

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3838
OFFERED BY MS. MACE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

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

3 (a) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.—

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

6 (A) in subsection (a)—

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

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

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

15 (I) in the second sentence—

16 (aa) by inserting “(in which
17 event selection shall be in order
18 of merit as determined by can-
19 didate composite score rank)”

1 after “may be submitted without
2 ranking”; and

3 (bb) by striking “9 ranked”
4 and inserting “14 ranked”;

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

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

20 (B) by redesignating subsections (b)
21 through (j) as subsections (c) through (k), re-
22 spectively;

23 (C) by inserting after subsection (a) the
24 following new subsection:

1 “(b) There shall be appointed each year at the Acad-
2 emy 300 qualified alternates selected in order of merit as
3 determined by candidate composite score rank by the Sec-
4 retary of the Army from qualified candidates nominated
5 pursuant to paragraphs (3) through (10) of subsection (a)
6 and all other qualified, non-selected candidates holding
7 nominations from any other source pursuant to this chap-
8 ter.”;

9 (D) in subsection (c), as redesignated by
10 subparagraph (B)—

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

17 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

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

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

25 (iii) in paragraph (3)—

1 (I) by striking “85” and insert-
2 ing “up to 85 qualified candidates”;
3 and

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

8 (iv) in paragraph (4)—

9 (I) by striking “20” and insert-
10 ing “up to 20 qualified candidates”;
11 and

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

16 (v) by striking paragraph (5);

17 (E) in subsection (f), as redesignated by
18 subparagraph (B), by striking “subsection (b)”
19 and inserting “subsection (c)”;

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

21 (i) by striking “subsection (b)” each
22 place it appears and inserting “subsection
23 (c)”;

1 (ii) in paragraph (4), by striking
2 “subsection (e)” and inserting “subsection
3 (f)”; and
4 (G) by adding at the end the following new
5 subsections:

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

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

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

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

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

15 “(2) for each cadet who, during the four-year
16 period preceding the date of the report, received a
17 waiver for the established minimum candidate com-
18 posite score or CEER score, the status of each such
19 cadet, including whether the cadet is still at the
20 Academy, the circumstances of such cadet’s depar-
21 ture (if applicable), the cumulative academic GPA,
22 cumulative military GPA, any major conduct or
23 honor violations, any remedial measures undertaken,
24 and any other noteworthy information concerning
25 such cadet.”.

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

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

6 (B) in the first sentence—

7 (i) by inserting “(a)” before “If it is
8 determined”; and

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

13 (C) in the second sentence—

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

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

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

21 “All provisions relating to candidate composite
22 score in section 7442 of this title shall apply to
23 calculation and use of candidate composite
24 score as that term is used in this section.

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

5 “(1) the candidate composite scores and college
6 entrance examination rank (CEER) scores of the ten
7 candidates appointed under this section and under
8 section 7442(e) of this title who had the lowest can-
9 didate composite scores;

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

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

17 (b) UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY.—

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

20 (A) in subsection (a)—

21 (i) by striking “subsection (h)” and
22 inserting “subsection (i)”;

23 (ii) in paragraph (1), by striking “as
24 established by competitive examination”

1 and inserting “as determined by candidate
2 composite score rank”; and

3 (iii) in the matter following paragraph
4 (10)—

5 (I) in the second sentence—

6 (aa) by inserting “(in which
7 event selection shall be in order
8 of merit as determined by can-
9 didate composite score rank)”
10 after “may be submitted without
11 ranking”; and

12 (bb) by striking “9 ranked”
13 and inserting “14 ranked”;

14 (II) by inserting after the second
15 sentence the following “If alternates
16 are submitted unranked, any selection
17 from among such unranked alternates
18 shall be in order of merit as deter-
19 mined by candidate composite score
20 rank.”; and

21 (III) by striking “shall be consid-
22 ered qualified alternates for the pur-
23 pose of selection under other provi-
24 sions of this chapter” and inserting
25 “shall be eligible and considered for

1 selection under other provisions of
2 this chapter, including as qualified al-
3 ternates and additional appointees”;

