicts have demonstrated the increasing role of unmanned and autonomous systems in shaping the modern battlespace and is concerned that persistent aerial surveillance, loitering munitions, and contested air environments may challenge longstanding operational assumptions regarding medical evacuation timelines, air superiority requirements, casualty collection procedures, and the survivability of forward medical assets during large-scale combat operations.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, and the Director, Defense Health Agency, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2027, on the Department's assessment of the battlefield medical sustainment, casualty evacuation survivability, and force health support requirements in contested unmanned operational environments. The briefing shall include, but is not limited to:

- (1) the impact of contested unmanned operational environments on casualty evacuation and battlefield medical operations, including the viability of the "Golden Hour" standard in Large-Scale Combat Operations;
- (2) an assessment of the risks to medical evacuation aircraft, casualty collection points, and forward medical infrastructure posed by persistent unmanned surveillance and loitering strike systems;
- (3) the extent to which current doctrine and force design assumptions remain viable in future large-scale combat operations;
- (4) efforts to develop alternative casualty evacuation concepts, autonomous medical resupply systems, distributed medical support operations, and prolonged field care capabilities in denied or degraded operational environments, including the use of artificial intelligence for decision support; and
- (5) recommendations for additional investments, authorities, training, or doctrinal updates required to sustain battlefield medical operations in drone-contested environments.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MS. TOKUDA OF HAWAII**

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

1 **SEC. 6 \_\_\_\_ . PAYMENT TO PARTICIPANT IN SURVIVOR BEN-**  
2 **EFIT PLAN WHOSE SPOUSE DIES BEFORE**  
3 **THE PARTICIPANT.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subchapter II of chapter 73  
5 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting,  
6 after section 1448a, the following new section:

7 **“§ 1448b. Payment to participant whose spouse dies**  
8 **before the participant**

9 “(a) PAYMENT REQUIRED.—The Secretary con-  
10 cerned shall make a one-time payment of \$1,000 to a par-  
11 ticipant described in subsection (b).

12 “(b) ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT.—A participant de-  
13 scribed in this subsection is a person—

14 “(1) who becomes a participant in the Plan on  
15 or after July 1, 2027;

16 “(2) whose beneficiary under the Plan is the  
17 spouse of such person; and

18 “(3) whose spouse dies before such person.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING REDUCTION IN RETIRED PAY.—  
2 Section 1452(a)(1) of such title is amended by adding at  
3 the end the following new subparagraph:

4 “(C) ADDITIONAL REDUCTION FOR PAY-  
5 MENT TO PARTICIPANT WHOSE SPOUSE DIES  
6 BEFORE THE PARTICIPANT.—The reduction  
7 under subparagraph (A) or (B) for a partici-  
8 pant in the Plan who elects to provide spouse  
9 coverage on or after July 1, 2027, shall be in-  
10 creased by an amount prescribed in regulations  
11 by the Secretary of Defense as a premium for  
12 coverage under section 1448b of this title.”.



## **Amendment to H.R. 8800**

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

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### **Recruitment Workforce Development and Strategic Youth Engagement**

The committee commends the Department of Defense for its success in meeting and exceeding military recruiting goals in fiscal year 2025 and early fiscal year 2026. The committee also applauds the Department's efforts to integrate strategies to sustain and strengthen recruiting, including the establishment of the Military Service Recruitment Task Force pursuant to guidance from the Secretary of Defense in June 2025. However, the committee is concerned that while recruiting performance remains strong, demographic trends, eligibility constraints, and the rising costs of traditional advertising, marketing, and incentive-based recruiting tools warrant evaluation of complementary, community-based approaches that support and augment long-term recruiting objectives.

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 27, 2027, on the feasibility, cost-effectiveness, and risks of expanded partnerships, grants, or other forms of support for nonprofit youth development organizations with missions comparable to the Young Marines and Naval Sea Cadet Corps, as part of the Department's recruiting strategy. The briefing shall include:

- (1) an assessment of the comparative costs and outcomes relative to traditional recruiting tools, including cost per accession and long-term return on investment;
- (2) an assessment and review of available data on correlations between participation in nonprofit youth development organizations and eligibility, readiness, retention, or propensity to serve;
- (3) identification of existing Department or Service-level partnerships with nonprofit youth development organizations and their effectiveness in supporting long-term military recruiting objectives;
- (4) an evaluation of applicable legal authorities, funding mechanisms, and oversight requirements necessary to ensure any support from the Department remains non-coercive and consistent with Department values; and
- (5) any recommendations for expanded partnerships, including whether pilot programs would be appropriate.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MS. TOKUDA OF HAWAII**

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

1 **SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_ . AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE RESIDENCIES, INTERN-**  
2 **SHIPS, AND SIMILAR POSTGRADUATE PRO-**  
3 **GRAMS FOR CIVILIAN HEALTH CARE PROFES-**  
4 **SIONALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Section 1599c of title 10, United  
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in the heading, by striking “**and com-**  
8 **pensation**” and inserting “**, compensation,**  
9 **and training**”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
11 section:

12 “(c) **RESIDENCIES AND INTERNSHIPS.**—(1) The Sec-  
13 retary may establish residencies, internships, and similar  
14 postgraduate programs at military medical treatment fa-  
15 cilities to train individuals whom the Secretary has ap-  
16 pointed to civilian health care positions, including physi-  
17 cians, nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and  
18 behavioral health providers.

