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6406	0	Elfreth, Sarah	MLP	Expand access to commissary stores for civilian employees of the Department of Defense Education Activity and Child Development Centers.	EB 3
6411	0	Elfreth, Sarah	MLP	Require the DoD to publish a Department-wide best-practice guide on establishing Family Child Care (FCC) and encourage service chiefs and installation commanders to publish an appendix specific to their areas of responsibility.	EB 3
6420	0	Wilson, Joe	MLP	Military Treatment Facility Readiness, Network Reliance, and Cyber Resilience	EB 3
6423	0	Tokuda, Jill N.	MLP	Prohibit military appellate courts from overturning verdicts based on factual sufficiency.	EB 3
6425	1	Moylan, Jim	MLP	Prohibit reduction in number of personnel assigned to a service review agency, direct SECDEF to submit report regarding reviews and appeals of discharges or dismissals based on PTSD or TBI, direct SECVA to make report available online.	EB 3
6433	0	Tokuda, Jill N.	MLP	Prohibit DoD from contracting with entities that employ individuals convicted of sex trafficking or human trafficking crimes.	EB 3
6434	0	Elfreth, Sarah	MLP	Directive report language in the FY27 NDAA to require DoD to report on information about the numbers of children with rare diseases and medically complex children in the Military Health System.	EB 3

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6445	0	Fallon, Pat	MLP	Would require the Secretary of Defense to brief HASC on TRICARE coverage policies for molecular diagnostic tests used in oncology and transplant care, including an assessment of alignment with Medicare Local Coverage Determinations.	EB 3
6472	1	Goodlander, Maggie	MLP	Expands Special Victims' Counsel (SVC) services to include domestic violence victims.	EB 3
6477	1	Jackson, Ronny	MLP	Directs a briefing on on the Department's efforts to establish and conduct recurring evaluations of military-civilian medical surge readiness and interoperability across the military health system and civilian medical systems for operations in contested environments.	EB 3
6478	2	Goodlander, Maggie	MLP	Allows domestic violence victims to retain housing benefits for up to one year.	EB 3
6481	1	Goodlander, Maggie	MLP	Provides requirements related to the ranks of Judge Advocates General, Deputy Judge Advocate General, and Staff Judge Advocate.	EB 3
6485	0	Higgins, Clay	MLP	To establish a nationally recognized Homeland Defense Service Ribbon for members of the Armed Forces who perform duties in service of their communities and nation.	EB 3
6504	1	Gooden, Lance	MLP	Blast Overpressure Mitigation for Small and Medium Caliber Weapons	EB 3
6513	4	Vindman, Eugene Simon	MLP	Notification and waiting period requirement to implement changes to the military legal system recommended by the Special Review Panel.	EB 3
6519	0	Goodlander, Maggie	MLP	Requires reporting on the termination and reconstitution of the Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces (DAC-IPAD).	EB 3
6523	0	Fallon, Pat	MLP	Directs the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Secretaries of the military departments, to amend all service-specific commercial solicitation regulations applicable during initial entry training to establish two specific carve-outs from the solicitation prohibition.	EB 3
6550	2	Hamadeh, Abraham J.	MLP	Requires briefing on workforce recruitment and retention challenges at remote installations in Western regions and identifies options to address mission-critical staffing shortages affecting readiness, testing, training, and installation operations.	EB 3
6568	1	Vindman, Eugene Simon	MLP	Comptroller General Review of the Stars and Stripes Media Organization	EB 3
6570	1	Hamadeh, Abraham J.	MLP	Requires DoD to establish uniform timelines, review procedures, tolling rules, and reporting requirements for career-impacting administrative investigations to prevent servicemembers from being stuck in prolonged limbo while preserving authority to investigate misconduct.	EB 3

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6576	1	Bacon, Don	MLP	An independent review of the methodology and findings of the Missile Community Cancer Study	EB 3
6587	0	Crow, Jason	MLP	This amendment is for bill language that requires SGEs, reservists, and uncompensated officials serving at OSD to be cleared of conflicts of interest by the relevant agency ethics official and file a public financial disclosure report.	EB 3
6593	1	Bacon, Don	MLP	Independent assessment of Bone Marrow radiation shielding for nuclear survivability	EB 3
6601	0	Jacobs, Sara	MLP	CONUS COLA Increase	EB 3
6603	2	Jacobs, Sara	MLP	Directs SECDEF to provide a report on the status of the Military Justice Review Panel	EB 3
6606	1	Ryan, Patrick	MLP	Requires continued evaluation of TRICARE through beneficiary experience surveys.	EB 3
6608	0	Ryan, Patrick	MLP	Requires a study on food insecurity among members of the Armed Forces and their dependents.	EB 3
6613	2	Carbajal, Salud O.	MLP	Sense of Congress that the Secretary should review the acts of valor of (Ret.) Colonel Philip Conran for in Laos during the Vietnam War, for which he was previously awarded the Air Force Cross to determine whether to recommend to the President the Medal of Honor.	EB 3
6632	0	Scott, Austin	MLP	This amendment directs the DHA to brief the House Armed Services Committee on plans to expand automated pharmacy pickup lockers and kiosks across MTFs.	EB 3
6643	1	McCormick, Richard	MLP	Directs the Secretary of each military service to establish an enterprise strategy for human performance. The strategy will include security requirements, funding needs, performance metrics, and identification of a program of primary responsibility.	EB 3
6667	1	Sorensen, Eric	MLP	Requires a briefing on the impact of staffing shortages in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Air Force Civil Engineer Center (AFCEC).	EB 3
6679	0	Vindman, Eugene Simon	MLP	Report on Manner of Death Determination Standards for Active-Duty Service Members	EB 3
6684	2	Gooden, Lance	MLP	Blast Overpressure Mitigation Pilot Program	EB 3

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6693	1	Wittman, Robert	MLP	Requires a GAO report on credit for prior learning policies to improve the translation of military training, operational experience, and professional military education to higher education credits	EB 3
6702	0	Davis, Donald G.	MLP	A DRL on influenza inoculation policy changes announced in April 2026. Designed to be fact-finding for the purpose of understanding the value of the longstanding prior policies.	EB 3
6711	0	Strickland, Marilyn	MLP	Permanently extends the Secretary of Defense's authority to provide temporary Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) increases in areas affected by disasters, military population surges, or significant housing cost increases by removing the December 31, 2026 sunset provisions.	EB 3
6731	0	McCormick, Richard	MLP	Authorizes and extends a pilot program carried out by Uniformed Services University to assess and develop risk ratings for generic drugs procured by the Department of Defense based on their country of origin and location of manufacturing.	EB 3
6758	0	Jacobs, Sara	MLP	Directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services on how the Department of Defense is implementing the GAO recommendations pertaining to military suicide prevention training effectiveness.	EB 3
6770	1	Moylan, Jim	MLP	INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF NOMINEES FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS TO THE SERVICE ACADEMIES.	EB 3
6771	0	Ryan, Patrick	MLP	Requirements for removal of certain general and flag officers.	EB 3
6794	0	Fallon, Pat	MLP	Would ammend Section 1587(d) of title 10, United States Code, allowing for the delegation of authority for corrective action for nonappropriated fund employees in cases of complaints of reprisal below the SecDef level.	EB 3
6867	0	Strickland, Marilyn	MLP	Virtual physical therapy solution pilot program	EB 3

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 ____ . AUTHORITY TO STUDY THE PROPENSITY OF**
2 **CERTAIN STUDENTS TO SERVE IN THE**
3 **ARMED FORCES.**

4 (a) STUDY.—

5 (1) AGREEMENT.—The Secretary of Defense
6 shall seek to enter into an agreement—

7 (A) with an entity described in paragraph

8 (2) pursuant to which such entity shall conduct
9 a comprehensive study on the propensity to
10 serve of military-connected students; and

11 (B) not later than year after the date of
12 the enactment of this Act.

13 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—An entity described in
14 this paragraph is a national nonprofit organization
15 that—

16 (A) focuses on the educational environment
17 of military-connected youth;

18 (B) is a partner to an institution of higher
19 education; and

1 (C) has demonstrated expertise in re-
2 search, mixed-methods methodology, or adoles-
3 cent development.

4 (3) SCOPE.—Such study shall—

5 (A) examine the relationship between fam-
6 ily military tradition and legacy, including
7 generational service, parental attitudes toward
8 service in the Armed Forces, and household
9 military culture, and a student’s propensity to
10 serve in the Armed Forces;

11 (B) assess the relationship between aca-
12 demic environmental factors (including partici-
13 pation in JROTC, access to military-affiliated
14 mentors and counselors, and type of school) and
15 the propensity to serve;

16 (C) evaluate the role of peer support pro-
17 gramming in shaping plans after secondary
18 school among military-connected students;

19 (D) catalog factors that enhance or detract
20 from the propensity to serve identified by mili-
21 tary-connected students, their parents or guard-
22 ians, and school personnel; and

23 (E) aggregate findings by subgroup, in-
24 cluding by grade level, gender, race, ethnicity,
25 geographic region, and school type.

1 (4) METHODOLOGY.—Study shall be con-
2 ducted—

3 (A) using mixed methods, including—

4 (i) a quantitative survey administered
5 to a nationally representative sample of not
6 fewer than 1,500 military-connected stu-
7 dents, using a purpose-built and validated
8 instrument measuring the propensity to
9 serve, family military legacy, JROTC par-
10 ticipation, and school environment; and

11 (ii) semi-structured qualitative inter-
12 views with not fewer than 60 participants,
13 including military-connected students, their
14 parents or guardians, JROTC instructors,
15 school counselors, school liaison officers,
16 and program coordinators; and

17 (B) in accordance with—

18 (i) the Federal Policy for the Protec-
19 tion of Human Subjects (part 46 of title
20 45, Code of Federal Regulations including
21 provisions applicable to research involving
22 minors;

23 (ii) the Family Educational Rights
24 and Privacy Act (Public Law 93–380; 20
25 U.S.C. 1232g); and

1 (iii) applicable guidance of the De-
2 partment of Defense governing the conduct
3 of research on human subjects.

4 (5) OPTIONAL PARTICIPATION.—Participation
5 in the study shall be voluntary. A military-connected
6 student who is under 18 years of age may not par-
7 ticipate without the informed written consent of a
8 parent or legal guardian.

9 (b) REPORTS.—

10 (1) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than one year
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
12 retary shall submit to the Committees on Armed
13 Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-
14 tives an interim report on such a study, including—

15 (A) whether the Secretary has entered into
16 an agreement under subsection (a);

17 (B) whether such study has begun; and

18 (C) any preliminary findings available at
19 the time of the report.

20 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than two years
21 after the Secretary enters into an agreement under
22 subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the
23 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
24 the House of Representatives a final report on the

1 results of the study. Such a final report shall in-
2 clude—

3 (A) a detailed description of the study
4 methodology, sample characteristics, and data
5 collection procedures;

6 (B) the quantitative findings, including
7 statistical analyses of the relationship between
8 family military legacy, school environment,
9 JROTC participation, peer-to-peer program
10 participation, and the propensity to serve;

11 (C) the qualitative findings, including key
12 themes derived from interviews with military-
13 connected students, their parents or guardians,
14 and school personnel;

15 (D) an integrated analysis of quantitative
16 and qualitative findings;

17 (E) findings disaggregated by grade level,
18 gender, race, ethnicity, geographic region, and
19 school type;

20 (F) recommendations for the Secretary re-
21 garding military recruitment strategy, develop-
22 ment of JROTC programs, and support services
23 for military-connected students; and

24 (G) recommendations to Congress regard-
25 ing legislative action based on such findings.

1 (3) FORM.—The reports required under this
2 subsection shall be submitted in unclassified form,
3 but may include a classified annex if the Secretary
4 determines such annex is necessary.

5 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) The term “military-connected student”
7 means a secondary school student—

8 (A) enrolled in grade 11 or 12; and

9 (B) who has at least one parent or guard-
10 ian who is currently serving, or who previously
11 served, in the Armed Forces.

12 (2) The term “propensity to serve” means a
13 student’s self-reported likelihood of joining the
14 Armed Forces after graduation from secondary
15 school.