4 (B) by redesignating subsections (b)
5 through (h) as subsections (c) through (i), re-
6 spectively;

7 (C) by inserting after subsection (a) the
8 following new subsection:

9 “(b) There shall be appointed each year at the Acad-
10 emy 300 qualified alternates selected in order of merit as
11 determined by candidate composite score rank by the Sec-
12 retary of the Navy from qualified candidates nominated
13 pursuant to paragraphs (3) through (10) of subsection (a)
14 and all other qualified, non-selected candidates holding
15 nominations from any other source pursuant to this chap-
16 ter.”;

17 (D) in subsection (c), as redesignated by
18 subparagraph (B)—

19 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “one
20 hundred selected by the President” and in-
21 serting “up to one hundred qualified can-
22 didates selected by the President in order
23 of merit as determined by candidate com-
24 posite score rank”;

25 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

1 (I) by striking “85” and insert-
2 ing “up to 85 qualified candidates”;
3 and

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

8 (iii) in paragraph (3)—

9 (I) by striking “85” and insert-
10 ing “up to 85 qualified candidates”;
11 and

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

16 (iv) in paragraph (4)—

17 (I) by striking “20” and insert-
18 ing “up to 20 qualified candidates”;
19 and

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

24 (v) by striking paragraph (5);

1 (E) in subsection (f), as redesignated by
2 subparagraph (B), by striking “subsection (b)”
3 both places it appears and inserting “subsection
4 (c)”; and

5 (F) by adding at the end the following new
6 subsections:

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

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

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

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

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

15 “(2) for each midshipman who, during the four-
16 year period preceding the date of the report, received
17 a waiver for the established minimum candidate
18 composite score or CEER score, the status of each
19 such midshipman, including whether the mid-
20 shipman is still at the Academy, the circumstances
21 of such midshipman’s departure (if applicable), the
22 cumulative academic GPA, cumulative military GPA,
23 any major conduct or honor violations, any remedial
24 measures undertaken, and any other noteworthy in-
25 formation concerning such midshipman.”.

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

3 (A) in the section heading, by inserting “,
4 **additional appointments**” after “**Mid-**
5 **shipmen**”; and

6 (B) in subsection (b)—

7 (i) in the first sentence, by striking
8 “who competed for nomination” and in-
9 serting “who were eligible and competed
10 unsuccessfully for nomination under any
11 other provision of law”;

12 (ii) in the second sentence—

13 (I) by striking “(8)” and insert-
14 ing “(10)”; and

15 (II) by striking “who competed
16 for appointment” and inserting “who
17 were eligible and competed unsucces-
18 fully for nomination”; and

19 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
20 lowing: “All provisions relating to can-
21 didate composite score in section 8454 of
22 this title shall apply to calculation and use
23 of candidate composite score as that term
24 is used in this section.

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

5 “(1) the candidate composite scores and college
6 entrance examination rank (CEER) scores of the ten
7 candidates appointed under this section and under
8 section 8454(e) of this title who had the lowest can-
9 didate composite scores;

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

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

17 (c) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.—

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

20 (A) in subsection (a)—

21 (i) by striking “subsection (j)” and in-
22 serting “subsection (k)”;

23 (ii) in paragraph (1), by striking “as
24 established by competitive examination”

1 and inserting “as determined by candidate
2 composite score rank”; and

3 (iii) in the matter following paragraph
4 (10)—

5 (I) in the second sentence—

6 (aa) by inserting “(in which
7 event selection shall be in order
8 of merit as determined by can-
9 didate composite score rank)”
10 after “may be submitted without
11 ranking”; and

12 (bb) by striking “9 ranked”
13 and inserting “14 ranked”;

14 (II) by inserting after the second
15 sentence the following “If alternates
16 are submitted unranked, any selection
17 from among such unranked alternates
18 shall be in order of merit as deter-
19 mined by candidate composite score
20 rank.”; and

21 (III) by striking “shall be consid-
22 ered qualified alternates for the pur-
23 pose of selection under other provi-
24 sions of this chapter” and inserting
25 “shall be eligible and considered for