1       “(2) The Secretary may require that an individual  
2 who participates in a residency, internship, or similar  
3 postgraduate program under paragraph (1) agrees to per-  
4 form civilian Federal service at a military medical treat-  
5 ment facility for a specific period determined by the Sec-  
6 retary following the completion of such residency, intern-  
7 ship, or similar postgraduate program.”.

8       (b) REPORT.—

9           (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than one year  
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
11 retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional  
12 defense committees a report on the implementation  
13 of subsection (c) of section 1599c of title 10, United  
14 States Code, as added by subsection (a).

15           (2) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The report under  
16 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

17           (A) A plan to establish residencies, intern-  
18 ships, and similar postgraduate programs under  
19 subsection (c) of such section 1599c, including  
20 a timeline to implement such subsection.

21           (B) The anticipated cost of carrying out  
22 such subsection.

23           (C) The number of each type of health  
24 care provider the Secretary expects to partici-

1           pate in such residencies, internships, and simi-  
2           lar postgraduate programs.

3           (D) An explanation for how the Sec-  
4           retary—

5                 (i) will fund such residencies, intern-  
6                 ships, and similar postgraduate programs;  
7                 and

8                 (ii) supervise individuals participating  
9                 in such residencies, internships, and simi-  
10                lar postgraduate programs.

11           (E) An analysis of how the residencies, in-  
12           ternships, and similar postgraduate programs  
13           would help meet the medical workforce needs of  
14           the military health system.

15           (F) Any additional information that the  
16           Secretary determines appropriate.



## **Amendment to H.R. 8800**

### **Offered by: Mr. Crank**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

#### **USAFA 2050**

The committee recognizes that the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) was constructed largely in the late 1950s, causing a significant portion of its infrastructure to reach the end of its serviceable life simultaneously. The committee is aware that the Secretary of the Air Force established the USAFA 2050 Task Force, chartered to develop comprehensive courses of action to address this challenge. The committee notes that in fiscal year 2026, USAFA awarded an Installation Master Plan pursuant to section 2850 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119-60), and that the Department of the Air Force's fiscal year 2027 Integrated Tasking Order provided funding assurance for 13 USAFA projects totaling \$86.0 million, including the Aeronautics Laboratory renovation and multiple Central Heat Plant projects.

Long-term USAFA 2050 objectives include a wastewater treatment plant refurbishment, Jacks Valley facilities, a Space Education Center, the Madera Cyber Center, North Gate relocation, and other critical infrastructure investments. The lifetime cost of the USAFA 2050 plan is expected to be at least \$4.0 billion.

The committee is concerned that USAFA may be disadvantaged when competing for Facilities Sustainment, Restoration, and Modernization (FSRM) funding against other Department of the Air Force installations that more directly support warfighting operations. Unlike other installations in the Department of the Air Force, USAFA's mission is the education and development of future officers rather than direct operational support, which may reduce its competitive standing in departmentwide FSRM prioritization. The committee notes that the Department of the Navy previously established a dedicated funding mechanism for the United States Naval Academy through the Flagship Agreement, which set aside FSRM funding from 2007 to 2013 and was renewed in 2019 for an additional two years.

The committee directs the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than December 1, 2026, on options for establishing a dedicated FSRM funding mechanism for USAFA to ensure sufficient funding for the USAFA 2050 project. The briefing should include the following:

- (1) an explanation of how USAFA's annual FSRM allocation is calculated within the Department of the Air Force, including how USAFA competes for FSRM resources relative to warfighting installations and quality of life infrastructure;
- (2) an assessment of USAFA's current FSRM backlog and the Department of the Air Force's plan to address it, including projected timelines and funding requirements;
- (3) an assessment of whether USAFA's FSRM allocation will increase proportionally in response to the statutory requirement mandating that the military departments increase FSRM spending as a percentage of plant replacement value; and
- (4) any legislative authorities that would be required to implement a dedicated FSRM funding mechanism for USAFA.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MR. JACKSON OF TEXAS**

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

1 **SEC. 17\_\_\_ . ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BLAST OVER-**  
2 **PRESSURE TASK FORCE OF THE DEPART-**  
3 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 180 days after  
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
6 Veterans Affairs shall appoint, through the Department  
7 of Veterans Affairs-Department of Defense Joint Execu-  
8 tive Committee under section 320 of title 38, United  
9 States Code, the Blast Overpressure Task Force of the  
10 Department of Veterans Affairs (in this section referred  
11 to as the “Task Force”).