16 (3) The term “JROTC” means the Junior Re-
17 serve Officers Training Corps program authorized
18 under chapter 102 of title 10, United States Code.



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

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

1 **SEC. 5___ . REESTABLISHMENT OF DEFENSE ADVISORY**
2 **COMMITTEE FOR THE PREVENTION OF SEX-**
3 **UAL MISCONDUCT.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT REQUIRED.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
6 shall establish and maintain within the Department
7 of Defense an advisory committee to be known as
8 the “Defense Advisory Committee for the Prevention
9 of Sexual Misconduct” (in this section referred to as
10 the “Advisory Committee”).

11 (2) DEADLINE FOR ESTABLISHMENT.—The
12 Secretary of Defense shall establish the Advisory
13 Committee not later than 90 days after the date of
14 the enactment of this Act.

15 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Committee
17 shall consist of not more than 20 members, ap-
18 pointed by the Secretary of Defense from among in-
19 dividuals who have an expertise appropriate for the

1 work of the Advisory Committee, including at least
2 one individual with each expertise as follows:

3 (A) Expertise in the prevention of sexual
4 assault and behaviors on the sexual assault con-
5 tinuum of harm.

6 (B) Expertise in adverse behaviors, includ-
7 ing the prevention of suicide and the prevention
8 of substance abuse.

9 (C) Expertise in the change of culture of
10 large organizations.

11 (D) Expertise in implementation science.

12 (2) BACKGROUND OF INDIVIDUALS.—Individ-
13 uals appointed to the Advisory Committee may in-
14 clude individuals with expertise in sexual assault
15 prevention efforts of institutions of higher education,
16 public health officials, and such other individuals as
17 the Secretary of Defense considers appropriate.

18 (3) PROHIBITION ON MEMBERSHIP OF MEM-
19 BERS OF ARMED FORCES ON ACTIVE DUTY.—A
20 member of the Armed Forces serving on active duty
21 may not serve as a member of the Advisory Com-
22 mittee.

23 (c) DUTIES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Committee
2 shall advise the Secretary of Defense on the fol-
3 lowing:

4 (A) The prevention of sexual assault (in-
5 cluding rape, forcible sodomy, other sexual as-
6 sault, and other sexual misconduct (including
7 behaviors on the sexual assault continuum of
8 harm)) involving members of the Armed Forces.

9 (B) The policies, programs, and practices
10 of each military department, each Armed Force,
11 and each military service academy for the pre-
12 vention of sexual assault as described in sub-
13 paragraph (A).

14 (2) BASIS FOR PROVISION OF ADVICE.—For
15 purposes of providing advice to the Secretary of De-
16 fense pursuant to this subsection, the Advisory Com-
17 mittee shall review, on an ongoing basis, the fol-
18 lowing:

19 (A) Closed cases involving allegations of
20 sexual assault described in paragraph (1).

21 (B) Efforts of institutions of higher edu-
22 cation to prevent sexual assault among stu-
23 dents.

1 (C) Any other information or matters that
2 the Advisory Committee or the Secretary con-
3 siders appropriate.

4 (3) COORDINATION OF EFFORTS.—In addition
5 to the reviews required by paragraph (2), for pur-
6 poses of providing advice to the Secretary of Defense
7 the Advisory Committee shall also consult and co-
8 ordinate with the Defense Advisory Committee on
9 Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual
10 Assault in the Armed Forces on matters of joint in-
11 terest to the two Advisory Committees.

12 (d) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than March 30
13 each year, the Advisory Committee shall submit to the
14 Secretary of Defense and the Committees on Armed Serv-
15 ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives a re-
16 port on the activities of the Advisory Committee pursuant
17 to this section during the preceding year.

18 (e) SEXUAL ASSAULT CONTINUUM OF HARM DE-
19 FINED.—In this section, the term “sexual assault con-
20 tinuum of harm” includes—

21 (1) inappropriate actions (such as sexist jokes),
22 sexual harassment, gender discrimination, hazing,
23 cyber bullying, or other behavior that contributes to
24 a culture that is tolerant of, or increases risk for,
25 sexual assault; and

1 (2) maltreatment or ostracism of a victim for a
2 report of sexual misconduct.

3 (f) TERMINATION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
5 graph (2), the Advisory Committee shall terminate
6 on the date that is five years after the date of the
7 establishment of the Advisory Committee pursuant
8 to subsection (a).

9 (2) CONTINUATION.—The Secretary of Defense
10 may continue the Advisory Committee after the ter-
11 mination date applicable under paragraph (1) if the
12 Secretary determines that continuation of the Advi-
13 sory Committee after that date is advisable and ap-
14 propriate. If the Secretary determines to continue
15 the Advisory Committee after that date, the Sec-
16 retary shall notify the Committees on the Armed
17 Services of the Senate and House of Representa-
18 tives.

19 (g) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 550B of the Na-
20 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020
21 (Public Law 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 1561 note) is repealed.



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

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . REVISION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IN-**
2 **STRUCTION REGARDING EARLY RELEASE**
3 **ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFENDERS CONVICTED OF**
4 **CERTAIN SEXUAL OFFENSES UNDER THE**
5 **UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE.**

6 (a) REVISION REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
8 of Defense shall revise Department of Defense Instruction
9 1325.07, or any successor instruction, to provide that an
10 individual serving a sentence of confinement imposed pur-
11 suant to a conviction by a general or special court-martial
12 for an offense described in subsection (b) is ineligible for
13 any reduction in the term of confinement based on good-
14 conduct time.

15 (b) COVERED OFFENSES.—An individual is ineligible
16 for any reduction in the term of confinement based on
17 good-conduct time as described in subsection (a) if the in-
18 dividual is serving a sentence for a conviction under—

1 (1) section 920 of title 10, United States Code
2 (article 120 of the Uniform Code of Military Jus-
3 tice), relating to rape and sexual assault;

4 (2) section 920b of title 10, United States Code
5 (article 120b of the Uniform Code of Military Jus-
6 tice), relating to rape and sexual assault of a child;

7 (3) section 920c of title 10, United States Code
8 (article 120c of the Uniform Code of Military Jus-
9 tice), relating to abusive sexual contact;

10 (4) section 918 of title 10, United States Code
11 (article 118 of the Uniform Code of Military Jus-
12 tice), relating to murder, if the offense was com-
13 mitted in the course of conduct involving a sexual
14 act or sexual contact as defined in section 920 of
15 that title (article 120);

16 (5) section 919 of title 10, United States Code
17 (article 119 of the Uniform Code of Military Jus-
18 tice), relating to manslaughter, if the offense was
19 committed in the course of conduct involving a sex-
20 ual act or sexual contact as defined in section 920
21 of that title (article 120);

22 (6) section 925 of title 10, United States Code
23 (article 125 of the Uniform Code of Military Jus-
24 tice), relating to kidnapping, if the victim was a
25 minor;

1 (7) section 928 of title 10, United States Code
2 (article 128 of the Uniform Code of Military Jus-
3 tice), relating to assault, if the offense involved a
4 sexual act or sexual contact as defined in section
5 920 of that title (article 120);

6 (8) section 930 of title 10, United States Code
7 (article 130 of the Uniform Code of Military Jus-
8 tice), relating to stalking, if the offense involved a
9 sexual motive or the victim was a minor;

10 (9) section 934 of title 10, United States Code
11 (article 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Jus-
12 tice), relating to indecent conduct or indecent acts
13 with another person;

14 (10) section 934 of title 10, United States Code
15 (article 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Jus-
16 tice), relating to the possession, distribution, or pro-
17 duction of child pornography;

18 (11) section 880 of title 10, United States Code
19 (article 80 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice),
20 relating to attempts, if the offense attempted is an
21 offense described in paragraphs (1) through (10) of
22 this subsection; or

23 (12) section 881 of title 10, United States Code
24 (article 81 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice),
25 relating to conspiracy, if the offense that is the ob-

1 ject of the conspiracy is an offense described in
2 paragraphs (1) through (10) of this subsection.

3 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The revision required by sub-
4 section (a) shall apply to sentences imposed after the date
5 on which the revision takes effect. Nothing in this section
6 shall be construed to affect a sentence imposed before the
7 effective date of such revision.

8 (d) PRESERVATION OF VICTIM RIGHTS.—Nothing in
9 this section shall be construed to limit the rights of a vic-
10 tim under section 806b of title 10, United States Code
11 (article 6b of the Uniform Code of Military Justice). The
12 Secretary of the military department concerned shall en-
13 sure that a victim retains the right to be reasonably heard
14 at any clemency proceeding conducted outside the stand-
15 ard annual review cycle with respect to an individual de-
16 scribed in subsection (a).

17 (e) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days after
18 completing the revision required by subsection (a), the
19 Secretary of Defense shall certify to the Committees on
20 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-
21 atives that Department of Defense Instruction 1325.07
22 has been revised in accordance with this section.



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:

Updating Military Lending Act Regulations

The committee believes that regulations implementing the Military Lending Act (MLA) should be periodically updated in order to keep pace with the evolving financial services industry and the changing needs of servicemembers and their families. The need to update the regulations at least every two years was recognized by the Department of Defense in 2015 when it issued regulations to implement the 2013 amendments to the MLA. The committee is further concerned by increasing judicial scrutiny of Federal regulations that may exceed the provisions of law.

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 30, 2027, on an evaluation of the effects of the 2015 MLA regulations and their relevance to today's financial services landscape and the demands and preferences of military consumers. The briefing should include the following:

- (1) whether the 2015 regulations limited the availability of safe and affordable credit for servicemembers and their families, including installment loans available in the civilian marketplace;
- (2) whether the 2015 regulations had the practical effect of forcing servicemembers to seek alternative and less safe credit products; and
- (3) whether the 2015 regulations unnecessarily restricted the ability of servicemembers to refinance auto loans to a lower rate.

Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Vindman

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

Military-Civilian Trauma Readiness Partnerships: Southwest Border Assessment and Prioritization

The committee recognizes the critical importance of military medical readiness and the unique training value offered by high-acuity civilian trauma environments, particularly in border-adjacent regions with elevated rates of penetrating trauma and mass-casualty incidents. The committee is concerned that existing military-civilian trauma partnership authorities may not be fully leveraged to maximize readiness outcomes along the Southwest border, and that identified gaps in program placement and capacity may limit the Department of Defense's ability to develop and sustain combat-relevant medical skills in forward and austere environments.

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the congressional defense committees not later than December 1, 2026, on the utilization and sufficiency of existing military-civilian trauma readiness partnership authorities as applied to the Southwest border region. The report should include the following:

(1) a comprehensive assessment of existing military-civilian trauma readiness partnerships authorized under section 1096 of title 10, United States Code, and the grant program under section 300d-91 of title 42, United States Code, to determine the extent to which current program capacity, placement decisions, and partnership agreements address readiness requirements along the Southwest border, including an evaluation of whether existing program authorities are being fully leveraged to generate military medical readiness value in border-adjacent trauma environments and an identification of specific gaps, if any, that cannot be addressed through current authorities;

(2) where the assessment identifies border-region civilian trauma facilities that offer measurable military medical readiness value — including high-acuity penetrating trauma volumes, mass-casualty incident frequency, or injury patterns consistent with combat medicine requirements — a description of actions taken or planned to prioritize those facilities for inclusion in existing military-civilian partnership programs under authorities available under section 1096 of title 10 and section 300d-91 of title 42, consistent with readiness and capacity criteria;

(3) an assessment of opportunities to expand integration between Department of Defense medical personnel and civilian emergency medical systems in border regions, including joint mass-casualty planning, coordinated trauma transport protocols, and pre-hospital interoperability with State, local, and tribal

partners, as well as the feasibility of leveraging existing transfer authorities to provide excess or surplus medical equipment and supplies to partner institutions in high-need border communities;

(4) an assessment of mechanisms by which licensed civilian trauma professionals may undertake structured training rotations within Department of Defense medical treatment facilities participating in programs established under section 1096 of title 10, United States Code, designed to strengthen national trauma system surge capacity and prioritize skill sets relevant to military readiness, including damage control surgery, critical care transport, and mass-casualty triage management; and

(5) any recommendations for additional authorities, only where the Secretary determines existing authorities under section 1096 of title 10 and section 300d-91 of title 42 are insufficient to address identified capability gaps.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. WILSON OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

1 **SEC. 11 ____ . MILITARY TECHNICIAN (DUAL STATUS): ELIMI-**
2 **NATION OF TITLE 32 AUTHORITY; CONVER-**
3 **SIONS OF EXISTING POSITIONS.**

4 (a) **TERMINATION OF TITLE 32 AUTHORITY.—**

5 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Section 709 of title 32,
6 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
7 end the following subsection:

8 “(k) This section shall cease to be effective on Octo-
9 ber 1, 2038.”.