1 selection under other provisions of
2 this chapter, including as qualified al-
3 ternates and additional appointees”;

4 (B) by redesignating subsections (b)
5 through (j) as subsections (c) through (k), re-
6 spectively;

7 (C) by inserting after subsection (a) the
8 following new subsection:

9 “(b) There shall be appointed each year at the Acad-
10 emy 300 qualified alternates selected in order of merit as
11 determined by candidate composite score rank by the Sec-
12 retary of the Air Force from qualified candidates nomi-
13 nated pursuant to paragraphs (3) through (10) of sub-
14 section (a) and all other qualified, non-selected candidates
15 holding nominations from any other source pursuant to
16 this chapter.”;

17 (D) in subsection (c), as redesignated by
18 subparagraph (B)—

19 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “one
20 hundred selected by the President” and in-
21 serting “up to one hundred qualified can-
22 didates selected by the President in order
23 of merit as determined by candidate com-
24 posite score rank”;

25 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

1 (I) by striking “85” and insert-
2 ing “up to 85 qualified candidates”;
3 and

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

8 (iii) in paragraph (3)—

9 (I) by striking “85” and insert-
10 ing “up to 85 qualified candidates”;
11 and

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

16 (iv) in paragraph (4)—

17 (I) by striking “20” and insert-
18 ing “up to 20 qualified candidates”;
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20 (II) by inserting “, selected in
21 order of merit as determined by can-
22 didate composite score rank” before
23 the period at the end; and

24 (v) by striking paragraph (5);

1 (E) in subsection (f), as redesignated by
2 subparagraph (B), by striking “subsection (b)”
3 and inserting “subsection (c)”;

4 (F) in subsection (h), as so redesignated—
5 (i) in paragraph (2), by striking “sub-
6 section (b)” each place it appears and in-
7 serting “subsection (c)”;

8 (ii) in paragraph (3)—

9 (I) by striking “subsection
10 (b)(5)” and insert “subsection (b)”;

11 (II) in subparagraphs (A)
12 through (C), by striking “subsection
13 (b)” each place it appears and insert-
14 ing “subsection (c)”;

15 (iii) in paragraph (4), by striking
16 “subsection (e)” and inserting “subsection
17 (f)”;

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 “(B) the total number of waivers of such
20 minimum candidate composite score or CEER
21 score, including the candidate composite score
22 and CEER score of each cadet to whom a waiv-
23 er relates, a brief explanation of the reasons for
24 such waiver, and the category of appointment
25 under which each such cadet was appointed

1 (and if congressional, the type of slate that
2 nominated the waived appointee); and

3 “(2) for each cadet who, during the four-year
4 period preceding the date of the report, received a
5 waiver for the established minimum candidate com-
6 posite score or CEER score, the status of each such
7 cadet, including whether the cadet is still at the
8 Academy, the circumstances of such cadet’s depar-
9 ture (if applicable), the cumulative academic GPA,
10 cumulative military GPA, any major conduct or
11 honor violations, any remedial measures undertaken,
12 and any other noteworthy information concerning
13 such cadet.”.

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

16 (A) in the section heading, by striking
17 “**appointment**” and inserting “**additional**
18 **appointments**”;

19 (B) in the first sentence—

20 (i) by inserting “(a)” before “If it is
21 determined”; and

22 (ii) by striking “who competed for
23 nomination” and inserting “who were eligi-
24 ble and competed unsuccessfully for nomi-
25 nation under any other provision of law”;

1 (C) in the second sentence—

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

4 (ii) by striking “holding competitive
5 nominations” and inserting “who were eli-
6 gible and competed unsuccessfully for nom-
7 ination”; and

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

9 “All provisions relating to candidate composite
10 score in section 9442 of this title shall apply to
11 calculation and use of candidate composite
12 score as that term is used in this section.

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

17 “(1) the candidate composite scores and college
18 entrance examination rank (CEER) scores of the ten
19 candidates appointed under this section and under
20 section 9442(e) of this title who had the lowest can-
21 didate composite scores;

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

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