12 (b) **MEMBERSHIP.**—Each member of the Task Force  
13 appointed under subsection (a) shall be a member of the  
14 Health Executive Committee under subsection (b)(2) of  
15 such section who, at the time of appointment, is involved  
16 in research regarding the mitigation and treatment of  
17 blast overpressure or blast exposure.

18 (c) **DUTIES.**—The duties of the Task Force are the  
19 following:

1           (1) To improve how the Secretary of Veterans  
2           Affairs, in consultation with the Secretary of De-  
3           fense, provides health care and other benefits to vet-  
4           erans or members of the Armed Forces diagnosed  
5           with traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress  
6           disorder, or other symptoms, from blast overpressure  
7           or blast exposure.

8           (2) To align research agendas and acquisition  
9           strategies of the Department regarding such health  
10          care.

11          (3) To establish physiological and cognitive per-  
12          formance baselines for such veterans and members.

13          (4) To prioritize translational research regard-  
14          ing such veterans and members, including research  
15          regarding—

16                (A) sleep therapy;

17                (B) blast-related gut health;

18                (C) mobile diagnostics;

19                (D) vestibular dysfunction and balance im-  
20          pairment;

21                (E)       autonomic       nervous       system  
22          dysregulation;

23                (F) cumulative mild traumatic brain in-  
24          jury;

1 (G) neuroinflammation and glial activation;  
2 and

3 (H) any other issue determined appro-  
4 priate by the Secretary.

5 (5) To monitor sensory decline (including with  
6 regards to vision, hearing, and vestibular function)  
7 and stress-related impairments among such veterans  
8 and members.

9 (6) To support continuity of such care by inte-  
10 grating mobile and longitudinal diagnostic tools.

11 (d) REPORTS.—The Task Force shall issue annual  
12 reports to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs and on  
13 Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representa-  
14 tives. Each such report shall include the following ele-  
15 ments:

16 (1) Details of research initiatives, coordination  
17 outcomes, and clinical advancements of the Task  
18 Force.

19 (2) Recommendations of the Task Force re-  
20 garding—

21 (A) how claims processors of the Depart-  
22 ment of Veterans Affairs should evaluate evi-  
23 dence that links such conditions to active mili-  
24 tary, naval, air, or space service; and

1                   (B) best practices regarding the evaluation  
2                   of neurological injuries in examinations for ben-  
3                   efits under chapters 11 or 15 of title 38, United  
4                   States Code.

5           (e) SUNSET.—The Task Force shall terminate on  
6           September 30, 2029.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MR. JACKSON OF TEXAS**

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

1 **SEC. 6 \_\_\_\_ . ACCUMULATION OF LEAVE FOR MEMBERS OF**  
2 **THE ARMED FORCES.**

3 (a) ACCUMULATION OF LEAVE FOR MEMBERS OF  
4 THE ARMED FORCES.—Section 701 of title 10, United  
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking subsections (b), (e), and (g);

7 (2) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), (f),  
8 (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), and (m) as subsections (b)  
9 through (j), respectively;

10 (3) in subsection (d), as redesignated by para-  
11 graph (2), by striking “without regard to the limita-  
12 tions in subsections (b) and (e)”;

13 (4) in subsection (f) (as so redesignated), by  
14 striking “, subject to the accumulation limits in sub-  
15 sections (b) and (e),”.

16 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

17 (1) CADETS AND MIDSHIPMEN.—Section 702(c)  
18 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by strik-  
19 ing “section 701(m)” and inserting “section 701(j)”.

1           (2) EMERGENCY LEAVE RETENTION AUTHOR-  
2           ITY.—

3           (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 2508 of title  
4           14, United States Code, is repealed.

5           (B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of  
6           sections at the beginning of chapter 25 of title  
7           14, United States Code, is amended by striking  
8           the item relating to section 2508.

9           (3) PAYMENTS FOR UNUSED ACCRUED  
10          LEAVE.—Section 501 of title 37, United States  
11          Code, is amended—

12           (A) in subsection (b), by striking para-  
13          graph (6); and

14           (B) in subsection (h), by striking “section  
15          701(f)” and inserting “section 701(d)”.

16          (4) ABSENCES DUE TO SICKNESS, WOUNDS,  
17          AND CERTAIN OTHER CAUSES.—Section 502(b) of  
18          title 37, United States Code, is amended by striking  
19          “and section 701(g) of title 10”.