10 (2) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-**
11 **MENTS.—**

12 (A) **IN GENERAL.—**Effective October 1,
13 2038—

14 (i) section 115(d) of title 10, United
15 States Code, is amended by striking “each
16 reserve component of the Army and Air
17 Force” and inserting “the Army Reserve
18 and the Air Force Reserve”; and

1 (ii) section 10216(a)(1)(A) of title 10,
2 United States Code, is amended by strik-
3 ing “or section 709(b) of title 32”.

4 (B) NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU PER-
5 SONNEL.—Section 10508(b)(1) of title 10,
6 United States Code, is amended by inserting
7 “sections 1601 and 1762 of title 10,” before
8 “or section 328 of title 32,”.

9 (C) MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR DUTIES.—
10 Section 328(b) of title 32, United States Code,
11 is amended by inserting “maintaining and re-
12 pairing supplies issued to the National Guard
13 or the Armed Forces,” before “and training the
14 reserve components”.

15 (b) CONVERSION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of De-
16 fense may convert a military technician (dual status) posi-
17 tion filled by an individual employed under section 709
18 of title 32, United States Code, to either of the following:

19 (1) A position filled by an individual employed
20 under—

21 (A) section 3101 of title 5, United States
22 Code; or

23 (B) section 1601, 1762, or 10508 of title
24 10, United States Code.

1 (2) A position filled by an individual who is per-
2 forming Active Guard and Reserve duty under sec-
3 tion 328 of title 32, United States Code, unless such
4 duty is performed as a general or flag officer.

5 (c) TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—In addition to the con-
6 version authority under subsection (b), the Secretary of
7 Defense may, with the consent of the Governor of the
8 State concerned, for the purpose of reducing the number
9 of National Guard military technician (dual status) posi-
10 tions, provide a State with funding for a non-Federal posi-
11 tion for an individual employed in such position. Any such
12 funding shall be provided through a cooperative agreement
13 entered into with the State Governor under section 6305
14 of title 31, United States Code.

15 (d) CONSENT OF EMPLOYEE TO CONVERSION OR
16 TRANSFER.—The Secretary of Defense may convert, pur-
17 suant to subsection (b), or transfer, pursuant to sub-
18 section (c), a filled position only with the written consent
19 of the individual filling such position.

20 (e) REEMPLOYMENT.—An individual filling a military
21 technician (dual status) position that is converted to Ac-
22 tive Guard and Reserve duty pursuant to subsection
23 (b)(2), waives any reemployment entitlement under section
24 4314 of title 38, United States Code, to another military
25 technician (dual status) position but may assert reemploy-

1 ment rights to a civilian position employed under section
2 3101 of title 5, United States Code, or section 1601, 1762,
3 or 10508 of title 10, United States Code if a similar posi-
4 tion is reasonably available.

5 (f) AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENT TO END STRENGTH
6 REQUIREMENTS.—Whenever a military technician (dual
7 status) position is converted pursuant to subsection
8 (b)(2)—

9 (1) the applicable statutory annual end strength
10 limitation for Active Guard and Reserve personnel
11 within the Army and Air National Guards of the
12 United States, in accordance with section 115 of
13 title 10, United States Code, shall be increased ac-
14 cordingly.

15 (2) the applicable statutory annual minimum
16 end strength required for National Guard military
17 technician (dual status) within the Army and Air
18 National Guards of the United States, in accordance
19 with section 115 of title 10, United States Code,
20 shall be decreased accordingly.

21 (g) HIRING FREEZE.—Beginning on October 1,
22 2028, no individual may be newly hired or employed, or
23 rehired or reemployed, as a military technician (dual sta-
24 tus) under section 709 of title 32, United States Code.

25 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

1 (1) the term “military technician (dual status)”
2 has the meaning given such term in section 10216
3 of title 10, United States Code; and
4 (2) the term “State” has the meaning given
5 such term in section 901 of title 32, United States
6 Code.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. ELFRETH OF MARYLAND

Insert in the appropriate place in title XI the following:

1 **SEC. 11 ____ . DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BEST PRACTICES**

2 **GUIDE FOR FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES.**

3 (a) DEPARTMENT-WIDE FAMILY CHILD CARE GUIDE
4 REQUIRED.—Not later than one year after the date of en-
5 actment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall publish
6 a Department-wide best practices guide for individuals
7 seeking to establish and operate a Family Child Care
8 home on a military installation.

9 (b) CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT.—In developing
10 the guide required under subsection (a), the Secretary of
11 Defense shall consult with military departments, military
12 installations, Family Child Care program administrators,
13 and established Family Child Care providers operating
14 under successful Family Child Care programs across the
15 Department of Defense to identify and incorporate best
16 practices, lessons learned, and approaches that have dem-
17 onstrated success in expanding participation and reducing
18 barriers to establishing and operating Family Child Care
19 homes.

1 (c) REQUIRED ELEMENTS.—The guide required
2 under subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum—

3 (1) an overview of the process for becoming a
4 certified Family Child Care provider;

5 (2) standardized information regarding train-
6 ing, inspections, background checks, licensing, and
7 certification requirements;

8 (3) guidance regarding available financial as-
9 sistance, startup support, subsidies, grants, and re-
10 imbursement opportunities;

11 (4) information on liability coverage, safety
12 standards, and emergency preparedness require-
13 ments;

14 (5) recommendations for reducing administra-
15 tive barriers to establishing Family Child Care
16 homes; and

17 (6) any additional information the Secretary de-
18 termines appropriate to support prospective Family
19 Child Care providers.

20 (d) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary shall
21 make the guide required under subsection (a) publicly
22 available on an internet website of the Department of De-
23 fense in a searchable and accessible format for military
24 families.

25 (e) SERVICE-SPECIFIC APPENDICES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
2 shall encourage the Secretaries of the military de-
3 partments to publish and maintain service-specific
4 appendices accompanying the guide required under
5 subsection (a).

6 (2) CONTENTS.—A service-specific appendix
7 under paragraph (1) may include—

8 (A) service-specific policies or procedures;

9 (B) installation-level best practices;

10 (C) information regarding unique oper-
11 ational requirements or child care demands
12 within the military department concerned;

13 (D) guidance regarding military housing
14 considerations related to Family Child Care
15 homes; and

16 (E) points of contact and resources specific
17 to the military department concerned.

18 (f) BRIEFING.—Not later than 18 months after the
19 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
20 shall provide a briefing to the congressional defense com-
21 mittees regarding—

22 (1) actions taken to implement this section;

23 (2) efforts to improve awareness of Family
24 Child Care opportunities among military spouses
25 and families;

- 1 (3) barriers identified in the establishment of
- 2 Family Child Care homes; and
- 3 (4) recommendations for legislative or adminis-
- 4 trative action to improve military child care capacity.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: MR. WILSON OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

Military Treatment Facility Readiness, Network Reliance, and Cyber Resilience

The committee recognizes that military treatment facilities are essential readiness platforms that support force generation, clinical currency, beneficiary access, graduate medical education, and wartime medical capacity. The committee is concerned that changes to the scope of services, staffing, specialty care, and inpatient capability at military treatment facilities may affect both beneficiary access and operational medical readiness, particularly in regions where civilian network capacity is limited or TRICARE participation is insufficient to absorb additional demand.

The committee is also concerned that medical readiness data, referral and appointment systems, beneficiary access data, and other health-of-the-force indicators may present cybersecurity and data-integrity risks that could affect the Department's ability to assess readiness, mobilize medical capability, and sustain care during crisis or contingency operations.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and in coordination with the Director of the Defense Health Agency, the Surgeons General of the military departments, and the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2027, on military treatment facility readiness, private-sector care reliance, and cyber resilience across the Military Health System.

The briefing shall include

(1) the process and metrics used by the Department to evaluate proposed changes to military treatment facility scope of services, staffing, specialty care, inpatient capability, emergency care, or surgical capacity against operational medical readiness requirements and beneficiary access standards;

(2) an assessment of whether private-sector care networks can absorb additional beneficiary demand without degrading access to care, military medical personnel clinical currency, deployment-relevant skills, procedural volume, or readiness at military treatment facilities; and

(3) any recommendations for congressional action to preserve military medical readiness, protect beneficiary access, improve private-sector network oversight, and strengthen cybersecurity and data integrity across the Military Health System.

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

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE: PROHI-**
2 **BITION OF REVIEW OF FACTUAL SUFFI-**
3 **CIENCY IN CERTAIN APPEALS BEFORE A**
4 **COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS.**

5 Section 866 of title 10, United States Code (article
6 66 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), is amended
7 in subsection (d)(1)(B)—

8 (1) in clause (i)—

9 (A) by striking “(i)”;

10 (B) by striking “may consider” and insert-
11 ing “may not consider”; and

12 (C) by striking “upon request of the ac-
13 cused if the accused makes a specific showing
14 of a deficiency in proof”; and

15 (2) by striking clauses (ii) and (iii).



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 ____ . PROHIBITION ON REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL**
2 **ASSIGNED TO DUTY WITH A SERVICE REVIEW**
3 **AGENCY; REPORT ON REVIEWS OF CERTAIN**
4 **DISCHARGES RELATED TO PTSD.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION ON REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL AS-
6 SIGNED TO DUTY WITH A SERVICE REVIEW AGENCY.—
7 Section 1559(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amend-
8 ed by striking “Before December 31, 2025” and inserting
9 “During the period beginning on the date of the enact-
10 ment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
11 Year 2027 and ending on December 31, 2030”.

12 (b) REPORT ON TIME REQUIRED FOR A BOARD TO
13 CONSIDER A REVIEW OF A DISCHARGE OR DISMISSAL
14 FROM THE ARMED FORCES BASED ON MATTERS RELAT-
15 ING TO POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER OR TRAU-
16 MATIC BRAIN INJURY.—

17 (1) REPORT REQUIRED.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180
19 days after the date of the enactment of this

1 Act, the Secretary of Defense, acting through
2 the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel
3 and Readiness, in coordination with the Secre-
4 taries of the military departments, shall submit
5 to the Committees on Armed Services of the
6 Senate and House of Representatives a report
7 regarding the periods required for a board es-
8 tablished under section 1552 or 1553 of title
9 10, United States Code, to make a determina-
10 tion in a case involving liberal consideration.

11 (B) ELEMENTS.—The report shall include
12 the following:

13 (i) An analysis of the time such peri-
14 ods, disaggregated by military department.

15 (ii) An explanation of the differences
16 between such periods, disaggregated by
17 military department.

18 (iii) The number of personnel as-
19 signed to review, process, and consider
20 such cases.

21 (iv) Recommendations of the Sec-
22 retary of Defense to expedite the consider-
23 ation of such cases.

24 (C) FORM.—The report shall be submitted
25 in unclassified form.

1 (D) PUBLICATION.—The executive sum-
2 mary of the report shall be published on a pub-
3 licly accessible website of the Department of
4 Defense.

5 (2) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after
6 submitting the report, the Secretary of Defense shall
7 provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the
8 Senate and House of Representatives a briefing on
9 the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of
10 such report.

11 (3) LIBERAL CONSIDERATION DEFINED.—In
12 this section, the term “liberal consideration” is used
13 as such term is used in section 1552(h) and 1553(d)
14 of title 10, United States Code.



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

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

1 **SEC. 8 ____ . PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH EMPLOY-**
2 **ERS OF CONVICTED TRAFFICKERS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 363 of title 10, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing new section:

6 **“§ 4665. Prohibition on contracting with entities em-**
7 **ploying convicted traffickers.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may
9 not enter into a contract or other agreement with an entity
10 if such entity employs an individual convicted of a traf-
11 ficking crime.

12 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

13 “(1) the term ‘individual convicted of a traf-
14 ficking crime’ means an individual who has been
15 convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of a
16 trafficking crime and for whom such conviction has
17 not been overturned; and

18 “(2) the term ‘trafficking crime’ means an of-
19 fense—

1 “(A) under chapter 77 of title 18, United
2 States Code; or

3 “(B) under State, local, or tribal law con-
4 sisting of conduct that would have been an of-
5 fense under the chapter described in subpara-
6 graph (A) if the conduct had occurred within
7 the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction
8 of the United States (as defined in section 7 of
9 title 18, United States Code), or in interstate or
10 foreign commerce.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
12 for chapter 363 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-
13 ed by adding at the end the following new item:

“4665. Prohibition on contracting with entities employing convicted traf-
fickers.”.

14 (c) APPLICABILITY.—Section 4665 of title 10, United
15 States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall apply only
16 with respect to contracts and other agreements entered
17 into, renewed, or extended on or after the date of the en-
18 actment of this Act.

19 (d) CURRENT DEFENSE CONTRACTORS.—Not later
20 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
21 each contractor of the Department of Defense as of the
22 date of the enactment of this Act that employs an indi-
23 vidual convicted of a trafficking crime (as defined in sec-
24 tion 4665 of title 10, United States Code, as added by

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- 1 subsection (a)) shall submit to Secretary of Defense a no-
- 2 tice that contractor employs such an individual.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Ms. Elfreth of Maryland

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

DoD Report on Medically Complex Children

Children with medical complexity (CMC) have serious long-term health conditions that are not easily met by existing health care models, often requiring the highest level of support from children's hospitals and specialized pediatric providers. CMC caregivers must manage numerous providers, navigate complex health systems, and help their children overcome significant social and community barriers on a daily basis. With regular permanent changes of station, military families with CMC often face a more overwhelming task of changing providers, often times in settings with inadequate access to the specialty services needed. The committee is aware of the exceptional challenges to readiness posed by caring for complex children and is concerned about the quality of support for service members and their families.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Armed Services Committee no later than December 1, 2026, on the Department's current and planned efforts to support servicemember families with CMC. At a minimum, the report should:

- (1) Provide statistics detailing the current and historical number of CMC dependents of active duty servicemembers by year and service since 2016;
- (2) Provide information on the number of providers currently in the TRICARE Network and the military health system that are classified as rare disease specialists;
- (3) Detail how servicemember dependents can access pediatric genetic screening and diagnostics for rare diseases;
- (4) Provide information about any special programs to connect military families to rare disease specialists, including the types of specialists covered by the program;
- (5) Provide statistics on utilization of telemedicine for CMC access to specialists by specialty type;
- (6) Explain the barriers military providers face when seeking support and consultation from civilian CMC specialty providers; and,
- (7) Make recommendations on how to increase military provider support from and engagement with civilian experts in rare diseases and specialty providers treating CMCs.

Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Fallon

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

TRICARE Coverage for Advanced Molecular Diagnostic Tests

The committee is concerned that the Defense Health Agency's coverage determination process for molecular diagnostic tests may lag Medicare Local Coverage Determinations for Proprietary Laboratory Analysis code-designated tests used in oncology and transplant care by one to two years, during which clinically validated tests may remain classified as experimental or investigational under TRICARE. The committee believes this misalignment may result in delayed access to evidence-based diagnostic tools for servicemembers, retirees, and their dependents, with adverse effects on force health protection and return-to-duty timelines.

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of the Defense Health Agency, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 31, 2027, on TRICARE coverage policies for molecular diagnostic tests used in oncology and transplant care. The briefing should include the following:

- (1) an assessment of the alignment between current TRICARE coverage determinations and Medicare Local Coverage Determinations for Proprietary Laboratory Analysis code-designated molecular diagnostic tests, including identification of tests covered under Medicare that are not currently covered or are classified as experimental or investigational under TRICARE;
- (2) an analysis of the Defense Health Agency Technology Assessment Committee review process for molecular diagnostics, including the average time between a Medicare Local Coverage Determination and a corresponding TRICARE coverage determination, and any statutory, regulatory, or administrative barriers to accelerating alignment; and
- (3) recommendations for modernizing TRICARE coverage determination processes to reduce the lag between Medicare Local Coverage Determinations and TRICARE coverage for molecular diagnostics, including any legislative changes required to implement those recommendations.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. GOODLANDER OF NEW
HAMPSHIRE

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

1 **SEC. 5___ . EXTENSION OF SPECIAL VICTIMS' COUNSEL**
2 **SERVICES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS.**

3 (a) AMENDMENTS.—Section 1044e of title 10, United
4 States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**do-**
6 **mestic violence and**” before “**sex-related of-**
7 **fenses**”;

8 (2) by inserting “domestic violence or” before
9 “sex-related offense” each place it appears;

10 (3) in subsection (b)(3), by striking “domestic
11 abuse advocate” and inserting “domestic abuse vic-
12 tim advocate”;

13 (4) in subsection (f)(1), by inserting “domestic
14 abuse victim advocate,” after “healthcare provider,”;
15 and

16 (5) in subsection (h)—

1 (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting
2 “DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR” before “SEX-RE-
3 LATED OFFENSE”; and

4 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “or 930
5 of this title (article 120, 120b, 120c,” and in-
6 sserting “928b, or 930 of this title (article 120,
7 120b, 120c, 128b,”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 subsection (a) shall take effect two years after the date
10 of the enactment of this Act.

11 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than one year after the
12 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
13 shall provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the
14 Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing on the
15 implementation of policies and procedures to carry out the
16 changes required pursuant to subsection (a).



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:

Military-Civilian Medical Surge Planning for Contested Environments

The committee recognizes that future large-scale combat operations and major contingencies in contested environments may place unprecedented demands on the military health system and civilian medical systems. The committee further recognizes that casualty volumes, contested logistics, degraded communications, limited transportation capacity, and medical resource constraints could challenge the Department of Defense's ability to rapidly deliver medical care and evacuate casualties during sustained operations.

The committee notes that effective medical planning for contested environments must evaluate the Department's ability to rapidly assess and communicate the operational consequences associated with such the constraints of contested environments. The committee further recognizes the value of recurring end-to-end evaluations that integrate military and civilian medical systems, and encourages the Department to leverage existing, commercially available, and cybersecurity-compliant digital planning and decision-support capabilities, including artificial intelligence-enabled tools where appropriate, to improve the speed, accuracy, auditability, and repeatability of medical planning assessments and operational decision-making.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Director of the Defense Health Agency, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2027, on the Department's efforts to establish and conduct recurring evaluations of military-civilian medical surge readiness and interoperability across the military health system and civilian medical systems for operations in contested environments. The briefing shall include:

- (1) an assessment of the Department's ability to rapidly assess and communicate the medical consequences of operational decisions, including impacts on patient movement, lift allocation, sustainment priorities, and medical facility utilization;
- (2) an assessment of the Department's current capability to manage large-scale casualty surges during major combat operations or other large-scale contingencies under contested conditions, including degraded communications, constrained transportation assets, and mass-casualty scenarios;

- (3) an evaluation of medical logistics planning inputs, constraints, and dependencies affecting operational decision-making;
- (4) a description of recurring evaluation, exercise, wargaming, simulation, or modeling efforts used to assess medical surge readiness, patient movement, and operational medical planning;
- (5) a description of existing digital planning tools, modeling capabilities, or decision-support systems, including artificial intelligence-enabled capabilities, able to integrate casualty forecasts, capacity models, logistics requirements, and patient movement constraints into operational planning for the Department;
- (6) an assessment of the Department's use of commercially available technologies and cybersecurity-compliant decision-support platforms capable of producing predictive modeling, simulation outputs, and auditable recommendations for operational decision-makers;
- (7) an assessment of interoperability between military treatment facilities, civilian healthcare systems, federal agencies, and private-sector healthcare partners during contested operations; and
- (8) an identification of any capability gaps, resource shortfalls, policy barriers, data-sharing challenges, or interoperability deficiencies affecting medical surge readiness.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. GOODLANDER OF NEW
HAMPSHIRE

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

1 **SEC. 5___.** **MILITARY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EMERGENT**
2 **HOUSING POLICY.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense shall es-
4 tablish and implement a policy under which unit level com-
5 manders in the covered Armed Forces, in response to do-
6 mestic violence reports or complaints, shall be required
7 to—

8 (1) move alleged offenders into military housing
9 separate from the victim; and

10 (2) maintain emergent housing entitlements to
11 basic allowance for housing or military housing units
12 in support of domestic violence victims for up to one
13 year.

14 (b) **AMENDMENT OF DD FORM 2873.**—Not later
15 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
16 the Secretary of Defense shall amend the Military Protec-
17 tive Order form, DD Form 2873, to incorporate the
18 changes implemented pursuant to this section.

1 (c) COVERED ARMED FORCES DEFINED.—In this
2 section, the term “covered Armed Forces” means the
3 Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. GOODLANDER OF NEW
HAMPSHIRE

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . RANKS OF JUDGE ADVOCATES GENERAL.**

2 (a) ARMY.—Section 7037(a) of title 10, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing: “The Judge Advocate General, while so serving,
5 has the grade of lieutenant general. An officer appointed
6 as Deputy Judge Advocate General who holds a lower reg-
7 ular grade shall be appointed in the regular grade of major
8 general.”.

9 (b) MARINE CORPS.—Section 8046(a) of title 10,
10 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
11 following: “If the officer to be appointed as the Staff
12 Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps
13 holds a grade lower than the grade of lieutenant general
14 immediately before the appointment, the officer shall be
15 appointed in the grade of lieutenant general.”.

16 (d) NAVY.—

17 (1) THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.—Section
18 8088(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended

1 by adding at the end the following: “The Judge Ad-
2 vocate General, while so serving, has the grade of
3 vice admiral or lieutenant general, as appropriate.”.

4 (2) THE DEPUTY JUDGE ADVOCATE GEN-
5 ERAL.—Section 8089(a)(1) of title 10, United States
6 Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing: “If an officer appointed as the Deputy
8 Judge Advocate General holds a lower regular grade,
9 the officer shall be appointed in the regular grade of
10 rear admiral or major general, as appropriate.”.

11 (f) AIR FORCE.—

12 (1) THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.—Section
13 9037(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended
14 by adding at the end the following: “The Judge Ad-
15 vocate General, while so serving, has the grade of
16 lieutenant general.”.

17 (2) THE DEPUTY JUDGE ADVOCATE GEN-
18 ERAL.—Section 9037(d)(1) of title 10, United
19 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
20 following: “An officer appointed as Deputy Judge
21 Advocate General who holds a lower regular grade
22 shall be appointed in the regular grade of major gen-
23 eral.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. HIGGINS OF LOUISIANA

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . AUTHORIZATION OF SERVICE RIBBON FOR A**
2 **MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD WHO**
3 **PERFORMS HOMELAND DEFENSE DUTY.**

4 (a) RIBBON AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of the
5 military department concerned may award a service ribbon
6 to a member of the National Guard who performs duty
7 in support of a homeland defense activity, as such term
8 is defined in section 901 of title 32, United States Code.

9 (b) DESIGN.—The ribbon shall be of an appropriate
10 design approved by the Secretary of Defense.

11 (c) ISSUANCE TO NEXT-OF-KIN.—If the member is
12 deceased, the Secretary of the military department con-
13 cerned may issue such a ribbon to the next-of-kin of the
14 member.

15 (d) REGULATIONS.—The award of a ribbon under
16 this section shall be subject to such regulations as the Sec-
17 retaries of the military departments concerned shall pre-
18 scribe for purposes of this section. The Secretary of De-

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- 1 fense shall ensure that any regulations prescribed under
- 2 this subsection are uniform to the extent practicable.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Gooden

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

Blast Overpressure Mitigation for Small and Medium Caliber Weapons

The committee remains concerned about the cumulative effects of blast overpressure exposure on servicemembers operating small and medium caliber weapons systems and recognizes the potential for commercially available blast mitigation technologies to reduce exposure and associated risks to warfighter health, readiness, and performance.

Accordingly, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military departments and the Blast Safety Officers established pursuant to section 508 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119-60), to provide a report to the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2028, on the Department's efforts to evaluate and implement blast overpressure mitigation technologies. The report shall include:

- (1) An assessment of commercially available muzzle blast overpressure mitigation devices and related technologies for small and medium caliber weapons that have demonstrated reductions in overpressure exposure through independent testing or operational evaluations.
- (2) A description of current policies, testing, fielding activities, and pilot programs involving muzzle blast mitigation devices across the Armed Forces, including any gaps in implementation or standardization.
- (3) A plan, including estimated costs, timelines, and performance metrics, for evaluating and integrating effective blast mitigation technologies into training and operational environments.
- (4) An analysis of blast exposure data collected since the establishment of Blast Safety Officers, by weapon system and caliber category, and any observed correlations with health, readiness, or performance outcomes.
- (5) An analysis of the costs associated with not mitigating blast overpressure exposure, including medical, disability, readiness, retention, training, productivity, and personnel replacement costs to the Department of Defense and the Federal Government.
- (6) Recommendations for any additional research, testing, evaluation, procurement, policy, safety, or certification actions necessary to accelerate adoption of effective blast overpressure mitigation technologies while preserving operational suitability

and supporting the Department's Warfighter Performance Optimization and Total Force Fitness objectives.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. VINDMAN OF VIRGINIA

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT**
2 **CHANGES TO MILITARY LEGAL SYSTEM REC-**
3 **COMMENDED BY SPECIAL REVIEW PANEL AC-**
4 **TIVITIES.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense may
6 not implement a recommendation of the Special Review
7 Panel until a period of 180 days has elapsed following the
8 date on which the Secretary submits to the congressional
9 defense committees all documentation required under sub-
10 section (b).

11 (b) DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
13 shall submit to the congressional defense committees
14 all recommendations and analysis delivered by the
15 Special Review Panel to the Secretary of Defense.

16 (2) TIMING OF SUBMISSIONS.—

17 (A) Any documentation described in para-
18 graph (1) that was delivered to the Secretary of
19 Defense before the date of the enactment of

1 this Act, shall be submitted to the congressional
2 defense committees not later than 30 days after
3 such date of enactment.

4 (B) Any documentation described in para-
5 graph (1) that is delivered to the Secretary of
6 Defense on or after the date of the enactment
7 of this Act, shall be submitted to the congress-
8 sional defense committees not later than five
9 days after the date of delivery to the Secretary.

10 (c) SPECIAL REVIEW PANEL DEFINED.—In this sec-
11 tion, the term “Special Review Panel” means the Special
12 Review Panel established pursuant to the memorandum
13 of the Secretary of Defense dated May 8, 2026, titled “De-
14 partmental Review of the Military Legal System and Its
15 Impact on Service Members”.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Ms. Goodlander of New Hampshire

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

Report on Termination and Reconstitution of the Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces (DAC-IPAD)

The committee notes that section 546 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. ‘Buck’ McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 required the Secretary of Defense to establish the Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces (DAC-IPAD). The DAC-IPAD plays a crucial role in reforming military justice related to sexual assault, ensuring fairness for victims and the accused. The committee notes that on April 25, 2025, the Secretary of Defense issued a memorandum formally relieving the members of the DAC-IPAD of their duties as part of a review of all Department of Defense Advisory Committees. Concerningly, over a year later, the DAC-IPAD has not been reconstituted and there is no indication that the Department of Defense intends to reinstate the previous members whose service was summarily concluded without justification. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report not later than March 1, 2027 to the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on Armed Services regarding the termination and reconstitution of the DAC-IPAD. The report shall include:

- (1) A detailed justification on why the previous DAC-IPAD was dismissed;
- (2) Details on whether any members of the previous DAC-IPAD are being considered for reappointment, and if not, why not;
- (3) The timeline for reconstituting the DAC-IPAD; and
- (4) The program and funding planning details for staffing and resourcing of the DAC-IPAD.

1 from a member until delivery of the product occurs
2 after completion of the applicable training cycle.

3 (2) Such regulations shall not apply to photog-
4 raphy services provided by photographers operating
5 under a contract or other agreement with a military
6 installation, a Morale, Welfare, and Recreation pro-
7 gram, or a military exchange, for the sale of gradua-
8 tion ceremony photographs to members of the
9 Armed Forces or dependents of such members dur-
10 ing or immediately following graduation ceremonies.

11 (b) UNIFORMITY OF APPLICATION.—Each Secretary
12 of a military department shall ensure that any military
13 installation-specific policies—

14 (1) are applied uniformly across military instal-
15 lations under the jurisdiction of such Secretary; and

16 (2) do not impose restrictions more stringent
17 than those established by the regulations described
18 in subsection (a), as revised by this section.

19 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (2) The term “military exchange” means the
21 Army and Air Force Exchange Service, the Navy
22 Exchange Service Command, the Marine Corps Ex-
23 change, the Coast Guard Exchange, or any successor
24 organization, as applicable.

1 (3) The term “Morale, Welfare, and Recreation
2 program” means a nonappropriated fund activity
3 providing community support, recreational, and
4 quality-of-life services to members of the armed
5 forces and their families, as authorized under chap-
6 ter 147 of title 10, United States Code.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Hamadeh

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

Civilian Workforce Recruitment and Retention Challenges at Remote and Isolated Defense Installations in the Western United States

The committee recognizes the strategic importance of Department of Defense installations located in remote and geographically isolated areas of the western United States, including installations, ranges, proving grounds, depots, laboratories, aviation facilities, training areas, logistics sites, and operational support activities in the Western states. The committee is particularly concerned by reports of recurring difficulties recruiting and retaining civilian personnel at installations such as Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground, and other similarly situated defense facilities that rely on such personnel for mission-critical positions, including engineers, scientists, first responders, skilled trades, and senior technical and leadership positions.

The committee notes that the location of these installations, limited local labor pool, competition from governmental and private sector opportunities in adjacent labor markets, and compensation disparities relative to neighboring locality pay areas, long commuting distances, limited spousal employment opportunities, and housing constraints, may contribute to hiring challenges, applicant declinations, and prolonged workforce vacancies.

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military departments concerned and the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than January 15, 2027, on civilian workforce recruitment and retention challenges affecting Department of Defense installations the rural western United States. The briefing shall include—

- (1) an identification of remote or isolated Department of Defense installations in the western United States experiencing persistent civilian workforce recruitment or retention challenges;
- (2) vacancy rates and hiring metrics for mission-critical civilian positions;

- (3) applicant declination rates and identified causes of offer rejection;
- (4) an assessment of the impact of workforce shortages on installation operations, safety, readiness, testing, training, and mission execution;
- (5) an evaluation of whether existing compensation authorities, including recruitment incentives, retention incentives, relocation incentives, special salary rates, and other workforce flexibilities, adequately support civilian workforce requirements;
- (6) an assessment of whether existing locality pay boundaries adequately reflect labor market realities for remote western installations that compete with higher-paying nearby labor markets or face unusually constrained local hiring pools; and
- (7) recommendations for administrative or legislative actions necessary to improve civilian workforce recruitment and retention at affected installations.

Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Vindman

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

Comptroller General Review of the Stars and Stripes Media Organization

The Stars and Stripes media organization, founded in 1861, provides news and information on a range of topics related to the United States Armed Forces. The publication operates under the Department of Defense (DOD) but maintains editorial independence. While the publication receives partial funding from DOD, it also relies on advertising and subscriptions. Until recently, Stars and Stripes was governed by 32 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 246. The regulations set forth the policy, responsibilities, and procedures for Stars and Stripes and its business operations. However, in January 2026, the Department of Defense published a final rule to remove 32 CFR part 246 in the Federal Register. Several months later, the Department of Defense issued interim policy and procedural guidance significantly altering the operations of Stars and Stripes, and in April 2026, the Department fired the Stars and Stripes ombudsman—a role designed to monitor and protect the paper’s independence.

The committee is concerned about the ability of Stars and Stripes to maintain its independence in light of recent changes. As such, the committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to assess the following:

- (1) the impact of recent changes on the ability of Stars and Stripes to independently achieve its overall mission;
- (2) challenges associated with the prohibition on contracted services and content;
- (3) workforce changes and adjustments to publication oversight; and
- (4) any other matters that the Comptroller General deems appropriate.

The committee further directs the Comptroller General to brief the House Committee on Armed Services not later than February 1, 2027, with the results of the review to follow in a mutually agreed upon format and timeframe.

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

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . TIMELY RESOLUTION OF CAREER-IMPACTING**
2 **ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS.**

3 (a) **POLICY REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
5 of Defense shall prescribe a policy applicable to covered
6 administrative investigations. Such policy shall include—

7 (1) standard timelines for initiation, investiga-
8 tion, legal review, command action, and final disposi-
9 tion of covered administrative investigations;

10 (2) a requirement that an extension of a stand-
11 ard timeline described in paragraph (1) be approved
12 by an appropriate official in writing that includes an
13 explanation of the reasons for the extension, an
14 identification of the investigative steps remaining,
15 and an expected date of completion of those steps;

16 (3) a requirement that any covered administra-
17 tive investigation of a member of the Armed Forces
18 that includes the suspension of a favorable personnel

1 action for such member during the period of inves-
2 tigation—

3 (A) that is open for 90 days or more may
4 only continue if the investigation is approved by
5 the first general officer, flag officer, or member
6 of the Senior Executive Service in the chain of
7 command of the member of the Armed Forces
8 that is the subject of such investigation; and

9 (B) is reviewed not less than once every 30
10 days during the period of investigation to deter-
11 mine whether such suspension is necessary and
12 narrowly tailored to address the particular con-
13 cern being investigated;

14 (4) a requirement that prior to initiation of a
15 covered administrative investigation, or continuation
16 of a closed covered administrative investigation,
17 based substantially on allegations occurring outside
18 of an applicable reporting period, the investigating
19 authority make a determination in writing as to—

20 (A) the reason for the delay in reporting
21 such allegations;

22 (B) the availability and reliability of wit-
23 nesses;

24 (C) the availability of documentary or elec-
25 tronic evidence;

1 (D) whether a complete and fair inquiry
2 can be conducted; and

3 (E) whether an alternative to an investiga-
4 tion is more appropriate;

5 (5) a requirement that a member who is the
6 subject of a covered administrative investigation be
7 given reasonable opportunity to provide evidence and
8 identify witnesses;

9 (6) a requirement that a member who is the
10 subject of a covered administrative investigation be
11 given written notice of proposed actions, findings,
12 recommendations, and supporting evidence prior to a
13 final adverse administrative action;

14 (7) a requirement that investigators assigned to
15 a covered administrative investigation be screened
16 for potential conflicts of interest prior to being so
17 assigned;

18 (8) a requirement that a member who is the
19 subject a covered administrative investigation be
20 given an opportunity to request relief from a suspen-
21 sion of a favorable personnel action for purposes of
22 a permanent change of station, reassignment, mili-
23 tary schooling, retirement, or other personnel action
24 when no derogatory finding has been made within

1 the standard timelines required by paragraph (1);
2 and

3 (9) a requirement that the Secretaries of the
4 military departments regularly review policy and
5 practices with respect to covered administrative in-
6 vestigations to ensure such investigations comply
7 with the requirements of this section and other ap-
8 plicable laws and policies.

9 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
10 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
11 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
12 port on the implementation of the policy required by sub-
13 section (a), including—

14 (1) the number of covered administrative inves-
15 tigations initiated during the preceding fiscal year;

16 (2) the number of such investigations exceeding
17 30, 60, 90, and 180 days in length;

18 (3) the number of such investigations that in-
19 cluded a suspension of favorable personnel action
20 during the period of the investigation;

21 (4) the number of such investigations that re-
22 sulted in a delay of a permanent change of station,
23 reassignment, military schooling, retirement, or
24 other personnel action;

1 (5) the number of such investigations resulting
2 in substantiated, partially substantiated, unsubstan-
3 tiated, or dismissed findings;

4 (6) the average and median duration of covered
5 administrative investigations by military department;

6 (7) the number of such investigations based
7 substantially on allegations reported outside an ap-
8 plicable regulatory reporting period;

9 (8) the number of covered administrative inves-
10 tigated reviewed for consistency with this section
11 and other applicable laws and policies; and

12 (9) recommendations for legislative or adminis-
13 trative action.

14 (c) COVERED ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION DE-
15 FINED.—In this section, the term “covered administrative
16 investigation” means any non-criminal inquiry or inves-
17 tigation that results in or is reasonably like to result in—

18 (1) suspension of a favorable personnel action
19 during the period of investigation or as a result of
20 the investigation;

21 (2) delay or denial of permanent change of sta-
22 tion, reassignment, military schooling, retirement, or
23 other personnel action;

24 (3) adverse administrative action;

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- 1 (4) filing of adverse information in the per-
- 2 sonnel file of the member; or
- 3 (5) other material career impact, as determined
- 4 by the Secretary concerned.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. BACON OF NEBRASKA

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

1 **SEC. 7 ____ . REVIEW OF THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND**
2 **SAFETY CONDITIONS OF OPERATIONAL FA-**
3 **CILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LGM-30G**
4 **MINUTEMAN III INTERCONTINENTAL BAL-**
5 **LISTIC MISSILE SYSTEM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary of De-
7 fense for Health Affairs, in consultation with the Assistant
8 Secretary of Defense for Nuclear Deterrence, Chemical,
9 and Biological Defense Policy and Programs, shall seek
10 to enter into an agreement with the Executive Officer of
11 the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Med-
12 icine for a review of the occupational health and safety
13 conditions of covered operational facilities.

14 (b) ELEMENTS.—The review required by subsection
15 (a) shall include the following:

16 (1) An independent review of the methodology
17 and findings of the Missile Community Cancer
18 Study conducted by the Air Force Medical Service
19 and Air Force Global Strike Command.

1 (2) An independent assessment of occupational
2 hazards, covered toxic substances, and operational
3 activities associated with the LGM-30G Minuteman
4 III intercontinental ballistic missile system that ac-
5 counts for—

6 (A) enclosed space dynamics;

7 (B) ventilation inefficiencies; and

8 (C) limited fresh air exchange rates.

9 (3) An independent case-controlled retrospective
10 study of cancer incidence rates among—

11 (A) Minuteman III missile launch officers
12 and support personnel; compared to

13 (B) a group of members of the Air Force
14 with—

15 (i) a substantially similar demo-
16 graphic makeup to the group of launch of-
17 ficers and support personnel included in
18 the study;

19 (ii) responsibilities that are not associ-
20 ated with the Minuteman III system; and

21 (iii) a low potential for occupational
22 exposure to covered toxic substances, as
23 determined by Air Force Specialty Code
24 and occupational duties.

1 (4) A comparative evaluation of the suitability
2 and effectiveness of historic versus current year en-
3 vironmental surveillance policies, procedures, and
4 technologies of the Department of the Air Force for
5 covered operational facilities used to detect exposure
6 to covered toxic substances and occupational haz-
7 ards, including—

8 (A) air quality;

9 (B) groundwater and drinking water con-
10 tamination;

11 (C) ventilation systems and particulate
12 matter accumulation; and

13 (D) residual contamination associated with
14 confined operational environments.

15 (5) An evaluation of the suitability and effec-
16 tiveness of policies, procedures, and technologies of
17 the Department of the Air Force to prevent occupa-
18 tional hazards, and reduce exposure to covered toxic
19 substances, associated with the Minuteman III sys-
20 tem including—

21 (A) personal protective equipment;

22 (B) engineering controls;

23 (C) environmental surveillance; and

24 (D) other policies, procedures, and tech-
25 nologies deemed relevant.

1 (6) An evaluation of the suitability and effec-
2 tiveness of policies, procedures, and technologies of
3 the Department of the Air Force and the Depart-
4 ment of Defense for reporting and periodic medical
5 screening, testing, and evaluations for potential ex-
6 posure to occupational hazards and covered toxic
7 substances for personnel associated with the Minute-
8 man III system.

9 (7) Recommendations of the Executive Officer
10 with respect to—

11 (A) Department of Defense actions to en-
12 sure that occupational health and safety condi-
13 tions of covered operational facilities—

14 (i) meet current occupational safety
15 and national security requirements in ef-
16 fect as of the date of the enactment of this
17 Act; and

18 (ii) are applied to the LGM-35A Sen-
19 tinel intercontinental ballistic missile sys-
20 tem; and

21 (B) potential modifications to—

22 (i) the current design and operation of
23 the LGM-30G Minuteman III interconti-
24 nental ballistic missile system; and

1 (ii) the future design and operation of
2 the Sentinel system.

3 (c) INFORMATION AND CLEARANCES.—The Secretary
4 of Defense shall ensure that personnel of the National
5 Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine super-
6 vising the implementation of the agreement required by
7 subsection (a), or conducting the review required by such
8 subsection, are granted, in a timely manner, access to the
9 information and security clearances necessary to carry out
10 such review.

11 (d) REPORT REQUIRED.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Ex-
14 ecutive Officer of the National Academy of Sciences,
15 Engineering, and Medicine shall submit to the con-
16 gressional defense committees a report that includes
17 the findings of the review required by subsection (a).

18 (2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph
19 (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may
20 include a classified annex.

21 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) The term “covered operational facilities”
23 mean physical structures and work environments as-
24 sociated with the LGM–30G Minuteman III inter-
25 continental ballistic missile system, including—

- 1 (A) launch control facilities;
- 2 (B) launch facilities;
- 3 (C) missile alert facilities; and
- 4 (D) other associated facilities.

5 (2) The term “covered toxic substances” means
6 contaminants and other risk factors that pose a sig-
7 nificant health risk to an individual when inhaled,
8 ingested, absorbed by, or in close proximity to, the
9 individual, including—

- 10 (A) asbestos;
- 11 (B) radiation;
- 12 (C) polychlorinated biphenyls;
- 13 (D) combustion byproducts associated with
14 burning classified materials, accelerants, and
15 industrial solvents;
- 16 (E) volatile organic compounds (VOCs), in-
17 cluding VOCs from cleaning and maintenance
18 chemicals;
- 19 (F) radon and naturally occurring radio-
20 active materials in subterranean facilities;
- 21 (G) hydrogen cyanide, hydrazine, ethylene
22 glycol, and sodium chromate;
- 23 (H) pesticides and herbicides from facility
24 perimeters and surrounding agricultural runoff;
- 25 (I) noise; and

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1 (J) other chemical compounds or elements
2 associated with the LGM-30G Minuteman III
3 intercontinental ballistic missile system or cov-
4 ered operational facilities.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. CROW OF COLORADO

In the appropriate place in title XI, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 11___ . LIMITATION ON OUTSIDE INCOME FOR INDI-**
2 **VIDUALS IN OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF**
3 **DEFENSE.**

4 Section 131 of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(e)(1) Any covered employee who is employed by, or
7 detailed or otherwise assigned to, the Office of the Sec-
8 retary of Defense may not receive any outside earned in-
9 come during the period such individual is so employed, de-
10 tailed, or assigned unless the individual notifies the rel-
11 evant designated agency ethics official and such official
12 reviews such income and issues a determination (in writ-
13 ing) that—

14 “(A) the outside earned income received is un-
15 related to the duties the individual has performed or
16 is expected to perform for the United States; and

17 “(B) the individual—

18 “(i) does not have official business in front
19 of the Department of Defense; and

1 “(ii) the individual is not working on be-
2 half of, or representing, a foreign agent or gov-
3 ernment.

4 “(2) Any determination under paragraph (1) shall be
5 published on the public website of the Office of Govern-
6 ment Ethics not later than 15 days after such determina-
7 tion is made.

8 “(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a
9 covered employee who receives outside earned income shall
10 file a public financial disclosure report pursuant section
11 13103(a) of title 5 not later than 30 days after receiving
12 such income.

13 “(4) In this subsection—

14 “(A) the term ‘covered employee’ means—

15 “(i) any special Government employee (as
16 that term is defined in section 202 of title 18);

17 “(ii) an officer or employee who is serving
18 without compensation; and

19 “(iii) any member of a reserve component
20 of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or
21 Space Force;

22 “(B) the term ‘designated agency ethics official’
23 has the meaning given that term in section 13101
24 of title 5; and

25 “(C) the term ‘outside earned income’—

1 “(i) means wages, salaries, honoraria, com-
2 missions, professional fees and any other form
3 of compensation for services other than salary,
4 benefits, and allowances paid by the United
5 States Government; and

6 “(ii) does not include the following:

7 “(I) Items that may be accepted
8 under applicable standards of conduct gift
9 regulations if they were offered by a pro-
10 hibited source.

11 “(II) Income attributable to service
12 with the military reserves or national
13 guard.

14 “(III) Income from pensions and
15 other continuing benefits attributable to
16 previous employment or services.

17 “(IV) Income from investment activi-
18 ties where the individual’s services are not
19 a material factor in the production of in-
20 come.

21 “(V) Copyright royalties, fees, and
22 their functional equivalent, from the use or
23 sale of copyright, patent and similar forms
24 of intellectual property rights, when re-

1 received from established users or purchasers
2 of those rights.

3 “(VI) Actual and necessary expenses
4 incurred by the employee in connection
5 with an outside activity. Where such ex-
6 penses are paid or reimbursed by another
7 person, the amount of any such payment
8 shall not be counted as compensation or
9 outside earned income. Where such ex-
10 penses are not paid or reimbursed, the
11 amount of compensation or earned income
12 shall be determined by subtracting the ac-
13 tual and necessary expenses incurred by
14 the employee from any payment received
15 for the activity.

16 “(5) Not later than 180 days after the date of the
17 enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for
18 Fiscal Year 2027, the Secretary of Defense, in concur-
19 rence with the Office of Government Ethics, shall issue
20 such regulations as the Secretary determines necessary to
21 carry out this subsection.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. BACON OF NEBRASKA

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

1 **SEC. 16 ____ . INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF BONE MAR-**
2 **ROW RADIATION SHIELDING FOR NUCLEAR**
3 **SURVIVABILITY.**

4 (a) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—Not later than 30
5 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the As-
6 sistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and
7 Biological Defense, Policy and Programs shall seek to
8 enter into an agreement with a University Affiliated Re-
9 search Center affiliated with United States Strategic Com-
10 mand to conduct an independent scientific assessment on
11 whether preserving the viability of bone marrow using par-
12 tial body radiation shielding can improve the survivability
13 of an individual exposed to gamma radiation as compared
14 to an individual without such protection.

15 (b) ELEMENTS.—The assessment required under
16 subsection (a) shall examine peer-reviewed scientific lit-
17 erature, laboratory studies and relevant experimental data
18 to evaluate the comparative effectiveness of preserving

1 bone marrow using partial body radiation shielding with
2 respect to—

3 (1) the likelihood of developing Acute Radiation
4 Syndrome;

5 (2) the severity of Acute Radiation Syndrome
6 when it occurs; and

7 (3) overall mortality rates following gamma ra-
8 diation exposure.

9 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 150 days after the date
10 of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary shall
11 submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House
12 of Representatives and the Senate a report on the assess-
13 ment required under subsection (a) that includes the find-
14 ings of such assessment.



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

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

1 **SEC. 6 ____ . MODIFICATIONS TO COST-OF-LIVING ALLOW-**
2 **ANCE IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES**
3 **FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AIR**
4 **FORCE, MARINE CORPS, AND SPACE FORCE.**

5 Section 403b of title 37, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection
8 (j); and

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

11 “(i) SPECIAL RULE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMY,
12 NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINE CORPS, AND SPACE FORCE.—

13 This section shall be applied for members of the Army,
14 Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force as fol-
15 lows:

16 “(1) Subsection (a) shall be applied by sub-
17 stituting ‘shall pay’ for ‘may pay’.

18 “(2) Subsection (c) shall be applied by sub-
19 stituting for the second and third sentences the fol-

1 lowing: ‘The threshold percentage shall be three per-
2 cent, except that the administering Secretaries may
3 prescribe a higher threshold percentage to be applied
4 for a fiscal year when it is necessary to do so in
5 order to ensure that the total amount of the pay-
6 ments of the cost-of-living allowance made to mem-
7 bers of the uniformed services under this section for
8 such fiscal year does not exceed the total amount
9 available to all uniformed services for that fiscal
10 year for paying such allowance.’

11 “(3) The Secretary concerned may exclude gen-
12 eral officers (as defined in section 101(b) of title 10)
13 and flag officers (as defined in such section) from
14 members who are eligible to receive a cost-of-living
15 allowance under this section.”.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Ms. Jacobs

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

Termination and Reinstatement of the Statutorily Mandated Military Justice Review Panel

The committee notes that section 946 of title 10 requires the Secretary of Defense to establish the Military Justice Review Panel (MJRP) to conduct independent periodic reviews and assessments of the operation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and to report its findings and recommendations to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives. The committee notes with concern that the initial MJRP was disbanded in April 2025 without any details regarding the justification for this action. Over a year later, the MJRP is still disbanded and there is no indication that the Department of Defense intends to reinstate the previous members whose service was concluded less than halfway through their eight-year statutory terms.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report not later than March 1, 2027 to the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on Armed Services regarding the termination and reconstitution of the MJRP. The report shall include:

- (1) the legal authority relied upon to terminate the initial MJRP panel;
- (2) a detailed justification on why the initial MJRP panel was terminated;
- (3) details on whether any members of the original MJRP panel are being considered for reappointment, and if not, why not;
- (4) the timeline for reconstituting the MJRP; and
- (5) the program and funding planning details for staffing and resourcing of the MJRP.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. RYAN OF NEW YORK

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

1 **SEC. 7___ . CONTINUED EVALUATION OF THE TRICARE**
2 **PROGRAM THROUGH BENEFICIARY EXPERI-**
3 **ENCE SURVEYS.**

4 (a) **CONTINUED EVALUATION REQUIRED.**—The Sec-
5 retary of Defense shall ensure the sustained collection and
6 analysis of beneficiary experience data necessary to sup-
7 port the ongoing evaluation of the TRICARE program in
8 meeting the goals of—

9 (1) increasing access to health care for covered
10 beneficiaries under chapter 55 of title 10, United
11 States Code;

12 (2) improving the quality of health care pro-
13 vided to covered beneficiaries; and

14 (3) informing oversight of the performance of
15 the military health system.

16 (b) **ELEMENTS OF EVALUATION.**—The evaluation
17 under subsection (a) shall include an assessment of each
18 of the following:

1 (1) The impact of the TRICARE program on
2 members of the covered Armed Forces and the de-
3 pendents of such members, retirees of the covered
4 Armed Forces and the dependents of such retirees,
5 and dependents with severe disabilities and chronic
6 health care needs of members of the covered Armed
7 Forces serving on active duty regarding access,
8 costs, quality, and beneficiary experience.

9 (2) Barriers affecting beneficiary utilization of
10 military medical treatment facilities and factors in-
11 fluencing the use of purchased care in lieu of direct
12 care.

13 (3) Patient safety, quality of care, and access to
14 care at military medical treatment facilities, includ-
15 ing appointment wait times, beneficiary satisfaction,
16 and comparison to the access standards of the De-
17 partment of Defense.

18 (4) Trends in beneficiary experience and access
19 to care over time through the use of longitudinal
20 population-level data collection methodologies.

21 (c) SUBMISSION.—The Secretary shall submit to the
22 Committees on Armed Services of the House of Represent-
23 atives and the Senate the results of each evaluation under
24 subsection (a).

1 (d) CONTINUITY OF DATA COLLECTION.—The Sec-
2 retary of Defense shall ensure that any transition or modi-
3 fication to beneficiary experience survey methodologies
4 does not result in a lapse in the collection, analysis, or
5 reporting of population-level beneficiary experience data
6 necessary to support the evaluation, performance assess-
7 ment, and reporting requirements, of the military health
8 system.

9 (e) COVERED ARMED FORCE.—In this section:

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

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

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



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Ryan

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

Food Insecurity Among Members of the Armed Forces

The committee notes ongoing challenges with food insecurity among servicemembers and military families. Section 656 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92) directed the Secretary of Defense to report on food insecurity among servicemembers and their dependents. The resulting analysis, conducted by the RAND National Defense Research Institute and published in 2023, found that approximately 25.8 percent of active duty members were food insecure in 2018, nearly triple the rate of comparable civilians.

The committee is concerned that recent statutory changes may affect servicemembers' access to and eligibility for nutrition assistance programs. The committee believes the Department should assess potential impacts of such changes and food insecurity levels across the Armed Forces.

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Service Secretaries, to submit a report to the Senate Committee on Armed

Services and the House Committee on Armed Services, not later than March 1, 2027, on food insecurity among members of the Armed Forces and the dependents of such members. The report should include the following information:

(1) an identification of the total number of members and dependents of such members enrolled in Federal nutrition assistance programs as of the most recent period for which data were collected for Public Law 116-92, including but not limited to:

- (a) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
- (b) Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); and
- (c) Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA);

(2) an identification of the total number of members and dependents of such members enrolled in Federal nutrition assistance programs as of the date of the report;

(3) a comparison of the number of members and dependents identified under paragraph (1) with the number of members and dependents identified under paragraph (2), including the net change in enrollment in total numbers of members and dependents and in percentage of members and dependents and a disaggregation by Armed Force, grade of the member, geographic location, and program type;

(4) an identification of the number of members receiving the Basic Needs Allowance (BNA) under section 402b of title 37, United States Code, as of the

baseline period established under paragraph (1) and as of the date of the report, and a comparison of such numbers, including the net change in total numbers of members and percentage of members and a disaggregation by Armed Force, grade of the member, geographic location;

(5) an identification of the number of dependents of members using free or reduced-price school meal programs as of the baseline period established under paragraph (1) and as of the date of the report, and a comparison of such numbers, including the net change in total numbers of dependents and percentage of dependents;

(6) an identification of the number of members and dependents of members using food banks, food pantries, or similar charitable food assistance on or near military installations as of the baseline period established under paragraph (1) and as of the date of the report, and a comparison of such numbers of members, including the net change in total numbers of members and dependents and percentage of members and dependents.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. CARBAJAL OF CALIFORNIA

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING AWARD OF**
2 **MEDAL OF HONOR TO RETIRED COLONEL**
3 **PHILIP J. CONRAN FOR ACTS OF VALOR IN**
4 **LAOS DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.**

5 It is the sense of Congress that—

6 (1) the Secretary of Defense should review the
7 acts of valor of Philip J. Conran on October 6,
8 1969, as a member of the Air Force, during a combat
9 mission in the Savannakhet Province of Laos to
10 determine whether to recommend to the President to
11 award Philip J. Conran the Medal of Honor for such
12 acts of valor; and

13 (2) subject to the enactment of legislation to
14 waive the time limitations specified in section 9274
15 of title 10, United States Code, the President should
16 award the Medal of Honor to Philip J. Conran for
17 such acts of valor if the Secretary so recommends.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Austin Scott of Georgia

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

Automated Pharmacy Pickup Lockers and Kiosks at Military Treatment Facilities

The committee recognizes concerns by persistent staffing shortages at pharmacies within Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) and the resulting impact on access to prescription services for service members, retirees, and military families. The committee is aware that the Department of Defense has successfully utilized automated pharmacy pickup lockers and kiosks for more than a decade to provide secure, efficient, and convenient prescription pickup capabilities.

Therefore, the committee directs the Director of the Defense Health Agency to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2027, on the Department's plans to expand the use of automated pharmacy pickup lockers and kiosks across the Military Health System. The briefing shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- (1) the current inventory and locations of automated pharmacy pickup systems;
- (2) utilization rates and beneficiary demand at existing locations;
- (3) the impact of such systems on pharmacy staffing requirements, prescription wait times, and patient satisfaction;
- (4) barriers to accelerated procurement and deployment of such systems;
- (5) estimated costs associated with expanding automated pharmacy pickup capabilities throughout the Military Health System; and
- (6) any recommendations for legislative, policy, or budgetary changes necessary to support broader adoption of these technologies.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. MCCORMICK OF GEORGIA

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

1 **SEC. 10 ____ . SERVICE-WIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIES FOR**
2 **HUMAN PERFORMANCE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, each Secretary of a mili-
5 tary department shall establish a strategy for human per-
6 formance for that military department. Each such strat-
7 egy shall include each of the following elements:

8 (1) Requirements and policies applicable to that
9 military department that are designed to optimize
10 the use and acquisition of human performance tech-
11 nology and services.

12 (2) The identification of a program of primary
13 responsibility for human performance within that
14 military department, which will be responsible for
15 the integration, synchronization, and optimization of
16 human performance technology and services across
17 the military department.

18 (3) Requirements for the procurement of
19 human performance technology and services.

1 (4) Security requirements, including the identi-
2 fication of risks associated with wearable technology
3 devices for which the hardware is assembled in
4 China.

5 (5) A timeline and estimated funding for imple-
6 mentation of the strategy, including acquisition
7 plans, for the period covering fiscal years 2027
8 through 2031.

9 (6) Metrics and performance indicators for as-
10 sessing the effectiveness and value of the human
11 performance enterprise solution.

12 (7) An identification of opportunities to lever-
13 age existing Department-wide and military depart-
14 ment-level enterprise data, analytics, and readiness
15 platforms, and establish interoperability require-
16 ments to optimize technology investments and accel-
17 erate implementation.

18 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after the date
19 of the enactment of this Act, each Secretary of a military
20 department shall submit to the congressional defense com-
21 mittees a report containing a description of the strategy
22 required under subsection (a) for that military depart-
23 ment.

24 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) The term “human performance” means the
2 optimization of physical and mental health (such as
3 physical readiness, mental readiness, sleep readiness,
4 nutritional readiness, spiritual readiness) required
5 for optimal performance and improved readiness.

6 (2) The term “human performance technology
7 and services” means wearable technology devices and
8 data management platforms that support human
9 performance.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Sorensen

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

Staffing Shortfalls in the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Air Force Civil Engineer Center

The committee understands that staffing shortages are prevalent in the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Air Force Civil Engineer Center (AFCEC). The committee is concerned about the impact these staffing shortfalls have on new and long-standing operations across the country, and whether the ability to respond to emergencies is impacted. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of the Army, in coordination with the Commanding General of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and the Secretary of the Air Force, in coordination with the Commander of the Air Force Civil Engineer Center, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than February 1, 2027, that includes the following:

- (1) the number of vacancies at each USACE and AFCEC duty locations;
- (2) all operations that have been paused due to staffing shortages, and the impact of having said operations paused;
- (3) project delays that are the result of staffing shortages and the added costs due to the delays;
- (4) a timeline and plans to fill staffing shortages;
- (5) whether hiring freeze exemptions have been granted to fill critical USACE and AFCEC positions; and
- (6) the number of USACE and AFCEC employees that have been relocated to southern border-related missions and their previous duty location.

Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Vindman

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

Manner of Death Determination Standards for Active-Duty Service Members

The committee recognizes that there is a disparity in the quality of death investigations for active military personnel. When an autopsy is required, a medical examiner determines the manner of death. However, on some United States military installations and in some civilian settings, a local coroner completes the autopsy and subsequently completes a manner of death. The involvement of a local coroner has the potential to fragment decision-making and could place less experienced personnel in a position to make inadequate or erroneous death determinations.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on Armed Services; not later than March 1, 2027, on the current policies and practices governing death investigations for active duty servicemembers when an autopsy is required. The report should include:

- (1) the percentage of active duty servicemember death investigations, where an autopsy is required, in which a local coroner determines the manner of death, for the period beginning January 1, 2012, through the date of the report;
- (2) an assessment of the qualifications and training standards of local coroners compared to board-certified medical examiners, and any identified gaps in expertise that may affect the accuracy of a manner of death determination;
- (3) an assessment of whether existing policy adequately ensures the highest possible accuracy of manner of death determinations for active duty servicemembers when an autopsy is required; and
- (4) any recommended legislative or policy changes to standardize death investigation practices and ensure consistent application of the highest forensic standards for active-duty fatalities across all installations and jurisdictions.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. GOODEN OF TEXAS

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

1 **SEC. 2 ____ . PILOT PROGRAM TO TEST AND EVALUATE MUZZLE**
2 **BLAST OVERPRESSURE MITIGATION DE-**
3 **VICES.**

4 (a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary of De-
5 fense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military
6 departments, shall carry out a pilot program to evaluate,
7 test, and implement muzzle blast overpressure mitigation
8 devices for small and medium caliber weapons in relevant
9 training and operational environments.

10 (b) ACTIVITIES.—Under the pilot program, the Sec-
11 retary of Defense shall—

12 (1) assess the effectiveness of commercially
13 available and emerging muzzle blast overpressure
14 mitigation devices in reducing blast exposure to op-
15 erators and nearby personnel;

16 (2) evaluate the operational suitability, dura-
17 bility, and performance effects of such devices across
18 representative weapon systems and mission sets; and

1 (3) collect information to inform future Depart-
2 ment of Defense policies, requirements, procurement
3 decisions, and force-wide implementation strategies
4 relating to blast overpressure mitigation.



Amendment to H.R. 8800
National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2027

Offered by: Mr. Wittman

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

Credit for Prior Learning for Service Members and Veterans

The committee recognizes that translating military knowledge, skills, and competencies into academic credit supports individual advancement and strengthens the nation's workforce and economic competitiveness. However, the committee is concerned that the inconsistent application of credit for prior learning (CPL) and variability in CPL recognition will negatively impact service members and veterans transitioning into the civilian and private workforce, including in high-demand sectors such as the defense industrial base.

Therefore, the committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2027, on CPL policies and practices affecting service members and veterans. The briefing should address the following:

- (1) an assessment of how institutions of higher education evaluate and award academic credit for military training and experience, including the use of existing frameworks such as the Joint Services Transcript and recommendations from the American Council on Education;
- (2) identification of barriers to consistent and transferable CPL across institutions, including accreditation standards, State policies, and institutional practices;
- (3) an evaluation of the impact of CPL on time to degree completion;
- (4) an analysis of how improved CPL policies could support workforce development in high-demand and national security-relevant fields, including those critical to the defense industrial base;
- (5) a review of best practices among institutions, States, and employers that improve recognition and transferability of military training and experience for academic credit; and

- (6) recommendations for legislative or administrative actions to improve educational and workforce outcomes for servicemembers and veterans while strengthening U.S. economic and national security competitiveness.

Amendment to H.R. 8800

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2027

Offered by: Mr. Davis of North Carolina

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

[Influenza Inoculation Policy Changes]

The committee is aware of the Secretary of Defense's Memorandum entitled "Updated Guidance on Influenza Vaccine," dated April 20, 2026, which makes the annual influenza vaccine voluntary for all active and reserve servicemembers, as well as civilian personnel, effective immediately. The influenza vaccine was mandated across the armed services since 1950 because highly contagious viruses, like influenza, spread quickly in close-quarters environments like ships, submarines, and barracks and the resulting increase in illness leads to more missed training and duty days, compromising unit readiness. The influenza virus presents distinct operational and medical risks that differ from civilian populations. Influenza can cause significant illness, hospitalization, and lost duty days, directly hindering the ability to respond to threats. Military personnel are considered a high-risk group for influenza due to their daily routines and working environments.

Therefore, the committee directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs to provide a report to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than January 1, 2027, assessing the risk and impact of this new policy. The report should include the following information:

- (1) the Fiscal Year (FY) 26 vaccination rate in comparison to FY25;
- (2) the vaccination rate in FY27 at the time of this report;
- (3) the number of units which requested the authority to mandate influenza vaccine due to operational risk and how many were approved by armed service, component and type;
- (4) the number of individual exceptions to the influenza vaccination; requested and the number granted by service and component;
- (5) the changes in influenza vaccination rates among active duty and reserve personnel since onset of policy change;
- (6) the rate of influenza among active-duty personnel in FY25 and FY26; and

- (7) the quantification and qualification of health outcomes related to influenza among active-duty personnel and stratified by influenza vaccination status.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. STRICKLAND OF WASHINGTON

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

1 **SEC. 6 ____ . BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING: PERMANENT**
2 **AUTHORITY TO MAKE CERTAIN TEMPORARY**
3 **INCREASES.**

4 (a) AREA COVERED BY A MAJOR DISASTER DEC-
5 LARATION OR CONTAINING AN INSTALLATION EXPERI-
6 ENCING AN INFLUX OF MILITARY PERSONNEL.—Sub-
7 section (b) of section 403 of title 37, United States Code,
8 is amended, in paragraph (7)—

9 (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “Subject
10 to subparagraph (E), an” and inserting “An”; and
11 (2) by striking subparagraph (E).

12 (b) AREA WHERE ACTUAL HOUSING COSTS DIFFER
13 FROM CURRENT RATES BY MORE THAN 20 PERCENT.—
14 Such subsection is further amended, in paragraph (8), by
15 striking subparagraph (C).



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. MCCORMICK OF GEORGIA

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

1 **SEC. 7 ____ . EXTENSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF PILOT PRO-**
2 **GRAM OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES UNI-**
3 **VERSITY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES ON**
4 **PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLY CHAIN.**

5 (a) EXTENSION.—The Secretary of Defense shall
6 carry out the pilot program of the Uniformed Services
7 University of the Health Sciences titled “Assessing the Se-
8 curity and Quality of the U.S. Military Health System
9 Pharmaceutical Supply Chain” for a period of not less
10 than five years beginning on the date of the enactment
11 of this Act.

12 (b) ELEMENTS.—The Secretary shall ensure that the
13 pilot program under subsection (a) includes the following:

14 (1) Defining the Department Essential Medi-
15 cine list to consist of not more than 100 medicines
16 that do not have patent exclusivity and are deter-
17 mined by the Secretary as essential for operational
18 capabilities, predeployment, or the military health

1 system (based on the progress of the pilot program
2 before the date of the enactment of this Act).

3 (2) To the extent practicable, harmonizing such
4 Department Essential Medicine list with a list of de-
5 fense-relevant generic drugs based on the risk man-
6 agement framework developed under section 860 of
7 the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authoriza-
8 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263;
9 10 U.S.C. 3241 note prec.).

10 (3) Refreshing and expanding chemical testing
11 data from the pilot program as carried out before
12 the date of the enactment of this Act to include all
13 medicines listed on the Department Essential Medi-
14 cine List and creating National Drug Code-specific
15 categorizations of high-risk, moderate-risk, or low-
16 risk based on objective indicators for relative chem-
17 ical quality and safety risk.

18 (4) Adding to the objective risk-categorization
19 framework assessment of location of manufacturing,
20 including flagging entities in China and other coun-
21 tries that are not compliant with the Trade Agree-
22 ments Act of 1979 (19 U.S.C. 2501 et seq.) and cre-
23 ating National Drug Code-specific, objective cat-
24 egorizations of high-risk, moderate-risk, or low-risk
25 based on independently derived indicators for true

1 country of origin, that includes countries of concern,
2 including China, being classified under the highest-
3 risk category.

4 (5) Making recommendations for the continu-
5 ation of the scoring framework at the conclusion of
6 the pilot program.

7 (c) INDEPENDENT TESTING.—The Secretary shall
8 ensure that, in determining the true country of origin (lo-
9 cation quality) and relative chemical quality and safety
10 risks of medicines under the pilot program under sub-
11 section (a), the testing for such information is conducted
12 by independent laboratories acceptable to the Uniformed
13 Services University of the Health Sciences that—

14 (1) are accredited under ISO 17025 standards;

15 (2) are not registered as a Good Manufacturing
16 Practice facility to ensure no conflicts of interest;

17 (3) have experience developing and operating a
18 published quality risk scoring framework applicable
19 to individual National Drug Codes; and

20 (4) are duly licensed and demonstrate an ability
21 to conduct ongoing post-market surveillance through
22 procurement of pharmaceutical products from com-
23 mon wholesalers, and not directly from manufactur-
24 ers.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Ms. Jacobs

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

Suicide Prevention Training Effectiveness

The committee continues to be concerned about high rates of service member suicide and is committed to working with the Department of Defense to ensure proper prevention is in place. The committee is aware that the Government Accountability Office's, dated May 20, 2026, identified significant issues with how DOD and the military services monitor and assess their suicide prevention training. GAO found that the DOD does not require the military services to report data on training completion rates to its suicide prevention office, and the services have not fully assessed whether their training is effective.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services on how the Department of Defense is implementing the recommendations outlined in the GAO report not later than April 1, 2027. The briefing shall include the following:

- (1) The current status of establishing a department wide requirement for the military services to report suicide prevention training completion data to the Defense Suicide Prevention Office (DSPO), including milestones met and remaining;
- (2) Any interim processes or pilots the Department is using to collect and validate training completion data, and how many components are currently participating;
- (3) Progress in putting in place systems or policies for each service to regularly monitor completion of required suicide prevention training;
- (4) Steps taken or planned to address noncompletion, including accountability mechanisms and how many units or installations are currently covered by such mechanisms;
- (5) The status of developing and implementing formal evaluation plans for suicide prevention training in each service, including whether plans now meet DOD policy requirements for process and outcome metrics;
- (6) How far is the Department in reviewing and, if applicable, updating suicide prevention training content in light of the GAO report and any broader DOD training integration efforts;
- (7) Identification of key obstacles, external dependencies, or resource gaps slowing implementation, and any planned actions or timelines to address them.

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 ____ . ADDITIONAL NOMINEES TO THE SERVICE ACAD-**
2 **EMIES FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE**
3 **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.**

4 (a) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.—Section
5 7442 of title 10 is amended, in subsection (a)(10), by
6 striking “Three” and inserting “Four”.

7 (b) UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY.—Section
8 8454 of title 10, United States Code is amended, in sub-
9 section (a)(10), by striking “Three” and inserting “Four”.

10 (c) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.—Section
11 9442 of title 10, United States Code is amended, in sub-
12 section (a)(10), by striking “Three” and inserting “Four”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. RYAN OF NEW YORK

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

1 **SEC. 5 __ . REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOVAL OF CERTAIN**
2 **GENERAL AND FLAG OFFICERS.**

3 Chapter 49 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-
4 ed by inserting after section 974 the following new section:

5 **“§ 975. Notice of removal of certain general and flag**
6 **officers**

7 “Not later than five days after the date on which an
8 officer in a grade above O-8 is removed from, transferred
9 from, or relieved of duty in, a position designated under
10 section 601(a) of this title or by law to carry such grade,
11 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees
12 on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
13 resentatives a report in writing that describes the perform-
14 ance concerns, actions, or inactions of that officer that are
15 cause for such removal, transfer, or relief of duty.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. FALLON OF TEXAS

Insert in the appropriate place in title XI the following:

1 **SEC. 11 ____ . DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR CORRECTIVE**
2 **ACTION FOR NONAPPROPRIATED FUND EM-**
3 **PLOYEES IN CASES OF COMPLAINT OF RE-**
4 **PRISAL.**

5 Section 1587(d) of title 10, United States Code, is
6 amended by striking the second sentence.



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:

Virtual physical therapy solution pilot program

The committee understands that musculoskeletal injuries are a leading cause of non-deployability and duty restrictions across the Armed Forces. The committee is aware of the Defense Health Agency's recently initiated virtual physical therapy pilot program across five Army and Navy installations that has since expanded beyond its original footprint to include a site in Puerto Rico. The committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Armed Services Committee not later than February 1, 2027, on the outcomes of the existing pilot. The briefing should include the following information:

- (1) how has the pilot expanded access to physical therapy at the existing locations;
- (2) the mechanism by which the military treatment facilities are able to avoid private sectors costs for these encounters through the pilot; and
- (3) the feasibility and advisability of pilot program and plans to make virtual physical therapy more widely available across the Department.